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Competition Red Hot.

According to Mr. Wiman, the real reason why Mr. Butterworth was in such a hurry with his annexation resolutions last week, was that he feared the Democrats might get ahead of him. Over the border it is believed that the party which gets both the name and the game of leading and controlling the annexation movement will gain an immense advantage thereby, and hence the keen competition for first place.

We have an instance of competition red hot in Canada too. The Globe is the old time, recognized organ-in-chief of the Reform, Liberal, or Dominion Opposition party. But of late The Mail has been making feints as if it meant to dispute the position, while how much The Mail's owners may have been working underground with the same object in view only themselves know. Now, for The Mail to aspire to that position would be a daring piece of presumption; in fact it would be "cheek" beyond compare. But if the party decides that its strong hold is to be no longer the eternal principles of Reform and Liberal government, as of old, but simply the commercial annexation of Canada to the United States—then we beg to say frankly that in such case The Mail's claim to the party's organship is just as good as The Globe's, if not better. If the organ is expected to maintain the same old principles of Reform which Robert Baldwin, the two Mackenzies, and George Brown labored to establish in Canada, then The Globe's claim by seniority and by possession is clear enough, though still open to the serious practical objection of the paper's having fallen sadly away from its strength and vigor of former years. But if the issue of the day is to be no longer "Reform," but Commercial Annexation, then as the organ of *that* The Mail might perhaps "beat" The Globe in the fight. It is none of our funeral; but whoever thinks he has a right to be "there," had better take it into his most serious consideration.

Two Cent Postage.

Postmaster-General Haggart has shown that he is competent to manage one of the most important departments in the public service, but the country has yet to hear from the honorable gentleman on the question of cheaper postage. Canada can afford two cent postage and the people want it. It would be to their benefit in every respect. With this reduced rate, the Postmaster-General of the United States is able to report "that in cheapness of postage, gross revenue and expenditures, number of post offices, extent of mail routes, mileage of mail service and volume of mail matter transmitted, the postal system of the United States is the leading one of the world."

That's the kind of thing we want here, Mr. Haggart. Let us hear from you next session.

CANADA'S RESOURCES

Again the Theme of a Lecture by the Minister of Education.

The audience that heard Hon. G. W. Ross, the Minister of Education, in Erskine Church, last night, could not have said failed to be impressed with the fact that the said minister is no pessimist in reference to Canada's resources, but that, on the contrary, he glories in the fact that within ourselves we have the elements of a nation, and in addition to a grand railway system, a marvelous water route, extensive shipping facilities untold products in the soil and on the soil, the best fishing grounds in the world, and hosts of other advantages of which we have reason to be proud. We have a people, than whom there is not on the face of this earth a hardier, more resolute or more aggressive people or a people that can accomplish more. Canada's products could find a market in the East and in the West; her soil could be made to increase her fruitfulness twofold at least by works of improved agriculture; her mines could be made to yield up their precious treasures in amazing quantities; the value of her forests was great and constantly increasing; and her people were growing more courageous and influential every day, so that if Canadians would only have faith, and with faith good works, their nation would soon become a rival in power and greatness of those older nations around us.

A PLEASANT EVENT IN PARKDALE.

Two of the High School Teachers Receive Honors at the Hands of Their Pupils.

Last evening a deputation consisting of five of the lady pupils of the High School, Parkdale, called at the residence of Miss H. Potts, who has been teacher of modern languages and English there for the past term, and who is now leaving to continue her university work, and as a slight token of the love and esteem in which she is held by all the pupils, asked her to accept a handsome dressing case. Accompanying this they wished her continued success in her new work and hoped her efforts would be as fruitful in the future as in the past.

About the same time a similar deputation was looking for Mr. Creighton, the classical master, who is also severing his connection with the school, to present him with a unique shaving set in plush case, and to wish him the compliments of the approaching season.

THE SUBJECT OF DRAINAGE.

The Architectural Section of the Canadian Institute Talks About it.

President A. J. Wickison called the meeting of the Architectural section of the Canadian Institute to order last evening, and introduced Mr. Edmund Burke, who read an instructive and interesting paper on "Sub-surface irrigation drainage."

This system was explained as developed in England some 25 years ago, and successfully introduced into the United States some years later. The idea is to produce an intermittent flow and distribution of liquid sewage by means of open jointed porous tiles, placed some 12 or 15 inches below the surface and provided with settling tanks, flush tanks &c., and a proper slope of ground. With this system in successful operation an effect takes place equivalent to combustion, the organic matter contained in the sewage being as much and as perfectly destroyed as by fire. Of course the idea is to apply practically to smaller towns, etc., where there are no main sewers, but even in larger places it may be worked to advantage.

