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The Changes of Forty Years.

The Mail thinks it has discovered a historical parallel, but the same is a very defective one. Looking forward to it as something not unlikely that the result of the next general election may be to fasten the present system on the country for five years more, thus it goes on:

Then indeed we may witness a repetition of the upheaval which, arising from precisely similar causes, very nearly overthrew us in 1849. Lord Elgin saved the country then by negotiating a reciprocity treaty which on the confession of Sir John Macdonald conferred upon it a large measure of material prosperity and so quelled the agitation for organic change.

In trying to get a parallel to suit, The Mail loses sight of the changes of thirty or forty years. Since Lord Elgin and the statesmen of his time deemed limited reciprocity so desirable a thing for Canada, more than a third of a century has passed. A great many things have happened since then; in fact the world has moved considerably, we should say. And on the face of matters it can scarcely be wise to argue as if what was true then must hold good still.

For one thing, except as a seller of square timber and furs, and a buyer of store goods, Canada did very little business in those days with Europe direct. Such Canadian products of the farm as were known across the Atlantic were known there as "American" mostly. Canada was known as a country that exported timber and furs; but as a farming country it had not yet come into repute. American exporters were largely our middlemen in those days, and they managed to keep the middleman's share of the profits, and more. But the times change, and we change with them. The commercial changes that have occurred since then are great; and they are all in the direction of Canada doing more of her own business for herself, and becoming more independent, commercially, than she was. With The Mail and others of its school, it is their fatal blunder that they fail to see which way progress tends. They can understand what progress means, or should mean, in almost any other civilized country in the world. But for that unfortunate country called Canada they can see no progress of any kind, except towards a larger and more implicit dependence upon the United States. These Annexationist advocates profess to be "great" on progress, enlightenment, improvement, and such like. But all the time they make believe as if Canada had stood still ever since the middle of this century.

Now we respectfully submit it is a fact worth noting that during the interval afore said Canada has moved fully her share among other countries. She has now ocean steamship lines of her own, soon, we hope, to be materially improved; while there are two Canadian railways that meet American lines on equal terms. In all the materialilities of commercial independence we are a long way ahead of where we were when Lord Elgin went to Washington to talk Reciprocity in 1854: we are *immensely* better able to do without the States now than we were then. The failure of a pretended apostle of civilization and progress to see whether the world is moving is most unpardonable. In the case of any other civilized nation of acknowledged commercial aptitudes, you would at once acknowledge that forty years of movement forward had left it very much abler to do for itself than it was before. But your view of Canada's destiny not only fails to take into account her progress of the last forty years; but it leaves out of sight the new era of advancement upon which the Dominion has entered, consequent upon the development—only just fairly started—of the new country beyond Lake Superior. Surely a mathematician would not pronounce us very far wrong were we to say that in this case the probabilities are *infinitely* against you.

You are never weary of holding up before us the astonishing progress of the Great Republic, especially during the lifetime of the present generation. Well, don't forget that the most of this progress has been made under high Protection—higher and more thoroughgoing a good deal than ours. And further: Consider yourself as being now fairly shut out from that refuge of lies—the pretence that our neighbors were getting enlightened on the trade question, and were about to discard the system under which they have so conspicuously prospered for over a quarter of a century. For among themselves the conviction is gaining ground that now Protection has obtained a new lease of life for at least a quarter of a century more. We do but invite your attention to certain important facts of the day—facts that you must acknowledge or do worse.

The Bluenose Sheet Will be Forthcoming.

From The Evangelical Churchman.

One or two letters have lately appeared asking for a financial statement of the affairs of the Diocese of Algoma. In reply to these gentlemen we would say that the Treasurer of the Diocese finds it impossible to make a full financial statement in the middle of a fiscal year. The request is an unreasonable one. The year ends on June 31. A full statement will be prepared in plenty of time, and will appear shortly after the closing of the books. It is hoped that nothing more will be said in the meantime. The Diocese of Algoma is like a banking institution; two or three people can start a run. Even an apparent lack of confidence does a great deal of harm, and results in the withdrawal of support. Those who are anxious for the financial statement must exercise a little patience. It will be forthcoming at the regular time.

The Right to Make Treaties.

From The St. John, N. B., Telegraph.

We are of those who oppose any great change in the constitution of Canada, so far as her relations to the empire are concerned. The great work of development and consolidation in the Dominion is yet incomplete, and time is needed to advance it. But from our present position as an advanced, self-governing dominion the concession asked by the Liberal party of the right to make our own trade and extradition treaties is a small one. It is mainly a matter of great convenience both to the empire and to Canada. We know our own wants, requirements and conditions better than they are known in Great Britain. What we ask is to relieve the mother country of a duty which we can better attend to ourselves, leaving to the imperial power such right of veto or revision as shall fully guard imperial interests.

