# LAUNCHED ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Shamrock III. Glides Gracefully Into Waters of the Clyde at Dumbarton.

## NEW CHALLENGER'S NOVEL LINES

**Sir Thomas Lipton in Happy Mood and Once More Says He'll Surely Lift the Cup.**

Glasgow, March 17.—Shamrock III., challenger for the America's Cup, was successfully launched at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon. A heavy gale prevailed on the Clyde during the morning, and the Dennys decided not to launch the new racer unless the storm moderated. The weather improved toward noon and the program was carried out.

Large crowds gathered at the Dennys' yards at Dumbarton, in spite of the drenching rain, which, however, ceased before the arrival of the special visitors' train. Sir Thomas Lipton escorted Lady Shaftesbury to the christening dais. Among others on the platform were the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie; Lord Overtoun, Lord Provost of Glasgow; the Hon. Charles Russell, Reginald Ward, William Fife and Captains Wringe and Bevis. Lady Shaftesbury broke the bottle, saying: "I christen you Shamrock. May God bless you, and may you bring back the cup."

Then, amid loud cheers, Shamrock III. slid easily into the water. After more cheering the visitors proceeded to luncheon.

An examination of Shamrock III. as the yacht was revealed in the launching shed confirmed the previous despatches of the Associated Press on the subject, and showed that Fife has struck out boldly on entirely novel lines, instead of trying to improve on either of the previous Lipton challengers. Like her predecessors, however, Shamrock III. is built close up to the 90-foot water-line limit. Her length over all is 140 feet. The most striking feature of the challenger is her extremely short fin. It is just 20 feet long. Her draught is 19 feet, and the fin is almost level along the bottom. The lead in the hull is drawn well down to the fin, suggesting the deep body typical of the British cutter, rather than the extreme flat-floored type used in all the recent challengers.

Wheel steering for the first time replaces the tiller, and the lesson learned with the Shamrock II. thru her pounding in head seas has led to a longer and finer drawn bow, giving the challenger the appearance of being a boat capable of negotiating comfortably any moderate sea.

The underbody of Shamrock III. is painted with a white anti-fouling composition. Her top sides are white and she has broad bands of green along the water-line and rail. Her hull, frames and plates are all of nickel steel, specially made. The deck is of aluminum plates, covered with wood fibre, which gives a safe foothold. The workmanship of the yacht is superb in every detail. Neither dent, rivet nor joint is visible under the polish of her paint.

After the launch, Sir Thomas Lipton said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"My third, and perhaps my last, shot at lifting the America's Cup will be the most serious, and, I think, the most hopeful of my efforts. The Reliance may beat us, but it will not be because I have not got the best boat British brains and workmen can produce. If the cup stays in America it will stay there because of the extraordinary genius of the American yacht-builder. If he can produce a still further improvement in his art I shall begin to think he is a bit more than human. There is no question but that the best boat wins in the international races. I believe the Shamrock III. will come near filling that bill. To my mind she is a marvel, in which Fife and Watson have outdone themselves. With good trial races and no accidents, her arrival in New York should mark the coming of the most formidable challenger ever sent over. Scarcely need add that, much as I long to win and expect to win, a third defeat will only increase my admiration for a people who can beat us at a game which was once our own."

"However," added Sir Thomas, laughing, "a third defeat is, of course, quite out of the question."

In a speech after the luncheon, Sir Thomas Lipton said the America's Cup must now be homesick. Here they had learned lessons from the past, and they were never more confident. They had 50 years' experience with American yachts and yachtsmen, and none would cheer a Shamrock victory more heartily than the Americans.

The challenger was towed to Greenock this afternoon, where she will be placed in drydock. The yacht will be floated tomorrow without the pontoons on which she was launched to-day.

Capt. Wringe and crew have all taken up their quarters on the yacht.

