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A Modern Delusion Assailed.

Within comparatively recent time the belief appears to have become an extensively established one—that the day of canals has gone past—they having been virtually superseded by railways. And yet a rebellion against this supposed established belief appears to be setting in these times, and there are people bold enough to say that the canal, so far from being "played out," is only beginning to be properly appreciated with regard to its commerce-carrying capabilities. Instance the long-delayed Manchester ship canal—now actually nearing completion, and the Nicaragua canal project now revived—we should say, not so much in spite of the apparent failure of the Panama canal scheme as because of it. These two important instances suggest to us that there are real *bona fide* "men of the time," who think that the day for canals is not yet wholly gone past, as some people imagine. Perhaps Canada has, in proportion to population and means, quite as much at stake in canals and their success as any other country in the world. In the success of her canals Canada is very heavily interested indeed; her stake in the canal venture is gigantic. During recent years the grumblers have been many who have doubted whether after all these expensive canal ventures of ours were ever going to be paying enterprises for the country. But just now thinking men amongst us are in receipt of an influential invitation to look the other way, and to hear what may be said on the other side.

Recently a representative body of Montreal aldermen got together and went on an excursion to see for themselves what push and progress mean "away out west." Since their return, and even before it, the story of what they saw has been in course of telling by the Montreal press. It must have been told "by word of mouth," too, to some purpose, for it is allowed that the result of this aldermanic visit to the great west will undoubtedly be a more vigorous and thorough-going improvement of the trade opportunities which Montreal possesses. It is now a prevailing belief that something important is about to be done by the Montrealers and the year soon to open will witness the making of a beginning of it in earnest. Various necessary city improvements, long contemplated, will now be pushed ahead, so runs the talk of the present time. But the chief thing about the improvements now to be pushed is allowed to be—their bearing upon the more extensive use than ever before of the great transportation capacities of the St. Lawrence route—the utilization of the same to the largest extent rendered possible by nature and art combined.

Duluth, the "Zenith City," was one of the wonders seen by the Montreal aldermen; and West Superior, a still later growth than Duluth, was another. And this is part of what they saw and heard there:

They went in search of harbor improvement schemes. They came to Duluth. They found a series of bays and river reaches entered by artificial ship canals, cut perfectly straight through sand, with a depth of twenty-five feet. They found a harbor with a dock face of about 18 miles. But this natural harbor had to be improved, and pretty well improved too, before it was of much use. Marsh, sand-bar and rocky ledge were here in profusion, and are here yet in places where the work of improvement has not yet reached. As a citizen remarked, "Originally the harbor did not exist. To-day 130 acres has been dredged to a depth of 17 feet." How the work was accomplished was seen at West Superior, where the dock of the Ohio Coal Company and Eastern Minnesota Railway has been excavated at a cost of $2,500,000. This is said to be the largest dock in the world; it is 2900 feet long, 800 feet wide, and has been reclaimed from the marsh in three years. This immense basin has been dredged for the largest lake steamships, equal in size to our smaller ocean steamers, and allows 15 or 20 vessels to be loaded and unloaded at once. The dock has been created out of the marsh by sinking cofferdams, pumping up the sand and water, and pouring the sand on the low land around in order to make wharves.

The greatest speed in loading and unloading is attained. There is plenty of room for freight on the wharves, the coal dock capacity at West Superior being 1,500,000 tons and the elevator capacity there is 8,500,000 bushels. Duluth's elevator capacity is 20,900,000 bushels. Ships move in and out expeditiously here. They do not hang around for a week waiting for cargoes. A 1800 ton coal steamer is unloaded in twelve hours by means of patent traveling iron derricks having buckets which hold about half a ton each. These are swung along an elevated tip-beam track and the coal dumped on the wharf, where it is screened. It comes from the eastern coal fields, and is taken as return freight in place of ballast. Coal is consequently as cheap here as in Montreal. The price quoted to-day is $6 per ton, or from 25 cents to 30 cents cheaper than at Chicago. The freight from Buffalo is only 25 cents a ton. A good deal of this coal is turned into coke at large works that exist alongside. This is sent to Montana smelting furnaces, and acts as railway return freight, filling those cars that have brought wheat east. The unloaded collier has her hold cleaned, and at once runs over to the elevator slip. In places she is able to take her wheat in on one side while the coal is going out at the other. The steamers are 360 feet long and draw about 20 feet of water. The rapidity with which barges are filled with grain from the elevators may be imagined when it is stated that the time taken to fill a tow of barges and set them on their way back to Montreal is only two or three hours. A tow, the other day, entered a West Superior slip at 11.45 and was away again at 12.50, or a little over twelve hours, and 127,000 bushels of wheat has been loaded in 4½ hours. "Time is money," say the merchants here, "and we have got to be smart if we want to compete with Chicago." The big vessels are handled just as expeditiously. They are a fine line of boats, and take grain from West Superior to Buffalo. They are all "twins" of 292 feet keel each, 312 feet over all, and very fast. Four hundred miles in twenty-eight hours is the speed.

