

CANADA'S POETS AT WAR.

THE BATTLE FOUGHT IN PAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

How The Contest Began and How It Has Raged—The Merits of Prof. Roberts—How He did a Friendly Act for Pauline Johnson—An Old Boys' Association.

The writer of the Munsey article on the Canadian poets can feel gratified in one particular, that he is getting plenty of advertising as a result of it, and advertising, no matter of what sort it is, seems to be the chief thing desired in this age.

First an anonymous article appeared in the Toronto World arraigning the writer for Munsey for favoritism and accusing Bliss Carman, one of those who received the most pleasing notice, of plagiarism.

To say the least it does not look well for a poet to be making such serious charges against brother poets, even if he could make them good, and there might be some doubt felt whether Mr. Campbell was justified in speaking as he did.

Speaking of this characteristic of Roberts, that he is the friend of the struggling writer, Miss Johnson, the Indian poetess who was here recently, told me a little incident from her own lips that illustrated it.

Some time after, she continued, when she had become fully well known she went to Ottawa and some of the literary people there called on her, including Lampman, Scott and others.

Now that cycling enters so much into the thoughts of the world, the ethical side of the question is quite an important one. The chief point of morals that is discussed in connection with wheeling is Sunday riding.

A club that was recently organized had the question before it, and when their constitution and by-laws were being prepared there was some discussion as to whether they had better insert a provision discountenancing Sunday riding.

Recently the pastor of a city baptist church dealt with Sunday riding briefly in the course of a sermon. In no uncertain way he denounced the practice as not consonant with the spirit of the Lord's Day.

There is not the same amount of opposition to Sunday riding that there was last year. A leading merchant of the city who was opposed to his employees riding on Sunday is not now so decided on the matter, much, it may be said, to the satisfaction of the clerks.

Some talk is projected of forming an Old Boys society in connection with the grammar school. Principal Mac Lean has had it in mind and intends to call a meeting for the purpose at the opening of next term.

Not very long ago it was announced that dudedom was to wear ribbons instead of cuff buttons, but as yet this infliction has not fallen upon Chicago, says a paper of that city.

Some people are inclined to think that ribbons are but the forerunners of ruffles, as worn in the colonial times. If they are we may well open our hearts to them, for what man does not long for some distinguishing mark between the shirt masculine and the shirt waist feminine?

As is usual with men's fashions, this one is the outcome of a prince's whim. Prince George appeared in Rotten Row one day with his cuffs tied with an inch-wide black satin ribbon made into a bow and the ends hanging at least four inches below the wrists.

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The young men, who sauntered up Fifth avenue as far as the Savoy and back as far as the Waldorf, were, as a cockney would say, 'bloomin' well stared at,' but what cared they for the sneers and derisive smiles of the majority?

"Next day there was a mad rush upon the fashionable Broadway and Fifth avenue dealers in 'gents' furnishings' for the new cuff decorations, don't you know. It just so happened that no dealer in the city had imported any of the new cuff bows.

We all saw the new style on Vesta Tilley and laughed at it. But it seems that there is really a serious side to the fact, as being one of the most radical departures in fashion which the century has ever seen.

Mrs J. S. Armstrong formerly Miss L. J. Gregory of Fredericton, the principal, is well known to many throughout the province and elsewhere as a successful, conscientious, teacher who seldom fails to make her influence felt for good among her pupils.

Miss Bingay, the matron, has had a long experience as matron in the childrens hospital, Boston Mass. and will look after the general health of the pupils. She gains the love and confidence of all, while assisting materially in the good government of the school.

come in rapidly a small addition will probably be made to the buildings before next term. Netherwood is beautifully situated within four minutes walk of Roth-say station and parents interested in finding a pleasant home school for their girls are invited to come and see it for themselves.

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Circus Proved to Be All That Ardent Fancy Had Painted It.

