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### Another Tinpot University.

The World trusts there is no likelihood of the Legislature granting university powers to the few ambitious men who profess to speak for the Baptist denomination. These men do not themselves possess scholarship, nor are they bent on promoting the study of literature, of science, of philosophy. They are, most of them, migrants from the land of tinpot universities, bent on introducing the same system here, just at a time when this province is making a supreme effort to rid itself of a lot of one-horse universities and to substitute therefor one strong national seat of learning. Surely the great body of the Baptists are more loyal to the commonwealth than to allow themselves to be made appear as begging the Legislature to grant them degree-peddling powers! If the Baptists wish to teach they will find no one hindering; but that is not what these men seek; they wish to be conferring degrees and raising revenue therefrom. Let them teach, if they will, but let their men, if competent, get their degrees from the provincial university. Are they afraid that they will not possess the necessary scholarship, or are they afraid the course will be too stringent, or are they fearful lest they have not honorary decorations to bestow, the lights of one tinpot university upon the lights of another tinpot university? The sad truth is that they are afraid of the test of the national university—they want something easier.

And to get this one-horse university all sorts of devices have been resorted to. "Representative men" are "drummed up" to bring pressure to bear on the Government; the local ambitions of Woodstock are invoked; the services of preachers on the political stump (re Ross Bible controversy) are asked to be remembered; and they do say that the life of an old man now near the grave has been made miserable by importunings of men looking for an endowment. Even the Government's existence has been threatened!

If there is one thing this province has of more than enough, it is of universities, and it can well afford to hold back other charters. There is however a wide field for the preaching of Christ's gospel, and any spare money any denomination may have ought to be devoted to that end and not to a work of supererogation like teaching mathematics or Latin quantities. The World trusts that the Baptist body will not stand in the way of a strong provincial university by setting up a weak one alongside; it trusts that Senator McMaster will not be lead away by men who will only make his now respected name ridiculous when tacked on to a tinpot university; and it trusts that the Legislature and the Government will rise to the requirements of the [illegible] and say this thing must be stopped.

### Come Forward.

The Railway Inquiry Commission opens its second series of sittings in Toronto to-day. It is to be hoped that merchants and others interested in freight rates that are fair to home interests will not be backward in coming forward to tell what they know about discriminations in favor of foreigners and against ourselves.

The public should realize that the situation was greatly changed since this Commission was appointed. At that time those who are anxious to keep things as they are were able to say with some confidence that Government control over railways was a mere dream of some unpractical people, who did not know what they were talking about. But the adoption of a very strong measure of this kind by the great nation upon our borders somewhat alters the case, we should say. If the Americans are not a practical people, where are you going to find any such, we may ask? Let us suggest that it would be eminently fitting for the occasion were Sir Alexander Galt, the head of the Commission, to draw attention to the fact that the new American law comes into force to-morrow, April 5, and were he further to favor the public with his views as to how the law is likely to work. It is allowed that President Cleveland has selected five good and able men, and that the board will be a strong one. From what our neighbors have ventured to try, Canadians should take courage.

### Who Will Play Grinculo?

In everything that has appeared in The World's news columns concerning Mr. Blake's leadership of the Opposition at Ottawa The World has been careful to adhere as closely as possible to ascertained facts, one of these facts being Mr. Blake's circular to his supporters, requesting them to relieve him of the onerous responsibility assumed by him when he succeeded Mr. Mackenzie.

Our editorial inferences from said facts have been drawn in a spirit of fair play, and have brought us to the conclusion that Mr. Blake will stay, as we said last Thursday, "not because he desires to stay, but because his friends desire him to stay." It is quite patent to every judgmatical mind that great political leaders are few and far between in Canada, and that, after every allowance is made, there is no man upon his side of the House capable of filling the place which Mr. Blake has occupied for the last past nine years.

Apparently chagrined by The World's enterprise in being the first to acquaint his followers, outside of Parliament, with Mr. Blake's anxiety to be relieved from the cares of leadership, the Globe some time ago published what was ostensibly a denial of the fact, but felt constrained to return to the charge on Saturday last in a toploftical article which is wide open between the lines.

While the wording of the article referred to is tortuous and inflated, we freely concur in the spirit of what it says as to Mr. Blake's oratorical and professional abilities, and of the sacrifices which he has made in leading his party up hill. We let the whole of this pass, and come to the substance thereof, which is this:

Nor will the Liberal party, we trust, be deprived of its head. It is probable that Mr. Blake may require relief from the performance of some of the labor heretofore attaching to the Opposition leadership.

The only construction that can possibly be put upon the above, delivered as it is with an air of authority, is that Mr. Blake will require the formal appointment of a lieutenant who shall be charged with the duty of watching the Government upon ordinary occasions, Mr. Blake to reserve himself for special efforts. If his party can be satisfied with such an arrangement outsiders can have nothing to say against it except this much: that under such an arrangement there will be a falling off in popular interest in the proceedings of the House, unless the first lieutenant should better his instructions and rise above his position. However, it is a family affair, and one to be decided upon in caucus.