THE INSPECTOR LEAVES TORONTO.

And Carries Back to Scotlandyard Pleasant Reminiscences of Canadians.

The C. P. R. train which left for Montreal last evening, had on board amongst other passengers, Inspector Andrews, the Scotland yard detective who came out in charge of the wandering Jew. Of Canada and the Canadians he will entertain very different views from those with which he came here. Not only have the natural beauties of Canada surprised him, but he marvels at the efficacy of our Police Force. The patrol system is something he never saw before, and the utility of which he admitted to be great.

Our detectives speak of Inspector Andrews as a hearty good fellow, and a man of rare intelligence and tact. His short stay amongst them made him many friends, and everyone wished him a pleasant and prosperous voyage.

Inspector Andrews will spend a few days in Montreal, and will sail from Halifax per steamship Sarnia, the steamer he came out on, on Saturday morning.

THIN RED LINES 'ROUND TABLES.

Boomer Rifle Association and "A" Company of the Grenadiers Banquet.

The annual dinner of the Boomer Rifle Association in connection with "A" Company of the Royal Grenadiers was held last evening at the Bay Horse hotel. About seventy-five officers and men of the company, officers of the regiment and guests formed thin red lines around the laden tables, and with true Canadian pluck made irresistible onslaught on the fortifications before which they were set down. The dining hall was lovely decorated with Union Jacks draped around such stirring mottoes as: "Ready, Aye Ready;" "We will do it;" "Empire First;" "In Peace Prepared;" "Canada Our Home" and "God Save the Queen." In the unavoidable absence of Capt. Davidson, Capt. McLean, second officer in the company, resplendent and soldierly, presided. Among those present were: Col. Otter, D.A.G.; Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P.; Major Delamere, Q. O. R.; Dr. Wild, J. L. Hughes; Capt. Kent, Connaught Rangers; Ald. Frankland; Major Mason, Capt. Manley, Capt. Boomer, Assist-Surgeon Kinns, Lieut. Lambe, Sergt.-Major Cox, Quartermaster Elliott, Sergts. Greene, and Staff-Sergt. Mitchell and Pte. McVity, two badge and medal covered riflemen of the Grens. Regrets were read from: Capt. Davidson, Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia; Lt.-General Sir Fred Middleton; Col. Allan, Q. O. R.; Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, Mayor Clarke, Capt. Bruce, Lt.-Col. Dawson, Lt.-Col. Grasett, Rev. A. Baldwin, Surgeon Ryerson, Rev. Mr. Macdonald, W. B. Murrich, H. E. Clarke, M. P. P. and Lieut. Brown.

It was a gallant war-like company; instinct with sturdy loyalty to Crown and country. The atmosphere was laden with the courageous spirit of the Canadian militiaman. On many scarlet-coated breasts shone medals and souvenirs, rewards of trusty services rendered. Queen and country on home and foreign fields. Theirs was not mere banqueting, but tried battle courage. Last night they cheered every eulogy of their country and applauded Col. Denison's statement that their work could be made of the Annexationists by the Grenadiers if they were put into a field. Their cheers evinced a spirit—the spirit of the Canadian Militia—that will be a bulwark against the consummation of the designs of scheming Annexationists if their intrigues are allowed to progress so far.

If the evidence of the officers of the other corps in the city as well as that of their own regiment is to be taken, "A" Company is a body of men that will compare favorably in all that makes good soldiers. They have reason to be proud of their record.

The toast list was: "The Queen", "The Dominion Parliament" and "Ontario Legislature," responded to by Lt.-Col. Denison; "Our District Deputy Adjutant," by Col. Otter; "Our Colonel and Officers," by Major Mason and Capt. Manly; "Our Sister Corps," by Major Delamere and Lt.-Col. Denison; "D. R. A. and O. R. A." by Sergt. Mitchell and Capt. Manly; "Our Guests," by Dr. Wild; "Our City," by Ald. Frankland; "Our Educational Interests," by Inspector J. L. Hughes; "The Ladies" and "The Press." Songs were sung by George Grant, Andrew Morrison and Capt. Manly, and recitations given by Mr. Saunders and Sergt. Mitchell.

The officers and committee: Hon. President, Capt. Davidson; President, Sergt. William Moore; Sec.-Treas., Pte. A. Henderson. Committee—Staff Sergt. A. Curran, Col. Sergt. N. Cussack, Sergt. R. Cox, Corp'l. G. Steinman, Pte. C. E. Langford, Pte. William Towers.

Alleged Breach of Contract.

