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MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1888.

More of the Sackville Trouble.

The newest thing out about the diplomatic difficulty between London and Washington is that the difficulty aforesaid has taken a new turn, and now appears more serious than ever before. A special cable to The New York Herald says:

The first intimation that the incident had assumed new features was given by Lord Randolph Churchill in the House of Commons to-day (Dec. 13), when his question came up as to whether any further communications had been received by the Foreign Office from the Government of the United States relative to the conduct of Lord Sackville, and if so, whether such communications would be laid before Parliament prior to discussion of the Civil Service estimates.

Sir J. Ferguson in reply said that a note had been received from Mr. Phelps a few days ago. It had been referred to Lord Sackville for any observations he might wish to make upon some of the matter it contained. He said that the correspondence could not be published until it was complete.

Although the Foreign Office guards its secrets well, I have been able to learn that the note referred to by Sir J. Ferguson is one of great importance.

In it the United States protests against Lord Salisbury's policy in refusing to send a Minister to Washington in the place of Lord Sackville.

If was placed in Lord Salisbury's hands ten days ago (say one or two days about Monday, Dec. 3), and its uncompromising tone must have opened his eyes to the grave difficulties which confront him.

The United States not only refuses to modify its attitude in reference to Lord Sackville, but refuses to be boycotted, and the note makes it very clear that if anything of the kind is tried the boycotting will not be all on one side.

It is understood that Mr. Phelps has intimated that his mission will be of a short duration if Lord Salisbury persists in his present course.

It is understood that Lord Salisbury is resolved not to recognize the United States until the Republicans come into office, and he will have no further relations with the Democratic party.

To which The Herald's correspondent is pleased to add that Salisbury's policy does not meet with the approval of his political colleagues. This the cable scribe might better have omitted, as it is certainly rather soon for him to know anything about it, even were it half true, or more. So far it rather looks as if The Herald were trying to get up a "scare."

The latest information is G. W. Smalley's special cable to The Tribune, written Saturday night:

The State Department at Washington, according to some singular telegrams which appear in to-day's London papers, deny that Mr. Phelps has intimated that his mission will come to an end unless Lord Salisbury appoints a successor to Lord Sackville. If by this is meant that Mr. Phelps has not yet given such an intimation to Lord Salisbury, the statement is true. The American Minister will await the result of the debate next week in the House of Commons. His action, as I have said before, will depend on the result of that debate; but it would be interesting to know what the officials of the State Department at Washington mean America and England to understand by this alleged denial. If they mean she American Minister is to be kept here while England leaves her Legation at Washington in charge of the Third Secretary, they will simply expose themselves and their country to contempt. Already their patience provokes unflattering questions.

Breach of Faith With the Bank of Montreal.

While, therefore, The World is glad to see the city borrow money at the lowest possible rate and is gratified to see a Toronto bank get the city's business, it is a matter of regret that faith was not kept with the Bank of Montreal.

There is no getting round the fact that there was a breach of faith somewhere. It is worth something to a city like Toronto to be above all suspicion of a breach of faith or of sharp practice. If its accredited agent makes a bargain that bargain should be kept. And we do not believe that it will pay Toronto in the long run to have earned the enmity of the largest monetary institution in the country. Beggars cannot be choosers, and Toronto has begged so often of the banks that she is likely soon to be begging again. The banks can lend all their money to private individuals at 6 per cent., and it seems odd to us that there should be any competition for a 4 or 4½ per cent loan. Certainly there are very few institutions prepared or able to find a million at those rates. Moreover, the Bank of Montreal has strong representation in the London market, and it will be found, perhaps, that a present saving of $1250 at the cost of the city's good name will in the end have to be charged on the other side of the account. All is not gold that glitters, Mr. Clarke.

"The Dominion Parliament Can, And Will."

The Montreal Gazette thus hints at the probable "way out" of the Red River Railway difficulty: "Both The London Standard and our correspondent seem to have fallen into an error in regard to the relations of the Canadian Pacific railway and the Dominion Government over the Northwest monopoly. Neither The Standard's report that the company is to receive another £3,000,000 for any surrender of rights nor our correspondent's surmise that the settlement of the crossing difficulty will call for a money grant can be well founded. The monopoly clause was abrogated by the Legislature of last session. The crossing difficulty calls for no Parliamentary action not required in the case of any road seeking to cross another. If the present case before the Sup eme Court is decided in the sense that the Manitoba Legislature cannot charter such a line as the Red River Valley and its extensions, the Dominion Parliament *can and will*, and for that matter could even before the abrogation of the monopoly clause. The Canadian Pacific can have no ground for claiming compensation for having its line crossed by a legally chartered and authorized competitor."

