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INCIDENTS AT NEW ORLEANS

More Reinstatements Promulgated, Leaving 9 Riders, 4 Horses and 4 Owners Still Off.

JOCKEY ASSAULTS CAPT. REES

Favorites Have the Call Over a Fast Track—Oakland Long Shots Score.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—The stewards have still made some further reinstatements among those which came under the ban in the recent steeplechase scandal. Several owners and a couple of the suspended riders were cross-questioned by the officials, and at the close of the races the announcement was made that Jockey Angus Johnson, the horses Divertisement, Fallela and Miss Ransom and their owners had been restored to all privileges again. There still remain nine riders, four owners and as many horses under suspension.

Jockey Houck, a rider ruled off at the St. Louis fair grounds course a couple of years ago, attempted to commit an assault on Captain Rees last night. Rees and a friend, Mr. Fisher, were on their way to the theatre, and at the entrance were met by Houck, Harshberger and a party named Reilly. The latter made some insulting remarks about Rees, which Fisher resented. There was a general mix-up for a few moments, when the police corralled the bunch and placed them under arrest. Captain Rees accompanied them to the station house, and on his recommendation the parties to the affair were discharged.

The second and last declarations to the Crescent City Derby were made public today. There yet remain 17 eligibles in this event, among them Balm of Gilead, Vassal Dance, Merry Maker, The Hoyden, O'Hagen, Prowl, Kaffir, McChesney, Quicksilver Sue, Duke of Connaught, Lord Quex, Castiron, Dr. Hart, Hunter Raine, Pyrrho, I. Samelson and St. Tammany.

During the afternoon G. Lacey Crawford, the well-known, St. Louis turfman, purchased of O. G. Parke the 2-year-old filly Navasota, at a price said to be $3500.

Favorites had the call to-day over a fast track. Summary:

First race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Vanhoorbeke, 104 (Boyd), 10 to 1, 1; Maple, 107 (Burns), 6 to 1, 2; Vassal Dance, 91 (Brown), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.48. Tragedy, Woodstick, Josie F., Big Injun, Crossby, Corrine C., Rose of May, Radiant Heat and Beggar Lady also ran.

Second race, 2-year-olds, 3½ furlongs—May Allen, 102 (Lindsay), 3 to 1, 1; Bill Nixon, 107 (Odom), 7 to 2, 2; Suevius, 103 (Lyne), 40 to 1, 3. Time .42. Disappointment C., Lizzie Brooks, Miss Shamrock, Black Patti, Fairy Like, Versifier and Impetuous also ran.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Chickadee, 107 (Odom), 9 to 5, 1; Parnassus, 101 (Boyd), 3 to 1, 2; O'Hagen, 111 (Bremman), 7 to 5, 3. Time 1.30¼. Lemoyne, The Way, Badger and Woodmansten also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Tom Kingsley, 95 (Louden), 8 to 1, 1; Gaylord, 104 (Lyne), 18 to 5, 2; Fleuron, 103 (Lindsay), 21 to 5, 3. Time 1.15¼. Oria also ran.

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—Trebor, 107 (Odom), 6 to 5, 1; Dr. Garrick, 108 (Lyne), 20 to 1, 2; Jena, 103 (Otis), 18 to 5, 3. Time 1.42. Joe Doughty, Star Cotton, Annie Thompson, Elghor and Scotch Bramble also ran.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 20 yards—Lou Rey, 112 (Odom), 7 to 5, 1; Alabe M., 107 (Lyne), 4 to 1, 2; Poyntz, 98 (Bryce), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.44. Choice, Dramburg, Dr. Faunle, Julius Werner and Paul Bar also ran.

Two Long Shots Won at Oakland.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Weather cloudy; track sloppy. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—Eldred, 10 to 1, 1; Phil Archbald, 2; Young Morello, 3. Time 1.19¼.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Rushfields, 9 to 10, 1; Courtlier, 2; Talma, 3. Time 1.34¼.

Third race, 3½ furlongs—High Chancellor, 9 to 5, 1; Hudson, 2; Len Reno, 3. Time .44.

Fourth race, 1 mile and 50 yards—Wolhurst, 7 to 10, 1; Lodestar, 2; Constable, 3. Time 1.51¾.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Foul Play, 20 to 1, 1; Larry Willt, 2; Gasallo, 3. Time 1.18½.

