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The Free Wool Fight in the States.

Our American neighbors are now engaged in a contest over the duties on wool and woollen goods, which looks as if it were the most immediately important of all the tariff questions now before the public, and in the study of which Canadians may find much to interest them. In 1883 the circumstances of the time gave the Free Traders an opportunity which they took every advantage of. They worked their cards so well that they managed to effect several deep cuts in the tariff before Protectionist opponents fairly understood what was going on. In the attack on the duties on wool and woollen goods they were specially successful, but there appears to be a reaction now, even among Democratic members, and the fight of that day has to be fought over again. Already that temporary success of 1883 is proving a dearly-earned victory for the Democrats. There need be no doubt of the fact that it operated as an important cause of Cleveland's defeat in 1888, he having particularly distinguished himself as an advocate of reducing the duties, both on wool and woollen goods. The conspicuous part he took in calling for free wool or at least for reducing greatly the duties on that important raw material—lost him thousands of votes in sheep raising States, and among farmers generally all over the country.

During some time back the woolen manufacturers in various branches, stirred up by the Free Trade politicians, who seek to take advantage of their circumstances, have been demanding free wool *hotus bolus*, on the ground that it is a raw material which should not be taxed. The most "rampageous" among them are the carpet makers, who argue that it does not pay to raise and to keep coarse-wooled sheep in the State; and that the best plan is to import all such wool from Australia and other parts of the world. At this the sheep-raisers in Texas and some other Western States and territories are taking fire, and many Democratic members are getting hints that unless they greatly improve their record on the wool question they will not much longer represent their old constituents in Congress. Just to show how the contest is going on we quote a little from a report of a recent sitting of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Shepard, a large sheep rancher in Texas, is under examination:

Mr. Gear: What would have been the effect on the wool-growing business in Texas if the Mills Bill had gone into effect.

The witness: We would all have gone out of business, I reckon.

This stirred the Corsican statesman (Mr. Mills) up a little and he put a series of questions to Mr. Shepard to show that a duty of 10 cents on carpet wool would increase that much the price of clothes. "You simply want to rob the poor man, do you not, for your own benefit?" he said.

"No," replied the witness warmly, "the only men I want to 'rob' are the rich and Congressmen like yourself, who are anxious to plunder the sheep raisers. I am a Democrat myself—all but free trade. I voted for Cleveland in 1884 and would have voted for him in 1888 if he hadn't singled out the wool industry in his message for destruction." [Applause.]

Mr. Breckinridge: You are a revenue Democrat?

The witness: I do not know what you may call me. I have not the language to express it.

Mr. Bayne: Are the farmers and wool-growers of Texas generally in favor of protection?

The witness: I cannot speak for the farmers. I know that the wool-growers are.

Mr. Bayne: Without regard to party?

The witness: We are going to drop the question of party. We will also try to drop some of our present representatives in Congress.

The chairman: You must be very discriminating in regard to members. There are some members from Texas whom we want left with us. [Laughter.]

Mr. Shepard keeps about 18,000 sheep, on about 80,000 acres of land, and says that for one sheep five acres are required. Texas wool cannot be laid down in Boston for less than from 15 to 18 cents; whereas wool from Australia can be laid down there, not counting any duty, at 6 cents. He wants to see 10 cents on wool of all kinds; and says that with sufficient protection the United States is able to raise all the carpet wool consumed in the country. The Free Trade champion from Texas, Mr. Mills, did not make much out of this particular "shepherd."

The fight over free wool seems likely to prove the most critical part of the whole tariff fight in Congress this session. Our Canadian wrongheads have worked themselves into the belief that Protection is something desired by manufacturers and those connected with them, but by farmers not at all. But right here they make one of their big mistakes. This notion as to farmers being all free traders is not true either in Canada or in the States. The truth is that over the border the demand of the farmers for Protection and their unwillingness to concede free entrance into their own home market to any foreigners who would compete with themselves, is working powerfully throughout the country these times. It indicates the sure defeat of all attempts to carry Canadian Reciprocity with the American farmers; and it quite accounts for the coolness with which that project is now regarded by many Congressmen, who were formerly supposed to be "hot" for it. Watch well this Free Wool fight; and you will see something in it to interest Canadians as well as their Republican neighbors.

It is said that the snow is deeper on the Sierra Nevadas than for years past. We may get our share of it yet.

The Winnipeg Free Press makes a vigorous kick because the papers persist in speaking of Sault Ste. Marie as the "Soo" instead of the "Sault." It is to be presumed they would not pur Soo the practice if they did not believe it Saultable.

