

ALL THE LATEST NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENT ON SPORTS

HOCKEY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Clubs Are Not Yet Ready So Meeting to Form League Stands Until Friday.

Another meeting for the formation of a city hockey league was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night and further adjournment was made to tomorrow evening when it is hoped everything will be in readiness.

The teams represented last night were Mohawks and another team to be named. Mohawk players, and the Bankers, and three intermediate teams—the Micmacs, High School and Tigers. H. S. Sturdee occupied the chair.

STANLEY CUP TRUSTEE DISCUSSES CRITICISM

Mr. W. E. Foren Says Stipulation of Lord Stanley is Being Lived Up To by Present Conditions

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Stanley cup will continue to be played for on lines similar to those in vogue the past 29 years, viz. between the best hockey teams that can be produced, which in the eyes of William Foren, one of the trustees, are the professional teams of today.

Discussing the criticism that has arisen over the composition of the Stanley cup, Mr. Foren states that all the conditions regarding the composition of the cup are being lived up to by the present stipulation, and that the trustees are quite satisfied the cup is being contested for by what it was originally intended—the best teams in Canada.

"It is ridiculous and next to impossible to find a challenging team down to the same players who went through the previous season and won the right to play for the cup," said Mr. Foren.

"Death, injury or change of residence may render the original makeup amateur. It is the same as organized baseball. A contract lasts for a year, and at the expiration of that period any club may sign up players for the following season, if it pays the money or there is no prior claim on the men. Professional hockey in Canada is now well organized. Each player signs a legal contract that binds him to his club. He cannot jump from club to club during the season."

Referring to the original stipulations laid down by the donor, Mr. Foren states emphatically that the Stanley cup was set up for either amateur or professional hockey in particular, but for the best hockey.

"The trustees have already instituted a ruling that covers everything relating to the eligibility of players on a challenging or defending team during the season. That is a period when it is practicable to bar out men imported especially for the cup matches. Only players who have been with the contesting team during the season are eligible. Had Edmonton played for the cup toward the close of last season they would have been compelled by the trustees to play the same men on the ice who helped the team win the championship of the league."

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WILLIE HOPPE'S CHALLENGE

New York, Dec. 17.—Willie Hoppe, the boy billiard champion, has just reached his majority, which is signified by a challenge to the world for a billiard match. In a statement which he issued he says:

"To show the public that I am sincere in my statement to help put billiards in the world, I will play any billiard player in the world, three, four, five or six night match, five hundred points a night, at either style of game, 18 inch ball line, one shot, or 18 inch ball line, two shots, for the sum of from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the match to be played in any city agreed upon."

DIVORCED FROM DRIVER COLLINS

According to the Boston papers an absolute divorce has been granted to Mrs. Lettie Nelo Collins of South Weymouth, Mass., from her husband, Phil. E. Collins, who has been driving on the Marine Circuit the past couple of seasons. Confirmed habits of intoxication was the charge and the wife was given the custody of their minor child, a young girl.

SHRUBB AND LONGBOAT

They Will Race in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 9th.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Alfred Shrubb, the long distance English professional champion runner, has accepted the challenge to meet Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, the vanquisher of Donato Pistori, at Madison Square Garden. The race will be run Jan. 9.

Whatever will be the result of the Shrubb-Longboat contest, it is said that the four-cornered long distance fight between Donato, Shrubb, Longboat and Hayes will be held soon thereafter.

NOT THE DEBATER BUT THE ATHLETE

Who Holds Centre of Stage at College Now.

Cambridge, Dec. 16.—President Arthur Twining Hadley of Yale University addressed the Harvard students at the annual award of academic distinctions. In his address President Hadley said:

"Two generations ago the intellectual idol of the graduates and students of most of our colleges was the leading debater. Now it is no longer the debater, but the athlete who occupies the centre of the stage. Now it is no longer success in oratory, but success in sport which is over-looked."

"Whether we should be better off if we had less athletic interest in our colleges and universities is a matter about which there is, I think, no difference of opinion. There is, I think, no difference of opinion that we should be a great deal better off if public attention were more largely fixed on the intellectual professions and less on the athletic ones. The way to make the American people more interested in the intellectual professions is by proving that our prize scholars even more than our prize athletes represent the type of men for which there is a public need."