Sixth race, Futurity course—Bassenzo, 5 to 2, 1; Tyranus, 2; Ned Dennis, 3. Time 1.15½.

For Montgomery Handicap.

Memphis, Feb. 27.—Waring is still favorite for the Montgomery handicap to be run here March 31, despite his top weight of 124 pounds. Joe Ullman yesterday, in a letter from Hot Springs, quoted Hildreth's horse at the odds of 10 to 1. The nearest to Waring in the matter of odds are Wax Taper and Nitrate, both held at odds of 12 to 1. Cambrian and Caviar are held at 15 to 1. Lord Quex is quoted at 25 to 1. The longest shots are Grandom, Merry Maker and Owensboro, each held at 200 to 1.

To-Day's Racing Card.

New Orleans entries: First race, selling, ¾ mile—Pelarm 112, Corell, Jim W., Diffidence 110, Icon 109, Lissome, Gracious, Dr. Stephens, Ante Up 107, Bertha Nell, Juanetta 105.

Second race, selling, 1⅛ miles—Lord Neville, Royal, El Moran 105, Bequeath, Excelsis, Papa Harry, Prince Zeno 102, Uncle Tim 101, Afra 100, Amoroso, Anna Darling, Lifeline 96, Lillian Reed 95, Joe Collins 93.

Third race, selling, ¾ mile—Lord Neville, Royal Sterling 115, Pillardist, Judge Magee, Sir Christopher, Dutch Carter, Aberdale 112, High Hoe, Lady Contrary 110, Masterful, Aaron, Fleetwing 109.

Fourth race, handicap, ¾ mile—Amigari 110, Circus 104, Balm of Gilead 108, Lingo, St. Tammany 107, Duke of Connaught, Anna Handspring 90.

Fifth race, selling, 1⅛ miles—Prestome 112, Joe Doughty 111, Pay the Fiddler 108, Little Tommy Tucker, Deponan 107, Linden Ella 106, Eugenia S. 105, Zack Phelps, Carloyignian 104, Little Lois, Phelma Paxton, Deloraine 102.

Sixth race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Echodale 110, Boot, Jerry Hunt, Avator, Lotter, Boomerack 105, Alpaca, Irma S. 103, Zackford, McWilliams 102, Divonne 100, Man 90.

Changes Made in Trotting Rules.

New York, Feb. 27.—Official report has just been made by Secretary Gocher of the National Trotting Association, relative to the proceedings of the twenty-first congress of the association, recently held in this city.

The changes in the rules were not numerous, but they define far more clearly the penalties that will be inflicted in the future and state in certain terms what transgressions of the rules are.

Among the new rules adopted it is now unlawful to call a race after sunset. No person under penalty can enter a horse or have his horse entered in a stake race. Races for prizes, where certain conditions are complied with, give no record to the horse the winner of a heat or race. Judges and timers cannot officiate if interested in any horse in the race, under penalty, and all entries in mixed races, trotting or pacing, must state at which gait the horse entered will perform.

The changes in the rules most important to the horseman begin with section 1 of rule 3, which now allows entries to be made by the owner, agent or an authorized person. The nominator, if not the owner, is liable to a fine if he does not state the name and residence of the owner in the entry. Secretaries are required to publish and mail to each nominator, likewise the secretary of the National Trotting Association, and notify within 72 hours all nominations in classes not filling.

All entries for mixed classes, trotting and pacing shall state the gait under which the horse entered will perform.

Under section 2, rule 7, on a demand for identification of a horse, the eligibility of every horse must be established to the satisfaction of the judges. Drivers, owners and others shall have the right, at times to give information of frauds or wrongs without incurring penalty.

Rule 16, which allowed a reward for detection of a fraudulent entry, was struck out, and a new rule added, which permits any person or horse under penalty to the National or American Association the right to compete on grounds of either the National or American Association members. The disqualification can only be removed by order of the Board of Review upon payment of a fine of $100. The fine applies to the horse or horses regardless of any change of ownership.

Rule 19, section 1, makes it obligatory on all judges not to call a heat after sunset by the calendar. The previous rule allowed the judges to decide whether it was too dark for racing or not.

