

THE CITY AND VICINITY.

THE DAILY ROUND OF LIFE IN AND ABOUT TORONTO.

What the People are Doing and Saying and Thinking About—Brief Notes Gathered Everywhere by Wide-Awake World Reporters.

Jan's it about time a meeting of the Quill club was called.

The students in the School of Science get their canines "stiffs" from the city pound.

One was taken up yesterday and will be on the table today.

Mr. Adam Darling of Montreal arrived in this city last night, it is said for the purpose of presenting a bill against the directors of the Ontario bank.

Dr. Wild's sermon on Sunday night on Parliament and the prophet Isaiah is now in the bookstores. The report is a verbatim one and reliable.

Mr. John Gordon of the Mail, who was injured by being thrown from a buggy at St. Catharines last week, is recovering and will be able to be about in a week or so.

Benough's Cosmopolitan is edited by Mr. Tom Benough is back in the editorial chair and already improvements are showing up. No short-handler should be without it.

Mr. Chas. Brown of the Dominion livery met with a serious accident while taking a fence at the hunt on Saturday. The horse caught his legs, and falling broke Mr. Brown's collar-bone, and otherwise badly injured him. His injuries are not serious. Dr. Kelly, who was luckily present at the hunt.

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THE CONTRACT MYSTERY.

Meeting of the Board of Works—Other Matters—Clyde Street Sewer—Commissioners and Engineers Report—Boulders.

A special meeting of the board of works was held yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance—namely, the chairman, Ald. Baxter, Ryan, Davis, Steiner, Carlyle and Irwin; and besides these, the engineer, commissioner and solicitor, the mayor and Ald. Clarke and H. Haman.

Ald. Baxter wished to know why they were called out of the regular order. Ald. Blevins then related the circumstance of the finding of the contract in a mutilated condition, and said this was the origin of the special meeting. The triple asked whether there was reason to believe that it had been done maliciously. Ald. Baxter said no one could tell that yet, but he had no doubt it had been done maliciously.

The chairman said the detective had thought the matter should lie over until they investigated it.

Ald. Baxter would like to ask the solicitor whether he could from his recollection state the amount of the penalty in the contract.

The solicitor—"I feel that perhaps it is best for me to say nothing at all about this matter either one way or the other. He then tossed the chairman a copy of the Telegram. The chairman read the paragraph pointed out, and said that the man who inserted the \$10 a day evidently had procured the burning of the contract so that his contract could not be identified. A member asked who filled in the blanks.

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THE SPORTING WORLD.

THE YACHTING. HANLAN IN TRAINING.

Plaiated is now actively engaged in training Hanlan for his forthcoming race with Rowell. It is pretty certain that the race will be rowed at Washington, and not at St. Louis. The champion will probably leave the city about Nov. 1. He will take the boat this evening, and will be in the city on the 21st. Plaiated says there is a good deal of malaria at St. Louis, and it is not a safe place to train in. Trockett is still in the city. The latter is all finished with his training, and will be in the city on the 21st. Perhaps these carmen are not aware that Washington is "chuck full" of malaria.

WALLACE ROWE IN TRAINING. Wallace Rowe is training for his race with Hanlan at Portland, Me., under the mentorship of John A. Kennedy. Joseph Flynn, who styles himself a "Tipperary man," and David Goodwin of Baltimore, are the fastest articles in London to row over the Thames championship course for \$1000.

THE YACHTING. ABOUT THE MADGE. The Sporting Life, London, says: "It is no secret that the Madge has been sent out as a test boat, she being one of the handsomest models of the modern British type, and built by Watson of Glasgow, the designer of the steel cutter Vanguard, which created almost a sensation in the south last year. Who adds to the victory in the Madge, the fastest time in London, British crew in American waters and sailing according to American rules and regulations of yacht racing."

THE BICYCLE. THE INTERNATIONAL RACES. At Boston, Mass., the second inter-league race between the Boston and Massachusetts bicycle clubs proved very exciting. The race was won by the Boston club, W. Wall of the former club beat the record of any 10-mile race in America, making it in 22m 22s. The fastest time previous to this being about 39m.

LACROSSE. TIPS. The Union lacrosse club of Boston will play the Shamrocks in Boston on October 30. The New York lacrosse club having declined to play the Union club of Boston on October 29, the clubs will be unable to meet this year.

YOUNG CANADIANS VS. MACKINAW. There was a match between the two clubs on Saturday, the Young Canadians being victorious by a score of two to one. The match was played on the 22nd, resulting in a victory for the Canadians in one hour and 50 minutes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—At the completion of the lacrosse match between the New York and the Young Canadians, Montreal, on Saturday, the two clubs, with their guests, to the number of forty-eight were entertained at a dinner by Mr. Erasmus Flynn, the party broken up by the "Globe" and "Queen" and giving three cheers for President Arthur.

