First Day of the Big Curling Bonspiel.

The London Rink Is Out of the Race.

Girls Fight a Fierce Bout of Five Rounds-Junior Southern Ontario Hockey Schedule-Sprinter in Trouble.

> CURLING. THE BIG BONSPIEL.

The results of the big curling bonspiel in Detroit are given below. The London (Forest City) club's score— London 31, Chatham 37—was published in yesterday evening's issue. The to examine all would-be participants Detroit Free Press says: The curling in proposed boxing exhibitions." began late in the morning and continued throughout the day. Windsor and Grand Rapids have new clubs, and the games between the rinks representing them were interesting. The Windsor club is but two weeks old, and the victory over Grand Rapids will materially help the organizers. Toledo lost to Ridgetown, one of the contests being close. The finest curling of the day was the series between St. Marys and Thamesville, both of the St. Marys rinks winning, one by two shots and the other by nine, making a total of eleven. Geo. N. Matheson, of Sarnia, who is umpire, said he never saw better curling than in this series. The shot which gave St. Marys the victory in the close game was a beauty, and dislodging a stone from

the "Tee," the St. Marys stone sent down by Mr. Andrews stopped right in the little ring. Stratford and Woodstock had a tight fit, Stratford winning by one. One rink was tied, and in the other Stratford made the odd shot. Chatham beat the Forest City players six shots, and the local curlers were very happy to see Detroit down Sarnia. Detroit won on one rink 16 to 7 and on the other lost 15 to 18, making the

majority five shots. Scores: TOLEDO. RIDGETOWN. Kimnar, Alexander, Ireland. D McLertch. Cauldwell, skip. C E Dauphin, skip...15 W C McMasler,
Dr J Slattin,
A N McKinley,
Col Gillis, skip.....14 Ricke, A H Coldham, Winders, Dr Coldham, skip....

Ridgetown wins by seven shots. WINDSOR. GRAND RAPIDS. J Peddie, J N Anderson D Forbes. J N Anderson.
J R Greenhill,
C T Cooney. skip....24 McNab, skip... Dr J A Ashbaugh,
A McNee,
A H Dalziel,
Col Carley, skip.... D Reeves, Geo McInnes, H Sherwood, ...17 J McGregor, skip.... ...41 Total. Windsor wins by'27 shots. THAMESVILLE. ST. MARYS. Wm Wray, skip.....16 J Oddy, skip... J W Wood. CS Rumsey, J D Moors, D Farlane, Mayhew. .24 Total.

R Ferguson, skip.... 8 W Andrews, skip....17 St. Marys wins by eleven shots. WOODSTOCK. STRATFORD. H J Powell, M McIllhardey, 8 Watson D C O'Grady, skip ... 14 J McFadden, skip ... 15 C McQuaig.

J H Hamilton,

J Steele.

J Whitehead.

J H Canfield, skip... 13 A F McLaren, skip... 13 Stratford wins by one shot. SARNIA. DETROIT. J Stevenson, W Craig, F Bamford. W Hamilton, Mackenzie. Mackenzie, skip... 7 J J Dodds, skip......15 A M Kerr, J S Keen, Williamson, fun

A Crawford, skip 18 T Williamson, skip. . 1525 Total..... Total Detroit wins by five shots. Following were the results of the play in the evening; ST. MARYS. DETROIT lames Chalmers. Jos Oddy, skip......16 J J Dodds, skip......13 J W Wood.
C S Rumsey,
J D Moore,
Wm Andrews, skip.. 8

A M Kerr.
J S Keen.
J Williamson, jun,
T Williamson, skip..17 ..24 Total......30 Detroit wins by six shots. RIDGETOWN. STRATFORD. A H King.