Which Saint Augustine?

From The Dominion Churchman.

The dedication of a new church at Toronto to St. Augustine has caused some little confusion as to whom this church is really dedicated. One would suppose from the Bishop's highly interesting discourse at the opening that he supposed the one to be St. Augustine of Canterbury, while Prof. Clark's discourse showed that he took the name to refer to St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. We believe the great theologian was intended to be honored by the founders of this church, not the archbishop. St. Augustine of Hippo died in 430, leaving works that have been one of the mightiest literary influences that ever moulded religious thought and life.

Mr. Creighton on Mr. Blake.

From Yesterday's Empire.

We do not in the least blame Mr. Blake for appearing in court for the C. P. R., because we believe that whether the company is right or wrong is point to be determined by the court). It had at least a case that might fairly be argued by an honest advocate.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

An Elegant Minstrel Show at the Grand—Other Amusement Features.

The World does not remember that Manager Sheppard ever entertained his patrons with a higher class of minstrelsy than was given by Johnson & Slavin's elegant company last night. The theatre was well filled, but it will probably be packed this evening. The news of a good show travels fast. Johnson & Slavin have completely revolutionized the burnt cork business, and they have gathered together a company of men that deal in originality, clean humor, good singing, good music, artistic dancing and taking burlesque. The first part of the program was acknowledged to be finest of its kind ever seen in Toronto. The show throughout was uniformly good, and just such a one as would be enjoyed by ladies. The five Selbins in their bicycle and acrobatic business gave an exhibition that is alone worth the price of admission. There will be a matinee to-morrow afternoon, and performances this and to-night every evening.

"A Dark Secret" will hold the boards at the Grand all next week. The Washington (D. C.) Post remarks of this wonderful production: "Never in the history of Washington theaters has anything approaching the realistic grandeur of the successful aquatic spectacle, 'A Dark Secret,' been presented. A corps of mechanics under the direction of Capt. Harry St. Ormond, a skilled engineer, have been busily at work during the past week making the necessary alterations and fitting the mammoth tank sections to the stage of the Grand Opera House that will enable them, with a change of scene, to present a vast river of real water, extending from wall to wall, and reaching down nearly to the footlights, with a depth varying from three to eight feet, measuring over 5000 cubic feet. Upon this body of water will be seen steam launches under full head of steam, racing shells, canoes, and a variety of river craft, all laden with pleasure seekers, intent on enjoying the Henley regatta. This scene is a marvel of stage perfection, the realistic effect being materially heightened by the special engagement of the popular oarsman, George Hosmer. In the fourth act Captain William A. Andrews appears in his little dory Dark Secret, the same boat in which this venturesome sailor made his remarkable voyage—sixty-two days on the broad Atlantic Ocean, covering a distance of 1555 miles. The realism of this remarkable spectacle culminates in the fourth act, where is seen a most beautiful moonlight view of the Old Church at Henley, the sweep of the river stirring the grasses along the bank, and gay boating parties singing on the water as they pull up and down the stream."

The Spanish Students are nightly drawing good audiences. Those who have not heard them should not miss them. To-night and to-morrow night, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30, will conclude their engagement at the Permanent Exhibition.

The Hungarian Gipsy Band will no doubt play to the capacity of the Permanent Exhibition the last three nights of next week, with a Saturday matinee.

At the Pavilion on Monday evening, Dec. 10, Campanini and her company of celebrated vocalists are to appear in a classical musical programme which will include the third act of Faust to be performed in costume. The company will appear at the Opera House, Ottawa, to-night, and their entertainment is to be honored by the presence and patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley.

The first Torrington Orchestra concert of the season will be given at the Pavilion on Thursday evening, Dec. 13, of which The World will have more to say to-morrow.

"The Lights O' London" will illuminate the Toronto Opera House all next week.

A concert was held last night in Richmond Hall under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, I.O.G.T. Readings were given by trained elocutionists and vocal and instrumental music was rendered by distinguished amateurs. Bro. Geo. Spence occupied the chair.

A concert was given last night in Occident Hall under the auspices of Court Lisgar, I. O. F. Bro. Dr. J. M. B. Woods was in the chair. Solos were sung by Mrs. Captain Thompson, Mr. M. McClure, Miss Jessie Mitchel and others. The Misses Hurst rendered a duet in good style. Mr. J. Campbell and Mr. Ramsay both secured the applause of the house by their efficient manner of reciting. The concert was closed by Mr. A. Muir singing "The Maple Leaf."

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENTS.

How the Winter Evenings are Being Spent Among Young and Old.

