Canuck Society.

The Canadians of this city met last night and organized a social and literary society. N. A. Parks occupied the chair and W. H. Gordon acted as secretary. After the disposition of some preliminary business the following preamble was adopted:

The objects of this association are to cultivate among Canadian residents of this Territory a friendly regard for each other, independent of all provincial lines or party predilections, mutual relief and social improvement of its members, and the fostering and perpetuation of a hearty love for the home land.

N. A. Parks was elected president and W. H. Gordon secretary of the permanent organization.

The following committees were then appointed, after which the meeting adjourned:

On constitution—Messrs. Brown, McKinnon and Johnson.

On inquiry—Messrs. Shannon, Russell, Myers.

On quarters—Messrs. Park, McKinnon, Brown.

Literary Notes.

"The Anarchists," by John Henry Mackay, being a graphic picture of civilization at the close of the nineteenth century, has just been published by B. J. Tucker, of Boston, Mass. It is a translation from the German by George Schumm, and will be read with interest.

In the *Pansy* for November "Along the Line," and "The Little Card" continue, and "Way Stations" is begun, as well as Margaret Sydney's "Little Paul and the Frisbie School." Fascinating in baby simplicity and tenderness is "What Made Baby Laugh." D. Lothrop Company, Boston, are the publishers.

Babyland for November is out. "How the baby named herself" is a charming surprise. The little love-song, "To My Kitty," is a sweet awakening from an unhappy dream; while the tots lost in the snow, and the darling sighing for a watch in exchange for her doll are delightfully drawn. The touching stories, the funny jingles, and the amusing pictures of Babyland are very pleasing. D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

COURSING IN DESERET.

LOCAL GREYHOUNDS AND MERCED HARES TO VISIT MORMONDOM.

[San Francisco Examiner.]

D. L. Levy, known six years ago in this city as an enthusiast in behalf of dog shows, is now a resident of Salt Lake City, where he recently finished a successful show in connection with the exhibition of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing society.

The show was the first ever given in Utah, and 152 dogs were benched. Major Levy is now in this city trying to interest local greyhound owners in a coursing meeting which he proposes to open at Salt Lake City on November 26th. The hares will be taken from Merced to Utah, and as the land thereabouts in many portions near Salt Lake City is flat, like the San Joaquin plains, no drawback to good sport is anticipated.

The citizens of Salt Lake are backing the new sport, and it is Major Levy's hope to establish a coursing meeting there as one of circuit which shall include San Francisco, Denver, Great Bend, Kan., and Salt Lake City.

Such of the San Francisco owners of hounds as have been approached have encouraged the project, and he is to take back with him some of the best greyhound blood of the State in descendants of Tempest, Prairie Girl, Beaconsfield and Monarch II.

The Year of Great Crops.

It is to be hoped there is yet many another year like it before the people of the United States, but as far as we have gone 1891 stands on record as the all-round year of the greatest crops ever produced in this republic. As an instance it may be mentioned that from an area covering six counties in the state of Ohio the farmers will receive from their tobacco crop alone $1,500,000.

Of course the great crops are wheat, corn and cotton. The shortage of wheat in Europe and India has happened as if purposely to afford a fine market to American farmers for the greatest crop in their history. While the price for wheat has not touched the high figure universally expected for it, it is sufficiently good to pay off many a mortgage and to account for the whole country to $500,000,000. This is estimating the average price at one dollar a bushel, as the crop will reach half a billion bushels. The reciprocity treaties with Brazil, the Spanish West Indies and San Domingo will afford to our farmers a better wheat market than they ever had before on their own continent. Brazil cannot raise wheat at all and is almost altogether dependent on us.

As to corn, there will be not less than 2,000,000,000 bushels. At fifty cents a bushel this will amount to $1,000,000,000 in the pockets of American farmers. When in the history of nations were ever agriculturists so favored before? The corn, however, will not be shipped abroad to any overwhelming extent. We use the bulk of it at home to feed stock and to make into whisky and corn starch. Last year's crop was only half of what this year's will be, consequently during the summer months of the present season corn fed beef was scarce in the markets. But it will now be plentiful, while the corn fed pork will be driven to market from the overflowing farms by the hundred thousand.

