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University Senate Elections.

The time is drawing near when the graduates of the University of Toronto will have another opportunity of choosing three new members for the senate. The candidates who present themselves for election are Prof. Galbraith, Dr. Ellis, Wm. Houston and Dr. Oldright. Of these, Dr. Ellis is a new aspirant, the others are the retiring members. All are good men and whoever may be chosen will do credit to their Alma Mater. Some objections have been raised to Dr. Ellis and Prof. Galbraith being on together because they represent the School of Science; this is of no importance because under the new scheme of confederation the school is absorbed by the university. Objection has also been taken to Mr. Houston because he has been too radical in his ideas; but that gentleman has not only taken an active interest in the meetings of the Senate and roused it from the monotonous mode of existence into which it was drifting, but he has as well been of great use to the students themselves. We believe as previously stated that any three who may be chosen will do honor to the graduates and it is to be hoped that graduates will cast their votes with reference strictly to what each candidate has done in the past and what he is likely to do in the future.

The Civil Service as it is Worked.

The Cincinnati Enquirer thinks it queer that a lunatic should have passed the Civil Service examination, and only have been detected when the asylum keepers discovered him. There is nothing queer about it. Read the program of questions put by the Civil Service examiners of Canada, for instance, and admit that while nobody but an idiot would have propounded such questions nobody but a lunatic could answer them. This Civil Service business is all bosh, because the set is so paradoxically constructed that the big fish get through and the small ones are dammed back. You can be anything down to eight hundred dollars per annum, or thereabouts, without an examination, but when it comes to the fat prizes of political life it is not intelligence but influence that tells. And even in those minor positions, where a man is presupposed to have some intelligence, men have been and are being railroaded through by influence, and without examination.

Let us be honest with one another. Let us admit what cannot be successfully denied—that patronage is the property of party, and is to be so considered. This eternal fault-finding of the party press whenever a Grit or a Tory is appointed to a position for which he may be either fit or unfit is all leather and prunella. If the party organs had any respect for the intelligence of their readers, or any intelligence of their own, they would admit at once that patronage is a party matter, and that under the existing system the best that can be done is to appoint the best man available among the party leader's followers.

We shall believe in Civil Service examinations when they examine every applicant for an office, and examine him with regard to the duties he is intended to perform. Civil Service examinations as at present conducted are like the flowers that bloom in the spring—they have nothing to do with the case.

For instance: the length of the Amazon River has nothing to do with the capacity of a barrel which a revenue officer is called upon to gauge.

The Jay Gould Gang.

The Jay Gould gang are making a disguised attack upon Canada. There is but one Jay Gould, and Erastus Wiman is his prophet, with the promise of a share in the profits. The plot so far succeeded that certain prominent Canadian newspapers were retained, but were frightened out of open advocacy by The World's firm attitude upon the question. Nevertheless the retainers suffice for the silent conspirators who have joined in the conspiracy of silence.

The Globe and the Mail had better speak now. The World and the Montreal Herald have spoken in no uncertain tones against the Jay Gould gang, who are seeking to capture and rule or ruin Canada.

The World has received many congratulations upon its success in focussing public opinion on the source of the danger which threatens Canada. While grateful for such acknowledgments, we feel that we have only done our duty. The discharge of that duty involves more than appears upon the surface. Our chief wish is to warn our people against the machinations of the Jay Gould gang.

If the Mail and the Globe are not in alliance with that gang they will of course at once proceed to repudiate Mr. Wiman. Such a repudiation would remove suspicions at present existent in the minds of Canadian business men, in and out of Toronto.

Disallowance and National Policy.

The Dominion Government will best do its duty to the whole country by giving no countenance at this time to the Manitoba demand for railways to connect with the United States. Canada's National Policy must be maintained, and we cannot afford to give our home traffic to foreigners. Our great national railway needs all the traffic the country has for it, and to give away any more of the traffic than we can help would be foolishness.

Certain business men of Winnipeg, some of them connected with Eastern manufacturing establishments, have been trying to show that connection with American railways, causing competition and cheaper freights, would not lead to the transfer of Northwestern custom from Toronto and Montreal to St. Paul and Chicago. They go even further, and argue that cheaper freights to and from the former and other Canadian cities would actually increase the home trade instead of diminishing it. In the latter argument there may be some force; but let us add that the present would be a very bad time to act upon it. Just now, while we are being urged to surrender our commercial independence, and to accept commercial subjection to the United States, is a most unsuitable time for creating additional inducements to the people of any part of the Dominion to do their buying and selling over the border instead of at home. It would certainly be the reverse of National Policy to give material encouragement to dependence by our people upon American railways.

