

CRITICAL WEEK IN BIG LEAGUE HOCKEY RACE OPENS TONIGHT

HECTIC BATTLE WHEN PIRATES MEET BOSTON

Canadiens Play Ottawa And New York Meets St. Pats

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—Hockey in the National Hockey League starts on probably the most critical week of the season tonight, with three games scheduled, two of which are games of great importance in the fight for play-off positions.

Canadiens, back from Pittsburgh, where they were beaten by the Pirates Saturday night, meet the Ottawa Senators tonight at the Arena in a game which should provide the test for the league leading team from the capital as to whether or not they are coming out of the slump which struck them two weeks ago.

The Bruins have been travelling as to whether or not they are coming out of the slump which struck them two weeks ago. It is possible that Archie Wilcox, who played with the Victorias last night, against Sons of Ireland, may be in a Canadian uniform for tonight's pro tilt.

Pittsburgh and Boston will be saving off in the fight for third position this evening, the two teams meeting at Boston. The Bruins have been travelling at an unbeatable clip for the past two weeks, and a win over the Pirates will bring the two teams practically level.

A big clinch for the Boston players, who three weeks ago were well down in last place.

St. Patrick's and New York play at New York tonight. The Americans have not won a game in their last thirteen starts, and are about due to slip across with a victory. Montreal has a bye tonight, the Maroons next game being at the Forum Thursday, when they meet St. Pats here.

LIKES RODDEN

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—Leo Dandurand of the Canadian Hockey Club, returned from Toronto yesterday where he attended the meeting of the N. H. L. at the week-end. The managing director of the Canadiens expressed regret that the incident in connection with Referee Rodden and a spectator at the arena recently, had been taken to the courts and emphasized a statement that the Canadiens had absolutely nothing to do with Rodden's arrest. In fact Dandurand believes Mike Rodden to be a good referee and states that he is willing at any time to have him handle games in which Canadiens meet the home team, the St. Pats.

BOOTS LAST NIGHT

CINCINNATI—Frankie Schoell, Buffalo, won on a foul from Joe Anderson, Covington, Ky., 4.

BALTIMORE—Tommy Hermann, Chicago, beat Lew Mays, Baltimore, 12.

PHILADELPHIA

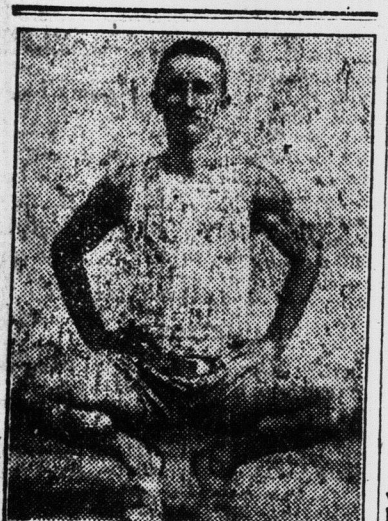
Philadelphia, Pa., beat Morris Schlaf, Omaha, 10.

NEWARK—Harry Dudley, Newark, knocked out Scientist Sammie Baker, Michigan Field, 2.

TRENTON, N. J.—Tommy West, Trenton, won over Vincent Lopez, Philadelphia, 9.

HOME THIS WEEK

Mrs. E. W. Glean, Montreal, received a cable from her husband, who is with the Canadian curlers, stating that he was sailing for home on Friday. About 20 of the Canadian curlers were called on Friday from Liverpool on the Montrose which is expected to reach Saint John on Friday next.



Speed skating and defense are helped right away

HOW ATHLETES TREAT STRAINS AND SPRAINS

Gymnasium director advises simple, easy treatment

Hard exercise brings lame muscles—and often bruises and strains as well. An athletic director in a gymnasium at Utica, N. Y., writes that he has found a simple and always effective way of treating them.

"Just put on a little Sloan's Liniment," says the director, "and the pain is gone at the cause. Right to the place that hurts it brings a healing tide of fresh new blood—builds up the injured tissue—clears out the fatigue poisons. Almost at once you feel relief. Stiffness, swelling, inflammation go down. The pain stops. Get a bottle today and have it on hand. All drugstores—35 cents."

Just Received, a shipment of FRESH OLIVE OIL, direct from Italy, in cans from 1-16 gallon to one gallon, at very low prices.

HERMAN'S LITTLE ITALY, 194 Union St.

