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Canada's Future.

The Imperial Federation meeting was very effective as a repudiation of Commercial Union, and to that extent at least The World welcomes its appearance on the boards. Mr. Wilkan and his fad were knocked out in fine shape Saturday night. The speakers repeated much of the powerful ratiocination than has filled these columns for some months back. Indeed, when people wish to pound C.U. they cut their clubs from The World's tree and find no trouble in attaining their object. Just such meetings as that held on Saturday might can be held all over Canada, once the people come to know what C.U. really means. C.U. is about to be kicked out of Parliament, and it will soon be kicked out of the country back to the United States, whence the hall was started. Very properly Unrestricted Reciprocity was construed to mean the same thing as C.U.

But when the speakers came to deal with Imperial Federation proper they were not so eloquent or strong in argument. They touched it gingerly—then they clutched for the flag and bravely waved it before the delighted audiences. So far the federation hinted at was a very general one to which all could subscribe. Perhaps even the United States could come in if they desired.

But if the speakers were weak on that score the meeting will nevertheless have another good effect, namely, in letting the Mother Country know that Canadians intend to lean in the future more heavily on her for the vindication of our rights and for her support against the aggressions of our neighbors. Let our cousins understand that England is behind us and they will respect us!

What are we? Who are we? Whither are we drifting? All these questions must be answered, now that these vital issues have been raised. Are Canadians British subjects? D'Alton McCarthy says they are not and that his scheme is to make them such. Or are we then, "wards" of Great Britain? So are the Indians. We are called in the books and in the English papers "Colonists." So were the people of Connecticut and Massachusetts before the Revolutionary war.

Col. Denison does not seem to know what we are. But he wants us to be subjects, to see a kingdom of Canada. The Queen is Empress of India. Will she become Queen of Canada, with a royal palace at Ottawa for the summer season? Before ten years will have passed Rideau Hall may be but four days from the Court of St. James. It is a fine imperial dream to think of a perambulating court, moving from London to Ottawa, from Ottawa to Melbourne, from Melbourne to Calcutta, from Calcutta to the throne of Cetewayo in Zululand. Magnificent!

But in the meantime, O Canadians, let us work out things that are present and things that are tangible. Let us find out what we are. We are Canadians but we are not sovereign. We cannot make, mend or mar our own constitution. We do not command our own troops. We have no say in the election of our chief magistrate. Our own courts are not final. *We cannot make treaties.* Until we are sovereign in all these things we are not the equals of Englishmen, but wards of the same. It is idle to talk of federation until we can negotiate as equals. Do you not see the weakness that underlies the argument for C. U. equally underlies the one for I. F.? *We* cannot negotiate a union. England would have to do it for us, and we could not go into a federation unless we were first made sovereign and equal to the other contracting parties.

Let us first, then, make ourselves sovereign Canadians. We have a constitution, but it must be simplified. Let us simplify it ourselves. Let us make our own courts final. Let us have the power to negotiate treaties before we talk of negotiating them. Let us put down Provincialism, the present curse of Canada. Let us reduce our burden of law makers, and the weight of unnecessary legislatures. Let us make still more pronounced our rights to regulate our own fiscal affairs. Let us work out these problems first. Then will it be time to talk of an English-tongued federation to preserve the peace of the world.

In the meantime we welcome this discussion, as it brings the issue to a crux. Canadians must find out who they are, what they are, whither they are going, and what the powers are they have and what the powers are they lack. And the lesson that they first must learn is that they are not sovereign, have not the power to treat. It was this want that Mr. Blake encountered when he first raised the idea of Imperial Federation. Very properly he saw the weakness of his case and abandoned it to raise the other issue, the right to make treaties. In his absence many of his followers have foolishly abandoned this and are clamoring to make a Commercial Union with the United States when they have no such power. Equally irrational is to talk of an Imperial Federation between a superior and and its ward. Such a federation must be between equals.

This we hold is sound logic and it is because of this that Nationalists at the present moment occupy the only tenable position in regard to Canada's future.

Because we love Canada more we like Imperial Federation less and hate C.U. the most.

Including The World reporter, there were seven citizens at the latest attempted C.U. meeting in this town. While we do not go all the way with the promoters of the meeting held in Shaftesbury Hall Saturday night, as a contrast to the fizzle above mentioned it suits us. Whatever else they may not have done they have at least demonstrated how little Annexationist sentiment there is in Toronto.

The status of Canada's credit in the London money market is in itself a short and sufficient answer to the wailings of Blue Ruin Richard and his melancholy lieutenants.

It is a surprise to be told that a rich find of coal has been made down in Grimsby Township, Lincoln County. In all such disputes heretofore over the alleged existence of coal in southern Ontario the geologists have proven right.

