

Quidi Vidi Ice Sports.

THE ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON.
A great afternoon sport was provided yesterday at the Newfoundland Horseman's annual meet on Quidi Vidi Lake and it is estimated that no less than 5,000 people were on the course.

FIRST RACE.

This consisted of four events, the first of which was the Howard Mann under 3 year old colt race. In this run the horse owned by Mr. R. B. Job came an easy first in two heats. As there was only one prize there was no race for second place, which no doubt would have proved very interesting as it was hard to tell which of the other three entrants had the most speed although many favoured the eighteen months animal owned by Mr. D. Galway and driven by Joseph Judge. This equine took 2nd place in the first heat.

SECOND RACE.

In the second event, a free for all championship trot, there were only two contestants Burt Axworthy owned by the Newfoundland Agricultural Board and Howard Mann owned by Mr. Harold Macpherson. Two new horses, "Moss H." owned by R. H. Beahm and "Manary" owned by A. E. Perkins as well as last year's champion "Sweet Echo" did not race owing to mishaps received, whilst practicing during the week. Finnister owned by Mat Kelly entered, but through some cause did not take on the spirit of the day and despite the efforts of his driver would not make a good start. Howard Mann was in splendid form and beat Burt Axworthy in the first heat by about 3 lengths. In the second heat Axworthy received a cut on his hind leg and the race was somewhat delayed. This heat was won by Howard Mann as was also the third.

THIRD RACE.

In the free for all pace there were 8 entrants. This race proved very exciting and onlookers continually crowded in on the course. In consequence three people were knocked down by the racers during the second heat but fortunately escaped serious injury. A resident of Mulock Street named Byrne who was amongst the number was at first thought to be seriously hurt but was able to walk home. During the third heat a man named Downs whilst running out on the course was also knocked down. He received a bad shaking up but otherwise was unhurt. "May Tanton" owned by Joseph Judge proved her mettle in this race and took 3 first places in splendid style. "Moth Miller" driven by John Duff pushed her very hard and in the first heat made a close second. In the first heat "King Oke" was the winner, but in the succeeding runs he fell to third place.

FOURTH RACE.

At the announcement of the Farmers race it seemed that every pony on the pond took the notion to show its speed. Several ran up the course clearing all before them. One pony getting away from the cover at the head of the Lake dashed up amongst a dozen other animals and but for the promptness of a number of men who were standing by all would have gone helter skelter. There were five horses entered in the farmers race. Bob driven by Frank Walsh came first in the first 3 out of five heats. This race was somewhat of a surprise. The C. of E. Orphanage horse winner of last year's race was looked upon as a likely but for some reason he did not show his usual speed. "Kate" owned by John Miller, Topeall, was a good second to Bob and pulled down 3 second places. "Stella" Mount Cashel and "Geo" Church of England Orphanage ran a nice race in the second heat both horses finishing neck and neck.

The races which started at 2.30 finished shortly after 6 p.m. The Horseman's Association deserves congratulations for the carrying out of their programme in spite of many obstacles. No doubt there was some delay in getting the horses started, and some there were who grumbled. The course was the whole length of the pond nearly three quarters of a mile and as would be expected, it took time to get every thing set right at both ends. The mounted police under Inspector Noseworthy did splendid work in keeping the track clear and but for their assistance there would have been impossible to run the events so great was the crowd of spectators.

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St. Patrick's Day Show at the Nickel.

RUTH CHASE REVEALS APPROPRIATE SELECTIONS.

The Nickel Theatre was the centre of attraction St. Patrick's Day, when immense audiences thronged to this popular house to see the big programme. Miss Ruth Chase gave delightful renditions of two selections appropriate to the occasion, being "Laddies Duck of Mine" and "Kiljarney." The bill was given a further touch of Irish by the appearance of J. Warren Kerrigan in a picture entitled "30,000, Kerrigan" by the way, is a thoroughbred Irishman. \$30,000 is a joy picture if there ever was one. There is a sprinkling of the dramatic here and there, but in the main it is replete with the original style of life is without. A particular feature of the play is the strong supporting cast which includes Fritz Brunette, Carl Stockdale, Nancy Chase and Joseph J. Dewling. Charlie Chaplin, the king of fun was seen in one of his funniest comedies, entitled "The Cure," and judging from the laughter it caused it certainly was a cure. The same bill will be repeated to-night.

