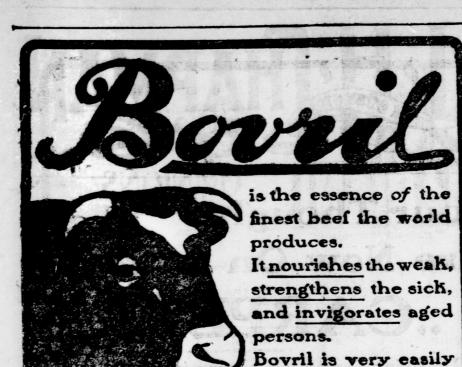
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In the spring of 1840 two men might have been seen riding along the bank of a swollen river, which flowed through the central portion of Pennsylvania. There had been heavy rains in that vicinity for more than a week; the masses of snow which had everywhere covered the surrounding mountains had thus been rapidly melted, and the stream, which ordinarily, at this point, was rather slow and sluggish, and rarely of alarming proportions, was now wide, and deep, and fierce, and the inhabitants of the thriving factory town, which we will call ing factory town, which we will call Franckport, had begun to have some lears that a destructive inundation might

Alarming reports of trouble in other districts above them were flying about the village, and these of course, only served to augment the prevailing un-easiness, which had already been caused by the ever-increasing volume of water that was being driven through the narrow river bed in their town.
"If this confounded rain don't stop
pretty soon there'll be a great deal of
damage done, Mr. Wellington," gravely

remarked the elder of the two men re-ferred to, and who was evidently a farm-er, judging from his coarse frock, his sunburned face and bronzed and callous-"I am afraid we shall, Mr. Coffin; it

won't take but a few feet more of water to set us all afloat," replied his companion, who was a fine-looking young man of perhaps 28 years.

He was cashier of the bank in Franckport, a young man of considerable property, energetic, enterprising, and bidding fair to rise to a fine position in the world, besides being a great favorite in the community where he lived.

"Yes, your propety surely lies high and dry," replied Mr. Wellington, with a quiet smile, as he thought of the acres and acres of rather questionable soil in

his possession. "If trouble comes it will be us who live in the village who will suffer, especially those whose homes are ar the factories."
I hope those dams are strong," Mr. Coffin continued. "Wasn't there some talk, a while ago, about the north shore dam being rather insecure?"

'Yes. I believe there was," replied Mr. Wellington, with an anxious look at the rapid stream on his right; "but the company promised to have it thoroughly repaired, and doubtless it has been attend-

Still the cloud did not lift from his brow, the anxious look did not wholly fade from his eyes, as he was driven through the town, and finally alighted before the door of the bank, and bade his companion adieu.

All day long the rain continued to pour in torrents, the wind arose, and, before night shut down upon that mountain village a perfect tempest was raging. river had continued to rise, was still rising rapidly, until it was five times its ordinary width, and was creeping into some of the streets and settling in hollows of the village. Men-laborers chiefly-went to their homes with anxious fe is: mothers kissed their little ones good-night with a strange fear tugging at their heart-strings, and with a prayer that God would "hold the floods in his hand." The members of the cor-poration were not the least uneasy of the hundreds that went to rest that night in Franckport, and though the matter had been kept secret in order to prevent a panic, they had set men to watch the great north shore dam, which had not been repaired as promised. Darkness and gloom settled over the doomed town, while all through the long hours of the night the tempest continued to rage; higher and higher grew that

turbid, treacherous stream, stealing its silent way up towards the dwellings of those sleeping hundreds. those sleeping hundreds.
All at once, just before the dawn, the furious clatter of a horse's hoofs sounded ominously through those quiet streets; a shrill voice arose above the

te of doem:
"To the hills! to the hills, for your lives! The north shore dam is giving way! Fly! Fly!"

That agonized voice, those ominous words, pierced the ear of the soundest sleeper, and sent a chill of terror to

noise of the elements, like a clarion

People seized only what they could lay their hands upon, and poured forth from their dwellings like bees from their hives, and set their faces towards the hills; while at first, away in the distance but every moment coming nearer, could heard the sullen roar and rush of the merciless waters as they swept onward, with constantly increasing speed, upon the track of their flying prey.

