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ON WINTER TRACKS.

Racing Resumed at the Crescent City—14 Books in Line.

New Orleans, Feb. 17.—Racing was resumed this afternoon after one day's idleness. The track was entirely clear of snow and in fair condition, but the snow-covered infield resembled the northern tracks.

The new program was a good one and drew out nearly 2000 people. Betting was heavy with 14 books in line. Summaries:

First race, 5-8 mile—Freedman, 110, Leigh, 2 to 1, 1; Anna McNairy, 100, Hennessy, 10 to 1, 2; Black Jack, 105, Sabine, 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.13.

Second race, 7 1-2 furlongs—Bill White, 107, Williams, 3 to 1, 1; Legrande, 102, Newcom, 6 to 1, 2; Jim Henry, 105, Hill, 9 to 5, 3. Time 1.51 1-2.

Third race, 3-4 mile—Royal Prince, 101, Soden, 2 to 1, 1; Cerro Gordon, 106, Hill, 2 to 1, 2; Chimes, 103, Berger, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.28.

Fourth race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Tom Kelly, 106, McCue, 4 to 1, 1; Furlong, 112, Hill, 3 to 2, 2; Trixie, 97, Warren, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.19 3-4.

Fifth race, one mile—Dave Pulsifer, 110, Leigh, 8 to 5, 1; Churchill Clark, 107, Hill, 9 to 5, 2; Tippecanoe, 102, Keith, 3 to 1, 3. Time 2.02 3-4.

Entries for Monday: First race, 5-8 mile Red Veil, Black Satin, 95; Vocality 97, Nicaragua, Rabbit, 102; Beauregard, Followday, 104; Stonewall, Loch Leven, 107; Cactus Blossom, Fort Worth, Blakemore, Cerro Gordo, 110.

Second race, 3-4 mile—Cora B., Uncle Lew, Leaseman, 107; Arsenic, Rags, 112.

Third race, 3-4 mile—Charlie B., 100; Wild Huntress, Bess McDutt, 101; Oh No, Satellite, 102; I.C.W., Emperor Billet, Luke Parks, 103; G. B. Cox, Gee Whiz, 104; Alice D. 105, Dave Pulsifer 106, Woodreff, Kindora, 107; Legrande 111.

Fourth race, 5-8 mile—Anna McNairy, 95; Dr. Reed 97, Blackball 100, Danube, Springtime, Wanda T., 104; Guard, Elberon, Jardine, Loftin, jr., 107; Rancocas, Fidget, 110.

Fifth race, 7-8 mile—Toss Titt 97, Black Jack 100, Blue and White, Ethel W., 102; Tippecanoe, Kelly, 104; Primaro, Churchill Clark, 107. Weather cloudy; track very heavy.

Out at 'Frisco

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—First race, about 6 furlongs—Beilringer 1, Prince 2, Marietta 3. Time 1.21.

Second race, 5 furlongs, selling—Conde 1, Grandee 2, John Payne 3. Time 1.06.

Third race, about 6 furlongs — Robin Hood No. 2, 1, Circe 2, Realization 3. Time 1.18.

Fourth race, one mile and a quarter, Burns Handicap, value $5000—Hawthorne 1, Lovedale 2, Thornhill 3. Time 2.17.

Fifth race, handicap steeplechase, short course—Tyro 1, Eil Kenig 2, Templemore 3. Time 3.28.

Sixth race, about 6 furlongs—Hymen 1, Arno 2, Zarogoza 3. Time 1.20 1-2.

HOW HARDING WON.

Sullivan Was 5 Lengths Ahead, But Ice Sent Him to the Rear.

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 17.—The single scull race for the championship of England and £400 took place yesterday. It was to have taken place last Monday, but on account of the ice had to be deferred. The usual Tyne course, starting from the Mansion House, was used, and there was more than usual interest displayed as it was understood that the winner would try conclusions with Canada's famous oarsman, Jacob Gaudaur of Orillia, Ont. The contestants were Charles W. Harding of England, who won the championship from Bubear, and Thomas Sullivan of New Zealand.

Harding won the toss for position and chose the north side of the river, which was apparently the clearest. The start was made at 5 o'clock, both oarsmen getting off on even terms.