ACCIDENTS.—They will happen. Annie broke 3 Cups to-day, but we are fortunate in being able to replace with a good quality White Gold Cup and Saucer for 23c each at STEELE'S.

Masonic Installation.

The installation and investment of the officers of Lodge Tasker, No. 454 R.S. A.F. and A.M., took place in the Masonic Temple at High Noon yesterday, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. The ceremony was performed by the District Grand Master, Bro. C. R. Duder, and assisting him were his Deputy, Bro. Tasker Halleran, P. Feehan, Edward White, Cook, and Secretary, Bro. H. E. Cowan. The District Grand Master under the English Constitution, Bro. J. A. Clift was unavoidably absent but he was represented by the Deputy D.G.M. Bro. J. R. Bennett.

After the ceremony the usual congratulatory addresses were made and a Past Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Bastow. A brief banquet brought the proceedings to a close.

In the list of officers published in Thursday's Telegram, the names of Bro. S. K. Lumsden who was installed as I. G., and Bro. J. Stansfield, Organist, were omitted. Bro. B. Taylor is one of the Stewards, and not I.O. as stated.

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Debated Prohibition.

"Has Prohibition benefited Newfoundland?" This was the controversial question debated by the Cathedral Debating Club on Thursday night. The answer was given in the negative. The leaders of the debate were: Lawrence Cullen and H. G. Ford, affirmative; and H. Harnett and W. Funnereux negative. From the floor the following took part: James Jacobs, H. Hooker, Douglas Shille, Geo. Laite, Conrad B. Hefferton, H. Gardner, H. Hiscok and Rev. J. Brington. A very interesting debate was held during the night.

Original Orange Organizer.

The founder of the Orange Association in Newfoundland was Dr. Leeming, who was ships' doctor on the surveying boat Culnane, which visited this port in the early sixties. Dr. Leeming brought the charter for Royal Oak Lodge to St. John's from P.E.I. When first started, the members of the Association had to meet in one another's homes. The next Lodge was named after the Doctor, and is now known as Leeming Lodge.

St. Patrick's Day at the Crescent.

EDDIE MCGINLEY IN SUITABLE NUMBERS.

St. Patrick's Day was a big day at the Crescent Theatre, the management had selected a programme suitable to the occasion. Eddie McGinley, the vaudeville comedian, appeared in a mirth provoking comedy act. Eddie, being an Irishman, knew what to deliver on such an event as this. His Irish jokes were most original and very entertaining, and won for him huge plaudits from the large audience. He sang a well known ballad, "Remember The Boys," and also gave a comic number that caused roars of laughter. Eddie gave a particularly good rendition of that popular song, "Stand up and sing for your father." After the programme finished everybody went away thoroughly pleased after spending a most enjoyable evening at the Crescent. Those who did not see this show should do so to-night.