Chicago proposes to establish within her gates a permanent live stock exhibition, with the assistance of the State Board of Agriculture. Ald. Frankland, who takes such a keen interest in Canadian live stock, might be profitably heard from upon this idea as applicable to Canada.

A C.U. organ states that England raises breadstuffs as well as the United States, but that that does not prevent her from being "a natural market" for the breadstuffs of other countries. But England does not raise enough breadstuffs for home consumption, while the United States produces an enormous surplus thereof for exportation. To such straits are the advocates of the fad reduced.

"I am still for protection, but I want more of it," says Congressman Butterworth; "we are still for Free Trade, and we join Mr. Butterworth in trying to get it," says The Toronto Globe. The moral rottenness of this unholy alliance is rank and cannot be concealed.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Lake St. Peter Channel Debt—Indian Scouts on the S.W.M.P.—Press Dinner.

OTTAWA, March 25.—President Dufresne of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce arrived here on Saturday to present a petition from that body asking the Government for the assumption of the Lake St. Peter channel debt and the restoration to Montreal of the $800,000 in interest that has been paid thereon. The petition is 195 feet long and bears 6540 signatures.

According to Commissioner Herchmer of the Northwest Mounted Police, a new element in the patrol system of the Northwest has been introduced in the engagement of some full-blooded Indians as scouts, who are attached to the patrols and so far have done very good service, being invaluable as trailers and able and willing to travel excessive distances in an almost incredible space of time. He recommended to the favorable consideration of the Government increasing the number of the scouts, as their employment will not only greatly assisted the police in patrol duty, but will tend to strengthen the good understanding between the Indians and police. On several occasions this summer these scouts arrested members of their own tribes, and, when they get more accustomed to the life, will be still more efficient. Their tendency at present is to serve a short time and then return home, which is not always convenient. Their pay is $25 per month and rations, and they horse themselves, the police furnishing arms and saddles.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney, Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest, has been delayed in his departure for Regina, and will probably be detained here for another week. He says that the Indian problem, as regards the Northwest, presents no difficulties. The present system of keeping the various tribes on various reserves is much better than any of the schemes talked of for placing them all on one reservation or territory. Returns show that the condition of the red man in the Northwest is improving since he abandoned his nomadic life. His health is improving; many of the diseases he acquired on the plains are now fast disappearing. The rate of mortality is also diminishing, and as long as the Indian Department looks after the Indian his security is assured. With our present system of teaching him the ways of civilization I don't see why he should not increase rather than become extinct.

Recruiting for the Northwest Mounted Police will commence on April 23 at Port Hope. There are about fifty vacancies to be filled by June next, but a large number of applications for admission into the force have been received, so that no great difficulty will be experienced in filling vacancies.

The annual dinner of the House of Commons Press Gallery was held at the Russell House on Saturday evening. Seventy-odd sat down to table. Among the invited guests present were Hon. Messrs. Bowell, Thompson and Costigan. Members of the Commons also attended: Messrs. Laurier, Mills, Davies, Cinon, Bechard, Royal, Charlton, Somerville, Ross, McKay, Scriver, Ellis, Innes, Patterson (Brant), Patterson (Essex), Kenny, Prior, Perley (Ottawa), Landerkin, Gillmor, Baker, Wallace and Daly. The toasts were: "The Queen," "The Governor General," "The Parliament of Canada," "The Capital of the Dominion" and "The Ladies." "The Parliament of Canada" was responded to by the ministers present and Hon. Mr. Laurier, Mr. Davis and Hon. Wm. McDougall. "The Capital of Canada" was responded to by the Mayor of Ottawa and "The Ladies" was responded to by Mr. Chambers, representative of The Montreal Star. During the course of the evening the musical members of the press enlivened the occasion by a number of songs, Mr. Brewer, accountant of the House of Commons acting as accompanist. A pleasing feature was the presence after dinner of a number of ladies. Among the old press men present, former members of the gallery, were Messrs. Lewis, Burgess, Brymner, George Johnson and Carroll Ryan.

The new Salvation Army barracks were dedicated here to-day, Major Coombs officiating. Leading Salvationists from different parts of the Dominion were in attendance. The building was put up at an expense of $16,000, and is an imposing structure.

Another gold discovery is said to have been made in the Nipissing district in the township of Cartier. The discoverer is an Indian named Joe Ohorze, and an assay of the find gives $600 to the ton. The mine is within a mile of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Lumbermen are beginning to feel uneasy with regard to the log supply. An enormous quantity has been cut, but it is feared that there will not be sufficient water in the tributaries to float them onto the Ottawa River. A great deal of the snow has disappeared, and yet the ice remains compact and the break-up may witness the rivers with low water. There are over 400,000,000 feet of logs now out.

WOMEN WHO THINK.