Tour of Canada By Picked English Soccer Eleven Is Arranged

Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN A. DUNLOP

TO THE AVERAGE MAN, the spectacle of constructing a huge grandstand at Lily Lake every time we have a major speed-skating meeting, using it for a few days and then tearing it down, making it necessary to spend thousands of dollars in building it up again for another meeting—to the average man this seems like a terrible waste of money. Probably, there are reasons why this procedure is followed, the main one being the opinion expressed by the citizens who have discussed the matter that the grandstand should not be torn down this year but fixed up and made ready for use not only in winter but for summer athletic meets. Is there anyone who will say that we shall never again have a speed-skating meet in Saint John? Hardly, when our future as an athletic centre on the North American continent is bound up in this opinion.

The city building inspector, who is given to understand, goes him four better. A small sum of a few thousand dollars spent this year will save us tens of thousands in the years to come and give us a permanent structure. That one item of expense in the years before us would probably turn a deficit into a profit. Holding these winter meets is a civic business venture that warrants careful and wise attention and on such an important item as the grandstand there should be no penny-wise, pound foolish policy. Let the grandstand stand.

TOMMY MILLIGAN is to get another chance against Jack Zivic, Pittsburgh, Friday night. This will about make or break the Scotch boy on this side of the water.

CLAS THUNBERG, of Finland, is hitting the stride these days that gave him the Olympic speed-skating title in 1924 and made him for years the outstanding skater in Europe. At Lake Placid last week, Thunberg took Charlie Jewtraw's measure and while the Jewtraw today is not the same boy who won the 1924 International title here, Thunberg is holding his own as a skater at the time he is making will prove. The Lake Placid races prove that the reason for Thunberg's overwhelming defeat here was that he could not stand the man-to-man competition. The crowd here quickly recognized that disadvantage under which the good-natured Finn was laboring and gave him big hands whenever he appeared. In the light of Thunberg's recent performance, the question has been asked: How would Gorman show up against the Finn in such a series as Jewtraw engaged him? It is an interesting question and one that could only be settled in a series of races here. The sporting public of Saint John would flock to such a series in as big numbers as they flocked to the world's meet under the North American system. Even though Gorman was beaten, it would not take away his world's title which he won fairly and squarely. If he would be willing to give the Finn a sporting chance at his own game, if Charlie did beat the Finn, had right to the title here and in Europe would be unquestioned. It is a tempting sport morsel to view and would cause international interest if finally arranged.

THERE has been much speculation as to how the Thunberg-Jewtraw races are being staged at Lake Placid and Saranac Lake and in reply to questions of this nature, it is learned that it is a fifty-fifty proposition. The 800 yards was a skating American style while the mile and a half was a European style, that is from opposite sides of the rink and in inter-crossing lanes. The 220 was skated American style and the European way governed the mile. The 440 yesterday, it is believed was skated American style while the 3/4 was done in continental manner.

TEX RICKARD'S PLANS for building up Paulino Urcidun—the medal ticket of Francois Desmarte and Georges Carpentier—got a belt over the head the other day in the shape of a 23-year-old German lad, Diener, who held the Spanish onion to a draw. Paulino took the place of Hans Breitengrasser, who was sick. About 18,000 spectators saw Paulino meet his equal in the 23-year-old German heavyweight. They were treated to real slugfests, the like of which has never been seen in Berlin.

Both fighters were equal in strength, standing up for unmerciful punishment without flinching effect. Both were equally quick and neither one succeeded in landing a blow to draw blood or to send the other to the boards. Young Diener gave Paulino as good as he received, his admirable footwork was a valuable adjunct to his unusual strength. The Spaniard's dreaded wallop seemed ineffective on this stalwart German, who had Paulino against the ropes at his mercy in the fourth round. Diener well in hand, making him feel his telling blows in the fifth round. It was evident here that Diener lacked experience, as otherwise he would have evaded much punishment. When the fight was over the judges were only able to come to a decision after deliberating for ten minutes. Both fighters weighed 168 pounds.

INTERMEDIATES STAGE HOT RACE

Four Teams Running Neck and Neck For The League Title

Hockey fans have been watching with growing interest the race for honors in the City Intermediate League. Four teams, two in each group, are practically neck and neck, and by the end of this week will be closer still according to the "dope."

However, the "dope" may once more prove to be all wrong as has happened in every line of sport in a great many instances. But all eyes are now turned toward the intermediates, now that the Seniors have run out their Southern Section schedule and have only exhibition games in view. No doubt some of the players of the City League today will be stars of Senior hockey within the next three years. Therefore, watch the youngsters.