W McMaster. J Strele, John Welsh, J Stalker, A F McKinley, A F McLaren, skip.. 9 Col Gillis, skip P Bawden, J G Little, H J Powell, C McIlharay, W S Watson, D Leitch, Chas Dauphin, skip. 8 J A McFadden, skip. 1724 Total......26 Stratford wins by two shots. WINDSOR. EMBRO. W Peddie. A Bain, C Gordon, W Durrean, W Niel, skip... Anderson J Greenhill, C T Cooney, skip... 17 Dr Ashbaugh, DR Ross, A McNee,
A Dalziel,
D L Corley, skip,...11 R A Geddes, skip...22

Total28 Total ... Embro wins by four shots. The following clubs are in the finals for the Walker trophy: Stratford vs. Embro: Chatham vs. Detroit. In the second event, for the Cadillac trophy, Ridgetown meets Grand Rapids; Sarnia vs. Woodstock; Windsor

The Forest City players were unable to remain to play off their draws and it is known among a few that for the other trophies, and returned they have paid as high as \$1 62 1-2 for to the city yesterday. They report something extra choice within the last the bonspiel as the most successful ever held in this part of the country. DETROIT WINS THE WALKER

CUP. Detroit, Jan. 8.—Detroit won in the final for the Walker Cup in the curling contest of the International Bonbeating Stratford, Ont., by 2 shots. The total scores of the day and evening games were as follows: Chatham, 25; Detroit, 26; Embro, 19; Stratford, 35; Ridgetown, 46; Grand Rapids, 14; Sarnia, 33; Woodstock, 30; St. Marys, 27; Windsor, 26; Embro, 33; Toledo, 23: Thamesville, 19; Chatham, 23; Detroit, 26; Stratford, 24; Ridgetown, 20; Chatham, 16; Sarnia, 27; St.

Two rinks of curiers will play at points of delivery are very small. ley medal.

ATHLETICS.

GIRLS IN THE RING. Williamsport, Jan. 8. - The most unique prize fight in the history of the Susquehanna Valley has been fought here between Daisy Hemp and Violet blue-blooded sports. Five fiercely contested rounds were fought with fiveounce gloves. The first three rounds sumption.

were hot ones. Each girl knew how to use her hands, and upper cuts and hard body blows followed in rapid succession. In the fourth round Daisy stopped the fight to tie up her golden hair, and then went on. The fifth round ended without a knockout, but each girl showed evidence of a hard-fought contest. Daisy was declared

DUFFY'S DEATH - VERDICT OF THE JURY. New York, Jan. 8 .- The jury in the Duffy case rendered a verdict that "James Duffy came to his death on the 4th of January, 1897, in the St. Vincent Hospital, by meningeal hemorrhage, superinduced by over-excitement, following a boxing exhibition with George W. Justice, and accelerated by hypertrophy of the heart; and we exonerate from all blame the said club; Thomas O'Rourke, manager; Richard Roche, referee, and George W. Justice, principal. We recommend that every regularly organized athltic club or institution be compelled by law to have a reputable and com-

in proposed boxing exhibitions," SPRINTING.

BOYD IN TROUBLE. Boyd, the sprinter, who was brought to Montreal from Chatham, on Christmas Day, on an accusation of ob-taining money in Montreal under false pretenses, has elected to be tried by a jury at the March term of the Court of Queen's Bench.

HOCKEY. The Woodstock hockey team will play their first match in the S. O. H. A. championship series at Ingersoll this (Friday) night, Paris being the first club to be tackled.

JUNIOR SCHEDULE. Toronto, Jan. 8 .- The following schedule for the junior clubs of the Southern Ontario Hockey Association has been arranged: Western district, on or before Jan. 9-Dunville at Hamilton; Jan. 16, Paris at Dunville; Jan. 23, Hamilton at Paris; Jan. 30, Paris at Hamilton, Feb. 3, Dunville at Paris; Feb. 13, Hamilton at Dunville. East-ern district—Jan. 9, Niagara II. vs. St. Catharines Owls; Jan. 16, Owls at Niagara Falls; Jan. 23, Niagara Falls at Niagara; Jan. 30, Niagara at St. Catharines; Feb. 6, Owls at Niagara; Feb. 12, Niagara at Niagara Falls. Ingersoll has been admitted in the western senior series, and Dunville will play the Victoria Juniors in Hamilton tomorrow.

A Stubborn Fire.

Ex-Mayor Hodgens' Barns on Water. loo Street Burned.

The Fire Companies Fight it for Three Hours.