Stephano declares in "The Tempest" that he would be king of the enchanted island and that Grinculo should be his viceroy. The Globe's article raises the question as to who shall play the part of Grinculo at Ottawa. Mr. Mowat being wedded to his provincial career, most minds will surmise that Sir Richard Cartwright is the man for the deputy-leadership. A comparatively few days will test the accuracy of this guess.

Although it seems but yesterday that Mugwumpery, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" returned Mr. Cleveland to the chair presidential, the canvass for next term is already open, with the present incumbent "in the hands of his friends," his campaign denunciation of second term notwithstanding. His nomination will be stoutly opposed by the stalwart, straight-out Democrats from Wayback, to whom he has turned a frigid shoulder during his presidential career. The feeling of this section of the party toward him has been exemplified in the remark of a Southern senator of that faction who was met when leaving the White House by a friend. "What have you been after now?" inquired the friend. "I have been up trying to persuade that old hindquarter of beef to be a Democrat," was the savage reply. Mr. Blaine, too, is seeking for a re-nomination. His weakness, like Cleveland's, is with his own party. The Jeffersonian Democrats will have none of Cleveland and the Mugwumps, none of Blaine. The situation is such as to foreshadow the upbreaking of the old political parties in the United States and the advent of a formaitve epoch.

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The high license bill for the cities of New York and Brooklyn has passed the State Senate by a vote of 18 to 14, and is by this time in the hands of Governor Hill. Opponents to the measure say he will veto it, which remains to be seen. All the nays, without exception, were Democrats and all the yeas but two were Republicans. The bill passed the Senate just as it came from the Assembly, without amendment.

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The following despatch from Halifax is published in the New York papers: Halifax merchants evidently believe that the United States means business in enforcing the Retaliation Bill and are crowding as much fish into American markets as possible before the declaration of non-intercourse. For the three months ending March 31 the exports of fish from Halifax to the United States were valued at $331,098 against $183,009 for the corresponding period last year. The exports of the first quarter of the year are always the smallest, but the fish exports for the quarter just ended are the largest in the history of the port.

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The Montreal Herald is responsible for the rumor that Erastus Wiman proposes to buy the Mail, wherewith to boom telegraphic and other interests in Canada. Such a deal would mean something more than this. Mr. Wiman is to all intents and purposes a citizen of the United States, though a Canadian by birth and fond of his native land. But where a man builds his house is home. Commercial union would suit Mr. Wiman to a charm. All his interests upon both sides of the line would be subserved by some such departure. But does he need to take over the Mail to promote such a policy? That journal has already abandoned its old faith in Canada for the Canadians, and is already doing Mr. Wiman's work with more or less vigor. A new proprietary might stimulate its efforts, but too much stimulus might also alarm the people of Canada. The one thing generally accepted as a fact is that the Mail is in the market. Mr. Wiman may have been looking at the goods, and hence the story from Montreal.

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A recently discovered papyrus demonstrates that the art of brewing originated with the ancient Egyptians, some of whom were in the habit of unloading more schooners than was good for them. This discovery attaches increased interest to a mummy who has been on his bier for thousands of years and is still perfectly sober.

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The able way in which our streets are mismanaged was well illustrated on Saturday, when a force of men and horses were engaged in removing snow and ice from Yonge-street and spreading it upon Adelaide, which had already a coating of about two feet of ice of its own. This great engineering feat was the astonishment of all beholders, but particularly of the Adelaide-street business men, who modestly declared themselves as unworthy of so much attention. The predicted municipal millenium has not yet arrived.

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The snow and ice still linger in the lap of spring. The woods are full of them, and so are some of the streets. The spring trade is waiting for the summer season. The country roads are like unto that highway which leads to Jordan. The plough and the seed bag cannot be brought into operation for some time yet, and things generally show a backwardness about coming forward that is discouraging to a good many people. Still all these are not so bad as would be the cholera or an earthquake.

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Not satisfied with three successive defeats at the polls, the Globe on Saturday devoted nearly three columns to letters ostensibly devoted to the advocacy of reciprocity, but really written in the interests of free trade. We are all in favor of reciprocity, but we do not all understand the word in the same sense. Be it understood that the conditions have changed materially since our neighbors abrogated the last treaty. Since that time our home industries have progressed by leaps and bounds, and it is not to our interest to enter into any covenant whereby their progress may be checked. The people of the United States saw fit to quit trading with us upon something like reciprocal terms, they saw fit to contemptuously reject the overtures of the late Hon. George Brown, and they still see fit to maintain against us the stiffest sort of a tariff. So long as they remain in this mood the less said about reciprocity the better for ourselves. Free trade with such a people is utterly out of the question. Commercial union is only another name for annexation, and we observe that one of the Globe's free trade correspondents, F. Malcolm of Innerkip, says: "I would favor the annexation of this province to the United States." Certainly. Every annexationist in Canada is a free trader on the jug-handled plan. And this is the sort of literature to which Deacon Bourbon is devoting his columns, with the results of the recent elections still fresh in his mind.