That veteran chestnut, the European warcloud, has received another shaking up and now presents the appearance of France and Russia against Germany, Austria and Italy. Why not have it out on these lines, Messieurs Emperors?

"Our Little Bill" as revised and abridged by the Master-in-Ordinary will be less objectionable to Central Bank creditors than the original version from the joint pen of the paying liquidators. But still the work comes high.

It might be remarked that Montague, the young War Horse of Haldimand, is in the soup. But its dollars to doughnuts that he'll climb out over Colter's back at the next election.

"That's a mighty strong cigar you're smoking, Jackson; it must be a Union."

"Why so, Smith?"

"Because in union there is strength."

Stanley in the hands of Osman Digna means that the African explorer will suffer the fate of General Gordon.

Have a Pekin at the Grand Opera House this week.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Attractions at the Theatres and Other Places of Amusement.

The fine new organ which has been placed in the hall of the Toronto College of Music was formally opened on Saturday with a lecture and recital. A large attendance of musicians filled the hall which Mr. Torrington has added to the remodelled building in Pembroke-street. In the afternoon Mr. Frederic Archer, the well known organist of Boston, delivered a lecture on the subject of the organ, these being the chief points: Earliest examples of organ building; leading characteristics of modern German, French, Italian and English instruments; organ composers and players of various nationalities and their respective styles; practical hints in respect to artistic performance; registration, phrasing, fugue playing, method of transcribing orchestral works, etc. This was most attentively listened to, and its value was enchanced by Mr. Archer afterwards playing illustrative examples of the German, English, French and Italian schools, emboying the double touch in one manual and the simultaneous use of two manuals with the same hand. In the evening Mr. Archer gave a recital of eleven numbers, and Mr. S. H. Clark read "The Organ Builder." The organ is a fine instrument and was manufactured by S. R. Warren & Co. of Toronto. A pleasing feature was the rendering by Miss Adele Strauss of two songs in her usual artistic manner, being received with much applause.

For the Sacred Heart.

The very successful bazaar in aid of the funds of the French-Canadian Church of the Sacred Heart, King-street east, closes on Tuesday night. The fair saleswomen were very busy and the result of their assiduity was gratefully acknowledged by the managers of the bazaar. Twas fitting that music should lend its charms to so successful a termination of a laudable week's work. The piano was seldom silent, all it was capable of producing in the way of sweet concords being brought out by Madame Belanger, to whose manipulation Madame Fillatreault lent the music of her voice. This is a rich mezzo-soprano, and its great compass and silvery tones found abundant expression in some choice morceaux. Applause was as hearty as deserved.

Madame Fillatreault has seldom appeared in public in Toronto, but her sweet vocalization and tasteful interpretation would be an acquisition to any of our musical societies who aspire to intelligent rendition of high-class music.

Mrs. Agnes Thomson in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The first appearance of Mrs. Agnes Thomson, the Canadian soprano from Toronto at Lester King's subscription concert, created an impression exceedingly favorable to the music-loving public. The result of this impression is that an engagement has just been consummated by which Mrs. Thomson will appear in a series of concerts with leading artists, including Rosenthal, the great pianist, and the noted violinist, Fritz Kreisler. The first of the series will be at the Academy of Music, the largest auditorium in the city, on Dec. 26. The prominent Canadians in New York have been greatly gratified with Mrs. Thomson's success.

At the Toronto Opera House.

"The Lights o' London" now give way to "The Wages of Sin." This is a popular play, which always draws bumper houses, and in the able hands of Mr. H. R. Jacobs' Sterling Company will receive an apt rendering.

At the Grand.

The very popular comic Chinese opera, "The Pearl of Pekin," will be given at the Grand to-night by Rice & Dixey's Company.

The New York Telegram speaks of this successful opera as follows: "'The Pearl of Pekin,' at the Bijou Opera House, drew the largest house that has yet seen the comic opera, on Thursday. A new song, also called 'I Love My Old Love Still,' has been added and was well received. It has become the general impression that 'The Pearl of Pekin' is as clever a comic opera as has been produced since the 'Mikado.' At any rate, the houses have been so large that Manager Rice thinks it will run for a whole year."

Other Attractions.

Mr. Grant Stewart, an able elocutionist, gives one of his popular readings in St. George's school house. An intellectual treat will reward those who attend.

Hanuarian Gipsy Band.

The large audience which attended the Permanent Exhibition Saturday evening to hear the music given by this famous orchestra appeared to be greatly pleased by the announcement made of a re-engagement for Christmas week commencing Monday Dec. 24th. They have proved themselves capable of rendering the most beautiful music of any organization ever playing before Toronto audiences. This will probably be their last appearance in Toronto this season.