**Entered for Henley Regatta.**

The Argonauts yesterday mailed their entry to Henley for the Grand Challenge Cup eight-oared race next July. The entry was addressed to Hon. Secretary Cooper, steward of the Henley Regatta, and was mailed in accordance with the regulation that compels foreign crews not in affiliation with the English Amateur Association of Oarsmen to enter in March instead of in June. The Argonaut list comprises twelve names, as follows:

Joseph Wright, D. R. Mackenzie, E. W. Hamber, Percy Hardisty, A. H. G. Kent, R. H. Parmenter, Phil Boyd, C. W. (Pusse) Darling, W. R. Marshall, H. G. Kingstone, D. W. Oliver, N. W. Linton.

Captain Barker received a letter yesterday from Secretary Cooper stating that the English Association did not meet till March 31, when the application of the Argonaut Rowing Club and of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen for affiliation would be granted, when the Argonauts will be able to send additional names.

Of the dozen names submitted by the Argonauts, six were members of last year's crew. So far the club is without a coxswain. Norman Bastedo, who was at the tiller last year, has retired, being unable to go this year. Madison, who was substituted for Bastedo last year, has gone to Winnipeg. There are several likely candidates trying for the position.

The candidates for the crew started active training yesterday in the gym.

Lou Scholes, the Toronto Rowing Club's clever sculler, will represent Canada in the Diamond Sculls. He will cable his entry.

**St. Thomas in the C.L.A.**

St. Thomas, March 17.—At a meeting of the St. Thomas lacrosse players, held last week, the following officers were elected: Hon. patrons, M. A. Gilbert, A. E. Wallace, R. M. Anderson; hon. president, J. Mickleborough; president, Mr. W. K. Cameron; vice-president, W. J. McCance; secretary, George Beech; treasurer, B. Hay; Managing Committee, Messrs. W. K. Cameron, George Beech, Swarkhammer, C. Stevens, Chappele. Messrs. Hay and Beech were appointed solicitors for subscription list to be passed around among the citizens. The blue jersey will be replaced with a crimson sleeveless jersey, and possibly white knickers. A resolution was passed to join the C. L. A. and enter a junior team, as it is believed that London and Rodney are both entering as juniors.

**PREPARATION.**

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT NEW ORLEANS

**Feature Handicap for Ben Chance Due to Munro's Masterly Ride.**

New Orleans, March 17.—Munro's masterly ride landed Ben Chance, the second choice in the betting, first at the wire in the St. Patrick's Handicap to-day. The race was at a mile and a sixteenth, and was worth $1095 to the winner. Marshal Neil was a strong favorite in the betting. Jockey Phillips, who was suspended yesterday for his riding on Lady Alberta, was reinstated to-day. Ruby Ray, White Owl and Moderator were the winning favorites to-day. Weather clear; track slow.

First race, 6 furlongs—Cincinnatus, 102 (Fuller), 2 to 1, 1; Lacache, 99 (Howell), 15 to 1, 2; Ring Dove, 105 (Gannon), 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.20 1-5. Joe Buckley, Hand Organ, Benefit, Carpet Knight, Don Ernest, Prince Eugene and The Etnater also ran.

Second race, 1 mile, selling—Ruby Ray, 97 (Fuller), 7 to 5, 1; Pay the Fiddler, 102 (Foley), 50 to 1, 2; Denny Duffy, 110 (W. Hicks), 3 to 2, 3. Time 1.50 4-5. Magnetio, Dodie S., Glenzen and Peter Duryea also ran.

Third race, selling, 5 furlongs—White Owl, 97 (Fuller), 6 to 5, 1; Pickle Saint, 96 (Phillips), 3 to 1, 2; Latoka, 97 (Davisson), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.06. Venus Victrix, Mira, Morello, Madam, Miss Sara and Florrie S. also ran.

Fourth race, St. Patrick's Handicap, 1 1-16 miles—Ben Chance, 104 (Munro), 18 to 5, 1; DeReszke, 92 (Phillips), 5 to 1, 2; Marshal Neil, 108 (Gannon), 1 to 3, 3. Time 1.58. Three starters.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Nix, 106 (Gannon), 9 to 5, 1; Lady Brockway, 97 (Fuller), 4 to 5, 2; Miss Shanley, 106 (A. Hall), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.06 4-5. Dr. Fannie, Bean, Aline Abbott and Nimble Down also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Moderator, 110 (W. Hicks), 7 to 10, 1; Katie Gibbons, 97 (Foley), 10 to 1, 2; The Bronze Demon, 103 (Munro), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.10 1-5. Aratonn, Quicksilver, Russellton and Lady Like also ran.