Duluth and West Superior men say that the Canadian canal locks should be at least 300 feet long, or 100 feet more than at present. Small boats don't pay either to build or run. We must quote some more from The Witness report:

The railway facilities at West Superior—to see which the party was taken in a special train—are magnificent. A big stretch of beach has been obtained consisting of 750 acres yard room; there are seven miles of track which hold about 1000 cars. But railway transportation is only a secondary consideration here, so far as exports East are concerned. The down freight through the Soo" canal amounts to 3,749,486 tons during the season; up freight, 1,755,213 tons. The movement of so much freight by water is due to the low rates, which amounted this year to only 23-100ths of a cent. per ton per mile. Now the average freight charge per ton on a trunk road is one cent per mile, or as 811 compared to 183. The cost of moving the above amount of freight by water was $10,075,153; if moved by railway it would have cost $14,632,293! Yet people will be found who declare that water transportation must give way to railway freighting. This can only be true if the canals are allowed to become obsolete in size. They must keep pace with all other transportation improvements. The estimated value of the commerce passing through the "Soo" Canal this season was $82,156,019. The total estimated commerce of the lakes and St. Lawrence, $1,064,661,721, or approaching in value the exports and imports of the whole United States in 1888, which amounted to $1,419,911,621.

There may be people amongst us wide-awake enough to suggest that Toronto, as well as Montreal, is heavily interested in what might be done by means of harbor improvement and canal enlargement.

Stand From Under.

Their is a Big Sized Rumor on the carpet that something will drop in the London Opera House this evening. It's to be hoped that it won't be the roof.

New York is now agitated over the question whether insane persons should be looked after by the county or the State. Ontario's experience would show the latter plan to be the best, so far as the percentage of recoveries go.

Speak Now,

This is The World's advice to Mr. Meredith.

Is it not, on mature consideration, a rather curious thing to see the Minister of Education asking the judges what the school law is? Is he not himself a lawyer and should he not know the law?

Mr. Meredith at London.

Mr. Meredith will address his constituents at London to-night. The ears of the whole Dominion are open.

Hotel waiters, with Christmas in view, have already adopted the device of placing before the guests a cup bearing the device "Remember Me."

At The Forest City Fete.

Hon. John Carling and Mr. "Joe" Marshall, M.P. would not be out of place on the platform this evening. Where does Philosopher Mills propose to come in?

The bald-headed man has one decided advantage. He is never importuned by the barber to have his hair cut in the Pompadour style.

Peter Enthroned.

Peter Ryan has been given the additional registrarship of Toronto. As party services go he certainly deserved the office. He worked hard and long for his party, and when he worked the hardest it was with little idea that he would ever consent to accept such an office and the shelf. He has any amount of business ability, and he has only to follow the example of Mr. Lindsey by giving his energies to his official duties to succeed. Not Mr. Ryan but the Government must bear any disapproval of the erection of the office.

The despatches tell us that no one felt so keenly as herself on leaving Great Britain for America as did Patti. Well, Patti is rich and could live the rest of her life in idleness. There was no chain around her to drag her over to America.

To Mr. Meredith.

If you have anything to say don't be afraid to say it out loud.

The original Mary, of "her little lamb" fame, has just died at Somerville, Mass., aged 83.

Mary had a little lamb,
But long ago it died;
And now has Mary followed her
Unto the other side.

To the Provincial Opposition Leader.

It's a long time between speeches.

Barbed wire fencing threatens to put an end to fox-hunting in England. Fox-hunting itself is rather barbarous.

To the Member for London.