RACING CROWD'S LOSS WAS \$3,000,000

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16.—John S. Shea, supervisor of racing accounts, has filed with the state controller his annual report for the racing year. It shows that the loss to the state from the racing industry was \$3,000,000.

GOTCH'S ULTIMATUM TO HACKENSCHMIDT

Frank Gotch has decided that if George Hackenschmidt wants another match in the effort to regain his title as world's best fighting champion, he will have to come to America to get it. Gotch writes from Manchester, Eng., where he is now playing in vaudeville with his company.

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OF TRACK, FIELD AND ARENA AT HOME AND ABROAD

EVEN MONEY ON THE BURNS-JOHNSON

Australians Think Fight Will be on Level and Each Man Will Have Equal Chance to Win.

Word comes from Sydney, Australia, that the betting on the Burns-Johnson heavy-weight championship fight, which is to be decided there on Dec. 28, is even money. While Burns has a strong following in Australia, Johnson has made many friends since his arrival at Sydney, because of his hard training and general appearance. In Australia the opinion is prevalent that the fight will be on the level and that each man has an equal chance of winning.

SKATERS SET DATES

For Indoor and Outdoor Championship Meets—At Montreal in February.

New York, Dec. 16.—The International Skating Union of the United States and Canada has selected Cleveland for the national and Pittsburgh for the international indoor skating championships, at Montreal, Feb. 1 to 6.

TRUE BLUE L. O. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

True Blue, L. O. L., No. 11, of the week, held their annual meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. J. Anderson, W. M.; Wm. Smith, D. M.; W. W. Williams, secretary; Isaac McLeod, financial secretary; George A. Kirkpatrick, treasurer; John Maxwell, D. G.; Norman P. McLeod, lecturer; Joseph Taylor, deputy lecturer; Win. Trear, inside tyler; George Colman, outside tyler; C. E. Belyea, secretary; Stanley, David Thomas and Thomas Ferguson, committee; C. E. Belyea, N. P. McLeod and Wm. Smith, financial audit committee.

The officers were installed by Deputy County Master J. B. Baker, and the grand secretary, Neil J. Morrison.

CAUSES OF FOREST FIRES

The forest fires of New York this year burned over an area of about 200 miles and the direct damage they did was about \$2,000,000. It is interesting to find how large a part of these fires were set by hunters and campers. According to the report of the forest commission, people who camp in natural advantages of a large part is unknown, but of 272 accounted for, 103 were caused by hunters and 72 by campers. Some of the people who do not know how to use them. If it continues it will be necessary to form a great number of fire wardens.

Harold New, Toronto, says: "I can trace my son Harold's trouble to when he had the measles two years ago, from which he never really recovered. Some of the best physicians attended him, but within months of suffering he in turn contracted whooping cough, bronchitis, and then pneumonia."

"MY POOR BOY WAS REDUCED TO A SHADOW"

"Month after month went by that we shall not soon forget; months of sleepless nights, fearful coughs, weakening night sweats, left my boy a mere shadow. He had no appetite and my heart ached to see how he was wasting away. He spent one whole summer at the Lakeside Home for sick children, and came home greatly improved, but the cold winter of October took him off his feet again. The doctor advised me to send him to Muskoka, but heavy doctor's bills had depleted my financial resources and such a step seemed out of the question. Scores of friends advised the use of PSYCHINE, but I was inclined to place PSYCHINE on a par with many advertised remedies and cheap nostrums. However, my friends proved such strong advocates of it that I at last consented to try it."

"HUMAN LIPS CANNOT DESCRIBE THE CHANGE."

"We tried PSYCHINE and human lips cannot describe the change that took place. No words can express the thankfulness of his mother and myself when we saw the crisis was over and that which all the doctors' prescriptions had failed to check. Day by day Harold grew stronger and all through the winter of 1926 although continually out of doors he failed to take cold, and he put on flesh very quickly. By the spring my son was completely cured, and developed into a strong, sturdy lad."

HAROLD AGAIN FALLS A VICTIM TO DISEASE.

"About last Christmas he was again attacked, this time with diphtheria; and had this dread disease very badly. After spending some time in the Isolation Hospital he returned home cured of his illness, but oh in such a pitiable state of emaciation. The last struggle with the grim monster death had reduced him to a skeleton almost, and the boy could scarcely stand, he was so weak."