Sullivan, with a quick, powerful stroke, forged slowly ahead and at Red Hugh Bridge led by two good lengths and kept gaining until he had a clear advantage of nearly five lengths, but the ice in the river gave him trouble which his opponent did not share to so great an extent, and the latter, putting on a spurt, crept up on the New Zealander, forged ahead, and from all appearance soon had the colonist at his mercy, and crossed the finish line a winner in 21 minutes 15 seconds. There was not much betting on the race.

The Rowing Men Are Pedro Champions

The Toronto Rowing Club defeated the Comus Club last night in the final game of the Pedro League, by 19 games to 16, thus winning the trophy. The match was the most interesting and exciting of any played in the league, and was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Speeches and songs wound up a most enjoyable evening. The clubs finished in the following order:

	Won.	Lost.
Toronto Rowing Club	7	1
Comus Club	6	2
Royal Canadian B.C.	4	4
Queen City B.C.	2	5
Royal Toronto Sailnig S.C.	0	7

Golf in Winter Weather

An ingenious invention has been patented in England which gives the golfer the opportunity of practising at his favorite sport during the chill winter months when the snow is on the green and the links are no longer accessible. The Toronto Athletic Club has just received three of these machines, called "Linka," and the players of the Toronto Golf Club will hail their coming with pleasure. There is a little stand for the golf ball at the foot of the machine, and with his cleek or driver the player strikes at the ball just as though he were on his own teeing ground at Fernhill. The machine registers the speed and distance which the ball would have gone. The golfer thus has a chance to keep his hand in as well as enjoy an exciting competition with his fellow player.

Winnipeg's Discourtesy to Outsiders.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—In Saturday's play in Winnipeg's big curling bonspiel the last of the American rinks succumbed and all left for home to-day, bearing only pleasant recollections of a great week of curling. The finals in the two chief events will be played Monday. In the grand challenge, out of a hundred, only three rinks remain, they being skipped by Verner, Shaw and Dunbar, all of Winnipeg. The final in the Walkerville competition is left between Carson and Clarke, also of Winnipeg.

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IN A BUNCH FOR FIRST PLACE

Toronto Baukers Defeat Commerce, and Thus the Two Teams, With Imperial, Are All Abreast.

One of the best and fastest games of hockey played this year was witnessed at the Granite Rink Saturday afternoon by about 800 spectators, when the Bank of Toronto Hockey team met and defeated the Commerce team by a score of 8 goals to 6. At half time the Torontos had scored 5 goals, while the Commerce scored 3. In the second half each team scored 3 more. Stevenson had his head badly cut and had to discontinue play, Read going off to balance things up. After being warned Hedley was sent to the boards for continual off side play. For Commerce McMaster, Nourse and Macdonald did the lion's share and Gilmour, Carruthers and Crawford for Toronto. Summary:

First half—1, Toronto, Gilmour, 6 min.; 2, Commerce, Macdonald, 3 min.; 3, Toronto, Crawford, 7 min.; 4, Commerce, Stevenson, 2 min.; 5, Commerce, Hedley, 1 min.; 6, Toronto, Gilmour, 1 min.; 7, Toronto, Reid, 5 min.; 8, Toronto, Crawford, 3 min.

Second half—9, Commerce, Nourse, 2 min.; 10, Commerce, Hedley, 5 min.; 11, Toronto, Carruthers, 2 min.; 12, Commerce, Macdonald, 9 min.; 13, Toronto, Carruthers, 6 min.; 14, Toronto, Crawford, 2 min.

The result of this game leaves the Imperial, Commerce and Torontos even, each having won three and lost two. Teams:

Toronto (8): Goal, Carlyle; point, Warden; cover, Carruthers; forwards, Gilmour, Crawford, Gayman, Reid.

Commerce (6): Goal, McMaster; point, Hillburn; cover, Nourse; forwards, Stevenson, Jackson, Macdonald, Hedley.

Referee—M. S. McCarthy, Hamilton.