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In several states of the Union which have abolished prison labor the novel spectacle of convicts out of work presents itself. It is not stated that they are clamoring for leave to toil, yet a little enforced idleness must go a long way even with them. No man can be healthy and happy who has nothing to do for a prolonged period, but when in addition thereto he is also deprived of his liberty and unable to divert himself by change of scene the situation must become doubly irksome. The proposition to establish a great penal colony in Alaska presents many and expensive difficulties. To convert Alaska into an American Siberia or Botany Bay would be to blast the future of that country, which is not without some attractions for free and honest labor. Such a colony might prove a source of danger and trouble to Canada, as escapes thence would be neither few nor far between, and the desperate fugitives would be sure to make their way to this country, where they are not wanted. It is easy to do away with convict labor, but doing away with the convicts is a horse of another color.

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Demands for new counties and new county towns in Northwestern Ontario have become so numerous and pressing that Mr. Mowat proposes to let the people interested decide the claims preferred by popular vote. This is exactly what The World has been proposing to do in Dominion affairs which lie outside the domain of ordinary legislation.

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The Globe consoles itself with the reflection that "the most hopeful of Tories do not now claim a majority of forty" in the House. But between that and the claim of a majority of one for the Opposition there is a yawning chasm, deep as the sea and wide as the church.

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The always-in-order question of religious instruction in schools has cropped up again in New York. The Rev. Mr. Fulton having attacked the Roman Catholic schools as designed to "totally unfit children for future American citizenship," the New York Sun comes to the rescue with citations from the Rev. Dr. Hodge, a leading Presbyterian divine, who holds that Roman Catholics and orthodox Protestants have enough in common—belief in God, the Scripture, the Trinity, marriage and so on—to enable them to stand upon the same educational platform. Dr. Hodge is also quoted to the effect that the Roman Catholic system of education approximates much more closely to the Puritan ideal than does the public school system, both as to method and matter. It certainly is strange that classes who hold so many essentials in common should find so many non-essentials to quarrel about.

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The first of the above extracts will also serve to illustrate the second characteristic we have noted in the articles of the Review and of many of its contemporaries on the same side of politics, their apparent inability to believe in, or even to understand, the constraining force of a high moral purpose, a genuine love of righteousness, in a word, of conscience in politics.

Where do our readers think we found the above paragraph addressed to the London Saturday Review? Actually from the Globe of this city which has declared one day that Riel deserved hanging and the next averred that he was an innocent victim, which has immediate prohibition one month and indefinite postponement the next, which is ready to say anything to suit the party exigencies of the moment. "Oh, it was grand," said King Jamie, "to hear Baby Charles locturing on the guilt o' dissimulation and Steevie on the sin o' incontinence."

### THINGS THEATRICAL.

**"Erminie" at the Grand—"The Planter's Wife" at the Toronto—Stage Gossip.**

The "Erminie" Comic Opera Company, which opens a week's engagement at the Grand Opera House this evening, arrived in the city last night. One of the best attractions that has visited Toronto this season is promised in the presentation of "Erminie." There will not be a performance on Wednesday afternoon, but a special matinee is announced for Good Friday afternoon. There will also be a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

"The Planter's Wife," a powerful comedy drama, will inaugurate the popular price season at the Toronto Opera House this evening. The people of this city well remember the favorable impression Mr. Harry Lacy made while playing at this house the early part of this season. Matinees will be given Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Mr. Toy O'Neil, of Hudson & O'Neil, managers of Mr. F. B. Warde's theatrical combination, is spending a few days in his native Toronto. Toy claims the distinction of being the youngest manager in the business, and the firm are running the longest season on record, forty-seven weeks. Their business so far has been eminently prosperous. Success attend you, Toy.

Mr. Wm. Davis, manager for Joe Murphy, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Murphy does not play during Holy Week, and Mr. Davis takes advantage of the intermission to visit his family in Toronto. "We are having a great season," said Mr. Davis to The World last evening.

The Queen's Own Band figured very acceptably in the program of the Saturday night popular concert in Shaftesbury Hall. It was assisted by Mr. Harry Blight, Mr. George McGuire, Mrs. Morris and Miss Morris. A good entertainment of instrumental music is promised for next Saturday.

Mr. Thomas W. Keene, the eminent tragedian, will appear at the Grand Opera House on April 18, 19 and 20.