Some of Those in Attendance at the International Council at Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The women have fairly taken possession of the Riggs House to-day. Every train brought fresh arrivals. Many of the delegates to the International Council are in the city. An interesting group of women at the council will be the survivors of those who attended the Seneca Falls meeting some forty years ago. Among the pioneers already here are Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Virginia L. Minor, Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Matilda Joslyn Gage and Susan B. Anthony. There are four members of the Anthony family here—Susan B. and her sister Mary S. Anthony, Miss Lucy Anthony, a niece, and Sarah Anthony Burtis, a relative. Miss Mary S. Anthony and Sarah Anthony Burtis were among the original pioneers.

Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony and others appeared to-day before the House Committee on the Judiciary in behalf of women suffrage, and were very much annoyed and disgusted to find Dr. Mary Walker here, clad in her usual garb of man's clothing, and insisting on speaking against giving women the ballot. Dr. Mary got very mad because she was not allowed to speak. She said that she represented more women than did Mrs. Stanton.

The International Council of Women opened this afternoon with religious service at Albaugh's Grand Opera House. The attendance was large.

A Sunday Melee at Youghal.

DUBLIN, March 25.—Mr. William O'Brien addressed the Ponsonby tenants at Youghal at an early hour this morning, and afterward attempted to hold the meeting which had been proclaimed by the Government. He mounted a car with the intention of addressing the people, but was seized by policemen and dragged to the ground. The police then charged upon the crowd with drawn batons and a serious melee ensued in which a number on both sides were wounded. It is alleged that several of the police were stabbed. Mackintosh Plunkett was thrown down and beaten, and he received a cut on the head. Mr. O'Brien escaped to a priest's house and subsequently harangued the crowd in a stable.

The Murdered Innocents.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The bodies of Anthony and Charles Lebkuchner, the children poisoned by their insane mother yesterday in her desire to prevent them being taken from her, were viewed by thousands to-day in Undertaker Rolph's room. In the afternoon the bodies were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery. The baby, also poisoned, is at the New York Hospital. It is thought that he will recover. The mother is in the Tombs, and still maintains that she is sane and that it was her duty to kill the children to prevent her husband's relatives obtaining possession of them.

Anxious Depositors.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., March 24.—The report that Royce, the cashier of the Savings Institute had fled to Canada, is no doubt untrue. Inquiry at the bank elicits the information that Royce went to New York last night to see about securing a settlement with parties there whose paper is held by the Institute. The Savings Institute is crowded to-day with depositors, demanding certificates on which to withdraw deposits, four months hence.

The New South African Comet.

PHELPS, N.Y., March 25.—Prof. Brooks of the Redhouse Observatory obtained a fine view this morning of the New South African comet in right ascension 21 deg. 40 min., declination south 4 deg. 15 min. The comet is now in the constellation Aquarius. It is just visible to the naked eye before dawn, and in the telescope it presents a fine appearance, with a bright elongated nucleus and short, spreading tale.

Mr. Mercier's Resignation.

MONTREAL, March 25.—The Associated Press correspondent called upon Hon. Jas. McShane to-day to learn the cause of his retirement from Mr. Mercier's cabinet and found him very reticent. He said, however, among other things: "The true reason of my resignation will all come out later on."

Has Makes a C.U. Speech at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, March 25.—The Mayor presided at the Commercial Union meeting last night. An address was delivered by Erastus Wiman, at the close of which he was tendered a vote of thanks.

Oshawa's Business Boom.

OSHAWA, March 25.—Oshawa has commenced to boom, three or four business enterprises being started now and others are expected to follow soon.

G.T.R. Traffic Receipts.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending March 17 were:

	1888.	1887.
Passenger train earnings	$ 97,021	$101,491
Freight train earnings	184,785	282,003
Total	$282,809	$383,494
Decrease, 1888	$100,685	

CAMBRIDGE'S EASY RACE.

THE LIGHT BLUES WIN BY FIVE BOAT LENGTHS IN FAST TIME.

The Last Day at the Liverpool Meeting—English Bookmakers in Luck—Shooting for a Prize—Canadian Trotters Sold at New York—the Sid-Hay Race Ended—Baseball and Turf Gossip.

LONDON, March 24.—The annual race between boat crews representing Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place this morning over the usual course on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four miles and two furlongs. The weather was dull. There was an average attendance of spectators.

The Cambridge crew won the toss for position and took the Surrey side of the river. When Hammersmith Bridge, one mile and three-quarters from the starting point, was reached, Cambridge was leading by three lengths, and at Barnes Bridge, one mile and three-quarters further on, they had put five lengths between themselves and their opponents. Cambridge crossed the winning line five lengths ahead of Oxford. Time, 20.45.