Your chamber will be open within a month. The Big Guns are loaded for the occasion. "Willie, get your gun!" To-night tells.

The Detroit Free Press suggests the idea of the public insuring the lives of firemen. Firemen are heroes who often perform feats of valor unequalled on the battle-field, but they should be paid sufficient salary to enable them to adequately insure themselves. They are a "hazardous risk," in insurance phraseology and should be correspondingly rewarded.

Winnipeg is shortly to vote on local option. If Winnipeg has not greatly changed in the past few years the bylaw will be found of so thoroughly that there will not be enough of it left to give an excuse for a funeral.

From Police Blotters.

These thefts have been reported at Police Headquarters: Mary Watts, 53 Elm-street, pocket picked of $5; H. Banebon, 144 Sydenham-street, a martingale stolen from his waggon; C. P. Gaddin, 73 Jarvis-street, theft of a set of harness; P. Flynn, 48 Richmond-street east, overcoat stolen; W. R. Margus, an employe at Bond's stables, overcoat stolen; Florence Lorrell's room at 7 Cæer-Howell-street entered and a gold brooch and silver bracelets stolen; Miss McDonald, 120 Yorkville-avenue, pocket picked of $3.44; a thief entered Dr. Emery's premises at 53 Richmond-street and stole a bearskin robe; James McFarlane, 20 Broadway place, room entered and a gold pin and gold brooch and two pawn tickets stolen; Miss Hill, 30 Francis-street, robbed of an opened-faced gold watch and chain.

John Conlin, Ontario-street, was arrested for assaulting Fred Robinson in Duchess-street last night.

John McCullech and Robert Armstrong have been arrested on a charge of stealing $33 from the till in W. M. Knight's store at 559 Gerrard-street east.

George Anderson, 18 Maple-street, was arrested by Detective Davis on Saturday charged with larceny.

John J. Coffey was arrested yesterday for being drunk. When searched a revolver was found in his possession.

There were nine drunks at the Agnes-street police station on Saturday.

Clarence Vance, 26 years of age, and a piano tuner by trade, was arrested by Detective Davis on Saturday on a charge of assaulting a little girl at Weston. Vance has been wanted for the past six weeks.

Detective Burrows went to Alvinston yesterday to bring back Thomas Fordham, who is wanted here for stealing a watch from Alfred Broker, 25 Temperance-street.

Christmas Table Delicacies.

Mara & Co. grocers, 280 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

Mingled Mirth.

Done to a turn—The three-card-monte victim.

When a woman gets angry you can generally depend on her saying frankly what she thinks—or at least, what she thinks she thinks just then.

The wings of the house were surprised when the chimney flue.

When the face of the small boy has a set look it is evidence that mischief is about to be hatched.

"My life has been a chased one," remarked the hardened criminal when he had been run down at last.

The bon-ton: Full 2000 pounds.

Bound to sell: Holiday books.

A light manufacturing business; That of gas making.

The clouds are guilty of a criminal act in attempting to fleece the sky.

Vesuvius is on the rampage again. It must have been indulging in some of the crater.

Brown: "You show a good deal of boyish enthusiasm over your coming trip to Europe. Why, you've crossed several times before, haven't you?" Robinson: "Yes, but this is my first trip without my wife."

"Have you a quarter you can give me, sir?" asked a tattered-looking individual of a citizen. "My wife and children have had nothing to eat for two days." "O, that won't do," replied the gentleman; I gave you 50 cents yesterday. What did you do with that?" "I had to buy meat for the dog."

THE PRENTICE BOYS AT SERVICE.

A Good Turn Out at the Queen-street Methodist Church.

The Prentice Boys attended divine worship yesterday afternoon at Queen-street Methodist Church. Among those who assembled in the Orange Hall were Grand Master J. S. Jackson, Past Grand Master James Robinson, Grand Treasurer J. Billinghurst; uniform division commander, R. Armstrong; first lieutenant, J. Schmidt; second lieutenant, R. H. Tyler. These representatives of the Pioneer Corps were also present: Loyal Orange Lodge No. 800, Captain Brun; Loyal Orange Lodge No. 501, Captain Barnes; Orange Lodge Naval Corps, Captain Alexander and the Uniform Band of North Toronto. The route was along Queen-street west to the church.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Coverdale Watson, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, and he selected the first Psalm as his text. His discourse was principally an exhortation to lead an upright and godly life. Addressing himself to the society the preacher said: "The society represented here today has taken a side which they deem to be right, which we all deem to be right. If there is any meaning at all, any real significance in the presence of this society here today, it means that every man in it ought to be loyal to the Queen of Great Britain. Yet after all she is on the throne as the representative of one higher than herself, of God Himself. And so, if we would build this society up into symmetrical proportions, every man is bound to be loyal to God. You cannot be loyal to man except through loyalty to God."