Mr. Keene's first appearances on his return to the stage since his late illness. Miss Constance Hamlin, Miss Agnes Arder and many old favorites of his old company will be with him.

Mr. V. P. Hunt and his pupils gave their annual "matinee musicale" in Mason & Risch's warerooms on Saturday afternoon. The large hall was filled. Misses Lane, McGillin, Robinson, Easton, Saunders and Galt and Master Fred Logan, pupils of Mr. Hunt, played several classical selections. Miss Hillary and Mr. E. W. Schuch assisted with vocal solos and a duet.

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**The choicest Bonnets and Hats from London and Paris on sale to-morrow at Petleys'.**

### A Jubilee Timekeeper for the Sons of England.

*Editor World:* Your journal has been useful in suggesting our street improvements for the benefit of the people, and time being money, we should value it. The spire on Knox Church is a beautiful object architecturally considered, upon the street, but it gives no light at night or time by day, and the place for dials and clock is still blind; and it is now proposed by a small citizens' committee that as the St. James Cathedral dials are to be enlarged, those could be used for the benefit of the Sons of England and Knox congregation. The altitude being 75 feet and these dials being 7½ feet in diameter are just the right proportion for the perspective appearance. I trust this object will be at once carried out, and the busy corner of Yonge and Queen street made attractive and useful to visitors and citizens, and the double duty of keeping up to time worshippers in the house of God, and the busy Sons of England to their tents will be attained in this "Victoria jubilee year." A PIONEER.

*Toronto*, April 3.

### All About Patti.

*An Interesting Sketch of the Noted Singer.*

—Adelina Patti, born Feb. 19, 1843, at Madrid, was the youngest daughter of Silvatore Patti, an Italian singer, who died 1869, and a Spanish mother, also a singer well-known in Spain and Italy before her marriage with Patti, as Signora Barili. Adelina visited America when a child, with her parents. She sang in St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, at the early age of 12. Her *debut* proper was made in England in 1861 at Royal Italian Opera, and from that time she became the most famous of modern singers. Her voice is of moderate power but great compass, reaching to F in alt, her execution brilliant and her repertoire extensive. Mme. Patti married July 29, 1868, Henri, Marquis de Caux, equery to Napoleon III. Patti is still a very beautiful and charming woman. Her pictures are in great demand, and have been published in styles and quantities innumerable. Perhaps one of the most noted and attractive, as well as the most widely circulated pictures of this famous singer, is a window lithograph in colors, representing a snow scene with Patti in winter costume. This beautiful picture, which has been circulated by thousands by the proprietors of Burdock Blood Bitters, may be found in the windows of nearly every druggist throughout the land, where this equally famed remedy for the stomach, liver and blood, is kept for sale. x

### Provincial Appointments Gazetted.

The Ontario Gazette of Saturday contained these appointments: Geo. W. Badgerow of Toronto to be Crown Attorney of York; Stephen Gibson of Napanee to be Registrar of Lennox and Addington; Patrick J. Coffey of Ottawa to be Registrar for Carleton; James Fleming (ex-M.P.) of Brampton to be Registrar of Peel; George Horn of Cannington to be Police Magistrate for the County of Ontario, including the Town of Uxbridge, without salary. A. D. Hardy of London, J. B. Johnson of Ingersoll, A. L. Smith of Alexandria, L. M. Hayes of Peterboro, Chas. Pye of Clarksburg and George Gardner of Norway are gazetted Notaries Public for Ontario. James Aylesworth of Sheffield Township to be Clerk of the Seventh Division Court of Lennox and Addington; Richard Code of Brooke Township to be Clerk of the Fifth Division Court of Lambton.

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—There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup before it was too late their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

### Important.

—When visiting New York City, save Baggage Express and Carriage Hire, and stop at the **Grand Union Hotel**, opposite Grand Central Depot.

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## GOSSIP OF THE DIAMOND.

### THE LATEST BUDGET OF BASEBALL NEWS FROM ABROAD.

**How the Buffalo Correspondents Size up the Situation—Harry Wilkes Lowers His Record—Shooting for Diamond Medals—General Spots of Sport.**

*Special Despatch to The World.*

BUFFALO, April 3.—There was quite a spurt in baseball yesterday, despite the unpromising state of the weather. At Indianapolis the league team were once more defeated by the Cincinnati association club, and it was easily apparent that unless the Hoosiers make haste and strengthen their team at several points they will prove very poor opponents for the league clubs generally, and receive but meagre patronage in their home games, from which the club alone can hope to get sufficient revenue to live. The percentage plan shuts out the big cities from paying for the support of a club like this, and the home support is already growling. The Detroits are keeping up steady work with their eighteen men in the South, and one-half their contingent yesterday defeated the New Orleans team by 13 to 2.

