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Biennial Sessions.

What good business-like reason can be given for annual meetings of the Ontario Legislature? All the legislation needed in this province could be adequately attended to biennially, and thus a large sum of money could be saved to the people, and the members of the Legislature would be saved the ridiculous task of "making believe" that they are doing something in return for their indemnity. It is a well-known fact that a good deal of the work of the Ontario House is done, not because it is necessary or desirable, but solely for the sake of appearance. The only argument ever advanced for annual sessions is that they are needed for the voting of supplies. There is no reason, from a business point of view, why the supplies could not be voted for two years instead of one. The absolutely necessary expenses of the department are never opposed, and it would be better for the province if the opportunity for voting away money were only given once in two years. From all points of view it is desirable that a reform should take place in the direction indicated, and this could readily be made an issue in the contest that cannot be very far off.

The expenses of each session of the Legislature is in the neighborhood of $125,000. That would be a nice penny to be saved to the people of the province every second year. In many of the states of the neighboring Republic, with populations far larger than Ontario, they get on swimmingly with biennial sessions.

G. Gordon writes to an Oxford paper to say that "if any intelligent farmer and Reformer contests the riding at the next election Mr. Mowat can count his votes in this municipality with one figure and the Grit Township of W. Zorra will roll up a majority against him that will be a surprise to more than him." Evidently Mowat must go.

Baseball is the only business in the world where you hear of employes who receive from $300 to $3000 for the season, or at the rate of from $10 to $30 per hour.—Toronto Empire.

Are there no lawyers paid at such a rate? And what about actors?

Now that there is every probability of the influenza epidemic spreading to America, there is the consolation of knowing that there is at least something the average detective can catch.

This is an extraordinary mild winter, but it may be recollected that some years ago we had one even milder, so mild that in one Ontario city a game of baseball was played on New Year's Day. But it was cold enough after that before Spring came to the rescue.

St. Thomas has a man who ought to get on in the world. He keeps a restaurant. The other night a young man, somewhat beered, entered his place and ordered a dish of oysters. He fell asleep while they were being cooked and the proprietor ate them. When the young man awoke he saw the empty plate and supposed he had eaten the oysters, but not having any money he slipped out of the back door. The next day the restaurant keeper called on him and collected 25 cents.

Whether a wire is alive or dead is most easily ascertained by examining the condition of the person who has just grasped it firmly with his right hand.—Toronto Globe.

Under certain conditions it is quite possible to grasp a live wire with the right hand, or the left either, and feel no pleasant results. But it is rather a ticklish business.

False Pretences For a Purpose.

It is for an evil purpose and not for one having any relish in it of either truth or righteousness that The Globe now suggests to us consideration of the question: "Have the Colonies Seceded?" Our scheming, but still hard-put-to-it, contemporary thus seizes occasion for "trying it on:"

In the course of a remarkable article in The Nineteenth Century, Sir Julius Vogel, formerly Premier of New Zealand, and one of the first projectors of Imperial Federation, suggests a use to which the Imperial Federationists may put the Conference of Colonial representatives proposed lately by Sir Charles Tupper. That conference, says Sir Julius may help the cause greatly by declaring, with all possible authority, that no colony has, or can have, any right to declare its independence. To us this proposition appears about as reasonable and modest as one that Great Britain can have no right to sever herself from any colony which may refuse to act according to the wishes of the Imperial Government. But let that pass. The reason why Sir Julius wants the Tupperian Conference to make the suggested declaration is well worth noting. That declaration, he says, might persuade the self-governing colonies that they need entertain no hope of arriving at complete self-government or independence. Deprived of this hope they would, he thinks, consent to Imperial Federation. We do not agree with him. As a large measure of self-government is better than a smaller measure, the Colonies would continue to reject Imperial Federation even if they could be persuaded to forsake the hope of ultimate independence. But they could not be so persuaded. The suggested declaration against the Colonial right to secede would be generally laughed at if made by a Conference of Colonial Imperial Federationists. If made by a conference including representatives of the British Government it would probably break up the Empire immediately. Sir Julius himself supplies excellent reasons for the opinion that Australians and Canadians would treat such a declaration as an insolent attempt to limit their freedom, and a sufficient cause for establishing their threatened independence.

Gentle reader, The Globe is "laying" for you here. It wants you to believe certain things which, if generally believed by the people of Canada, would greatly help The Globe's party, which it must be allowed seems to stand in rather pressing need of help these times. First, then, you are to understand that the independence of Canada is desired by all right-thinking Canadians; who, however, have not yet got the length of fixing the date. That remains to be fixed on a future occasion, as is the case with that of the "good time coming" of which we have heard so much. You are to understand further that this ambitious scheme of independence for Canada is opposed tooth and nail by certain wicked persons called Tories, whose scheme it is to defeat it with Imperial Federation or whatever other promising alternative they can conjure up. You are to believe that the honorable independence of Canada is the policy of Reformers, Liberals, Grits and of The Globe; while, conversely, continued subjection to England is the policy of the Tories. By "Tories" you are to understand Sir John Macdonald and his supporters—the men who gave Canada Protection and her National Policy—that hated thing which The Globe regards as the sum of all villainies.