**Results at Oakland.**

Oakland, March 17.—Weather clear; track heavy.

First race, 7 furlongs, selling—Sol Lichtenstein, 6 to 1, 1; Marineuz, 5 to 1, 2; Stella Perkins, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.30.

Second race, mile, selling—Canejo, 6 to 5, 1; Azarine, 4 to 1, 2; Pirate Maid, 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.46.

Third race, ½ mile, maiden 2-years-old, purse—Revellena, 8 to 1, 1; Queen Modred, 2 to 1, 2; Amberita, 10 to 1, 3. Time 50¼ sec.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Deutschland, 2 to 1, 1; Princess Titania, 2 to 1, 2; Lady Kent, 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.16.

Fifth race, 1 mile 70 yards, selling—Sea Lion, 5 to 11, 1; Greyfelt 8 to 5, 2; Pat Morrissey, 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.48½.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs, selling—Wartenicht, 4 to 1, 1; Byronerdale, 2 to 1, 2; Swift Wing, 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.23.

**To-Day's Racing Card.**

New Orleans' entries:—First race, ⅝ mile—Gentle, Verifier, Style, Miriam W. 105, Lady Hasbrouck, Wilton, Imp Lady Winkle, Silver Fringe 100.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Peter Duryea 108, Travers, De Nesske 102, Fairy Gift 100, Welcome Light 91, Mrs. Frank Foster 90.

Third race, ¾ mile—Sir Christopher, Bummer 2nd, Radiant Heat, Star Gazer, Hasterful, Limelight, Ranco 100, Pickle Saint, Nyz 108, Cork 107.

Fourth race, handicap, mile—Moderator 100, Blue Blaze 94, Farmer Jim 93, Mauser 92.

Fifth race, mile sell—El Rey 113, Henry of Frantsmar 109, Russellton, Socapa 108, Swordsman 106, Dadger 104, Whitmore 103, Florrie S 102, Dodie S 97.

Sixth race, ⅝ mile—Basilieus, Lieber Antom, Lancehim, Palarm 100, Miss Tara 108, Dart Howe, Rayomen 107, Aimless, White Owl, Genessee 105.

Oakland entries:—First race, ⅞ mile, sell—Ingo 102, Buck Taylor 105, Indine 89, Miss Remsen 103, Escarola 84, The Singer 105, Mission 100, Legal Maxim 104, Patrick Miller, Dagmar 105, Lesli 84, Pirate Maid 105, Senator Beveridge 113, Dark Secret 106.

Second race, 5½ furlongs, selling—Hippoax 113, Hercules 106, Tobacco 111, Dora I 100, Doublet 106, Hontoya 102, Imp Mildred Schultz 104, Roltaire 106, Ragnarok 2nd 111, Father Wentker 105, Alarda 104, Florinel 2nd 110.

Third race, 6½ furlongs selling—Yellowstone 108, Lady Gallantrie 87, Horatius 97, Stunts 96, Tommy nKight 92, San Lupion 105, Master 89, J. H. Bennett 94, Modlcum 97, Tyranus 105, John Lemon 97, Spinthe 108, Maraschino 105, Montana Peeress 98.

**Odom to Ride for Shields.**

New York, March 17.—Odom arrived here to-night to sign a contract for second call with Alex. Shields. He is to receive $9000 for his services, and there are some rich promises if he can pilot Advance Guard to victory in some of the big fixtures in which he has been entered.

After the papers are signed he may go to Memphis to ride McChesney in the Montgomery Handicap. He has also agreed to pilot Sweet Alice, if she is sent there entered for the Tennessee Oaks. He says that if he sees a fair amount of work ahead of him he may stay the entire meeting at Montgomery Park.

Fuller is another rider of prominence here that will not be seen at Bennings. He goes to Little Rock, and from there to Memphis. He was fined $50 yesterday for failing to keep his engagements last Friday.

