RESS OF RACING IN CANADA League club there had one of the least prosperous years of its existence, barring the brotherhood year. During the exposition at Buffalo the Buffalo Eastern League club did nowhere near the amount of business it enjoyed last year. The existence of a big counterattraction which draws thousands from attraction which draws thousands from the country is a handical parts of the country is a handical parts of the country. THE PROGRESS OF

proportions which exist in Ontario, says "an observer" in a sporting journal.

The object of racing is to improve the breed of horses. Recognizing this, the governments of older countries set aside large sums of money annually for this purpose. In Canada, so far as we know, the only moneys given are the King's plates, sums of 50 guineas, graciously donated by his majesty from the privy purse, consequently the burthe privy purse, consequently the buras has been the support of these men progressing with the times.

One Difficulty Is That There Are Very Few Prizes Offered in This Country.

It is to the turf in Canada, it would scarce have been maintained were it not for the conservative policy of the Ontario Jockey Club, which, having placed racing upon a thoroughly sound and reputable basis, has been emabled to guarantee large sums of money, annually to be raced for. Commencing means the Province of Ontario, for in no other province of the Dominion has racing assumed anything like the same proportions which exist in Ontario, says "an observer" in a sporting jour
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J. C. has gone on and prospered until in 1903 it distributed close upon \$73,000, of which nearly \$11,000 were for horses to the country to proportions which exist in Ontario, says "an observer" in a sporting jour
This Country.

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Most of them can see baseball at home any time without traveling miles to the success of one or the other of the success of one or the other of the country to the country to the desire to see the "fair," and by the desire to see the "fair," a

At Woodbine Park, Toronto, many has fallen upon private breeding improvements are well under way. establishments kept up by generous Land south of the present race course sportsmen, who have the welfare of to the extent of 100 feet is being reracing at heart, viz.: Messrs. Hendrie, claimed; stabling accommodation in-Seagram, Davies, Dyment and Cook. creased some 56 stalls, the grandstand More recently the brothers Mackenzie thoroughly renovated, and a new fence have joined the ranks of these enthus- surrounding the property. There is iasts, to whom may be added a number little doubt then that racing in Canada, of smaller breeders. Liberal, however, at least in the Province of Ontario, is

WOODSTOCK TO MEET SAINTS AT PRINCESS WEDNESDAY "Ping-pong from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 8d per hour. After that, up to 10:30 p.m., 1s per hour." This advertisement, printed in an English paper, would

Arrangements for Exhibition reason to believe that they will pull through in spite of their misfortunes. Game Completed—Curling Match for Evans Medal.

HOCKEY. AILSA CRAIG WON.

Ailsa Craig opened the home hockey season on Christmas night by defeating the St. Mary's Intermediate Association team by the score of 8 to The game was rather one-sided, but St. Marys was handicapped by the absence of two of their regular forwards. The St. Marys boys are a gentlemanly lot of players, both on and off the ice. Ailsa Craig plays the return game in St. Marys on New

BARNSTORMING IN BERLIN. a septette of hockeyists composed of five girls and two boys, who go under the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play, in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of Stoddart and Johnson's lady hockeyists. This aggregation played, or rather tried to play in Berlin Friday evening with the W. O. H. A. chamber 19 control of the title of th Berlin, Dec. 26.—Buffalo has sent out pions of this town. The game was de- would not fight if Graney was selectcidedly wretched and the spectators ed as referee. Corbett's choice was were disgusted as well as disappointed.

The lady members could hardly skate Graney or Harry Corbett, but the latlet alone handle a stick. The score was not counted, but the champions

BEAT VICTORIAS. Toronto, Dec. 26.-St. George's beat the Montreal Victorias in a fast hoc key game tonight by 11 to 9, although the score at half-time was 5 to 3 in favor of the Victorias. Russell, of the Victorias, had his nose broken.

SATURDAY'S TURF WINNERS. At New Orleans-Begone (F. Dawson), Harmarkist (Pieratt), 11 to 10; Tioga (Romanelli), 12 to 1; Big Ben (Robbins), even; Bondage (Hegleson), 7 to 5; Floyd K (Fuller), 2 to 5.

WATERLOO BEATEN TWICE. The Waterloos suffered defeat in their first games, although in both cases they did not have a complete team, and gave their opponents a good At Aylmer on Christmas they were defeated by a score of 4 to 2, and at Delaware on Saturday they went down by the same score.