In the rule for selecting judges and timekeepers of a race it has been changed to read: "Any person who at the time is under penalty of suspension, expulsion or other disqualification, or who has any interest in any of the horses engaged therein, shall thereby be restricted from acting in any such official capacity in that race. And if any such person who is thus disqualified violates this restriction he shall, upon conviction, be expelled."

Stratford Race Meet.

The summer meet of the Stratford Turf Club takes place on July 1, 2 and 3. Purses to the amount of $3100 are hung up this year. All running events have been excluded this year.

July 1, 2.35 pace, $300; 2.30 trot, $300; 2.14 pace and trot, $400.

July 2, 2.23 pace, $300; 3-year-old pace and trot, half mile heats, 3 in 5, $200; 2.19 trot, $300.

July 3, 2.20 pace, $300; 2.24 trot, $300; free-for-all pace and trot, $400.

T. S. Tobin, the efficient secretary, states that it will be the association's aim to make the races the best ever known in the history of the club.

Ladies Play Indoor Tennis.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—The first of the meetings between Quebec and Montreal ladies at indoor tennis took place to-day at the Montreal racquet court, which is the headquarters of the Montreal Ladies' Tennis and Bowling Club. The results were as follows: Mrs. Hole and Miss Gould of Montreal against Miss Stevenson and Miss Maude Sewell of Quebec, 6—2 in favor of Montreal, 6—5 in favor of Quebec, and 6—4 in favor of Montreal.

Mrs. Harrison B. Young and Miss Low of Montreal against Miss Casault and Miss Turner of Quebec, 6—1 in favor of Montreal, 6—1 in favor of Quebec, 6—2 in favor of Montreal.

Miss Green and Miss McEachren of Montreal against Miss Scott and Miss Turner of Quebec, 6—3 and 6—2 in favor of Quebec.

Miss Beamish and Miss Molson of Montreal against Miss Turner and Miss Sewell of Quebec, 6—0 and 6—5 in favor of Montreal.

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St. Alban's Baseball Club.

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IN THE QUINTE HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Rorke Censured for Rough Work and Deseronto's Victory Cancelled

Napanee, Feb. 27.—A meeting of the executive of the Quinte District Hockey League was held here on Wednesday night to consider the protest of the Napanee club against the game played in Deseronto a week ago.

One of Napanee's men, Lake, was laid out by Rorke of Deseronto and the manager of the Napanee team called his men off, claiming that there was a conspiracy to lay out another Napanee player also. The protest claimed that Rorke should be ruled out of the league and the game awarded to Napanee.

The meeting was most harmonious and, after a lengthy session it was decided to censure Rorke and order that the game be played over on Deseronto ice, if available; if not on the ice of the covered rink, at Belleville, the date to be arranged by the managers of the Napanee and Deseronto Clubs.

Cornwall-Wellingtons Monday.

The rink management is making preparations for a good house for the final game between Cornwall and the Wellingtons on Monday evening. The reserved seat plan will open at Nordheimer's on Saturday morning. Some extra accommodation is being provided in the gallery, and holders of gallery tickets will be admitted thru the north door on Mutual-street. Admission to the reserved grand stand will be thru the main door on Mutual-street, and the general admission will be as heretofore on Dalhousie-street. With the preparation now being made, it is expected that accommodation would be provided for over 3000 people.

Barrie Intermediates Challenge.

Sporting Editor World: We are of the opinion that Barrie has the best intermediate team in Ontario, and to satisfy ourselves on that point we are desirous of playing with any of the three leading clubs in the O.H.A., hence the following challenge:

The Barrie Hockey Club challenges Galt, Collingwood or Peterboro to play the Barrie team home and home games for a purse consisting of seven gold lockets, same to cost not less than $65, to be donated by the Barrie Club. The games to be played under the conditions given below:

1. Referees to be appointed by the O.H.A.
2. Number of goals to count in deciding the winner.
3. Each club to pay its own expenses.
4. O.H.A. rules to govern contest.
5. The first game to be played in Barrie.
6. Expenses of referee to be paid by home club.
7. In the event of the three clubs accepting this challenge, we shall ask the secretary of the O.H.A. to decide which club is to be our contestant.

The Closing Hockey Games.