Which is making the biggest bluff—England or Portugal? If one or the other is not called down soon there is a likelihood of a lively time.

One good thing about the open winter is the saving of straw on the part of the Street Railway Company.

At the Middlesex Assizes Mr. Justice Falconbridge suggested to the Grand Jury that they visit the asylum in sections or appoint a committee to do so, as the visits of large bodies of men had a tendency to excite the patients. There is common sense at the bottom of the suggestion.

A Southern taxidermist offered to prepare the body of Jefferson Davis so that it could be placed on a monument, and guaranteed that it would last 3000 years. He might as well guarantee it for five million years, or to the end of time for that matter. He'll be good and dead in any case.

The Empire reports that Prof. Robertson the dairying expert at the Ontario Agricultural College does not find his position as comfortable as he could desire it to be, in consequence of rather strained relations between Principal Mills and himself. He is in receipt of a salary of $2000 per annum, but it is said that the Dominion Government will give all this and a thousand a year more if he will transfer his usefulness to the experimental farm at Ottawa. Prof. Robertson is a good man, and in the enlarged sphere would do even better work, but is there not an indication of a little unnecessary friction at Ottawa?

By insisting upon the maintenance of the Dominion Government's right to veto all provincial legislation—excepting Jesuit bills—Mr. Meredith declares in effect that the people of the Canadian provinces are unfit for self-government.—Ottawa Free Press.

By parity of reasoning, by limiting the powers of county councils, the Legislature declares the people of the counties unfit to govern themselves.

Don't worry any about next summer's ice supply. Next summer is not here yet by a large majority, and even if we do not get a natural supply of ice a plant for its manufacture could be set up in Toronto for about $10,000. The southern cities, from New Orleans up to St. Louis, use the manufactured article.

Old Man Zero thinks the thermometers have treated him very disrespectfully this winter.—Syracuse Herald.

The thermometers are all right. They have not fallen quite so low as Old Man Zero.

An English lady, recently deceased, left $15,000 to be expended in buying champagne for actors who are required by the exigencies of their part to drink wine on the stage. Had she been an American she could have done the actors more good by endowing a free lunch counter in Union-square, New York, each summer.

The Boers of the Transvaal Republic, in South Africa, have extended the right of suffrage to Dutch boys of 16 years of age, while denying it altogether to English residents. That state of things will not be permitted to last long. "Afflictions sore long time we Boer," will soon be the popular cry of the Britishers.

The Baltimore oyster trust are making war on all dealers who refuse to join the combine. This seems to be a shellfish policy, if we may speak in that raw way without getting into a stew.

MISSION HALL OPENED.

The Bloor-street Baptists' Good Work North of the Track.

With prayer and praise, speech and song, Birch-avenue Mission Hall was opened last night. It is the most northerly Baptist preaching place, and is midway between Eglinton and Bloor-street. Commenced by Pastor Elmore Harris as a preaching room a year ago, converts have been made in the neighborhood, little ones have been cared for, weeknight services held, and a field "white unto harvest" opened for the young and as nest men and women of the mother church. The hall was crowded last night, principally with the neighbors, though many co-workers from Walmer-road, Jarvis-street and Bloor-street joined in the rejoicing. Large-hearted Thomas Lailey was the right man in the right place as chairman. He has assisted at the opening of a baker's dozen of Baptist Churches in Toronto. Superintendent W. C. Senior had a good account to give of his stewardship. Pastor Thomas Trotter of Bloor-street felt the fire burn and infused enthusiasm into the gathering as he raised his Ebenezer and told of mercies countless to himself and the Baptist cause since, as an emigrant from Old England, he landed in Toronto wellnigh a score of years ago. Rev. Dr. Thomas, albeit he has la grippe, got the grip of his audience as he told of self-denying and self-sacrificing work amongst fallen women and drunkards, the praises of which have never been sung on platforms and in newspapers. Pastor Elmore Harris was, as he ever is, full of hope and faith, "grasping the promises," and aspiring to still greater blessing in this glad new year. And the choir from Bloor-street sang, O so sweetly! and the chairman beamed upon all and touched both hearts and pockets; and the result of a happy inaugural meeting is that a good instalment towards the $500 debt was thankfully given. The infant church in Birch-avenue has shown its faith by its works in generously out of its limited means—for they are all working people—giving $600 towards the mission funds. Nor in vain will they ask their wealthy Baptist brethren of the 16 Toronto churches to let them start clear of debt on one of the most promising mission fields in North Toronto.

Injured in a Planing Mill.