To sum up briefly the situation now existing in the league, either Nationals or Canucks in Section "A" and Trojans or Navy in Section "B" can win on the play-off. There is a big possibility that the Nationals can repeat their performance of last year and once more take the championship. On the other hand, supporters of the Trojans look to their outfit to grab off the title as they were runners-up last season and are stronger than ever.

OLD TIMERS MATCH

A hockey game that is expected to pack the rink at Sussex on Thursday night of this week is carded between the Montreal firemen and the Sussex firemen. All the oldtimers are expected to line-up. The Charlottetown Abilies are expected to play in Sussex on Friday night.

Thistles To Meet Provincial Clubs

Five Rinks from the St. Stephen curling club will arrive in the city today to play a round robin match against the Thistles. The local rinks are made up as follows:

Afternoon play—G. W. Nole, J. McMillan, R. G. Bishop, S. W. Palmer, skip; J. B. Patchell, R. W. Stevenson, R. M. Fowler, W. J. Brown, skip.

Evening play—R. H. McKendrick, D. Currie, H. G. Barnes, W. J. Shaw, skip; F. C. Vry, J. D. Cameron, W. J. Currie, H. E. Leavitt, skip; Steele, W. S. Barnes, R. S. Ritchie, R. D. C. Malcolm, skip.

THISTLES VS. HAMPTON

Tomorrow four rinks from the Hampton Club will arrive in the city to play a return match with the Thistles Curling Club. The rinks chosen by the locals follow:

Afternoon play—J. R. Steele, Robert Reid, R. E. Crawford, R. M. Fowler, skip; R. C. Gilmore, L. B. Estey, Fred Shaw, W. Brown, skip.

Evening play—G. M. Lawson, R. S. Ritchie, W. H. Gamble, W. A. Shaw, skip; G. A. Stubbs, I. E. Archibald, J. J. Likely, Dr. D. C. Malcolm, skip.

OVER TIME NEEDED

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—There was absolutely nothing at stake when Victorians and Sons of Ireland met in the senior Houloude group of the Senior Amateur Hockey Group at the Forum last night. But the two teams waged a battle which had all the appearances of a gruelling tilt for championship honors. It took ten minutes of overtime play before Sig. Slater, Victoria centre player, finally broke through and scored the goal which ended the deadlock and gave Victorians a 2-1 victory.

Sons of Ireland and Victorians had previously qualified for the group play-off. Following the game last night, the officials of the two clubs met and decided on play-off dates for two of the three games. Victorians will play the first of the series at Quebec next Monday night. The Quebec team will play back against Victorians at the Forum, the following Monday, March 1. The third game will be played in Quebec at a date to be set later. Total goals in the series count.

MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS LEAVE FOR THE SOUTH

Few Changes Expected In Line-ups This Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The big baseball parade moves south this week out of the land of ice and snow into the land of sunshine more than 900 baseball players with major league aspirations will go and when they return those who return at all will find spring and the 1926 season at hand.

Many have been called by the major league managers, a few will be chosen to carry on through the campaign, the rest will be dropped by the wayside.

The Chicago Cubs were the first to shove off for the spring training camp. Other contingents will be moving off daily. The three metropolitan teams will board the southbound trains the end of this week, with the Giants' representatives departing on Thursday, the Yankees on Friday and the Robins on Sunday.

The Pirates have picked up two likely performers in Carl Wauer, an outfielder, and Hal Rhyne, who may supplant Eddie Moore as regular second baseman. The Cardinals expect Flowers to fill the hole at shortstop, and Huntenger to strengthen the pitching staff. The Cubs have two new players while the Phillies have added Bender, who is almost sure to fill regular position in Shannon, a shortstop, and Munson, an outfielder. The Braves have a new catcher in Taylor, and a new outfielder in Edie Brown, both obtained in the deal with Brooklyn, while there are several promising candidates for the third-base position. The Reds will have a new first baseman in Wally Pipp, and a new shortstop in Emmert, while the Phillies have added Bender as a first baseman and Dean as pitcher, through a deal with the Giants.

The American League clubs have not gone so far in strengthening their line-ups as the National League clubs have. Several prospective regulars are being eyed. Cleveland, Detroit and the Athletics have done little toward improvement, but the Senators have added Joe Bush to their corps of pitchers, and the same deal. The Browns obtained a promising pitcher in Win Ballou and the veteran Zaryah. The Red Sox have picked up a battle winner in the person of whom may jump in as a regular, and the White Sox have obtained a good infielder in acquiring Moe Berg.

