

HOCKEY.

Victorias vs. Crescents—Champions Defeated—Game a Hard Fought One—Large Attendance.

The initial game of the League hockey series took place in the Prince's Rink last night in the presence of a big crowd of spectators.

The opposing teams were the Crescents and Victorias and the game, which was a fast one, resulted in the Crescents, last year's champions and top-notchers for four previous seasons, going down to defeat. The score being: Victorias, 4 goals; Crescents, 3.

On the whole, play though fast at intervals was not brilliant. Individual play and long distance shooting was too much in evidence and combination was out of the question. The personnel of the teams were:—

Crescents.
 Thomas, goal.
 Herder, point.
 Joy, cover.
 R. Stick, rover.
 Hutchings, left.
 Churchill, centre.
 L. Stick, right.

worked hard at this juncture but their combination play was broken up by Parsons and Morison of the Vics, who played a rattling game. The Vics forwards got control and bombarded the Crescents goal. The puck, it was alleged, struck the inside part of the net. The goal judge gave a different opinion and no goal was awarded. The present goal judge was then replaced by Mr. R. Simms. Just before half time Lilly best Thomas.

Victorias.
 Hunt, goal.
 Morison, point.
 Parsons, rover.
 Ford, left.
 Shortall, centre.
 Lilly, right.

Precisely at 7:30 the players came on the ice and faced each other. At the command of Referee Higgins the disc was put in motion. Play opened briskly, the Crescents starting hostilities. The Stick brothers got away together, passed to Churchill who was on the spot and scored the first goal for the season amid much applause.

Crescents, 1.
 This opened the ball, matters became lively and the fans were in their element. The Victorias put up steam and kept the puck in Crescent territory. Herder put up a capital defence and made his opponents beat a hasty retreat, as again the Stick brothers got away and came within an ace of scoring. The Vics kept up the pace and again attacked their opponents and through the combined efforts of Parsons and Ford the equalizer was registered.

Victorias, 1.
 This was followed by applause loud and long and Victoria's stock increased. Shortall captured the rubber and made the best and prettiest run for the night, succeeding in beating Thomas.

Victorias, 2.
 This enticed matters and made the Crescents work with renewed energy and determination. Fast play was followed by heavy checking and several players were penalized. However, Len Stick made a pretty dash up the right wing and landed the puck in the meshes.

Crescents, 2.
 This evened the score and put every player on his mettle. The Crescents

played the best combination. The Stick brothers were, as usual, good and handled their sticks well last night.

Hutchings and Joy played a hard game.

For the winners Hunt, the boy in goal, probably saved the match for the Victorias.

Parsons gave a creditable exhibition of hockey indeed.

Ford, Morison, Shortall, in fact all the Vics played well.

His Excellency the Governor witnessed the match and enjoyed it to the fullest.

The Feldians and St. Bon's will play to-morrow night's game.

Ladies Mobbed a Thief.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Arthur Courtemanche, representing himself as an inspector of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and making an unauthorized collection of the money in the slot gas meters, visited the home of Mrs. Philip Larner, at 581 St. Dominique street, this morning.

The suspicions of Mrs. Larner were aroused when he offered her a receipt which did not bear the printed form of the company.

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Daily Investment News

St. John's, Dec. 22, 1914.

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Curling for Charity.

The Charity Bazaar held yesterday under the auspices of the Curling Association, was largely attended, and the affair proved very successful. The players showed great enthusiasm in the games and put forward their best efforts which resulted in a splendid exhibition.

The proceeds of yesterday's games are in the vicinity of \$500 which will be expended to purchase coats for deserving families. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Davidson took part in the games in the morning, and were also present during the afternoon and night accompanied by Major Davenport, A.D.C. They thoroughly enjoyed the game, and expressed their great pleasure at seeing the affair so largely patronized.

Mr. H. D. Carter, President of the Curling Association and of the Committee of Management, tendered his thanks to all who helped to make the day so successful, and was gratified at the large collection received. Congratulations are due to the curlers, particularly to the ladies who by their sale of teas, candies and cakes helped to make the affair such a financial success.

The Confession

AT THE CASINO TO-NIGHT.

