

Association—is continually in receipt of letters from horsemen in other cities who are anxious to learn more about the parades and how to organize an association in their own town.

### Father Lacombe Honoured

**G**RATIFYING indeed is it to learn that the labours of a man who has toiled so long and so arduously as Father Lacombe to spread the gospel and civilisation among the Indians and settlers of the far West, should be recognised, even to the extent of the conventional address, a handsome celebrant chair and kneeling stool, which were presented to him at his home at Pincher Creek lately by admiring parishioners. What Father Lacombe has accomplished in his half century of self-sacrificing labours is only now beginning to be estimated at its true value. As the address stated, "A life so heroic and romantic is interesting enough to form a theme fit to rank with any of Parkman's noble missionaries during the early days of Eastern America. When your memoirs are written, your name will grace the early history of the West as one of its bright and noble figures."

### Orillia Canadian Club

**P**ROFESSOR ADAM SHORTT, of Queen's University, addressed a well-attended meeting of the Orillia Canadian Club recently. Professor Shortt's subject was the moot question, "Are Economic Crises Natural and Inevitable?" The learned political economist believes that the tendency to recurring periods of depression can be mitigated, if not entirely overcome. Economic crises, he asserts, are modern phenomena, peculiar to the nineteenth century, and brought about by the dependence of individuals and groups upon one another brought about by specialisation in modern industry, superinduced by the panic spirit, which man shares with the lower animals. Hard times, in short, are largely due to baseless pessimism, which, when it infects the multitude, sweeps down the individual optimist before its resistless tide. The problem is, therefore, to find a force in the community intelligent and strong enough to check panic in its incipient stages. This force Professor Shortt finds in the much-abused trusts and combines, which he believes to be a natural and necessary growth of modern industrial conditions, and which, properly regulated and deprived of their power for evil, should afford a means for preserving a reasonably uniform condition of prosperity. Professor Shortt instanced the action of the Canadian banks in coming to the support of the Ontario bank as an example of how trusts might operate in preventing panic in the industrial field. Had the commonly accepted principle, "every man for himself," been applied in this instance, it was quite conceivable, he said, that every bank in Canada might have been forced to suspend payment.

This meeting closed an exceedingly successful season for the Orillia Club. Among the speakers they have had during the winter have been Mr. Henri Bourassa, M.P., the Hon. Adam Beck, M.P.P., Mr. J. S. Willison, and Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P. The membership of the club some time ago reached the limit which it was found necessary to set because of the exigencies of accommodation. The club meets in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and is capably catered for by the Ladies' Auxiliary of that institution. At Monday evening's gathering the newly elected President, Mr. A. B. Thompson, presided.

### How Shoot-the-Chutes Originated

**T**HE shoot-the-chutes form of amusement has been in operation so long now that very few people know that the inventor is a Canadian—H. H. Schaefer, a resident of St. John, N.B. In the early eighties, somewhat over twenty years ago, Mr. Schaefer was station agent at Point du Chene on the Intercolonial Railroad, and spent his spare time in constructing a toboggan slide, which provided excellent sport. One day he announced to

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