

Mr. Boyd Carpenter might have added that, by the irony of fate, that tendency coincides with a devotion to physical exercises which has never been equalled at any period of our national history. But the truth is that though we spend a vast amount of time in playing games—and in looking at others playing them—we are too often lamentably ignorant of those elementary laws of health and rules of hygiene by which alone our people can be made and kept physically "fit." It is the work of the National League to disseminate knowledge of these things, and that work deserves all the support that the public can possibly give it.



A Canadian National Anthem.

According to a Canadian newspaper the Dominion is too young to have evolved a national anthem. The sentiment of the people we are told, has not clustered around any particular person, event, or idea. When the average rhymster sits down to write a Canadian song he tries to include everything in it, from the herring fleet of Nova Scotia to the miners of Klondyke, and the result is a species of directory. But what as a Canadian would say, is the matter with "The Maple Leaf for Ever?" The maple leaf is the national emblem of Canada, as we learnt (says the "Daily Chronicle") at the Olympic Games, if we did not know it before. The sentiment of the song is excellent, and in rhyme and rhythm it compares favourably with other national anthems. There is a pleasant lilt in the melody, and when sung by school children, which happens on all ceremonious occasions, an Englishman who hears it finds himself making comparisons between it and his native hymn—greatly in favour of the Maple leaf.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.
Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the Lights on Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 6.14. To-morrow night at 6.16, and on Saturday at 6.18.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS.
The Exchequer returns from April 1st to February 13th:—Receipts £120,862,187, expenditure £122,927,893, balances £7,800,176. Corresponding period of last year—Receipts £127,028,772, expenditure £121,646,591, balances £9,905,548.

DANISH EGG TRADE.
By combining themselves into associations, the Danish farmers are building up a wonderful trade in eggs with Great Britain, the latter country having consumed over 400,000,000 Danish eggs in 1907 and also 1908.

SALMON-NETTING ON THE TWEED.
The Tweed salmon netting opened on Monday, and fine weather enabled most of those concerned to start operations. Both in the low reaches and the upper netting waters salmon were got in larger numbers than were expected. The opening is

opportunity. The programme is the more attractive by reason of its including some vocal music which will be contributed by Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Wright. We understand that seats will be reserved for all who purchase tickets (which can be procured from Messrs. Ledger and Sons, George St.), before the evening of the Recital.

MR. WM. O'BRIEN AND THE CONVENTION.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, addressing his constituents last night in Cork, referring to his reception at the recent Convention, said he was bowled down by "Molly Maguires" from Belfast, who terrorised the respectable members of the Convention.

PARLIAMENT.

Lawlessness in Ireland.

In the House of Lords yesterday the debate on the Address was resumed by Lord Londonderry, who referred to the state of lawlessness of certain parts in Ireland. Amongst those who also spoke were Lord Denman, Lord Ashbourne, and Lord Oranmore and Browne, and the debate was again adjourned.

In the House of Commons yesterday the debate on the Address was continued. Mr. Barnes submitted an amendment on the question of unemployment, the discussion of which occupied the whole of the sitting.

FUNERAL OF MRS. REA.

The remains of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Rea were interred this morning in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The deceased lady, who was wife of Mr. P. J. Rea, had been ailing for a considerable time past, and her death at an early age was not unexpected. The funeral, which started from St. Michael's R.C. Church, was large and representative, and bore fitting testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held in the city.

The chief mourners were—Patrick J. Rea, husband; Patrick and Edward Rea, sons; Edward Power and Frank Power, brothers of the deceased; James Cunningham, cousin; Dr. E. Frost, Coroner Frost, T. Frost, Feeleagh; James Nolan, Joseph Nolan, F. McDonogue, David Rea, James Rea, Wm. Rea, W.W. O'Dwyer, J. V. Kelly.