Too late, too late, in many instances

this attempt to reach a place of There was no power so herce, so pitiless, as a mighty flood, and hundreds were buried beneath the seething waters ere they had fled a dozen rods. Mothers with babes clasped to their breasts were overtaken, and fell, only to be borne onward in the arms of their destroyer and dashed in pieces against falling buildings and floating timbers, or hundred into some raying there to await. hurled into some ravine, there to await that knows no waking, the

Fathers and husbands were killed outright, or maimed for life, in the attempt to save their dear ones. Dwellings tempt to save their dear ones. Dwellings were lifted from their foundations and went floating along with the resistless tide, or fell in heaps of shapeless ruins. When morning dawned, there was only devastation and ruin and a wide waste of waters where, only twelve hours before, the busy town of Franckport had stood. Here and tere a building more substantial than others, or one standing upon higher ground, loomed up alone, like some monument set up to mark the spot where death and devastation had done their fatal work.

The next day, and thirty miles below Franckport, the same stream, swollen by the recent rains and floods, and by the breaking away of the north shore dam, flowed smoothly through a fertile plain or valley, where, here and there, were scattered levels wills and attack.

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boiling water and it

plain or valley, where, here and there, were scattered lovely villas and stately mansions, while just beyond was the city of B was afternoon; the day was cool,

but bright and beautiful, and not a cloud marred the blue vault; there was not a sign anywhere of the sad havoc that had been, so recently wrought a score and a half of miles above that lovely region.

On the west of this fertile valley there was a gentle rise of ground, and down the fine carriage road that led through the plain to the city beyond, there might have been seen descending, on this lovely afternoon, a handsome landau, drawn by two sleek bay horses in gold-mounted harness, and driven by a spruce coachman in dark green livery.

On the back seat of this elegant equipage there are there are the woman of perhaps

age there sat a woman of perhaps twenty-four, beautiful and stately as a goddess, but wearing the saddest face She was pale as snow; her eyes were downcast and heavy from much weeping, and there was a mournful curve to her sweet lips, which quivered continually, like those of a child who has been sorely grieved, while every now and then a long, shuddering sigh broke from them, telling of some recent sorrow which she had not yet learned to calmly

world, besides being a great favorite in the community where he lived.

He had been out to look over the fart, belonging to his companion, with a view to taking a mortgage upon it, and the owner was now driving him back to his place of business.

"Well, my place'll be safe enough, I reckon, whatever happens," the farmer temarked, in a satisfied tone.

"Yes your propety surely lies high and way down the fifth, the driver holding the reins and regarding them with a look of complacency which plainly indicated the pleasure he experienced in managing this handsome turn-out.

As they came upon level ground, a sudden curve in the road brought them allowed the extreme before mentioned. sudden curve in the road brought them alongside the stream before mentioned, when a sudden exclamation from the coachman and a quick drawing of the reins caused the lady to start from her sorrowful reverie and glance up at him.

"What is it Watkins?" she inquired,

a faint tinge of color coming into her perfectly rounded cheeks. The man was bending forward, his eyes fixed upon some object before him; and he did not reply for a moment.
"What is the trouble, Watkins?" repeated his mistress, for she could not see upon what his glance was fixed.
"Is there anything the matter with the barses?"

"No, mum, the ponies are all right; but—whatever may that thing be, afloating out yonder in the river?" and he pointed with his whip toward some object that was rising and falling upon the nlit waves and swiftly approaching

The lady sat erect and looked. "Why," she exclaimed, in surprise, "it looks like a cradle, and such a queer, old-fashioned one, too. Where could it have come from?' It was true enough. There was what appeared to be a goodly sized wooden cradle, of the color of mahogany, and of the pattern which our grandmothers used to rock their babies in a hundred

years ago, with its straight, angular sides, and its rounded top or hood, with-in which they could discern a white pillow, while wound round and round the cradle, as if to bind something securely within it, was a stout rope.
"How very strange, Watkins," the lady continued. "How do you suppose it could have got there?"