The Cambridge crew began practice this year on Jan. 9, a little in advance of Oxford. Their new boat was made by Clasper. Not many changes were made in the composition of the crew, which finally stood as follows:

Place.	Name.	College.	Wt.
Bow	R. H. Symonds-Tayler	Trinity Hall	150
2	L. Hanson	Trinity Hall	166
3	R. H. F. Orde	First Trinity	160
4	C. P. Bell	Trinity Hall	182
5	S. D. Muttlebury	Third Trinity	195
6	F. Langdale	Trinity Hall	172
7	P. H. Maugham	Trinity Hall	189
Stroke	J. C. Gardner	Emmanuel	161
Cox	J. R. Rozburg	Trinity Hall	117
	Average weight of eight		167¼

Oxford went to work a few days later. Gloom was thrown over the crew by the death of Mr. Hector McLean, president of the boat club, but the men went quietly at work. Their new boat was built by Rough. The crew was constituted as follows:

Place.	Name.	College.	Weight. lbs.
Bow	W. F. C. Holland	Brasenose	154
2	J. Gray	Magdalen	147
3	M. E. Bickford	Christchurch	152
4	S. H. Fothergill	New	178
5	H. Cross	Hertford	183
6	H. R. Parker	Brasenose	187
7	G. Nickalls	Magdalen	172
Stroke	L. Fraser	Brasenose	148
Cox	A. Stewart	New	116
	Average weight of eight		167¼

Forty-five contests have occurred between the rival universities, of which Oxford has won 22 and Cambridge 21, and there has been 1 dead heat.

The race of 1846 was the first in which outriggers were used. That of 1857 was the first race in which either university rowed in the present style of eights with out keel; also the first time either rowed with round oars. Both used the same kind of oars, the blades being flat. The crews used sliding seats for the first time. The dead heat of 1877 would probably have been a victory for the Oxfords had not their bow man damaged his oar. In 1877, also, Oxford broke an oar.

In addition to the above the universities have contended together five times on Thames regatta, in the same heat, for the Grand Challenge Cup, Oxford winning three of the five contests. At the Thames National Regatta, June 28, 1884, Oxford beat Cambridge.

Splashes from the Oar.

William O'Connor of Toronto, says The New York Sun, is looked upon by competent judges as the coming sculler.

A special meeting of the Centennial Rowing and Athletic Association was held at Detroit last Saturday night for the purpose of consulting as to the advisability of abandoning the rowing part of the association. The Centennials have a few good enthusiastic oarsmen, but of late years the interest in rowing has been on the wane and each year finds less enthusiasm for aquatic sports in that city. At the meeting on Saturday evening a committee was appointed with power to dispose of the racing shells and other river appliances of the club.

A New Haven, Conn., despatch says: The candidates for the University crew are training as a Yale crew never trained before, and they are all in splendid condition. A new arrangement of the Harvard University crew was made, by which the plan of having two crews on the river for the purpose of giving the Varsity greater practice in racing, was finally abandoned. Now that all idea of a race with Columbia is given up, it is said that all the schemes and strategies of rowing will be developed entirely for Yale and Yale alone.

Canadian Trotters Sold.

The following horses, the property of Mr. J. P. Wiser of Prescott, were sold at the combination sale of trotters by Peter C. Kellogg & Co., at New York on Thursday last:

Florence Kimore, b.m., 1882, by George Wilkes, dam by Peck's Idol; J. S. Ferguson, New York	$5,000
Chandos, record 2.26¾, ch. s., 1879, by Strathmore, dam by Almonte; W. W. Cooper, Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.	1,000
Rebecca, b.f., 1884, by Rowlyk, dam by Hambrino Patchen; Cooper & Hatch, Camden	925
Sunrise, b.c., 1884, by Rowlyk, dam Sofi, 2.29¾; Chas. Keeler, Prescott, Canada	420

Cup Day at Liverpool.

LONDON, March 24.—This was the last day of the Liverpool Spring meeting. The program was a mixed one, including as it did both flat racing and steeplechasing. The most important race on the card was the Liverpool Spring Cup, at 1 mile and 3 furlongs, which was won by Sir Robert Chetwynd's Plantagenet. The feature "between the flags" was the Champion Steeplechase, at about 3 miles, which brought together several of the Grand National horses, resulting in a victory for M. A. Yates' Johnny Longtail. The summaries follow:

The Forty-first Liverpool Spring Cup of 750 sovs., specie, by subscription of 20 gs each, 15 ft, and 3 only if declared; 2nd to receive 50 sovs from the plate; winners after the publication of weights penalized; about 1¼ miles.

Sir George Chetwynd's b.g. Plantagenet, 5, by Albert Victor—Sweet Violet | 1
Lord Rodney's ch. f. Kilcreese, 4, by Arbitrator—Nipiche | 2
Mr. S. Cleveland's ch. c. The Sage, 4, by Wisdom—Sunflower | 3

The Eighth Champion Steeplechase of 200 sovs., a handicap; about 3 miles.