A number of instrumentalists from the Conservatory of Music, with the assistance of C. R. Arnold, E. E. Baker and others, gave a literary and musical entertainment last evening in the St. Clarens-avenue Methodist Church. There was a large attendance, Pastor W. W. Andrews occupied the chair.

The spacious residence of Mr. Thomas McLean, 135 Sorauren-avenue, Parkdale was brilliantly illuminated last evening and was filled to overflowing with townspeople who came together to indulge in an evening of song, speech and delicacies. The pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Rev. Bernard Bryan, acted as chairman, the object of the entertainment being to assist in raising funds in aid of the new church recently erected. The features of the program were songs by Mr. Sewell, Miss Trounce, and Messrs. Strong and Baxter, and a classic recitation by Mr. Harvey was also appreciated.

The members of All Saints Literary Society and their friends spent last evening "with Shakespeare," and were entertained by a dramatic rendition of "Much Ado about Nothing." Mr. Sidney Greene, as Claudio, the ingenious lover, with Mr. R. Patching as Don Pedro, a scheming but good-hearted trickster, made a great hit, and Miss M. Fullerton and Miss Riordon also deserve special mention for playing their parts well. These "Evenings with Shakespeare," do not dovolve into the theatrical, those who take part do not assume any costume, nor does the platform partake of the "stage." The different parts are read in succession by their exponents, the chairman announcing the imaginary changes in scenes. W. H. C. Kerr, M.A., acted as chairman.

A sale of fancy work in aid of the Ladies' Work Depository was held at Association Hall yesterday. Refreshments were served and a concert was given in the evening. Two tables were devoted to fancy work and two to refreshments. The receipts of the sale amounted to about $150, and it was expected that $50 or $60 would be realized by the concert. The singers were Miss Morgan Miss Merrit, Mr. Jarvis and Miss Dewer.

THE CARE OF DUMB BRUTES.

Placing Sheep and Hogs in the Same Car With Cattle.

Not as largely attended as it should be was the monthly meeting of the Toronto Humane Society held yesterday afternoon in the Christian Institute. Vice-President James H. Pearce was in the chair. Others present were Dr. J. George Hodgins, Beverley Jones, Mervyn Mackenzie, Secretary J. J. Kelso and a dozen of ladies. Constable Willis, who has charge of the Society's work, was also present and reported on several matters. It was stated that the question as to the legality of shooting pigeons for sport had been referred to the Deputy Attorney-General, who had not yet given his opinion, but the law on the matter is believed to be insufficient for the purpose of putting a stop to pigeon-shooting. Constable Willis said he had the names of a number of parties who engaged in a pigeon match recently and he called attention to advertisements calling for 500 pigeons for a match at Scarboro on Dec. 10.

The constable said that cases of cruelty to horses are greatly on the decrease, but there had been several bad cases of over-crowding live stock cars. In one case 36 hogs and 29 head of cattle were jammed up in one car, and in another case 13 sheep and one ox had been taken out of a car dead. A letter was read from Mr. John Earls, General Freight Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, stating that it was against the company's rules to place sheep or hogs in the same car with cattle, and the rule in this respect would be strictly enforced.

The Society wishes the public to understand that its meetings are open and they will be pleased to have all interested in the work attend their gatherings.

City Hall Small Talk.

James McLatchie through his lawyers has issued two writs against the city for $3000 and $1000 respectively. The first is for injuries received by his wife by falling on a defective sidewalk and the second is for loss of time sustained by himself while attending her.

Municipal wags say that instead of a gavel some chairmen of committees should have a bag of sand as a more necessary article in keeping order at the meetings.

Three Board of Works sub-committees met to-day. The first is re the Don Improvement, then there is the street naming committee and the one appointed to discuss the Garrison Creek sewer.

Ald. Gillespie spent Wednesday in Montreal.

The Executive Committee meets this afternoon to take up the subject of the $1,000,000 loan and lively times are confidently expected.

Among the firms which will tender for the erection of the Dundas-street bridges is the Montreal Bridge Company.

Mr. John Thompson, son of Assistant Chief Thompson of the Fire Brigade and temporary clerk in the City Clerk's office, received notification from Ottawa yesterday that he had been appointed a landing waiter in the Toronto Custom House.

Mr. J. Pearce, residing on Paris-street, is about to sue the city for damages received by falling into an open street grate.

The winter carnival is an established fact in Montreal. It is also a fact that Jelly of Cucumber and Roses will cure chapped hands and beautify the complexion. Druggists keep it. Wm. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

THE TROTTING CRACKS.

A YEAR OF SENSATIONAL PERFORMERS ON THE AMERICAN TURF.

Guy Heads the List—Two Jockey Clubs to Unite—Racing at Clifton—Baseball Men in Session—Detroit Signing Players—An International Sculling Race.

