

It is not long since the phenomenal jumping of horses began to attract widespread attention. When Gebhard's Leo was jumping at Madison Square Garden, his great rival was Filemaker, who has a record of 6 feet 10¾ inches. Then it was that people began to ask who Filemaker was and where he came from, and but comparatively few knew that he had been owned in Montreal for a long time. Since the great feats of Ontario and Roseberry, the long reachy beast has fallen out of sight, but he was not long destined to remain in oblivion. The *Spirit* said he would be relegated to the shafts of a coal cart, but that is not likely to happen as yet, as he has been purchased by Mme. Merantette, who recently rode him over a 6 feet 7 inch jump. His owner is now anxious to contend against Roseberry or any other jumper.

The Rugby match of the season will take place to-day on the Montreal grounds, when the Montrealers and Britannias meet. Both teams have been putting in some real hard work, and both are as confident as fifteen can be. The adoption of the challenge system seems to give general satisfaction to all the clubs concerned, and although the season is necessarily a short one, it promises to be an interesting one. The organ of the Ottawa College men, the *Owl*, seems anxious that matches should be arranged with the Montreal clubs, and it is to be hoped the negotiations will come to something. In the Junior series the second Victorias and third McGill played last Saturday, the latter being victorious. The grads and under-grads also had an interesting struggle.

Rugby in Ontario has already got into good working order, the Varsity having started in last week. There will be two valuable additions from the Upper Canada College, Lash and Cloyes, who will take the places of Watt and Cross. Toronto will meet Varsity for the first time on Saturday next. The Tilsonburg club have organized for the season with the following officers:—President, N. P. Dewar; vice-president, J. U. Wood; secretary, D. G. Revell; captain, P. Geddes; committee, B. Titus, F. Foster, George Aspinwall.

The championship games, which take place at Washington to-day (Saturday), will be the most important ever held on the continent. East, West, North and South will be there. Unfortunately very little from the north, and Canada will once more draw a blank among all the good things going, for although the world's champion shot-putter is a Canadian and lives in Canada, he carries the colours of the N.Y.A.C. But there is one thing which is almost unparalleled in the annals of athletic sport, which by no amount of specious argument can be made to appear in anything but its true colours, and which does not reflect the least bit of credit on the M.A.C. Last week I had something to say about the point competition for the Bailey, Banks and Biddle plaque, for which the cherry diamond and the winged foot are running so close and hard a race. There was also something said about the Salford Harriers, who are at present making a tour of the United States under the auspices and as the guests of the Manhattan Athletic Club. Of course these gentlemen did not make any particularly brilliant showing when in Montreal, but they have been doing good work since, and, if taking part in the Washington games to-day, would almost to a certainty win some of the events which the M.A.C. has been counting on in the point competition. This would, by detracting from the M.A.C.'s chances, add to those of the N.Y.A.C. To avoid any such direful calamity, the visitors will not be allowed to compete at Washington, and they will go back to England with only the satisfaction of having competed in and won in second class events. This course gives the cherry diamond a sort of mortgage on the plaque, but it is not sportsmanlike, and neither is the flimsy excuse that foreigners would not be allowed to compete at the A.A.U. games. But there are strange things done in big athletic organizations, and while posing as lovers of sport, they always seem to be tainted just a little bit by the doctrine that the end justifies the means. It will appear to most people that the possession of the plaque this year by the M.A.C. will be a very barren honour.

A great deal has been said in the American press about the recent Canadian championship meeting, and some excellent suggestions have been made. One of them, coming from "Mediator," who writes in the *New York World*, is particularly worthy of attention. He says:—"It occurs to me that the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association would solve the athletic problem in Canada by organizing on lines similar to the A.A.U. and giving district championships. The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association could apply to the Canadian Association for the privilege of giving annually a southern district championship meeting at Montreal, open only to residents of the southern district, and the Toronto Athletic Association could apply for the privilege of giving annually the northern district championships at Toronto. The Canadian Association could also give the national championships open to the world, as now, at which the winners at the two district championship meetings could take part. The result of this arrangement would be that Montreal and Toronto would each have an annual athletic feature. The athletes in their respective districts would certainly compete for their district championships and the development of amateur sport in Canada would begin with the introduction of this system. As it is at present the Canadian athletes are discouraged from competing at the annual championship meeting, for the

reason that they meet, as was the case this year, the best men from all parts of the world. President Magee and ex-President Stevenson, of the Canadian Association, talk of advocating the above plan. It is to be hoped that these gentlemen will put their shoulders to the wheel to bring about the giving of divisional championship meetings in Canada."

