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A Treaty Signed.

The Fishery Commissioners have after all signed a treaty, which is for the settlement of the North Atlantic fishery question, *and nothing else.* Whether the same will be confirmed by the United States Senate is still doubtful, but time will soon tell. Somebody in Mr. Secretary Bayard's confidence says that "there will be no Riddleberger business about this," that the treaty will be made public as speedily as official formalities permit, and that the Senate will be asked to say "Yes" or "No" immediately, the whole country looking on. And American accounts from Washington indicate that the Administration expects to gain throughout the country when the treaty is published.

Of course it is pointed out by our Canadian prophets of evil that, if the treaty be such as will suit the American people, then it must be a surrender on the part of Canada. Well, perhaps it is, but one thing there is which makes this rather unlikely. Such limited accounts of the Commission's proceedings as we have been favored with during the last few weeks, contradictory as they have been in other respects, have been pretty well agreed on one point. And that is—the pluck and backbone exhibited by Sir Charles Tupper in standing out for Canada's rights. It is a fair inference from what we have heard that the American negotiators found they had no "sheepshank" to deal with when he was there. So we shall wait for proof ere we believe that Sir Charles has been guilty of surrender without equivalent.

It is published in New York that the treaty grants everything the United States has asked for. And it is to be observed that this is said by an Opposition journal, which would surely attack the Administration for giving up to Canada, if it saw ground on which to sustain the charge. But on the other hand Minister Foster is reported from Ottawa as saying that so far the accounts sent from Washington are specimens of bad guess-work. Though he does not speak warmly of Canada's luck, he says that if the treaty be endorsed by the American Senate it will promote better relations between the two countries. Well, we could have said that much ourselves; but now we must wait to see wherein the facts differ from the reports that have been circulated.

Meantime the present treaty, whatever it may be, should be looked upon as an instalment only of the settlement of our differences with the United States. All the accounts agree that the North Atlantic fishery difficulty—"only this and nothing more"—is touched in the treaty. The Behring Sea difficulty, although that is a most important one, is conspicuously left untouched. So also with the railway difficulty, although that, as we showed yesterday, taking The New York Tribune as our authority for the statement, is a matter of no little consequence, and rather a pressing one, too. The inference seems a fair one that the high contracting parties have *another treaty* in prospect, which, however, is not to be "tackled" until the Presidential election contest of this year is over.

One thing we are supremely thankful for. All accounts agree that there was no discussion at all of Commercial Union by the Commission, Sir Charles having absolutely declined to take any steps in this direction. Bully for Sir Charles! say we. He is evidently for "Canada First," and no mistake. Some things there may be in the treaty that we won't like; but the removal of that one dark cloud from over Canada's business prospects must count for much. There are positively "millions in it" for the country's good. "For this relief, much thanks," as says Shakespeare. After this The Mail and The Globe will need a fresh supply of "cheek" to enable them to pretend that their "fad" is still a likely subject of discussion by a Treaty Commission. They had better now tell the truth, and confess that the thing is dead and gone to the shades away down below.

The Georgeites complain that while kicking against the Pope, Dr. McGlynn has set up as a little pope himself. This world is so constituted that somebody has got to be boss in every business.

That was a cunning contrivance of the Orillia people to call their proposed county "Mowat," but the Attorney-General shows no disposition to take the bait. Neither did Mr. McCosh's threat to call it "Meredith" have any apparent effect. No doubt if Orillia can wait until Mr. Meredith attains to office Mr. Mowat can wait, too.

According to his own statements, the late "Petroleum V. Nasby," the cross-roads sage, was long a hard drinker. A few years ago he "were off" and became a hot Prohibitionist. Day before yesterday he died. The conundrum is: Would he have lived longer had he never drunk anything or died sooner had he never quit drinking?

The Rev. Hugh Pentecost, who left his pulpit to follow Henry George, sides with the latter as against Dr. McGlynn. The latter has taken all the offices of the Anti-Poverty Society away from the Georgeites and they have seceded in disgust. The family linen is now in course of ventilation.

In the county of which Minneapolis is the seat the divorces are to marriages as one in ten. The people of Minnesota are much afflicted with cold feet.

Will Dakota kindly shut the door?

There is another rift in the Liberal lute! The Globe accuses The Hamilton Times—the old original absolute Free Trade organ—of misrepresentation, and demands satisfaction! Was it for this that Brer Gardiner converted the Deacon to Henry Georgeism?

When first nominated President Cleveland declared that no man should aspire to the Chief Magistracy a second time, but he has been ever since working industriously and shrewdly for a second term. Perhaps Mr. Blaine speaks in a similarly Pickwickian sense when he says that he will never run again. Almost anybody can be forced to accept political distinctions.