To-night the W. S. Harkins players will present "The Confession." Those who saw it last week have told their friends that "it's the best yet," & nothing more need be said except that seats for to-night are going fast and those who intend going should secure their seats early. To-morrow and Saturday nights the play will be F. Marion Crawford's famous play "The White Sister," dramatized by him from his equally famous book and originally acted by Miss Viola Allen and James O'Neill in New York, where it enjoyed a tremendous run. "The

White Sister" is one of the greatest dramatic successes ever produced on the stage.

Many St. John's people have read the book and are anxiously awaiting the play. Seats went on sale at the Atlantic Bookstore this morning and are being rapidly taken up.

Ice in Straits.

From messages received yesterday we learn that the Straits are blocked with heavy ice, which reaches as far as Bonne Bay.

Ice is making its appearance much earlier this year than last, as the S. S. Portia was able to call at Bonne Bay until late in February.

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Mr. A. S. Rendell's Appreciation of the Firemen's Work.

St. John's, Nfld., 20th Jan'y., 1914.

John Sullivan, Esq.,
 Inspector General Constabulary,
 City.

Dear Sir— I have much pleasure to hand you herewith cheque for One Hundred Dollars for distribution amongst your men in appreciation of their splendid work at the Cochrane Street Methodist Church fire on Sunday night last, through which my dwelling and other property was saved.

Yours very truly,
 A. S. RENDELL.

Inspector General's Office,
 St. John's, Jan. 21, 1914.

Dear Mr. Rendell— Let me on behalf of the men of the Fire Brigade thank you for your very generous present to them of \$100 in appreciation of the services rendered by them during the burning of the Cochrane Street Church on Sunday night last. Your cheque has been handed to them and they are very thankful to them and they are very thankful to me say, they value much more your kindly words of commendation than they do even your generous present.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 JOHN SULLIVAN,
 Inspector General
 Constabulary.

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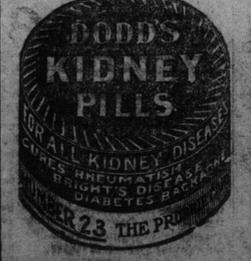
"This time," I said, "I am not joking."—It was the morn of New Year's Day; "I'll quit forever more my smoking, and throw my rank old pipes away. I know full well tobacco causes disorders of the heart and spleen; too long I've stained my teeth and jawes, and soiled my chin with nicotine. Too long I've shocked my wife by filling the house with fumes hard to endure; and now I cut it out, God willing, and send my briars to the poor." No sooner was my vow recorded than came a meerschaum pipe to me, with pipes like that are kings rewarded—a noble pipe that's fair to see. Then some kind friend who wished to cheer me, and from my heart rase the bears' brought grim temptation, once more near me—she sent a box of fine cigars. Another sent a jar of lacquer—a priceless thing from far Japan—in which to keep my choice backer; a princely gift for any man. My vow lies heavy on my shoulders, I writhe beneath temptation's strokes, 'or I have silver mounted holders for cigars and other smokes, and all the jimericks and equipment that good tobacco dealers sell, and every nail brings me a shipment of things a smoker loves too well. The vow of mine! It frets and wearies, and gives my soul a frequent fit; and don't you spring too many queries concerning whether I've stayed quit!

The Nickel Thronged.

The Nickel Theatre was thronged yesterday afternoon and last night. Every seat was occupied and every one was delighted with the performance. The picture entitled "Hope" was a particularly interesting one. The other pictures were: "Broncho Bill and the Outlaw's Mother," "The Triangle," a silly love drama; "The Dandy," "All for a Girl" and Williamson's animated news. Mr. Koch was delightful and received warm applause. The picture will be repeated to-day.

PREPARING FOR BANK FISHERY.

The banking shippers of the south west coast are now signing on crews for next season. Many of them will in a few days be making preparations for the early spring trip.



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BRONCHO BILL AND THE OUTLAW'S MOTHER—An absorbing Western drama.
WILLIAMSON'S ANIMATED NEWS—The ever-popular film.
THE DANDY—ALL FOR A GIRL—Two rattling good comedies.
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