COMETS WILL ADOPT NEW STYLE OF PLAY

Hope to Be Able to Turn Back Abbies Thursday Night Here

The Comets are hard at work rounding into form for the game here with the Abbies, of Charlottetown, on Thursday night.

The Comets are still a little sore at the Abbies' beating them last week, but are determined that the Abbies will have a battle which will be a real test of their proposition to handle.

A few changes in the style of play are being tried out with the result that the team appears to be showing up more effectively on both the offensive and the defensive.

As weather indications point to a continuation of unseasonably cold weather the ice is practically sure to be hard for Thursday night and that means a fast game irrespective of the outcome.

PROGRAM FOR TORONTO CONTESTS

Joe Moore Does Exhibition 220 at New Rochelle in 19 and 4-5

The following events are carded on the Canadian Speed Skating Championships program at Toronto on Feb. 26 and 27.

Junior boys, under 12—220 yards.

Junior boys, under 14—220 and 440 yards.

Junior boys, under 16—440 and 880 yards.

Junior boys, under 18—440 and one mile.

Junior girls, under 16—220 and 440 yards.

Junior girls, under 18—440 and 880 yards.

Senior ladies—220, 440, 880 yards and one mile.

Senior men—220, 440, 880 yards and 1 1/2 mile, one mile and three miles.

MORRIS STARRER

Low Morris and Miss Elsie Mueller were the respective winners of the 220 and 440 yard races in the county outdoor speed skating championships which were held at Huguenot Lake before a crowd of 10,000 persons at New Rochelle last week. The large crowd taxed the capacity of the wooden stands on the east side of the lake, severely, and one section crashed to the ground, leaving the hundred or more humans occupants badly shaken up, but fortunately without serious injury.

A panic was started and no one was seriously hurt. After this delay the meet was continued.

Joe Moore gave an exhibition at 220 yards skating against time, and was clocked in 19 4-5.

COLE TO TORONTO

Chester Cole, who won the 14-year-old world's championship at Saint John recently, leaves tomorrow for Toronto where he will compete in the Canadian championships on Friday and Saturday of this week. He will then go to New York for the international indoor meet to be held in Madison Square Gardens. He is accompanied by his father, E. W. Cole.

WON ON FOUL

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Jackie Johnson, half-midget, of Toronto, was awarded the decision on a foul in the C. N. R. recreation League the Engineers won all four points from the Presidents. The individual scores follow:

Presidents—Total Avg. 74 71 81 226 76-1-3

Engineers—Total Avg. 88 74 75 237 75-2-3

McLennan—71 62 62 195 63

Coughlan—63 68 62 193 62-2-3

Pustie—74 68 78 220 72-1-3

SHEIKS, 8, TIGERS, 2

SASKATOON, Sask., Feb. 16.—The league leading Saskatoon Sheiks returned to championship form last night to score an 8-2 victory over the Calgary Tigers, in a Western Hockey League fixture.

Silver Skate Meet In Arena Feb. 24

A silver skate meet is being arranged for the Arena on Feb. 24 next, and it was announced this morning that entries could be made to W. E. Stirling, Fred Finley at the Arena, Frank Elliott and H. M. Cleary. Entries will close on Saturday, Feb. 20. This will be the second indoor meet of the season, and a big entry list is expected.