The proper use and development of the Lake Superior water route will, ere long, do much to reduce the charges on heavy Canadian freight between the Atlantic seaboard and the Northwest both ways. Of course west of Thunder Bay the cheap water route ends, and thence west we must depend upon the rails. But the remedy for existing complaints is to be found, not in the chartering and building of more railways, but in the interference of the strong hand of the Government between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the people, if the latter are not getting fair play now. Not in the multiplying of needless railways, but in the placing of those already existing under efficient control, also in the development of our great natural water communications to their fullest capacity—is to be found Canada's way to cheap transportation.

The standard free trade prescription for such a case as this is about as follows: Charter all the railways that apply, then give competition full swing, and let there be no Government interference, but let them fight it out among themselves, which will lead to the survival of the fittest. It is National Policy, on the other hand, carefully to limit the number of railways that are chartered, and then for the Government to come down with the strong hand in the interest of the public, and to see to it that the exceptional privileges granted are not abused

Of course it is a very exceptional privilege indeed, enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific, that west of Winnipeg it should be secured against competition for twenty years. And very reasonably it follows, we should say, that this most unusual privilege should have attached to it a corresponding obligation. The Canadian Pacific Company, being a special creation of the Dominion, for *national* purposes, stands to the Government and to the country in a relation different from that occupied by any other railway in Canada. For public and national purposes the building of this road was begun by the Government, acting for the country, and by the same power the company was chartered. It would be idle to pretend that such a railway, and such a company, hold just the same position towards the country as that held by the Grand Trunk, for example. No reasonable man can fail to see the immense difference that there is between the two cases.

If a justification for the disallowance of competing lines be wanted it will be found at its strongest by urging the fact that this guarantee against competition in the new country carries with it the obligation to operate the road for the good of the country and on principles of national policy. But this presupposes the Government to be patriotic enough and firm enough to enforce fair play. In such a policy, rather than in reckless competition through the multiplying of needless railways, lies the true solution of the transportation problem.

The Visit of the Governor-General.

As was announced by The World some time ago, the Governor-General will pay a visit to Toronto next week, and we bespeak for him that friendly and loyal response from the citizens which characterized the visits of his predecessors on similar occasions. He will be welcomed to Toronto as the representative of Her Majesty, and as the chief of the Executive at Ottawa, and whatever shape his reception may take, it will not be forgotten that the people in honoring him pay respect to the Queen whom he represents, and their own form of government, of which he is head. The World has already put itself on record as to the relation of the Governor-General to his tenants, and again reiterates its former sentiment that that is a matter which concerns Irishmen and Ireland, the British Government and the British people. In Ireland he is the Marquis of Lansdowne, holding control of estates, the tenants of which he may treat justly or unjustly, but in Canada he is to us the chief symbol of authority, and while he continues to give expression to the constitution of the country, without seeking to impair its harmony, it would be as silly as it would be suicidal to create a friction between himself and the people by the importation of grievances which Canadians do not feel and certainly have no right to interfere with. The Governor-General will be welcomed to Toronto, we have every reason to believe, with that feeling of loyalty which all Canadians feel for their own institutions; but any effort put forth to introduce elements of a foreign character would be frowned down in no uncertain way.

The New York Sun asks: "Which of the great political parties is going to be the first to make the peaceable acquisition of Canada a plank in its platform?" Would not a more pertinent question be: Which of the great political parties of the United States will be the first to treat grave international questions with a sense of dignity and honor?

All the parliamentary reports in Toronto newspapers are to the effect that Mr. Davin, M.P., started out to speak of old Ireland and wound up with ancient Greece. As Socrates remarked to Pericles, subsequent to an interview with Xantippe: 'What the deuce do you know about Home Rule, anyhow?' Flood Davin has practically concluded the debate. After Flood the deluge.

Rev. Dr. Wild having demonstrated that the Anglo-Saxons are Israelites, and Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., having shown that the Celts are Anglo-Saxons, a fellow is moved to ask, in the language of Don Cæsar Bazan: "Who the deuce am I?"

The pump promoters may not have heeded the injunction to watch and pray, because the sequence of their proceedings was to first secure the prey and get the watch later on.

Any man who should attempt to negotiate the esteemed Mail's editorial notes would not be indicted for forgery, because he would at once be arrested for larceny.

The C. P. R. is increasing its earnings in a shocking manner. Those Canadian patriots who predicted the failure of the road will now feel the iron heel enter their souls more deeply than before. It is rather amusing to see iron heels sink into wooden soles.

Suggestions for the Queen's Jubilee.