George Walkey, of 3 Waterloo-place, aged 15, while working in Kennedy's planing mills, Macdonald-square, yesterday afternoon was seriously injured while removing shavings from beneath a planer. He was caught in the belting and his left leg severly lacerated, besides which he sustained a bad scalp wound. The injured youth was taken to the hospital. He is now on a fair way to recovery.

A Fifty Dollar Fire.

At 11.10 last night fire was discovered in an old frame building in Millstone-lane, off York-street. The building was used as a gymnasium and is owned by Robert Bond, who has a livery stable in course of erection on the premises. The fire was speedily extinguished, about $50 worth of damage being done.

A Marriage at St. Patrick's.

Mr. "Joe" Bonner, the well-known manufacturing jeweler of Scott-street, and Miss Mary L. Claxton of this city were married at St. Patrick's Church yesterday. The wedding was a pretty one and was numerously attended, the groom being one of the best known young men in town.

St. Louis Budweiser and Anheuser Beer.

The quantity of barley used last year at the Anheuser Busch Brewery, St. Louis, was 1,215,000 bushels. This represents the product of nearly 30,000 acres. They buy fully three-fourths of all the finer grades which comes from Canada. 135

Personal Mention.

The Queen, who is still suffering from rheumatism, will spend a month at the baths in Homberg in the spring.

Sir John A. Macdonald is fully recovered from his indisposition and was at his office in the Railway Department all yesterday.

Miss Nellie Bayard, daughter of the ex-secretary, is to marry a Swedish count, who is now studying practical mechanics in a Washington shipyard.

Job Lot Jokelets.

Now the misanthropic plumber, looking gloomier and glummer, wonders if the plaguey Summer now will pack its duds and go. Hear him muttering and growling, see him petulantly scowling, list his wild, despairing howling: "Oh, for ten degrees below!"

Briggs—What would be an appropriate present for me to give my typewriter girl? Braggs—If she's anything like mine I would recommend a spelling book.

People who engage in turkey shooting matches must expect to be cheated. How can there be anything fair about such a fowl contest?

A new cuff is on the market, called "Autumn Leaves." They must be the kind that turn.

Don't allow yourself to be carried away by enthusiasm—you may have to walk back.

A baronet's valet is a Bart tender.

There is hope in the future for every man. Even for the youth with a pair of tight shoes on there is the blissful prospect of bed time.

Gentleman (to uncle Rastus, wrestling with a watermelon)—"Aren't you afraid of cramps, Uncle Rastus?"

Uncle Rastus (contemptuously)—Wot does yo' s'pose I done ca'es fo' er few cramps?

The funniest thing in the career of the carousing cat is when he sits on the back fence placidly watching a woman trying to come within several miles of him with a job lot of bric-a-brac.

Wife (to husband at the end of a "spat")—The fools ain't all dead yet. Husband—They ain't eh? Wife—No, or I would have the amount of your insurance policy before this.

INLAND REVENUE REPORT.

An Increase of Nearly Half a Million Dollars Over the Preceding Year.

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—The report of the Minister of Inland Revenue was issued to-day. A summary of it shows the accrued revenue of the year to have been $6,974,540, an increase of $470,141 over last year. The following statement exhibits the details of Excise Revenue accrued during the past two fiscal years:

	1888.	1889.
Spirits	$3,099,016	$3,374,022
Malt liquor	6997	12,710
Malt	499,030	518,239
Cigars	534,067	553,172
Tobacco	1,740,542	1,840,522
Petroleum	26,569	35,715
Manufactures in bond	23,312	28,092
Seizures	13,093	4820
Other receipts	13,903	15,240
Total	6,010,561	6,892,612

The chief increase in Excise Revenue accrued is from spirits, such increase having amounted to $882,081. Probably this is in a great measure due to duty-paid alcohol having taken the place of methylated spirits in the preparation of many of the tinctures and liniments made up by druggists, methylated spirits being only permitted to be used in the mechanical arts under special bonds.

The quantity of spirits produced during the year was 5,847,508 proof gallons, against 5,514,589 gallons during the preceding year, the raw material used in their production being as follows:

	Lbs.
Malt	4,869,031
Indian corn	77,066,925
Rye	15,063,917
Wheat	99,087
Oats	1,285,231
Barley	56,000
	98,972,941

The quantity entered for consumption was 2,960,447 proof gallons, as compared with an average consumption during the preceding four years of 2,873,023. The duty and license fees accrued amounted to $3,873,607, as against an annual average since 1884-85 of $3,582,364, and for last year $3,099,016. The increase is probably due to the withdrawal from the market of methylated spirits for other purposes than the mechanical arts. The quantity used in bonded factories has been curtailed more than one-third since the department undertook the production and sale of methylated spirits. The products manufactured therefrom were 619,620 gallons of vinegar, having an acetic strength of 6 per cent., and 9561 lbs. of crude fulminate, all the latter being exported on completion of manufacture. The production of malt is in excess of the average of the preceding four years by nearly 20 per cent., and the consumption has increased from an average of 43,970,383 pounds to 51,111,429. The exports continue to fall off at a rapid ratio. The revenue accrued from malt was $530,949, against an average for four years preceding of $453,123. The quantity of methylated spirits manufactured during the year was 100,283 gallons, of which 97,472 gallons were sold, hereby leaving 2811 gallons in warehouse.