WOODSTOCK HERE ON WED-NESDAY.

The first game of hockey this season, which will give the St. John's BASEBALL chance of showing their mettle, will be played on Wednesday evening at the Princess rink. The locals will have as their opponents the fast Woodstock intermediates, and the game will the American and National Leagues be one that will show both teams are counting on an exceedingly proswhere they need strengthening. The local team should give a good account of themselves as they have been and the great crowds it is expected to practicing every night for some time. draw to the Mound City. There is no The removal of Wally Hopkins was precedent for these expectations. In quite a set-back to the team, as they relied upon him to strengthen them considerably, but they still have every Fair year in Chicago the National

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TOMORROW'S 'FRISCO FIGHT. Hanlon announced positively that he plenty of merit.—Chicago Tribune. held tonight and "Young Corbett" an-nounced that it was either Graney

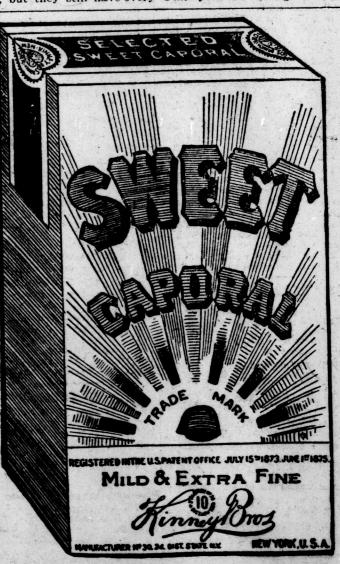
or no fight, and after some argument Hanlon's backers consented to allow GAVE MURRAY DECISION. Boston, Dec. 26.-Geo. Murray, of

tral A. C. tonight. GAVE UP IN THE SIXTH. Chicago, Dec. 26.—"Sandy" Ferguson, and a colored boxer known as "Klondike," met at the Chicago A. C. tonight for a six round contest, Ferguson won in the sixth round, his opponent giving up the fight.

WILLIS OUTPOINTED MARTO. Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—"Billy" Willis, of this city, and "Johnny" Marto, of New York, sparred six rounds tonight at the Southern Athletic Club. Willis outpointed his opponent, At the same club today Moran, of Philadelphia, showed his superiority over the "Buffalo Sunflower," a negro boxer, in a six round bout.

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by Mr. John Evans were played recently at the Simcoe street rink, be-tween rinks captained by Messrs. Govenlock and Backus. After a clo contest the former won, and the match which it has taken two seasons to complete was concluded. The members of the winning rink were Messrs. Govenlock, Edge, Bentley and Couse.

ATHLETICS. BRITONS LONG - DISTANCE

SPORTS. seem to indicate that ping-pong is still quite popular in England, and in addition affords additional evidence of the tenacity with which the Britisher clings to sport in its many forms. The game was played in Great Britain and THE TOURNAMENT AT HAMILTON | the colonies before it made its appearcipating being represented no more attractive programme for teams of fours, pairs and mixed pairs could be ball player plays his part, and at 35 arranged I C Crawford scorts by arranged. J. C. Crawford, secretary, is content to retire to the bleachers, Hamilton Whist Club, will gladly send while his cricketing cousin keeps 'n

the field from ten to fifteen years longer. The football player goes through his school and college careers and the

THE PROMINENT STABLE. A trainer must have one exceptionwas ally good horse or a stable of fairly good ones to win as much as \$10,000 during a campaign down the Grand Circuit. It is quite possible, too, for a trainer to have an exceptionally good winning list because he may meet Lynn, was given the decision over 'Patsy' Haley, of Buffalo, in the fifth round of the boxing contest scheduled to go twelve rounds before the Cening in which many of the regular over own. During the season of 1903 five Grand Circuit stables participated. These five stables and the six next most prominent ones are as follows.

> winning races and the amount won by each being given: No. winning driver. Scott Hudson W. L. Snow 18 Several of these trainers won money

at either the Columbus spring meet ing or at Windsor, which is not in-cluded in these figures. With less than a dozen stables in the list of those which won over \$12,000 it is evident that it is no easy matter for a mar to select a stable or horses with which to go out and earn enough to pay all expenses, and have enough left to pay him a good salary for his year's work.

THE AMERICAN OPINION

Their Attitude Towards Chamberlain's Proposals, According to A. Mosely.