Editor World: I should take as a great favor if you would give this insertion in the columns of your popular paper on purpose to arouse, if possible, that British spirit which seems to me to be lying dormant. Much has been said lately concerning the best way to demonstrate our loyalty, and likewise to celebrate in a becoming manner Her Majesty's jubilee. Now, sir, with your permission I will throw out a few suggestions. I would desire that St. George's Society take the initiative, or if not some of the leading lodges of the Sons of England, to get the Exhibition grounds, or if not, the Queen's Park, prepare to hold a real old English dinner at 1 o'clock in real old English fashion (tickets $1 per head); hire the best band; and after dinner a few short speeches; then a grand ball in the open air and on the grass, and what would be more imposing than to see some hundreds of Ye Merrie Men of England dancing on the green sward? Then a portion of the time the band could play a selection of old English ballads and the lovers of sentiment and song could hold a concert, and there, under the glorious inspiration of a pint of nut brown ale (not rye), give full vent to their loyalty by singing their national songs.

Now, I will suggest a few things to the citizens generally. We must enthuse, we must be gay, we must jubilate and not be too, too methodical. The city should bear the expense of illuminating portions of the principal streets by festooning from pillar to post with variegated lamps; the Postoffice should be one large blaze of light and would be a fine sight, looking right down into King-street. Government House should be likewise. Next comes the rich and beautiful banking houses in the city; they should illuminate at their own expense. Our prosperous and wealthy merchants should illuminate their places in like manner, and, lastly, everybody according to their means. This, I would suggest, should all take place on Dominion Day, with a sham fight with our volunteers. Then of course the guns would be firing on that day; then I would have the bells of St. James' Cathedral ringing right merrily their very best at intervals during the day. Fireworks are very expensive, and, after all, they are only momentary flashes in the air, which you have to hold your head up to look at.

A MERRIE MAN OF ENGLAND.

The Grens Celebrate Their Victory.

The Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Grenadiers had a light lunch and social evening in their room in the Drill Shed last night. The evening was spent in reminiscences of Fish Creek and Batoche. A committee was appointed to arrange for a supper on the anniversary of Batoche.

BASEBALL SPECULATION.

TORONTO SAID TO SUFFER FROM A LACK OF EFFICIENT PITCHERS.

The Opinion of a Buffalo Correspondent—Harry Gilmore in Training—American Association Games—General Sporting Notes.

BUFFALO, N.Y., April 26.—The opening of the International League season, which will take place on Saturday, will set at rest much speculation as to the capacity of the various teams. Speculation on this point has been revived somewhat of late by the result of the exhibition games played by most of the clubs. Of course Utica, Binghamton, Rochester and Oswego can hardly be safely included in any general expression of opinion, as these clubs have played a few exhibition games, which were in fact, as well as in name, exhibitions. The Utica regulars defeated easily a nine of extra players, and Rochester has had no difficulty with Cornell. Oswego made a good showing in its exhibition, as did Binghamton, and both these clubs are considered to be stronger than last year. Of the other clubs, Syracuse seems to have made the best record abroad. Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo have been frequently defeated, while playing good ball, and Newark and Jersey City have made fair records.

Already we hear of "cliquism" in the Syracuse Club, and if there be any truth to the bushel of statement that team is certain to be doomed before the season is well under way. Their ability to play a winning game is unquestioned, but if the clique exists the club will lose when losing is the policy of the party element.

Toronto has apparently strengthened its position in the minds of the speculative genius. The Toronto suffers from a lack of efficient pitchers, a want, by the way, of nearly all the clubs except Hamilton, which might perhaps spare a few. The Toronto are also regarded as weak in base running but good in batting and steady fielders.

Over here Hamilton is not regarded with affection. The antics of Collins and his happy family last season have not engendered respect for the team in the Buffalo mind, but there is no denying the fact that the Hamilton aggregation are strong favorites for the pennant, and no one questions their ability to do good work.

Rochester is not thought to be strong. The outfield is slow and of heavy movement, and the base-running of the players is likely to be severely criticised. They are strong batters, however, and if they get on to a pitcher will make things hum. With a sharp, close game by their opponents they are likely to suffer.

While Utica is not believed to be as strong as in 1885, they have a winning management and this will go a great way toward keeping them in shape.

Oswego and Binghamton are in much better shape than last year and the Newark club is quite a strong addition to the International ranks.

Manager Powers thinks he has a strong combination at Jersey City, but it is learned that he is almost absolutely dependent on the work of one pitcher and unless this position can be strengthened he may have hard work to get and keep as good as fifth place.