Y. W. C. Guild Concert.

The concert on Saturday night was most enjoyable. The program was arranged and successfully carried out by the Misses Taylor and Turner, Mr. Warren and Mr. Sinclair.

Grant & Co., Pork Packers, Ingersoll.

Mara & Co., grocers and wine merchants, 280 Queen-street west, 4th door west of Beverley-street, are now occupying the next store west of them to sell the above firm's celebrated sugar-cured hams, breakfast and roll bacon, tenderloins, sausages and all other meats usually kept in a first-class provision store. Grant & Co.'s meats rank very high in the English markets and no finer have ever been sold in the Dominion. They also keep in stock poultry and the finest dairy and creamery butter in 1lb rolls, 10lb. tins and tubs. ed

THE MYSTIC CRAFT.

Masonic Knights Templar—Amalgamation Consummated—Officers Elected.

The regular chapter of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar precestory No. 2, Knights Templar, was held last evening. The attendance of Sir Knights was exceptionally large. Never before in the history of Knight Templarism was there such a gathering in this city; and this large meeting was the result of the amalgamation of Odo de St. Armand preceptory No. 17 with Geoffrey de St. Aldemar No. 2. The first-named preceptory having surrendered its charter to the Supreme Grand Master, Sir Kt. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, and by special dispensation constituted members on the roll of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory. By this act of consummation, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory is the largest in point of members in Canada, numbering on its roll some 180. The prosperity of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory in the past year has been most gratifying and the elements which have caused this success have been the efficiency of its officers and the energy of its members, as evidenced by the fact that some eighteen Royal Arch Masons were added to its membership, and now to clap the climax, Odo de St. Armand comes in with a roll of some 38 members. After the dispensation was read from the Supreme Grand Master and the regular business of the evening gone through, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Em. Sir Kt. Jas. Glanville, Em. Commander; Em. Sir Kt. H. A. Taylor, Past Prec.; Sir Kt. J. W. O'Hara, Constable; Sir Kt. J. H. W. Lowe, Marshal; Sir Kt. W. W. Shepard, Chaplain; Sir Kt. Joseph King, Treasurer; Sir Kt. H. J. Collins, Registrar; Sir Kt. L. B. Montgomery, Sub-Marshal.

After closing preceptory the presiding Preceptor invited the Sir Knights to a banquet in the refreshment hall adjoining.

Choice Christmas Fruits.

Comprising the finest table and cooking raisins, choicest Patras and Vostenza currants, finest figs, Crosa and Blackwell's lemon, orange and citron peels, Malaga grapes, English cob nuts, English walnuts, and an immense stock of all kinds of table delicacies. Mara & Co., grocers, 280 Queen-street west. e 351

No Hayfork Need Apply.

From Massey's Illustrated for December.

If farmers who have discovered ingenious methods in connection with their work which would be of use to their fellow farmers, will write us and describe the same, furnishing a sketch when practicable, we will reward them by publishing them over their names, with an illustration when possible; and further, when we consider the plans or ideas advanced have *special* merit we will remit them amounts varying from 75c. to $5.00, in proportion to our estimate of their value to our readers.

From Police Blotters.

The police commence winter duty to-night.

Fred Slattery, a resident of Farley-avenue, on Saturday night, for a bit of fun, kicked Joseph George in the face. He was run into St. Andrew's Market station.

Benjamin D. Smith, 56, and Smith & Thompson, 54 Queen-street, Parkdale, had Thomas Graham, alias Sheppard, arrested on Saturday night for shoplifting.

Alf. J. Fletcher, 89 Markham-street, is at St. Andrew's Market station charged with having stabbed John Hawthorne, who lives in rear. The wound is not a serious one.

Isaac Johnston, alias Hickman, was arrested on a warrant on Saturday night for assaulting Catharine Smith. The prisoner gives his address as 401 Wellesley-street.

While T. H. Smyth and family, 77 Beaconsfield-avenue, were at church last evening, a thief entered the house and carried away several articles, among them three gold rings.

John Cox, 17 Turner-avenue, acted in a disorderly manner at the Farley-avenue Salvation Army Barracks last night, and in consequence is now a prisoner at St. Andrew's Market station.

Detective Black arrested Daniel Farrell, 100 Wellington-street west, on Saturday, on a charge of receiving a silk dress, the property of Alexander Wood of the British Lion Hotel, knowing it to have been stolen.

Henry J. Ryshear, 53 Wellington-street west, and John White, 19 Mutual-street, two clerks employed in Thomas Woodhouse's store, King-street east, were arrested on Saturday by Detective Burrows on a warrant charging them with stealing from their employer. About $150 worth of the stolen property was recovered.