**The International Clubs in Harness.**

The International clubs are getting into trim by early spring games. The Syracuse nine was the second of the International teams to face the music, Newark being first and Buffalo third. Yesterday Syracuse was for the second time defeated in a contest which which was brilliant, and which proved a win for the home club because of their superior batting and the ill-luck which seemed to attend the efforts of the Stars to hit safely. O'Neill and Welch would gather in what first appeared to the spectators as safe hits and good for two or three bases. Score:

St. Louis.....3 3 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—9; 17 b.h. 2 e.
Syracuse.....0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2; 8 b.h. 4 e.

The Buffalos, as reorganized for 1887, played their first game of the season yesterday at Pittsburg before a crowd of 4000 people. The Alleghenies have been reorganized by the addition of several old-time league players, such as McKinnon and Dalrymple, and they presented their strongest front to the Bisons. Morris, the crack pitcher of last year's Alleghenies, opened the home season in the box, and Galvin will pitch on Monday. The Bisons put in Fell and Purvis, the battery which they obtained from the Guelph Maple Leafs. Purvis was nervous at facing the big fellows, and in consequence neither he nor Zell did anything like the work both are known to be capable of. Roschie, the lately engaged third baseman, must have an attack of similar nature, as he blundered awkwardly in his place and could do nothing at the bat. Esterday and Grant, the big first baseman, did all the infield work, of which there was plenty. The little short stop and the "Nig" came in for a great deal of cheering, the latter being specially and frequently honored, and his many brilliant plays were worthy the appreciation bestowed. He had eleven chances, a good many of them such as the average second baseman wouldn't risk going for, yet the "Spaniard" grabbed them all and played without an error. Esterday had six assists, but was not so strong at the bat. Grant's two double-baggers were features of the batting. Score:

| | R. | BH. | E. |
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| Pittsburg | 11 | 16 | 5 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 6 | 5 |

**Weeding out the Youngsters.**

Already the league clubs are beginning to drop the "young bloods," so freely acquired at the expense of the International, Eastern and Southern leagues last fall. The first club to begin the weeding out process is Philadelphia, which, having tried the youngsters on their late southern trip, has concluded to abandon as much of it as they can dispose of, retaining the services of Weiling alone. The reason for this move so early is that the Philadelphia's have secured the once famous Boston twirler Buffinton, and his catcher Gunning. Detroit is said to be willing to sell Spindle, and Washington only wants a bid for McGlone. The National agreement protection is thus proven a farce. The clubs of the league and the Association take these players away from the clubs which developed their peculiar abilities, and then before a champion game is played put a premium on the man and want to sell him back to the club from which he was stolen. That's protection argued by the National agreement.

**Shooting for Diamond Medals.**

A large number of spectators were at the shoot at John Oulcott's, Eglinton, on Saturday. The prizes were five diamond medals presented by Mr. McDowall, the medals to be won twice by the same team.

The West Toronto Junction men proved successful, winning the medals for the first time with a score of 77 out of 100. The scores were:

West Toronto Junction Team—W. Wakefield 20, W. Clark 15 D. Bloa 14, D. Hinton 14, A. H. Royce 14—77.

West End Gun and Dog Sports Team—P. Wakefield 18, E. Dolbey 16, R. W. Clark 16, W. Wilson 13, J. Bailey 12—75.

Owl Gun Club, Team No. 1—G. Carruther 17, J. R. Humphrey 15, H. K. Humphrey 14, J. Towson 14, J. Douglas 12—72.

Owl Gun Club, Team No. 2—J. Colbourne 19, J. Unwin 14, C. Rogers 14, J. R. Wells 11, W. Smith 11—69.

Toronto Gun Club, Team No. 1—W. Folstead 17, A. Ellis 16, C. Molloy 16, D. Black 14, W. Hogg 6—69.

Toronto Gun Club, Team No. 2—R. J. Kidd 16, S. Pearsall 14, W. George 12, J. Jefferson 12, E. LeRoy 11—65.

Toronto Gun Club, Team No. 3—E. Reed 14, J. Bayles 11, J. Ayre 8, H. Newman 8, F. Shannon 0—41.

Owl Gun Club, Team No. 3—C. Ayre 14, C. Lockhart 3.

The balance of this team were not present.

Mr. John Crothers was referee.

**The T. L. C. Again Happy.**

"We're out of debt, have a surplus in the treasury of $95, and can now walk down the sunny side of Yonge-street without the ghost of Harry Webb haunting us," said President John Massey, with a great deal of chic, at the annual meeting of the Toronto Lacrosse Club Saturday night, after the Management Committee and Treasurer McHenry had read their statements. The gathering of the club numbered 150, it was held in Philharmonic Hall and a chorus of amens rang out after Mr. Massey had made his laconic observation. The receipts for the year from all sources were $1782 and the expenditures $1720, leaving a net profit of $21. In his report Treasurer McHenry said:

"In addition to the more important account of the Executive Committee, I have the honor to submit a statement of the club's inner finances on April 1, 1887. Our club is now clear of debt, and has a surplus of $95. The assault-at-arms, on March 18, was an unqualified success, realizing $769. If the expenses connected with it were large, it must be borne in mind that the entertainment was not only the most ambitious ever held in Toronto, but that its object has been achieved; a satisfactory profit has been realized; and its promoters have acquired valuable experience which may serve the club in good stead in the future."