After a season covering six months, and crowded with sensational performances, the trotting year in America may now be considered as ended. All the great events have been decided, and probably no brilliant record will be obtained until next spring. There is still some work being done by the horses in California and in the far south. But the harvest season is ended, and the compiler of trotting statistics gleans but few and scattered items to bind up with the full sheaves of 1888.

The two greatest records—those of Maud S., 2.08¾, and of Johnston, 2.06¾, pacing—still remain unapproached, nor has any serious attempt to equal or surpass either of them been made. Mr. Bonner's great mare has had no harder work than an exhibition mile at Fleetwood Park in 2.12¼, and Johnston has been called upon for but little of his speed, as he was generally barred from all classes and met no antagonist able to force him out. Looking back through the records of the trotters one finds as the foremost three Maud S., 2.08¾; Jay Eye See, 2.10, and St. Julien, 2.11¼. Of these Maud S., as has been said, has been resting on her laurels, but keeping in shape at any time to do battle for her crown. Jay Eye See has been trained, but has developed weakness when called upon for a supreme effort, and within a few days past has met with an accident of so serious a character that his life hangs in the balance. Far away in a pleasant paddock at Petaluma, Cal., St. Julian is cropping the sweet short grass, and will never again answer the call of the judge's bell.

But as time softens the steel of the muscles and slackens the speed of these great turf performers others take their places, and the season of 1888 has been prolific in this respect. Guy, Prince Wilkes, Rosalind Wilkes, Favonia and a dozen others have attained to the foremost positions and have made the salient events of the trotting year. Decided by the most sensational trotter of the year has been Mr. W. J. Gordon's black gelding Guy. For years past he had been known to possess extreme speed, but his disposition was too flighty for a race horse. Aside from an exhibition in double harness, with Clingstone as his mate, when the team trotted the Hartford track in 2.17, he had never appeared in public, and several of the most celebrated trainers had tried in vain to control his unsteadiness. Perhaps the transition from youth to equine middle age had as much to do with his improvement in behavior as did the skill of Sanders, who drove him this year. Last month he started at Cleveland to beat his own record, 2.12¾, and accomplished the feat, trotting in 2.12, and thus obtained a record surpassed only by Maud S, Jay Eye See and St. Julien. At Hartford he showed a quarter in 30½ seconds, a 2.02 gait, and undoubtedly the fastest bit of trotting ever seen. If he improves as he has he is more likely than any other living trotter to lower the record. The bay mare Rosalind Wilkes, owned by Sire Brothers, of New York, was by the record second among the trotters of the year. She was a sensation last year, bursting upon the trotting world like an unexpected comet. She is a mare of great speed, and is so strongly muscled that she is liable to accomplish almost anything in a contest against time. Her career this year has not been a pronounced success, but she had to contend against such phenomenal trotters as Guy, Prince Wilkes and Favonia, and under these conditions she won a large share of her races, and closed the season with a record of 2.14¾, made at Poughkeepsie against her stable companion, the pacer, Gossip Jr.

Perhaps the most successful trotter of the year was the big young gelding Prince Wilkes. As a five-year-old he might have won the great $10,000 purse at Hartford in 1886, and this year nothing in reason could beat him. He started nine times and won nine races. His only defeat is credited to Guy, whom he beat handsomely at Detroit, and he is generally regarded as the best and most successful performer of the year. He closed the season with a record of 2.14¾.

Favonia, by Wedgewood, dam Fadette, by Alexander's Abdallah, commenced the season with a record of 2.19. She was one of the grand performers of the year, and won eight races against the best horses on the turf, reducing her record to 2.15 in a fourth heat. She had a comparatively easy season, too, and great things are expected of her next year.

National Trotting Association.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The meeting of the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association ended here to-day. The report of the secretary and treasurer showed that the total receipts from May 1 to Nov. 1 this year were $13,908.67; the total disbursements for the same time, $6,264.28, and so, with $8,678.01 on hand May 1, the balance in the treasury Nov. 1 was $16,322.40.

There are now 267 associate members or tracks belonging to the association, as against 203 last year, while the highest number before the organization of the American Association, or rival body, was 273.

The dockets at the present session is very light, and the great majority of the cases are of an indifferent character or so old that the papers are yellow with age. This is a pleasant showing, the deduction being that drivers and owners during the past season generally conformed to the rules. Still, there will always be fraud on the trotting track, as the territory is wide and the temptation to make money in a crooked way is at times irresistible.

Racing in Jersey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The track at Clifton yesterday was in fine condition, and honors were divided between favorites and outsiders. Results follow:

First race—Purse $250: selling allowances; three-quarters of a mile. Lakewood won, Sweety second, and Pegasus third. Time 1.30¾. Mutuals paid $7.20, $3.25 and $4.90.