It is hardly necessary to tell the city readers of PROGRESS that Sells Bros circus has been here and that it came saw and conquered. But some of the many readers of this paper throughout the province and in the towns and villages of Nova Scotia will be glad to know that the circus spoken of above is one that they can go and see and tell their friends about.

To attempt to describe the parade would be futile; to think of giving any adequate description of the show upon the grounds is too much of a task for the space PROGRESS can devote to it, but any reader who has the time and the money to see it all for himself will gain much information and such instruction and enjoyment as seldom falls to his lot.

The features of the performance are many, but perhaps those that struck the writer as the best were the performing seals and sea lions and the bicycle riding. These were wonderful and thrilling features while the funniest part of the show was the "Man with the Camera." This was a well dressed gentleman who bore a striking resemblance to one of the proprietors of the show as pictured on the dead walls, and as he walked oack and forth in his silk hat and dress coat while the vast audience assembled there were many opportunities for him to test his skill.

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To say that the circus was orderly gives it but faint praise. There was not a complaint of any fakership whatever; the treatment of the public here was a credit to the management and to the circus employees. The circus reaped a rich reward here. Perhaps close to 20,000 people attended the performances the first day.

They left a lot of money among the news papers, the victuallers, the feed dealers and many others. They had no loud mouthed advertising upon the stage such as has been seen here, though the animals in the splendid menageri were in some cases decorated with local advertisements, the most noticeable of which were Welcome Soap and Union Blend Tea.

One meat dealer sold over 2000 pounds of meat to feed the animals one day and all the contracts with local people were in proportion.

Mr. De Wolfe was the press agent of the show and the newspapers owe him a good word for the information he gave and the generous courtesies extended.

WAS A RAILWAY CAT.

Pussy Liked the Foot Well Enough, but She Struck to the Locomotive. "You have heard of the railroad dog, of course," said Cy Warman lately. "Everybody has, but I'll venture to say that you never heard of a railway cat. Well, I used to have o.e. You know I used to fire on Rio Grande Western. I got mixed up with one of those big mountain climbers in a wreck one time, and after that I quit the business cold and turned poet. Well, now for the tabby.

"You know the exploits of the railroad dog have been recounted in divers places—how he saved a train and the lives of the passengers from a fathomless pit or a dark yawning abyss and all that. Those are all stories of the railroader, of which the dog is the hero of the hour. My yarn is not like those old stories, for pussy was too well trained to do anything so rash as to save a train, and thereby endanger her own life. In the first place, puss was a pet of the landlady where most of the railroad men boarded, and in consequence the cat took a liking to railroading.

"She was a remarkable traveller, and she preferred the tender of a freight locomotive to a Pullman palace car. When the train would have a long wait at a side

track or station, Miss Puss would descend from her perch on the pile of coal, or, if the weather was inclement, from the seat of the engineer, where she would sit looking out on the track beyond, and go in hunt of mice; and if it was lunch hour would hunt up the kitchen door of the depot eating house. She was a great favorite, and always had the best of the engine afforded. She was a beautiful cat. Her four was jet black, and when the engine was running down the steep grades of the mountains she would hold her place on the top of the tender with all the grace and dignity imaginable, and it the wind was blowing she would ruffle up her black coat of fur, as though entering a protest. Puss never missed a trip all the time I was on the road after she took the railroad tender.

"When I left the Western puss had to choose between her owner and the big monster that had carried her so many miles. I remember the day I went out to bid the big inanimate object good-by. I was very much attached to it. Why not? We had gone through a wreck together, and it had received the brunt of a collision with a big rock. I looked at the engine, which was steamed up ready to start on its trip, and soon saw puss mount to her perch on the coal. I spoke tenderly to her, and she arched her back and purred knowingly. When I bid the boys good-by and called her she came part way, looked up at me in an undecided manner, and finally gave a pitiful mew and walked off toward the engine again. She kept up her habit for several years after that, and finally was crushed to death in a wreck. She was found curled up on the box by the side of the inanimate form of the engine. Both had died at the post of duty."

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