Mr. A. Yates' ch. g. Johnny Longtail, aged, by Polaridine—Debonnaire | 1
Capt. Mitchell's bk.m. Ringlet, aged, by Hightown—Lady Bell | 2
Capt. Foster's b.g. Chancellor, by Exchequer, dam by General Sale | 3

English Bookmakers Reap a Harvest.

LONDON, March 24.—The bookmakers have had what is perhaps their most profitable week for many years. Veracity, the winner of the Lincolnshire handicap, was practically without backers, so that one of the largest book-making firms here which had taken in thousands of pounds on the race, had only to pay 300 when it was decided. The shouting in the betting ring at the conclusion of the race quite eclipsed in its fervor that which greeted the defeat of The Baron in last year's Derby. The second and third horses were outsiders also so that professional betters won all round.

The Grand National Steeplechase yesterday was another great event for the punters. The winner, Playfair, was a thirty-to-one chance at the start and won easily, although carrying a ridiculously small amount of money. The first three favorites were not placed. The Prince of Wales' horse, Magic, which was freely backed by His Royal Highness and friends at 25 to 1 against, kept incessantly in the rear throughout, and managed to get in sight just as the winner passed the post. The Prince can turn for consolation to the yearly statement of income of the Duchy of Cornwall, which has just come in showing receipts of nearly £100,000 to be paid over to him.

Gossip of the Turf.

Trainer Owen will start the two-year-old filly Bonnie Ino in the three-quarter dash on the second day of the Ontario Jockey Club meeting. She will be the first youngster that ever sported silk at Woodbine.

It is said that Mr. J. R. Woodward of Sherbrook, will send the steeplechaser Wizard and a 3-year-old colt here to Charlie Phair to train for the Ontario Jockey Club meeting.

Mr. J. E. Seagram, the Waterloo turfman, will send his two 2-year-olds, Waterloo and Helen Leigh, to Trainer Owen this week.

It is stated that the steeplechaser Valour will not perform between the flags at the May meeting here, but will likely try for honors on the flat.

W. E. Owen has engaged the steeplechase rider Cook, who arrived here from Saratoga last week.

Trainer McBride writes from Montreal that he will arrive here next week with the following horses: Glenarm, Ten Sheal, Uledia, Meadow Queen, Albert and Athenia.

Drake Carter is now doing slow work under saddle. The old fellow feels like a 2-year-old and tries hard to unseat his rider.

Charlie Phair's horses Vigilance and Furbelow are looking well, especially the black horse. The pair are out every day doing good work on the roads.

There is a great deal of gossip about New York in regard to the sale of Hairy Jr. Rock-away. It is claimed that Mr. A. Gray Griswold has removed his hounds, and there is quite a division in the club.

Charlie Phair will again put the "prop" on Fred Henry for the Queen's Plate, and the Cheltenham candidate will arrive here next week. Phair, who was up looking at the horse last week, says he looks well and that his chances are better than ever. So well does Phair think of Fred Henry that he has already commenced to "get down" to the weight, and will ride the plater himself.

The World paid a visit to Trainer Owen's establishment yesterday and had an opportunity of seeing some of the horses out under saddle. The English lad Blair was mounted on the Queen's Plater Vickina. The little fellow who only weighs sixty-two pounds sits a horse like an old jock and has an excellent seat. He was educated in Charles Archer's stable at Newmarket, being five years in his service, and rode many good horses in their trial gallops.

A Louisville bookmaker gives the following odds for the Kentucky Derby: 6 to 1 each against Sir Dixon and Galifet, 15 to 1, The Lion and Patton; 20 to 1, Glen Fortune and Macbeth II.; 25 to 1, Afternoon, Autocrat, Cast Steel, Ed Mack, Jack Cooke, J. B. Clay, Long Roll and Wiley Buckles; 30 to 1, Col. Zob, Wave, Pyramid, The Chevalier, Wonderland and Cearwood; 35 to 1, Prince Charlie; 40 to 1, California, Ivanhoe, Kempton, Monterey, Montpelier and Phaeton; 50 to 1, Ben Butler, Clamor, Don Regent, Fabulous, Keynote, Keystone, King Cole, King Harryar, McMurtry, Notary, Piccadilly, Priam and Volter. The others range from 60 to 100 to 1.

Sullivan at the Races.

LONDON, March 24.—John L. Sullivan was among the spectators at the Liverpool meeting yesterday and backed the Prince of Wales' horse Magic for the Grand National, but only to the extent of $20. It is not at all likely, by the way, that Sullivan will get any other fight on during his stay in England. His misfortune in France has not rid other fighters of their respectful dislike of his right, damaged though it is. He will probably leave for America next month. Edward Holaka, who has just sailed and who managed Sullivan's business in England, has advised him to take as big a benefit as he can get and return to Boston and retire forever. Sullivan, however, intends to go on fighting if he can get anyone to fight with.