**Vanderbilt Won at Paris.**

Paris, March 17.—W. K. Vanderbilt's horses again made a good showing to-day, at the opening of the Maisons Laffitte races, Brightwinning the Prix de Saint Pair du Mont and Biltmore winning second in the Handicap Optional, which were the only races having Vanderbilt entries. Nasa Turner rode both horses.

**Clinton Lawn Bowlers Organize**

Clinton, March 17.—The annual meeting of the Clinton Lawn Bowling Club took place in the Council Chamber last night. The President, Mr. J. Ransford, in the chair. Nearly every member of the club was present and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. The following officers were elected for the season:—John Ransford, President; R. Agnew, Vice-President; W. Jackson, Secretary; J. P. Tisdall, Treasurer. Honorary members, A. J. Taylor, Toronto; W. Dockrill. A pleasant incident of the meeting was the presentation to W. Jackson, who has been secretary of the club for the past ten years, of a cut glass water jug. Mr. Ransford made the presentation with a great many flattering remarks to the recipient. Mr. Jackson, in thanking the club for their evidence of esteem and good will, remarked that his duties were made pleasant by the loyal support which he received from the members of the club. A splendid season's fun is anticipated.

**Port Hope's Big Banquet.**

Port Hope, March 17.—That Port Hope knows how to support a hockey team, whether a losing one or a sextet of winners, was clearly demonstrated here to-night by the banquet given the Ontarios at the Queen's Hotel. The dining-room of this palatial house, which had been specially decorated for the occasion, was probably the finest sight ever seen at a gathering of this kind. About 10 o'clock the boys were seated and told and heard of battles won and lost and stolen. The table which, was well filled up with all the season's delicacies, was certainly a credit to the proprietor, who did all in his power to give the boys a time. The thanks of this town are certainly due to Mr. George Ralston, the president of the club, who by giving the boys the banquet showed that he was a true sport and a credit to this town.

**Britannia Naval Brigade.**

Britannias entertained Cheltenham Lodge, S.O.E., last night, the following taking part in the program: Piano solo, Mr. Lane; mouth organ, William Smith; comic song, C. B. Jones; song, Jos. McIlween; boxing, Baker v. Daly; fencing, Hopkins v Southam. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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# TORONTO JUNCTION SHAMROCKS.

**Splendid Lacrosse Meeting in Town Hall—2 Teams in 3 Series.**

The annual meeting of the Junction Shamrock Lacrosse Club took place last night in the Town Hall, there being a large and enthusiastic attendance. The club will have two teams looking for three championships, the juniors in the City League, junior series, and the seniors in the City League, senior series, and the intermediate C.L.A. Officers were elected, as follows:

Patrons and patronesses—Mr. and Mrs. G. Heintzman, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sabbe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Macnamara, Dr. and Mrs. Clendenning.

Hon. president, J. W. St. John; hon. first vice-president, E. R. Rogers; hon. second vice-president, W. J. Browne; president, W. A. Baird; first vice-president, J. Marr; second vice-president, W. Duncan; secretary, J. Doane; treasurer, J. C. Gilbert.

**Varsity Team Practise.**

Varsity lacrosse team held their first practice of the season on Tuesday night, when about 15 players were in uniform. Among those out were McKinnon, Kyle, Gladney, Bryce, W. Hendry, Devlin, Armstrong, Sutherland, Groves, Hector McNeil and a crack goal-tender who hails from Niagara Falls.