London, Dec. 28. - Writing in the Times, Mr. A. Mosely, who headed the Mosely commission lately in America, says: "I find on my return to England that there is a vast amount of curiosity on the part of the public as to how Mr. Chamberlain's proposals are viewed by the mercantile commun-ity on the other side of the Atlantic. Of course, they realize that a tariff imposed upon our imports will not be to their advantage. Nevertheless they do not allow their judgment to be warped by consideration of their own personal interests. I found on all sides but one comment, amounting practically to 'Why has this not been done before?' We never could see the utility of allowing other nations to dump their surplus products on the market to put one's people out of work.' This was the opinion of every business man with whom I conversed with the exception only of Mr. Car-

Ridgetown Man Missing. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 26.—Andy Tho-mas, liveryman and hog dealer, of Ridgetown, who has been trading with the Indians on Walpole Island, is mys-

teriously missing. Leaves the C. P. R.

Montreal, Dec. 26. - J. W. Leonard, Montreal, Dec. 26. — J. W. Leonard, who has been assistant to the general manager of the Canadian Pacific of all lines west with headquarters at Winnipeg, has tendered his resignation to that company. Mr. Leonard has been in Montreal for a few days. He had a conference with President Shaughnessy, at which the resignation was tendered and accented. Mr. Wm. Whyte dered and accepted. Mr. Wm. Whyte, second vice-president, with practical management of western lines, will assume the duties formerly performed

A French agriculturist has been experimenting with bees as messengers. He has discovered that they will return to their hives from a distance of four miles in about twenty minutes, bearing dispatches, after the manner of homing pigeons. The pigeons will retrace a distance of 500 or even 1,000 miles, and are in little danger of being driven out of business.

FORBIDDEN LAND

With Britain.

London, Dec. 28.-There is consideraable anxiety in military circles as to British expedition which is now invading Thibet. Reports have been received from Lhassa that an armed resistance by the Thibetans may be expected, and that a large number of rifles have been distributed for this purpose. The influence of Russia agents in stirring up the populace, and the probable attitude of Russia, is causing additional un-

fulfill its treaty obligations and remove commercial conditions that are intolerable. The French press does not accept this explanation, but prefers its own theory, which is that fear of Russian ascendency in Thibet is the impulse leading to the invasion. Some of the French newspapers have referred to the British campaign as "another JamesonRaid," though they fail to add that it will probably will not meet the prompt and overwhelming grief that overtook the raiders. PURPOSE OF EXPEDITION.

The avowed purpose is to advance to lyangtse Jong, within 150 miles of Lhassa. This fortified town lies in one of the most fertile and cultivated valleys of Thibet, a valley that is marked by a line of white, lime-washed villages throughout its length of 60 miles. The British believe that in this region of plenty most of their supplies, even or a long sojourn in the country, may locally be obtained, and they think that he presence of a considerable force in district that yields more treasure for the Dalai Lama's strongbox than almost any other region of Thibet will make a deep impression at Lhassa, and that the Thibetans will lose no time in rid of the intruders, if such a thing is head. At present the Indian soldiers are

two routes; for the road from Khamba communication with the frontier. NOTABLE EVENT IN HISORY.

The invasion of Thibet by a British military force is a most notable event consistently excluded the white race, horses just a shade greater than his and to whose capital only three Euroever penetrated. The events that have led up to the invasion may be briefly recapitulated.

settle the misunderstanding between the Indian Government and Thibet relating to the failure of Thibet to carry out the treaty of 1893, under which the Lhassa Government agreed to open the Town of Yatung in the Chaumbi Valley to trade between the two countries. A mission would therefore be sent, under Col. Younghusband, to Khamba Jong to meet the representatives of the Lhassa Government to adjust the Col. Younghusband, who is well

known both as an explorer and as an expert in the politics of Central Asia, accordingly crossed the fontier in July last with an armed escort of 200 men. A few Maxim guns were conspicuous features of the equipment. He established his mission at Khamba Jong and for nearly four months vainly awaited the arrival of representatives of the Grand Lama of Thibet. The head of the Buddhist faith was greatly disturbed by the appearance in the forbidden land of a British armed force, and finally sent word to Col. Younghusband that unless he retraced his steps to India there would be no nego-

The leader of the British mission returned to India, but most of his armed escort remained at Khamba Jong, and with the two regiments which have just crossed the frontier there are 2,800 armed men in the British service now in Southern Thibet. Col. Younghusband heads the mission, and Col. Macdonald, well known for his brilliant service in reducing to order the Uganda Protectorate in East Africa, is the military

tham, Mass., has been appointed soprano soloist at Grance Church, the most aristocratic house of worship in Hull. New York. The lad is said to possess voice of remarkable sweetness and ing, and we were welcomed with truly hospitable cordiality. Had it not been range.