Second race—Purse $250; seven furlongs. Carnegie won, Battersby second, and Ames third. Time 1.30¾. Mutuals paid $4.90, $2.30 and $2.25.

Third race—Purse $200; selling allowances; mile and a quarter. Banbridge won, Juggler second and Beltwood third. Time 2.13¼. Mutuals paid $18.05, $15.55 and $9.05.

Fourth race—The Hornellsville Handicap; purse $510; mile and an eighth. Drumstick won, J. J. O'B. second, and Pericles third. Time 1.54. Mutuals paid $16.80, $6.30 and $4.20.

Fifth race—Purse $500; weights 10 pounds above the scale; six furlongs and a half. Servia won, Peril second and Lelfitt third. Mutuals paid $17.80, $5.75, and $2.90.

A Notable Sale.

Mr. Charles Brown, the well-known carriage man of Adelaide-street, has determined to offer at public auction at Grand's, on Tuesday, his stable of horses with the carriages, sleighs, harness, blankets, etc. The details will be found in the advertising columns.

Among the flyers in Mr. Brown's stable are Park (2.29), the fastest ice trotter in the country, Hulett (2.35¼), together making a grand team for the road; also a Brewster top wagon, one-man sleigh (50 lbs.) for fast driving, and all the other equipment of Mr. Brown's establishment.

Mr. Brown has a mania for having nothing but the best ahead of him or under him when on the road, and those who are fortunate to secure any of his stock will get value, quality and beauty. There promises to be a great gathering of roadmen at Mr. Brown's sale. Mr. Grand will officiate.

Where the Philadelphia Cricketers Will Play.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—The games scheduled for the Philadelphia cricket team, which will visit England next season, are as follows: July 2-3, Trinity College; July 4-5, Gentlemen of Ireland; July 8-9, Gentlemen of Scotland; July 11-12, Gentlemen of Liverpool; July 15-16, Gentlemen of Gloucestershire; July 18-19, Surrey; July 22-23, M. C. C.; July 25-26, Kent; July 29-30, Hampshire; Aug. 1-2, United Service; Aug. 5-6, Sussex; Aug. 8-9, Oxford or Cambridge University.

Resetting Mitchell's Knuckles.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Charley Mitchell had an operation performed on his left hand by Dr. Dougherty at Atlantic City yesterday and will hardly be in shape for a fight for some weeks to come. Mitchell's third and fourth knuckles were knocked out of place in the fight with Sullivan in France, and it was found that the hand would never be strong until the bones should be returned to their proper places. So it was decided to loosen up the tissues and free certain nerves which were bound down by osseous substance, the direct result of two or more fractures. Mitchell will remain at Atlantic City for a week or so. He thinks that in a month his hand will be as good as ever and then he will be ready to talk fight.

The Australian Knocked Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Paddy Gorman, of Australia, was knocked out in the 27th round by young Mitchell, of San Francisco, in a glove contest last night for the middleweight championship of the Pacific coast and an $800 trophy.

Prize Fighters Arrested.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Dec. 6—Steve Brodie and Billy Gabig, the prize fighters, were arrested at Hoboken last night by New York officers. They have been indicted in Albany County for prize fighting. They went to New York without waiting for a requisition.

Walt and Let O'Connor In.

BRISBANE, Dec. 5.—Arrangements have been made for an international sculling contest. The first prize will be £500. Beach, Kemp, Searle, Matterson, Stansbury, Nielson and MacClear will compete.

The Parkdale Boating Club.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Parkdale Boating Club was held in their elegant new quarters at the foot of Dowling-avenue last night. These officers were elected: Hon. Pres.: A. W. C. Glassell; President: A. W. Dodd; Vice-President: W. H. B. Clement, J. J. Threlkeld; Secretary-Treasurer: J. E. Hall. The business consisted of adopting bylaws and club rules.

The Yale-Cambridge Challenge.

The truth about the challenge by the Yale boat crew to the Cambridge (England) University crew seems to be that a Yale student, acting absolutely without authority, sent a letter to Cambridge, the exact terms of which are not known, containing definite propositions for a race. These propositions seem to have suited the Cambridge boys, for they cabled an acceptance of the terms. Whatever these terms were, the Yale boat officers absolutely repudiate the whole business. However, this smart student has started an agitation which may end in a race between the English boys and the American boys, for correspondence is to be opened by the Yale boat officers with the Cambridge students, explaining the mistake, and the good feeling which is sure to follow may lead to results.

Two Thousand Dollars.

Editor World: To decide a bet, will you state the value of the stakes in the O'Connor-Teemer race?