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Mr. Shortis Replies to Mr. O'Mara.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. F. Shortis, who is, certainly, well-informed on our early sealing voyages, as well as an enthusiast on all matters pertaining thereto, will be surprised to learn of the splendid catch of the twenty-five St. John's vessels, already noted, etc. (Mr. O'Mara, Article of Thursday last). Mr. Shortis is not in the least surprised. When I was speaking to Mr. O'Mara a few days ago, and noted the mischievous twinkle in his starboard eye, I felt sure that he was bound to have a sly dig. My old friend is a deep shot. Mr. O'Mara is ever endeavouring to maintain the superiority of St. John's skippers over that of the outpost men as seal-killers, and no doubt, would prove successful had he the material to work on. He sticks up for his native town, and I only do my old friend justice in saying that I know no man so well versed in the general history and traditions of St. John's as M. J. O'Mara. But to come to the point. I shall not show the absurdity of Mr. O'Mara's statements as to the superiority of St. John's skippers of the past over the outpost skippers from any evidence of mine, but I shall take up his own remarks and prove that he has been endeavouring to pluck the laurels from the brows of the outpost skippers and place them on the heads of the St. John's men. With a flourish of trumpets he enumerates the successful skippers who brought in loads of seals to St. John's in the year 1857. He names those famous seal-kills: Capt. P. Mullooney, Barron, Terence Halleran, P. Feehan, Edward White, Alexander Graham, Carew, Gossie of Torbay, William Kneel, Benister, etc., but carefully refrains from going farther. But he went far enough to "put his foot in it." Now, my old friend, did you ever stop to think that, with two or three exceptions, every one of the famous skippers you named in your well-written letter, were born and reared in the outposts? Would Mr. O'Mara have us believe that those famous Vikings were modern Easas, who would deny their birthright? Mr. O'Mara was very unfortunate in his selection. I would feel very much obliged to Mr. O'Mara if he could give me the names of native born St. John's skippers who could rank with such outpost heroes and successful seal-killing masters, as those Mr. O'Mara has named himself, such as Mullooney, Halleran, Graham, White, etc., or who could produce records such as Whelan, Billy Rabbitts, Jim Wilcox, Mundena, Bartlett, Sprackling, Clarke, Norman of Brigus; Dawes, Parsons, Denaney, Fitzgerald, Dwyers, of Carbonear; Rockwoods, Wewman, Hopkings, of Heart's Content; Egan, Andrews, Grahams, Coleman, of Trinity; Daniel Green, Hanrahan, Keefe, and above all, Thomey of Harbord Grace, whose average record in sailing vessels for half a century was

over 4,000 seals; William Kneel, Murphy, Wm. Keen, Windgors of Bonavista Bay; Stephen Johnson and Avery of Bay de Verde.

Now, Mr. O'Mara, old friend, get a gait on, and let us see what a success you will make in handling your case, and then I shall have something else to say. There is nothing like making an analytical contrast, because, we are then sure to arrive at a true conclusion.

The Billiard Tourney.

The work of putting up the table which will be used in the big Inter-Club Billiard Tourney is proceeding to-day at the C. C. C. Hall. All other arrangements have been made. It is hoped that during the games spectators will realize that as little noise as possible should be made, as any loud chipping or other noisy form of applause are liable to upset the players.

Sheilah's Day 50 Years Ago.

What was up to that time the biggest snow storm ever recorded in Newfoundland occurred 50 years ago to-day. A man named McDonald, while going to his home on Portugal Cove Road, was lost in the storm; his body was not recovered until the following spring.

Serious Gun Accident.

A report of a serious gunning accident has been received by the Deputy Minister of Justice from Magistrate Small at Burgeo. Particulars of the affair were not given, but from the message it is learned that the victim, William Northcott, a married man with a family of eleven, will lose his right arm and possibly his leg. Northcott is in poor circumstances and during the past two months has been receiving relief.

Stolen Goods Recovered.

POLICE MAY MAKE ARREST TO-DAY.

All the goods recently stolen from the Stores Department of the General Post Office have been recovered and are now held at the Police Station. They include mail bags, canvas and a roll of cloth. An arrest will be probably made to-day as a result of police investigations. The robbery took place on Tuesday last, presumably during the dinner hour. A Yale lock which was on the door of the room from which the goods were stolen, showed signs of having been tampered with.

Six Years for Ghandi.

Ahmedabhad, British India, March 18.—Mohandas K. Ghandi, Indian non-Co-operationist Leader, who was arrested recently on charges of sedition was sentenced to-day to six years imprisonment, without hard labor.

Weather and Ice Report.

Little Bay Islands—Light S.W. wind, fine; Bay full of ice.
Tilt Cove—Moderate westerly wind, fine and cold.
Fogo—Light south wind; no change in ice.
Springdale—Light westerly wind, fair.
St. Anthony—Moderate N. E. wind, ice slack; no seals reported.