The clergy present were—Rev. P. O'Carroll, C.O. and Rev. Fr. Haunan, C.C. St. Michael's. Amongst the general public were—The Mayor (Alderman T. Donnellan), Mr. M. P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P. Bruff; Alderman P. McDonagh, Mr. D. Begley, Mr. J. F. McDonagh, D.O.; Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. P. Fitzgerald, Rosbrien; Mr. James E. Barry, J.P.; Mr. R. Ryan, Crístloe; Mr. G. Frost, Clonmoney; Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. P. J. Hayes, Mr. J. F. Holvey, Mr. T. Bourke, Mr. P. Hartigan, Mr. R. Hartigan, Mr. J. Portley, Mr. E. Cahill, Mr. M. Hassett, Mr. J. M. Guicane, Mr. J. Corbett, Mr. Wm. Manahan, Mr. F. J. Lawlor, Mr. E. McInerney, etc.

Father Carroll officiated at the graveside.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., and Mr. B. O'Donnell presided at the County Petty Sessions to-day.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.
Stephen O'Shea, labourer, Blackboy, was charged by Sergeant Kelly with drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Saturday night. The sergeant stated that he had been drinking heavily for some time, and was the terror of the locality. There was a second charge of a similar nature against him since last night, and a cumulative fine of 30s. or in default three weeks imprisonment was imposed.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE.
On the application of District-Inspector White, two children named Louise and Catherine Grubb were committed to an Industrial

married to Miss Julia Keely, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Keely. Rev. Fr. O'Shea officiated at the wedding and the happy pair left immediately for Dublin where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents were costly and numerous.

There is on view now at Messrs. G. a capital photograph of the Earl of K.P., H.M.L.

It will be perceived by advertisement grand concert under the auspices of P.Y.M.A. Hockey Club will take place at the Lecture Hall, 97 George Street, next evening. Several lady and gentleman will support an excellent programme. The concert promises to be a most enjoyable and successful one. Further particulars in next issue.

LECTURE AT THE P.

Mr. A. J. Eakins, J.P., gave a highly interesting and entertaining lecture on "A Visit to White City," before a large audience, last evening, in the lecture hall of the P. Young Men's Association. The High Sheriff, W. L. Stokes, J.P., occupied the chair. The proceeds of the lecture were in aid of the Fund of St. Munchin's Company, Charitable Brigade. Shortly before eight o'clock a party (under the command of Captain) marched into the hall and presented arms. Rev. T. B. Robertson opened the proceedings with prayer.

Mr. Eakins illustrated his lecture with aid of some 50 beautiful slides, including British and French sections, the visits of King and President Pailieres, the Irish "Ceylon," "India," "Africa," the F. Scenic Railway, and others equally interesting. The first slide was a photograph of his late Majesty King Edward, and on seeing it the speaker rose and sang the National Anthem, which Stewart accompanied on the piano.

Rev. Precentor Adderley, M.A. (Organist of the Limerick Battalion C.L.B.), proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Eakins, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas Grubb, and passed unanimously.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN LONDON.

Suffocated by Gas Fumes.

In a house at Whitechapel yesterday the body of a carman and two of her children were found on the floor of a room in which a gas burn had been turned full on.

The children were dead, and their mother lived only a few minutes. She is stated to have been worried owing to the fact that some of her children suffered from some eye trouble.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Market Ward Sub-Committee.

A meeting of the Market Ward Pensions Committee was held on Monday last at the Offices, William street, for the purpose of considering claims to pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act. Rev. Michael Murphy, C.C. John's (chairman), presided. Also present Councillors M. Griffin, L. O'Donnell, O'Mealy, and J. Quinn. Of a number of claims received from the Inland Revenue Department, two were granted a full rate and one disallowed.

First Prosecution in Ireland

At Clonmel Borough Court yesterday first prosecution in Ireland under the Old Age Pensions Act took place. An old man named Burke was charged by the Treasury v. falsely stating in his application for an old age pension that he had never been imprisoned whereas he had been sent to jail for nine months in 1906 for cattle stealing.

Defendant pleaded ignorance of the law. Mr. Coll, Barrister-at-Law, who prosecuted said that this was an important case, because such practices were allowed the Treasury would be at a serious loss.