Fire partially destroyed ex-Mayor Hodgens' stables at the rear of his residence, Waterloo street north, early this morning. About 2:30 a.m. Mr. Wm. J. Anthistle, who lives nearby room window the stables on fire, and Darville turned in the box number, and the brigade at the central station made the run in less than eight min-

utes. No. 3 Company soon arrived, but the fire was so stubborn that it was 45 minutes before it could be got under control with the two streams. As soon as Mr. Anthistle awakened Mr. Hodgens, they proceeded to get be no doubt of the heartiness of his the stock, comprising eight valuable horses and a cow, out of the stable,

all of which were happily saved. The main barn was brick, and the roof of this building and two tons of hay were destroyed. The frame portion between the main building and the resiwas lost several carriages, sets of harness and equipments. The firemen were three hours fighting the corted by the snowshoers, flames, but at no time was the handsome residence of Mr. Hodgens endangered.

Three years ago Mr. Hodgens was the victim of a very destructive blaze, by which he lost extensive stables in London township. The damage is esmated at about \$1,500, which is not quite covered by insurance.

MIDDLESEX.

Latest Returns in the Election of County Councilors.

The following are the latest and complete returns from divisions four and seven of the county for the position of country councilors: Campbell. McDougal. Webster. Ekfrid 424 129 Mosa290 Glencoe,.164

Newbury 47 Wardsville .. . 70 Totals 995 932 W. Nis-N. Dorsouri. chester, Total. Thos. Duffin .785 844 D MacLachlan.135 S. Pardy 450 J. Robinson .. 23 East and West Williams and Park- dress the meeting.

hill are yet to hear from in division 2. WHEAT IN CALIFORNIA BOOM-

ING. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 8 .- Wheat in this market has become a scarce article and is daily advancing. Shippers would willingly pay \$1 60 per cental for good No. 1 shipping wheat, something extra choice within the last three days. Owing to the growing scarcity of wheat in this State, the San Francisco market posseses a firmness independent of the other leading markets. It is said that there is not more than 250,000 tons of wheat remaining in the entire State to supply the export demand and home requirements before another crop is harvested. There has been a decrease of 74,475 tons within one year. Vessels are not quotable over 17s 6d Freights are in over-supply. Vessels are not quotable over 17s 6d to the United Kingdom. This is believed to favor a rise in wheat. The bulls believe that wheat will reach close on to \$2 per cental in the local market before July 1. The daily receipts of wheat at Port Costa and other tidal

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Premier Laurier in Quebec City.

Enthusiastic Welcome to the Old Capital.

Strong Resolutions in Favor of the Manitoba School Settlement.

The Premier's Ringing Appeal for Civic and Religious Liberty.

petent physician or surgeon on hand Mr. Laurier Has No Quarrel With the Clergy, but Invites All to Join Hands to Promote Canada's Welfare.

> Quebec, Jan. 8 .- The following are meeting here last night: RESOLUTIONS.

"That we have learned with the greatest satisfaction that the Laurier Government after less than six months in power has succeeded in doing what its predecessors could not do in six years, and obtained without violence towards the Government of Manitoba concessions for teaching in the schools of the religion of the Catholic minwhich constitutes a satisfactory basis for the settlement of the school question in that Province.
"That we are of the opinion that the

proposed settlemenet is the best that it was possible to obtain, in view of the excitement caused by the delay, doubledealing and two-faced policy of the preceding Governments. "That we are convinced that from the moment the Government of Manîtoba was disposed to make reasonable concessions every attempt to impose upon that Province a Federal law would have the effect of throwing the country into an agitation, trouble and discussion, of which the first victim would be the Catholic minority of Manitoba, and would have disastrous cheers.)

results for the minority in the other provinces of the Dominion.
"That we are of the opinion that the proposed settlement, if, as we have reason to hope after the declaration of the Prime Minister of Manitoba, is Club. Speaking briefly in English, Mr. placed in operation in a broad, liberal Laurier said that he relied not only on and generous spirit, will cause all the French-Canadians and his colegitimate grievances of the Catholic religionists for help and support, but minority to disappear, will give them also on the English and Protestants. schools provided with Catholic teachers wherever it is possible, and will and all the time. (Cheers.) He had to have for their children schools in which their religious beliefs will be ever appealed to prejudice. He adrespected, and where they can be dressed himself to men of all races

own clergy. Mr. Hodgens, noticed from his bed- that the proposed settlement permits the minority of French origin to have in their schools instruction in their while he ran to arouse Mr. Hodgens, mother language, and at the same Mrs. Anthistle telephoned the fire department. A few minutes later P. C. with those of other races.'