Cold weather has been promised and the closing hockey matches will be resumed next week. Mr. Schooley will referee the Cornwall-Wellington match, the last for the championship, which should be played on Monday night. Collingwood and Galt will likely play here on Tuesday night, the winners meet Peterboro in home and home games in the city, the club that has played at Peterboro at the end of next week. Only Stratford and U.C.C. are left in the junior series, and they will battle for the championship on Monday night in Stratford and Friday night in Toronto.

Sporting Notes.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien is just arrived from England, is not going to lie idle long. He has been matched to box Andy Walsh of Brooklyn in Philadelphia next Monday night.

Joe Gans has three matches. He is to meet a local man in Philadelphia on Saturday night, then Jack Ryan of Brooklyn in Allentown, Pa., next week, and he has a 20-round engagement with George McFadden in Baltimore on March 27.

Tom Cowhig, the Dunkirk boxer, has been matched to box Matty Matthews at Hot Springs on March 6. Cowhig expects to leave for the Springs to-day, and do his training there. Cowhig also has a match on with Otto Selloff on March 20.

The New York State Assembly Committee on Codes at Albany has decided to report favorably the bill of Mr. Dooling, permitting sparring exhibitions before incorporated amateur athletic clubs with 8-ounce gloves under a period not exceeding 15 minutes. The bill may pass.

At Peoria, Ill., on Wednesday, Jack Williams of Philadelphia won from Joe Leonard of Buffalo in the fifth round of what was to have been a ten-round contest before the Riverside Athletic Club. The decision was given on a foul after almost five rounds of hard fighting, during which Leonard sent Williams to the floor four times.

President Hickey of the American Association announces that the schedule meeting of his organization will be held at the Leland Hotel, Chicago, on Saturday. Hickey believes that his league will enjoy a profitable season. The circuit consists of Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Toledo.

Keely, the ball puncher, spars with Jim Lawless at the Star Theatre to-night.

Charles Reinecke of Pittsburg threw Peter Bollan of Buffalo in a wrestling match at the Star Theatre, Hamilton, last night in eight minutes and fifty-five seconds. Reinecke had to secure the throw in less than fifteen minutes or forfeit $25.

Baseball in Parkdale.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Parkdale M.Y.M. Association, held Wednesday night, the following officers were elected: Hon. president, R. J. Treleaven; hon. first vice-president, G. F. Marter, M.L.A.; hon. second vice-president, H. H. Cook; president, H. B. Ritchey; first vice-president, W. H. Goodwin; second vice-president, Dr. James Palmer; secretary, Geo. P. Chilleng; treasurer, Geo. W. Isaacs; captain and manager baseball team, Stanley W. Clemes; convener Debating Club, Leo Collins.

The outlook for baseball is very promising and they are very fortunate in securing such an able captain and manager. Any player wishing to join will be heartily welcomed and is requested to sign with Mr. Clemes at once.

Another Defeat for Rube Ferns.

Buffalo, Feb. 27.—The defeat of "Rube" Ferns, the erstwhile welterweight champion, by Tommy Tracey, at Portland, Ore., last night, occasions no small surprise in Buffalo, where Ferns has a lot of friends. Details of the battle are meagre in the extreme. The news is contained in this despatch from Portland, Ore.:

The Ferns-Tracey fight here last night was won by Tracey in the 20th round. There was no knockout.

The pugilistic dopesmiths all over the country figured the Rube to win easily, and now they will probably say that Ferns has gone back, that his battle with Walcott took a lot of fight out of him.

The "Rube" was to have fought Al Neill to-morrow night, but it is more than likely that this contest will be called off now.

The Rube has the sympathy of many local friends, but what will they say at Scammon, Kan.?

The Chess Tournament.

Monte Carlo, Feb. 27.—The chess masters to-day began the 15th round of the international tournament. When the first adjournment was made the following results had been recorded:

Maroczy beat Eisenberg, Reggio lost to Tarrasch and Schlechter defeated Schreyer.

The following additional games were decided in the afternoon sitting: Janowski beat Mieses, Napier lost to Marshall, Marco suffered defeat at the hands of Tschigorin, Gunsberg resigned to Mason and Albin had to acknowledge defeat at the hands of Pillsbury. Popiel and Wolf drew.