Breen Still in The Lead.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 6.—The Limerick boy is still in the lead with the Englishman a good second. Peters, the Indian, who was struggling for third place in the contest, became uproariously drunk and has left the track. The crowd yesterday was about the same as on the previous day. The official blackboard showed the following score at 10 o'clock last night:

Breen....	140 mls	17 laps.	Peters... 115 mls 9 lps
Lydiatt...	134 "	17 "	Hawkins 101 " 17 "
Wiles....	127 "	10 "	

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Umpires' Salaries will be Reduced but not the Number of Games.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6.—At the meeting of the American Association of baseball clubs to-day the salary limit plan adopted by the League at its meeting last month was favorably discussed and a committee appointed to report on the same at the meeting of the association to be held next March. The proposition to cut down the schedule of games from 140 to 120 was defeated. The committee appointed to secure the services of umpires was instructed to reduce the expenditure in that direction and it is predicted the result will be a new set of umpires.

Detroit Signs McGlone.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 6.—Manager Leadley has signed Jno. T. McGlone, third baseman of last year's Cleveland team, who was forced by illness to retire early in 1888. Manager Leadley left for the East last night and will return on Monday with three or four good players signed.

Beldam's Shooting Tournament.

The pigeon shoot at Beldam's, Malvern, was concluded on Wednesday. The weather was fine and a large number of sportsmen were present. The shooting, as will be seen by the following score, was good. Mr. Wayper of Hespeler won the two first prizes:

Shoot No. 1—15 birds.

J. Wayper	15	D. Beldam	13
J. Rice	14	T. Moncroff	13
W. Heatherington	14	D. Chapman	12
C. Ayre	14	G. Henry	11
W. McDowell	14	G. Morley	11
J. Bell	13	W. Jackson	11
		N. Burton	7
F. Peterman	10		
T. Sawdon	10		
J. Iredale	9		
W. Jefferson	9		
T. Wilson	7		
R. Meldrum	7		

C. C. Small, W. Paul, O. Hemingway, D. Grant, J. Walton and J. Mitchell retired after missing four birds.

Shoot No. 2—15 birds.

Wayper	15	Bell	11
Henry	13	McDowell	11
Rice	12	Smith	11
Mallett	12	Walton	11
		Taylor	8
Beldam	10		
Wilson	10		
Ayre	10		
Adams	10		

Wayper won first prize, Henry 2d, Rice and Mallett divided 3d and 4th, Bell 5th, and McDowell 6th.

Several sweeps at pigeon and Peoria blackbirds were also shot.

Spots of Sport.

Jack Fogarty has posted $100 forfeit to fight Jack Dempsey, London prize ring rules, for $2500.

Capt. James Daly, the swordsman, wants to fight Charley Mitchell. He says he will give Mitchell $1000 to stand before him for eight rounds; Queensberry rules.

A meeting of the Toronto Draught Club was held last night in Temperance Hall. A match has been arranged to take place on Dec. 20, when the east will be pitted against the west.

Wallace Ross, the oarsman, deposited $250 forfeit yesterday with Richard K. Fox of The Police Gazette, and issued a challenge to any man in the world for a road-sculling contest for any distance, and for $500 or $1000 a side.

The Challenge Cup of the Toronto Football Association will be presented to the Toronto Scots this evening at the Olympic Gymnasium, 23 Front-street west. All those interested in football are invited to be present and the public generally.

George Littlewood, the sturdy Englishman who, despite sickness and accident, won the six-day race at Madison-square Garden last week, placing the title of champion of the world opposite his name, sailed for England on Wednesday by the City of Berlin. He carried away about $7000 of good American money, the Fox belt emblematic of the championship, an elegant gold repeating watch, and the best wishes of all American sportsmen.

Grant & Co., Pork Packers, Ingersoll.

Mara & Co., grocers and wine merchants, 280 Queen-street west, 4th store west of Beverley-street, are now occupying the next store west of them to sell the above firm's celebrated sugar-cured hams, breakfast and roll bacon, tenderloins, sausages and all other meats usually kept in a first-class provision store. Grant & Co.'s meats rank very high in the English markets and no finer have ever been sold in the Dominion. They also keep in stock poultry and the finest dairy and creamery butter in 1lb. rolls, 10lb. tins and tubs. ed

Crime in the Niagara District.

Rev. John Mordy of Niagara Falls town and Rev. John Young of Niagara Falls village, representing the Ministerial Association of Niagara District, had an interview with the Attorney-General yesterday afternoon. The rev. gentlemen complained that the Sabbath was continually desecrated in their district, that gambling was extensively carried on and that the Provincial License Act was violated. It is understood that they charged the License Inspector for the County of Welland with general neglect of duty, and they asked the Attorney-General to look into their complaints. This Mr. Mowat said he would do at once.

Choice Christmas Fruits.