Buffalo—well, in Buffalo, a town which ought to be and very likely is chastened by long suffering with teams that don't win, the prevailing impression is that Manager Chapman has a team with only a fair show in a medium team, weak at third and still weaker in pitching talent. The new rules appear to have destroyed Zell's efficiency and so badly impaired the quality of Walsh's work that he has ceased to be considered safe. Fanning, who was not thought to be of much account, did so well in exhibition games that Manager Chapman thinks he will have to place him at the front. The club is otherwise a good one, good in the batting and in the fielding and thought to be about equal generally to the Toronto and Newark teams.

The Newark club played the New York league giants to-day for a defeat. The giants pitched Welch and he was very effective. The Newarks had Stovey in, but he failed to hold the giants down and they won easily by the following score:

		R.	H.	E.
New York	1 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 5 —	11	16	3
Newark	0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 —	3	9	1

The American Association clubs played to-day on their regular championship schedule. The best game of the four was at Louisville, where two of last year's Metropolitan pitcheres competed for the opposing teams, and Buckley, the Cleveland Baby, with Morrison in the box outplayed the Louisville aggregation with "Peek-a-boo" Veach in the pocket. The game was marked by good fielding and by excellent pitching which kept the batting streaks apart. The game was interrupted by a shower at the end of the fifth inning, but it cleared up some later and Umpire Cuthbert ordered the game to proceed. Louisville was then leading and was disposed to grumble at the order, but finally agreed. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Louisville	2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 —	4	11	3
Cleveland	3 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 x —	6	12	3

At Philadelphia it was an amusing game for everybody but Pitchers Atkinson and Cushman, both of whom were badly punished from start to finish. Both were wild and erratic, and fair balls, when they came, were batted hard. In the closing half of the ninth, when the Athletics were 16 and the Mets 17, the Athletics on going to the field sent Atkinson out and put Bierbauer in to pitch, and the change defeated the Metropolitans. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Athletics	5 4 0 4 0 0 3 0 2 —	18	21	5
Metropolitans	0 6 0 3 4 0 2 2 0 —	17	21	8

At Brooklyn poor work by the ex-phenomenal Smith of the Baltimores, in the second innings of the game gave the Brooklyns another victory. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 —	4	10	3
Baltimore	3 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 —	7	7	4

At St. Louis both teams presented their pony pitchers and the result was a disastrous defeat for the Cincinnati team, which gave up the game at the end of the eighth innings. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0 0 4 0 1 1 0 0 x —	6	13	6
St. Louis	4 0 0 2 4 5 0 4 x —	19	22	5

Dust from the Diamond.

The Hamiltons will play at Wilkesbarre Thursday and Friday.

Toronto defeated the Allentown, Pa., team yesterday by 12 to 5. Crane and Trafley were the Toronto battery.

The Ionia Michigan League Club is negotiating for a couple of Toronto players.

A.J.B., the Toronto correspondent of the Sporting News, has a breezy letter in this week's issue.

Crane has a sore finger, but he is pitching well nevertheless.

Decker's batting in the exhibition games has been a feature of the team's work. Slattery, Fatin and Crane have also done well in this respect.

Olin of the Oswegos says he wants to quit the diamond, but is threatened with the blacklist by Manager Curry. Olin claims he never signed with Oswego, but only played ten games.

St. Louis and Louisville are after umpire Bauer's scalp.

Alberts, Torontos' short-stop, plays his position like George Smith.

Caylor is bound to push the National Daily Gazette even if he has to break a trace in doing it. He accordingly will present a gold badge to the player in each club of the National League, the American Association and the International League who first scores the 100th hit this season, according to the National playing rules. The scores as published in the Gazette will be used in distributing the favor. To the player who puts in the first claim a $25 badge will be given. Championship games only must be considered.

Catchers Smith and Patterson have been released by Hamiltons.

The employes of Cruikshank Bros., plumbers and steamfitters, have organized a baseball club and are open to play any other plumber's shop. G. Whalen, Secretary.

At the second annual meeting of the Derby Baseball Club held Tuesday night in its club room, King-street west, the following officers were elected for the present year: Patrick Herbert, President; Tony Murray, Vice-President; Dennis Shea, Treasurer; Jonathan Tinning, Secretary; Larry Sievert, Captain. The Secretary's address is Grand Trunk Railway ticket office, King and Yonge streets.

The Electric Baseball Club is now ready to receive challenges from any club whose members are not more than 14 years of age. Secretary's address, No. 4 Sherbourne-place, Toronto.

About the International League.

