

PRESBYTERIANS DISCUSSED UNION.

Some Opposition Developed at the General Assembly Meeting.

BUT LEADERS FOR UNION ARE STILL HOPEFUL.

Kingston, June 14.—The General Assembly, by a decisive vote at this afternoon's sederunt, laid the separate school resolution of Rev. R. G. MacBeth on the table. The motion to lay on the table not being debatable, the desire of Mr. MacBeth that "something should be said on the whole question" was not gratified.

When the resolution came up for consideration, Mr. A. G. Farroll, K. C. Smith's Falls, rose to a point of order, and argued that, since the resolution stated that the General Assembly of 1896 unanimously declared against separate schools, it stated an inaccuracy, and was, therefore out of order. Mr. MacBeth offered to drop the word, but Mr. Farroll replied that the necessary notice of motion would then be lacking. The moderator was, however, not called on to decide the point, for Rev. W. M. Martin, Exeter, immediately moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and Rev. R. McLeod of Ripley, who spoke on church union yesterday, seconded the motion. Cries of "Vote, vote," came from the commissioners.

Principal Scrimger rose and stated that it would be a mistake not to

have the resolution discussed, but the Assembly would have none of it. The Moderator called for the vote, and by a large majority of the completed Assembly the resolution was laid on the table. Principals Gordon, Patrick and Falconer, all supported the motion. The opinion was freely expressed by the commissioners in the corridors that Mr. MacBeth ought not to have introduced the question at all, and the vote is, therefore, an expression of opinion against the discussion of separate schools, with which the resolution dealt.

The notice was in the following terms: "The General Assembly reaffirms the position unanimously taken in 1896, on motion of the late Principal Caven, seconded by the late Principal King, in regard to separate schools by declaring that such schools are inimical to a united Canadian citizenship, and by protesting against the establishment or perpetuation of separate schools, in any part of our country unless they are imperatively demanded by the confederation compact, by the terms of the constitution, or by the legislative action of the people most directly concerned."

priceless to the monks. On one occasion Barry brought a baby in his mouth for the hospice, and then returned with aid to the child's parents both of whom were saved through his agency. He was twice swept away by avalanches, but escaped in both cases without injury.

EXTRAORDINARY FEATS.

Tests of Skill and Endurance in Many Countries—Billiard Game of 24 Consecutive Hours.

The struggle between "Tom" Burrows and Charles Spinich for the long-distance club-swinging championship of the world reminds one, says The London Tit-Bits, of the many curious feats which one would look for in vain in tables of records, and yet which are full of interest.

To take club-swinging alone there are probably few who have any knowledge of E. W. Morgan's feat, performed just 17 years ago, when he manipulated a pair of four-pound clubs in 386 different movements and combinations, making a total of 2,311 revolutions in 15 minutes and 15 seconds.

Some time ago, in a violin competition held in Berlin, a dexterous fiddler played a piece of Paganini, consisting of 4,800 notes in four and a quarter minutes, his nimble fingers rattling off the notes at the average rate of 19 to a second.

An astonishing feat of skill and endurance was that of the principal carver at a Paris boulevard cafe, who not long ago, for a wager, cut 2,000 ham sandwiches in 19 hours and 40 minutes, using up 22 hams in the process. Less to be commended, perhaps, was the feat of G. A. Lee, of Elchfield, Conn., who smoked 50 cigars in 11 hours without once taking a drink.

At a walking tournament held two years ago in the Salle Wagram, Paris, M. Vincent and Mlle. Scherion danced without a moment's pause for six and three-quarter hours, beating their nearest rivals by the narrow margin of a minute's whirling. But perhaps a more remarkable feat still was that of William Kemp, an old-time actor, who danced all the way from London to Norwich, covering the 10 miles between Bury and Thetford in three hours.

A month ago M. Jules Cohen and M. Pierre Janssaud played billiards for 24 consecutive hours, scoring together 6,434 points, and walking about 30 miles round the table; an Italian professor once recited the whole of Dante's "Divine Comedy" from memory in a continuous sitting of 20 hours, and, later, an Englishman, not to be outdone by his Italian rival, recited the whole of "Paradise Lost" in St. Martin's Town Hall.

Last year a New Zealand farmer and his wife milked 24 cows daily for months. Patrick Fitzgerald in 1883 aroused the envy of the world's butchers by dressing 10 sheep in 33 minutes, following this feat by dressing a 36-pound lamb in 2 minutes 36 seconds. John Malone won his laurels by killing and dressing a bullock in 3 minutes 40 seconds; George H. Fisher of Detroit, by dressing 200 chickens for the market in 44 minutes; a chicken for every 13 seconds, approximately, and George Randall, of Taunton, Mass., made a great reputation by killing and dry-picking 103 geese in 9 hours 55 minutes.

And what shall we say of the gastronomic achievement of Charles Wurcz, who ate 30 geese—weighing from 6 pounds to 11 pounds each—in as many days; of Charles Pearsall, who swallowed 60 soft-boiled eggs a day for 6 consecutive days; of W. S. Walcott, who ate 2 quails every day for 30 days; or of J. Baker, who disposed of 6 quarts of beans in 40 minutes? G. A. Bilxt put in 4,320 panes of glass in 7 hours 3 minutes; John Watkins of Baltimore made 922 bricks in 55 minutes; and a Lynn shoemaker, with a single helper, lasted 432 pairs of shoes in 8 hours 20 minutes.