180,000 people in Toronto, and about one-quarter of them buy their clothing at the Army and Navy stores. Men's overcoats are having a great run just now. An elegant nine hap overcoat, velvet collar, Verona linings and made equal to the best custom trade and the price is only ten dollars. Do not spend a cent for clothing till you've been to the Army and Navy stores. Positively no shoddy goods sold at the Army and Navy stores if they know it.

THE WORLD OF LONDON.

SPECULATIONS ABOUT EMIN PACHA AND STANLEY.

The Situation at Suakim—Degradation of French Politics—English and Irish Politics—The National Liberal Club—Fine Arts—Personal.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Government express no opinion respecting Osman Digna's letter announcing the capture of Emin Pacha and Mr. Stanley. It is, however, known that the letter has been for some days in the possession of the authorities at Suakim, but the contents were not allowed to become public till General Grenfell and others had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the story was probably true. Even now the letter, though published in Egypt, has not been telegraphed in full to London. A summary of its contents appeared yesterday in The Standard exclusively. That journal, and to-day every other journal I have seen, lean to a belief in the genuineness of the news. No one seems able to explain how the Mahdi or Osman Digna could have obtained otherwise the letter which the Khedive gave Mr. Stanley in Cairo for Emin Pacha. The most plausible suggestion is that the letter was captured in some encounter not necessarily involving Mr. Stanley's capture. General Grenfell recognizes the letter as genuine. It is not impossible that a copy was sent to Osman from Cairo, where treachery is common as sunlight. What motive had Osman in concocting this news? Ask those who credit it. Lord Randolph Churchill unwittingly supplied an answer in the House of Commons. He pressed the Government, in view of this news, to negotiate for the release of Emin Pacha and Mr. Stanley before beginning an attack upon the besiegers of Suakim. Osman may very well have guessed that with such hostages as Mr. Stanley and Emin Pacha in the Mahdi's hands, the English would think twice before taking any step calculated to increase the peril in which they stand. Osman's reputation as one of the most notorious and ingenious of living liars may also count for something. To such slender straws do the sinking hopes of the world now cling.

Meanwhile the whole policy, or want of policy, at Suakim, is once more challenged, and the absurdity of the situation comes out more clearly than ever. England keeps up the fiction of Egyptian authority and acts in the name of her puppet. The Khedive refuses to look the facts in the face. Suakim cannot be abandoned. But how long is it to be held, under a teasing fire of slave-trading Arabs? If they are driven further back and a new fort built, that fort will be besieged. Then what? Such are some of the questions the public are beginning to ask, to which no answer is ready.

Mr. Butterworth's proposal to open negotiations for the annexation of Canada to the United States has been cabled here. It is received in silence by the press in general, and with gentle sarcasm by such papers as notice it.

The bankruptcy of the Panama Canal surprises nobody here. What does surprise people is M. de Lesseps' resignation, which is regarded as a final confession of failure. The intervention of the French Government is considered a desperate expedient to avert a catastrophe for the moment only.

The very worst symptom of degradation French politics have yet seen is the election of "General" Chiaseret in the Var. Some unexplained influence was at work, since Chiaseret had but 14,000 votes, while 67,000 abstained. He was one of the vilest of Communards.

Mgr. Persico's report to the Pope on the fate of Ireland pleases neither party. Unionists dislike it because it favors aspirations for Home Rule. Nationalists dislike it because it condemns boycotting, the Plan of Campaign, and other illegal methods which the nationalists deem essential to success. Whether the report will have much practical effect is disputed.

The Maidstone election does but little toward clearing up the political situation. The Tory majority is reduced by hard work on the Liberal side and the Liberals claim a moral victory. The Tories, who attach less value on moral victories, are satisfied to retain the seat.

The breach of privilege case which made such a stir in the House of Commons a fortnight since has collapsed. Mr. Sheehy is no longer either a hero or a martyr, and Mr. Sullivan is not destined to become a victim or spend the rest of his days in the Clock Tower. The committee adopted a mild report, but one clause seemed to Mr. Smith so objectionable that he opposed Mr. Whitbread's motion that the House should concur in the report, which was accordingly tabled and is dead. The Moroney case, too, has ended quietly with the release of the bankrupt by Judge Boyd on motion of the landlord who had made him a bankrupt. His champions in the House for some reason declined to ask the court to release him. Prisoner or otherwise, no more capital is now to be made out of him.