PSYCHINE AGAIN GIVES GOOD SERVICE.

"Again we began to give him PSYCHINE and before one bottle had been used he showed a marked improvement. We continued to use PSYCHINE and in a very short time Harold was as strong as ever and able to go to school. We haven't any need for a doctor in our home since we started using PSYCHINE. It is certainly a wonderful remedy. Can you wonder that I am never tired of proclaiming its merits?"

WHAT PRINCIPAL GROVES OF RYERSON SCHOOL, TORONTO, SAYS:

Principal Groves of Ryerson School says: "He is an exceedingly well-conducted boy, and has not been reported to me for ill-behavior at any time. His teacher, Miss Finlayson, reports that during the whole time the boy has been in her class (Senior 3rd) he has shown marked ability. Is a sharp, intelligent lad, and displays great ambition and perseverance in the preparation of his studies. Has been most punctual and regular in attendance, seems to enjoy the best of health."

HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Presentation of Medals Will be the Feature of the Programme—Girls Win Them All.

The city schools will close for the Christmas vacation tomorrow. The High school pupils will gather in the assembly hall at 10:45, and the following programme will be carried out:

Overture—High School orchestra. Recitation—A Christmas Carmen—Fred Manning, Grade IX. Chorus—The Manger Babe—Girls of Grade IX. Recitation—The Three Kings—George Murray, Grade X. Recitation—The Charm of Christmas—Helen Corbett, Grade XI. School orchestra. Selection by the First Christmas—Hilda Rogers, Grade X. Recitation—Our Christmas—Constance Coste, Grade IX. Chorus—Oh I Hear the Glad Song—Girls of Grade IX. Chorus—The Climate—A National Anthem—Arthur Anglin, Grade XI. Selection by orchestra, directed by W. C. Bowden.

THE DIVISION HAS A RECORD

Golden Rule Division S. of T. at Hopewell Hill Has Met Continuously for 59 Years.

Mr. S. Hennigar, grand worthy patriarch of the Sons of Temperance in New Brunswick, returned yesterday from Albert county, where he attended two meetings. A large enthusiastic gathering was held in the Methodist church in Albert on Monday evening. Rev. W. J. Kirby, pastor of the church, presided. The meeting opened with a hymn, reading of scripture lesson and prayer. The chairman delivered an inspiring address, followed by a visit to the state of New Brunswick, which dwelt upon the evils of intemperance. The last speaker was Edward Wagstaff of Hopewell Hill, who delivered a strong and practical temperance address. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

ARMSTRONG-BISHOP

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 16.—Special.—The Baptist church here was today the scene of a very interesting event, the wedding of Miss Lulu Clark to Bayard Marshall Armstrong, the popular representative of St. John's, N. S., in the House of Commons. The bride was very prettily attired in a brown costume with hat to match, and looked charming. They were unattended.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

Dr. E. Lesker, the chess champion, has been in London during the past few days and states that a return visit between himself and Dr. Zarasch is probable next year.

FIRST STEP IN EMPIRE'S UNITY

Sir Sanford Fleming So Speaks of the State Owned Cable Favoured by Mr. Lemieux.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—A special London cable says: Sir Sanford Fleming, writing to a London friend, expresses delight at the attitude of Hon. Mr. Lemieux regarding the state-owned Atlantic cable, which, Sir Sanford thinks, is the first step, and that the rest will gradually follow.

BISHOP CASEY LEFT FOR HOME LAST NIGHT

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Bishop Casey, of St. John, who came to Montreal to bless the bell "Charlotte" at St. Patrick's on Sunday, today visited the convent of the Sacred Heart at Saint Anicet, leaving for home this evening. His lordship was attended by one of his old professors, Rev. Father Meahan, C. S. C., of St. Laurent College. At Notre Dame College, Cote des Neiges, he was met by Rev. G. A. Dion, C. S. C., provincial of the Holy Cross order in Canada; Rev. Father Geoffroy, C. S. C., superior of the college; Rev. Father Hebert, C. S. C., and the members of the college faculty. His lordship was entertained at dinner and inspected the college.

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