Latest From Sealing Fleet.

41,000 REPORTED.

The news received yesterday from the fleet show that the ships are operating off the entrance to Bonavista Bay. The ice conditions are unfavorable. The ships however are taking seals and so the catch accounted for is 35,000 not including the S.S. Vikings operating in the Gulf and the Seal and Hanger which have not reported. General regret will be felt for Capt. John Parsons of S.S. Diana as his ship had the misfortune to have her tail shaft broken, which will probably necessitate abandoning the voyage. The Diana was the first ship to strike the seals and had 7,000 on board at the time of the accident. The messages received during Thursday and Friday night are as follows:—

BOWRING BROTHERS.

Terra Nova, (Thursday p.m.)—Crew doing very well to-day. Two planes arrived at 1 p.m. Position 20 miles S.W. of Funks.

Terra Nova (Friday p.m.)—Jammed practically all day. Panned 600 hauled 1,000 on board. On board and stowed down, 3,500, on pans 7,000. Killed 6,000 yesterday. Ice very heavy and close packed.

Eagle, (Friday p.m.)—On board and stowed down 6,000, all pans picked up. Had to haul seals to ship. Ice heavy and closely packed.

Viking (Thursday p.m.)—Panned 3,000 to-day. Very hard picking up pans, ice in big sheets.

Viking (Friday p.m.)—Men have panned 1,200 to-day. Ice in big sheets difficult to get through. Position 20 miles E.N.E. St. Paul's.

Ranger—No report.

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Neptune (Thursday p.m.)—15 miles E. by N. Cape Freels. Two planes arrived at 12.20 to-day.

Neptune (Friday p.m.)—Killed and panned to-day 400. Position 10 miles S.E. ½ S. Cabot Island. Ice very heavy ship practically jammed.

Thetis (Thursday p.m.)—Jammed all day, done nothing.

Thetis (Friday p.m.)—On board and stowed down 5,000. On ice about 2,000. Jammed all day. Position 10 miles east of Cabot Island.

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Seal—Was reported Thursday, 15 miles South of Funks.

THE CATCH SO FAR REPORTED.

Terra-Nova	10,500
Thetis	7,000
Diana	7,000
Viking	6,200
Eagle	6,000
Sagons	3,500
Neptune	2,000
Total	41,300

GOOD ICE QUALITY**Double Header Hockey.**

CITY DEFEATS BRIGUS IN KEEN GAME—SAINTS LOSE TO ST. BON'S IN TIE CUP GAME.

A team selected from the Felidians and Terra Novas defeated the Brigus players by 12 goals to 2 at the Prince's Rink on Thursday night. The game was much more keenly contested than the score would indicate. Brigus, while displaying ignorance of most of the rules of hockey, showed that they knew how to skate and handle their sticks. It was evident that they practiced on ponds without any referee or rules to hamper them and after a little coaching they would form a team as strong as any in the League. Brigus did not have their regular goal keeper on during the game and this proved a severe handicap. The match began after the Tie Cup game and Brigus opened the scoring within three minutes of the start. The City team was got going, however, and obtained a substantial lead of four goals in the first period. Six more goals were added to the City score in the second period, while Brigus scored once. In the third period the City obtained the only goal scored.

TIT-CUP GAME.

St. Bon's defeated the Saints by 5 goals to 2 in the Tie Cup game, played at 7 p.m. on Thursday night. St. Bon's had the best of the game throughout. The game was fast at times, and occasionally, some good hockey was evidenced. Callahan, Cahill and Muir scored for St. Bon's, and Munn and Coultas got through for the Saints. Halley did well in the St. Bon's goal.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Canadian Sapper left Halifax at 4 p.m. yesterday for this port bringing a full freight and four passengers.
S.S. Bornholm left Boston last night for St. John's via Halifax, with general cargo to A. E. Hickman, Co., Ltd.
S.S. Wynocote leaves Glasgow for this port to-day. The ship is bringing a large shipment of spring goods.