United States papers tell of a Buffalo firm who for some years have been importing sand from Canada and paying duty thereupon, but who, having discovered that sand is on the free list, now demand the return of $10,000 from the Government. This recalls Mr. Wiman's big blunder in clamoring for the removal of the duty upon Canadian chickens and eggs.

Among the things which the Premier of this country should take into his distinguished consideration during the forthcoming session of Parliament is the divorce question. Sir John is old enough to have sense.

It is now announced that Mr. Cleveland is to send to Congress a second message vetoing his position upon the tobacco tax. He will admit that he blundered in not advising the repeal of the internal duty, and do the "better late than never" act. In this we see the fine hand of the solid South. Like all other Free Traders he has "principles," but when they don't suit they can be altered. "Principles" are mighty but votes are mightier still. Maybe old Kentucky may yet induce the President to demand the repeal of the tax upon her beloved Bourbon. Free tobacco and free whisky would make a splendid Free Trade platform. The English Tory Free-Traders once upon a time swept the country on the cry of "Beer and the Bible."

2500 IN FAVOR OF GAMBLE.

The Petition for Clemency to be Taken to Ottawa This Evening.

Mr. W. G. Murdoch, counsel for Gamble, who is sentenced to die on March 6 for the murder of Lizzie Bray, intended to leave for Ottawa last night in the interest of the condemned man. Yesterday he received a communication from the Deputy Minister of Justice asking him to defer his visit till Saturday or Monday, as the Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Thompson, will not have returned to Ottawa to-day. Mr. Murdoch will leave for the capital to-night and will take with him a petition for commutation of Gamble's sentence which already contains 2500 names, among which are some of Toronto's most prominent citizens.

Another Plea for the Condemned Man.

Editor World: I have read some interesting letters on the Gamble case and I cannot say that I quite agree with the jury in this matter. In the first place this Gamble could never have taken the liberties unreproved with the deceased unless she was in part willing to receive them. She must have been indeed a woman of easy virtue to allow a man like Gamble to ravish her in the manner which we have told he did. "Loyal" points out in his letter how any woman of sense can readily understand the strong efforts made by the victim to ward him (Gamble) off. She must have made exceedingly powerful efforts to ward him off, as he calls it, when she consented to go home herself off as his sister in a boarding-house on Church-street that he (Gamble) might the better accomplish his end. If that was not playing right into his hand I would like to know what was. Then again, what evidence can our opponents bring to show that the abominable man performed on the deceased, thereby causing death? What proof is there? The medical evidence is the only reliable evidence in the case, and it was exceedingly weak. The face that both the womb and vagina were badly lacerated settled the question as far as the use of the bougie was concerned, for it is next to impossible to mutilate the flesh with a bougie, which would itself give before causing a wound such as is described in the evidence.

Now, Mr. Editor, with these facts before me I am sure I stand in with the majority when I say that where there is such a doubt the prisoner should receive the full benefit of the doubt and have the death sentence commuted, for we (meaning your readers) will all agree I am sure that it was simply a case of "man's duplicity and woman's worse than weakness." REPRIEVE.

Toronto, Feb. 16.

Affairs at the Waterworks.

The question of repairs to No. 3 engine was what called the meeting of the Waterworks Committee yesterday morning. Northey & Co. will furnish a pair of condensers with steam and water connections complete for $3200. The condenser will use lake or bay water.

Superintendent Hamilton told the committee that he had received a communication from the Pittsburg Steel Casting Company offering to make and guarantee steel gearing wheels for the engines. The company asked for further particulars, which were telegraphed them.

On motion of Ald. Baxter, Chairman Boustead and Engineer Ferguson were instructed to go to Pittsburg at once and were empowered to close the bargain.

Ald. Boustead made some remarks to the committee regarding some charges of making "junketing trips" against him. Mr. Boustead wanted the committee to know that he didn't see any fun in traveling all night and working all day. He thought some one would have to go to England before this business was through with.

The Engineer and Mr. Boustead will start at 12.30 to-day.

Death of a Well-Known Hamiltonian.

One of the most respected citizens of Hamilton, Mr. David Gillies, died yesterday morning. He was a member of the firm of Buntin, Gillies & Co. of Montreal, paper manufacturers and wholesale stationers, whose agencies spread throughout the Dominion. The deceased gentleman was born in Renton, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, in 1830, and has resided in Hamilton for the last 34 years. He is only 49 years of age, and by his first-class business abilities and sterling character had won universal esteem. He was a true friend to all who had personal connection with him, of genial and charitable disposition, and was a staunch Presbyterian, while keeping himself aloof from party and political turmoil. His death in his prime will be generally regretted, not only by the mercantile community, but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was a cousin of the Boyd Brothers, wholesale dry goods merchants, Bay and Front streets. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at Hamilton.