**Canada's Plate-Glass Skips.**

"Plate-glass skips" is a phrase with which the Scottish curlers have become familiar in their progress thru Canada. These are the curling equivalents of armchair politicians. When the matches are being played in the covered rinks out there those gentlemen seat themselves in the comfortable parlors which overlook the rinks, and are protected from the cold by plate-glass fronts. Ensconced in comfort they can watch not only one, but various, games, and you do not require to listen to their talk very long until you find out that the skips which happen to be directing are far inferior to them, that under their guidance every miss would have been a hit and every loss a gain. The Scottish team have by this time become aware that there are plate-glass skips at home who would have managed matters much better than those who were sent out from the Old Country, and thru the pane of the Atlantic they have heard criticisms that betray a much more intimate knowledge of the Canadian game and a much greater ability to cope with it than they—poor creatures—possess. But these things disturb not the team. They go on their way rejoicing. Their progress, from a curling point of view, is not a triumphal march. They do not everywhere come, and see, and conquer. They never expected to do so. They have done better than they dreamed they could, infinitely better than some said they would when they left home. And they are happy. So far as friendship and good-fellowship is concerned, and that was the great object of their mission, their Canadian tour is certainly a triumphal march. Everywhere they met hosts of good and true men, hand to hand and heart to heart. As Scottish or of Scottish descent, they recognized the brotherhood, and at the game and at the social board they form friendships that will never fade. There are a good many points of difference in the ways of the curlers there and in Scotland, but it is extraordinary to have to relate that not one dispute has arisen over any point; there have been no hot words, such as one sometimes hears at home in a parish match or big bonspiel, where in their keenness the curlers sometimes forget themselves. The aid of the umpire has never been necessary. Surely this is saying much.

And it is not so far as the home papers have reached them, are of opinion that much greater emphasis has been placed upon their defeats than upon their victories—the Scottish curlers had every reason to be gratified with the success that attended them in the greatest province of the Dominion.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

**Play Saturday on Lambton Links.**

Members of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, who wish to play over the temporary course of nine holes on Saturday next, can dress at the Harris House and also get lunch as arrangements have been made with the proprietor. Lunch can be had from 12.30 to 2.30 o'clock. The Harris House is at the terminus of the Lambton car line. The new links purchased by this club has arrived and will be put in operation at once as the ground is in good condition for rolling.

**Death of Famous Golfer.**

Chicago, March 17.—Word was received yesterday from Harry Turpie, the local golfer, that David Bell, the Midlothian professional, died at New Orleans late Sunday night. Two weeks ago he fell downstairs and sustained an injury to his spine which resulted in paralysis of his lower limbs and led to his death.

He was 28 years of age, and came to this country from Carnoustie, Scotland, where he was engaged in the wholesale liquor business. Ill-health prevented him from taking the New Zealand agency for his firm, and, being a clever amateur golfer, he decided to turn professional, getting his first position with the Midlothian Country Club, where he has been for the past three summers.

In 1900 he finished first of the resident professionals in the open championship, and was considered one of the leading experts in this country. He was one of the most popular players in Chicago, and the news of his death caused many expressions of regret in local golfing circles.

**John Sullivan Beat Andy Walsh.**

Boston, March 17.—John (Twin) Sullivan, the welterweight champion of New England, won from Andy Walsh of Brooklyn in a 15-round contest at the Criterion A. C. to-night.

**Yanger and Abel Go 10 Rounds.**

Kansas City, Mo., March 17.—Benny Yanger was given the decision over Kid Abel in a 10-round go to-night. Yanger had the better of the contest thruout, but Abel made a good showing, especially for gameness.

**Association Football.**

The Junior Scots are requested to attend a meeting at the Central Y.M.C.A. this evening.

Brereton & Manning have organized their football club for the season, with the following officers: Hon. president, R. L. Brereton; president, Gould N. Thruston; vice-president, Ernest A. Sandham; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Cole; captain, R. Jose. They are now open for contests with teams from any other factory or warehouse. Communicate with the secretary, 52 West Front-street.

The reorganization meeting of the Broadview Football Club will be held to-night at the clubhouse, Broadview-avenue, at 8 o'clock. Prospects for strong teams in all the leagues are bright for this year. The junior team will be particularly strong, as last year's team will be strengthened by some of the best players from the Boys' League team. The champion Intermediates expect to line up much the same as last fall, and will be in the running to the finish. All those interested are requested to be present, as the possibility of outdoor matches for Good Friday will be discussed.

# HOCKEY FINALS DECIDED

## Marlboros and Waverleys Winners of the Senior and Junior Championships.

## GAMES PLAYED IN MUTUAL ST.

**Royals Defaulted Their Final Game in Lacrosse-Hockey League.**

The finals in the Senior Hockey League were decided last night in the Mutual Street Rink, the senior championship going to the Marlboros, and the junior to the Waverleys. The only senior game went against the R.C.B.C. by default. The Marlboros then played the Waverleys a fifteen-minute exhibition game, the result being a tie at two goals each.

