

The British Government and the Eastern Question.

Mr. Gladstone is in the belief that the British policy has been wholly successful, and that it has triumphed over all the difficulties of the situation, and the drawbacks presented from time to time by the concurring Powers. He feels confident that his uncompromisingly aggressive policy towards the Porte was the immediate cause of the Sultan's sudden change of front and absolute surrender of Duligno, and he is perfectly sanguine with regard to the future in the East, and the solution of the remaining points of the dispute with regard to Turkey and the smaller States. His strong faith in England and England's prestige and influence is refreshing in the face of pessimist tone adopted by the Jingoists since Mr. Gladstone came into power. The next question to be settled between Turkey and the Powers is that of the Greek frontier. Greece has exactly the same claim to Janina that Montenegro had to Duligno. By the Berlin Treaty the Powers undertook the obligation of seeing that the just claims of each should be met. Greece has been urging her claims as strongly as Montenegro. The question is an urgent one. Greece has an army of thirty thousand men all ready to occupy the territory, and she cannot long maintain such a force. The unconditional surrender of Duligno was insisted upon so as to leave the Powers unfettered to urge the immediate settlement of the Greek question. Montenegro's claim was a small one beside that of Greece. It is really the impending Greek question that made the Porte so stubborn over that of Montenegro, so that a serious struggle may be looked for, unless the Powers allow the question to drop, which they can hardly do.

The Elections in Ohio and Indiana.

The revised figures show that the State of Ohio is certainly Republican by at least 20,000, and that fifteen Republican Congressmen are surely elected. Indiana was considered safe by the Democrats by at least 10,000 or 15,000. But though at this time of writhing figures are very incomplete, the Republicans seem to have carried it by a small majority, or at worst to have kept the Democratic majority down to 2,000 or 3,000 votes.

The Winnipeg Free Press is under the impression that the reason why Mr. Ryan has been relieved of the contract for the second 100 miles of railway west of Winnipeg is because there was no possibility of the contractor making money out of it. Our contemporary fortifies this opinion by assuming the probability that Mr. John Haggart, M. P., is interested in Mr. Ryan's contract, and as "there is no money to be made on the contract, but on the contrary, some to be lost, Mr. Haggart, at any rate must not be the loser." Whether this is really the case or not there is sufficient prima facie indication to show that collusion of some kind has been resorted to.

The district of Duligno, which has just passed under the rule of Prince Nikita, is not large, but it possesses some fertile territory which will be a source of wealth to the little mountainous principality. Montenegro will no longer be a mere eagle's eyrie. She will have fruitful valleys and a seaport. It will, of course, take a long time for Montenegrin commerce to find a channel by Duligno, for its volume is small, but Montenegro will not longer be wholly dependent upon Austria and Turkey for an outlet, though her commerce will still flow through its accustomed channels.

The Wheat Crop of 1890.

We find in Bradstreet's of last week a carefully prepared estimate of the wheat crop in the United States and Canada for last season. These returns indicate that the total output of wheat for 1890 will not be in excess of 465,691,000 bushels. The returns from the great wheat-producing states of Illinois and Iowa are quite up to earlier estimates, but it is probable, when the fall returns of the threshing in those states are summed up, that the total output of the country will not exceed 455,000,000 bushels. The output for the Pacific states, based on trustworthy returns and estimates, is calculated to be 38,000,000 bushels. The export of wheat from the United States last year was, in round numbers, 185,000,000 bushels. It is estimated that the requirement for home consumption from this season's crop will amount to 261,000,000 bushels. On this basis, and taking the total output at 455,000,000 bushels, there will be about 184,000,000 bushels surplus from the wheat crop of 1890.