—Mr. John McCarthy, Toronto, writes: "I can unhesitatingly say that Norrison & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery is the best medicine in the world. I suffered for years from a disease of the heart, which at times caused me great misery. During that time I tried a great many different medicines, but this wonderful medicine was the only one that took hold and rooted out the disease." x

Gov. Aikins Not Engaged in Devilment.

The Globe has been much troubled over Governor Aikins' visit to the east. It has already announced that he had gone from Winnipeg to Ottawa expressly to help Sir John to concoct some new "devilment" against the unfortunate western country. What is certain is that he arrived in the city Saturday last, and that he was seen on the corner of King and Yonge-streets late Wednesday afternoon. A Winnipeg despatch says that he is in Toronto looking after some property interests of his, which The World fancies is very likely to be true.

The Leader of the Opposition.

On Wednesday morning of this week one of The World's young men was walking up Broadway, New York, when whom should he meet but Peter Ryan and Metcalf Thwaite, license and ex-license commissioner. After salutations they informed him that they had only that morning got into the city, but already had they had conference with Sir Richard Cartwright at the Brevoort House and that they had discussed the matter of the leadership with him. They also gave the young man to understand that they had been commissioned to meet Sir Richard in New York, but by whom they did not say. They gave the hint that something new would be announced in Reform politics before ten days had passed.

Steadily Growing.

The sale of Saturday Night has never been equalled in the history of Toronto newspapers. Though it sprang up suddenly and at once found popular favor, it has continued to grow in circulation week by week. The last two issues had the largest street sale of any numbers yet published, and, excepting the extra Christmas edition, the largest general sale both in the city and country. This week's issue will be as bright and entertaining as ever before, and contains the first chapters of Frances Hodgson Burnett's story, "Vagabondia." The illustrations are superb.

—C. A. Livingstone, Plattsville, says: "I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. Thomas' Eclectric oil, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In my own case I will say for it that it is the best preparation I have ever tried for rheumatism." x

Carnival Suits at Auction.

The great auction sale at 113 King-street west will close to-night, when Mr. Coolican will offer twenty carnival suits to the highest bidder. The store fixtures, gas-fittings, carpet, oilcloth and a beautiful showcase are for sale.

—Two Hitchings Boilers for sale cheap. Apply to Frank Wheeler, Hot Water and Steam Heating Engineer,
135 58 and 60 Adelaide-st. west.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

EXCELLENT ACCEPTANCES OBTAINED FOR THE SPRING HANDICAPS.

Some of the Horses Eligible for the Great Eclipse Stakes of £10,000—The Curling Bonspiel Ends—The Game at Ottawa—The Governor-General as a Skip.

Whatever the result of the Lord Durham-Sir George Chetwynd racing scandal, the English racing season of 1888 will be not only important, but one of the best in some years. Among some racing men in London there is a belief that Durham will scarcely be able to make a case against Sir George Chetwynd, but the verdict will be something like the Scotch one, "not proven." The effect, however, will be the same. The Jockey Club's evidence, which probably cannot be used in the courts, will be made known to the Chetwynd people. Sir George will resign from the Jockey Club and probably sell out his entire stable. Sherrard will be refused permission to train at Newmarket, and Wood will not get a riding license this year, certainly not before Doncaster. With this element eliminated "the swell mob," as they are sometimes called, will take unto themselves a warning, and the saddling bell at Lincoln will ring on March 19 with not only the stewards at Lincoln but the stewards of the Jockey Club determined to enforce racing law in the interest of honest and legitimate sport in the minutest degree. Foul riding of the Barrett order is no longer to be tolerated. In this connection Truth says: "George Barrett has lost his license because he was reported for foul riding at Brighton last November. He had obtained a most unenviable notoriety from his very objectionable fashion of riding, and he was one of Archer's most apt pupils in the rough-and-tumble style which that jockey introduced.

The special issue of the Racing Calendar of Jan. 31 contains the acceptances for the spring handicaps from Lincoln to Chester. As a whole an excellent acceptance is shown, although in several important races the weights had to be raised, under the rules, because the top weights—124 pounds or over—were declared out. At least such was the case with the Northamptonshire Stakes, the Crawford and Babraham plates at Newmarket, the Chester Cup and the Liverpool Great National Steeplechase. For the last named event Mr. E. P. Wilson declared Roquefort (the winner in 1886) out at 175 pounds, which forced the raising of all the weights six pounds, bringing Mr. Gubbins' Irish gelding Uema to the head of the handicap at 175 pounds.