The Closing of the Gates of Derry Commemorated.

In the First Reformed Presbyterian Church last night, Rev. Stuart Acheson delivered a special sermon before the lodges of the Prentice Boys and "Lady True Blues," to commemorate the closing of the gates of Derry.

These lodges were present: "Queen City," No. 4, James Nichols master; "Maridn City," No. 7, J. McKendry master; "Jubilee Lodge," No. 44, George Worrell master; "Star of the East," Immanuel Perkins, master; "Victoria Coronation," Lady Lodge, Mrs. Thomas Harvey, mistress, "Lady Erne" Lodge, No. 5, Mrs. John Farley, mistress; "Lady Elder" Lodge, No. 7, Mrs. M. J. Stewart, mistress.

Some of the lodges met at Shaftesbury Hall and marched up Yonge-street to the church, where they were met by their Eastern brethren. The church was tastefully decorated, being draped from one end to the other with crimson cloth. The pulpit was enveloped by the Union Jack. On the walls were these mottos: "No Popery," "For Christ's Crown and Covenant."

The pastor in his sermon maintained that the church is not founded on Peter, but Christ. He sketched the history of the Christian church, through all its trials and dangers, until that famous day when the gates of Derry were closed upon the men of James II. He portrayed the struggle and the final triumph: The virtues of King William were extolled and the praises of famous martyrs sung. In conclusion he urged on the various lodges to stand by each other, to use their influence for good, and to keep "the gates of Derry" closed in this city against the Papacy.

A New Lodge Organized.

Browning Lodge No. 6, Prentice Boys, has been organized under most favorable circumstances with these officers: Charles W. Macey, W.M.; William Crowley, D.M.; Thomas Macey, treasurer; William Coutts, rec.-sec.; H. J. Southby, chap.; G. Hampton, lect.; F. Yewmans, I.T.; James McKelvie, O.T.; Charles Cunningham, D. of C.; Isaac Crowby, A. J. Randall, E. Lawson, A. Finlayson, William Clewes, committee.

Jottings About Town.

These wills were proved on Saturday: James Spence, Toronto, $3100; Henry Barker, $950; Agnes Baylan, $413.

Children playing with matches set fire to some window curtains at 210 Dovercourt-road at 3.05 p.m. yesterday. Damage $10.

Frederick Davis, for theft of an axe, the property of A. Wood, was on Saturday committed to the Central Prison for nine months.

Charles Watts addressed a crowded audience at Science Hall last night replying to Rev. Joseph Cook's recent lecture: "Does Death End All?"

Andrew Bone when drunk discharged a revolver in the St. Lawrence Coffee House, for which on Saturday Col. Denison fined him $5 and costs.

Mr. Ewart Farquhar of E. & C. Farquhar, contractors, has decided to seek aldermanic honors at the forthcoming election, probably in St. Thomas' Ward.

Archbishop Walsh lectured last night in St. Michael's Cathedral on the subject: "The Providential Preparation of the World for the Advent of the Redeemer."

Yesterday was anniversary Sunday at Queen-street Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Thomas preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. McIntyre in the evening.

After a successful week St. Patrick's bazaar closed on Saturday night with a concert, in which Prof. Monk, Messrs. Birch and O'Connor and Miss Sheehan took part.

The Sunday school anniversary of Bathurst-street Methodist Church was celebrated yesterday. A missionary from India preached in the morning, Rev. W. F. Wilson in the afternoon, and Dr. Maclean, Q.C., at night.

Hugh Shaw was fined $1 and costs on Saturday on a charge of being disorderly. He was one of a gang of youths who followed a drum and fife band into the West End on Saturday and shouted "To hell with the Pope."