Brown the Winner.

HAMILTON, March 24.—Following is the score of the six day race which ended here to-night:

	Miles.	Laps.		Miles.	Laps.
Brown	214	20	Alberta	209	10
Black	172	0	Harris	156	6
Lynch	116	11			

Honors With the Gun.

There was a good crowd at McDowall's grounds on Saturday afternoon to witness the shoot between the members of the Owl Gun Club in their first of a series of six shoots for the gun presented by Enos Jones & Co. The targets were Ringers, blackbirds twenty each. The score follows:

J. Douglas	14	A. E. Beatty	9
H. George	13	J. Gould	15
T. Rich	11	J. Townson	8
J. Hawksworth	14	J. Jobbott	18
Wm. Smith	15	R. W. Sandys	13
W. Cant	16	J. St. John	10
G. Jones	10	H. Charles	14
Wm. McDowall	11		

Shots From the Gun.

A shooting match for blackbirds a side, for $10, was arranged to take place between Hutchinson and McLean at Hamilton on Saturday. Hutchinson backed out and McLean claimed the forfeit.

There will be a blackbird shoot on the grounds of the Whirlpool Shooting Club at Niagara Falls to-morrow.

The Royal Scots and the Victoria Rifles met in a friendly shooting contest in the armory of the latter with Morse's tube last Saturday evening at Montreal. The conditions were 10 men a side, 5 rounds each, at 500 and 600 yards. The Victorias won by 47 points.

Mustang vs. Bicycle.

LONDON, March 24.—The six-days match between cowboys, mounted on mustangs, and bicyclists terminated to-night in favor of the latter, the former being 281 miles to 262 for the cow boys. Lane, of Nebraska, replaced Beardsley, who was taken violently sick five hours before the finish. It is understood that a substitute was to be allowed only in case of accident. The victory was awarded to the bicyclists.

Dust From the Diamond.

McLaughlin, who will captain the Toronto team, is a quiet player, who can be relied upon not to disgust spectators with the vulgar coaching by which a few players have distinguished themselves.

New York Sun: Slattery is the crack base runner of the New York team, and shows excellent judgment in getting around the diamond.

President Spalding, of the Chicago Baseball Club, announced on Saturday that he had perfected arrangements for a trip throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Sandwich Islands. He will take two nines of the best players in America across the Pacific Ocean, leaving San Francisco the last day of next October, and playing the first game in Australia about Christmas.

The staff of the National League umpires for this season was completed on Saturday by the appointment of Valentine. Thus the staff is composed of Lynch, Daniels, Decker and Valentine.

There will be a scramble by several professional clubs to secure Stagg when he completes his course at Yale College this summer.

World's championship series between the Detroits and St. Louis Browns will open April 1 in New Orleans, and close April 14 in St. Louis.

The Philadelphia club has sent thirteen of its players to Cape May to get into condition for the coming season. Several of the most valuable of the players have refused to report for duty until their salary question is settled to their satisfaction. Fogarty, Andrews, Casey, Ferguson, Farrar, Buffington and Wood are the absentees.

It is said that Catcher Baldwin's arm is in a bad way, and that he never will again be the catcher that he was.

Hanlon has not yet signed with the Detroit club, but he demands $2500 and an extra $200 for "captaining" the team. The club will accept the former terms, but does not care to pay extra for the captaincy.

Crane's good work in the South seemed to have magic effect upon Welch, New York's veteran pitcher. Radbourne seems to have been similarly affected by the good luck of the Boston Club securing Pitcher Clarkson.

The change to the three-strike rule will not have the decided effect upon the batters that would be reformers claim. The old-time hitters will suffer, but the scientific batters will continue to line the ball out to the fence the same as ever.

Pete Wood, as rumor has it, receives $2700 this season from Hamilton. As he was offered $3000 by Cleveland, the rumor is not probably far astray.

Manager Cushman leaves with his pets for Columbus, Ohio, to-day week.

Sports of Sport.

Anderson defeated Doran in a 5-mile skating race at Meaford last Friday night. Doran claimed to be champion of Ontario, which Anderson now holds.

The East Toronto Juniors' Cricket Club held their annual meeting on Saturday. The annual report showed that the club was in a flourishing condition. Wm. Cubross was re-elected captain and Geo. Ed. Streeter secretary. The secretary wishes to hear from the local junior clubs to arrange matches for the coming season.

Delegates from several prominent athletic clubs met in New York last Thursday evening and formed what is to be known as the American Athletic Lacrosse League. It is intended to have each club form a team, and to have match games such as those of the baseball league. Experienced players will go from Canada to teach each team.