These resolutions, adopted with unanimity and enthusiasm at an immense mass meeting at the drill shed, express the opinion of the great maority of the pepole of Quebec on the school settlement. QUEBEC'S WELCOME.

It was Mr. Laurier's first appearance before the electors of Quebec since the settlement, and there could reception. Representatives from all the snowshoe clubs of the city to the number of about 500 gathered about 7:30 in the courtyard of the Chateau Frontenac, where the Premier was staying, to escort him to the place of meeting. When he appeared, accomdence was burned to the ground. With panied by Senator Pelletier, he was greeted with great cheering. Having entered a four-in-hand, he was eswith torches blazing and bugle bands playing, along Grand Alle, which was lined with people. At the drill shed an immense crowd had gathered, and it was with difficulty that Mr. Laurier could make his way to the platform. The galleries were packed, ad the immense hall was about three-quarters filled, so that there must have been at least 6,000 or 7,000 electors present. Mr. Laurier's appearance on the platform was the signal for prolonged cheering. The chair was occupied by Mr. Amadee Robitaille, and among those on the platform were Hon. Pierre Garneau, Hon. Joseph Sheyn, Dr. Hanper, Thos. Davidson, Dr. Guerin, M.P., J. P. Cooke, P. C. J. Lafrance, D. Archand, H. Patry, M. A. Hearn, Q.C., Hon. Mr. Sylvestere, Didier Montambault, Q.C., Dr. Rinfret, M.P., H. G. Carroll, M.P., Hon. D. A. Ross, Mr. Laliberte, M.P.P., Peter Johnson, Hon. F. Langelier, M.P., Hon. Dr. Marcil, Senator Pelletier, Rich. Turner, Hon. F. G. Marchand, P. B. Savard, M.P.P., A. Choqueite, M.P., Mayor Parent, Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, Mr. Talbot,

> The chairman, Mr. Robitaille, opened the proceedings by reading the re- men who will compose No. 2 for the solutions quoted above, which were coming year. Trustee Buchner occureceived with great applause. then called upon the Premier to ad-

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH. met with a regular ovation. occasion was critical. He had impressed upon a smaller Montreal audience the substantial value of the contract the substantial value of the contra cessions obtained from the Govern-ment of Manitoba. How would he Architect Matthews. succeed in the thoroughly French and Catholic city of Quebec before such an immense gathering? The result could not be denied. From the start he evidently had the entire sympathy of the audience, and he concluded in a whirl of applause. Under the circumstances the address was bound to cover much the same ground as that of last. week. He pointed out that the judgment of the Privy Council did not declare, nor did Mr. Ewart, the advocate of the minority, claim that separate schools should be restored in their entirety. Mr. Greenway, by the terms of the settlement, granted concessions of the greatest value, and for this reason he had insisted that the Premier of Manitoba should be invited to the banquet in Montreal. Speaking there, Mr. Greenway had not only shown his willingness to carry out that settlement in a generous spirit, but had gone further and promised to give the minority representation on the Board of Education, and other advantages. Mr. Greenway also promised to remedy any grievances of the minority when brought to his attention. Mr. Laurier eulogized the patriotism of Mr. Prendergast, whose name was received with great cheer-ing. Leaving the terms of the settlement proper, Mr. Laurier declared, amidst cheers, that history showed that the wise policy was the policy of moderation. He made a warm appeal ifornia entertainer (recitals and impersonations), and Miss Alice Drummond, mandolin soloist.