In the County Court yesterday Judge MacDougall was occupied all day with the hearing of the suit of J. F. McLaughlin & Bros., Toronto grain brokers, against Gilvert Tremblay, hay broker of Montreal, for breach of contract. The plaintiffs claimed that Tremblay failed to supply the quality of oat straw contracted for and asked for $200 damages. Tremblay claimed that the McLaughlins offered to settle for $20 and that any lack of quality in the straw was due to the McLaughlins' negligence, and he claimed $400 for breach of contract. Judgment was reserved.

From Police Rotters.

Inspector Ward yesterday arrested George Cox of 53 Mission-venue on a warrant for aggravated assault on O. G. Gilmour. The prisoner is held at Agnes-street police station.

John Crowley of 64 Richmond-street east was arrested yesterday by P. C. Kenyon on a warrant charging him with having committed an aggravated assault on his wife.

Another wife beater is in custody in the person of James C. Rice of 154 Richmond-street west. He laid violent hands on his wife.

The Toronto Church of England Sunday-School Association.

A public meeting of this association was held in the school house of St. Stephen's Church last night. The Rev. Dr. Sweeny, rector of St. Philips Church, taught the "Institute Sunday School lesson" for Sunday next, and the Rev. Robert Lindsay of Montreal contributed a paper on "Mission Work in Connection with Sunday Schools." A discussion took place on the subject of "Teachers' Meeting and How to Conduct Them."

The Jeffery Fund.

Encouraging reports were presented by the Jeffery Testimonial Committee at their meeting last night. Contributions are flowing in from rich and poor, church members and others of no church, working men's associations and those who only know Mr. Jeffery as an outspoken denouncer of shams in every sphere of life. The organization for the presentation is well nigh completed.

Use the safe, pleasant, and effectual worm killer, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator; nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

Get the Horses Shod.

Owing to not being properly shod, and the slippery condition of the track, three street car horses fell on King-street last night and were so severely injured as to necessitate their removal to the stables.

Have you tried Holloway's Corn Cure? It has no equal for removing these troublesome excrescences, as many have testified who have tried it.

The Latest Woman Suffrage Move.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A new movement towards woman suffrage was begun in the Senate this morning, Senator Dawes (Rep., Mass.), introducing a bill to remove the political disabilities of Harriet H. Robinson, of Middlesex County, Mass., and to declare her a citizen of the United States with all the rights and powers of citizenship including the privilege of voting and being voted for. The bill and a memorial which accompanied it were referred to the committee on woman suffrage.

The Millers' Convention.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 18.—At this morning's session of the Millers' Convention resolutions were adopted calling for a curtailment of the output of the mills of the country for the month of January to one-half the average capacity, naming committee of three to regulate the output, on the advice of three-quarters of the mills of the country asking the railroads to make the exports rate five per cent. less than the internal rate and forbidding the consignment of flour by mills for three months after Jan., 1889.

A Disastrous Storm.

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 18.—Reports from the surrounding country and from a number of towns in the Cumberland Valley state that thousands of dollars worth of valuable property was destroyed last night by one of the most disastrous rain and wind storms which has visited this section.

Two Schooners Probably Lost.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The schooner August Flower and Schooner Wm. Wiley, which sailed from here together on Nov. 19, are believed to have been sunk at sea during the recent storm and all on board lost. Each vessel carried a mate, four seamen and a steward. The vessels were valued at $13,000.

The Haytian Insurrection.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The steamship Saginaw to-day brought intelligence of the bombardment of Cape Hayti by four of Legitime's war vessels. It is thought 20 or 30 were killed.

O. J. C. LEASE WOODBINE.

THE CLUB TO MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COURSE.

Best Performances in 1888 on the American Turf Above a Mile—The Buffalo Club in New Hands—News of the Oarsmen—Spots of Sport.

The Ontario Jockey Club, represented by Mr. T. C. Patteson, have leased the Woodbine track for ten years. Great improvements are to be made, and it may be said that in no city on the continent of the size Toronto is now—to say nothing of what it will be after another decade—is there to be found a race-course so near the centre of the town. The cab difficulty will be settled, and only cabs conforming to the club tariff of charges will be admitted into the grounds. It is not proposed at present to extend the duration of the meeting, which, besides engendering the antagonism of the unco-guid party, would also, it is held, be a losing speculation to the club, whose second day is not profitable as a source of revenue.

John L.'s challenge to Kilrain to a battle for the world's pugilistic championship has the genuine ring. It is well worded, direct, accompanied by a guarantee of good faith, and leaves Kilrain no room for evasion. The results should be a meeting between the rival claimants and a definite settlement of the mooted question as to who is really entitled to the championship.