As regards Canada our contemporary regrets that there has been no endeavor by any of the governments of the country, or by private interests, to gather reliable statistics or to get together more than the most meagre guess work as to the progress being made in this department. Within a recent date the Government of Ontario has directed some attention to the matter, but nothing approaching to organized system has been attempted, and to the present no information of value has been secured by the imperfect efforts of the Government. Under the circumstances, therefore, the conclusions to be arrived at are problematical, but they are submitted after careful inquiry. In the Province of Quebec there are few sections where much attention is directed to wheat raising, but reports from the sections where it is raised indicate that the yield has been much smaller than in 1879; from a few localities, only, it is reported equal to 1879. The Province as a whole does not raise sufficient for home wants. This is also the case as to most of the eastern counties in Ontario, and these sections, as well as Quebec, will be larger buyers than formerly. In Western Ontario, and

counties adjacent to Toronto, where wheat is grown more extensively, reports are varying, but on the whole, more satisfactory. Information from a number of sections in each county indicates that in eight counties the average yield per acre (spring and fall combined) is less than in 1879; in eleven counties it is about the same as in 1879, and in six counties the yield has been noticeably larger per acre; but with few exceptions, the acreage in western counties was increased, especially in fall wheat, which, contrary to all expectations entertained early in the season, has very generally turned out satisfactory. From nearly all sections spring wheat is reported as quite the reverse, reports varying from "total failure" to "half and two-thirds of a crop."

Quick Despatch of the Mail from Australia to England.

The N. Y. Tribune of Tuesday, says:—On Wednesday last Postmaster James learned by telegraph that the Pacific Mail Company's steamer City of Sydney, which left Sydney on September 9, had reached San Francisco on October 5, two days ahead of her time. Unfortunately, she was just two hours too late to catch the mail train of that day, and a delay of twenty-four hours was unavoidable. The schedule time from San Francisco to New York would bring this important mail to this city about ten hours too late to catch the first despatching British steamer. Mr. James went to the Union Pacific Railroad office in this city and represented the facts to Mr. Sidney Dillon, and asked if a special could not be put on to catch the regular mail train of the day before. It happened that Mr. S. H. H. Clark, General Manager of the Union Pacific at Omaha, and Mr. A. N. Towne, General Superintendent of the Central Pacific at San Francisco, were present; and the case was stated to them. "Where is the difficulty with the mail at this time?" Mr. Dillon asked of Mr. Towne. "On the Humboldt Division, somewhere," was the reply. "Can a special catch the other train?" he asked. Mr. Clark replied in the affirmative, but added, "We shall have to run a special a thousand miles, and it will cost a thousand dollars." "Don't care what it costs," replied Mr. Dillon. "Do it." The telegraph was put in requisition. Mr. Towne by telegraph detached the mail car and gave it a special locomotive "somewhere on the Humboldt Division," and Mr. Clark sent word to push it over the Union Pacific at such speed as to make up twenty-four hours lost time. It was done. The regular mail train was overtaken at Omaha; the Australian mail car was attached; last night at 9:18 it was landed in this city, and to-day's going for Arizona to England. If the vessel makes schedule time the trip from Sydney will have been made in the shortest time on record, about thirty days.

Base Ball.

The Canadian Championship.

To the Sporting Editor of the Mail.