The ice played fairly well at the start, but the surface was covered with water at the finish.

The Western A. C. beat Old Orchards by 2 to 1, being ahead at half time 1 to 0. T. Eatons beat the Westerns 4 to 2 after three extra ten-minute periods. It was 2 to 2 at full time.

The final was in ten-minute halves, Waverleys scoring 2 in each to nothing for Eatons. The teams were as follows:—

Westerns (2)—goal, Morton; point, Alby; cover-point, Parker; forwards, Lyon, Robinson and Blair.

Old Orchards (1)—goal, Stewart; point, P. Clayton; cover-point, sproule, forwards, Fleming, J. Clayton and Lapatinkoff.

Referee, F. C. Waghome.

T. Eatons (4)—goal, Keptoun; point, Davidson; cover-point, Archibald; forwards, McClue, Ryan and Hughes.

Western A. C. (2)—goal, Morton; point, Kelley; cover-point, Parker; forwards, Lyon, Robinson and Blair.

Referee, Bellrose.

Waverleys (4)—Goal, Knott; point, Stump; cover-point, Rolster, forwards, O. Juigley, Forbes and Murphy.

T. Eatons (0)—Goal, Hepburn; point, Davidson; cover-point, Archibald; forwards, McClure, Ryan and Hughes.

Referee, Waghome.

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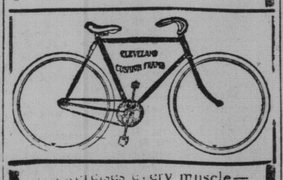

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# AMATEURS BECOMING BUSY.

**Capitals of North Toronto Will Reorganize To-Night.**

The Capitals of North Toronto will elect officers and make arrangements for the season at a general meeting called for to-night in Hanna's hotel. They have started work already and expect to have a great season. Kobean, last season with Hillsburg, will play with the Caps this summer.

The Maple Leafs will hold a meeting Friday evening at 246 Farley-avenue. As business of importance will be transacted, all members are requested to attend. Anyone wishing to join will be welcomed.

The Baraca B.B.C.'s tournaments are nearing a close, the handball being completed Monday evening, when H. Jose won by defeating J. C. Beyer and J. Hattan, respectively, in two of the most exciting contests of the season. The semi-finals of ping-pong and Mississippi are being played off this week, and the finals will be contested next week. The Baraca B.B.C. regret to state that J. Hattan, their well-known shortstop, will not be with them this year on account of his leaving for London for the summer.

The City Junior League held an enthusiastic meeting at Central Y.M.C.A. parlors last night, the following teams being represented: All Saints, The A.C., Dufferins, Acadjies, Maple Leafs, Alps, Alerts, Easterns, White Oaks, Metropolitans, St. Marys and Carnations. The next meeting will be held on March 24 at Central Y.M.C.A. parlors.

Mr. F. Brown, who managed with unlimited success the Western Juvenile Baseball League during 1902, will manage a Western Junior League during the coming season, and has secured the parlors of the West Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of holding a meeting Monday next at 8 p.m. It will be to the interest of all junior teams west of Yonge-street to send delegates to this meeting, as there will be inducements offered that will be of especial interest to all teams playing junior ball this year. Mr. Brown comes well recommended from the Juvenile League, and all teams interested in the Junior League should turn out next Monday evening to the organization meeting of the Western Junior B.B. League.

The Excelsior Baseball Club will hold a meeting this evening at Mr. Falconer's corner of Brunswick-avenue and Bloor-street. All members and friends of the club are requested to be on hand early, as there is a quantity of business for discussion.

The Wellingtons held a very large and enthusiastic meeting in the New Armory Hotel last night, and everything looks bright for a very strong team, and they expect to be near the top, if not the leaders, of the City Amateur League. Manager O'Dea has signed some very fast players, that will fit nicely in last year's week spots. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25, at the New Armory Hotel, corner Queen and Simcoe-streets, and all members and players are requested to attend.