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Miss Marion Short's efforts were so highly appreciated that on several parts.

to his French-Canadian fellow-coun-MODERATE AND REASONABLE

in their demands. He showed that it was traditional with them to be so. and recalled the periods of Papineau and Lafontaine, to whom the Prov-ince owes much of its civil liberty to-He quoted the advice of Lafontaine to his fellow-countrymen after the union, to be, above all things, moderate in their own interest and that of the country, and declared that he desired no better epitaph to be engraved on his tomb than Lafontaine's memorable words: "Let the country be saved, even if I perish myself." He hoped that this beautiful Dominion was about to enter an era of peace and prosperity, but said that if it was the intention to keep this Province in a constant turmoil and to make it, like Spain, the theater of bitter religious controversy and conflict, which kept it stationary while the sister provinces were forging ahead, he wished it to be distinctly understood that he would take no part in such conflicts, and that the responsibility would rest in the proper quarter. He stood and would stand for PERFECT CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FOR ALL.

(Great cheers.) He wanted to see his French-Canadian fellow-countrymen in Manitoba the equal of other races. He Quebec, Jan. 8.—The following are desired to see his fellow-countrymen the resolutions passed at the Laurier of this Province of Quebec keep pace in tolerance and other respects with their English-speaking brethren in ther provinces, so that controversial questions which were blocking their path might be cleared away, and an era of great public works inaugurated to make the St. Lawrence the great highway of American trade, and particularly to benefit the province. (Cheers.) For years the energies of the French-Canadians had been wasted in fruitless discussions. Even their right to call themselves Catholic Libority as well as the French language, erals was denied them, as if Liberalism in politics was incompatible with the Catholic religion. Civil, political, and religious liberty are sisters, and if religious liberty hopes to triumph political liberty must be respected (Cheers.) He declared emphatically that he had no quarrel with the clergy, and added that no more hypocritical cry was ever raised. There was no foundation for it. He eulogized the services of the clergy as the pioneers of civilization, and declared that a new era was opening up for this country, and he and his friends believed that the clergy would be only true to their traditions by becoming the apostles of progress in the future as in the past. (Loud and prolonged

THE LEADER'S CONFIDENCE. Mr. Laurier on resuming his seat permit them where such is impossible spoken in all parts of the Dominion. taught religion by members of their and religions. "And," declared Mr. Laurier, "on these lines I will triumph, for triumph I will." (Great cheering.) Mr. Robitaille then presented the resolutions, which were adopted with enthusiasm, and the audience dispersed after cheers for the Queen and Mr. Laurier. The Snowshoers re-formed in line,

and escorted the Premier back to the Chateau Frontenac. As Chambermaid.

One of the Astor Family Working in a Hotel.

She Will Soon Receive a Snug Little

Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 8 .- Miss L. Drayton Astor, an heiress and descendant of the late John Jacob Astor, of New York, is employed as a chambermaid in the Hotel Sicher, here, under the name of Dratic Langdon. She is a daughter of W. D. Astor, who died in St. Louis 23 years ago, leaving his only child in charge of her aunt, wife of the late Major Langdon. Six years later the aunt died, leaving "Dratic" to fight her way in the world. She acquired a common school education, and was sent out as a public speaker by the National Reform Association. Three years ago she suffered a severe attack of pneumonia and was compelled to abandon her position on account of a weak voice. Attorney Garesche, of St.Louis, who has Miss Astor's interest in charge, says that she will receive a legacy of \$20,000 in June, 1897, left by her cousin, Miss Drexel, of Philadelphia, who recently entered a convent.

EDUCATION MATTERS.

No. 2 Committee, Board of Education, Holds Its Final Meeting.

No. 2 committee of the Board of M.P., A. A. Bruneau, M.P., Dr. Fiset, Education held its final meeting last M.P., Col. Geo. White, Lieut.-Col. Roy night, when matters were straightennight, when matters were straightened up and a clean slate left for the pied the chair, and Trustees Burdick, Bayly, Keenleyside, Wilkins, Dr. Campbell and Secretary McElheran THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Laurier, on rising to speak, was ting of 27 cords of wood for the King The street school will be divided among the

says: Trustee Bayly drew aftention to the fact that two large cesspits had been discovered under the foundation of the addition to Talbot street school,

built four years ago. He stated that the law superseding the Wilson bill. the foundation was being damaged, and that serious results would follow if the matter were not attended to. The matter was left in the hands of Trustees Bayly and Burdick. A SPLENDID CONCERT.