The meeting proceeded to discuss a question of vital importance to the welfare of the club, viz., what action was to be taken with regard to the appeal against the decision of the National Amateur Lacrosse Association in putting the Torontos at the foot of the list for an alleged default. The appeal will come up at the meeting of the Association in Montreal next Friday. The position of the Toronto had to be delicately handled, and it is not advisable now to report the discussion in full. It was decided to send the delegates of the club to the meeting as usual and a meeting will be held next Friday night, when the report of the delegates will be announced to the club and on the contents of this report depends future and decisive action. The delegates go to Montreal uninstructed.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President, John Massey.
President, Chas. H. Nelson.
First Vice-President, Dr. Jas. F. W. Ross.
Second Vice-President, Jas. R. McCaffrey.
Secretary, F. W. Garvin.
Treasurer, W. Logan.
Captain, Jas. S. Garvin.
Committee—John W. Drynan, H. E. Sewell, Joe Irving, W. Donaldson.

Mr. Nelson, the new President, is one of the most energetic and popular members of the club. Once an active player himself, he has always evinced the warmest interest for the welfare of the old "T. C." He made a neat little speech after his election, and there is every reason to believe that his presidency will be marked with distinction.

John Massey is the gentleman beloved of the club. He has been the guiding star of its destinies ever since he joined. As president and captain, he led the grand old organization on to many brilliant victories. He was no wonder, then that the boys should seize the opportunity of Mr. Massey's retirement from the presidency to present him a suitable memento of esteem: a magnificent photograph of the famous team of 1886, with himself in the centre, and a handsomely illuminated address. The team is represented in full playing order in front of the grand stand on the Rosedale grounds. Each individual figure stands out in all the beauty of the photographer's art, and his name is S. J. Dixon. The picture is a gem. The team of 1886 was composed of J. W. Drynan, J. S. Garvin, W. Hubbell, W. C. Bonsell, R. F. Coulson, J. Macdonald, Fred. Dixon, Ross Eckhert, Joe Irving, H. E. Sewell, F. Schofield and A. Blight. Mr. Massey very feelingly replied to the many kind sentiments in the address, which reads:

*To John Massey, Esq., President Toronto Lacrosse Club:* Dear Sir,—We cannot permit the occasion of your retirement from the highest executive office in the gift of this club, which you have filled with so much grace and dignity during the last three years, to pass without expressing not only our deep regret at the severance of our pleasant official relations, but also our sense of the loss which will inevitably be sustained by our national game by reason of your withdrawal from active participation in its rule and government.

We realize, however, that it would be ungenerous on our part to expect a gentleman, upon whose time and thought there exists so many pressing demands, to continue in the discharge of purely honorary duties which require so much attention as those devolving upon the President of the Toronto Lacrosse Club.

But while we reluctantly accept your resignation and hereby tender our acknowledgments for the unselfish devotion to the best interests of both club and game which has ever characterized your actions and utterances, we must express our hope that we shall still have the benefit of your advice and experience from time to time in our endeavors to maintain the high standard of excellence attained by the old club under your administration.

The accompanying picture of the team which played the final match of the now famous season of 1886 may serve to remind you of the esteem in which you will ever be held by the players whom you have so often captained, not only with the utmost satisfaction to themselves, but in such a manner as to invariably call forth the respect and admiration of your opponents as well.

With the most earnest wishes for your future happiness and prosperity,

*Toronto*, April 2, 1887.

The address is signed by all the officers of the club.

**Harry Wilkes Lowers His Record.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—An immense crowd witnessed Harry Wilkes' attempt to beat his record, 2.14¼, at the Bay District track this afternoon. All the conditions were favorable to the horse. The track was fast and weather perfect, but still the betting was in favor of time, the odds being of 5 to 3.

Van Ness passed the wire twice before nodding for the word, when he went away at a moderate pace; Wilkes' wonderful strides deceived everybody and few expected him to be successful. Rounding the turn at the first quarter in 34¼, he straightened his back and commenced to move like a piece of machinery. He made the second quarter in 0.35¾. The crowd commenced to cheer and then almost groaned as the gallant little horse made a slight babble movement, so slight only that experts detected it, and in a flash Wilkes was himself again and mowing space at a 2.09 gait. He weakened once, but Van Ness's cheering "Hi yah" straightened him out instantly and he completed the last quarter in 0.32½ and 2.18½ for the mile.