The interest in this country will be confined principally to the Lincolnshire, Grand National and City and Suburban. Several tomes in New York will no doubt do a commission business on the events named. For the Lincolnshire Mr. Abington kept Merry Hampton, last year's Derby winner, in to save the weights being raised, he being the top weight at 124 pounds, while he will no doubt start Jeremiah at 99 pounds and save Merry Hampton for the City and Suburban, for which he is handicapped at 122 pounds, with Kilwarlin, the winner of the St. Leger, top weight at 124 pounds. Among the most interesting features of the spring handicaps is the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Stakes of 3,000 guineas, to be run May 12, one mile. The top weight is Mr. Vyner's Minting, now five years old, at 140 pounds. At this weight Ormonde, who always beat Minting, would have been handicapped at 145 pounds or upward. Then with Kilwarlin and Merry Hampton handicapped at 125 pounds for the same event. The handicapper evidently rates the "cracks" of 1886 at from 15 to 20 pounds better than the "cracks" of 1887, without taking into consideration that a four-year-old is supposed to be a little better than a five-year-old. Should Minting start in a condition favorable to Matthew Dawson, with a dozen or more of the other good horses for which the weights have been accepted, he should present at Kempton Park an exceedingly fine specimen of a racehorse. Another English race in which great interest will be taken is the Eclipse Stakes, to be run at Sandown Park, July 27. The last declaration, due the first Tuesday in January, left in many of the best horses now in training, all of which will have to pay 110 guineas, which simply means a bet of 110 guineas against £10,000 to win, and the same amount against £500 for second.

In Baily's Magazine for February there is an interesting sketch of the career of Mr. John Porter as a trainer, he who has trained four Derby winners, including Blue Gown (1868), Shotover (1882), St. Blaise (1883) and Ormonde (1886), wholesays:

And new Friar's Balsam stands in Ormonde's box, and the Hope of Kingsclere centre, I think, round the dark chestnut. I should like to win my fifth Derby, says my host as we stood looking at him. He has trained the winner of four blue ribbons and been beaten by a head for that event twice. I venture to opine that he will lead back his fifth winner on that Wednesday in a merry month, and Mr. Porter's smile seems to say that the event is not improbable. There is Osiery, however, in an adjoining box, a second string of undeniable quality, and of pretentions. The own brother to Ormonde has, to my eye, not been standing still since he won the Criterion. I remember on that afternoon some people said his shoulders were loaded, but I cannot so look on them. I always have a great respect for a 2-year-old that comes well up the Criterion hill, and I believe Osiery did not win quite in the style of his wonderful brother, he won easily enough. If I am not mistaken we shall see Osiery a different horse next year, and I also fancied—perhaps only fancy—this his trainer's eye rested upon him with much satisfaction.

Trotting on Ottawa River.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—The winter trotting meeting was continued here to-day. There was a good attendance, and the track in excellent condition. The program consisted of the 2.35 race, which was won by the Montreal horse King Cole in the fifth heat. The free-for-all for pacers did not take place. The summary follows:

2.35 class.

W. Walker's b.g. King Cole	2	3	1	1	1
W. Harrison's b.m. Minnie B	1	1	2	2	5
J. Burke's ch.g. Sorrel George	4	2	5	5	2
B. Conerave's br.g. Joe Beef	4	4	5	3	3
N. Stanley's ch.g. St. Nicholas	5	5	3	4	4

Time—2.36¾, 2.44, 2.41¾, 2.38¼, 2.42.

Gossip of the Turf.

News comes from Baltimore that the well-known gentleman rider, Mr. Harry Harwood, who received such serious injuries by his fall in the last steeplechase at Washington last autumn, is slowly dying, as his spine is affected.

A New York sporting journal says: "From the way Mr. Dwyer spoke the other day it is all of 20 to 1 that neither Hanover nor Kingston will start for either the Brooklyn or Suburban handicaps." As is well known the Dwyers have no fancy for the big sensational handicaps.

"The stewards of the Jockey Club," says The London Racing Calendar, Feb. 1, "give notice that no jockey whose license to ride has been withdrawn or refused on the ground of misconduct will be eligible to ride trials or be allowed in any weighing-room, stand or enclosure during the time his suspension from riding continues."

Captain Sam Brown of Pittsburg, owner of Stuyvesant, Blue Wing and other horses, is alleged to have said to a reporter in that city a few days ago that there is a vast amount of rottenness on American race courses, and that bookmakers are corrupting the entire system of racing, and that if there had been no bookmakers Blue Wing would have won the Brooklyn Handicap last year.