Now this is not merely a shameful suppression of the truth of history, but it is also the assertion of what is false to an alarming degree. Canada's real declaration of independence was her National Policy Act, which Sir Leonard Tilley, then Minister of Finance, had the honor of introducing into Parliament in 1879. It was a bold act indeed—announcing that henceforth Canada would tax British goods for the avowed purpose of protecting home manufactures. No wonder that some people were puzzled to guess whether Governor-General Lorne would dare to sanction such an act at all, or what the Home Government would do about it. But the act went through the regular form all right; and there appeared to be "nobody hurt" except the old fogies of Grit and Free Trade obstructionists. Canada declared for Protection, and asserted her own commercial independence; but the heavens did not fall for all that. Ye pretended champions of Canadian Independence—The Globe and all the rest of you—where did you stand then, when the reality of the thing was at stake on the event? Hypocrites as you were, and still are, you were then, as you are now, opposed to the policy of Protection, which means Independence for Canada, and bound helplessly in subjection to the English policy of Free Trade. And so it is The Globe's business to-day to talk what it can for a party of false pretences.

That was, of course, Canada's great Act of Boldness—her opening Act, when in 1879 she assumed to herself the rights and the powers of a nation. But even bolder still, as far at least as conspicuous defiance of English public opinion was concerned, appeared to be the Act of eight years later, which was brought in by another Protectionist Minister of Finance—Sir Charles Tupper, for increasing the iron duties. We don't remember that then The Globe gave any support to the contention that Canada had the right to frame her own commercial policy to suit her own interests rather than to suit those of Yorkshire or Lancashire.

The Globe now fairly riots in terrible, insurmountable colonial difficulties—of course with the object of making it appear that the only way out of all difficulty for us is—annexation to the United States. It is blind as a bat to the fact that Canada has already solved the monster colonial difficulty of all by the short and simple plan of asserting her commercial independence and acting upon it. And this was done by Sir John and his men, whom The Globe calls "Tories." While wrongheads and incapables are talking about it the thing is done.

Of course it is all right to civilize Africa and hang and shoot those who oppose the process, but it would be interesting to know just exactly what the natives of Africa think about it.

John G. Whittier, the aged poet, recently refused $2000 from a magazine for a short Christmas poem. It would have been more to his credit to have taken the money—$2000 more.

They have some original ways down in Arkansas. A man refused to pay for an advertisement, and the editor took it out, but filled up the space with an announcement that it had been taken by so-and-so who refused to settle. A judge refused an injunction to restrain the publication.

Talking about Chicago justice, over in France a jury not only refused to convict a murderess but took up a subscription for her.

"Mr. Mowat going" is the way the Toronto World puts it this morning. Yes, Mr. Mowat is going to stay.—Hamilton Times.

No, he is going to stop.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review contends that the Ontario ballot is secret. It is just about as secret as a city directory.

An English paper says that "Lord Wolseley lives in hopes that he may hereafter have a time of peace." He has never had much of anything else.

Rabbits have got to be a pest in Iowa, as they are in Australia. And yet rabbits are not bad food.

Editor Stead of The Pall Mall Gazette, has resigned. Now, who said he had a steady job?

The Hamilton Spectator asks some one to find a rhyme for "silver," something generally supposed to be impossible. Here is a hack at it for the cigars:

Let other poets sing of love,
I shall always trill ver-
Ses as to the good of mon-
Ey—copper, gold, silver.

The Toronto Mail tells "A Tale of Piteous Woe." That's nothing. What the country really needs is some good, hearty, button-bursting, side-splitting woe.

About Civic Reform.

EDITOR WORLD: In addressing this letter to The World it is with the feeling that it is the most comprehensive and independent journal in Toronto. In reference to municipal reform the writer takes the liberty to make a suggestion, though perhaps not embodying an elaborate nor yet expensive plan of civic reform it may contain the merit of cheapness and efficacy. The chief obstacle to the proper administration of public affairs seems to be too much centralization. The people generally cannot, as the government of the city is now constituted, take a sufficient part in matters pertaining to the City Council. They certainly do any amount of kicking, but it is very spasmodic, and although the press is the advance guard of reform generally, yet there is so much dissension among the different papers that while the editorial wrangle goes on the unscrupulous and incompetent members of the council and civic departments get their work in.