A despatch to the New York Herald from Syracuse dated Monday says: The opening of the International Baseball League's season is fixed for next Saturday. The League, which will start out under favoring auspices, is composed of Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Oswego, Binghamton, Jersey City and Newark. The schedule for the ten clubs was a thing not easy to be arranged, but it has been made to run from April 29 to Oct. 1, each club to play 108 games—54 at home and 54 abroad. The league will work under the qualified sanction of the national agreement. The general affairs of the league are in excellent hands. The President, Frank T. Gilbert, ex-Sheriff of Erie county, is energetic and enthusiastic in promoting the success of this union of ball teams, while last year's secretary, C. D. White of Utica, fulfills his exacting duties to everybody's satisfaction. As for the winner, the prophets differ, but the way things look now the race lies between Newark and Syracuse, with Rochester, Jersey City and Hamilton close behind. Then come the rest in order—Toronto, Buffalo, Binghamton, Utica and Oswego. At the opening on Saturday Toronto will play at Syracuse, Hamilton at Oswego, Buffalo at Newark, Rochester at Jersey City and Binghamton at Utica.

The Scotch Yacht Thistle.

LONDON, April 26.—Mr. Bell's racing cutter Thistle, which is to go to America to compete for the America's Cup, was launched this morning.

The public was excluded from the launch. Just as the vessel cleared the ways she stuck fast owing to blocks of wood which the workmen had omitted to remove. There was general dismay until men put out in boats and got the yacht afloat by means of windlasses. The vessel was finally launched amid cheers from those on board, others on the shore giving cheers for the "Yankees." When crossing the Atlantic the Thistle will carry a trailing mainsail and big mizzen. Her first race will be from South End to Harwich in the Thames Yacht Club match on May 28. Capt. Barr, who won the Queen's Cup with the Alert, will command the Thistle.

The Sportsman's Annual.

The Canadian Sportsman's Annual for 1887 has been issued. It is neatly printed and its contents are conveniently arranged. Prominent features of the work are the rules of the Canadian Turf Association, the 2.30 trotting list and 2.45 trotting and pacing lists, and a miscellaneous amount of records in all branches of sport. It is an indispensable compendium for horsemen, and should be in the possession of everyone interested in athletic pastimes.

Pronounced a Professional.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Malcolm W. Ford, the champion athlete, was finally declared to be a professional at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Amateur Athletics of America this evening.

Racing at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 26.—Second day of the Memphis Jockey Club Meeting: First race, ¾ mile—B-Mona won, Little Minch, second; Sam Harper, jr., third; time 1.05¼.

Second race, Chickasaw Guards Sweepstakes for 4-year olds, 1½ miles—The starters were Blue Wing, Brown Duke, Montana Regent, Elkwood and Lafitte. Blue Wing had the call selling for $100, Montana Regent $60, the field $40. Elkwood and Blue Wing and Lafitte alternated in the lead until the last quarter was reached, when Blue Wing, who had dropped back to third place, worked up and a driving finish to the string ensued. Blue Wing won by half a length from Elkwood, second, who was half a length in front of Montana Regent, third; time 2.12½.

Third race, 1 mile—Australia won, Grimaldi second, Duke of Bourbon third; time 1.45¼.

Fourth race, ¾ mile—Marie won, Annie Ban second, Bob Thomas third; time 1.08½.

Fifth race, mile and 70 yards—Asclepoli won, Aurelian second, Gilt Edge third; time 6.55.

Spring Races at Newmarket.

LONDON, April 26.—The first spring meeting at Newmarket opened to-day. The race for the Prince of Wales Plate (handicap) was won by Douglas Baird's colt, St. Michael, Sir G. Chetwynd's gelding Plantagenet second, Lord Londonderry's horse Cambusmoor third.

Turf Notes.

A curious incident of the past week was the arrival of Brown Dick the trainer, at Gravesend, in a wagon drawn by the once famous race horse Bootjack. Bootjack headed a string of twelve, mostly 2-year-olds, belonging to Barnes' Melbourne stable and A. M. Burton.

Peteen has created a panic among his numerous owners for the Kentucky Derby by bleeding from the lungs while engaged in a bruising trial with Montrose at Lexington. The rumor that Milkmaid had gone dead lame was caused by his stepping on a stone while undergoing exercise on the Boulevard. The injury was a little painful for a time, but the horse is all right now.

Twenty-five of Mr. Haggin's horses will be sent to the Prospect Park track before the opening of the meeting on May 14.

The news that the Ives Pool Bill had passed the Assembly caused general rejoicing in turf circles. All now look for a prosperous and thoroughly enjoyable season.

