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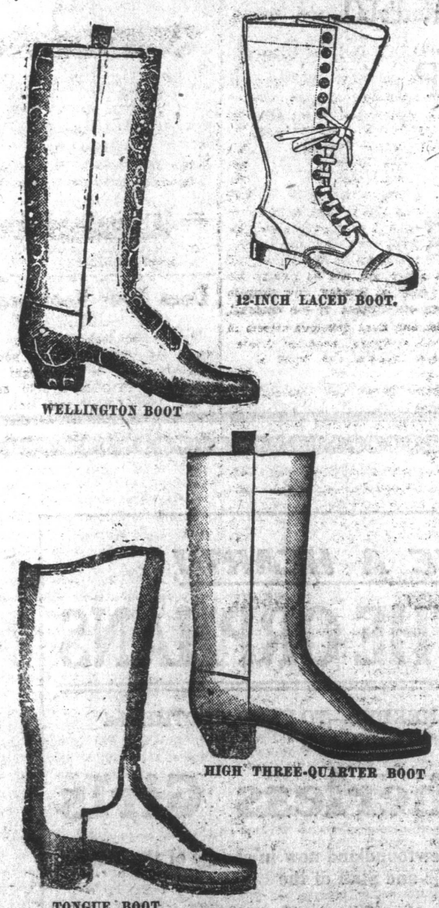

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HOCKEY TEAM WILL LEAVE ON JAN. 11.

Canadian Olympic Squad Will Sail From St. John For Paris Early in the Winter.

TORONTO, October 14—According to an official announcement, the Canadian Olympic hockey team will sail from St. John, N.B., on January 11th, 1924. W. A. Hewitt, Canadian Olympic hockey representative, will have charge of the team from now on, and while the team is Canadian, Peter G. Campbell will be associated with them in an advisory capacity.

The official announcement was made at a combined meeting of the representatives of the Olympic Committee, the O. H. A. sub-command the players of the Granite Hockey Club, senior O. H. A. champions and Allan Cup holders.

WON'T TURN PRO.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—That he has no intention of turning professional, and that he will retire after taking part in the Olympic games hockey series, was the statement made yesterday by Harry Watson. The Granite left wing player stated that he was offered a contract four months ago by the St. Patrick's Club of the National Hockey League, but that he never had any intention of accepting it.

MOUNT ALLISON WON FROM MONCTON TEAM.

MONCTON, N.B., Oct. 15.—Mount Allison defeated Moncton senior rugby team at Sackville on Saturday by a score of 6-0. The game was marred by eight free kicks granted to the college team and was played while a heavy gale was blowing. The college half line work was loose and the men persistently fumbled the ball. The locals showed their lack of condition at half time when they were winded badly. Flood, the garnet and gold full back, was the star of the game and is easily the mainstay of his team.

MISS WETHERED HOLDS BRITISH GOLF TITLE.

GANTON, Yorkshire, Eng., Oct. 12.—Miss Joyce Wethered retained the title of English woman golf champion in the tournament closing here to-day. Miss Wethered defeated Mrs. Lodge, of Burnhill, in the final round, 8 up and 7 to play.

WILLS KNOCKED OUT HOMER

New York, Oct. 12.—(United Press)—With a hard right-hand to the body after twenty-six seconds of the second round, Harry Wills, colored heavyweight, knocked out Homer Smith, Kalamazoo heavyweight, here last night. Smith was floored six times, and made such a poor showing that the small crowd wondered how he had been able to go ten rounds with Luis Angel Firpo. Wills weighed 211 pounds, and Smith weighed 190 pounds.

PICTOU ACADEMY WON LEAGUE GAME.

New Glasgow Players Were Defeated by the Pictou County Boys By a 6—5 Score.

New Glasgow, N.S., Oct. 14.—Pictou Academy Rugby team beat out the New Glasgow High School boys in a 6 to 5 battle played on the N. G. A. A. field Saturday afternoon before a crowd of five hundred spectators. The visitors made a good showing, particularly Gordon Fraser, whose long punting and great tackling prevented the local boys from running up a large total.

Fraser scored the first points of the game when he dropped the pigskin over the bar in the opening session on a free kick. Fraser went over the line for the first touch for safety three times. Half not converted and the visitors lead by a 6 to nothing score at the conclusion of the first period.

The New Glasgow boys outplayed their opponents in the second session and forced the visitors to touch for safety three times. Half way through the period, Williams went over the line and Nicholson converted making the score 6 to 5 in the Academy's favor. Mr. Clarke refereed. The players:

Pictou Academy. — Fraser, full back, McLeod, McLellan, McPherson and Bill, halves; Griffin, McInnes and Talbot, quarters; McBain Hamilton, Beaton, Cameron, McCurdy, Delaney and Falconer, forwards.

New Glasgow. — McDonald, full back; Townsend, Nicholson, McKay and Williams, halves; Larsen, Grant and Tibbits, quarters; Cullen, Meickle, Graham, Crowell, Fraser and McLean, forwards.

EDMONTON HOCKEY CLUB TO PLAY IN OTTAWA, DEC. 1-8.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The professional hockey season in Ottawa will open on the night of Saturday, December 1, with the first of a series of two games between the Edmonton and Ottawa teams, world series finalists of last winter. The second and final match will take place here on the night of Monday, December 3.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TEAM WILL VISIT ENGLAND NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 20.—The United Kingdom will next year entertain another rugby football team from New Zealand, the Antipodean Dominion having come to an agreement with the Rugby Union, the body which controls the amateur fifteen-men game in the Old Country. Twenty-nine players will travel from New Zealand and the team will play in all twenty-five matches against teams of the British Isles. The tour will end not later than Dec. 31, 1924. Tours of the United Kingdom by teams representing the Dominions began in 1901-2 when a Canadian fifteen made the trip and met with some measure of success. Canada thus initiated a form of Empire sport which has since been imitated by New Zealand, South Africa and Australia. The New Zealanders followed the Canadians in the season of 1905, their tour meeting with unprecedented success. In all their games the "All Blacks" were defeated only once, by Wales.