Ottawa Defeats Montreal

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Ottawas played the Montrealers here this evening in the senior hockey championship series and defeated the visitors by a score of 4 to 3 after one of the hardest matches of the season. Montreal put up the best game in the first half and scored three games to one for their opponents. In the second half Ottawa persistently kept the puck in Montreal's territory, but the splendid defence of the visitors prevented them from scoring more than two games and the second half thus ended with a score of 3 to 3. The teams then played off to a finish and Russell scored the winning game for Ottawa 12 minutes later. The teams were:

Montreal (3): Goal Collins, point Bickerdike, cover Cameron, forwards Hodgson, Routh, Barlow and Archibald.

Ottawa—Goal Chittick, point Pulford, cover Young, forwards Kirby, Westwick, Russell and Smith.

Referee—R. Wall of the Standards.

Spalding's Baseball Hockeyists.

Before about 400 spectators the Victorias met and defeated the Spalding team of Chicago at the Victoria Rink Saturday afternoon by a score of six to one. The game was slow throughout, as the Spalding team are as yet novices at the game. They look as though they could handle a baseball bat better than a hockey stick. Owing to the Spalding men leaving for Brampton on the 4.25 train they were only able to play 30 minutes, each team playing six men.

The Granite Colts and Peterboro.

A big crowd of their supporters gave the Granite Colts a royal welcome at the Union station last evening when they returned from their London victory in the semi-final for the juniors O.H.A. championship. The Granites won by 7 goals to 2. They will meet Peterboro in the final for the junior championship this week, likely in the Victoria or the Caledonian rinks. Peterboro beat Kingston on their own ice in a hot game on Saturday by 8 to 7. The teams at London were:

Granite Colts (7): Goal Livingstone, point McArthur, cover F. Lillie, forwards Dixon, Johnston, Ewing, W. Lillie.

London II. (2): Goal Glover, point Screstoncover Carmichael, forwards Lind, Barr, Graydon, W. Reid.

Referee—Richardson, Osgoode Hall.

'Twill Be a Great Game.

There will be a great fancy dress hockey match at the Victoria Rink on Thursday night between the Bank of Commerce team and the Victorias. The game will start at 8 o'clock, and lots of fun may be looked for. A band will be in attendance.

The Granites at Port Perry.

Port Perry, Feb. 16.—A two-rink curling match, between the Granites of Toronto and the Port Perry Curling Club, was played here this morning, and resulted in a tie as follows:

GRANITES.		PORT PERRY.	
C. H. Riggs,		J. R. Grant,	
S. G. Beatty,		John Swan,	
W. C. Matthews,		J. L. Forman,	
W. J. McMurtry, sk.	16	L. Sebert, skip	10
H. S. Osler,		F. M. Yarnold,	
C. N. Candee,		M. S. Coates,	
E. A. Badenach,		J. M. Davis,	
J. Kilgour, skip	11	Dr. G. H. Clemens, sk.	17
Total	27	Total	27

Ice Chips.

The hockey match at Trinity Saturday morning resulted in a victory for Ridley over Trinity juniors by a small margin.

The rink match in the second round for the Mowat cup in Mutual-street resulted in a victory for the Rennies over W. G. Prentice by 25 shots to 13.

The Orillia News Letter says that the organization of a hockey club is being discussed by Orillia ladies, a number of whom engaged in a practice match on West-street rink on Thursday afternoon.

A. F. R. Martin will referee the O.H.A. semi-final match at Berlin to-day between Ayr and Trinity. The winner meets Queen's in Mutual-street ring Thursday. Seats will be reserved for this match, the plan to open at Nordheimer's to-morrow.

The hockey match arranged for Saturday between the R.C.B.C., the Wellingtons and Queen City clubs on Logan-avenue rink did not take place, the ice being too soft. Weather permitting they will come off on Thursday and Saturday next.

The international curling match took place at Montreal Saturday afternoon between rinks from Albany and New York against a picked Canadian team. The match resulted in a victory for the Canadians by a score of 40 to 24. A large crowd of spectators witnessed the match, after which the visitors were entertained by resident curlers.

An exciting game of hockey was played between the Otters and Beavers on Saturday. The score resulted in favor of the Otters by 15 goals to 6. The Otters are now open to receive challenges from any team, average age 15 years. Address G. Currie, 30 Gerrard-street east.