Betting has changed during the past week. Cridge reports: For the Suburban—Fifteen to 1 each against Tremont, The Bard, Bob Fisher, and Ben Ali; 20 to 1 against Billy Gilmore, Blue Wing, Exile, Guenn, and Rupert; 25 to 1 against Sir Joseph and Rataplan, and 30 to 1 against Alf Lauth, Bessie Dean, Electric, Kirkman, and Wickham. For the Kentucky Derby—Three to 1 against Gollan, 8 to 1 each Montrose and Rataplan; 10 to 1 Banburg, 12 to 1 Jim Gore, 15 to 1 Alcalde, Duke of Bourbon, Phoebus Darkin, Potomac, Fendennis and Lilmsky, 20 to 1 Ban Yan, El Monte, Laredo and Procrastination; 35 to 1 Silver Bow, Tom Hood and Nick Finzer. For the Brooklyn Handicap—Six to 1 Blue Wing, 8 to 1 Exile, 10 to 1 Free Knight, 15 to 1 Dry Monopole and Wickham, 20 to 1 Long Knight, Barnum and Troubadour, 25 to 1 Ben Ali, Hanover, Hidalgo and Quito. For the Withers—Five to 1 against Hanover, 3 to 1 Tremont, 5 to 1 Kingston, 10 to 1 Bradford, 15 to 1 Belvidere and Firenzi.

Spots of Sport.

The Hunt Club had a successful meet yesterday afternoon.

The Toronto Cricket Club held a meeting last night in the Queen's for the purpose of considering the purchase of grounds. Action was deferred till a future meeting to be held in three weeks.

Jack Hopper of New York and Mike Cushing of New Jersey, lightweights, fought twenty five rounds yesterday morning in one hour and thirty-nine minutes. Although Cushing broke an arm in the eighteenth round he continued gamely. Hopper finally won.

Harry Gilmore is in the city training for his fight with Hawkins, which will come off in about four weeks at some place in the United States not yet fixed. The battle will be for $250 a side and a purse. Gilmore is stopping at the Continental Hotel and takes daily exercise with Proprietor Joe O'Hara.

An encouraging meeting of the Rosedale Cricket Club was held on Monday night. Twenty-one new members were proposed, and the prospects for a successful season are most promising. The officers are: President, James Macdonald; Vice-President, W. H. Harris; Secretary-Treasurer, Ed. Brown. Committee: G. H. Stephenson, J. E. Martin, J. W. Stanley, H. M. Blackburn, C. E. Corbould, L. Langstaff and Curran Morrison.

QUERY BOX AND COMPLAINT BOOK.

Sir John's Majority.

Editor World: I made several bets on Sir John's majority in the House, stipulating at the time the first division. The Irish question is under debate, but this not being a Government measure, as I understand, am I not entitled to wait until a Government measure is brought up to show the division? CHARLEY ROSS.

[The stand taken by "Charley Ross" is right. The Irish question is not a Government measure, and the vote on it will not be a test of Sir John Macdonald's majority.]

No.

Editor World: Is Edwin Booth to appear at either of our theatres this season? BUCKSKIN.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Three hundred moulders refused to use boycotted St. Louis patterns at Troy and a lockout has resulted.

The mountains in the vicinity of Lynchburg, W. Va., are covered with snow and the weather is cool.

The tug Jennie, being missing since Saturday, has reached South Haven, Mich., after a very rough experience.

The stove moulders at Albany went to work on the "struck" St. Louis patterns yesterday under orders from Powderly.

All the squatters on the Crow reservation in Minnesota will be expelled immediately, and there is much excitement on that account.

At least 400 children are down with the measles in Madison, Wis. Many adults are affected. The public schools have been closed.

Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the large building of Williams Bros., grocers, Pittsburg. Sophia Bolles and Fred Shultz were smothered to death. Loss $15,000.

M. J. Scanlan, a freight brakeman on the Fort Wayne Railway, was arrested yesterday at Pittsburg on a charge of robbing freight trains. Other arrests will follow.

The foundries of the National Stove Founders' Defence Association at Troy shut down yesterday. The moulders voted to return to work, but the manufacturers say it is not a sure thing that they will re-open the shops.

The guests who assembled to celebrate the marriage of Bonito Hernandez and Juanita Alvirez, near Merida, Yucatan, became involved in a general fight. Seven of them, including the groom, were killed.

At Villa Libre, Mexico, on Sunday, the parish priest, in the presence of the jefe politico, flogged and exorcised the body of a dead man who in life had been accused of being a wizard and was said to hold converse with the devil.