BROWN TO MEET C. NEWTON HERE

"Newport Johnny" Has Great Record In The Fistic Circles

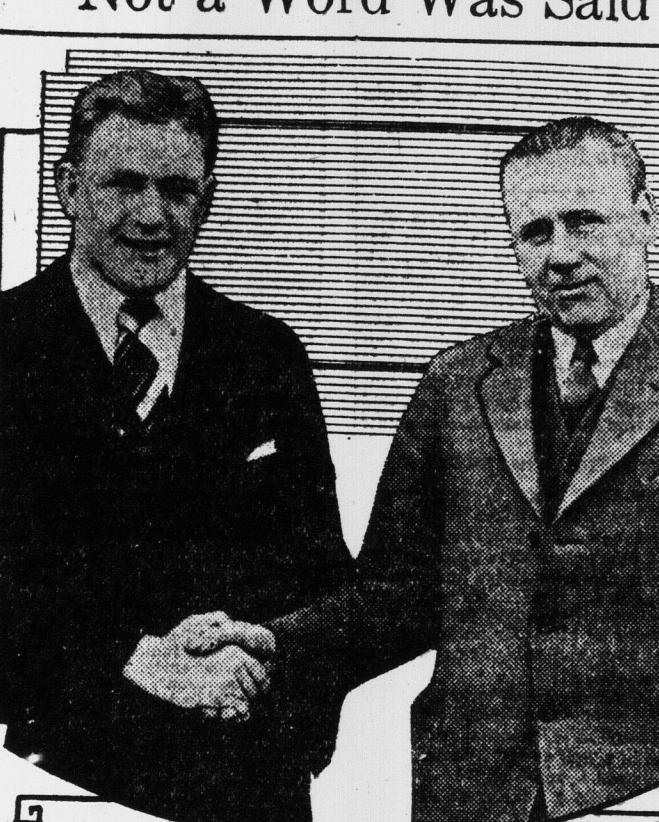
Local boxing promoters have scored another triumph in securing the services of Newport Johnny Brown to meet Chris Newton, the blonde Irishman, in the main bout of an Armories boxing show during February. That Saint John fans will receive this announcement with much pleasure is almost certain for various reasons.

Newport Johnny Brown is well known to boxing devotees of Canada on account of his two hectic battles with Kid Roy, staged in Montreal. Brown's services are in demand by promoters all over the country as his record is second to no other featherweight in the northeast corner of the country. Matchmaker Jess McMahon is anxious to book him for Madison Square Garden. McMahon saw Brown knock out Nick Quaglieri in two rounds at Boston recently.

Newport Johnny was a slashing last week at Providence and Portland. His ring record is impressive having met the following and others: Chick Suggs, Red Chapman, Johnny Harko, Lou Lambert and others.

Chris Newton, Canadian junior lightweight champion, is well known to local fight fans through his great record in the fistic circles. He has shown great form in all his battles meeting and beating some of the best in his class. Holds records over Bert Brown and Ray Romney at Toledo and fought Cuddy DeMarco to a draw in 12 rounds at Montreal. DeMarco is a world's lightweight contender.

Not a Word Was Said



They met the other day—Ernie Nevins, former Stanford star and one of the greatest of pro football players, and Major John L. Griffith, one of the most outstanding opponents of the professional game.

Their meeting took place at Superior, Wis., where Nevins started his athletic career in high school. Nevins was back for a visit with the cause of Griffith's attendance. Griffith was one of the speakers.

"He's just an innocent kid," said Griffith, commenting on the grid star. "Ernie, on the other hand, was de-lighted with the major's pleasant meeting. Nevins on left."

The N. Y. Dog Shows

(By A. K. M.)

An apostle of gloom announced through the press and by radio last week in New York that "New York" was to be destroyed by fire on Friday, and cited the heavy snowstorms and the terrible condition of the roads as a justification of the coming destruction, and to prove his claim he said he wouldn't give five cents for the Woolworth building. Evidently taking him at his word, New Yorkers prepared to go entirely to the dogs, and as there were three different dog shows there were three different dog shows there. The latter having the greatest dog show ever held in the United States, opened on Thursday last in the new Madison Square Gardens and came to a close on Saturday night. It was the golden jubilee show of the Westminster Kennel Club dogs, with an entry list of 162 dogs, and the Boston terriers were next with 128 entries. There were 22 judges, J. Robinson, Chairman, Dr. James E. Hair, E. H. Carne, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Julius Fraemann, Tyler Morse, S. W. Quen, H. F. Nelson, Theodore Crane, H. A. Abnerstedt, Winthrop Rutherford, C. H. Mantler, Mrs. Chas. G. Ford, Mrs. S. De Meo, J. Allen Dunn, Louis Salmow, Lawrence J. O'Connor, P. A. S. Widener, all of United States, and Walter H. Reeves and H. B. 202 and 1-5. In the longer race, both a draw and a terrific pace. In the final stretch Jewtraw was leading when he fell and had to be carried off the ice. He was carried off the ice. He has won only one event, the 220 yards.