As he flashed under the wire a wild cheer went up for several minutes. The official time is undisputed, as hundreds of watches were held. It was the fastest mile ever trotted on the Bay District track, and the general opinion is that Wilkes could pull two seconds upon the Point. He made it very easily, and off it if pushed. He made it very easily, and is pronounced the best horse in America today.

**Van Ness Sells His Interest in Wilkes.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 3.—Sire Brothers have purchased the interest of Frank Van Ness in Harry Wilkes for $13,000, making in all $25,000 they gave for the horse.

**The Leicestershire Spring Handicap.**

LONDON, April 2.—The Leicestershire Spring Handicap of 2000 sovereigns, 1 mile, was run at the Leicester meeting to-day, and was won by Col. Offley J. Crew-Read's horse Kinsky.

Summary:

The Leicestershire Spring Handicap of 2000 sovs., by subscription of 25 sovs. each, 15 forfeit, and 5 only if declared out, for 3-year-olds and upwards; winner of a sweepstake after publication of weights value 200 sovs, 3 lbs. of 500 sovs. 7 lbs. or of the Lincolnshire Handicap 12 lbs. extra; lowest weight to be 84 lbs.; the second to receive 100 sovs. and the third 25 sovs. out of the plate; the straight mile.

Col. Offley J. Crew-Read's br. h. Kinsky by Kisber—Illuminata.....1
Mr. T. Cannon's br. m. Tib, 4 years by Hobthorpe—Nelly Rose.....2
Mr. A. Lucas' b. m. Lowdown 4 years by Lowlander—Elderdown.....3

Time 1.51 1-5.

**Osborne Morton's Horses.**

MONTREAL, April 2.—I paid a visit yesterday to Osborne Morton's place at Blue Bonnetts race course, Lachine, P.Q., and had a look at his stock. Morton has four horses in training. Spanish King heads the list. He is a bay horse, 5 yrs., by King Alfonso, dam Ann Fief. Spanish King is a half brother to the great Tremont, and is owned by a sporting gentleman in Montreal. The next two are the property of Morton, of which the chestnut gelding Tantrum, 5 yrs., by Great Tom, dam Vanilla, is the senior. The chestnut gelding Missionary has had his name changed to Sir George; he is 4 yrs., by Bulwark, dam Nettie Brady. The half-bred Connaught Ranger, c.g., 3 yrs., by Day Star, dam Galway Lass, comprises the lot. He is entered in the Queen's Plate and Derby to be run at the June meeting here. Mr. Owen McDonald, the owner of the colt, has great expectations and thinks she will win the plate here with the Ranger. They are all in good shape, but Morton will not start any of them before the meeting here in June. In the same stable is the thoroughbred stallion Quito, owned by Morton. He is in good shape, and will make the season at his owner's stable at Blue Bonnetts. TOUR.

**Sale of Alert and Problem.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—W. H. Crawford's horses Problem and Alert, the latter with a record of 2.24¾, were sold at auction to-day. Mr. Burnett of Chicago purchased Problem for $3400, and John Armstrong of Detroit bought Alert for $3800.

**Washington Park Handicap Weights.**

The weights for the Oakwood and Great Western handicaps, the two great handicaps that are annual events at the Washington Park summer meeting at Chicago, Ill., have been published. In the Oakwood he is asked the top weight. In the Oakwood he is asked to concede seven pounds to Sir Joseph, nine pounds to Spalding, eleven pounds to Gleaner and twelve pounds to Modesty.

His stable companion, Lucky B., receives five pounds from him in the Great Western; Ben All and Montana Regent are assigned one pound less—118 pounds each—and have to give Sir Joseph and Spalding two and four pounds respectively. Elgin and Modesty have the same weight—112 pounds.

Mr. Brewster has put three pounds more on Ben All at a mile and a half than Mr. Lawrence put on him for the Suburban, a mile and a quarter. Sir Joseph has 115 pounds in the Suburban. In the Oakwood his weight is 118 pounds, and in the Great Western it is 116 pounds. The light weight is numerous in both the Washington Park events.

**Niagara Falls' New Race Track.**

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., April 2.—There was a scramble for stock in the new racing association at the directors' meeting yesterday, and two men nearly came to blows over the possession of the last two shares. Three hundred shares at $100 each are paid in. Eighty-five acres of land are already being improved, and the first races are to begin June 15. It is said that many horses from Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London and other places in Canada will come to the meeting. Gus Fleischmann, a Buffalo distiller, will be President of the Niagara Falls Racing and Fair Ground Association. Men have gone to Kentucky to secure the nucleus of a running stable, which Mr. Fleischmann, Geo. Porter and others will maintain here. The new track is a mile and a quarter from the big hotels.