Comprising the finest table and cooking raisins, choicest Patras and Vostezza currants, finest figs, Cross and Blackwell's lemon, orange and citron peels, Malaga grapes, English cob nuts, English walnuts, and an immense stock of all kinds of table delicacies. Mara & Co., grocers, 280 Queen-street west. 351

MR. ADAMS' GREEN GOODS.

HE SAYS THEY ARE ELEGANT FOR THE CANADIAN TRADE.

A New York Fakir's Letter to a Western Ontario Man—Big Inducements for the Native Sucker—But the Latter Did Not Bite.

The fakir who wants to sell "green goods" and who tries to play Canadians for suckers, is still abroad as will be seen by a letter addressed to a prominent gentleman in a western Ontario town. On a separate slip the fakir gives the address of "Frank Adams, care Shoemaker, 33 Fifth-street, Hoboken, New Jersey."

The letter reads:

Dear Sir: You have been referred to me as a trustworthy person and one who can keep his own counsel. Therefore I would be pleased to open a correspondence with you in regard to the business which I propose, and if you will be guided by my advice and experience there is no reason why you should not make a sure and safe fortune. There is absolutely no risk, as the article is (good) money and is perfect. The sizes are $20.0 costs $5; $50.0 costs $25; $100 costs $20; $500 costs $100; $1,000 costs $250; $20,000 costs $1000 and so on at increasing ratio. So the more you invest the cheaper you get the goods. $2000 is the lowest amount I will sell and for this amount I will sell at the rate of $20,000 costing $1000. I will give you the right of your province, and no one else can get the goods in your province.

I do not give you the goods at these figures after the first deal. I only give them now as an extra inducement and to give you a start. After the first deal I charge at the rate of 25c. on the dollar. Now, my friend, if you wish to enter this speculation it will be necessary for you to come here and see me in person, as I will only deal face to face with my customers, which is the safest and most satisfactory way for both of us. I know it is quite a journey for you to come here, but look at the advantage and again think of the large profits and no risks. As far as expense is concerned I always make a liberal allowance in the goods to cover that. Make up your mind to come here. You will find me a square white man in all my dealings and you will never have cause to regret a visit to me.

I will meet you in Hoboken, New Jersey, any time you may appoint, and I will show you my entire stock, from which you can make your own selections. Then if my goods are not all I claim them to be, I will pay your fare to and from your home. Now, what fairer can you ask?

In God's name do not betray me or mention to a living soul what passes between us, as I have never done any harm or never shall, but will prove a true and lasting friend to you. Make up your mind to come here and in my next letter I will name a hotel for you to stop at, how you will know me and full instructions. Be sure and send me your name and post office address, as I cannot lose the one I now have. I will always return your letters to you and as a guarantee of your confidence I also request the return of this letter. Trusting you will answer at once, I remain yours in confidence.

Return this letter. Address as on slip.

Mr. Adams is a daisy, but of the old, old kind, and it is doubtful if he will catch as many suckers as he has played for.

WON'T ALLOW IT THIS YEAR.

No Industrial School Subscriptions in the Public Schools.

All the members of the Board of Public School trustees were present at the regular meeting last night with the exception of A. R. Denison, R. B. Hamilton, W. B. Poulton, and Dr. W. W. Ogden.

Among the communications were letters from Miss N. Sutherland, St. Thomas; Mrs. H. E. Lewis and Miss O. E. Young, Coleraine; R. M. White, Dresden; G. E. Loughead, Miss C. Bruce, Miss A. Wickens, Thomas J. Steele, M. Parkinson, asking for appointments; Miss B. Forsyth, asking for leave of absence; from John W. Cowan & Co., complaining of annoyance to tenants of 148 Rose-avenue, by boys of the adjoining school; from Miss J. Bell, Miss Mary Cooper and Miss E. Fould, resigning their positions as teachers from John Phillips and Martin Gill, resigning their positions, asking to be superannuated; and from A. E. Minkler & Co., protesting against the proposed establishment of a school at Toronto annex, as being likely to deteriorate the value of property.

Mr. C.A.B. Brown gave notice that he will move that the Finance Committee take into consideration the advisability of establishing savings banks in connection with the schools.

The School Management Committee's recommendation that the teachers be authorized to receive voluntary contributions in aid of the Victoria Industrial School, caused a long discussion, several expressing the opinion that because this was allowed last year the Industrial School Board should not call for such a thing every year. Messrs. J. Kent, Brown, Kerr, Downard, and Bell opposed the recommendation, and Messrs. Roden, Ballard, McMurrich and H. A. E. Kent championed it. The recommendation was thrown out by a vote of 10 to 8.