The Eno A.A.C. held a very successful meeting last night. About 25 players will turn out for the junior and intermediate teams. The following officers were elected: President, A. Charters; vice-president, G. Jones; treasurer, G. Taylor; secretary, J. Scully. Managers will be elected at the next meeting for both teams. Any player wishing to sign kindly apply to J. Scully, 771 Cheapside-street. The Enos have entered teams in the City Junior League and the Toronto Intermediate League. With the men now signed the blue and red will be fighting for a top place at the close of the season. The baseball team will organize Friday night at the club rooms. Any players wishing to sign are requested to be on hand at 8 o'clock sharp. All welcome.

The Metropolitan B.B.C. held their first regular meeting last night in the club rooms, and organized for the coming season. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, City Solicitor Fullerton; president, William Sylvester, Reeve of York Township; manager, A. E. C. Bailey; secretary-treasurer, A. J. Gilmore; captain, William Burton. Delegates were selected for the meeting of the Junior League to-night, and they will make every endeavor to play ball in this league. A committee was also selected to arrange for suitable grounds. Another meeting will be held March 25, when all members and those interested are asked to attend. The following gentlemen are patrons of this club: A. V. Pickett, R. H. Beatty, A. Gibb, C. Gibb, R. J. McIntyre, C. Coles.

**Ottawa Valley Cricket League.**

Ottawa, March 17.—Representatives from Ottawa, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Almonte and Perth Cricket Clubs met here and organized the Ottawa Valley Cricket League, with the following officers: President, F. W. Ashe, Smith's Falls; vice-president, J. A. Seybold, Ottawa; H. C. Small, Carleton Place; and Eardley Wilmot, Almonte; Committee—A. Rosamonde, Almonte; W. R. McEwen, Perth; George Jarvis, Smith's Falls; H. Madge, Carleton Place; secretary, A. G. Lewis, Ottawa. Each club is to play a home-and-away series. The schedule will be drawn up early in May.

The Ottawa first eleven will play home-and-home matches with a team picked from the Leas.

It is proposed to play a match between a team selected from the Montreal City League and one chosen from the Ottawa Valley League.

President Comiskey of the Chicago American League Baseball Club, announces that James J. Callahan, the pitcher, has been appointed manager of the team for 1903.

**TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.**

London.—George Neilson, aged 84, a British army veteran, died suddenly.

Kingston.—Penitentiary guards have petitioned the government for an increase in pay.

Rapid City, Man.—David Jackson has accepted the prohibition nomination for this district.

Ottawa.—The Coal Dealers' Association have reduced the price of coal from $8.50 to $7.50 per ton.

Berlin.—The Spring Assizes opened before Justice Meredith without one criminal case on the docket.

Windsor.—The old colors of the 25th Regiment will be deposited in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Victoria Day.

Quebec.—The Agricultural Society of the Province of Quebec have opened in general session with about 500 delegates present.

Winnipeg.—A C. P. R. freight clerk, charged with breaking his contract with the company, pleaded guilty and was fined costs of the court.

Kingston.—William Scott of Battersea, who tested ice with the butt end of his gun and received a charge of shot in his face on Sunday, is dead.

Vancouver.—The crews of the four C. P. R. boats in harbor have joined the strikers. Estes says the company has declined all offers of arbitration.

Winnipeg.—The application of the city for a charter amendment permitting it to enter into an agreement with the C. P. R. relative to the closing of certain streets has been favorably reported to the House.

**United States.**

Detroit.—Indications are that the ice in St. Mary's River will soon be gone.

Cripple Creek, Col.—A strike has been declared against all mines shipping ore to the mills of the United States Reduction and Refining Co.

New York.—A conference between the Civic Federation and a committee of the Marine Trades Council representing all the unions in the shipbuilding trade, was held to day and agreed on an understanding to prevent a strike.

New York.—Lieut. Peary is negotiating with the Italian government for the purchase of the vessel used by Duke Abruzzi to make another dash for the North Pole. The Peary Arctic Club have given him $200,000 backing. It will be his third attempt.

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# DANGERS OF POOLROOMS.