Prize Stallions From Glasgow Show

Dalgety Bros.' importation of seventeen stallions will arrive at Black Horse Hotel on March 5, and will be offered for sale on that day. ed

KNOCKING DOWN THE TENPINS

Five League Games Decided, and Two of the Teams Are Tied at the Top.

SMALL SCORES WERE THE ORDER

The Record Table Up to Date—Soldiers Have a Friendly Contest.

The five scheduled games in the Tenpin League were rolled last night. The leaders were beaten by the Insurance, while the Indians downed the Grenadiers. This leaves Munsons and Liederkranz tie for first place, while the Indians, Q.O.R.B.C and Grenadiers are even up for third. The scores made last night all round were smaller than usual. After the game at the Indians' alleys, there was a musical program, provided by Glionna's Orchestra, and a jolly time was spent. The scores:

—At Indians.—

Indians.		Grenadiers.	
Munsons	534	McBrien	553
Lorsch	563	Doherty	506
Eastwood	590	Phillips	586
Keys	591	Long	563
Good	607	Craig	570
Johnston	526	Pellow	532
Total	3411	Total	3310

—At the Armouries.

Q.O.R.B.C.		Q.O.R.	
Alison	592	Libby	560
Meadows	543	Jennings	507
Niblock	538	Keys	506
Bailey	485	Darby	544
Edmondson	528	G. Keys	493
Armstrong	552	Hayes	555
Total	3238	Total	3165

Highlanders.		Merchants.	
Grant	509	Tweed	532
Archambault	555	Belz	500
Noble	539	Brent	477
Stewart	518	Palmer	474
White	543	Collins	509
J. Stewart	540	Walker	523
Total	3204	Total	3015

Insurance.		Monsons.	
O'Donoghue	600	Archambault	537
Wilson	516	Meade	561
Boyce	627	Wells	552
Welsh	542	Napolitano	634
Stewart	562	Selby	574
Boyd	596	Walton	535
Total	3443	Total	3393

Liederkranz A.		Liederkranz B.B.	
Sutherland	652	Johnson	565
Nagel	627	Hawley	550
Marrer	621	Cooper	557
Belz	686	Stone	516
Dawkins	523	Roberts	568
Haltman	649	Carpenter	554
Total	3732	Total	3370

The Record to Date.

	Won.	Lost.	Night Ave.
Munsons	9	3	565
Liederkranz	9	3	622
Grenadiers	8	4	515
Q.O.R.B.C.	8	4	539
Indians	8	4	568
Insurance	5	6	573
Merchants	4	8	502
Q. O. R.	3	9	527
Highlanders	3	9	534
Liederkranz B.B.	2	10	561

G Co. Beat Battery.

"G" Company of the Grenadiers defeated the 9th Field Battery in a friendly game of tenpins at the Armouries last night. Scores:

G. Co. R.G.		Battery.	
Vaughan	485	Stevens	371
Ryan	550	Ryan	516
McKee	395	Abbott	338
S McKee	402	Charters	401
G Stewart	364	Taylor	356
Cook	516	Hill	365
Total	2321	Total	1942

Dunn for New York's Third Base.

New York, Feb. 17.—Jack Doyle will again return to this city, having signed a contract with the New York club yesterday afternoon to play first base and act as captain of the team. Doyle left here a year ago, because he could not get along with Manager Davis. He secured his release and went to Chicago, where he was offered an offer made to him by New York several weeks ago. Secretary Knowles wired John Ganzel, informing him of his release, the latter having accepted a better offer than now that Doyle has been signed.

The New York club is also negotiating for the services of John Dunn, the former Brooklyn pitcher, and one time manager of Toronto, who showed much skill last year as an infielder, and might patch the bad gap that now exists at third base. Too much experimenting at that cost New York a great deal last year, and an effort will be made to prevent a recurrence of a similar blunder.

Dunn is now in Baltimore, and it is not improbable that he will be induced to play at the polo grounds.