The bill now on its second reading in the Assembly of the State of New Jersey having in view the suppression of the half mile all winter racing man is as follows: "Be it enacted that all racing by running or trotting of horses for money shall be and hereby is declared to be unlawful in and during from the months of November till April, and the parties and abettors thereof, or persons concerned therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by fine or imprisonment at hard labor."

THAMESVILLE WINS THE TANKARD.

End of the Toronto-Ontario Curling Bonspiel—Other Sporting Matters.

The Ontario tankard for 1888 has been won by the Thamesville club. In the first draws played yesterday morning Galt defeated Toronto and Thamesville got away with Wroxeter. In the final between Thamesville and Galt the former won the trophy by 17 shots. The winners were presented with the tankard by Vice-President Ross of the Ontario Branch of the R.C.C.C. in a neat speech. Mr. J. Ferguson replied on behalf of the Thamesville club. Mr. J. S. Russell, the Secretary of the club, was the recipient of a vote of thanks for his valuable services. These are the scores:

GALT.		TORONTO.	
Rink No. 1.			
A. Gourlay.		A. Godson.	
T. Bryan.		D. S. Keith.	
J. McFarlane.		J. Bain.	
R. Webster, skip	16	J. C. Forbes, skip	18
Rink No. 2.			
A. McAuslan.		C. Davidson.	
J. Patterson.		T. McGaw.	
F. McDougall.		Capt. McCordonald.	
J. McAuslan, skip	24	J. Wright, skip	16
Total	40	Total	34

HAMILTON.		WROXETER.	
Rink No. 1.			
G. Shiram.		J. Ireland.	
A. Campbell.		A. Paulin.	
R. Ferguson.		T. Rae.	
J. Ferguson, skip	20	T. H. Sanders, skip	18
Rink No. 2.			
C. Rae.		T. F. Miller.	
F. Ferguson.		J. Sanderson.	
J. Graves.		J. Gofton.	
D. McFarlane, skip	24	J. Bone, skip	17
Total	44	Total	35

THAMESVILLE.		GALT.	
Rink No. 1.			
G. Shiram.		G. Gourlay.	
A. Campbell.		T. Bryan.	
R. Ferguson.		J. McFarlane.	
J. Ferguson, skip	20	R. Webster, skip	18
Rink No. 2.			
C. Rae.		A. McAuslan.	
F. Ferguson.		J. Patterson.	
J. Graves.		T. McDougall.	
D. McFarlane, skip	27	J. McAuslan, skip	12
Total	47	Total	30

A Victory for the Governor-General.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—A game for a sack of meal for the Protestant Orphans' Home took place at Government House to-day between a team from the Government Rink and the Marksmen's Rink. The game resulted in a victory for the Governor-General's rink by 4 points. The teams were:

Gov.-Genl's Rink.		*Marksmen's Rink.*	
Mr. Sims.		Mr. Fuller.	
Capt. Streatfeild.		Mr. Sutherland.	
Mr. Campbell.		Mr. Waldo.	
Lord Lansdowne, skip	13	Mr. Gray, skip	9

The game was "skipped" by His Excellency in a style worthy an experienced curler.

To-morrow afternoon the match for the Governor-General's curling prize for iron playing clubs will come off on the Government House Curling Rink between the Ottawa and Montreal clubs, and the players will be entertained at luncheon by His Excellency. Messrs. Scott and Hutchison are the two skips for the home club in the stone curling competition. It is understood that the Halifax, N.S., and Peterboro clubs will play on Friday next.

The Draught Club.

These are the scores made in the competition for the prizes offered by the Toronto Draught Club:

	Won.	Drawn.
R. Dissette	1	0
A. Ashler	0	0
J. Sinclair	2	0
W. Crawford	2	0
Fletcher	3	2
Duggan	1	0
Gray	1	0
Fraser	0	0
Johnston	2	2

The Canadian Checkerist is the name of a weekly paper published in this city and devoted to the chess and checkers. Mr. G. Fletcher, a member of the Toronto Draught Club, is the editor of the checker column.

Dust From the Diamond.

The Boston papers are confident that they will beat the New Yorks out in the race for the League pennant the coming season.

Manager Sam Crane has arranged the following dates for Scranton Club during April: 7 and 28 with Syracuse as home, 17 and 18 with the Athletics, 19 and 20 with Troy, 21 and 25 with Troy, 26 with Toronto, 21 and 23 with Syracuse.

Centre-fielder Stanley will be with the New York team on its Southern trip.