The National Liberal Club troubles attract more and more attention. Lord Hartington has actually resigned. It is admitted that the club's finances are not prosperous, and admitted that something must be done to retrieve its fortunes if any considerable secession should occur. There are nearly 6000 members. Yet so heavy have been the expenses connected with the new buildings, and so low is the yearly subscription, $20, that the club does not pay its way. To put it on a paying basis is of urgent importance to the Home Rule party, who have practically taken possession of the buildings and of the organization. To raise the yearly subscription is thought unwise. The amount is kept low to enable everybody to join it. Never was it so useful as now to the Gladstonians, and never in such difficulties.

The World (London) stated this week that Lady Salisbury had initiated a movement for presenting to Mrs. Phelps a souvenir of her stay in London, and this has been widely copied and cabled. The mention of Lady Salisbury's name may create a wrong impression that the movement is confined to one party. The truth is, it was Lady Rosebery who initiated this proposal; Lady Salisbury was consulted about it, and both wrote to Mrs. Phelps's personal friends, who have cordially approved the suggestion. They include ladies of all parties and no party, and politics have absolutely nothing to do with the matter. Nothing of the sort has ever been done before, and that it is done now is due entirely to Mrs. Phelps's extraordinary popularity in the best society of London.

Sundry papers publish a denial of the statement that Lord Randolph Churchill is to start in January for South America and remain abroad till May. My authority was Lord Randolph himself. Messrs. Longmans announce a collection of Lord Randolph's speeches, selected and edited by Mr. Jennings, who will write a political and biographical preface, annotate the speeches and add some correspondence rather meaningly described as of considerable interest. Lord Randolph himself corrects the text. I imagine this publication is meant as a kind of appeal from Lord Salisbury and his Cabinet to the great body of the Tory party and public opinion generally. There can be no doubt of its exceeding interest to all who care for current English politics, or for one of the most striking English personalities of the time.

The sale of Sir Frederick Leighton's fine Captive Andromache to Liverpool for £4200 is hailed in the provinces as a kind of triumph over London. The picture goes to Berlin, where a photogravure will be executed. Neither the provinces nor London hail this as a triumph. How is it that the reproduction cannot be done in England? ask friends of English art. Answer, there is none.

The improvement in Mr. Bright's general condition continues, but the chronic malady remains the same. Immediate danger from the condition of the lungs is over, but I hear from the family that their anxiety is hardly lessened. G. W. S.

Mr. H. McCaw, Custom House, Toronto, writes: "My wife was troubled with dyspepsia and rheumatism for a long time; she tried many different medicines, but did not get any relief until she used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. She has taken two bottles of it, and now finds herself in better health than she has been for years."

Federation of Labor.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The American Federation of Labor yesterday elected these officers: President, Samuel Gompers, New York; first vice-president, Daniel McLaughlin, Braidwood, Ill.; second vice-president, William Martin, Pittsburg; secretary, P. J. McGuire, Philadelphia; treasurer, Henry Emrich, New York. Trustees—Hugo Miller, August Delabar and Josiah P. Dyer, New York. By a close vote Boston was selected as the place where the next annual meeting will be held. The federation adjourned until the second Tuesday of next December.

There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

A Big Opium Smuggling Conspiracy.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 16.—The United States secret service officers here are on the track of a gigantic opium smuggling conspiracy. The deputy collector at St. Vincent, Minn., went west to a point on the Dakota line on Wednesday last and intercepted a wagon load of 600 pounds of opium in a crude form, concealed under a layer of buffalo hides. The whole outfit was seized and the driver of the wagon arrested. Two government detectives left St. Paul for the north Friday night. They are after the man to whom the opium was consigned.

A warning to those about to purchase fur caps, fur coats, fur sets and fur robes. The furriers are making a desperate effort down here to dump their stock at the Army and Navy stores. Do not let them deceive you; the quality is just the same, the ability is the same, the style is no better, but the price is different. The Army and Navy stores sell furs at one-third less than the fur stores. Take a look before you buy.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Good sleighing in East Lambton.

The Dresden hotels were fined $50 each last week.

Mail is now carried by stage between Picton and Deseronto.

Port Hope's temperature was 4° below zero on Thursday night.

The town of Prescott has contracted for ten more arc electric lights.

Residents of Aylmer are bound to have a theatre this winter.

$1000 worth of liquor has been seized in an Owen Sound shebeen.

Rev. J. V. McDowell of Carp has been fined for not reporting marriages.

Bobcaygeon has a new hand fire engine that throws a stream 60 feet high.

Campbellford claims to a population of 2100 and wants to be incorporated.

Two car loads of cotton goods were shipped from Kingston to China last week.

Belleville has setting accommodation in its Protestant churches for 8100 people.

Sarnia gets rid of a gang of gamblers by giving the leader 15 minutes to get out of town.

The closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School at Ottawa take place to-night.

Wendstock is to have a new 4-story organ factory to employ 150 hands all the year round.

The bylaw to provide funds for the erection of a town hall at Blenheim will be submitted to public vote on Jan. 8.

Over 100 carloads of lumber were shipped on Friday to the States from the Canada Atlantic railway yard of the Chaudiere.

The Presbyterians of Durham have removed the organ from their church, and the members of the congregation are opposed to using it in their services.

R. S. White, M. P., will give $10 for the best 30 pounds of butter exhibited on the Craigieville market Dec. 19, the butter to be the property of Mr. White.

The new Canadian electric light company undertake to supply householders in Montreal with electric light at a less figure than is now being paid for gas.

At Ingonish, N.S., despatch says the most severe gale experienced along the north shore for a quarter of a century was felt here the last few nights, and much damage was done to wharves, fishing boats, nets, etc.

The Kingston grand jury recommends that convicts be kept at remunerative labor, and if possible made self-sustaining. Some time ago it was suggested that the Government start iron smelting works at the prison.

A member of "O" battery of the Canada artillery, in charge of the canteen, skipped out on Wednesday, and is believed to have crossed to American territory from Saanich in a canoe. He is suspected of being short in his accounts.

The petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Middlesex will be presented to the Ontario Government in a few days. In the County of Wellington the petition for repeal has been signed by about 600 more than voted for the act in 1885.

Ottawa licensed hotelkeepers have adopted a plan to suppress the illegal selling of liquor. Notices have been served on brewers that if they supply liquor to bona fides, keeping stands and other places only kept open for such illegal purposes, they will be boycotted.

—Cassell, Mason & Co's Revision of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

If all so-called remedies have failed, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures. 14

AN ART EXHIBITION.

The Christmas Contribution of the Artists of Ontario.

Through various circumstances the Ontario Society of Artists did not hold their usual annual art union exhibition and distribution. One cause of this was the holding of the art fair and exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy here in May last. It was thought by the management that it would be undertaking too much in one season to attempt to combine the art union with such an effort as the fair, so a year's rest was determined upon. The result proved that, however successful from a popular point of view, the spring exhibition of art work being perhaps overshadowed by the numerous and brilliant attractions and excitements of the occasion, was very poorly patronized, fewer sales being effected than in any previous year, even when the Art Union was left out of the account. This state of things, though redounding to the honor and glory of the various performers who so generously assisted at the fair, was anything but profitable to those in whose interests the whole business was supposed to be held, namely, the artists themselves, and as, meanwhile, they find their needs of monetary support just as great as in ordinary seasons, several members of our local society, and by no means the weakest or least popular among them, have resorted to the expedient of holding a Christmas sale of their works on hand. It will be noticed that the list includes most of the purely professional painters. The society contemplates a complete and vigorous revival of the Art Union with its spring exhibition in May or June next.

Quite a large number of visitors viewed the pictures at McFarlane's auction rooms. The cattle pieces by Edo brought many a kindly criticism. A few excellent though small examples of Harlow White hang upon the walls, though the brush that painted them has been laid to rest. This will afford the public an excellent opportunity to purchase these and other works by old familiar artists. M. Hanaford sends 28 scenes, principally sketches and painting on the Don Flats, and M. Matthews, so many years secretary of the society and Royal Canadian Academy, has some excellent painting in water color of the far West. A pretty view of the city of Kamloops being amongst the number; also High Rockies by Moonlight, form a dainty pair of companion pictures. A coast scene by R. M. Bell-Smith in cool grey hues is his best example. W. A. Sherwood has some vigorous animal pieces, notably the painting entitled "The Waterdog." It is strong and realistic. A little genre picture entitled "Making Maple Sugar" is true to old Canadian life, and indeed there is scarcely a work upon the walls that is not illustrative of our national life in some form.

It is hoped that the cultured and refined of prosperous Toronto will show their taste and discernment, as well as their recognition of honest efforts, by attending the sale to-day and securing the pictures which they can obtain at their own prices.

Don't be without Jelly of Cucumber and Roses if you want a beautiful complexion and freedom from chapped hands or lips. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

WILL SEARLE ACCEPT?

O'CONNOR CHALLENGES HIM TO ROW IN ENGLAND OR 'FRISCO.

The T. Y. C. and R. C. Y. C. Amalgamate—Racing and Legislature—Gaudaur and O'Connor—Toronto Canoe Club—Clifton and New Orleans Races—Other Sports.