The Woodstock College and Galt football clubs play a game on Good Friday.

A despatch from San Francisco, Cal., says: Football has created almost as much a craze at Oakland as baseball did.

Close of the Doutney Campaign.

The eight weeks' series of meetings by Mr. and Mrs. Doutney terminated yesterday, when there were crowded audiences in the Pavilion afternoon and evening. The chief speakers were Rev. Dr. Fulton, Dr. McCully and Mr. Doutney. The gave vigorous temperance addresses, Mr. Doutney and the Jubilee troupe sang and the proceedings were very successful. It is claimed that 1800 persons have signed the pledge at the Doutney meetings.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

56 births, 12 marriages and 38 deaths were registered at the City Hall last week.

The plan for Mr. Cook's lecture opens at Messrs. Nordheimer's this morning punctually at 10 o'clock. Those who desire to reserve their seats should do so at once.

The Bond-street Congregational Choir presented Organist J. G. Lawson with a handsome clock and address on Friday night, the occasion being a birthday party at his residence on Charles-street.

Registered at the Hotels.

Mr. R. J. Whitla of Winnipeg is at the Rossin.
Mr. W. W. Woodcock of New York is at the Rossin.
Mr. W. C. Mitchell of West Virginia is at the Rossin.
Mr. Thomas Garrett of New York is at the Queen's.
Mr. Hugh Paton of Montreal is at the Queen's.
Mr. Alex. Hart of Glasgow, Scotland, is at the Queen's.
Mr. B. W. Arnold of Albany, N.Y., is at the Walker.
Mr. H. S. Stanton of Montreal is at the Walker.
Mr. A. Wren of London is at the Walker.
Mr. R. Freeman of New York is at the Palmer.
Mr. J. A. McCausland of London is at the Palmer.
Mr. E. B. Butterworth of Ottawa is at the Palmer.

At the Albion: J. E. Firth, Berlin; Peter Tae and wife, Berlin; J. C. Cooper, Hamilton; W. W. Richards, Newport; C. T. Hogg, Ingersoll; J. Ketchum, Orangeville; Henry Vaughan and wife, New York; J. E. Finolim, Kansas City.

Strong Gales.

Weather for Ontario: Strong easterly winds and gales; mostly cloudy, milder weather, with snow and rain.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Wieland from Hamburg, Umbria, Ohio from Liverpool, La Bretagne from Havre, Rotterdam from Rotterdam.
At Havre: La Gascogne from New York.

TEARS AT A LOVE FEAST.

THE FINAL SERVICES AT RICHMOND-ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

Interesting and Impressive Gathering Yesterday Afternoon—Reopening of Christ Church—A Cosy Place of Worship—The M. C. Program for Holy Week.

A great many of those who attended the closing services in Richmond-street Church yesterday morning remained in the old building all day, partaking of refreshments in the basement. The congregations were very large at all the services, and to use the words of a veteran Methodist who passed out as the last hymn was being sung: "We had a glorious day of it, and it was indeed good to be here." Superintendent Williams conducted the morning services, Rev. Thomas Fawcett the Love-feast in the afternoon, and Rev. Dr. Sutherland the closing services at night.

More interest perhaps centred in the love feast than either of the other services, although all were of the most impressive character. Besides Rev. Mr. Fawcett there were on the platform, Rev. Thos. Cullen, Pastor John Pickering, Rev. D. Harper, Rev. Mr. Gay, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Talmadge and others. After singing and prayer a call was made for expressions from the congregation, and there was a great straining of necks as the first person, a lady, stood up to tell of her conversion and of what the Lord had done for her. The relation of her experience were greeted with old time amens and hallejahs from different parts of the church and from the venerable conductor of the meeting, the pastor and others on the platform.

Indeed so great was the enthusiasm manifested by the brothers and sisters that several were always on their feet at once and had to be called on in their turn. A great majority of those who spoke had been Christians for from 40 years to half a century. One lady said: "I am a stranger here but not a stranger to Christ Jesus, and I thank God for it," and the chairman remarked, "That's what our fathers and mothers called 'Holy Ghost religion.'" A prominent member of the town Police Force said he had found a full and free salvation 20 years ago. A sister said: now she had been saved, but backslided through attending dancing parties, but now she was once more full of love for Jesus.

A speaker on the platform told of his early conversion, of the glorious love feasts and other old time religious services he had attended with the conductor of the meeting, at which the latter present, in turn, appears to have handkerchiefs were applied to about one-half the eyes in the congregation. Then as some gray haired brother or sister would rise to speak, from every corner of the church were to be heard words of encouragement to them to go on, while sobs mingled with prayers and ejaculations of joy. The church and old building was filled from floor to ceiling with prayer and praise, which continued till some one started a hymn, in which all joined most heartily:

What is there here to court my stay,
Or hold me back from home,
While angels beckon me away
And Jesus bids me come?