The old timer said on Saturday that Prospect Park's time has come and they'll win the Tankard this year sure, although the champion Granites, Hamilton Thistles and most of the other hard nuts are left to crack. The draw will take place at Mr. Russell's office to-morrow night, when 16 clubs are expected to be represented. Play begins Wednesday morning in the city rinks.

Representatives of The Globe and The Mail and Empire met around the tee, 2 rinks a side, in Granite ice Saturday, the combination winning in a walk. Score 30 to 14.

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McDowall's Shoot at the Woodbine.

The McDowall shoot at the Woodbine on Saturday consisted of three sparrow and four blue rock matches, the scores being as follows:

No. 1, 6 sparrows—Fairburn 5, Breckem 4, Backus 4, Janes 3.

No. 2—Fairburn 6, Backus 5, Moore 3.

No. 3—Fairburn 6, Backus 5, Breckem 5, Moore 3.

No. 4, 5 blue rocks—Beatty 4, McDowall 3, Backus 3, Fairburn 3.

No. 5—McDowall 5, Beatty 4, Fairburn 4, Backus 4.

No. 6—McDowall 4, Fairburn 3, Beatty 3, Backus 3.

No. 7—Fairburn 4, McDowall 3, Beatty 3, Backus 3.

Toronto Rowing Club

A special general meeting of the Toronto Rowing Club will be held Monday evening, the 18th inst., at 8.30 o'clock.

Athletic and General Notes

D. L.: Joe Miller won the Queen's Plate last May in 2.28 1-2.

Varsity lacrossists will likely take another trip through the Eastern States next summer.

There was no races at Madison on Saturday, the track being quarantined on account of smallpox.

The Crescent Baseball Club of last year's senior league, under Manager Ward, have reorganized for the year, and will hold a meeting Tuesday at 69 Adelaide east.

Toronto yachtsmen would like to meet some of the Buffalo boats next spring. It is said that the owners of the Oriole would be only too glad to race either the Wasp or Wave Crest or both. C. R. Cuthbert, a well known Toronto yachtsman, whose father built the White Wings, was in Buffalo a few days ago.—Buffalo Courier.

A game of basket ball was played between teams representing E and G companies, 48th Highlanders, resulting in favor of the former by 7 goals to 1. The feature of the game was the combination work of Privates Macdonald, Arnot and Grant.

A special meeting of the Royal Toronto Sailing Skiff Club will be held in the club house to-morrow evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the amendments to bylaws and the constitution, and every member is requested to make an effort to attend, so as to interest himself in the proposed changes.

The Tourist Cycle Club had a very pleasant progressive euchre party in their club rooms, 382 Church-street, about 40 enthusiastics taking part. Among those present were Dr. Doolittle, A. Byron and Capt. Johnston of the Athenaeum. Refreshments were served and prizes given. This club will give a grand christening smoker in St. George's Hall, Elm-street, Feb. 21.

IS THERE A REMEDY?

New York Opinion on the Departmental Store Question—A Beneficent Evolution May Be Developed.

A meeting of retail grocers was recently held in New York to take means for "the overthrow of all species of centralization of the powers of distribution in the hands of a few greedy monopolists represented by the departmental stores of the business centre of the city." Referring to this editorially The Sun says: "We wouldl ike to know by what means this object is to be carried out. We are unable to think of any means through which success is likely to be gained. The department stores are lawful institutions; they are steadily increasing in number; they do a great deal of business; they are said to be profitable to their proprietors, and they seem to be attractive to many customers who wish to buy dry goods, groceries, crockery, hardware, furniture, cosmetics, comfits and other wares all at one place. They doubtless diminish the business of the old-fashioned storekeepers, but what can these storekeepers do about it? It is no use for them to remonstrate with their customers, who say that they can get better things for less money in the department stores than at other stores. It would be vain for them to try and induce the department store proprietors to give up any department from which a profit is turned in. There is nothing whatever to be gained by denouncing these proprietors as 'greedy monopolists.'