Now is the time for replenishing household stores of china, glassware, electro-plate, etc., ready for the Christmas and New Year festivities. Householders have a timely opportunity to do this at the peremptory sale by Oliver, Coate & Co. to-morrow.

There were anniversary services at Central Methodist Church, Queen-street east, yesterday. Dr. McIntyre of Chicago preached in the morning. At night there was a song and praise service, with special music by the choir, assisted by Miss Waltz.

Guinane Bros. store up Yonge-street; was all ablaze last night with the incandescent light, and the proprietors were much disturbed thereat, as the crowds passing along night suspect that the firm were ready to do business on Sunday. The explanation is that the electric light people had neglected to disconnect the service over Sunday, as it should be done.

Rev. Thomas Trotter, pastor Bloor-street Baptist Church, is preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons on prayer. His subject yesterday was "Family Prayer," the importance and benefit of which he eloquently urged. He praised Scotland's recognition of this social duty and privilege and recited the opening stanzas of Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night." This series of sermons is proving interesting, profitable and attractive.

Canadian Birds.

At the meeting of the Canadian Institute on Saturday night Mr. J. B. Williams read a paper on "Birds Recently Added to the Museum." He exhibited between 40 mounted specimens. The following all taken in the neighborhood of Toronto, were represented: Winter wren, house wren, cat bird, chestnut-sided warbler, myrtle warbler, cedar waxwing, scarlet tanager, indigo, bunting, fox sparrow, song sparrow, pine siskin, red-poll, red-winged blackbird, cowbird, horned lark, yellow-bellied flycatcher, crested fly catcher, red-headed woodpecker, belted kingfisher, black-billed cuckoo, yellow-billed cuckoo, rough-legged red-backed sandpiper, stilt sandpiper, Caspian tern and Bonaparte's gull. The habits and distribution of these different birds were described and two mounted groups to illustrate the natural habits and surroundings of Canadian birds were also exhibited, one of the wood pewee, with its nest and eggs, which was procured by the members of the biological section on the occasion of their excursion last June to Scarboro Heights; the other, of the bittern, with nest and eggs surrounded by grasses and reeds, upon one of which is perched a specimen of the long-billed marsh wren. These were taken last summer in Ashbridge's Bay. Mr. Williams expressed a hope that sufficient funds would be provided to procure a number of such groups for the museum, so that it would become interesting and instructive. A specimen of the razor-billed auk, recently taken in Toronto Bay, and kindly lent for the evening by Mr. Cross, taxidermist, Yonge-street, was also exhibited. This is the first record of the bird having been taken on Lake Ontario.

O'CONNOR POSTS A FORFEIT

AND CLAIMS THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

Stansbury Accepts His Challenge—The Australian Starts for America—O'Connor is Waiting for Him—Teemer Will Accommodate—Searle's Obsequies—Rink Football—At the Traps—U.C.C. Dancers.

Champion William O'Connor is very much annoyed at Teemer's declaration that he will visit Australia to row for the world's championship. He does not fear that the Australians will not recognize the Pittsburger's claim, but he must naturally make matters disagreeable. However, if a private message received here proves correct, Teemer's plans will be spoiled. A cable to a friend of O'Connor says that Stansbury, the Australian, is already on his way to America intending to surprise the oarsman here.

The Antipodean has accepted O'Connor's recent challenge and expects to have the race rowed early in the summer.

To accommodate Teemer O'Connor is willing to row that sculler before his race with Stansbury and will make every effort to secure a contest.

Saturday O'Connor issued a formal challenge to Teemer, or any living oarsman, for a world's championship race in best and best boats to take place on American waters and has placed $500 with a local newspaper.

Since the Toronto sculler has placed this money he claims the world's championship, and declares that no oarsman has the right now to contest for the same unless against him.

Charles H. Thayer of Boston has offered $5000 for a world's championship sculling contest next spring, in which O'Connor is willing to enter.

Regarding Teemer's proposed visit to Australia Mr. Joseph Rogers says: "Can he cross the Pacific in a shell? Why, Teemer lost all his money at Washington. Barney Morris is his ex-backer and he now looks for some one to produce that which is necessary in all such contests." His resolution does not affect Mr. Rogers as much as the champion.