Englishmen Collapse in 2nd Innings

The advantage which Mr. MacLaren's XI. appeared to have gained on the opening day in the fourth test match entirely disappeared in the course of the second day and the Australians on Feb. 17 took the lead, scoring their third successive victory in the representative games and thus winning the rubber. There was an extraordinary collapse when the English batsmen entered upon their second innings, seven wickets going down for 77 runs, and with only three more batsmen to be disposed of Mr. MacLaren's XI. were but 95 runs to the good. Score:

—Mr. MacLaren's Team.—

A. C. MacLaren, c Kelly, b Saunders	92
T. Hayward, b Saunders	41
J. T. Tyldesley, c Kelly, b Noble	79
W. G. Quaife, c Kelly, b Saunders	13
G. L. Jessop, b Saunders	4
L. C. Braund, lbw., b Saunders	0
C. McGahey, b Trumble	17
A. Lilley, c Trumble, b Noble	18
A. O. Jones, c Kelly, b Trumble	40
J. Gunn, not out	15
C. Blythe, b Noble	0
Extras	4
Total	317

—Second Game.—

A. C. MacLaren, c Kelly, b Noble	5
T. Hayward, b Noble	12
J. T. Tyldesley, c Kelly, b Saunders	10
W. G. Quaife, lbw., b Noble	15
G. L. Jessop, b Saunders	15
L. C. Braund, lbw., b Saunders	0
C. McGahey, not out	12
A. A. Lilley, c Trumble, b Noble	0
A. O. Jones, not out	6
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wickets)	77

—Australia—

H. Trumble, c MacLaren, b Jessop	6
V. Trumper, c Braund, b Jessop	7
C. Hill, c Jones, b Jessop	21
S. E. Gregory, c Braund, b Jessop	5
M. A. Noble, lbw., b Braund	56
R. Duff, c Lilley, b Blythe	39
W. Armstrong, b Braund	55
A. J. Hopkins, c Lilley, b Braund	43
J. J. Kelly, not out	24
W. Howell, c MacLaren, b Gunn	33
J. Saunders, b Braund	0
Extras	8
Total	299

Whist Congress Notes.

It's in the air that the coming Canadian Whist Congress is going to be a great success. Everything points that way and the officers are sparing no efforts to have it so. Reports to date from whist centres indicate that the attendance will be large. The fours contest, representing the championship of Canada and the temporary possession of the challenge trophy, will be well supported. As usual Hamilton and Woodstock will have several teams in it and word has been received from London that two teams from the London club will enter. Napanee and Brockville will be in it, and probably Windsor, Welland, Niagara Falls and other places yet to hear from, and Toronto clubs will probably furnish about six teams.

A motion will be made at the annual meeting to have rule 4 referring to challenge trophy contests changed so that it will read that when a club has won the cup 12 times it will be presented with the cup, instead of with a memorial; in the event of the motion carrying, the league would then provide another trophy, probably of different design, for the next series.

There is little doubt but that such an arrangement would stimulate the game very materially during the season of play. The contests would not only be more frequent, but team play would be more perfect, as the various clubs, having an expectancy of possessing the trophy, would put forth greater efforts to get the desired 12 wins.

In the American League 20 wins constitute absolute possession, but they may play once a week there, instead of once in two weeks, as is the rule in the C.W.L.

The progressive pairs games, or compass games, as usually called, will be more popular than ever, especially as they are going to be played in two sections. Further notice of these events will appear later. There will be a meeting of the C.W.L. executive to-morrow evening at 7.30, in the Toronto Whist Club.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the British America Assurance Company was held at its offices, Toronto, on Thursday, the 27th inst. The President, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair and Mr. P. H. Sims, who was appointed to act as Secretary, read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Sixty-eighth Annual Report and Financial Statements, duly vouched for by the Auditors of the Company.

There has been a moderate increase in the Premium Income in all branches, the Canadian Fire Business, particularly, showing a considerable increase over that of any previous year, this being mainly due to the advanced rates which have been obtained.

The balance of Revenue Account, $99,590.00, has been applied as follows: $65,000.00 for two half-yearly dividends, the first at the rate of Seven Per Cent. and the second at the rate of Six Per Cent. per Annum, $4,045.26 written off office furniture and Securities, and the balance, $30,544.74, added to the Reserve Fund, which now stands at $612,001.96.

Although considerable progress has been made during the year in the direction of advancing rates throughout Canada and the United States, the results of the business, owing to the increase in fire losses, have not proved satisfactory to companies generally, and measures are now being taken for further advances, which should bring about a material improvement in the condition of the fire insurance business on this continent.