"I can't say, mum; but it strikes me it may have come down from above-from Franckport, where they've been having the flood," the man replied, with his eyes still fixed upon the strange obtact. "Very likely; and it looks as if there were pillows and blankets in it," returned his mistress, who was becoming quite

excited over the occurrence. "It was probably swert out of some house up there in Franckport." "Would you mind, mum if I was to get a nearer view of it?" Watkins asked, in a peculiar tone of voice. "No; but give me the reins; the horses may start," and, reaching forth a small, daintily-gloved hand, she took the lines, while the man nimbly alighted, and, vaulting over the stone wall by the roadside, hastened to the river's brink.

A puff of wind had sent the cradle
nearer the bank, and, seeing this, Watkins ran down toward a point of land

kins ran down toward a point of land that jutted into the water, and waited there for it to float ashore, which it was soon likely to do.

He had not long to wait, for ere five minutes had elapsed it was within his reach, and he had drawn it high and dry the grass. "By the powers!" he exclaimed, as he peered curiously within it; "there's a baby in it!"
His face was white and scared, and his big hand trembled as he softly drew aside the coverild, underneath the rope, and saw a beautiful babe sleeping peacefully among its downy pillows.

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#### THE MEMBER FOR MONCK

Hon. Richard Harcourt Is Named for Eighth Time.

The Minister of Education Once More Heartily Indorsed

By His Old-Time Constituents-His Plans for Improving the School System-Able Addresses by Hon. Thos. Bain and Geo. P. Graham. M. P. P.

Wellandsport, March 10 .- At a large and most enthusiastic convention held here on Monday the Liberals of Monck for the eighth consecutive time nominated Hon. Richard Harcourt as their candidate for the Ontario Legislature. The delegates, who represented every portion of the constituency, were a unit in their choice, and the business a few minutes. The minister of education, in his acceptance, recalled the days of his first campaign in Monek in 1878, and the cordial support that had been given him since that time.

The convention itself was a tribute to Mr. Harcourt and an acknowledgement of the services he had rendered ment of the services he had rendered during his long and active career in the legislature. When nominations were called for,

the name of Hon. Richard Harcourt was proposed. No other names were submitted, and the nomination of Mr. Harcourt was, amid rousing cheers, unanimously

MR. HARCOURT ACCEPTS. In a brief speech Mr. Harcourt exstood by him so faithfully in the past. He well remembered the occasion, Dec. 6, 1878, when he was first chosen to represent the county, and from that time he had been under obligation to hundreds of his friends. He knew that was chiefly on account of their unwavering confidence in the principles of the grand old Liberal party, whose standard he had the honor to bear, He thanked the convention earnestly for renewal of their confidence, and said he was sure of victory while he had such true men at his back.

HON. THOS. BAIN. The chairman called upon Hon. Thomas Bain, ex-M.P., formerly speaker of the House of Commons, to address the meeting. Mr. Bain after urging his hearers to leave no stone unturned to secure a victory on polling defense; Marshall, Dale, forwards; Gidday, turned to provincial affairs and asked if anyone could tell what the policy of the Conservative party was. What he said did they pro stitute for the definite platform of the present administration? They had a right to ask that the opposition do something more than make promises. The government had been accused of squandering the public funds, but he invited comparison with the City of Toronto, with its Conservative administration, and a debt of more than \$17,-000,000; with the Province of Quebec. with its debt of \$23,000,000, almost all accumulated under the Conservative regime there. Ontario had no debt, but had a balance on hand of over \$2,000.-000. A government that had administered affairs as satisfactorily as the present one, and had piled up such a surplus, was entitled to every credit.

GEORGE P. GRAHAM, M.P.P. Mr. George P. Graham, M.P.P., held the entire attention of the audience 1:451/2. during an hour and a half, and delivered a rousing speech upon the public issues of the day, eliciting heary applause at frequent intervals. He said the fact that a man had been trusted by his constituents for nearly twentyfive years told more than anything the speaker could say about Mr. Harcourt. He was regarded as one of the most polished speakers in the house, and as a legislator he had been a very busy man. The setting apart of Niagara Falls Park, the admission of women as students of the university, the introduction of the succession duties act, and the revenue act-these were some of the measures fathered by him, and showed that the representative of Monck had had a leading hand in the advanced legislation of the day.