Will Likely Be a Sweepstakes.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Last evening John Teemer received a telegram from The Boston Herald asking if he would row Kemp on neutral waters or abroad for the world's championship. He wired back that he would not favor such a race, but that he would propose a grand professional sweepstake on neutral waters, in which Stansbury, Kemp, O'Connor, Gaudaur, Hanlan and Teemer or any other professionals would take part, each man to put up $1000. The race should take place as soon as the weather would permit, and in the event of it being rowed in this country, Kemp and Stansbury to be allowed expenses. This Teemer thinks would be the only proper way to determine the question of the world's championship, as the death of Searle allows no one to claim it.

A Very Juvenile Conclusion.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—Last week C. J. Shean, on behalf of the Cornell University crew, challenged the Yale crew to a three mile straight-away eight-oared race to be rowed at New London next June. Yesterday Capt. Allen of the Yale crew mailed Yale's answer as follows: "In reply to your letter of Dec. 8, asking us to arrange with Cornell for a boat race at New London next June, I would say that Yale intends hereafter to row with Harvard and with no other American University."

Hanlan Never Tires of Talking.

TRENTON, N.J., Dec. 15.—Edward Hanlan, the sculler, makes the following offer: "I will post $1000 with The Turf, Field and Farm, or with any New York city newspaper agreed upon, for an open, free-for-all scull on any lake in this country or on the Thames River, England, to take place in July next; the distance, if rowed in this country, three miles, if in England, over the Thames championship course; each party to put up $1000 and the winner to take two-thirds and the second one-third of the stakes and the winner to be classed champion sculler of the world. If this is not satisfactory to Australians I will row any Australian oarsman for $2500 a side over the Thames course in England next July for the championship of the world.

The Last Sad Rites.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 15.—The remains of Searle, the champion sculler, arrived here to-day en route to Crofton, the birthplace of the deceased. Great crowds of people from all the towns around assembled to attend the obsequies.

T.R.C's Smoking Concerts.

A special general meeting of the Toronto Rowing Club was held on Saturday evening to discuss the advisability of a series of concerts for the winter. An entertainment on a large scale was proposed to be held in the Pavilion. It was decided to give a number of smokers in the club's winter quarters. The date of the first has not been fixed and was left to the committee.

U.C.C. ATHLETIC AT HOME.

A Social Evening Spent in the Old College Building.

A social evening was spent at Upper Canada College on Saturday when the members of the Senior Athletic Club were at home to a large number of their lady and gentleman friends. Corlett's string band furnished the music. Harry Webb catered in his usual excellent style. The decorations of the supper room were a special feature. Cricket and baseball bats, foils, boxing gloves, and guns and bayonets were cleverly arranged. The dancing room was the public hall, the floor of which was simply superb.

The lady patronesses were: Principal Dickson, Mesdames Kingswill, Mesdames Chas. Moss, B. A. Lash, C. R. W. Biggar and W. Boultbee.

The committee to whose credit is due the successful evening was: C. A. Moss, chairman; Geo. Clayes, secretary; H. R. Kingsmill, treasurer; committee, H. T. Biggar, W. M. Boultbee, W. M. Lash, A. T. Armstrong, J. B. McMurrich, G. L. Smith, A. F. S. Morton, E. C. P. Clarke.

TORONTO ATHLETICS.

An Association Should be Formed in the City.

Now that the long winter season is at hand the want of a gymnasium for Toronto young men becomes more manifest. The new Toronto gymnasium, of course, is an admirable institution but is of very meagre dimensions. All that is needed is for a joint stock company to be formed, erect a building and connect the affair with the Rosedale grounds and Toronto could boast of an athletic association as well as Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and other places. Some one should set the ball a rolling.

RINK ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Torontos Defeat the Vics. in the Princess Rink.

Toronto 4—Webster 2, Gibson 2.
Vics. 1—Large.

An old footballer was heard to remark after the Toronto-Victoria match in the Princess Rink Saturday night, "The game was as fast as lightning," and so it was. This match further shows that the idea of indoor football is a good one and its inception this winter can only aid the grand game of Association football in Toronto.

The Vics. played a much stronger team than was expected, while Toronto placed their original five on the planks.