The shooters have been having a lively time in Toronto, the ninth annual tournament of the Toronto Gun Club being a particularly successful meeting, which extended over three days and was concluded on Friday. The tournament was divided into four classes, the first and second classes shooting at fifteen birds from a 26-yards rise, and the third and fourth at ten birds from a 21-yards rise. In the ties the rise was increased to 29 and 32 yards. The first prize winners were: J. Wayer, first class; E. Perryman, second class; H. McLaren third class; E. Englehart fourth. In the first class every man grassed his fifteen straight and two ties were necessary to place. That looks like pretty good shooting.

How have the mighty fallen—Hanlan, the one-time pride of Canada, beaten in a one mile race easily by Teemer, and for a purse of \$1,000 subscribed by citizens of East Liverpool. There was no time taken, and it looks very much as if the good Liverpoolians imagined they saw a race and were satisfied. The lines of the professional oarsman seem to fall in nice places; but then there is an old saying to the effect that there is one something or other born every minute, and East Liverpool seems to have got her full share.

Hamilton is the latest to drop into line to encourage the breeding of good dogs and holding bench shows. The idea seems to be to get up a circuit of bench shows, comprising London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. This would give exhibitors a fair chance and considerably stimulate interest in the kennel. The new club will be known as the Hamilton Kennel Club, and a committee has been appointed to settle a date for the first annual show.

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Men and Matters in Ontario.

[From our own correspondent.]

TORONTO, October 1890.

The re opening of the universities and colleges during the past week must be noticed in connection with some matters especially gratifying to all who are interested in higher education. In the first place, McMaster starts upon its first era as a university. Now the Baptist system of education is complete. Before this McMaster Hall was but a divinity college. The year 1890 marks the accomplishment of what every Baptist young man and woman in the preparatory colleges had long desired. The future will see fresh vigour in the work of these preparatory colleges. The institution at Woodstock has been doing extensive work in education of boys, the Moulton College for girls has made its name well known, while the Toronto Baptist College, known as McMaster Hall, is one of the first theological colleges on the continent. These are the colleges in affiliation with McMaster University, which go to complete the system of Baptist education, and which every member of the Baptist denomination is proud of.

In regard to the opening of Knox Presbyterian College, the induction of Rev. Prof. R. Y. Thomson, professor of apologetics and Old Testament literature, is a noteworthy event. Rev. Mr. Thomson is one of the most brilliant sons of Knox, and is a graduate of Toronto University. Both institutions feel a pride in the new man and in the position which he has now taken, while his university friends prophesy for him a bright career.

The remarks of Sir Daniel Wilson at Toronto University convocation have evoked in the public mind renewed admiration for the old man who, with his buoyancy of spirit and physical energy, carries along to security through fire and the worst enemy of engendered popular hostility the destiny of the institution of which he is the president. The graduates of Toronto University will never forget Sir Daniel Wilson's conduct at and after the fire last winter. Those who believed at the time that the effect of the stimulus could not continue long are now loudest in their admiration of this address of convocation, full of confidence and energy, and still displaying a fatherly concern in the general weal of the University. The visit of Sir George Baden-Powell to Toronto was another event of much importance to the Provincial University. He came principally to consult with the university authorities in connection with the library. He has been an active member of the committee in London, England, formed to take up subscriptions and donations of books and money, under the presidency of the Marquis of Lorne.

This term opening of Victoria College may be said to be the beginning of the end of college work in that town. To the junior classes Rev. Dr. Burwash made the significant remark that they would finish their course in Toronto University.

The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, before setting out on their westward journey, publicly expressed through the press gratification in the results so far of their visit to Canada.

The presentation of an address in Montreal on September 30 by the Society of Canadian Civil Engineers to Sir Casimir Gzowski, congratulating him on the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by Her Majesty, has been

very much appreciated in Toronto by the admirers generally of that gentleman, and particularly by the members of the profession to which he belongs.

