

"*The Frontenac*," but this did not appear to be authentic.

No. 55 *Which is the oldest incorporated town in Ontario?*

This produced a voluminous controversy, no less than 17 towns having been claimed as the *oldest*.

I think that *Toronto*, incorporated in 1834 is correctly given, although it is claimed for *Hamilton* in 1833, but I have not been able to verify this.

It was claimed for *Cornwall* which was certainly not incorporated until May 30, 1849, and on my writing to the local historian, he replied that his claim was based on the evidence of our esteemed friend, "the oldest inhabitant."

66. *When and where was the first clock factory established in Canada?*

This was a terrible poser while it lasted, but I think we "fixed it up" without prejudice.

It is said that in Montreal, at Cote des Neiges, Mr. Twiss and a man named Dwight made a number of clocks in 18—, also about 1818 a man named Cheney had a factory here, and made a considerable number, some of which are still in existence—but these cannot be accepted as clock factories.

I am promised further information by one who took part in the *modus operandi*—the works were smuggled in from the States via La Tortue and Laprairie; and brought into Montreal in haycarts, they were put into the cases at Cote des Neiges and peddled through the country *à la Sam Slick*.*

But I fear I am growing tedious—there are 2 or 3 more of the questions I desired to glance at, but I must pass them over. I *should* say that the question with reference to the game of Lacrosse elicited the greatest amount of public at-

* These statements received a very singular confirmation, Mr. Edward Murphy bearing testimony to a knowledge of Mr. Twiss, as far back as 1830—and Mr. T. D. King produced one of the clocks for exhibition to those present, its wooden wheels and universally primitive character, attracted much attention.