My plan is to inaugurate a movement to organize in every ward of the city, weekly meetings or councils on a regular basis, with rules and regulations governing such meetings the same as as any other body politic represented altogether by the general citizens, where, if such meetings were called every week in all quarters of the city, the citizens would have a chance of discussing municipal matters and civic representatives to greater advantage than at present, and the influence of so much collective strength from so many different sources would have an effect upon the City Council that would make the most expert wire-puller feel that the watchful eye of the masses was upon him, any deviation from the path of public duty would be instantly condemned and the actors thereof signally extinguished by the vigilance of the citizens at their weekly councils.

In this way there cannot be much doubt that a vast improvement would take place in the reckless expenditure of the people's money and reduce incompetency to a minimum. At the same time this plan would not interfere with any radical change in the redistribution of wards or any other necessary reform. It would also bring out perhaps, a better standard of talent than heretofore in the management of public affairs.

C. H. MACDONALD.

Mail Building, Dec. 10.

Light and Airy.

When Boreas' blast the blood congeals,
The ulster is the best of boons;
It warms our bodies and conceals
The patches on our pantaloons.

The trapeze performer is of necessity light and darey.

When a choir singer's salary is raised it helps him to lift up his voice.

Perhaps there is nothing so touching about a small child as its hands after it has been making mud pies.

First Dentist: Are you meeting with any success?

Second Dentist: Oh, I am pulling right along.

Although a rupee is worth only half a dollar a lac of rupees is to be preferred to a lack of dollars.

When you want to compliment a woman on the uncertain side of thirty, speak of some one a little older than she is as a "girl."

Telegraph Office Manager (in the outer room): What was that sound I just heard?

Young Lady Operator (who has just been kissed by the young operator): I—I think it was just a spark, sir, from the wires.

One of our neighbors, a little boy of nine years, had learned his verse at Sunday school "I have planted. Apollos watered." The next Sabbath the verse was called for. No one in the class could remember it. Our little friend, however, had a glimmer of light, and, holding up his hand, said: "I can't remember exactly what it was, but I know it was something about Apollinaris water."

CANADA'S NATIONAL GAME.

THE MERIT OF LACROSSE MUST ASSERT ITSELF.

Its Introduction to Cornell by Canadian Students—Football at Ithica—The Big Toronto Checker Scheme—The Argonauts Will Not Have An Eight—The Rosedale Cricketers Blue.

Canada's national game is spreading slowly but surely to all the cities and colleges of the nation to the south of us. The latest convert to the game is Cornell University. There are attending college in Ithica upwards of thirty Canadian students, and last fall this brave contingent succeeded in arranging a lacrosse match between the Sophmores and the freshmen.

Yesterday two of the Kanucks, Messrs. Gibb and Beckett, arrived home for their holidays, and told The World how well the game had taken there. The enthusiasm was unbounded when the teams lined up for the struggle. The Sophs had a strong defence with Frank McMaster between the flags. Ollie Shantz, the Berlin Ranger footballist, was playing point for the first year men, but unluckily at the outset sprained the tendons of one of his legs so severely that he was carried off the field and only last week discarded his crutches. Well, the game was a grand success and the Sophs won by two goals to nil.

So much encouragement did the men from the Dominion receive that they have decided to form a regularly organized club in the spring, that will hereafter be a permanent factor in Cornell field sports. It is the Cornell Canadians' intention to invite a Toronto team over and further demonstrate to the natives the beauty of the game.

ROSEDALE CRICKETERS

Hold Their Annual Dinner Last Night and Have a Good Time.

The Rosedale Cricket Club held their annual dinner at Jewell's restaurant last evening and had a successful and pleasant time. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. M. Macdonald and the vice-chairs by Messrs. J. R. Stark and R. A. Montgomery. The big assembly had finished their repast at 10 o'clock and then began the literary and musical portion of the program. The chairman gave a clever speech, touching on the merits of the grand old game of cricket and was loudly applauded.

Mr. Fred W. Garvin represented the Toronto lacrosists and did his club honor in the way he responded for Canada's national game. Mr. C. N. Shanley was there for the Senior Ontario Cricket Organization, the Toronto club. Mr. W. D. Cockain's recitation was a careful effort and given in that gentleman's accustomed vigorous style. Songs were sung by Messrs. Petman, Lyon, Clement, Stanley and Howard. It was midnight when the jolly cricketers and their friends separated, after an evening that will be remembered easily until the next event of a similar nature.

The Rosedale Cricket Club is a prosperous organization. They practice regularly on their Rosedale grounds, and are always opponents worthy of the steel of the most valiant club.

THE GREAT BIRD SHOOTERS.