The game commenced sharp at 9 o'clock. The Torontos were taken quite by surprise at the fast game the Vics. were playing, and before they recovered the Vics. had scored, Large doing the needful. That was enough to wake up the city men, and before the first half was finished Toronto had 3 goals on the string, Gibson and Webster doing the tricks, The latter had been playing a great game on the left, while the Berliner would take it up the right and centre beautifully. A wait of twenty minutes was made. In the second half Toronto had the best of the play, but seemed careless on goal. After a few minutes' play Webster took a low swift shot on goal, and Royce allowed it to get away from him and O'Hara scored the last game taken, thus ending the match 4—1 in favor of Toronto. Kit Forrester worked like a Trojan. The Vics. are the Young Canadians under a new title. The teams were:

Torontos: Goal, Bickell; back, Wight; half, Thibodo; forwards, Gibson, Webster, O'Hara.
Vics: Goal, Royce; back, Warbrick; half, Forrester; forwards, Jamieson, Large, Marr.
Referee: Mr. J. C. Thompson.

The Azlie Stanleys Win From Parkdale.

Stanleys 7—Large 1, J. C. Thompson 1.
Parkdale 1—Pearson.

These teams met at the Metropolitan Rink, Shaw-street, on Saturday night. The Stanleys won the toss and Pearson for Parkdale kicked off. The Stanleys' defence was soon at work and the ball traveled up and down the rink, the forwards for both teams playing well. Morrie Thompson brought the ball down the wing and centred to Pearson, who with a swift shot scored a goal for Parkdale. On resuming play the Stanleys made some very fast rushes, but owing to the splendid work of Parkdale's strong defence were unable to score.

In the second half the play for the first few minutes was even, but the Stanley forwards indulged in some quick team play, which allowed "Eddie" to put the ball under the tape, scoring their first item. The Parkdale boys worked very hard and had some splendid chances, but through hard luck did not score. West secured the ball and worked it up the wing, dropped it over when Jim Thompson, with a drop kick sent it past Colverwell, scoring the second goal and winning the match for the Stanleys. The teams were:

Stanleys—Goal, Donnelly; back; J. H. Thompson, half, Stammers; forwards, West, Falls, J. C. Thompson.
Parkdale—Goal, Colverwell; back, Moor; half, Clark; forwards, Thompson, Pearson, Thompson.

Notes of the Kickers.

Acerington beat Aston Villa by four to two.

Preston North End defeated Burnley by six to nil.

Lanarkshire defeated Northumberland by five to one.

London played a tie game with a combined Oxford and Cambridge team, each scoring two goals.

Eight thousand spectators saw the Blackburn Rovers defeat West Bromwich Nov. 30 by five to nil.

In the Scottish cup tie on Nov. 30 Queen's Park defeated St. Mirren before 15,000 spectators by one goal to nil.

It is proposed to pick a rink team of Thompsons for a game at an early date. There are gentlemen of that name in the Parkdale and Stanley clubs and the celebrated "Watty."

THE STANLEY'S SHOOT.

Mr. T. Sawdon Finally Wins the McDowall Gun—Two Sweeps.

The Stanley Gun Club had several matches at McDowall's on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Sawdon won the McDowall gun for the third time. It now becomes his personal property. The score:

Gun shoot at 25 birds, 5 traps:

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The annual meeting of the Toronto Canoe Club was held Saturday evening, Commodore Dr. R. N. Powell in the chair. The treasurer's report showed a good balance after defraying the expenses for the season.

The secretary's report showed that the club has added 39 new members to its already long list. Six general and 25 executive meetings were held during the year. A feature of the year was made to the late Mr. Daniels. The secretary noted the musical ability brought out at the recent smoking concert also the concerts of the Queen's Own, Royal Canadian Yacht Club and the Argonaut Rowing Club.

The club cruises to Etobicoke and other places; the regattas on Dominion Day; the A.C.A. meet; the cruises of Messrs. Tyson, Rice, J. W. Sparrow, Jephcott and Kelly to Sturgeon, Deer, Stoney, Clear and Rice lakes, the River St. Lawrence to Starr Island and the many pleasant days and evenings spent in camp, the annual regatta and the new one graphically described in the secretary's report all of which was received amidst applause.

Mr. Jacques read the report of the Regatta Committee and Mr. Shaw that of the House Committee.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Commodore, Dr. N. A. Powell; vice-commodore, D. B. Jacques (acclamation); rear-commodore, J. D. Kelly; secretary, W. H. P. Weston (acclamation); treasurer, W. C. Jephcott; committeeman, Colin Fraser; regatta committee, Messrs. Jacques, McKendrick and Elgie.