Manager Hackett declares that the Torontos are weaker than last season and consequently hopes to land the pennant in Syracuse.

Nelson, the Buffalo short stop, is in the habit of getting in his place with the batter before the pitcher delivers the ball. Other metropolitan players were guilty of the same practice.

Jacob Cox is holding on to the old National franchise with a view, it is said, of attempting at some future time to secure possession of the Troy club, now held by the Troy Torontos. If they put the franchise for a breathing on the Jersey grounds the subscribers will assuredly take it.

One of the conditions on which Norman Baker, the ex-Toronto pitcher, was signed by Newark was that he should not attempt to sing "Coming Round the Bend."

Sam Bittle of this city, who was with Des Moines last year, will be with the Cleveland team in its first exhibition game in that city this year.

Tim Murnan, the Boston baseball man, thinks Slattery will certainly be with the Chicago.

It has been decided that there will be no Oil Region Baseball League this season.

Considerable betting is being indulged in, the enthusiasts in that city anticipate a lively season for 1888.

The Jersey City club anticipates making its mark in the race for the championship of the Central League.

The Chicago players have been ordered to report for duty on March 1 at Hot Springs to prepare themselves for the season's campaign.

There is trouble in store for the League managers, among all of the prominent players not connected with the Ballplayers' Brotherhood are holding off for more salary.

The spring athletic meeting of the International Association will be held at Buffalo March 19. A schedule of 110 games has been arranged, which it is generally believed will prove very satisfactory.

London has the smallest population of the seven international cities.

The first game between clubs regularly organized for the coming season was played at New Orleans on Sunday last. The Cincinnatis and the Crescent City team were the contestants, the visitors winning by a score of to 1.

Spots of Sport.

Among the shooters in the National Handicap pigeon shooting tournament at Long Branch, N.J., which commenced on Tuesday, is Miss Annie Oakley, who attracted considerable attention. Her score on the first day stood 47 killed and one missed. She opened in very fair form, missing three out of her first four, and then again losing her seventh bird. But with all offer to handicap her by allowing her three more birds dead, she continued on killing thirteen straights in as good form as any of the men, and better, if proper allowance is made for her pun. Which is a very light weapon, as compared with some of the guns in use, which judged by the report, specially of the second barrel, were miniature cannons.

James Carney and Henry Nagle of Newark fought for a purse of $50 a side and the championship Tuesday morning. Nagle weighed 15½ pounds and Carney 140 pounds. Queensbury rules governed. Six rounds were fought, when the referee declared the battle a draw.

E. D. Casé, the sprinter of Hamilton, has challenged Peter Prydé of Pittsburg to run three race—50, 75 and 1 mile—for $500 a side, the contest to take place in Toronto.

A New Jersey Assembly takes the initiative in providing protection to homing pigeons. A bill recently passed inflicts a fine or imprisonment upon any person who shoots at a homing pigeon.

Henry E. Ducker intends to build a half-mile bicycle track at Buffalo, and says that before the season is far advanced he will give thereon the biggest tournament the world has ever seen.

Pete Donohue and Byron McSweeny, in conjunction with Frank Murphy of Philadelphia, who have a contract with George Littlewood of Sheffield, England, are endeavoring to make arrangements for a six-day go-as-you-please race, which is to take place at Madison-square Garden in the last week in April. Only fifteen entries will be allowed, and they will be the best pedestrians in the world.

A cablegram from London on Tuesday says: It is announced this morning that Charles Rowell challenges James Albert to run six days and six nights for £200 a side and the gate money, the race to take place at the Agricultural Hall, London, or Rowell will accept a similar amount for the race to take place in America. If these terms do not suit Albert, Rowell will enter a £100 sweepstake, gate receipts to be divided as in the Astley Belt contest.

It was announced in England on Tuesday that the international twenty-four hours' walking match for the championship of the world between Joe Scott, champion of Australia, and Jack Hibbard, of Bethnal Green, who holds the record from fifteen to seventy miles, for a prize of £150, will be decided at the Royal Aquarium in London to-morrow and Saturday. The men will walk twelve hours per day, starting each day at 11 a.m. and finishing at 11 p.m.

The following articles of agreement entered into on the 13th between M. Beardsley of Kansas, champion long distance rider of the world, and John Kane of Nebraska and W. J. Morgan representing W. M. Woodside English and J. Dabols, champion bicyclists of America, England and France, were cabled from London on Tuesday: They will educate a six days and night race at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, commencing March 19, the race to be for a purse of £250, the cowboys to use an unlimited number of mustangs and deny the use of the outside track, and the bicyclists the inside raised track, the cowboys to change at will and the bicyclists each thirty minutes.