Of cotton there will be in the neighborhood of 7,250,000 bales. This will be less than the crop of last year, which was 8,000,000 bales, but greater than the yield of 1889, 7,311,322 bales, which up to that time had been the greatest the cotton states had produced. While the crop this year is not so great as last the price will be better.

Oats are expected to return $250,000,000, and the total value of the farm crops will certainly not be less than $2,500,000,000, on the whole bringing to the farmers nearly half a billion more dollars than they had last year. The price of beef cattle is also better than it was last year. The fact of nearly every kind there never was such a year of abundance known. Farmers are accused of being chronic grumblers, but it will be interesting to know what they will have to complain of this fall.

Greeley Before the Camera.

Horace Greeley dreaded the camera more than any man I ever saw. He was brought to my studio by Whitelaw Reid and Sam Sinclair, famous in his day as one of the great workers on The Tribune. The great editor had just been nominated for the presidency of the United States. He came into my studio with an armful of papers, threw himself carelessly in the chair, adjusted his glasses, turned to the editorial page of The Tribune, began reading one of his own articles, and, without raising his eyes to me, said, "Fire away!" He had a great armful of papers, which he threw on the floor at his feet. When I was ready to take the picture I posed him properly and made a very good impression. I took him in several positions, and I noticed that every time there was a moment's delay with the camera he picked up his papers and began reading with avidity.

At the same time I took a group portrait of Greeley, with Whitelaw Reid on one side and Sinclair on the other. I doubt if any of those pictures are in existence. But the photograph then made at the first sitting of Greeley alone is the one generally accepted as the best likeness. I have in my possession a letter from him acknowledging the receipt of the pictures—at least I suppose that is what it does, for it has taxed the ability of experts in chirography to decipher it. I regard it, however, as a pleasant memento of the great journalist and statesman.—A. Bogardus in Ladies' Home Journal.

The Prince of Wales' Debts.

The exact financial position of the Prince of Wales is not known. There have been rumors that he is greatly in debt, but I question their correctness. When the prince came of age he became possessed of the accumulations realized during his minority from the Duchy of Cornwall. A portion of these was expended in the purchase of the Sandringham estate, and the remainder became his. With this nest egg, with an income of £110,000 pounds per annum, one of £10,000 for his wife, a separate provision for his children, and with Marlborough House kept up for him at the public cost there seems no reason why his expenditure should outrun his income. His hospitalities are not greater than those of the French president, who, with less than half his income, does not get into debt.—Henry Labouchere in Forum.

An Approach to Aerial Navigation.

Of course I hope to succeed, and from the data obtained from experiments and from the information I have obtained from other sources, it seems almost certain that I shall do so. Still I may not. It may, however, be remarked that for many years engineers and scientists have admitted that the navigation of the air is certain to come as soon as a motor could be discovered which had sufficient energy in proportion to its weight.

This motor has been found, its power has been tested and its weight is known. It would therefore appear that we are within measurable distance of a successful machine for navigating the air, and I believe it is certain to come within the next ten years, whether I succeed or not.—Hiram S. Maxim in Century.

A Queer Sect.

M. Sotchaloff is the leader of a sect in Russia which preaches suicide as an absolute necessity for salvation. At one of his great "revivals" in Kief he preached so hard in favor of murder and suicide that several of his followers cut one another's throats. There are dozens of other fanatical religious bodies in the empire of the czar, many of whom practice blood curdling sacrificial ceremonies.—St. Louis Republic.

His Protest was Effective.

A citizen of Paris, Ky., who was fined seven dollars for allowing his cow to cut on his own premises to kill his own chickens, protested so vehemently against this interference with a man's enjoyment of an inalienable right that the judge, per force, remitted the penalty.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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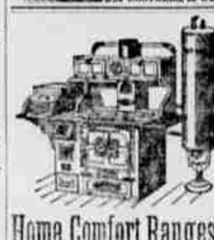

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