GEO. A. COX, President.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income	$2,040,197 10
Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment	1,940,607 10
	$ 99,590 00
Dividends declared	65,000 00
Total assets	$1,755,849 21
Cash capital	$1,000,000 00
Reserve fund	612,001 96
Security to policyholders	$1,612,001 96

The report, on motion of the President, seconded by the Vice-President, was carried unanimously. In moving the adoption of the report, the President said:

The Revenue Account shows that, after deducting losses and expenses from the premiums for the year, there is a balance, or underwriting profit, of $58,795. This, with the earnings from interest and rents, $40,795, makes the total balance at the credit of Revenue Account $99,590. Compared with the preceding year, the figures before you show a gain in premiums (after deducting reinsurances) of $127,159, and a reduction in losses of $16,124.

This increased income is derived mainly from the fire business, and, as stated in the report, is chiefly due to the better rates that have prevailed. In the Marine Branch, there has been little change in the volume of business we have done, but, while the income from this source represents less than one-fourth of the total premiums received, we are indebted to this Branch for nearly one-half the profits.

Taking into consideration the large amount of fire business transacted, the results of the year—although they show a marked improvement on those of the year 1900—cannot be regarded as affording an adequate margin of profit, but those of you who have noted the records from month to month of the serious fires in Canada and the United States, beginning with the conflagration in the business centre of Montreal in January last, must, I think, regard the accounts presented as more favorable than might have been anticipated. We can at least claim that they will bear comparison in their general results with those shown by other companies operating in the same fields as ourselves, and this is perhaps the best test of the judgment exercised by the officers and agents of the Company in the prosecution of its business. The problem as to what rates will be adequate to meet the losses of any one year is a difficult—I might say an impossible—one for the most experienced underwriters to solve. They can only meet the changed conditions that confront them from time to time by readjusting their rates in accordance with the loss records which these changing conditions produce. The adverse experience of companies engaged in the fire business on this continent for the past two years has shown the necessity of increases on many classes of risks, and we have benefited to a considerable extent from the advanced rates which prevailed during the year 1901, and, in view of the action taken during the past ten days by all the leading companies doing business in the United States to bring about a more radical advance than has hitherto been attempted, I feel that we may safely anticipate that these improved conditions will have even a more marked effect upon the business of the present year.

In reviewing the business of the past year, as well as of the preceding eight years during which I have had the honor of occupying this chair, it is very gratifying to observe the progress which the Company has made in its fire business in Canada, as well as the profits which have accrued upon this, notwithstanding the losses by the conflagrations of the past two years. A Company which has been doing business—as the British America has—for upwards of two-thirds of a century should, we have felt, occupy a prominent position in connection with the business of its home field, and while an income equal to that of some leading British offices, which carry much larger amounts on individual risks, might not be looked for, it should command a liberal share of the business and be able to show results equal to, if not better than, the average, results of its competitors. The progress which the British America has made in this direction under its present management is indicated by the following figures: In 1892 the total fire premiums of the Company in Canada were $173,951; in 1901 they amounted to $351,505. These figures represent the net premiums (after deducting reinsurances), so that during these nine years the income of the Company in this branch has increased upwards of 100 per cent., while the total increase of all companies reporting to the department is about 40 per cent. It is still more gratifying to find from the annual returns of companies doing business in Canada, published by the Dominion Government, that while for this same period the average loss ratio of all companies reporting to the Canadian Insurance Department is 70.3 per cent., our losses have been but 59 per cent. of the premiums received.

While this has been our experience at home, the progress we have made in other fields in the way of securing advantageous connections had been such as to warrant our looking for equally favorable results from our agencies outside the Dominion, particularly when we bear in mind the improved outlook to which I have referred in the United States, from which territory a large proportion of our income is derived.

In conclusion, I desire to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the work of the officers of the company, both at its Head Office and at its Branch Offices and our obligations to our General and Local Agents for their services in the Company's behalf during the past year.

The following gentlemen were re-elected to serve as Directors during the ensuing year: Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Augustus Myers, Thomas Long, John Hoskin, K.C., LL.D., Hon. S. C. Wood, Robert Jaffray, Lieut.-Col. H. M. Pellatt and E. W. Cox.