**A Race for a Pot Full of Gold Dollars.**

NEW YORK, April 2.—Oliver Iselen has arranged a match for his new yacht, the Titania, which will be launched in May and which was designed to defend the America's cup in case the size of the Thistle should place her in the second classs. The Titania's rival will be Archibald Rogers' cutter Bedouin. The prize for which they will contend is of a novel description. In arranging for the race Mr. Rogers remarked that he had already a lot of cups and intimated that this time he would like something new to add to his collection of trophies. "How would a silver pint pot full of gold dollars answer for the stake?" asked Mr. Iselin. The proposal was promptly accepted. The race will be 20 miles to windward outside of Sandy Hook, and will probably take place late in June. The exact date has not yet been fixed upon.

**A Walk at Jackson.**

JACKSON, April 2.—A fifteen-mile walking match between Frank Hart of Fall River, Mass., of six-day-go-as-you-please fame, and W. A. Hoagland of Auburn, N.Y., for $2000, was held here to-night, Hart winning by four laps in 2.25. The race was a very exciting one and a large amount of money changed hands, Hoagland being the favorite. Hart was given a one-half mile start. Hoagland's right leg began to swell early in the race, which, it is thought, prevented him from winning. Hart fainted at the end of the race.

**Spots of Sport.**

Cline will captain the Rochesters.

Lockport, N.Y., will apply for admission to the International League next year.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Cricket Club will be held at the Walker House on the evening of Thursday, April 14.

A meeting of the Ku-Klux Baseball Club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in their new club rooms at the foot of Scott-street.

The brood mare Bonnie Vic, owned by Mr. J. E. Segram, Waterloo, Ont., foaled on Saturday morning a bay colt by imp. Strachino.

The McGolpin team is one of the strongest in the Manufacturer's League. The latest acquisition to the team is Sam Reid, the catcher.

It is prophesied that a settlement of the Syracuse baseball difficulties will be arrived at this week without an appeal to the courts.

McCormick, the Toronto third baseman, arrived last night from Philadelphia, and has been taken under Mr. Cushman's managerial protection.

Manager Watkins has refused an offer by New York of $1400 for the release of Shindle, who played with Utica last year. Detroit thinks he will be Denny's equal as a third baseman.

Wallace Ross and George Lee have issued a challenge to row Hosmer and McKay a series of three races—one double-scull and two single-scull events—on Bowery Bay, each race to be for $500 a side.

The Athletics of Philadelphia narrowly escaped defeat in their opening game last week with the strong team of the University of Pennsylvania. Only six hits were made off Hovey, the college pitcher.

Newark has something this year that no other club has got, and that is a colored battery.—Jersey City Journal. It must be remembered that Toronto too has something no other International Club has, and that is a Crane.

All previous records of rapid construction of horseshoes were beaten Thursday night at Chicago by Johnny Tanney in a match with Mark Walsh of Chicago. Tanney made his 100 shoes in 1 hour, 12 minutes and 15 seconds. The first shoe was complete in 22 seconds.

Harvey McKonna, the Brooklyn billiard expert, is in the city. He proposes giving exhibitions of his skill during his stay. As a straight rail player, McKonna ranks among the best, having frequently made runs up in the thousands.

The first "slide" of the season by a member of the Toronto team was made Saturday afternoon by Gilman at the baseball grounds. A more disgusted ball-tosser than the Toronto's outfielder can hardly be described, when he arose from the ground, literally covered with mud.

The contest for the pool championship, which has been in progress between Albert M. Frey and J. L. Malone in Brooklyn, was brought to a close last Friday evening, when Frey won 16 games to Malone 5, making the total score—Frey 80, Malone 49. Frey winning exactly two games to one by Malone.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Detroit Lacrosse Club Saturday evening in that city it was decided to affiliate the club with the new Western Lacrosse Association, now being organized, and comprising clubs in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and other cities. The election of officers resulted: Honorary President, J. W. Perkins; President, Ed. McDonald; Vice-President, W. Wall; Treasurer, T. Mathews; Secretary, R. McDonald.

### UNITED STATES NEWS.

It is said that Mrs. Logan has written a novel in Washington society.

To-day Michigan will vote on the prohibitory amendment to the constitution.

The Texas State Rangers are using bloodhounds to track and capture timber thieves.

The drought continues in some parts of Texas, and in Atascosa County many people are starving.

The Compton Lithographing Company of St. Louis have assigned. Liabilities $25,000; assets $20,000.

A party is organizing in Texas for the invasion of Oklahoma, and the Government is taking precautions to prevent it.

The Bureau of Labor has twenty-nine special agents in the field investigating strikes and lockouts from 1881 to 1885, inclusive.

Two Montgomery, Ala., militia companies will accompany the national drill because three colored companies will go.

The St. Charles Hotel, the opera house and the Oddfellow's Hall at Wilkesbarre, Pa., were burned Saturday. Loss, $50,000; partly insured.

During the month of March last the Pension Bureau issued 10,313 pension certificates, of which 4