THE OTTAWA RACES. THE OTTAWA RACES. The Ottawa races took place on Saturday, the 24th. The mile dash was won by Nelson, winner of the Quebec queen's plate, Susan Moak second, and Kienzie third; time 1:52. The steeple chase was won by George Jackson on the Green three hider (Wingfield) at the first jump. Darkness coming on, the race was abandoned. The first in 59 sec., and Chrystie made the second in 58 sec., and Ryan in 59 sec.

THE CAMBRIDGE RACES. The latest betting for the Cambridge races is 5 to 1 against Isidore, 7 to 1 against Red, and 10 to 1 against Lucy Glitters, and 30 to 1 against Don Fulana.

SMALL TALK. Sam Collyer, the pugilist, is at crutches. George Rook and W. C. McClellan are matched to fight for \$1000 a side and the middle weight championship. The fight is fixed for the 11th of November near New York.

George Little of New York has an eight-teen-pound slug that he wishes to match against any pugilist in America for \$1000 a side. A Kentucky dog is preferred—the fight to take place in Baltimore.

In the match between Dr. Carver and Carney of the West of England club, Carver won by a score of two to one. The contest at 100 pigeons, Carver won by eleven birds. The matches took place on the 24th, by the "Globe" and "Queen".

The Toronto football club expect to play the Britannias of Montreal a return match on November 5th. The Toronto University club expect to play McGill a return match on the 7th. Both matches will be in Montreal.

Along the globe fight between Al Williams (colored) and Seward for the Police Gazette medal and the heavy weight championship of Illinois, was won by the latter, on November 16.

Thomas J. Gallagher, William Sexton, Joseph Dion, Jacob Schaefer, Maurice Daly, Lon Morris, jr., and Thomas Wallace, are the contestants in a play in the billiard tournament in New York next month.

Frank McGowan and Dennis Lyons had a prize fight near Bull's Ferry, N. J., on Sunday. The fight lasted an hour and twenty-seven minutes. Seventy-nine rounds were fought. Both men were badly hurt, and Lyons is in a critical condition.

Paidy Ryan who is to fight Sullivan of New York for the heavy weight championship and \$5000, is said to be breaking up in consequence of neglecting to take proper care of himself during the past year. The second deposit of \$1000 a side in the match will be posted on the 9th prox. Harry Hill is stakeholder.

CONFEDERATE BONDS. FRANKFURT, MARKS, Oct. 24. Confederate bonds have been dealt in and quoted at the exchange here at two to two and a half per cent, the demand coming from Rotterdam.

Last week the police seized all posters and bills in the restaurants giving information to those intending to emigrate to America.

Sugar from the Philippines. NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A steamer arrived today from the Philippine Islands with a cargo of 2300 tons of sugar. This is said to be the first cargo of sugar from the Philippine Islands to the United States. It is believed to be the largest cargo of sugar ever imported into the United States. The cargo is valued at \$1,000,000, the duty on the cargo being \$125,000.

BAXTER'S LITTLE GAME.

How he Got a Lower Berth in the Pullman on a Trip to Montreal.

The following was first published in a well-known paper of New York—the Dramatic News—and as it undoubtedly concerns a gentleman well known in Toronto, his many friends will be pleased to read it. Yet to laugh at it: Ald. Baxter is a man who is neither lank nor lean, nor haggard nor thin, nor even comical-looking. In his lighter moments he weighs scarcely less than three hundred and fifty pounds, and there are times when his bulk amounts to an even higher figure. He is not only one of the most amiable, but one of the wisest of mankind as well. He has the collective wisdom of a large assortment of sects, as well as the conglomerate intellect of a whole lot full of dopes—namely, a man who has to pilot such a tonnage through the shoals and over the quicksands of existence. Mr. Baxter is something of a traveller—greatly not merely in the physical sense of his corporeity, but great also in respect to the area of territory over which he has journeyed; and so it becomes necessary at times for Mr. Baxter to patronize the blessed monopoly of Mr. George M. Pullman, and there is hardly a sleeping car porter in the employ of that nontrous corporation who does not know him, and who does not, when he sees him, revel in anticipating the double "tip" which Mr. Baxter invariably bestows.

About ten days ago Mr. Baxter had occasion to go to Montreal. Preferring to travel by night, he descended with much ponderous solemnity upon the Union station at the hour of six, it being his definite purpose to get to the city of St. Lawrence by the morning train. He was accordingly entering into the car with a heavy trunk, and he was about to take his seat when he was accosted by a man who called himself "William."

"Do you mean to tell me, William," inquired Mr. Baxter, "that you are going to the school of science, where Prof. Wright will make an autopsy in the presence of his students. The residence men in college held a meeting last night and resolved to abstain from snuff for the next two weeks, and a committee was appointed to inspect all meat served up by the stewards. They are evidently afraid of his sealship finding his way into the dining-room."

"The Toronto Turkish Baths, 233 Queen street west, are open every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m."

DEATHS. STRATTON.—In this city, on the 22nd October, the wife of Alex. M. Stratton, a daughter, MABELLED.

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