The Teams That Will Tour America and Fire at Blue Rocks.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The two teams of shotgun marksmen which are to make a tour of the country will be made up as follows:

Eastern team—H. McMurchy, Syracuse, N.Y., captain; H. B. Whitney, Phelps, N.Y.; W. H. Wolstencroft, Philadelphia; M. E. Perry, Boston; W. S. Perry, Worcester; W. Fred Quimby, substitute.

Western team—C. W. Budd, Des Moines, Ia., captain; R. O. Heikes, Dayton, O.; J. R. Stice, Jacksonville, Ill.; C. E. Cahoon, Freeport, Ill.; J. A. Ruble, Beloit, Wis.; S. A. Tucker, substitute.

The route decided upon is as follows: Opening at Cincinnati not earlier than Jan. 20, thence Louisville, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton, Sacramento, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Denver, Leadville, Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, New York, and wind up with Boston. Blue rocks will be used, each man shooting at thirty singles and five pairs.

A BIG CHECKER SCHEME.

The Toronto Draught Club Propose to Form Itself Into an Association.

The Toronto Draught Club is an enterprising institution. The committee has a scheme of considerable dimensions on hand which the secretary figures out will clear the club $211 annually which will be utilized in procuring prizes for competition. The scheme is that the club form itself into an association with a capital stock of $1,000 in shares of $5 each, one-third of said stock to be paid up, and that a cigar, tobacco and fancy goods store be opened in connection with this store there would be rooms for the club to meet, which would be open daily from 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m., and in this room would be kept all the latest news and problems on checkers. To make a business of this kind pay, an overturn of $3300 would have to be done per year, and if the stock can be placed in the hands of 100, this alone will ensure the success of the undertaking, leaving the local trade in excess of the figures produced.

AN EIGHT-OARED SHELL.

The Argonauts Decide to Leave the Matter of Securing One Until Later.

The subject of securing an eight-oared shell by the Argonaut Rowing Club has been thoroughly discussed by the members. At a committee meeting yesterday afternoon it was decided to postpone the matter for the present as it was not deemed to the best interests of the club to secure such a craft just yet, although in time this may come about.

The Argonauts are quite busy during the winter months. Their new fencing-master, Prof. Halpenny, has proved himself to be an efficient instructor and has already made himself felt in the club. Upwards of 30 members avail themselves of this admirable exercise and at the smoking concerts no doubt these gentlemen will be able to give some quite interesting bouts. Club swinging, boxing, etc., are also taught by the professor with equal effect. The classes are as follows: On the afternoons of Monday, Friday and Saturday, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is now just one month since the classes started.

The Detroit Walkers.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—This was the fourth day in the six days' walking contest. The score in miles at 3 p.m. was: Howarth, 319; Horan, 299; Smith, 203; Burns, 221; Ray, 204; Ellsworth, 198.

Harry Davies Enlarges His Bicycle Business.

The firm of Messrs. H. P. Davies & Co., dealers in sporting goods, and the only importers of the famous "Rudge" bicycles in Canada, have removed from their old stand in Church-street, to more convenient premises in Yonge-street, No. 207, and now have a full select stock of winter goods. They have purchased the well-established business of Mr. Thomas Lalor, the practical bicycle repairer, who will manage their repairing department on the premises, and propose to fit up a gymnasium in connection with their establishment, which will prove a desirable benefit to all athletes.

Football at Cornell.

The Cornell students claim that their football club ranks in fourth place among the elvens of the United States. They say that Princeton, Yale and Harvard are the only teams that are their superiors. On the Cornell team is a well-known Canadian player, Harvey of Hamilton, who is the full-back for the college. Mr. Harvey played several seasons on the Ambitious City team and was always known as a capital player. This shows that Canadian athletic ability always asserts itself.

Notes of the Kickers.

The Torontos and Parkdales play in the Metropolitan rink, Shaw-street, on Saturday night.

The Varsity Association Club, champions of America, had their picture taken yesterday. Fourteen men, the Western Association cup and other trophies were in the group.

The Inter-Collegiate Football League met in Springfield yesterday. Representatives were present from Amherst, Dartmouth and Williams' Colleges, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Steven's Institute. The pennant was finally voted to Dartmouth.

Yet another death from football! During a Rugby "scrimmage" a student at the Hants Diocesan Training College fell with two or three other players on top of him. He was unable to rise, and it was found that his spine was terribly injured, the lower limbs being completely paralyzed.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Smith and Slavin to Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is stated that Jem Smith and Frank Slavin, the Australian pugilist, will fight on Monday near Lille, in Belgium, for the championship of England and $2500. All the aristocratic patrons of the ring will go from here by the Brussels express Sunday night.