Sir,—In your issue of 8th inst., I notice a letter from Mr. Millman, manager of the Active Club, of Woodstock, concerning the championship of Canada, which honestly appears he would like the Canadian public to think rightfully belongs to his club. Now, Mr. Editor, I think it is my duty to reply to this letter, as an attempt has been made to mislead the public. You will probably recollect that a call was made by me last spring through the Mail and Globe to all Canadian clubs to send delegates to a convention which was to be held at Guelph on 21st May; that convention met, and an Association was formed and named the Canadian Association of Amateur Baseball Players. On the formation of the Association, I, on behalf of the citizens of Guelph, presented the Maple Leafs with a silver-mounted rosewood bat, which was to be considered the emblem of the Canadian championship, and it was decided by the Association that all games for the championship were to be played on the grounds of the champions. During the early part of the season the Maple Leafs vanquished all comers; but later on two of the contesting clubs, viz., the Harriston Browns and the Active of Woodstock, finding themselves unable to defeat the Maple Leafs, introduced professionals into their teams, and with this aid the Browns succeeded in winning a game from the Leafs by one run. This game was protested, and the case came up before the judiciary committee of the Association (Mr. Millman being one of the members), and they unanimously gave the game to the Maple Leafs, and ruled the Browns out of the Association. Previous to this decision the Active had been billed to play friendly games at Guelph and Hamilton, but after the decision was given they asked that the game to be played at Guelph be a championship one; this the Leafs objected to, knowing that the Active had employed a professional catcher named Brown, who was and still is under contract to the Boston club, in proof of which I enclose you copy of letter received by me from Harry Wright of the Boston club. The Active finding they could not make the game a championship one without dispensing with Brown's services, then agreed to play their regular catcher Lee. However, on the day of the game the Leafs were astonished to find Brown on the field, and at once objected to play if the Active insisted on playing amateur games; and therefore, I could not allow the game to be played. They, however, were determined on having Brown's services, and suggested that the game be played under protest. The umpire of the game, Mr. Jeffers, of Toronto, stated we all knew his feelings in the matter, but that he had no option but to declare the game against the Leafs if they refused to play. The Leafs, considering there was a large crowd present who would be disappointed if the game was not played, and besides this the umpire's decision would be against them, decided to play it under protest, the result being 1 to 0 in favor of the Active. On this game alone Mr. Millman pretends to claim the championship. I have given you in this letter the full particulars, and the public can judge who is and which should be recognized as the champion amateur base ball club of Canada.

I find an effort has been made by Mr. Millman to mislead the public by publishing a list of all the games played by the Active, not only including those played at Galt, Woodstock and Harriston with Canadian clubs, which under no circumstances could be championship games, but he even goes further and includes the games played with the Empire, of Shortsville, N. Y. Herewith I enclose you a correct record of championship games played during the season; also the full record of the Maple Leafs' Canadian games. Yours, etc.,

GEO. SLEMAN, President C. A. A. B. P.

(Copy.)

"Boston, Sept. 30th, 1890.

"Geo. Sleman, Esq.:

"DEAR SIR,—Your favor of 8th inst. is before me. In reply to your enquiries

"whether L. S. Brown is still a member of the Boston club; if not under what circumstances he left the club?" would say that Mr. Brown is under contract with the Boston club for 1890 and 1891, that he was suspended for the present playing

season, and therefore cannot play with or against any League club. Yours very respectfully, "HARRY WRIGHT."

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, 1890.

Date.	Club.	Score.	Where played.	Won by.
June 14	M. Leafs	4 Browns	0 Guelph	M. Leafs
July 1	"	10 Clippes	1 " "	"
July 12	"	8 Active	2 " "	"
July 20	"	3 Browns	2 " "	"
Aug. 5	"	11 Mutuals	0 " "	"
Aug. 12	"	8 Active	1 " "	"
Aug. 27	"	3 Browns	1 " "	"
Sept. 8	"	0 Active	1 " "	Protest'd
		08		26

* Awarded to Maple Leafs.

FULL RECORD OF THE MAPLE LEAFS' CANADIAN GAMES.

Date.	Club.	Score.	Where played.	Won by.
May 24	M. Leafs	2 Browns	1 Harriston	M. Leafs
June 12	"	7 Mutuals	0 Galt	"
June 14	"	4 Browns	0 Guelph	"
July 1	"	10 Clippes	1 " "	"
July 12	"	8 Active	2 " "	"
July 20	"	3 Browns	2 " "	"
Aug. 5	"	11 Mutuals	0 Guelph	"
Aug. 12	"	8 Active	1 " "	"
Aug. 27	"	3 Browns	1 " "	"
Sept. 8	"	0 Active	1 " "	"
Sept. 12	"	0 Clippes	1 " "	"
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