The downfall of Teemer has given rise to considerable comment in the American press as to the genuineness of the race which gave O'Connor the much-coveted title. There seems to be a feeling in some quarters (those who lost their money) that the McKeesport sculler could have won had he so desired. Now what could have been Teemer's object in losing the race? The money was all behind the Canadian, and if it had been a "job," why, one would certainly think that the race would have been "fixed" for O'Connor to lose. Moreover, any person that witnessed the race could have clearly seen that the Toronto oarsman was the better man, and the time to the turning buoy, 8.35, was faster than Teemer had ever rowed. All this talk of "crookedness" is rubbish, and can be put down to those who lost their money. As is always the case, the losers squeal. O'Connor's victory was a boom to the aquatic sport.

BEST PERFORMANCES IN 1888

At Distances Above a Mile and up to Two.

A week ago The World gave the list of the best performances at a mile and distances under. Those above a mile are as follows, beginning at a mile and seventy yards, the record for which is 1.46½, made by the four-year-old Brother Ban, with 113 lb., at Latonia last June.

MILE AND A SIXTEENTH.

The record for a mile and a sixteenth is, however, much faster, no less than three horses having run it in the past season beaten the seven "forty-eighth," viz.:

Wheeler, T., 3, at St. Louis, June 1, 98	1.47¼
Ariste, 3, at West Side, Chicago, July 25, 107	1.47¼
Lucy Johnson, 4, West Side, Chicago, July 25, 101	1.47¼

MILE AND A FURLONG.

The record at a mile and a furlong was also reduced a trifle in 1888. At the beginning of the year Spalding at 97 lb., Grover Cleveland, 118 lb., Tom Daly, 115 lb., and Rosalie at about 80 lb., had each run the distance in 1.53¾. But Terra Costa, under McLaughlin's drive in the Sheepshead Bay Handicap last June, pinched the quarter, lowering the record at 1.53, a grand performance at 124 lb.

MILE AND THREE-SIXTEENTHS.

The record at a mile and three-sixteenths was not equalled during the year, nor in any way endangered. The figures are 2.00¾, made by Joe Cotton, with 100½ lb., in September, 1887, at Sheepshead Bay.

MILE AND A QUARTER.

Next to the record at a mile, none has been more contended for than that at a mile and a quarter. It stands at 2.07, where that sturdy little bulldog of a horse, Dry Monopole, put it when he won the Brooklyn Jockey Club Handicap with 106 lb. on May 14, 1887, when he beat Blue Wing by a head, with Hidalgo only beaten the same distance for the place. Nor was that race in any sense a "scratch," for with 117 lb. on July 1 "Dry" ran the Sheepshead Bay mile and a quarter in 2.07¼. Two performances better than was seen in 1888, when the best were as follows:

Elkwood, 5, at Sheepshead Bay, June 14, 119	2.07¼
Egmont, 5, at Louisville, May 24, 112	2.07¾
Paragon, 4, at Nashville, May 26, 112	2.07¾

MILE AND A HALF.

The mile and a half is another distance for which the record has been a fixture for some years. On Aug. 17, 1880, Luke Blackburn, then three years old, in winning the Champion Stakes at 102 lb., ran the distance in 2.34, and although equalled by the four-year-old Jim Guest with 98 lb. at Washington Park, Chicago, in July, 1888, and by the immature Firenzi at Monmouth Park last August, it is still the record. The best performances in 1888 were as follows:

Firenzi, 4, at Monmouth, Aug. 2, 113	2.34
Firenzi, 4, at Monmouth, Aug. 11, 115	2.35
Connemara, 4, at Monmouth, July 28, 100	2.35¼

MILE AND FIVE-EIGHTHS.

For any distance above a mile and a half run in 1888 there are no new records, and unless racing associations add a few more distance races to their programs there are not likely to be any more changes. At a mile and five furlongs Exile has the record, he, when four years old, with 115 lb., running the distance over the Sheepshead Bay course in 2.42¾. The best this year is Elkwood's 2.50¼, made at Saratoga, when he won the Merchants' Stakes, carrying 120 lb.

MILE AND THREE-QUARTERS.

The best at a mile and three-quarters is, as it has been since August, 1882, Glidelia's 3.01, made when she was a five-year-old, at Saratoga, carrying 116 lb. The closest call in 1888 was made by Billy Lakeland's three-year-old filly Peg Woffington, who, with 107 lb., won the September Stakes at Sheepshead Bay in 3.03, with The Bard's Coney Island Cup, carrying 122 lb., the next best at 3.06¾. Monrose also did the distance when he won the Morrissey Handicap, with 121 lb., at Saratoga, in 3.07.

TWO MILES.