Mrs. Powell was elected a lady member, as was also Mrs. G. R. Barker. Votes of thanks were tendered to the returning officers and the scrutineers. Mr. Shaw proposed a club ball to be held in February.

THE FIRST SHOT FIRED.

Philadelphia Opens the Campaign Against Two Deserters.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Col. Rogers yesterday, as solicitor of the Philadelphi Ball Club, Limited, filed bills in equity against Hallman and Buffinton, in which he enjoined Mr. Henry Love as defendant. The bills set forth the membership and franchises of the National League, the securing, erection of the Philadelphia Ball Park, its pavilions and improvements at great expense, the securing of a team of skillful professional players at great expense and the threatened danger to the property and franchises of the club by the loss of the players' services for 1890. The bills also set forth the contracts with Messrs. Hallman and Buffinton, containing express option given to the club to reserve the players for next season, together with a notice served by the club on its players on October 21 as to their being reserved for the season of 1890.

The prayers of the bills ask that these players be restrained by injunction from playing baseball with or giving their services as ball players for the season of 1890 to any other club or persons whatever, and that the defendant Love be restrained from employing said Hallman and Buffinton or otherwise interfering with the giving of their services to the Philadelphia Ball Club, Limited. These two cases are selected because service can be made on the defendants. Other bills are ready to be filed against other players, but the first two will doubtless be those that will be pushed as test cases.

Dust from the Diamond.

The contracts of McCarty and Banning have been received by Detroit.

At the auction of the effects of the Rochester club Bob Barr bought in Harry Simon's old bat for 50 cents.

Joe Mulvey one of the players attacked by the National League weakened Saturday and signed one of Harry Wright's contracts.

A Chicago man has invented a new rubber base containg a bell inside, which rings when stepped on, thus aiding the umpire in his decisions.

KILRAIN FINED $200.

He Appeals and is Admitted to Bail in $1000.

PURVIS, Miss., Dec. 15.—At 8.45 yesterday morning court convened, all the parties interested in the Kilrain trial being present. On the jury were three negroes and the others were white men from the back country. The latter had been playing a great game on the left, while the Berliner would take it up the right and centre beautifully. A wait of twenty minutes was made. In the second half Toronto had the best of the play, but seemed careless on goal. After a few minutes' play Webster took a low swift shot on goal, and Royce allowed it to get away from him and O'Hara scored the last game taken, thus ending the match 4—1 in favor of Toronto. Kit Forrester worked like a Trojan. The Vics. are the Young Canadians under a new title. The teams were:

Torontos: Goal, Bickell; back, Wight; half, Thibodo; forwards, Gibson, Webster, O'Hara.
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Referee: Mr. J. C. Thompson.

The Azlie Stanleys Win From Parkdale.

Stanleys 7—Large 1, J. C. Thompson 1.
Parkdale 1—Pearson.

These teams met at the Metropolitan Rink, Shaw-street, on Saturday night. The Stanleys won the toss and Pearson for Parkdale kicked off. The Stanleys' defence was soon at work and the ball traveled up and down the rink, the forwards for both teams playing well. Morrie Thompson brought the ball down the wing and centred to Pearson, who with a swift shot scored a goal for Parkdale. On resuming play the Stanleys made some very fast rushes, but owing to the splendid work of Parkdale's strong defence were unable to score.

In the second half the play for the first few minutes was even, but the Stanley forwards indulged in some quick team play, which allowed "Eddie" to put the ball under the tape, scoring their first item. The Parkdale boys worked very hard and had some splendid chances, but through hard luck did not score. West secured the ball and worked it up the wing, dropped it over when Jim Thompson, with a drop kick sent it past Colverwell, scoring the second goal and winning the match for the Stanleys. The teams were:

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Preston North End defeated Burnley by six to nil.

Lanarkshire defeated Northumberland by five to one.

London played a tie game with a combined Oxford and Cambridge team, each scoring two goals.

Eight thousand spectators saw the Blackburn Rovers defeat West Bromwich Nov. 30 by five to nil.

In the Scottish cup tie on Nov. 30 Queen's Park defeated St. Mirren before 15,000 spectators by one goal to nil.

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