Why Zimmer Left the Brotherhood.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Catcher Zimmer of last season's club, to-day resigned from the Brotherhood, returned the $200 bonus advanced him by the Brotherhood and signed a contract with the Cleveland League Club for three years. Zimmer sent a note to Johnson saying: "I hereby avail myself of the right which all men have of withdrawing from any society or organization, with the workings of which they have become dissatisfied."

The Brotherhood Rules.

The Brotherhood has made the following changes in playing rules: Lengthening the pitcher's box to six feet; abolished catcher's lines; abolished the rule requiring the ball to be returned to the catcher when when the winning run is made in the ninth inning; allowed the names of two substitute players on the score card, one or both of whom may be substituted at the end of any even inning; abolished the rule giving a runner a base if a passed ball touch the umpire or any fence or building within 90 feet of the plate; abolished the rule giving a runner a base if a fielder stop a batted ball with any part of his clothing or his cap.

Dust from the Diamond.

M. J. Griffin, formerly of Rochester and Baltimore, will play with the Pittsburg Brotherhood instead of the Philadelphia players as reported.

Brode, the left fielder and long distance thrower of last season's Hams, has been sold to the Boston League club for $1000. Manager Fessenden, of London, engineered the deal.

Thomas A. Duff, a well-known local amateur baseball player and member of the Financial and Legal Club, was married in London on Wednesday to Miss Laura Frances Thornhill of that city.

It is reported that both Myers and Thompson, who had signed Philadelphia Brotherhood contracts, have jumped League contracts, and will soon declare themselves with Harry Wright's team.

Glassock, Clarkson, Denny, Miller, Beckley, McKean, Beatin, Buckley, Boyle, Clements, Gleason, Schriver, Sommers, Mulvey and Delehanty, have been expelled by proclamation from the Brotherhood League.

Ward satisfies his Pittsburg Brethren thusly: I am told reports are being circulated in your city that your club will be dropped. All such stories have their origin with our enemies. Pittsburg is in to stay.

98 players have signed with the Brotherhood. Clements, Delehanty, Beckley, Mulvey, Miller and McKean, have jumped their contracts. The following players signed the original Brotherhood contract and jumped to the League: Glassock, Clarkson, Denny, Smith, Rusie, Boyle, Buckley, Schriver, Gleason.

Gossip of the Turf.

Letta Medium, b.m., 7 years old, by Happy Medium, dam Abdalletta by C. M. Clay, jr., has been sold by W.T. Withers of Lexington, Ky., to A. H. Moore of Philadelphia for $3000.

Ex-Governor Brodie, president of the Maryland Jockey Club, announces the stoppage of racing at Pimlico. The State Agricultural Society now has the Pimlico property. The last race meeting resulted in loss to the club.

Spots of Sport.

A cocking main between Detroit and Windsor birds took place Wednesday night in the former place. The stakes were $25 on each battle and $1000 on the main. Windsor won getting seven out of the first ten battles. 200 tough sports were present and Windsor came out ahead about $1000.

Oh! I see you have at last decided to use Dyer's Jelly of Cucumber and Roses for your hands; great improvement visible. I assure you. Sorry you did not try it before. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Presbyterianism in the West End.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Euclid-avenue was the scene of interesting proceedings last night. There was a cheerful and well-attended "social" early in the evening. Music, recitations, short addresses and refreshments formed the bill of fare. This was followed by an edifying service under the presidency of Rev. W. Amos. The sermon was preached by Rev. T. T. Johnston; then came the ordination and induction of Rev. W. A. J. Martin by the Presbytery. The address to the pastor was given by Rev. Professor McLaren, and the address to the people by Rev. A. Gilray. The attendance was large, the ceremony solemn and the addresses earnest and congratulatory of the progress of Presbyterianism in that rapidly-improving district. The proceedings will be continued to-day.

Burdock Blood Bitters will speedily cleanse all impurities from the blood and cure Blotches, Boils, Pimples, Ulcers, Erysipelas and Chronic diseases of the Skin.

The Latest Music.

Suckling & Sons have issued a batch of new music of a variety and scope that is sure to meet with much favor. Among the features are:

A collection of anthems and church music, the most noticeable being one entitled "God Bless Our Broad Dominion" (R. S. Knight), at 10 cents:

O, bless our broad Dominion,
Here make Thy truth to stand;
So shall Canadians' freemen be,
And true in heart and hand.

"The Kettledrum," a military parade, by Paul Schimer.

"The Parisian Lancers," by Henry Bourlier of Toronto. This is a unique composition and is dedicated to Lieut. W. H. Smith, R.N.

"Toujours a Toi," a waltz for the piano, by E. Fraser Blackstock.

"My Heart's Delight," a piano polka, by M. Martin.

"The Song That Reached My Heart," words and music by Julian Jordan.