The foot races to have taken place at Woodstock on Saturday resulted in a fizzle. For some reason the match between Quirk and Anderson was declared off. The other event between Boyd and Kelleman also failed to come off. Boyd's backer, a man named Elliott of Kingston, refused to put up the $250, the balance of $1000 stakes, as he evidently feared something. He had a solicitor issue a writ against the stakeholder, Mr. Geo. O'Neill, restraining him from paying over the $200 which he had already deposited. The writ came apparently too late, for Mr. O'Neill claimed that the Tuft had already been paid over.

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Badly Injured.

John and William Lorden were badly injured while coasting yesterday. Their sled went over the bridge on Kettle Creek, and they fell upon the solid ice fourteen feet below, alighting on their heads. Both were carried home insensible, and badly bruised about the head, shoulders and body. Insure in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company of Toronto. x

Twenty-five Cents on the Dollar.

Yesterday's meeting of weekly payment man VanWormer's creditors was not nearly as stormy as its predecessor. Mr. VanWormer told the meeting that he had figured up his assets and would be able to pay them twenty-five cents on the dollar. He would give them notes at four, six, nine and twelve months for the amount due them. The creditors decided to accept the offer.

MR. O'BRIEN'S CONSCIENCE.

HE SAYS THAT IT IS EASIER THAN MR. BALFOUR'S.

Sir James Ferguson States in the Imperial House that the Government Believe the Fisheries Treaty to be Satisfactory—Resumption of the Debate on the Address.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Labouchere asked if any despatch from the British Ambassador at Berlin suggested that England gave assurances to Italy which would induce her to enter the Austro-German alliance.

Sir James Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, replied that he must again decline to produce correspondence between the British Government and foreign powers regarding affairs in Europe. "The House," he said, "would recognize that at the present time it would be unwise to produce such correspondence."

Mr. Labouchere thereupon gave notice that he would offer an amendment to the address, "That the House be informed definitely that no correspondence exchanged with Italy had resulted in binding action on the British Government in the event of war between Italy and France, or, if any assurances had been given, that they be communicated to the House." [Cheers.]

In reply to a question by Mr. Gourley Sir James Ferguson said he was happy to inform the House that a telegram from Mr. Chamberlain reported that a fisheries treaty had been signed at Washington. This treaty the Government believed to be satisfactory, although they were as yet unaware of the precise terms. He could not admit that the difference regarding the American fisheries amounted to serious dispute. He said that questions relative to Alaska had been discussed by the plenipotentiaries at Washington but he was not yet aware of the result.

Hon. W. H. Smith intimated that the Government did not think it advisable at present to appoint a committee on grants to the Royal Family, as suggested by Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien resumed the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. He said that Mr. Balfour had failed to smash the Irish organization, or to weaken the spirit of the Irish people, or to degrade them in the eyes of the world. "Abject discomfiture and disgrace had attended the Crimes Act, the operation of which proved it to be one of the most horrible measures ever directed against human liberties."

Regarding his own imprisonment, he did not feel wounded nor in the least degraded. With all his jaunty bravery Balfour's conscience was not as easy as his own. When he was in prison he resented and felt keenly the letter which Mr. Balfour wrote conveying the stealthy, loathsome insinuation that he sheltered himself whilst in prison under the plea of illness. Now they were face to face, and he challenged the Government to produce the prison doctors to prove the truth of the insinuation. [Parnellite cheers.]

It had been asserted that imprisoned leaguers had tried to secure a distinction between the treatment given to imprisoned members of Parliament and that given to imprisoned peasants. But there was not a tittle of foundation for the assertion. What the imprisoned members complained of was the moral torture inflicted upon them from which ordinary criminals were exempt. When the Government asked them to voluntarily acknowledge their kindship with criminals they answered, "We will die first. You will have to learn the difference between your relatives of the criminal classes and Irish political prisoners, even if it takes coroners' juries to announce the distinction."

Reverting to the failure of coercion, he declared that the Crimes Act had utterly stamped out a national league club. The Plan of Campaign was unscripled, every evicted tenant had been restored and every shilling of law costs incurred had been repaid as indemnity by the landlords. [Cheers.]

The Government's new rules of procedure provide that the House of Commons shall sit from 3 p.m. until 1 a.m., with a dinner hour; that the closure rule may be applied if there is a majority of 100, instead of 200 as at present, in favor of such action, and that the Speaker may suspend for the sitting grossly obstructive members. Other rules greatly increase the Speaker's powers. Committees to deal with bills relating to law, trade, shipping and manufactures are revived.