The speaker enumerated the chief sources of receipts for the province, and pointed out that the policy of the opposition, as revealed in criticism during debates in the house, would, if caried into effect, take away between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 from the annual revenue of Ontario. The same expenditure would still be necessary, as grants to public schools, farmers' institutes, agricultural schools and the university would be required. The scheme of the opposition, then, would lead to direct taxation; the amount of the deficit could be made up only by direct contribution from the pockets of the people. In concluding, Mr. Graham took up the prohibition question and showed the justice of the government's course. He gave instances to illustrate how general was the use of the referendum in the affairs of churches, societies, and in other countries. The definite action of the administration was, he said, to be contrasted with the carping criticism of the opposition.

MR. HARCOURT ON EDUCATION. At the conclusions of Mr. Graham's address there were loud calls for a speech from Mr. Harcourt. In response, the minister of education said that the reason why the government had held office so long was because it had always the change of life are entirely avoided had men of courage, ability and honesty behind it. The succession duties and the taxes on corporations were the contributions of rich men to the coffers of the province. These measures had been entirely successful. It had been his earnest effort to manage carefully the financial affairs of Ontario during a period of more than ten years, and he was glad to say that the government had to its credit in six banks in Toronto almost \$2,000,000 in cash.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. The school system of the province ranked high, but there was still room for improvement. The process of evolution went on and the educational requirements of thirty years ago were not those of today. "I want," said Mr. Harcourt, "every shool in this land to give to its boys and girls such an ed-

have left the schools. I want to see 6 to 1, 2; Frank Jones, 102 (Otis), 18 to them fitted for the actual business of 5, 3. Time, 1:42½. life, and to do this the schools must be brought to the highest plane of efficiency. Instead of the high schools as we have them today, I would prefer that at least one school in each county should be non-classical. By this I mean that Latin and Greek, which are known as the dead languages, should not be taught there. (Hear, hear.)

COMMERCIAL INSTRUCTION. "In their place I would substitute a course of commercial instruction, which would be of great benefit to the pupils. I am telling you what I want, and it will come as sure as the sun of tomorrow. The first commercial high, school York less than a year ago. In England great universities conducted according to old lines, but changes have taken place even there, and the value of commercial education is being more clearly recognized. If by some act of mine I can improve the education of every child in this province, I will consider that I am developing one of the greatest resources of Ontario. This effort will be directed chiefly to the common schools of the land, in order to make them the best possible for the benefit of every pupil. This effort will not, however, imply the neglect of any part of the present system or of the university at the top. Our energies will still be directed towards keeping them in a high state of efficiency.' (Applause.)

In conclusion, Mr. Harcourt said he knew they would distinguish between portion of the proceedings occupied but the performances of the government and the promises of the opposition. He thanked them all again from the bottom of his heart for the honor they had conferred upon him, and said that as long as they seconded his efforts victory would surely crown their flag. (Loud applause.)

# OF SPORTS.

HOCKEY.

STRATFORD PROTEST DISMISSED. Mrs. Pickard has five children. Toronto, March 12.-The O. H. A. executive last night dismissed the protest of Stratford against Upper Canada Colpressed his pleasure in accepting the lege in the junior hockey finals, and de-nomination from the friends who had stood by him so faithfully in the past. First, that the teams should not have been ordered to continue the same at the end of an hour's play, when the score was a tie, but that a third game should have been ordered. This was not allowed. The second ground of protest was that one goal went through the side of the net. The ruling here was also against Stratford.

BASKET BALL.

THE Y. M. C. A. TOURNAMENT. The second game of the Y. M. C. A. ournament will be played tomorrow evening at 8:45 between the Midgets and the Tuesday Night Bible Class teams. Following are the players: Midgets-S. Nelles, Friend, defense: Williams, McConechy, forwards; Skinner, center.
T. N. B. C.—Corcoran, D. Sutherland,

ley, center. BASEBALL.