"We regret that we cannot make any cheering suggestion to our complaining friends of the old-time stores. It is our opinion, however, that, by reason of the convenience of these stores, many of them will be needed for a good while yet, if not always, and may be run to advantage. Their owners must sell as cheaply as possible, and keep the best of goods, and give full weight and deliver on time, and try in every way to please their customers. While observing the business changes that are taking place in these times and that seem to be unavoidable, they may think of some way of turning things to their own advantage."

Danger of a Combine.

The current number of The Week has an article on the subject of Departmental Stores: "The establishments in question have been sometimes regarded as largely responsible for the sweating system, and for inferior qualities of goods, but," says this journal, "it is obvious to a little reflection that whatever foundation in fact there may have been for these charges, these evils are by no means necessary products of the system. And these include, we think, the more usual objections urged against the system. On the other hand, it is undeniable that strong reasons may be given for expecting the revolution to develop into a very beneficent evolution. Suppose, for illustration, the change to have been brought about by a general and benevolent desire on the part of a number of the large distributing houses to do better for their customers, without seriously diminishing their own profits. A little consideration would show them that a great economy could be effected by combining their various lines of business. How many duplications and quadruplications of expenses of various kinds could be got rid of? How much could be saved in rents? How much in the shape of drivers, wagons and other machinery for the local delivery, and so forth? And then what a saving in the time of their customers—to a large extent, no doubt, the same individuals—and what a convenience—to say nothing of reduced prices—to these to be able to purchase all their necessary supplies under the one roof, instead of having to visit half a dozen or a dozen different shops? It is evident that substantially the same results are being wrought by the competition and rivalry of the great general stores.

"But what of tendencies and dangers? Ay, there's the rub! just where it is in the combines of manufacturers and other producers. The smaller the number of capitalists engaged in any line of production or distribution, the easier it is to effect a combination. A combination of 50 or 100, not to say 500, retail stores would be a virtual impossibility. Their various businesses once concentrated in half-a-dozen mammoth houses, combination becomes tempting and easy. Let the process we have described be continued in this city until all or nearly all the retail business is in the hands of a few firms, and these would have the consumers, for the time being at least, at their mercy. What would there be to prevent them from entering into a compact to raise the price of goods to consumers almost at pleasure? The proprietors of this or that store to-day may be too virtuous to do such a thing, but who can vouch for their successors?"

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A MARVELOUS CHILD.

Gertie Cochran, Aged 4 1-2 Years, Answers a Few Questions.

Twelve months ago a poorly clad woman used to sit on a box on a street corner in Mount Vernon, Ill., holding by the hand a child of 3 1-2 years. Whenever the woman could attract the attention of a passer-by she amused that person by putting questions to the child and receiving quick answers. One day

an enterprising showman came along. He saw that the child was a prodigy, and he arranged with its mother to take it on the road and give public performances. That child is now 4 1-2 years old. Her name is Gertie Cochran, and she is one of the attractions of Hopkins' Trans-Oceanic Specialty Company, which opens a week's engagement at the Toronto Opera House to-night.

Gertie Cochran came around to The World office last night with her manager, Mr. Cook, and chattered and laughed and answered questions in a most astounding way.

Little Gertie has a pretty face, fair hair and dark gray eyes that look almost too intense and thoughtful for those of a child of her years. One's first impression on meeting her is of sympathy or pity. It is hard to realize that a mere babe, as she is, can do what she does and have a healthy brain. But after a 10 minutes' experience, when you have heard her merry laughter, her saucy replies to certain questions and note the utter naturalness of all she does, the feeling of pity changes to one of affection and admiration.

Last night Gertie answered about 100 questions on Biblical, historical and mythological subjects. Then she gave the capital of every county in Ontario in 22 seconds. Then she gave the population of all the large cities in the world. She named all the presidents of the United States in 12 seconds. She answered all the questions put in rotation as written down by Mr. Cook, or at random. Occasionally a question she had never heard before would be put to her, and she would answer:

"You've got me now. I don't know."

Gertie Cochran answers all these questions from memory, having heard the answers repeated. Eminent physicians have said that the feats are not strains upon her brain, and that she is, therefore, in no danger. Dr. Andrews of Philadelphia declared that the child's brain contained a sort of phonograph that repeated what was impressed upon it with absolute accuracy.