With the coming session of the legislature at Albany an effort will undoubtedly be made to tinker with the Ives law permitting betting on race tracks. The enemies of racing will as usual be on hand to strike, and although they are fully aware that public sentiment is opposed to them, they will work all the harder by insidious means. It therefore behoves managers of racing associations to be on the alert and not be caught napping.

There is a well-defined opinion that there was too much racing in the United States last season, and hence it is not impossible that some steps will be taken to limit the number of race days for each association to twenty. An effort at tinkering with the law as it stands at present will be injudicious. It will open the door to all sorts of attempts to repeal the law entirely. Racing associations have it in their power to limit the number of race days themselves. There is no need of special legislation on the subject.

The steeplechaser seems to be losing his foothold more and more as a factor in turf sports. Nearly all the leading associations in the United States have practically abolished cross country races from their programs, and unless the hunt clubs do something to encourage owners and trainers, the cross country horse will soon be eliminated from practical racing stables. Now while steeplechasing has undoubtedly fallen into disrepute through the dishonest practices of many owners, trainers and jockeys, yet it is too good a sport that it should be entirely buried. Unfortunately the hunt clubs about New York and adjoining counties are so cramped for dates by the absorption of the big clubs that they can do but little. A splendid opportunity presents itself for the O. J. C. and Province of Quebec Turf Club to give one or two stakes suitable to induce the American "timber toppers" to cross the border which would certainly give racing a boom in Canada. There are many owners of jumpers about New York who would bring their horses here if such races were given with purses of some value and the meeting extended to four days. The race going public in Toronto now is surely large enough to support such a meeting.

Mr. St John evidently wants the earth. Before the O'Connor-Teemer race he expressed a willingness to back Gaudaur against the winner, claiming that the Indian is a faster man than Teemer. Now he wants the Toronto sculler to give Gaudaur fifteen seconds start. This O'Connor will certainly refuse to do and no doubt is Mr. St. John's scheme for getting out of the match. Gaudaur while in New York a few days ago in conversation with George Lee, O'Connor's trainer, said that he was willing to row the champion, and that St. John would back him, but mentioned nothing about a start. It is unlikely, however, that the St. Louis sportsman will come to time, though Mr. Rogers, O'Connor's backer, is of the opinion that Mr. St. John will make a match to be rowed at San Francisco in March.

Mr. Rogers has decided to abandon the trip to Australia and has therefore issued the challenge to Searle to row O'Connor either in England or California. This step on the part of Mr. Rogers is certainly a wise one. Searle, now champion of the world, has defeated the best scullers in Australia and no one there will row him. He therefore has to remain idle, which to avoid and with an ambition to win further laurels he will no doubt wander from home, as Hanlan did in order to get a race, and accept O'Connor's challenge to row in England. The climate is O'Connor's reason for not going to the Antipodes, but should Searle refuse to row elsewhere the Toronto sculler will no doubt then make the journey. As for Teemer's visit to Australia it is very improbable.

O'CONNOR CHALLENGES SEARLE.

The Toronto Oarsman Will Row the Australian in England or California.

William O'Connor, the champion oarsman of America, has issued the following challenge to Searle of Australia, the champion of the world:

I hereby challenge Searle of Australia to row a three mile race in best and best boats for the championship of the world and $1000 a side. Said race to take place on neutral waters to be mutually agreed upon. The Thames, London, Eng., or San Francisco, California, preferred. Upon hearing of his acceptance I will immediately forward a deposit to either place he should name. W. O'CONNOR.

Gaudaur Will Ask Fifteen Seconds Start.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—Albert Hamm left here last night for St. Louis to consult Mr. J. A. St. John and try and arrange a race between Jacob Gaudaur and William O'Connor. From a letter recently received from the former it is probable he will ask fifteen seconds start from the Toronto man, whom he evidently regards too fast for Gaudaur on even terms. If the race is arranged it will probably be rowed in San Francisco in March and Hamm will train Gaudaur.

The Toronto Canoe Club.

The annual meeting of the T. C. C. was held in the club house on Saturday evening. Dr. Powell was elected commodore and the following gentlemen to the other offices: Vice-Commodore, D. J. Jacques; Rear Commodore, A. Shaw; Secretary-Treasurer, W. H. P. Weston; Executive Committee, J. D. Kelly; Regatta Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Tyson and Jacques.

T. Y. C. AND R. C. Y. C. JOIN HANDS.

The Long Talked of Amalgamation of the Two Yacht Clubs an Assured Fact.

The special general meeting of the Toronto Yacht Club called for the purpose of considering the proposition for amalgamation which the Royal Canadian Yacht Club approved at their meeting of November 24th, was held on Saturday evening at the Club House. Commodore McGaw occupied the chair. The attendance was large and the intense interest manifested throughout showed that the members fully realized the gravity of the question at issue.