A Gladstonian Elected in Dundee.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The election in Dundee to-day resulted in the election of the Gladstonian candidate, Mr. Firth, by a vote of 7856 to 4217 for Gen. Sir H. D. Daly, the Unionist nominee. At the last election Mr. Lacita (Liberal) polled 5216 votes and Gen. Daly 3346.

THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

They Hold Their Annual Meeting and Elect New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms. Vice-President H. W. Eddis was in the chair, and Mr. J. McArthur Griffith acted as secretary. The accounts for the past year, which showed a good balance at the bank, were read and discussed. These officers were appointed:

President—W. F. Findlay, Hamilton.

Vice-Presidents—H. W. Eddis and J. T. Moore.

Council—S. B. Harman, E. R. C. Clarkson, W. McCall, W. H. Cross, W. Powis, R. T. Coady, Hugh Scott, F. G. Rough, R. H. Tomlinson, Hon. S. C. Wood, Robert Jenkins, Henry Lye, J. J. Mason, Jas. G. Ramsay, R. L. Gunn, G. F. Jewell, J. W. Johnson and U. A. Fleming.

J. McArthur Griffith and T. H. Monk were re-appointed auditors.

An interesting discussion took place as to the benefits derived by members of the institute, and as several gentlemen have signified their readiness to prepare and read essays before the institute, to which the public will be invited, it is confidently expected that the institute will be very successful in the forthcoming season.

They Must Go.

What must? Why, everyone should know. It has been the talk of all Toronto for weeks past, and a lot have gone, too. Hundreds of people have obtained bargains, and hundreds more will do so before the winter is over. W. & D. Dineen are simply determined to sell off before the end of the present month the balance of their stock of fur goods. All kinds of furs, and all must go. Corner King and Yonge streets.

In the Maritime Court.

In the Maritime Court, before Judge Macdougall, yesterday an order was made for security for costs against the steamer Victor in favor of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company. The Detroit Wrecking Company got a like order against the Victor. Clement & McConney's claim against the schooner Hope was settled in court.

The Shriners Depart For Home.

Yesterday afternoon the visiting shriners from Detroit wese driven around town by the members of Rameses Temple, headed by Bros. Geo. S. McConkey and Henry A. Taylor. In the evening the Toronto Opera House was visited and the party left for home by the 11 o'clock train.

Joseph S. Huber Discharged.

When Joseph B. Huber, the alleged forger from Lancaster, Pa., was brought before Judge Macdougall yesterday the private prosecution had no evidence to offer. Huber was discharged.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The Blair Education Bill passed the Senate yesterday.

The bank at Cisco, Tex., was robbed of $6000 in cash by four masked robbers yesterday.

Smallpox continues to spread in Brooklyn, N.Y. Since Jan. 1 135 cases have been reported.

The Appellate Court of Illinois has affirmed the conviction of Edward S. McDonald, McGarigle's co-boodler.

The air receiver of the Hudson (N.Y.) Iron Works exploded yesterday, fatally injuring Patrick Buckley and causing $30,000 damage.

The total loss on the fire which broke out in The Elmira Advertiser building Wednesday night will reach $150,000, with insurance about one-half.

The loss by the Providence, R.I., fire Wednesday night is between $300,000 and $700,000. Geo. Wetherell, aged 35, died from fright caused by the fire.

—Nothing new under the sun! Ain't there! Go and see Townson, the ticket writer, 11 King West. He'll show you the ropes. ed

THE PAY OF SCHOOL SERVANTS.

The Board of Trustees Have Some Discussion Over the Subject.

The members of the Public School Board got fairly down to business last night, although in their four-hour session they transacted little business. The report of the Finance Committee was talked over at great length in committee of the whole, with Mr. Kerr as chairman. The first item, that recommending that principals of schools which have six or more rooms be paid according to length of service, started the fun, and before the board was through with the discussion of the item every man of them had taken a hand in the talk. According to the regulation adopted Feb. 8, 1887, the headmaster start at a salary of $750, and are increased by $36 per year up to the eighth year, after which they are increased $48 per year until the fifteenth year. They are then getting $1,338.

Trustee Spence had a great scheme. He wanted the board to reverse things, that is to start the gentlemen at $1,338 and decrease their salaries. He thought the headmasters were not worth as much at the end of fifteen years as when they began teaching. This original plan didn't catch the board, and the recommendation was adopted.

The board's solicitor will draw a salary of $1000 instead of the $800 formerly paid him. Trustee Frank Somers is responsible for proposing the increase.

Regarding the caretakers' salaries, Mr. McMurrich said that the salaries of the caretakers of Wellesley, Ryerson and Dufferin schools were disproportionate to those of the other ca