**Inspector Archibald Gives Word of Warning to Parents.**

The case of James Jackman, who appeared before Magistrate Denison yesterday morning to answer a charge of permitting young boys to frequent his pool room, draws attention to an evil which there is reason to believe is more prevalent in this city than most people imagine.

Speaking to The World, Inspector Archibald said last evening: "There is certainly a great deal more harm done by this practice than the general public believes. Many parents are altogether too lax in the supervision they exercise over the companionships formed by their boys." Young lads are in the habit of spending their evenings knocking about the streets with others of their own age, and nothing is more natural than that they should drift into the pool rooms, where they soon get acquainted with habitual frequenters and form companionships which do them no good.

**Have an "Inner Circle."**

"The greatest evil," said the Inspector, "arises from the fact that many of these places have an inner circle. A young boy goes into one of these pool rooms, and at first is probably nothing more than an onlooker at the game. Soon he becomes acquainted with the players and learns to play himself. Then, when he has been long enough a frequenter of the place for the owners to have confidence that he will not betray them, he is introduced to this inner circle. This is probably a back room, in which "craps" and other gambling games are played, and from this the rushing steps are easy. He forms there companionships with questionable characters, often criminals, by whom he is led from one thing to another, until sooner or later he turns up in the Police Court charged with some serious misconduct. This condition of affairs should be brought to the attention of the public, so that parents will be brought to see the danger that exists. I propose to exercise a more careful supervision of the doings of their boys.

# MASONIC ORDER EXCITED.

**New York's Doric Lodge Admitted "Shang" Draper, Notorious Crook.**

New York, March 17.—Astounded and indignant that the notorious "Shang" Draper, reformed bank burglar, active gambler and reputed collector of police blackmail in the Tenderloin, should have been made a member of Doric Lodge, No. 280, A.F. & A.M., in this city, Grand Master Elbert Crandall has seized the charter of the lodge, forbidden the celebration of the golden anniversary of its institution, and will take immediate action looking to the expulsion of Draper from the craft.

Nor will Grand Master Crandall stop there. It is announced that probably today he will appoint a trial commission to make an inquiry as to how such a notorious man could have obtained membership in such an old and exclusive lodge. It is said the result of this inquiry will be that the persons who were instrumental in proposing Draper for membership and the members of the committee appointed by the lodge to investigate his antecedents at the time he was proposed may be expelled.

Not for years has the craft had such a shock as that which followed the discovery that "Shang" Draper, the former associate of "Red" Leary, "Jimmy" Hope, "Big Frank" McCoy, "Billy" Porter and other notorious bank burglars and criminals, and who now is said to be the silent partner of "Al" Adams in the policy business, was wearing the white lambskin in Doric Lodge.

Draper, whose Christian name is Thomas, but who is known to the police of two continents as "Shang" Draper, has been a member of Doric Lodge since Oct. 10, 1902. His number on the lodge roll is 929. His eagerness to go higher in the craft than the blue lodge revealed his identity. Having received the first three degrees of the craft in the blue lodge, the institution appealed so strongly to him that he sought to go higher. He wanted to become a Royal Arch Mason, and applied to a chapter for admission. That chapter was more careful and discriminating than Doric Lodge, and its committee performed its work better. Draper was unmasked.

He was proposed as a broker, and made a very favorable impression with the other members.

**Sporting Notes.**

Sporting Editor World: Will you kindly inform me if the Orton Running Club is still in existence. Have they disbanded or what has become of them? I would like to secure the name and address of the secretary. Admirer.

Betting interest in the featherweight championship battle between "Young Corbett" and Terry McGovern, to take place in San Francisco on March 31, is shown in sporting circles. Notwithstanding Corbett's victory over McGovern more than a year ago, Terry is the favorite with betting men. Odds of 10 to 7 have been offered and accepted that McGovern will defeat the Denver lad.

Secretary W. P. Fraser of the Ontario Jockey Club announces that the Spring Stakes for Woodbine will close on Saturday, April 25. Those include all the stakes except those confined to Dominion-bred horses and the Stanley Produce Stakes, which have already closed. The Toronto Cup, the richest stake of the meeting, and the Woodbine Plate are among the stakes closing then.

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