Local Bowling

CIVIC AND CIVIL

On the Imperial alleys last night in the Civic and Civil Service League, the City Hall took all four points from the Public Works. The scores follow:

| City Hall | Total | Avg. |
|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Latham | 85 99 79 263 | 87-2-3 |
| Emery | 90 81 87 258 | 86-1-3 |
| Stevens | 78 81 97 256 | 88-1-3 |
| Earle | 88 88 88 264 | 88 |
| Thurston | 110 90 100 300 | 100 |

Public Works—Total Avg. 451 450 458 1359

| Dug | Total | Avg. |
|-------------|------------------|--------|
| Dug | 91 98 20 209 | 90-1-3 |
| Rain | 80 77 247 82-1-3 | 82-1-3 |
| Dummy | 78 81 79 238 | 79-1-3 |
| T. Hatfield | 81 80 82 243 | 81 |
| Buckley | 70 87 103 260 | 87-1-3 |

SUSSEX WON CUP

Took Crosby Trophy By Defeating Norton in Overtime Game

Sussex High's hockey team won the Crosby Cup, emblematic of the Kings County School League, by defeating Norton in a thrilling overtime match at Sussex last evening, 3 to 1. Sussex has not lost a game this year. The teams in the league this season included Rothsay Collegiate No. 2, Rothsay Consolidated, Hampton, Norton and Sussex.

SUGGS WINS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Chick Suggs, of New Bedford, Mass., won the decision from Jackie Nichols, St. Paul, in their ten round bantamweight fight last night. Black Bill, Cuban flyweight champion, defeated Benny Tell, New York, while Andy Martin, Boston, scored an impressive victory over Benny Hall, St. Louis bantam. Both bouts went ten rounds.

NOT SIGNED YET

Lloyd Stirling, last year with the Water Department baseball team, denies the report that he has signed up this year with the Saint John's Lloyd. He has not signed with any team yet.

VANCOUVER WON

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 16.—In one of the fastest exhibitions of hockey played on local ice this season, Vancouver won last night's Western Hockey League game with Edmonton, 3-2.

An Illinois man has invented a propeller driven motorcycle.

OPENING GAME IN MONTREAL ON MAY 24 NEXT

Arthur Kingscott, Famed Referee, Has Charge of Team

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The F. A. is determined to send a thoroughly representative team to Canada in May. The clubs are asked to nominate players, and, while the right of any club to prevent a professional player making the trip admits of no dispute, it is to be hoped, for the reputation of the game and the prestige of English football, that the embargo of certain of them will not be re-introduced.

The Dominion of Canada F. A. has made up its mind to give the tourists a really pleasant time. Everything that can be done to ensure the comfort and convenience of players will be done, and there is no doubt that any discomforts that attended the visit to Australia will be absent in Canada.

Then there is no entrenchment upon the football season in this country. The players will not leave until May 14, and they will be back on July 23. There are only two or three weeks in which more than two games will be played, and these are so arranged that the extra matches will be with weak teams.

As there will be 18 members of the touring team no players will be called upon to play more than twice in any week, and the majority will play only once a week. While they are absent the clubs will be relieved of the wages of the players, and the players, besides having an adequate sum for outfit, will receive a personal allowance for out-of-pocket expenses of \$12.50 a week.

There are hopes that some of the leading amateurs will be able to make the trip. Only one went to Australia, but there should be five or six in the Canadian party. This is not the time to suggest names, but there are a few that really come to mind, and even have to give up the greater part of the cricket season, it would be a sacrifice of the making in the interest of empire sport.

The complete itinerary of the tour is as follows:

Monday, May 24—Montreal.

Wednesday, May 26—Ottawa.

Saturday, May 29—Toronto.

Wednesday, June 2—Port William.

Saturday, June 5—Regina.

Wednesday, June 8—Lethbridge.

Saturday, June 12—Calgary.

Wednesday, June 16—Vancouver.

Saturday, June 19—Nanaimo.

Wednesday, June 23—Victoria.

Saturday, June 26—Vancouver.

Tuesday, June 29—Edmonton.

Thursday, July 1—Saskatoon.

Saturday, July 3—Winnipeg.

Wednesday, July 7—Hamilton.

And on, July 10—Toronto.

Wednesday, July 14—Montreal.

The total mileage from Montreal to Victoria and return to Montreal, exclusive of two boat journeys, is 8,215 miles. Of the 35 nights to be spent in Canada, 19 will be passed on the train and 22 in hotels. On the outward passage on the Montrose the team will disembark at Montreal.

Arthur Kingscott, the hon. treasurer of the association, will be in charge of the tour—a new undertaking for a famous referee of 20 years ago—with A. H. Dickinson, Sheffield, as second in command. Provided the response of the clubs is adequate, all will be well.

TREMAINE BEATEN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 16.—Eddie Shea, Chicago, won the decision over Tremaine, Cleveland, in a featherweight, after a one-sided 12 round bout here last night.

HOCKEY PRACTISE

The Saint John hockey team has been called out for a practise tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Arena.

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