"All the Year Round Lancers." By Nellie S. Smith, composer of the C.P.R. Lancers. Dedicated by permission to Lady Macdonald.

This is a sprightly composition by a Toronto lady whose other pieces are well known. The Anglo-Canadian Music Association are the publishers.

Festive Sons of Ireland.

The members of Inniskillen Lodge No. 2, Sons of Ireland Protestant Association invited a number of friends to their annual supper in Euclid House last night, and a pleasant evening was the result. President Cahoon occupied the chair and at his right sat Bro. Rooney, vice-president. The repast was a bountiful one, to which about 200 sat down. Songs and speeches were the order of the hour. "The Queen," "Sons of Ireland," "Visiting Brethren" and "The Ladies" were toasted.

What Christian Endeavor Can Do.

The first annual social entertainment in connection with the Christian Endeavor Society of Cooke's Church was held last night. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and a happy time was spent. President Pogue, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. McTavish and members of other endeavor societies in the city. The president spoke of the rapid growth of this society since its organization ten weeks ago. A program of songs, solos and readings was creditably disposed of by Miss Patterson, John Alexander, Miss A. Allison, Mr. English, Miss Woodcock and Mr. Hardie.

United Melody.

A concert of much merit was that given last evening in Broadway Tabernacle by the Young People's associations of various churches. Fred. W. Scott presided, and the audience filled the room. The musical program was of an attractive character. R. W. Dillon, M.A., gave an essay on "Christian Socialism" which was well received. Miss Closson gave a reading and an instrumental solo by Miss T. McGraw was heartily encored. Other numbers were well rendered.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT.

The Budget of Educational Topics Discussed Last Night.

When the Public School Board was called to order last night, there were present Chairman Herbert Kent, Trustees Wilcock, John Kent, Henderson, Hastings, Dr. Burgess, Baird, Johnston, Middleton, Dr. Ogden, Schoff, Brown, Williams, McCracken, Oliver, Vair, Roden, McSpadden, Somers, McMurrich, Kerr. A big deputation to urge the transfer of Mr. T. Hogarth to the Hamilton-street school, was on hand, but none of the members secured an opportunity to speak. Trustee Burgess, however, fought hard for the transfer.

City Clark Blevins wrote enclosing an order made by the Parks and Gardens' Committee of the City Council, that the board be requested to hand over the deed of the Jesse Ketchum Park to the City Treasurer for safe keeping. Pearson Bros. wrote on behalf of D. M. McIntosh making a cash offer of $5000 for the Cherry-street school building and site; also an offer from W. J. Adams offering $5250 cash for the same property, and on behalf of Robert Davies offering $5200. The Toronto Roofing Company wrote declining to enter into a contract for George-street school on account of an error in the tender.

The first snag struck was a recommendation in the Finance Committee's report that Pearson Bros. be paid $190 commission on the sale of George-street school and site. Trustee Hastings objected to the payment of this amount on the ground that Pearson Bros. had not sold the property, Messrs. Wheeler & Bain, the purchasers, having put in their first offer of $6500 independently of Pearson Bros. They had afterwards put in an offer of $10,000 and this was accepted. An offer had been made by the purchasers through Pearson Bros., but not of a purely cash nature.

Trustees Somers and Baird strongly supported the recommendation contained in the report. There was no doubt that the final offer had come through the hands of Pearson Bros. It was decided to refer the item to the Solicitor.

All the accounts in the Finance Committee's report were then carried.

When the recommendation in the School Management Committee's report was reached, transferring C. McMain to Hamilton-street school, Dr. Burgess urged that Mr. T. Hogarth be transferred to that school instead.

Trustee Lee stated that Mr. McMain was the senior teacher of the two and should receive this appointment. The committees' recommendation was carried.

These resignations were accepted: Miss L. A. Devlin, Phoebe-street; Miss E. R. Eadie, Parkdale; Miss M. Gordon, Lansdowne; Miss L. Baillie, Lansdowne; Miss M. Sinclair, Morse-street; Miss A. M. Squair, Clinton-street; Miss N. C. Duncan, Bolton-avenue; Miss Anna Flaws, Dewson-street.

These recommended transfers and promotions were adopted: C. McMain, Brant to Hamilton-street; J. E. Armstrong, Parkdale to Elizabeth; Miss S. McCreight, Leslie to Brant; W. H. Harlton, assistant mastership in Dufferin to principalship in Parliament; J. L. Leary, assistant mastership in Wellesley to principalship of Crawford; T. Hogarth, assistant mastership in Bolton-avenue, to principalship of Leslie.

These teachers were appointed: Miss E. Davis and Miss McIntyre, 2nd class certificates.