Mr. James Johnson, editor of the *Ottawa Citizen*, was given a cordial welcome back to Ottawa from the Old Country by his many friends in the Capital. Mr. McLeod Stewart presided at a supper given in the Russell House to celebrate the occasion.

Fashionable marriages are crowding on each other thick and fast. During the week several weddings have taken place, the most notable being that of Dr. Ogden Jones, of Toronto, with the daughter of the late Hon. James Morris. The ceremony was at St. Margaret's church in this city on the 2nd. The bridegroom is one of the best known medical men in Ontario.

A gentleman named Townley, who lives at Vancouver, B.C., recently started eastward in anticipation of his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Mercer, step daughter of the well-known Sheriff McKellar, of Hamilton. A reasonable time previous to that Miss Townley, the young gentleman's sister, started westward from England to be present at the wedding. On the day when they were both due at Hamilton Miss Mercer got another husband in the person of Mr. Herbert Muir Morton, of her own town, and the pair started off on their honeymoon trip to the Eastern States. And it never has come out who pulled the wires.

The Toronto Hunt Club races always bring a large public attendance to the Woodbine course. Being supported by the bulk of Torontonians who are fond of good riding, the patronage of this important event is liberal, as it deserves to be. The races are invariably well run, and this annual meet promises to be as good as of yore.

The action of the retail druggists of this city in adopting a uniform price list of their goods has exposed a trick of that mysterious trade which will interest a good many people. With a uniform price list, the big stores will naturally absorb the bulk of trade. The smaller down-town stores are consequently kicking, and one gentleman declares that they will not stand it. He gives it as a reason that druggists who are trying to build up a business have to keep two prices, one for the rich, the other for the poor. He says if they sell to a poor person without profit they pile it on to the next "fat and greasy citizen" who happens along. The interviewed druggist who made this statement, which has not yet been contradicted, thought selling in this way was but justice to the druggist, tempered with mercy for the poor customer.

Last week a remarkable will case was decided by the Court of Appeal for Ontario, Chief Justice Galt dissenting from the finding. William Wilcox Baldwin was plaintiff in the case and the executors of the estate of his brother, Robert Baldwin, jr., were the defendants. The father of the plaintiff and the late W. A. Baldwin were nephews of Admiral Baldwin, of the British navy, who died intestate about 1850, leaving certain lands now known as Russell Hill, Toronto, to be divided, as was then thought, equally among the next of kin. In 1885 William Wilcox Baldwin discovered that he was the sole heir, and accordingly brought suit to have the lands invested in him alone and to have compensation made for the previous distribution of property. He won the suit for sole right, but not compensation, and the executors of his brother appealed. This time he wins again, and the executors are taking the case to Privy Council. The land is worth about \$100,000.

Hon. John Dryden and Hon. Richard Harcourt have been re-elected by their constituencies by acclamation.

Romance versus Realism.

A writer in the *Book Buyer* of September, in a notice of Sir Arthur Sullivan's selection of Ivanhoe as the theme of a new opera, adds: "This reminds me of Mr. Howell's celebrated saying, in his sketch of Mr. James, that 'the art of fiction has, in fact, become a finer art in our day than it was with Dickens and Thackeray.' According to this view, Scott is further away from the taste of the present generation than are Thackeray and Dickens. And yet we see the first English composer of his time turn for a subject for his opera to the book of all others which is typical of the heroic and romantic school, and which we are supposed to have outgrown, to have laid aside in favour of the 'finer art of our day.' But, however strenuously the attempt may be made to turn the course of the dramatic art into the current of modern realism, the fact remains that for purposes of stage representation, whether in a play or in an opera, the elementary passions that were depicted in the works of the old dramatists and the old romance writers find more complete expression, as Mr. James says, and appeal to the public with more force than does a picture of life from which these emotions are eliminated. It was in accordance with this law that Wagner went to myth-land for the material for his greatest works, bringing from that region of the fancy Siegfried and Brunhilde, the Knight of the Holy Grail, Venus, the temptress of Tannhäuser, Tristan and Isolde and Parsifal,—characters that fire the imagination of every sympathetic spectator."

Sale of Mr. Boodle's Library.

Lovers of good books ought not to forget the sale of Mr. Boodle's library, which will take place in the hall of the Fraser Institute on the evenings of the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. Procure a catalogue from the auctioneers, Messrs. Duff & Fraser.

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