At a meeting of the Board, held subsequently, the Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President.

FIRST DIVISION AT OTTAWA

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reading of his bill to amend the Railway Act. It is more popularly known as the Cattle Guard Bill. It was buried among the unfinished business of the Railway Committee last session, and Mr. Lancaster made a strong plea for having it dealt with directly by the committee of the whole House this session. The bill makes the railway companies responsible for cattle killed on the tracks between crossings, when efficient cattle guards were not maintained at such crossings.

Mr. Demers suggested that the bill be referred to the Railway Committee, and Hon. James Sutherland, as acting-Minister of Railways, supported the suggestion.

Will Kill It This Way.

Dr. Sproule opposed sending a bill of such importance to the farmers to a committee which had such a record for squelching measures of the kind.

For this, Col. Thompson of Haldimand accused Dr. Sproule of "playing to the gallery," to which the member for East Grey replied by reading a list of half a dozen similar bills that had been buried in that committee.

Mr. Wade of Digby prefaced a legal argument in favor of committing the bill to the Railway Committee, with the observation that there were three interests concerned in the measure. "One is the railway, the other is the farmer, and the third is the traveling public," he said.

Man From Essex.

"What about the cow?" Mr. Cowan asked, and the remainder of Mr. Wade's remarks were lost in the laughter that followed.

Col. Hughes put in a plea for the railway employe, and Mr. Stephens of Kent supported Dr. Sproule.

Mr. Avery of Addington made his maiden speech in favor of protecting the farmers' interests by compelling railway companies to adopt the best class of cattle guards obtainable.

Col. Tisdale defended the Railway Committee as an honest, well-intentioned and useful committee. After some further debate a division was taken on the motion of Mr. Sutherland, to refer the bill to the Railway Committee. The motion carried, on a non-party vote, by 90 to 50.

The ministers and most of their followers voted for the motion.

Adjourned Before Midnight.

A number of motions for returns were passed and the House then went into Committee of Supply.

The marine estimates were taken up. Mr. Taylor pointed out the extravagant prices paid for supplies for the Dominion steamers, and Mr. Clarke and Mr. Osler criticized the inefficiency of the aids to navigation. Mr. Sutherland, however, defended his estimates well, and was complimented for his zeal by Messrs. Calvin of Frontenac and Hackett of Prince Edward Island.

The Minister of Marine announced that he had had correspondence with Lloyds Insurance and English Boards of Trade, and hoped, with a moderate additional expenditure on the St. Lawrence, to have the discriminatory insurance rates against that route reduced.

The House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Another Remount Scandal.

A singular blunder on the part of the military remount department has just come to light at Colchester. A consignment of horses was sent a few days ago from the Colchester garrison to Southampton for shipment to South Africa. The ebptied horse boxes were returned to Colchester and shunted on to a siding at St. Botolph's Station. Two days later a noise was heard in one of the vans, and an examination dismissed one of the horses which had unaccountably been overlooked at Southampton. The animal had been without food or water for nearly three days.

Crokinole.

An interesting game of crokinole was played last night between St. Mark's Presbyterian Church and Cooke's Church, the latter winning by a score of 28 points to 4. Cooke's Church boys have now played eight games, winning them all.

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A general assembly of the Sir Knights of the Toronto District was held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, for the purpose of receiving the Supreme Grand Master, D. L. Carley of Windsor, the Deputy Grand Master, Senator William Gibson, and officers of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar; also for exemplifying the several sections of the work. Toronto district includes the following preceptories: Geoffery de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto; Mount Calvary, No. 12, Barrie; Harrington, No. 14, North Bay; St. John the Almoner, No. 15, Whitby; Palestine, No. 18, Port Hope; Rhodes, No. 23, Port Arthur; Cyrene, No. 29, Toronto; Gibson, U.D., Sault Ste. Marie.

Provincial Prior R.E. Sir Knight E. C. Davies presided and among those present were: A. A. Campbell, Portland, etc.; J. H. Nicholson, B. D. Forsyth, Major A. G. Henderson, J. Stainton, W. J. Richardson, A. M. Ross, J. H. Gale, Whitby; W. J. Farley,