In the evening Rev. Dr. Sutherland conducted the service, and short addresses were delivered by him and by Rev. Dr. Bredin, Rev. Thomas Cullen, Rev. Dr. Harper, Mr. Blythe and Pastor John Pickering. The pastor of the church and all of the officials had seats on the platform, and the service was most impressive. The doxology, sung with great fervor by the choir and congregation, brought the last church service in Old Richmond-Street to a close.

To-night the Young People's Society of the Church will hold a farewell meeting in the Board room, to be conducted by the organizer of the society, Rev. Isaac Tovell. After that the doors of Richmond-street Church, as a church, will be closed forever.

Reopening Services at Christ Church.

Christ Church (Reformed Episcopal) at Ceer-Howell and Simcoe streets, was reopened yesterday for divine service, after being closed up for repairs made necessary owing to a fire in the building a couple of months ago. This was the second fire resulting from the same cause, the furnace, but in neither instance did any loss fall on the congregation, as the church was fully insured.

Methodist ministers occupied the pulpit in the morning and afternoon, and large congregations were present at all of the services. Rev. D. G. Sutherland preached in the morning, Rev. Hugh Johnston in the afternoon and the pastor of the church, Rev. T. W. Campbell, B.D., in the evening. The interior of the church looks exceedingly well after its "baptism of fire." The woodwork has been repainted, the walls frescoed and the floor repaired. The building is one of the coziest places of worship in the city. Prior to the sermon the pastor explained that he wished to contradict a statement that seems to have got abroad to the effect that the church was hopelessly in debt. The fact was that only $200 per annum was required to pay the interest on the church debt and provide for the sinking fund.

His text was from 1 Peter, chapter 3, verse xv., and his discourse was a vindication of the principels of the Reformed Episcopal Church whose platform was, he said, the broadest of any of the evangelistic churches. He declared that Romanism was corrupting and honey-combing the Protestant Episcopal Church and would continue to do so so long as its doctrines were high church and ritualistic. He instanced the case of Protestant churches where prayers were said for the dead and where the bells had been ordered to toll while the funeral of a Roman Catholic Archbishop was in progress. The Reformed Episcopal Church repudiated such doctrines and practices as these, nor does it believe the sacramental bread and wine were the real body and blood of Christ, or that a child is regenerated by the office of baptism.

The choir added greatly to the success of the services by singing a number of anthems in a very creditable manner.

Roman Catholic Program for Holy Week.

Palm Sunday was duly observed in all the Catholic churches of the city yesterday. The distribution of the Palms took place at 9 o'clock mass, immediately following the ceremony of blessing them. All the churches were crowded, there being scarcely standing room in the cathedral. The mission was closed in the morning, the number of communicants being unusually large. A Brief from the Pope was read at all masses, ordering a special collection in the churches on Good Friday, the proceeds to go towards the repairing of the churches and sacred buildings throughout the Holy Land.

The program for Holy week is as follows: At 9 a.m. on Holy Thursday the Archbishop will bless the Holy Oils, all the priests of the diocese being ordered to attend and assist in the ceremony, which will take place in the Cathedral. After mass on the same day the Eucharist or Consecrated Host, will be placed in a repository, at which the faithful will worship until Good Friday. On Good Friday there will be Mass of the Presanctified. On Saturday morning the ceremony of blessing the new fire will be performed, followed by the singing of the prophecies and blessing of the Paschal Candles. The Office of Tenebrae will be sung on the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rev. C. A. Cook's Farewell.

The Parliament-street Baptist Church was crowded last night, when the pastor, Rev. C. A. Cook, gave a farewell address. Mr. Cook has been pastor of the church five years, and has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, N.J. Last night he gave a short sketch of his life in the ministry, holding that God had guided him in every move he had made. He invoked divine blessing on the congregation, and beseeched the people of the church to work for the spread of the gospel with their whole strength. Dr. Castle said he remembered Mr. Cook fourteen years ago as an earnest, active young Christian, and had marked his course with great pride.

A Sermon in Welsh.

In the parlor of Shaftesbury Hall last night there was a large gathering of members of St. David's Society and friends to hear a sermon in Welsh by Mr. Skym, a theological studnes at McMaster Hall. The sermon was an impressive one founded on 1 Kings xiv., 13, and was much appreciated by the Welshmen.

Sale of Real Estate.

Oliver, Coate & Co. on Saturday disposed of the following properties:

Lots 14 and 15, east side of Huron-street, each having a frontage of 50 ft. by a depth of 190 ft. 6 in. to a 22 ft. lane; on each lot are stone foundations for two houses.—Sold to F. P. Lee for $5700.

The property known as Jubilee Hall, on the north side of College-