SETTLED FOR $100.

A Breach of Promise Case Compromised—Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, Jan. 9.—Miss Mary Jane Lamber of East Flamboro sued John H. Allison for $3000 for breach of promise. The case, which was to have been tried at the assizes to-day, was settled by the payment to plaintiff of $100.

Thomas Arnold, charged with setting fire to John H. Fillman's barn and with other offences, was to-day committed for trial at the assizes.

Hackman Michael Donovan was to-day fined $10 for overcharging a passenger.

The new organ for the James-street Baptist church has arrived. It was built in Toronto at a cost of $4000.

A large gang of men commenced work on the Grand Trunk spur line at the beach yesterday, and are rushing on the work.

A STRIKE PROBABLE.

Demands of the Workmen in the Connellsville Coke Regions.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 9.—At a conference between the operators of the Connellsville coke regions and Knights of Labor leaders at Scottdale to-day the workmen demanded an increase of wages, ranging from 8 to 14 per cent., and a reduction of house rents to 1 per cent. on the number of the property. These unprecedented demands so startled the operators that they adjourned their conference at once. If the men persist in their demands there will probably be another riotous strike. The 10,000 or 15,000 workmen in the Connellsville region are principally Hungarians, who live in shanties owned by their employers and buy all their supplies at the company stores.

FIVE WERE KILLED.

A Church Wall Blown Over—Two Families Buried Beneath its Ruins.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The heavy winds of last night shook the new Presbyterian church at 206 Troop-avenue to its foundations and at 4.30 this morning one of the walls fell with a crash on the three-story frame building adjoining. The ruined outbuilding was tenanted by the Most and Purdy families. They numbered nine persons. Five of them are reported dead. Two were carried out of the ruins so seriously injured that their death is only a question of a few hours. Following is a list of those reported killed: David Purdy, aged 14; Caroline Purdy, aged 16; May Purdy, aged 18; Mrs. Caroline Most, aged 75; Sarah Most, aged 45. The injured are Emma J. Purdy, aged 40; Robert Poole, aged 63. The church is rendered useless and will have to be re-placed by a new one.

THE CUBAN SLEAL.

Boodlers Rob the Government of $700,000—A Big Conspiracy.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—The defalcation in the Treasury Department grows the more it is investigated. The amount of funds missing at first was estimated at $250,000, now it reaches $700,000. Many officials are implicated. There was an extensive conspiracy to plunder the Government. One of the officials under arrest is a chief of administration of the first class and has at times acted as Superintendent-General of the Treasury. The news of the capture of one of the fugitive employes in New York gives great satisfaction.

Death of Congressman Kelly.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Judge William D. Kelly died at 6.20 this evening. Judge Kelly has represented a Philadelphia district in Congress for so many years as to become known as the "Father of the House." He was a Republican and a staunch Protectionist, his devotion in the latter line to the interests of his constituents having earned for him the title of "Pig Iron Kelly." The respect felt for him by his colleagues of both political parties was shown by the fact that for many years he has been exempt from the seat-drawing lottery. The immediate cause of death was cancer.

Mr. Kelly was in his 76th year, and had he lived to finish this term, he would have served continuously 30 years in Congress.

The Daily Smash.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 9.—The Union Pacific fast mail train was wrecked near here about 6 o'clock this morning by a broken rail. The cars caught fire and two mail cars and baggage cars were burned, together with most of their contents. Baggagemaster C. T. Dobbins was badly but not fatally injured. Two sleepers, "Sweet Water" and "Castle Rock," were badly burned, but all the passengers escaped in their night clothing.

Rev. Mr. Joiner's Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The British Minister conferred with Secretary Blaine to-day, it is understood, regarding the case of Rev. Mr. Joiner, the English clergyman who says he suffered personal violence at the hands of a mob at Holly Springs, N.C., because he insisted on giving religious instruction to colored people. The case will probably be referred to the Attorney-General for investigation.

There is nothing equal to Mother Graves Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

THE CASE AGAINST WARD

OPENED YESTERDAY IN A NEW YORK COURT.