ACROSS CHANNEL

Has Ever Been Made.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Count de la Vauix. the daring French aeronaut whose venthe character of the reception of the turesome voyage across the Channel has excited the admiration of the scientific world and the public of both England and France, returned to Paris, and gave the following narrative of his aerial journey:

"We were three in all," he said, "Count D'Oultremont, Captain Voyer, and myself. We left the park of the Aero Club at St. Cloud at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening. The night was clear The British disavow any purpose and sultry, and we had an east wind more serious than to compel Thibet to behind us, but the current soon changed and we were carried N N W

"At 11 o'clock we sighted the lighthouses of the northern coast, and at midnight, as we were rapidly nearing the sea, I asked my companions if they cared to attempt a voyage across the Channel. They said they desired nothing better. At that time we were 900 feet high, but at one moment we attained as high an altitude as 4,000 feet.
"As soon as we had decided to cross the Channel we commenced to maneuver the interior 'balloonet,' which we were testing for the first time, and by means of the ventilator which we had on board we filled the balloon with air. At 1 o'clock a.m. we arrived at the estuary of the Somme, north of

"Again I asked my comrades, 'Are you willing to risk it?' They both replied with an energetic 'Yes,' So we swung out from the coast and were soon sailing along with the twinkling stars above us and waves of the Channel beneath. By-and-bye we could only distinguish the receding coast by the faint glimmer of the distant lighthouses, while around and underneath us were numerous fishing vessels, a cheery voice from one of concluding arrangements and getting which hailed us as we passed over-"We were at this time perfectly

steady, traveling seaward at 300 feet pointing toward Gyangtse Jong along above the waves, and so close did we sometimes descend to the surface that Jong, where Younghusband's escort has at one moment our guide rope touched been for months, is north of that through the Chumbi Valley, and the two do not converge till far on the way. A large part of the two Sikh regi- Far away across the water we could see ments will, of course, remain in the Chumbi Valley to maintain a line of undoubtedly the lights of some Atlantic liner steering for the North Sea. horse and still fail to figure in the big in the history of a country that has we found ourselves above a number of small ships. 'Ah,' exclaimed one

"The wind was brisk, and we were traveling at a good pace, and presently our number, 'here is a fleet of English peans, disguised as Buddhists, have fishing boats.' We did not think it possible that he could be right, but shortly afterward we perceived a black There was no low-lying coast line. The Chinese Resident at Lhassa was light of any kind to tell us where we informed on June 3 last by the Vice- were, but I think now that we must roy of India that it was necessary to have been in the vicinity of Winchelsea. None of us knew the coast, but we were certain that we were over some kind of land, for an army of ducks and waterfowl set up a tremendous quack-"Our first impression was that we

had been driven back again over the French coast. We were still at a height of 300 feet, and about a quarter of an hour later we heard a human voice, 'Where are we?' we shouted in French. There was no reply. So Count O'Oultremont repeated the question in English. Immediately the voice shouted back something we could not understand, but we recognized the in England. We had left the French side of the Channel at 1 a.m. and it was 2:45 a.m. when we arrived on the English coast, so that we had crossed the Channel in exactly an hour and three-quarters. With a strong wind behind us, we sighted Chatham and Sheerness just before daylight and almost immediately afterward we perceived the estuary of the Thames.
"As day broke the gas in the Djinn commenced to expand, and the balloon threatened to rise. But the sky was overcast, and the sea uncomfortably near, so we determined not to mount above the clouds. Then the balloonet proved its usefulness, for in spite of the increasing heat produced by the rising sun, we were able to maintain the balloon at a height of from 600 fee to 900 feet above the earth.

"At 9:20 a.m. we skirted the Wash and two hours later we passed the estuary of the Humber, with Hull on our left. The sea being still quite close considered it imprudent to run Leslie Cahill, 11 years old, of Wal- and so we decided to land. At 11:40 the Carlam Hill, six miles northeast of "Assistance was readily forthcom-

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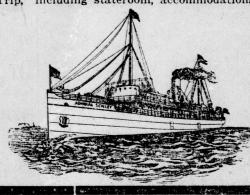
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