You will find Miss Gertrude a very entertaining little lady.

Wilson Barrett in "The Manxman."

That clever English actor, author and manager, Wilson Barrett, accompanied by his entire London company and three carloads of scenery, will present for the first time in Toronto to-night at the Grand Opera House his famous new play, "The Manxman." The past success of the play in England has naturally created a strong desire to see it on this side of the ocean, for wherever it has been presented it has attracted crowded houses.

The plot of "The Manxman" follows closely the lines of Hall T. Caine's powerful novel of that name, though it has been changed in some of the minor details where stage limitations have made it necessary.

The Toronto This Week.

Colonel John D. Hopkiins' Trans-Oceanic Star Specialty Company will begin a week's engagement at the Toronto Opera House to-night. This organization is said to be the only one of its kind that plays legitimate theatres exclusively. A variety show without one weak feature and with nothing to offend any portion of an audience is indeed a rarity, but such is claimed to be the character of the Hopkins' Trans-Oceanics. This year's company is unquestionably the strongest that Manager Hopkins has had in some time. Matinees will be given as usual Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Lilly Clay at the Academy.

Lilly Clay and her clever burlesquers, under the management of Harry W. Semon, will be the attraction at the Academy all this week, and the stars are Agnes Evans and Nettie Huffmann, who are widely known to be two of the handsomest, finest formed and most costly dressed ladies now on the vaudeville stage. The performance opens with the comediatta, called, "A Lawn Party," which is full of all the good things that will make you laugh and applaud. This is followed by a long list of some of the best specialists in the profession, the whole concluding with the extravaganza "Don Jose," which is cast to the full strength of the entire company.

"The Magistrate."

At the Academy of Music, on Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee, the presentation of "The Magistrate" by the Trinity Dramatic Club, was a veritable triumph for the students and their charming lady supporters. Pinero's three-act farce, which is brimful of bright, crisp dialog and laughable situations was given. Brilliant audiences assembled at every performance.

Mr. H. C. Osborne, as Cis Farringdon, the frisky off-spring of a first marriage, was the life of the piece, and suprised even his most ardent admirers by the evidences of genuine histrionic ability displayed by him throughout. Mr. A. B. Pottinger, as Mr. Posket, had a most difficult character role to enact, and sustained it admirably. The work of Mr. H. B. Gwyn (Colonel Lukyn) and Mr. J. D. McMurrich (Mr. Wormington, chief clerk of the Mulberry-street Police Court) vastly improved as the little first-night disadvantages disappeared and they became more accustomed to their surroundings, and at the Saturday performances both gentlemen were accorded a warm reception by the audience, and an encouraging slap on the back from their able stage manager, Mr. Cleworth. The ladies were no whit behind their male supporters in reaping well deserved honors. Mrs. A. Cecil Gibson (Mrs. Agatha Posket, the twice married and still handsome) gave a spirited delineation of the role and looked charming; Miss Elinor Shanly (Charlotte, her sister) was natural, forceful and made the best use of an excellent voice and fine stage presence; Miss Edith Heward (Popham) fully appreciated the humor of the piece and was a sprightly and pretty maid of the true London type. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cleworth, as Isidore, a waiter, and Beatie Tomlinson, the music teacher, added much to the success of the presentation, Martin's "Baig Pairdoane!" bringing down the house. The rest of the support was fair. The artists were ably seconded in their efforts by Mr. George Dunstan, who, as an invisible but highly appreciated stage adjunct, was here, there and everywhere. It is the general impression among those who witnessed the performances of "The Magistrate" that no better amateur comedy performance has ever been given in Toronto, and Old Trinity is to be congratulated on the possession of so much latent histrionic talent.

DEDICATED THE NEW CHURCH.

B.M.E Congregation Worshipped Yesterday in Their New Home.

For 57 years the British Methodist Episcopalians have had a church in Toronto. It has had a chequered, but on the whole successful, career.

Last year the pastor and flock felt the urgent need for larger and better accommodation. For a long while the church, whose seating capacity was only 300, had been found insufficient for the congregation. Besides, after more than half a century's use, it had become too dilapidated for renovation. Hence a new edifice was erected on the vacant ground fronting the old structure.