The Renegade Baseballists Will be Sued—No More Injunctions—The Reception to Ned Hanlan—The Racers at Guttenburg and New Orleans—Officers of the Toronto Checker Club—Harvard's Oarsmen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, sitting in the supreme court chambers, heard the arguments of the counsel to-day in the motion of the National league of baseball clubs, through the Metropolitan Exhibition Company, for an injunction to restrain John M. Ward from playing with any other than the New York baseball club. For the purposes of the suit John B. Day, president of the club, was made plaintiff. The motion was in reality only the preliminary step to a test case to decide whether the word "reserve" stipulates that a man shall be subject to the call of the league for more than one year.

The contract breakers of the Players' League will not be pursued with injunctions. That was the policy announced at the Player's headquarters in Chicago to-day as having been decided upon. They will simply sue the runaways on their contracts. It is proposed to obtain as large damages as possible in each case and enforce the judgments by attaching the salary paid by the National League to each recalcitrant.

Brooklyn is the Eighth Club.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—It is positively announced that the American Association will place a club in Brooklyn. This move was fully decided upon at the meeting of the association at Rochester last week, although the matter was kept a secret. A secret meeting of several baseball men was held here to-day and the line of action fully laid out.

The Association Circuit.

[Special to The World.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A secret conference was held at the Astor House to-day of parties who are determined to place an American Association Baseball Club in Brooklyn. Among those present were President Whitaker of the Athletics, Manager Powers of Rochester, Manager Chapman of Louisville, John Wallace of the Ridgewood Park Company (Brooklyn) and J. C. Kennedy also of Brooklyn. President Phelps of the American Association and Messrs. Whitaker and Lazarus, at a recent meeting in Rochester, were authorized to select the eighth club. They announced this evening that the Association circuit the coming season would be composed of these clubs: St. Louis, Louisville, Columbus, Athletics, Toledo, Syracuse, Rochester and Brooklyn.

"But won't establishing a club in Brooklyn by the American Association violate the national agreement?" was to-night asked of Mr. Wallace.

"We don't care if it does. The League a few years ago put a club in St. Louis over the Association protest and now since the League is trying to wreck the Association we will return the old compliment and let war come if it will."

Dust from the Diamond.

The Toledo Baseball Club has accepted Kansas City terms and purchased the release of Billy Alvord, the third baseman.

Henry Chadwick, the oldest baseball reporter in the country, who has lived over 50 years in Brooklyn, is lying seriously ill with fever at his Brooklyn home. Mr. Chadwick is known throughout the baseball world as author of a current work on baseball, and is in reality founder of the system now in vogue for scoring baseball. He has been, from its beginning, an ardent supporter of the Brooklyn Club, and is its official scorer. So seriously ill is he that his life is despaired of.

TORONTO CHECKER CLUB.

Annual Election of Officers—Club Matches Last Evening.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Toronto Checker Club was held last evening when the following gentlemen were chosen for the year:

J. F. Beatty, president; W. A. Kirkpatrick, vice-president; W. Hogg, 2nd vice-president; managing committee: R. Dissett, chairman, R. Walker, R. N. Sheppard, R. Whalen, C. E. Jennings, D. Boyd, T. Johnston, D. McArthur, J. Sinclair; A. Asher, auditor.

The following club matches were played afterwards:

Name.	w.	Name.	w.	d.
A Asher	1	C Carruthers	2	3
A Hood	0	T Johnston	3	3
R A Frazier	2	C E Jennings	4	0
J Sinclair	3	W A Kirkpatrick	2	1
W Hogg	3	J White	3	1
D Boyd	2	R Whalen	4	1
R Walker	2	R W Sheppard	2	0

The Chess Champions.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—The fourth game in the chess contest between Tschigorin and Gunsberg was played yesterday. The game was opened with the four-knights defence and lasted one hour. There were thirteen moves and the result was a draw. The fifth game was played to-day and resulted in a draw after sixty-six moves had been made. The score now stands—Tschigorin, 2; Gunsberg, 1; drawn, 2.

RACING ON THE HILL.

The First Three Horses at Guttenburg's Track Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The fine and crisp weather enticed a good crowd to the Guttenburg track to-day. The racing resulted as follows:

First race—purse, ¾ mile. He 1, Neptunus 2, Miller 3. Time 1.17.

Second race—⅝ mile. Folsom 1, Hemet 2, Millerton 3. Time 1.03.

Third race—selling, ⅞ mile. Count Luna 1, Testus 2, King Idle 3. Time 1.30¼.

Fourth race—selling, 1 1-16 miles. Hamlet 1, Can't Tell 2, Glendale 3. Time 1.50¼.