A petition was almost unanimously signed in the New York Legislature yesterday to the Queen of Great Britain for the pardon of Dr. Gallagher, the Brooklynite, now a convict in Van Diemen's Land for being concerned in dynamite outrages in England.

The dead body of Mary McCarthy, a domestic in the employ of Rev. Wilton Smith, Cleveland, O., was found under a porch in that city. Death had been caused by strangulation, and an attempt had been made to criminally assault her.

Chicago Times: A New York paper predicts a panic boom for the party that makes the peaceable acquisition of Canada a plank in its platform. It is wrong. Anyone familiar with our monetary relations with Canada knows that such a party would lose the support of our greatest and most active financial interests.

The Lucky Ones.

—The wholesale stock of Messrs. H. Hirshfeld & Co. has been purchased by McKendry & Co., 278 Yonge-street, at 40 cents on the dollar. The Waterloo House will be the scene of a panic when the stock is marked off. 246

WILSON BARRETT AT THE GRAND.

The Triple Bill—Great Performances—Other Theatrical Attractions.

The triple bill presented at the Grand Opera House last night afforded the large and fashionable audience a triple treat. Following the English fashion, the performance began with a light melodramatic farce, intended to catch the gallery, while the stalls were being filled. The old color-sergeant of the Peninsula was contrasted with a more modern representative of the British soldier, while Mr. Frank Emery bore away the palm as the traditional "Tommy Atkins." This gentleman's acting and that of Mr. Cooper Cliffe, as the "Prodigal Son," who in four years achieves the color-sergeant's stripes, which cost his father fourteen, acquired the sympathy of the audience, and the reputation thus won was well sustained throughout the evening. Mr. Emery is a fine specimen of a class of actor becoming rare in America under the ridicule of modern play wrights, and yet Dixie, who has done so much towards depriving us of that fine old English comic character with the rich rolling voice and the full portly features, is himself an Englishman.

The farce was followed by a modern play in one act, "A Clerical Error," by Mr. Henry A. Jones. The piece afforded Mr. Barrett an opportunity to display his power of representing the modern gentleman undergo a passionate mental conflict and terminate it by an act of heroic self-sacrifice. His success was such as to prepare the audience for the masterpiece of acting in the third part.

Every one is familiar with the story of the young poet, whose unfortunate end has done more to preserve his name than did his poetical forgeries. Our fellow-citizen, Dr. Wilson, has described the poet's career and many we doubt not will be led to read the book by the spell which Mr. Barrett casts upon the character in last night's performance. The play would be almost too tragical, did we not feel relieved by the devil-may-care advice of Nat Boaden (Mr. Emery). His temptation furnishes a crisis in the single act of which the play consists, and a fine contrast is drawn between the boy of 20 and the reprobate of 50, whose motto is summed up in the four words, "Don't know, don't care." The burst of applause which greeted Mr. Barrett's entrance was a well deserved tribute to his success with his audience. Throughout the rest of the play he brought the feelings of the hearers up to the highest pitch and there were few dry eyes in the house when the last death struggle, with the ghastly twitching of the hands, was concealed by the drop curtain.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Barrett has not given us an opportunity of judging him in a more sustained character than that in which he has appeared. The contrast with Mr. Irving and Mr. Booth is, under these circumstances, hardly a fair one, and we shall abstain from drawing any such comparison. Certain it is that for power of tragic pathos no actor ever trod the boards of the Grand who is superior to Mr. Barrett. We have reserved judgment as to Miss Eastlake, the fair young English blonde, attracted the attention of the ladies in the audience. She has a very sweet voice, which is well adapted to her part in "A Clerical Error," but her role in "Chatterton" is inconsiderable, but what she has to do is well done. The other members of the company were efficient in their support, contributing to the general success of an excellent performance.

The same bill to-night.

Toronto Choral Society.

An unusually large turn out of members were at the Choral Society's rehearsal last night and a marked advance was made in the study of "Paradise and the Peri." In addition to the soloists already announced to take part in this concert, the patrons of this society will be pleased to learn that Miss Anna Dell Martin of New York has been engaged for the contralto solos.

Clara Morris at the Grand.

Clara Morris, who appears at the Grand Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week is said by dramatic critics to be the best living actress of emotional drama. Sara Bernhart is the only one that can in any way be compared to her.

"Alvin Joslin" at the Toronto.

The sale of seats for Charles L. Davis' performance of "Alvin Joslin" at the Toronto Opera House will open at the box office to-morrow morning. There will be no Friday matinee this week, but Saturday will witness the usual performance. "A Ring of Iron" will be the attraction at the Toronto next week.

Amusement Notes.