This clause was also adopted: That these promotions and appointments be made in the Kindergarten staff: Miss C. Howard, assistant in Niagara, promoted to directress in Dewson; Miss E. Readman, assistant in Ion, to be directress in Temperance Hall, Spadina; Miss A. McMullen, to be assistant in Victoria-street; Miss L. Williams, to be assistant in Bolton-ave.; Miss H. M. Wing, to be assistant in Niagara; Miss N. Dunn, to be assistant in Temperance Hall, Spadina; Miss H. Westman, to be assistant in Dewson; Miss N. Kennedy, to be assistant in Huron; Miss A. Ketchum, to be assistant in Huron.

The clause recommending that the teachers in the employ of the board be re-engaged for 1890, subject to the salary bylaw of that year, was carried and the remainder of the report was adopted.

When the committee arose Trustee Burgess made another effort to place Mr. Hogarth in the Hamilton-street school, but his amendment was lost, 11 to 9.

This clause in the Sites and Buildings report was productive of a discussion of nearly an hour's duration:

That the services of R. McKenna, recently appointed janitor of Leslie-street school, be dispensed with, on account of ill health, and that George Summers be appointed to that position.

The clause was finally referred back.

The following recommendation kept the trustees talking until 11 o'clock:

That the services of Walter Sargent, recently appointed janitor of Hamilton-street school, be dispensed with and that Daniel Murray be appointed.

Trustee Roden was the last speaker and he was unable to finish before the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of 11. This being also the hour of adjournment the committee rose without passing the report.

A. Burns, blacksmith, Cobourg, tried every known remedy during fifteen years' suffering with Dyspepsia. Four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

AN EVENING AT WYCLIFFE.

The Conversazione of the Literary Society—Scenes of Gaiety and Strains of Music.

In the library and lecture rooms of Wycliffe College last evening a scene of gaiety prevailed in the shape of a conversazione. Over 500 invitations had been issued. The officers of the Literary Society, to whose efforts the success of the gathering is mainly due, were all present, with Mr. N. W. Hoyles, B.A., in the chair. He made a short address relative to the features of the evening. An excellent musical program was carried out under the direction of Edgar R. Dowcrd, with G. H. Fairclough as accompanist. The songs and solos were well rendered and won hearty and well-deserved applause.

Later in the evening the rooms were thrown open and the assembly strolled through the brilliantly-lighted halls, listening to the music of the orchestra and partaking of refreshments.

These are some of the invited guests: Hon. Edward and Mrs. Blake, Hon. S. H. Blake, W. H. Blake, W. Badenach, Morgan Baldwin, J. R. Baldwin, John Akers, Rev. B. Bryan, Col. R. B. Denison, Rev. H. Desbarres, Col. Gzowskie, A.D.C.; W. A. Geddes, W. H. Howland, Miss Cumberland, J. P. Clark.

Uncle Sam's Wealth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The World has obtained from the treasurer of each State the value of property as assessed for taxation. The census office in 1880 made a report of its exhaustive and laborious inquiry into the proportions existing in each State between taxed property and actual wealth, which ranges between 25 per cent in Illinois and 68 in Wyoming. The World's report shows an increase in taxable property $6,963,000,000, and increase of actual wealth of $18,162,000,000. The total wealth is $61,459,000,000, exclusive of public property and $3,093,000,000 property invested and owned abroad.

Music and Elocution to Aid the Church Funds.

In St. Andrew's Hall last evening the Young People's Association of St. Matthias' church held their first annual entertainment. A program of an interesting character was presented. There were songs, solos, readings by Miss Miss Morton, A. C. Fairweather, W. E. Ramsay, the Misses Norton and others. A beautiful tableau was presented, representing the four seasons, and a charade with a varied cast of characters proved interesting. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be used for church purposes.

The Examination in Sherbourne-street.

The experts appointed to examine into the quality of the Sherbourne-street asphalt pavement were busily engaged preparing a report yesterday. This will be presented at a special meeting of the Board of Works at 2 p.m. to-day.

Foreign Exchange.

Drafts on Russia, France, Germany, Italy, Australia and all parts of the world; Bank of England notes, greenbacks, &c., at lowest rates. Dominion Royal Mail Line agency. C. S. Gzowski, jr., stock and exchange broker, 24 King-street east.

Christmas Table Delicacies.

Mara & Co. grocers, 380 Queen-street west, have received an immense stock of fruits and table delicacies for the holidays. $20 orders delivered free at any railroad station within 100 miles of Toronto. Send for price catalog. 135

THE LADS AND THEIR DUTY

ARCHBISHOP WALSH AND DE LA SALLE PUPILS.

His Grace Pays a Second Visit to the Institute—The Boys This Time—How They Welcomed Him—What He Told Them About Religion, Science, Patriotism—Music, Prizes and Festivity.