Fifth race—6½ furlongs. Autocrat 1, Bradford 2, Nina W. 3. Time 1.22¾.

Sixth race—one mile. Landseer 1, Harwood 2, Nita 3. Time 1.45.

On a Southern Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—The weather was cloudy and warm, the attendance good and the track fast to-day. The results:

First race, ¾ mile—Gore 1, Puente 2 Carlton 3. Time 1.15¼.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Boy Blue 1, Bonnie Annie 2, Recluse 3. Time 1.08.

Third race—⅞ mile. Little Bess 1, Peanut 2, Bootjack 3. Time 1.03.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Lida L. 1, Cora L. 2, Balance 3. Time 1.36.

Gossip of the Turf.

Old Barnum won his eighty-third victory at Clifton Monday. He is 11 years of age, and during his nine years of racing has run in 270 public races.

E. Corrigan has purchased the 6-year-old bay horse Libretto, by Longfellow—Allegretto, by Bonnie Scotland, from F. B. Harper, the price paid being $1500.

The Palo-Alto Stud in California actually contains 463 trotters, 77 yearling thoroughbreds, 20 stallion trotters and thoroughbreds and 300 brood mares. It is decidedly only in America that we see such concerns carried on on such a large scale.—Newcastle Sporting Chronicle.

The Turf Congress of the National Trotting Association will meet at the Hotel Iroquois in Buffalo Feb 12. The Nelson-Alcryon case will be one of the important cases brought before the board. C. J. Hamlin, it is said, will give the delegates a dinner on that day.

The officers in full of the United Trainers' and Jockeys' Association are as follows: President, James McLaughlin; vice-president, William Lakeland; treasurer, W. P. Ward; corresponding secretary, A. H. Langley; recording secretary, John H. Smith.

The Canoeists Will Dance.

At a meeting of the Toronto Canoe Club held at club rooms, it was decided to hold an "at home" on Thursday evening, Feb. 13. The splendid reception rooms of the Academy of Music have been secured for the occasion and arrangements are now being perfected which will ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The Toronto Canoe Club have always made a big success of anything they have taken hold of, and this last effort is sure to be a big success and it is generally admitted that canoeists know how to enjoy themselves both at home and abroad, and those who will have the privilege of attending this "at home" may consider it a big treat.

EIGHT-OARED ROWING.

Harvard's New Shell's Dimensions—A Lively Season Ahead.

Davy, the Cambridge boat builder, is engaged on a new eight-oared shell for the Harvard crew. Captain Herrick is supervising the construction of the new boat, and says that the lines will be widely different from those put into the cedar shells built last season. The dimensions of the new boat will be: Length, 60 feet 6 inches; width, 24 inches; depth, 8¾ inches; depth of bow, 6¼ inches; depth of stern, 5¾ inches. Yesterday Davy received an order from Professor Agassiz to build for the new Harvard boat house five four-oared lapstreaks, two pair-oared lapstreaks, one double scull, and three singles. It is beginning to look as though next season will be the busiest in the boating line ever witnessed at Harvard. More students than ever before have signified their intentions of taking up the sculls, either as candidates for the various class crews or for their own amusement. Capt. Herrick is much pleased with the interest already manifested, and expects to have a winning varsity eight as a result.

Parkdale Cricket Club's Ball.

The Parkdale Cricket Club will hold their annual ball in the Academy of Music on the evening of Wednesday Jan. 22. The dances of this club have been successful for many years and the committee will make extra efforts for the one in the Academy. The lady patronesses are Mesdames C. Sheard, W. H. P. Clement, W. P. Atkinson, A. M. Lynd, Gray, Wedd, C. R. W. Postletwaite, G. H. Gooderham and P. Routh.

Spots of Sport.

Slavin, the Australian pugilist, visited the Stock Exchange, London, on Dec. 24, and had a most enthusiastic reception. A subscription in his interest was started, and £110 was quickly subscribed.

Frank Stevenson will back Jake Kilrain against Frank Slavin. The Australian is expected to arrive in this country with his manager, John Lewis, in about eight weeks. A match will then in all probability be quickly made.

The following Association football matches were played in England on Christmas day: Accrington 5, Halliwell 3; Bootle 5, Borthwick Victoria 2; Belton Wanderers 9 Battlefield 1; Newton Heath 1, Belfast Distillery 2; Preston North End 3, Aston Villa 2; Middlesboro 8, Edinburgh University 0.

LEAVING TORONTO.

Rev. Father McBride to Take Charge of the Parish of Dixie.