As to beating the two-mile record of 3.27½, made by Ten Broeck against time in May, 1882, it is not likely to be accomplished except under similar circumstances; while Wildmoor's 3.28, made at Kansas City in 1882, and Bushwhacker's 3.30 at Saratoga in 1881, are about as unlikely to be beaten. The best at the distance in 1888 were made by Lone Chance at Louisville, when with 118 lb. he won the St. Leger Stakes in 3.36, and by Exile, when with 140 lb. he ran over the grass course at Sheepshead Bay on June 30, in 3.36¾, which, all things considered, is one of the best performances ever made in this or any other country.

The Sale of Ormonde.

The only mention that can be found of the reported sale of Ormonde in The London Sportsman is as follows in the issue of Dec. 8:

During the past week Ormonde, the Derby winner, now at Eaton Hall Stud Stables, has been ill. Mr. Edwards, veterinary surgeon, of Chester, was summoned, and the Duke of Westminster instructed him to consult Mr. G. Williams of London. It was discovered that the illness had developed itself into a sore throat, preceded by stomach derangement, both of which happily became amenable to treatment, and the horse, now under the care of Mr. Edwards, will be quite well in the course of a few days. We understand that Ormonde will shortly be sent from the Eaton Stables to Newmarket, where he will remain until June. After that he may go to America. A high figure—$17,000—is mentioned as the consideration.

No comment is made by "Vigilant" about the sale in his column. Nor is there any mention of the matter at all in The Sporting Life, so that the chances are that the whole matter is simply a rumor printed in some of the afternoon papers of Dec. 7.

The Gimcrack Club Dinner.

The annual dinner of the famous Gimcrack Club was held at York, Eng., on the evening of Dec. 7. Mr. James Lowther, as winner of the Gimcrack Stakes this year, was the principal speaker. Of course, there was no such sensation created as was the case when Lord Durham made his speech last year. Mr. Lowther, however, incidentally referred to it, making an explanation that he knew nothing of the matter before "a noble friend of mine" spoke. The principal point of the speech was a defence of gate-money meetings, which was certainly a somewhat risky thing to do in the face of the fact that the racing at York is one of the oldest open meetings in the kingdom, and that the dinner was the one hundred and twenty-second since the club was organized in honor of the famous race-horse Gimcrack. Incidental to the defence of gate-money meetings, which was certainly a somewhat risky thing to do in the face of the fact that the racing at York is one of the oldest open meetings in the kingdom, and that the dinner was the one hundred and twenty-second since the club was organized in honor of the famous race-horse Gimcrack. Incidental to the defence of gate-money meetings, Mr. Lowther intimated that in view of the large stakes now being run for racing could not be conducted without them, and "that such abuses as were supposed to be traceable to the existence of gate-money meetings were in reality attributable, not to the fact of these meetings being continued under the system of charging admission for all persons of whatever degree who came to witness racing, but rather to evils which had no connection with the system."

ABOUT THE OARSMEN.

An American Correspondent Declares that Rowing is at a Very Low Ebb There.

Pendragon of The London Referee says: With sincere regret I acknowledge the communication of an American correspondent, who declares that professional boat racing over there is at such a low moral ebb that the previously well affected towards sculling and rowing decline to believe in anything in the shape of a race in the States. A ray of hope is proffered in the admission that Teemer and O'Connor's match *may* have been straight, but—and this is what troubles me—he adds that some sort of a combination is to be effected by the recent opponents for offensive and defensive action in Australia. This is all against what others told me about the Canadian, and I shall take leave to doubt the truth of the report until it is verified. I have regarded O'Connor as a probably straight man, who might prove the saviour for a period of a sport dragged into disrepute by its professors. The whole course of his action in dealing, or endeavoring to deal, with Teemer and others negatives the theory involved in the suggested mutual arrangements in question with the McKeesport man, and I trust that when O'Connor goes to Sydney he will be fighting for his own hand.

Hanlan must be a very extraordinary person indeed if Beach retains his form and Kemp is ably pushing him close on his somewhat favorably-prejudiced Colonial critics make out—not to mention Searle. Though admittedly gone off a good or bad bit, the ex-champion, who swallows defeat after defeat, and still lunges for more opponents to conquer him, seems very nearly as fast as the best of the currently-accepted swells over a mile course. This does not seem to make the others to be such flyers as is supposed, and goes to strengthen my line of argument, that the whole fabric of Colonial form may have been built on a wrong foundation, owing to Beach's having some of the most extraordinary things, what our extraordinary creatures some of the telegraphists who send the very long cablegrams from Sydney must be! I read only this week of crowds assembling early on the coigns of vantage, otherwise pitches, from which best views of Hanlan's race could be commanded. As a master of geographical detail, some of the coigns quoted are miles and miles away from the Parramatta champion course.

Amateurs v. Professionals.