The Knights of Pythias of this city intend holding a concert on May 12 to make up for the deficiency caused by bad weather, etc., in connection with their demonstration last summer.

The sixty-eighth anniversary of Oddfellowship was last night observed by Canton Toronto No. 7, 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment of Ontario, Patriarchs Militant, by a concert at Shaftesbury Hall. The chairman was Lieut. Wilson, Joseph Oliver, A.D.C. for Ontario, and the chairman of committee was Bro. F. W. Unitt and the secretary was Bro. W. Burton. A splendid program of songs, instrumental music and duets was presented under the able conductorship of Prof. Bohner.

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OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Plans are being prepared for a new Opera House in Galt.

Mrs. Fenwick (Maggie Barr) is very ill at her home in Hamilton.

The Berlin News says the fall wheat looks excellent in the County of Waterloo.

Mr. C. E. Schiller, Clerk of the Peace and Crown at Montreal, is dead, aged 69 years.

Albert Staves, bandmaster of the Woodstock band, is dying at at his home in Woodstock.

The amount of business transacted by the M.C.R. and C.P.R. in St. Thomas last month aggregated $144,000.

The new county buildings, Stratford, are receiving the finishing touches and will be opened with a celebration.

J. M. Domis of Chambly has been committed for trial for sending threatening letters to a young woman of that place.

The Bell Telephone Company proposes to extend its line from Aylmer to Port Colborne and to connect Norwich with Tilsonburg.

The Bryce-Wright elopement case of Belleville is not settled yet, but the Intelligencer says "that there is a prospect for a happy settlement."

Mrs. Harvey of Galt, who is over 90 years of age, walked one day last week to her son's residence in East Dumfries, being a distance of four and one-half miles.

Mr. J. A. McCarthy, sen., has been for 47 years constable in Stratford having been appointed during the time the territory was known as the London district.

Over two thousand people were present at the revival service last Sunday in Port Hope, and the interest is so intense that numbers were unable to get admission.

A petition is circulated in Mitchell, with a view to having the Council submit a bylaw to grant $2000 toward the rebuilding of the woolen mills some time ago destroyed by fire.

The young men of the North Westminster Presbyterian Church presented their pastor the Rev. E. H. Sawers last week with a buggy, a set of silver-mounted harness, robe and whip.

A Peterboro butcher found his till empty and his meat disfigured on Monday mornings for some time back. He watched last Sunday and caught the thieves, who proved to be two boys of the age of 11 and 12 years respectively. They were in league with others, upon whom they immediately informed.

A deputation of the Brotherhood of Brakemen, and of conductors belonging to the G.T.R. in St. Thomas will go to Montreal this week to ask for an increase of 20 and 75 cents per day respectively. It is claimed the advance will put them on the same footing as the employes of the Canada Southern.

The Nova Scotia Government exacts a royalty of ten cents per ton on coal, thus giving it an annual revenue of $120,000. There is a proposition made to sell the mining lands to the Dominion Government for $120,000 per annum, thereby increasing the yearly Federal subsidy.

A Fredericton gentleman a short time ago left a note of $2500 in the Maritime Bank, as collateral for overdrawn money, which he paid a few days afterwards, but neglected to take away the note. The bank having failed, and the note having been withdrawn to another bank, he was called upon to pay the full amount last week.

Special Notice.

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That seeks it in meekness and love;
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In the smoking of Dobson sublime.
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ROUNDER ON THE ISLAND.

A SATURDAY WALK ALONG THE CITIZENS' SUMMER RETREAT.

How the Sandbar Looks After the Severe Winter—Scenes of Desolation—At the Breakwater—A Rough Passage in the Gallant Mascotte.

Yo, ho, my lads, the wind blows free,
A pleasant gale is on our lee!

So sang the "Mariners" on the steam ferry Mascotte, as the gallant little boat, breasting the turbulent billows of the bay on Saturday, headed for Hanlan's Point. The bay was decidedly lumpy, and the Mascotte rolled from starboard to larboard and then back again, badly scaring the few females on board, and giving even those of the stouter gender a small taste of that disagreeable sensation called sea-sickness.

The waves dashed over the bow of the boat and as the wind whistled through from stem to stern the few passengers turned up their collars, shook the water from their coats and hats, and as one man gathered around the boiler. The trip, thank heaven, was not of long duration, but as the Island was neared signs of the winter's ravages were apparent. The sandbar running in towards Queen's Wharf always seems to be a special object of fury for the waves, and on Saturday last huge white-capped billows dashed themselves column after column against the bar, in many cases leaping clear over it. This bar (like seventy