Rev. Father McBride, rector of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sherbourne-street, and private secretary to the late Archbishop Lynch, is about to leave Toronto. It is understood that he takes charge of the parish of Dixie one of the most prosperous of the country congregations owing allegiance to His Grace Archbishop Walsh. Both as a scholar and a gentleman, Father McBride won for himself during his stay in Toronto the good opinion and esteem of Catholics and Protestants alike. It speaks well for the rector of Our Lady of Lourdes that though still a comparatively young man he should be deemed worthy of the responsibility of ruling a parish as large as the one he is about to go to. Father McBride is one of the few Canadian priests in the archdiocese, and like all the sons of the Fathers who own Canada for their birthplace is strongly endued with the national spirit.

A leading member of the congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes told The World that Rev. Father Walsh, secretary to Archbishop Walsh, and who accompanied His Grace from London, will drop into the rectorship surrendered by Father McBride.

WELLAND CONSERVATIVES.

William McCleary of Thorold Chosen as Candidate for the Assembly.

PORT ROBINSON, Jan. 9.—One of the largest political gatherings seen in the County of Welland for years, assembled here to-day at the call of the chairman of the Liberal Conservative party for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the county in the Conservative interest at the approaching election for the Legislative Assembly. Mr. William McCleary, lumber merchant of Thorold, was unanimously chosen as the standard bearer.

Prince Edward Reformers.

PICTON, Jan 9.—A mass meeting of the Reformers of Prince Edward was held in the Town Hall here this afternoon to select a candidate for the Ontario Assembly. A large number of names were presented but all the other nominees withdrew in favor of Mr. Sprague, M.L.A., and his nomination was made unanimous.

A Yarmouth (N.S.) Vessel Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The steamer City of Pekin arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama to-day. Chinese advices report the wreck of the British ship Nyeghan from Yarmouth, N.S., on Protas shoal Nov. 25, Captain Butler and eight men arrived at Hong Kong in a small boat four days later. Another boat containing Mate Briggs and six more is missing. The British gunboat Cockchafer went in search of the boat, but returned without finding her.

The Bank Building House Opened.

The magnificent new premises of the Bank of Commerce, at King and Jordan-streets, were opened for the transaction of business yesterday. The bank property, cash, securities, etc., was conveyed from the old building under guard of a squad of police and safely landed in its new home. The building is now complete, with the exception of the front entrance, which will be finished in a few weeks. The interior of the building is of handsome and gorgeous appearance, elaborate in artistic design and finished in rich and splendid style. All the modern improvements which skill can devise are called into requisition, and managing officials and clerks are ensconced in a veritable palace.

He Dropped Dead.

Robert Collingwood, 50 years of age, living at the lodging house 105 Simcoe-street, dropped dead last evening on Simcoe-street. The body was conveyed to the Morgue, where it now lies awaiting the action of friends if there are any. Death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease, and an inquest will not be held. The deceased had been ailing for some time.

It Looks Like Winter.

Toronto got its first inkling of winter yesterday afternoon and last night. The beautiful began to descend early in the evening and by midnight there was enough to make good sleighing if it only remains. The World expects to see the city streets lively today with the tinkling of merry sleigh-bells.

Calvin S Brice for the U. S Senate.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 9.—The Democratic caucus to-day on the second ballot nominated Calvin S. Brice to be United States Senator from Ohio, vice Henry B. Payne whose term expires March 4, 1891.

Not Giving Chromos Yet.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—The "Soo" road has on hand ready to be printed, rate sheets for use at any moment, making the rate to Boston $1.

Consul-General Lay Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Richard G. Lay of the district of Columbia as Consul-General at Ottawa.

Wrecked by the Wind.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 9.—During the gale last night the new three-story hotel at Nonquitt was wrecked by the wind.

The Hospital is Full.

The hospital people are having more than they can do. There were 19 patients admitted yesterday, making the number 270.

The libel suit of Mr. Parnell against The Times is among the first cases that will come before the Hillary sittings next Saturday. The case will probably be heard before the report of the Parnell Commission is published.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" at The Grand—Effie Ellsler at the Academy.