The plans of the proposed new schools on Muter and Grace-streets, most handsomely executed by Mr. C. H. Bishop, Superintendent of Buildings, were presented and the Sites and Buildings Committee was authorized to receive tenders for the work.

An offer from Jacob Singer of $10,000 for the George-street school property was considered, Mr. Singer offering $3000 cash, the balance of $7000 to be secured by mortgage on the property payable in five years with six per cent. interest. The board decided not to accept the offer as it is, but are willing to sell it for $10,000 cash.

THEY CLEARED THE BRIDGE.

But Could Not Escape the Coming Train—A Sectleman Killed.

A fatal accident occurred on the third bridge on the C. P. R. east of Toronto yesterday afternoon. A sectleman named Matthew Richard, residing at 33 Burch-avenue, and four other men were on a hand-car returning to North Toronto about 4 o'clock when they were met just at the end of the bridge by a freight train going east. They hoped to reach the other end of the structure and lift the car off the rails before the train could come up, but they were too late. They had got across the right and were engaged in lifting the car when the engine was on them. All but Richards got clear, but he was caught up and tossed into the ravine below, being instantly killed. Coroner Johnson did not deem an inquest necessary. The unfortunate man leaves a widow and several children.

A Peculiar Pitch-In.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the family carriage of Mr. R. H. Bethune, cashier of the Dominion Bank, was turning out of Toronto-street into King west. Mrs. Bethune and two other ladies were in the carriage. The coachman made a very close turn, almost against the rounded curb-stone, and the right hand horse caught its forefoot in the grated sewer-vent later which is considerably below the level of the rest of the pavement. The animal, which had probably caught one of the corks of its shoe in the bars of the ventilator, tripped and rolled over on its side. The animal made the descent so rapidly and violently as to throw its dark colored mate clean over its body. The ladies jumped from the carriage.

The mix up was the most peculiar one ever seen in a city street. Both animals were soon held securely to the ground, the pole holding them fast. They kicked and squirmed to be released. Three policemen and a crowd of 300 people gathered around. Twenty jack-knives were produced in the crowd and the tugs and other parts of the harness were cut. This was not sufficient to free the animals, and the nigh one made short work of it by gaining on its feet and freeing itself of everything in the shape of harness. Then its mate managed to gain its feet also. One of the animals was injured in the foreleg, but not seriously. The harness was considerably wrecked.

The Lombard-street Firemen and Their Spiritual Adviser.

Foreman Frank Smith yesterday presented Rev. H. P. Hobson on behalf of the firemen of the Lombard-street Hall with a handsome morocco bound Bible. On the outside was a silver plate with the reverend gentleman's name engraved and also the presenters. The title page was illuminated and contained the names of the firemen.

Mr. Hobson, who goes to Vancouver, B. C., to take a pastorate has been in the habit of giving a good portion of his time to the firemen of Lombard every Sunday, and the presentation was made as a slight acknowledgment of his services.

At the Hotels.

Reeve T. D. Weller, Brighton; Mayor and Mrs. Halsted, Mount Forest; J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., Peterboro; Col. D. Tisdale, M.P., Simcoe; Mrs. Canfield, Simcoe; S. S. Heywood, Stratford; A. Ross, Port Perry; C. H. A. Grant, Montreal, and T. S. Gaffney, New York, are at the Rossin.

G. B. Kemp, Brighton; Jas. Hewer, Guelph; R. Flaws, Guelph; Wm. Greer, Barrie; S. Andrews, Paisley; T. B. Bryon, Detroit; A. A. Cockburn, Smithroy; Geo. Gleany, New York; H. Matheson, Renfrew; H. Brady, Belleville, and Jas. Hamilton, Kingston are at the Palmer.

W. F. Romaine, Oakville; John Wyllie, Ayr; J. E. Frost, Smith's Falls; W. N. Craig, Brampton; Capt. J. B. Symes, Sarnia; John Larson, Oshawa; A. McInnes, Hamilton; A. P. Lynch, Montreal; B. Hogan, Buffalo; T. W. Charlton, St. George; P. M. Wickham, Montreal; H. Duncan, Hamilton; J. S. Fead, Orangeville; J. R. Bedson, Orillia, are at the Walker.

Louis Schesinger, New York; C. H. Blackader, Montreal; Geo. E. Kidd, Taylor McVitty, Ottawa; T. J. Boulanger, Quebec; John A. Logan, jr., Youngstown, Ohio; W. S. Randolph, Buffalo; R. Edmonson, Montreal; W. H. Hope, Chicago, are at the Queen's.

FEATURES OF THE LAW.

What is Transpiring at Osgoode Hall—More Central Bank Litigation.

Judge Robertson will deliver judgment today in Brown v. Robertson, tried by him at the late Belleville sittings.

The Queen's Bench Division has finished its s