"Tom" Canfield distinguished himself at the Point of Pines a few years ago by running a mile, swimming a mile, walking a mile and roller-skating a mile within 60 minutes; John P. Thiers played the piano for 27 hours 19 minutes without a second's rest, in Philadelphia, a few years ago; Frank Barrett of New York, opened 2,500 oysters in 2 hours 16 3/4 minutes, and J. M. Mackintosh, a muscular Australian, cut through a tree 4 feet 8 inches in girth in 101 seconds.

Forks Are of Recent Date.

Knives and forks are a luxury of comparatively recent date. Some 200 years ago each man had his own knife and at dinner seized the joint and cut from it such portion as he wished and passed it on to his neighbor, who did the same. The knife then cut the meat into smaller bits, which were put into the mouth with the unoccupied hand.

None of the Sovereigns of England had forks till the reign of Henry VII. All high and low, used their fingers. Hence in the Royal household there was a dignitary called the ewer, who with a set of subordinates, attended at the meals with basins, water and towels. The survival of ewery was evident after forks had come into fashion. When James I. entertained the Spanish Ambassador at a dinner "their Majesties washed their hands with water from the same ewer, the towels being presented to the King by the Lord Treasurer and to the Queen by the Lord High Admiral." The Prince of Wales had a ewer to himself, which was afterwards used by the Ambassador.

The first Royal personage in England who was known to have a fork was Queen Elizabeth, but it is doubtful whether she ever used it. Forks came so slowly into use that they were employed only by the higher classes at the middle of the sixteenth century. About the period of the Revolution, 1688, few English noblemen had more

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Bitten By a Lady.

A house surgeon in one of the London hospitals was called on to dress a strange wound in a woman's arm the other night. After examining it carefully the doctor said that he would have to know what kind of an animal had bitten the woman, as the wound showed teeth marks, but did not look like one caused by a dog or any other small beast. The woman said that no animal had bitten her, but that the wound was made by "another lady."

His Preferences.

Quizzes—Which do you prefer, to sell for cash or charge things? Business—Cash, of course. But if they don't pay promptly, then I prefer charges.

Contrasted With Men.

One advantage about a pet dog is that he never smiles sardonically when a girl licks her thumb instead of the tack when she's hanging a picture.—Baltimore American.

One Came Out After The Other.

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AIM, NOT INTENTIONS, BAD.

Italian Gunners Shot all Over Pender Island Farms.

Vancouver, June 16.—The failure of some of the gunners on the Italian cruiser Umbria to hit the targets on Pender Island, ten miles from Victoria, came near raising an "international incident." While standing towards the city Commander Corsi of the Umbria, having secured permission from the naval authorities at Esquimalt, ordered the Umbria gunners to indulge in practice at the targets on Pender Island. Between sixty and one hundred of the non-explosive shells landed in the of a party of bluejackets from H. farmers' fields or in the shore camp M. survey ship Egeria. A rather hysterical account of the affair seems to have been sent to the London press.

On arriving at this port Commander Corsi was surprised to find a cablegram from the naval department at Rome demanding an explanation of his action at Pender Island. The commander was able to explain with ease. He said:

"When leaving Esquimalt I asked the captain of the Egeria where I could engage in target practice. He was kind enough to tell me off Pender Island, where the British warships practice. I was greatly surprised to receive the message from Rome. It placed me in a most embarrassing position for a time. The fact of missing the target and some of the shells reaching the shore was the purest accident, but likely to occur to any vessel engaged in target practice."

As a matter of fact nobody was hurt and no damage was done to property. Naval men here, however, are not inclined to view the matter so lightly as Commander Corsi evidently does. They point out that there are no targets on Pender Island, but the marks the Umbria fired at may have been buoys placed near the shore by the survey ship Egeria for use in hydrographic work. It is considered lucky that nobody was hurt, but the matter, they say, cannot be lightly dismissed, because a like mistake in the future might result fatally.

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COSSAR'S MOOSE HEAD.

New Swindling Game From the Old Land.

Vancouver, B. C., June 17.—James Cossar of Peachland, B. C., has returned to this province from the old country with a new tale of how they swindle colonials in "dear old Lunnnon." While he was visiting in Belzise Square a young man called and inquired for "Mr. Cossar of Peachland." He said he had sought him for a long time because he had undertaken, at the request of a British Columbia friend of Cossar's, to hand over a moose head and a box of apples. The goods were at Clapham Junction, and there were railway charges to the extent of \$85. Would Mr. Cossar get the goods and pay him?

The tale was so plausibly told that Mr. Cossar ponied up five V.s without first making a visit to Clapham Junction. When he did get there he found, of course, that there was no moosehead and not an apple for him. Scotland Yard was consulted and one of the detectives of whom Sherlock Holmes speaks so highly was put on the track of the swindler. The man was caught and was sentenced to six months with hard labor.

WILL GO TO M'MASTER.

Prof. Kierstead Accepts Chair in the Baptist University.

Toronto Globe.—The vacancies in the faculty of McMaster University are being gradually and satisfactorily filled. Prof. E. M. Kierstead, Ph. D., for twenty years professor of English and moral philosophy in Acadia University, who was appointed to the chair of systematic theology and apologetics, vacated by Prof. Goodspeed, has accepted the appointment. He is now in the city, the guest of Chancellor McKay, and yesterday attended the picnic of the Bloor street Baptist Sunday School at Bond Lake.

At a conference of the theological faculty and Prof. Kierstead, he made known his decision, which was a cause of great pleasure to the McMaster men and will be hailed with delight by Ontario Baptists generally.

(Prof. Kierstead is a New Brunswick and a graduate of the U. N. B.)

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Barry the Second, who had saved no fewer than thirty-four lives, was a worthy successor of his grandsire of the same name. His nominal value was about £75, but his great intelligence and extraordinary powers of scent and hearing rendered him