The first production of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's dramatization of her story "Little Lord Fauntleroy," was given at the Grand Opera House last evening. It follows the book as closely as any drama can follow a story that is so descriptive, and was presented with this cast:

Earl of Dorincourt	Frank E. Aiken
Cedric Errol (Lord Fauntleroy)	Ray Muskell
Mr. Havisham, a solicitor	N. B. Snyder
Mr. Hobbs, a grocer	George Parkhurst
Dick, a bootblack	Graham Henderson
Higgins, a farmer	Alfred Klein
Wilkins, a groom	Pearson Adams
Thomas, a footman	A. G. Enos
James	Anthon G. Smith
Mrs. Errol	Helene Lowell
Minna	Emily Maynard
Mary	Rose Snyder

Of course the interest centres in Fauntleroy, and it may be said that little Ray Muskell gives an impersonation of the hero at once intelligent and creditable. The support is excellent. The company is so well balanced throughout, that to single any one out for special excellence would be to do injustice to all the rest. The acting was uniformly good.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" will be continued all the week, with a special matinee this afternoon and the regular matinee to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. "Tommy" Russell, the original "Fauntleroy," will appear this evening and at the Saturday matinee.

"The Governess" at the Academy.

A somewhat slim but appreciative house greeted Miss Effie Ellsler at the Academy last night. In "The Governess" there is ample scope for the display of such peculiar ability as Miss Ellsler possesses. There is a naturalness and grace of manner which lend a peculiar charm to the varied situations which find a creditable exponent in Miss Ellsler. The support is not striking though it develops originality. In John A. Ellsler we have a tramp which could give the genuine article pointers. Little Gracie Sherwood is a charming embodiment of loveliness and childishness. George R. Sprague, Orrin Johnson and Frank Weston are everyday acquaintances in the guise of adventurer, lawyer and adviser respectively. Mr. Robert Edeson as Jimmy Needles, a persistent wooer, performs good work.

"The Governess" will continue throughout the balance of the week, with a matinee to-morrow afternoon.

Coming Attractions.

All next week at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House the only Indian actress, Go-Won-Go-Mohawk, will appear in her successful border ideal, "The Indian Mail Carrier." She is said to be not only a charming actress but a handsome woman.

The Buffalo Times says of Marie Hubert Froham: "She is slender, very graceful, with quick, unexpected flitting motions and her acting at times is very emotional and dramatic. She is an artist of no ordinary merit." She will be at the Grand Opera House next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The first portion of next week at the Grand is full of the rich promise of enjoyment. Mr. E. H. Sothern comes there with his two comedies, and will afford the public the delightful contrast of the deliberate wit of "Lord Chumley" with the vivacity of "The Highest Bidder." It will be a rare offering of that refined fun so pleasing to the audiences which patronize the Grand. The company supporting Mr. Sothern is said to be one of thorough comedy accomplishments, and it comes to Toronto after its second most pronounced success in New York city. "Lord Chumley" will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings and Wednesday matinee, and "The Highest Bidder" Wednesday night only.

"Our Flat," the London and New York comedy success, will be seen next week at the Academy, given by Daniel Frohman's company in the same fine style as at the Lyceum theatre, New York. The cast includes that noted London actor, H. B. Conway; Morton Sutter, late of Rosina Vokes' company; Thomas Whiffen, the well-known comedian; the distinguished camedienne Mrs. Thorndyke Boucicault; Alice Harrison, the popular soubrette, and other gifted performers.

THE FEDERATIONISTS.

They Hold Their Annual Meeting and Pass an Important Resolution.

Owing to the illness of President A. J. Cattanach, Vice-President G. R. R. Cockburn M.P., presided over the annual meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Imperial Federation League last night in Association Hall. There was a good attendance.

The annual report was read by Commander Law, R.N., honorary secretary. It was a lengthy document containing a great deal of detailed information and a review of the work the league during the year. There has been an increase of 237 in the membership since the last annual meeting. The receipts have been $683, as against an expenditure of $577, leaving a balance on hand of $106 with no indebtedness.

These officers were elected:

President—A. J. Cattanach.

Vice-presidents—G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Col. G. T. Denison, Hamilton Merritt, John Matthews, J. M. Clark.

Honorary-Secretary — Commander Law, R.N.

Councillors—John T. Small, W. Casimer Dickson, John D. Hay, Mayor E. F. Clarke, M.L.A., Lieut.-Col. Denison, D. R. Wilkie, J. A. Worrell, Henry J. Wickham, Adam R. Freeman, F. H. Holgate, Ex-Ald. John McMillan, Harry Symons, J. Castell Hopkins, Robert Cuthbert, J. Herbert Mason, Dr. Larratt Smith, John Kay, E. Henderson, J. C. Moberly and J. P. Murray.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins moved, seconded by Col. Fred Denison, a resolution referring to the Australian Federation scheme. In support of his resolution, Mr. Hopkins made a speech reviewing the movement, and going to show why it was a ripe time just now to give such an expression of opinion. This is the resolution, which was carried unanimously:

That in view of events now transpiring in Australia by which the formation of an Australian dominion is probable, and of the favorable feeling existing in New Zealand