The following letter has been addressed to the editor of The London Sportsman: I read in an article which appeared in The Look to Look Times, dated November 24, written by some correspondent who styles himself "Leander," that "Nickalls, our amateur champion, is as far in front of English professionals as Beach is in turn above them." I am prepared to row any English professional, therefore I think I have a right to speak on the matter. If this person, who professes to know so much about sculling can induce Mr. Nickalls (with the consent of the Amateur Rowing Association), to measure blades with me, with all due respect to Mr. Nickalls, I shall be most happy to meet him. I am willing to scull for a cup, to be purchased by both of us, or if that will not suit, I will row for nothing, merely to prove whether professional sculling in England has fallen so low as "Leander" would try to make believe. By inserting this in your valuable paper you will greatly oblige, G. BUBBAR. Hammersmith, Dec. 4.

BICYCLE RECORDS BROKEN.

New Figures Put Up in Far-Off Australia—The Sport Has Taken a Firm Hold.

From The Melbourne Sportsman of October 20, just to hand, we learn that new bicycle records have been made in Australia. Says The Sportsman: "The sport of bicycle riding appears to have taken a firm hold on the public in Adelaide, and the two days' race meeting concluded on the oval last Saturday has resulted in a highly satisfactory manner. Our friends over the border are fortunate in possessing a splendid asphalt racing path, three miles to the mile, and most suitable for fast time. Last Saturday 8000 people attended the sports, and great interest was taken in the contests, especially those wherein Victorians and South Australians met. A special one mile match between R. Davis, the champion of South Australia, and Tom Busst, winner of the recent ten mile championship of Australia, was brought off and won easily by the latter. Tom Busst also accomplished a remarkable feat in the race for the £50 plate, when he covered the distance, three miles from scratch, in 8 m, 2 4-5s. This time is phenomenal, and stands as the amateur record of the world.

"More extraordinary record breaking took place on the Adelaide Oval on Monday, when J. W. H. Busst lowered the one-mile amateur bicycle record of the world, accomplishing the distance in 2m. 30 2-5s. T. Busst and the brothers Elliot assisted him by pace-making. Afterwards E. Elliot made a half-mile record, doing it in 1m. 13s. The times were taken by Union officials and thoroughly authenticated."

Rowe and White Buy the Bisons.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Jack Rowe and Deacon White to-day bought a controlling interest in the Buffalo Baseball Club. Both will be playing members of the Bisons' team of 1889. Rowe, who refused to go to Pittsburg for less than $4000, will have to get the Smoky City's consent, but it is hoped that can be arranged. Rowe and White took the stock of the entire board of directors, which constituted a majority of the shares, and will endeavor to acquire the balance held by outsiders.

Dust From the Diamond.

It is likely that Campau will act as Detroit's captain.

It is reported that Catcher Thayer has been married.

The Athletics have signed Pitcher Baldwin, late of the Detroits.

Capt. Comiskey has signed a St. Louis contract for next year.

It looks as though Dave Rowe meant it when he said that he would go to the Pittsburg club.

George Walker, the Hamilton pitcher who was reserved by Baltimore, will likely be transferred to Columbus.

At a meeting of the Central Inter-State Baseball League at Springfield, Ill., on Thursday, six cities were admitted, viz: Springfield, Peoria, Quincy, Davenport, Terre Haute, Evansville.

The Rochester Club wants an extension of 15 days, to pay its $1000 guarantee. Secretary White has sent notices to all the clubs in the International Association to this effect and a vote will be taken.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Rochester baseball association showed a deficit of $3,800. The expenditures amounted to $36,189, of which a little less than $16,000 went in salaries. Manager Leonard said that six weeks ago four of the players would have brought over $4000.

International Association clubs are watching London. It doesn't look like living up to the salary limit to purchase the release of Joe Knight, a player who was too high-priced for the other clubs. Knight stood out for $300 per month, which is far too high for an outfielder under a monthly limit of $1250 per team.—Sporting Life.

Mike Kelly, the $10,000 Boston ball tosser, has been engaged by Hoyt & Thomas to appear in "The Tin Soldier" at the Fourteenth-street Theatre, New York, during Christmas and New Year's weeks. The compensation agreed on is $1000, the largest sum ever offered to any one not an actor, and a sum which very few of the best known of them receive.

Spots of Sport.

The first game in the pool tournament at Hamilton between crack city players was played on Monday evening at the Revere House. J. Staunton won by 11 games to F. Stewart's 7.

A match has been made between George Philip Telford of Newcastle, and Harry Follett of Richmond, London, to row a straight-away sculling race, in best and best boats, from Dunston Gangway to Scotswood Suspension Bridge on the Tyne, the race to take place on Monday, January 14.