It was the dedication of this new building of red brick, with central front turret, which attracted large congregations three times yesterday. All who knew the old church were delighted with the improvement. The place is lofty, with comfortable seats, alike in the body and in the spacious gallery. It is well lighted and the acoustic properties are good.

The cost of the new church has been over $7000. The Young People's Organ Association have placed therein a capital instrument at a cost of $600. This was supplied by Warren & Son, organ-builders, McMurrich-street. There is a neat gallery for the choir of 24 voices; reading desk, which serves for pulpit, on dais, communion rail and every accessory of a modern church. The accommodation has been doubled, and more than 600 persons were present at each service yesterday.

Admirably appropriate sermons were preached—in the morning by Rev. Charles Duff, recently of Nova Scotia; in the afternoon by Rev. James Allen, Metropolitan Church, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Galbraith. Each of the ministers congratulated the congregation on possessing such a commodious church, hoped for its continued success and appealed for liberal contributions. In the evening they were joined by Pastor Washington. About $80 were contributed. The reopening services will be continued next Lord's Day.

WELCOMED THE NEW RECTOR.

Congratulatory Address Presented to Father McCann Yesterday.

In St. Mary's Church, Bathurst-street, yesterday evening, as soon as the benediction after vespers had been pronounced, an interesting ceremony took place.

Mr. D. M. Defoe, on behalf of the parishioners, presented an address of welcome to the newly-appointed pastor, Very Rev. J. J. McCann, Vicar-General. The address made reference to Father McCann's former connection with the parish and the many good works he performed both in that sphere of work and afterwards as rector of St. Michael's Cathedral. Thankfulness was expressed at the recent appointment by His Grace the Archbishop, and the prayer expressed that the pastorate might be productive of great blessings to the church. Accompanying the address was the presentation of a handsome arm-chair.

Father McCann feelingly thanked the congregation for their mark of appreciation and good wishes.

The church was crowded. Among those present were: D. A. Carey, secretary, L. J. Cosgrave, William Germally Frank P. Lee, Joseph Carolan, William Clarke, Dr. McMahon, James Young, Martin Burns, Claude Macdonnell, James May, Joseph Palmer, Dr. McKeown, W. T. J. Lee, Frank Campbell, C. Flanagan, George Clarke, John Herbert, W. Louney, R. Byron, George Evans, P. Herbert, L. Walsh, J. Stormont, W. Fraser, T. Crowley, J. Doyle, T. P. Phelan, E. F. Rush, J. J. Burns, J. Rogers, W. McCarthy, Robert Thompson, J. Kennedy, W. Walsh, Dr. McKenna, W. Lillis, S. McNerney, T. Kennedy, C. Girvin, M. J. Hayes.

Death of Toronto's Oldest Hackman.

John M. Blakey, perhaps the oldest hackman in Toronto, died on Friday, after a short illness. He came here over 50 years ago, and at one time kept the hotel at the corner of Wellington and Church-streets. His was a most familiar figure in recent years on the stand at St. James' Cathedral. His death was the result of a fall a month ago, although he was not taken seriously ill until a week ago, when he went to the Hospital. The funeral takes place from 94 Richmond-street at 2.30 p.m. today to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Personal.

Charles Wheatleigh, the well-known actor of Daly's Stock Company, and uncle of Rev. C. J. Wheatleigh of St. James' Cathedral, this city, died in New York Thursday of apoplexy. He had attended a rehearsal the previous afternoon. Mr. Wheatleigh was 72 years of age, and one of the last of the old school of actors. He was born in London and went on the stage there. In 1852 he came to the United States, and was in the support of Charlotte Cushman. Wheatleigh then joined Laura Keene's company, and won favor as Torplet and other roles. He made several trips to California and at one time managed a theatre there. In Boucicault's Irish dramas he was very popular in Australia and India, which he visited three times. For one season he managed the Lyceum, Fourteenth-street Theatre, New York. He was for two years in Daniel Frohman's traveling company in "Hazel Kirke" and "Esmeralda." Eight years ago he joined Daly's company and has always been a prime favorite there. He has played most of the old men parts with Daly.

New Companies.

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