Opening of the Y. M. C. A. Concert Course -The Wade Trio Are Excellent.

The popular concert course in connection with the opening ceremonies of the Y. M. C. A., was started last night in the handsome new auditorium. The audience was large, and enjoyed an evening of rare entertainment, with high class entertainers. The abilities of the Wade Star Trio cannot abilities of the Wade Star Trio cannot tipplers.

were summoned for being drunk. In Temperance street, and were appropriately fined by Dr. Drinkwater, the presiding magistrate, whose very name furnished a needed lesson to the Duchy of Cornwall, out of which nearly £60,000 was last year paid to the Prince's private account Courts' be spoken too highly of. The members are: Nina Drummond Leavitt, the Brooklyn favorite, banjo soloist and vocalist; Miss Marion Short, the Cal-

Any Miss or Mrs. Who Misses-

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occasions she was forced to respond to THE ROYAL FINANCES. three encores. She has splendid mimetic powers, a sweet voice and much Miss Drummond proved brilliant entertainers. The former may be classed as a peeress among banjo soloists. Her imitation of the cathedral bells, while holding the instrument in her one banjo and piano accompaniments, received encore after encore. Mr. Fred G. Simpson acted as accompanist. The Wade Trio appear at the auditorium again this evening.

McKINLEY'S POLICY.

Will Counsel Moderation in Remodeling

the Tarif. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—Gen. Felix Agnus, editor of the Baltimore-Amercan, returning from a conference with

Hanna and McKinley at Cleveland, "Mr. McKinley's policy, as so far determined, calls for the enactment of a tariff law as far removed from the Chinese wall idea of protection as is compatible with the fostering of home industries and the maintenance of national revenues. He will counsel moderation in the essential features of

INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. New York, Jan. 8.-Commander and Mrs. Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army left for Washington last night. Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker have 'een invited by Mrs. Cleveland to call on her on Saturday morning and explain to her and President Cleveland the methods of work in the army and its success in this country.

CURIOUS DOUBLE COINCIDENCE. Very curious was the double coincidence which occurred at the proceedings in the Torquay, Eng., Police Court some time ago when two men were summoned for being drunk in

Germany is to have its Sorosis by the establishment in Berlin this month

dramatic intensity. Mrs. Leavitt and Money Paid to Queen Victoria and

Her Family. A London correspondent writes: A court correspondent has the following to say respecting the incomes of the hand, and swinging and playing it at Queen, the Prince of Wales and royal the same time, was unique and un-equaled. Her plantation melodies, with family: The income of the Crown £500,000, actual amount, £531,839. while the amount paid in allowances to the royal family amounted to £552,-000; but the Duke of Cambridge and his two sisters receive between them £20,000 a year out of that, leaving the Queen and her children £532,000 in

exchange for almost the same amount surrendered. The income of the Duchy of Cornwall-a good portion of which comes from house property in South London, mainly in the neighborhood of Kennington Oval, where the Princess road, Cornwall Terrace, and the like, testify by their nomenclature to the royal duke as the ground landlord-is increasing by leaps and bounds. The old custom of the duchy, which the late Prince Consort knocked on the head, was to grant leases for three, and in some cases four, lives. are now dropping in very fast, and the duchy is coming in for the rack rent-als, which are vastly in excess of the leasehold ones. Your younger readers may be interested to know that out of the savings of the income of the duchy, put by during the minority of the Prince of Wales, the Sandring-ham estate was bought. Under the late Prince Consort's careful management that amounted to over half a

million of money. Foolish people talk about the chronto impecuniosity of the Prince, if I may apply the word to so exalted a person, and his consequent demands upon his mother's purse. Everyone allows that the Prince does do a good deal of public duty for his mother, for which he receives little or no remuneration; but people often in writing about the Prince's income, forget that, over and above the annual Par-

Coutts'. By simply marrying some man of