One of the heartiest and most pleasing receptions accorded Archbishop Walsh was that by the male pupils of the De La Salle Institute yesterday afternoon. The large hall was crowded with clergy, separate school trustees, citizens, pupils and their parents and friends; the room was tastefully decorated with bannerets, evergreen festoons and mottoes. Among the latter were "Thrice Welcome," "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and "Religion, Patriotism, Science." The latter afforded His Grace the text for one of the best speeches he has made since his assumption of the archiepiscopal office.

In addition to Archbishop Walsh there were present Archbishop Cleary of Kingston, Vicar-General Rooney, Vicar-General Laurent, Fathers McBride, Walsh, Hand, Gibbons, Cruise, Kiernan, Henning, Corduke, McCann, Lynch, Chalandard, the Christian Brothers and the trustees.

The music was admirable. Blancheteau's overture, "Vale of Love," by the orchestra, gave a taste of their quality. This was followed by the Welcome Chorus, "Benedictus Qui Venit," by La Salle choir.

J. Waters, one of the pupils, read the following address, which was beautifully engrossed, illuminated, framed and glazed, and is quite a work of art:

To the Most Rev. John Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE:

Longingly have we looked forward to this joyous day to welcome Your Grace to La Salle Institute and to offer you our heartfelt congratulations upon your elevation to the Metropolitan See of Ontario.

Your presence here to-day fills our hearts with the same feelings of joy and love that animated us when blessed by the frequent visits of your illustrious predecessor

With unbounded pleasure have we learned of your untiring zeal and devotedness in the sacred cause of education in the western diocese of this fair province, where in almost every town and village a flourishing Catholic school stands under the shadow of a majestic and beautiful temple consecrated to Almighty God—"the Light of the World."

We have you understood that the true prosperity of a country depends on its Christianity, and its Christianity on its education; that the crown and glory of a people are in schools where knowledge—the handmaid of virtue—is hallowed by the benign influence of religion.

We rejoice in having so distinguished a Prelate to direct and guard our steps in the paths of learning and religion, and we fervently beseech our Divine Master to grant you many years of health and happiness, as well as strength and vigor, to labor in this holy service.

Humbly asking Your Grace's blessing on our studies, we subscribe ourselves Your Grace's devoted children in Christ.

THE STUDENTS OF DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE.

His Grace's reply was admirable: He thanked them for the kind terms of the beautiful address. "Religion, Patriotism and Science" was a fitting motto for that grand institution and for all good Catholics.

The Archbishop filicitously summarized the functions of each of these, giving admirable counsel to the pupils. He quoted from a speech of Hon. Edward Blake, wherein that leader said: "The Protestant majority will not only treat the Catholic minority with justice but even with generosity."

His Grace highly approved this liberal sentiment, and said he believed this was the opinion of all good and true Protestants.

On patriotism the Archbishop waxed eloquent, and his stirring words were drank in by the earnest and enthusiastic pupils.

With grace and commendation the Archbishop distributed the testimonials of merit which had been won by the pupils during December.

The following was the remainder of the program:

Chorus.....Tu Pastor es Agnorum.....Mohr
La Salle Choir
Recitation.....The Messiah..... ... Pope
John Lalor
Solo.....The Shamrock.....Moore
Lennard Giroux
Selection and Polonaise.....Missudi
(Cornet solo by Mr. J. Lydon)
Orchestra
Declamation.....The Three Kings.....Longfellow
James Wright
Hymn to the Sacred Heart.....
John Kormann
Declamation. The Church and the Laboring Classes
App. Walsh
John O'Leary
Christmas Anthem..Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Ancient Melody
La Salle Choir
March.....Boston.....Bach
Orchestra

At the close of the exercises the two Archbishops were entertained at dinner in the Institute by the Christian Brothers. It was a happy day, one long to be remembered alike by pupils, their zealous instructors and the trustees.

Trade With the West Indies.

Mr. George Robertson, vice-president of the St. John (N.B.) Board of Trade, arrived at the Queen's Hotel last night from Hamilton. Mr. Robertson addressed the Board of Trade of the Ambitious City yesterday, and this afternoon he will speak to the merchants of Toronto. This mission is to place before the citizens the advantages to be derived from trade with the West Indies, which trade can be carried on through the medium of a steamship line subsidized by the Dominion Government. This line is called the Canadian, American and West Indian Steamship Line, and runs between St. John and the West Indies.

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.

Personal Mention.

The ex-Empress of Brazil is indisposed.

Postmaster Stirton of Guelph was in town yesterday.

Dom Pedro yesterday attended services in memory of the late King Luis.

Mr. D. McNicoll and Mr. F. A. McKinnon of the Canadian Pacific are at the Queen's.