During the 1906 football year, the Antipodeans were followed by a South African fifteen, the "Springboks," and they duplicated the efforts of the "All Blacks." A remarkable commentary on Imperial relationship was found at that time in the fact that the Springbok team contained several players who, only five years before, had been in arms against the British during the Boer War, while one of their most brilliant men was a nephew of General Joubert. An Australian team came next but since the Australians were professionals, their games were confined to the Northern Union, who have since returned the visit. Shortly after the first Australian tour, the Northern Union teams changed their form of play to that of the Australians, discarding the fifteen-man game and adopted the thirteen-man system of play.

BECKETT'S MISERABLE DISPLAY AT OLYMPIA.

Big "Fight" Lasts Only 15 Seconds.

British boxing has suffered many rebuffs of late years, but the hardest blow of all came when at Olympia Joe Beckett was for the second time beaten in one round by Georges Carpentier, of France. It was as well that Beckett had informed us beforehand that the fight with Carpentier would be his last, for the Frenchman proved conclusively that we have not yet unearthed a worthy heavy-weight champion. Four years ago at Holborn Stadium Carpentier did the trick in 74 seconds, and at Olympic the total time occupied by the "great fight" was 15 seconds—including the counts. Carpentier was altogether too speedy and quick thinking for the phlegmatic British champion. Beckett walked from his corner and in tentative fashion poked out a left which Carpentier had no difficulty in evading. Carpentier manoeuvred around his man in sprightly fashion, the while Beckett seemed glued to the floor like a man in a dream. He was quite off his guard, and Carpentier, quick as a flash, jumped in with a terrific right, which carried the full weight of his body. How Beckett, warned by his previous experience, came to stand and receive the blow only he could explain. But certain it is that he was hit with great force, and although he regained his feet after six seconds, it was obvious that the blow had done its work. The referee came between the men; but Carpentier followed up his advantage in relentless fashion. Dodging around the referee Carpentier shot home two more punches that caused Beckett to hang over the lower rope, half out of the ring. Only four seconds of the count had elapsed when Beckett's brother George, who was acting as one of his seconds, threw in a towel, which landed at Beckett's feet. This act was perhaps the most astonishing feature of the "fight." The whole period that had elapsed from the gong that set the men going until

The Time the Towel Came in

was 15 seconds, of which time Beckett had spent at least ten seconds on the boards. Words fail to express the disappointment of the spectators as they saw the ignominious figure cut by Britain's champion. 'Twas a sad, sad day indeed for British boxing—the worst blow the sport has received in this country, which, after all, is the home of the sport. Spectators were stupefied, not to say disgusted, and after they had recovered from the shock and given cheers for Carpentier there was a liberal booing for Beckett. It was a very crestfallen Beckett that we saw in the dressing-room afterwards. All he could say at first was, "I'm sorry." Later on he remarked to our representative: "But he is fast with that right hand—it is a terror. I was just shaping up nicely, as I thought, for a fight, when over it came, and that's all there was in it. It was a case of a racehorse and a carthorse, and I am the carthorse. I am sorry." It will be recollected that a few days prior to the contest Beckett had declared that win, lose or draw, this would be his last appearance in the ring. Beckett had frequently complained that for some reason or other the British public had not taken him at his own valuation. He, however, was accorded a magnificent ovation on entering the arena. Carpentier's reception, although an excellent one, paled into insignificance in comparison. A few seconds later and a complete transformation came. Beckett was roundly "booed" and Carpentier idolised. M. Descamps hugged the Frenchman in a wholehearted kiss that was motherly in its affection. It remains to add that within a few minutes Carpentier had been to his dressing-room, changed into his ordinary attire and was back at the Press table close up to the ring to calmly smoke a cigarette and give advice and encouragement to his confrere, Paul Fritsch, who met Seaman Hall. The latter lost on points after 10 rounds.

BECKETT RECEIVES HIS PURSE.

Why the prize money was withheld.

Major Arnold Wilson, promoter of the Beckett-Carpentier match, made the following statement in view of the hitch in the handing over of Beckett's purse:—"There has been no mystery at all about Beckett's purse. The amount was deposited at the 'Sporting Life' office two weeks ago. I asked the editor of that paper to suspend payment meanwhile for the following reasons: I considered there was no need or justification for the throwing in of the towel at the count of four during the second round. Beckett went down and I thought he was justified in the interests of the sport and the public that such a regular incident should be investigated. It has now been fully looked into and the verdict is that it was an indiscretion by a second' for which the principal could not be held responsible. I consider that the contest was a complete one, however short, I am also convinced that Beckett was completely knocked out. I wish to take nothing from the credit due to Carpentier for his convincing victory, and do not wish to detract from the merit of Carpentier's right punches which brought about victory. Now that investigations have been completed Beckett has received his purse of £4,500. Carpentier has already been paid."

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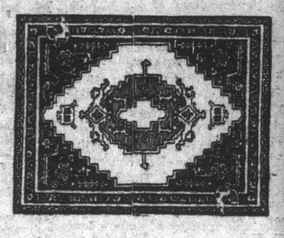

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