THE SPALDING CASE. New York, March 12.-The demurrer to the temporary injunction, restraining A. G. Spalding from acting as president of the National League of baseball clubs, came up for argument before Justice Truax yesterday in the supreme court. Counsel for the Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Pittsburg and Chicago clubs, named as defendants, argued in favor of the demurrer. The plaintiffs, the New York, Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs, submitted briefs. Decision was reserved. TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, La., March 12.-Weather clear, track fast. Summaries: First race, selling, 1 mile, 70 yards-Free Admission, 107 (Minder), 10 to 1, 1 Maple, 108 (Odom), 7 to 2, 2; Paul Bart, 107 (G. Thompson), 100 to 1, 3. Time,

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs-Haidee, 96 (Helgeson), 6 to 1, 1; Sim W., 103 (Odom), 9 to 5, 2; Galaday, 104 (Lindsay), 12 to 1, 3. Time, 1:13½. Third race, selling, 1½ miles—Little Tommy Tucker, 108 (Lindsay), 15 to 1, 1; Big Injun, 105 (Minder), 7 to 2, 2; Socapa, 107, (Landry), 9 to 2, 3. Time,

Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs-Death, 118 (Slack), 8 to 5, 1; Maggie Davis, 98 (J. Waldo), 4 to 1, 2; Andes, 105 (Otis), 4 to 1, 3. Time, 1:20. Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Van Hoorebeke, 104 (Otis), 14 to 5, 1; Banish, 109 (Odom), 9 to 5, 2; McWilliams, 105 (Robertson), 12 to 1, 3. Time, 1:47. Sixth race, mile—Reflect, 97 (W. Waldo), 15 to 1, 1; Money Back, 101 (Lyne),



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BOXING. THE CORONATION TOURNA-MENT.

New York, March 12.-Tom Sharkey and Gus Ruhlin have made an agree-ment with representatives of the National Sporting Club of London now here to appear at that club during coronation week and meet any heavyweights that the organization may select. Sharkey will begin training at once. Ruhlin is in fine fettle, being in daily practice with Fitzsimmons. It is said that the latter and Jeffries may be the men chosen by the club to meet Sharkey and Ruhlin, for both men have been invited abroad. Frank Erne, Joe on this continent was opened in New Walcott and Tommy Ryan are includ-York less than a year ago. In England ed in the list of American pugilists who for a long time there were only the two have accepted the National Club's invitation to appear in London.

MURDERED BY UNKNOWN MEN. Camden, N. J., March 11.-Mrs. Lafe Gruss and Mrs. Frank Gowie, of Westmont, near here, were shot today on the outskirts of the town by two unknown men, who made their escape. Mrs. Gruss was instantly killed and Mrs. Gowie was brought to this city in a critical condition. Physicians say her recovery is doubtful.

STEEL WORKS FOR OTTAWA. Ottawa, March 11.-The new steel works to be built in Ottawa are now said to be a foregone conclusion, and building operations will be commenced as soon as details can be arranged. The works will be conducted on a large scale. The local men interested in the matter are very enthusiastic, and look for one of the largest works of its kind

AND THERE HE DIED. Hamilton, March 10 .- Mrs. Adelaide Pickard, of Hamilton, acting through her solicitors, has issued a writ against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, claiming \$5,000 damages for the death of her husband, Robert, in October last, through the alleged negligence of the company's employes. The plaint-iff's husband was employed as a lalorer on the road at Chapleau, near North Bay, and was taken ill with ty-phoid fever. The doctor ordered him to a hospital, but the conductor put him off the train at Dieux Rivers because he had no pass, and there he died.

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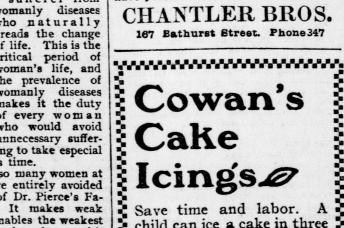
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