The report of the joint committees of the two clubs made in April last, setting forth the basis upon which it was recommended that the amalgamation should take place, was read by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Parsons. Capt. Murray had come from St. Catharines to know why the T. Y. C. wanted to amalgamate with any club. Another prominent member wanted to know why the club asked join a social club. Things looked uncertain till Captain Hume Blake moved that the club agree to the proposal of the R. C. Y. C., Mr. Blake made a vigorous speech in support of his motion. Mr. McMurrich thought the move was a good one and urged the club to amalgamate. After more objections, particularly as to the name of the new club, several members wanting the Royal Toronto Yacht Club, Mr. Douglas Armour, the club's solicitor, delivered a convincing speech in his best legal style in favor of the motion, pointing out that it was practically impossible to get the royal charter changed and that it would be at best most costly. Mr. Dugald MacMurrich hoped that the question would not be decided without a free discussion. He urged the club to look to the future even in their present prosperity and closed with an eloquent appeal in favor of the motion. To meet the objections raised, the Vice-Commodore suggested that an appropriation should be made for a trophy to be known as the "Toronto Yacht Club Challenge Cup," which would be sailed for yearly, and would be a perpetual reminiscence of the club they all felt proud of. This suggestion met with unanimous approval, and it was left with the committee to do as they might think proper in the matter.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Hume Blake and seconded by Mr. W. S. Jackson, was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:

Resolved—That the Toronto Yacht Club do agree to amalgamate with the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on the basis of the report of the Joint Committee of the two clubs, and that the arrangement of all details be left to the executive of the club.

The amalgamation so long talked of is therefore now an accomplished fact, and the details will be carried out between now and the opening of navigation. Nothing now remains but for all the members to work together to make Toronto the centre of the yachting interests of the Great Lakes.

A Cold Day at Clifton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The speculative throng at Clifton endured a great deal of cold discomfort under the head of sport at Clifton yesterday. Jockeys curled up under their silk jackets, while the horses made only one close finish in the five races, and that was when Osceola beat Brian Boru by a head in the Boston Handicap. The results follow:

First race—Purse $250; selling allowances; ⅞ mile. King Arthur won, Alex T. 2, and Count Luna 3. Time, 1.19½. Mutuals paid $5 and $6.20, first and second horses, selling in the field.

Second race—Purse $250; selling allowances; 6½ furlongs. Fiddlehead won, Village Maid 2 and John Arkins 3. Time, 1.27½. Mutuals paid $3.25, $2.50 and $3.20.

Third race—Purse $250; ⅞ mile. Ocean won, Can't Tell 2 and Anomaly 3. Time, 1.33½. Mutuals paid $3.85, $2.70 and $4.55.

Fourth race—The Boston Handicap; purse $500; 1 mile. Osceola won, Brian Boru 2 and Battersby 3. Time, 1.44. Mutuals paid $14.30, $5.10 and $3.75.

Fifth race—Purse $500; mile and a sixteenth. Drumstick won, Carnegie 2 and Ovid 3. Time, 1.50½. Mutuals paid $5.10 and $2.35.

'Not a Favorites' Day.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The excellent program offered by the Louisiana Jockey Club to-day attracted quite a large number of visitors and some good contests were witnessed. It was a bad day for the favorites, not one being successful. The track was heavy. Results:

First race—Purse $250 for all ages, selling allowances; ⅞ mile. Stuart, 107, won; Kemp Dillard, 110, 2; McMurtry, 108, 3. Time, 1.18½. Pools—McMurtry, 108, 6; Stuart, 36; Orange Girl and Kemp Dillard, $3 each; the field, $8.

Second race—Purse $250, selling allowances; 5½ furlongs. Moonstone, 100, won; Duhme, 100, 2; Red Leaf, 107, 3. Time, 1.05. Pools—Lord Grosvenor, $3; Duhme, $6; Redleaf, $8; Cheesey, $8; Nickerson, $10; Moonstone, 100, $15. Jimmie B. Better Ashe, $2 each; Vattel and Eternity, $1 each; the field, $1.

Fourth race—Purse $250, handicap for all ages; 1¼ furlongs. Allahrene, 100, won; Countess 93, 2; Derechmant, 100, 3. Time, 2.12. Pools—Bertha, $25; Sherwood, $13; Derechmant, $10; Allahrene and Countess, $7 each; Montpelier, $5; Jim Nave, $1.

Rowell Challenges Albert and Littlewood.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Charles Rowell called at the office of The Sporting Life to-day and issued a challenge for a six days' go-as-you-please race, to Charles Albert, the Champion of America, and George Littlew