The Toronto Coursing Club has decided to hold its first courses at Woodbine Park on Thursday, Dec. 27. Owners of greyhounds who wish to enjoy a good day's sport should be on hand. Entries close on Dec. 26 with J. F. Scholes' Athletic Club, Yonge-street.

They Never Fail.—Mr. S. M. Boughner, Langton, writes: "For about two years I was troubled with inward piles, but by using Parmelee's Pills I was completely cured, and although four years have elapsed since then they have not returned." Parmelee's Pills are antibilious and a specific for the cure of Liver and Kidney complaints, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Headache, Piles, etc., and will regulate the secretions and remove all bilious matter.

Among the Societies.

Lord Rossmore, L. O. L. No. 142, held their annual meeting in the Western District Hall, Euclid-avenue, on Monday evening. Among those present were Bros. Birmingham, G.S.O.W., who conducted the election; Bro. Nesbitt, D.M.W.T.; Bro. Black, D.D.M.W.T.; Bro. Chenery, P.D.M.W.T.; Bro. Downard, P.M., L.O.L., 342; Bro. McSpadden, W.M., 561, and Bro. Douglas, W.M. of 137. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. Wright, W. M.; James Steele, D.M.; James Hutchinson, Chap.; J. S. Jackson, Recording Secretary; Andrew Brown, Financial Secretary; Ald. J. G. St. Leger, Treasurer; Wilson Johnston, D. of C.; William Moorcroft, Lecturer; Thos. Deacon, 1st Com.; Thomas McBride, 2nd; William Mayhew, 3rd; George Keyes, 4th; Thomas Blackwell, 5th; Thomas Townley, Inside Tyler; W. Nixon, Outside Tyler; Dr. S. M. Hay, Physician; Dr. Little, Colhoun and Bates, Auditors; Brown, McHenry and Graydon, Trustees; Steele, Brown, Moorcroft, St. Leger, Calhoun and Graydon, Sick Committee.

The Italian Benevolent Society, "Umberto I.," President Rocco Lauria, will hold their first annual ball in the Victoria Hall on Jan. 3, 1889, under the auspices of Chevaliere A. M. F. Gianelli. Honorary President.

Camp Toronto No. 3, Grand Army of Fraternity, last night in Shuttesbury Hall arranged for a concert on Jan. 15, to which the general public is invited.

The regular meeting of Mystic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was held last night in Victoria Hall, Bro. J. Armstrong occupied the chair. A visit was received from Toronto Lodge No. 2, under Capt. Crossley, D.D.G.C.

Lodge 657, L. O. L., met last night in Victoria Hall and elected the following officers: R. McDougall, W. M.; A. Bennet, D.M.; V. Richardson, Chap.; W. Honeycombe, R. S.; R. Staton, F. S.; F. Jenkins, Treas.; W. Charters, D. of C.; W. Richardson, Lect.; Dr. Nevitt, Phys.

A meeting was held last night in Temperance Hall of the Order of the Iron Hall. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Chief Justice, J. C. McGill; Vice-C. J., John Iredale; accountant, A. Lewis; cashier, P. J. Horrocks; adjuster, J. Murray; prelate, J. McCaul; herald, D. J. McMillan; trustees, H. O. Fortier, H. George, T. Symington.

Lodge 173, L. O. L., assembled in Victoria Hall last night and conferred degrees on 10 members, in the purple, blue and royal arch.

The great demand for a pleasant, safe and reliable antidote for all affections of the throat and lungs is fully met with in Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It is a purely vegetable compound, and acts promptly and magically in subduing all coughs, colds, bronchitis, inflammation of the lungs, etc. It is so palatable that a child will take it. Try it, and be sure that it is put at a price that will not exclude the poor from its benefits.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Historical Society of Ontario, which met last evening at the Canadian Institute, was compelled to adjourn for two weeks, owing to the unavoidable absence of their lecturer.

Seventy-six Torontonians sailed by the Cunard S.S. "Aurania," last Saturday, from New York. This beats all previous records.

Allin & McKay, 12 King-street east, have for sale a large lot of properties in different parts of the city. Parties wishing investments would do well to call upon them.

Mr. Edward Foley of the Waterworks Department wishes it known that the James Foley, up for wife beating, is not one of his family, as has been reported.

Mr. H. McCaw, Custom House, Toronto, writes: "My wife was troubled with dyspepsia and rheumatism for a long time; she tried many different medicines, but did not obtain relief until she used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. She has taken two bottles of it, and now finds herself in better health than she has been for years."

City Hall Small Talk.

The arbitration re Island lots expropriation was to have met yesterday but failed to connect owing to the absence of ex-Ald. D. M. Defoe.

The Board of Works will hold a special meeting to-day to consider the matters at issue between the city and the C. P. R. in connection with the Don improvements.

The Legislative Committee meets to-day to draft the skeleton of the city bill to be laid before the next Legislature.

T. Eaton & Co. have secured a building permit for the erection of a three-storey brick warehouse on James-street at a cost of $20,000.

After some trouble it has been discovered that Dufferin-street was closed on Nov. 24, 1883, by order of the Dominion Government.

Mrs. Barnhart, corner Pratt and Broadway, has been a sufferer for twelve years, through rheumatism, and has tried every remedy she could hear of, but received no benefit until recommended to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil; she says she cannot express the satisfaction she feels at having her pain entirely removed and her rheumatism cured.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The Russian Budget shows a surplus of 1,000,000 roubles.

The Civil Service Stores, at 136 Queen Victoria-street, London, were nearly destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss $200,000.

A heavy fog is general in all parts of England. The thick weather caused a delay of two hours in the Queen's departure from Windsor to Osborne yesterday morning.

The Figaro, commenting on the collapse of the Panama Canal Company, says the Chamber of Deputies plays into the hands of the Americans, who always predicted the non-completion of the canal, and the Republic will be the first to suffer for this blunder.

Gen. Boulanger, in an interview, condemned the Government for allowing honest people to think that the Panama Canal project was sure of official patronage, and now turning its back on it.

Owing to the fears that the Panama Canal Company's difficulties may give rise to disorders on the Isthmus, the French Government has decided to send a man-of-war to Colon to protect French interests. It is expected that the United States will send two war ships to Colon.

Premonitions of approaching danger, in the shape of digestive weakness, lassitude, inactivity of the kidneys, pains in the region of the liver and shoulder blades, mental depression coupled with headache, furred tongue, vertigo, should not be disregarded. Use Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, and avert the peril to health. It removes all impurities and gives tone to the whole system.

—Caswell, Massey & Co's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Pepsin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

At the Hotels.

Dr. Allen, Fort McLeod, N.W.T.; W. T. Stillwell, Springfield, O.; Ovide Mustin, Miss Annie Louise Tanner, New York; Mayor Samuel Clarke, Cobourg; T. N. White, New York; A. Tait, Orillia, are at the Rossin.

E. F. Cowan, Kingston; J. W. McKenna, Quebec; B. F. Slifer, Grand Rapid; C. Miller, Ingersoll; H. Gordon, St. Catharines; J. Calder, Hamilton; T. G. Gardiner, Berlin; J. C. Dance, M.P.P., Kingsmill; T. J. Hammill, Barrie; D. S. Booth, Brockville; W. R. Samuel, Montreal; J. Halpin, Stratford; Wm. Henry, Niagara Falls; John McCullough, Woodstock, are at the Palmer.

Geo. Cumming, Washington, Ont.; J. A. Lowe, Staunton; Seth Mitchell, Lawrence, Mass.; H. W. Zinken, Southampton; Chas. Cameron, Peterboro; C.G. Cody, London; E.H. Holland, Midland; S. B. Crossfield, Penetang; H. Code, Perth; W. H. Priest, Stanbridge, Que.; J. D. Hunt, Winnipeg; John McIltae, Beaverton, are at the Walker.

F. J. Verity, Montreal; James Mitchell, Montreal; G.C. Egan, Montreal; Stuart Brown, Montreal; S. Kemp, Montreal; W. Reinhardt, New York; W. B. Simpson, Bowmanville; Major Stuart, Hamilton; F. MacKelcan, Q.C., Hamilton; Capt. J. S. Hendrie, Hamilton; P.C. Doyle, Buffalo; C. Sheehy, Detroit, are at the Queen's.

Heavy nap overcoats selling very cheap at the Army & Navy Stores. Boys' overcoats with cape, just the thing, one fifty, two dollars and two fifty. Men's overcoats for away less than they can be made at the Army & Navy stores. Do not spend a cent for clothing till you've seen the stock at the Army & Navy stores, and no matter how low the price you can be sure of satisfaction, as no shoddy clothing is the watchword of the ARMY & NAVY STORES.

SAINT ANDREW'S MARKET.

WEST END RATEPAYERS LET OFF THE STEAM LAST NIGHT.

A Demand that the Market be Improved—It Would be a Boon to the Western District—The Mayor Absent—The Meeting Adjourned Till Next Week.

The electors of St. Andrew's Ward were much chagrined at the non-appearance of Mayor Clarke last night. He was to have presided at their meeting in St. Andrew's Hall to consider the matter of extending and improving St. Andrew's Market, but at the last moment His Worship sent a letter apologizing for his enforced detention. In his absence Ald. Fells was voted to the chair.

Mr. Britton was the first speaker. He said: This market is in my opinion nothing more than a wagon without wheels.