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## HAMILTON STILL HAS A CHANCE.

### Montreal Franchise May be Transferred Here.

Steel Plant Bowling Team Won at St. Catharines—Hamilton Rifle Club Defeated at Hagersville on Saturday.

Eastern League baseball is not out of Hamilton's reach yet. On Saturday morning it was announced that the Montreal team would remain in the Canadian Metropolis, and that Hamilton's chance had passed. Later in the day, however, Mr. Wm. Stroud received a telegram from President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern League stating that Hamilton's chances were still good, and asking him to send on particulars as to grounds, etc. to New York, without delay. Mr. Stroud had an interview with Mr. Fred Paige, who has been working for the organization of a new International League and that gentleman at once realized that if an Eastern League team were placed in Hamilton there would be no possible chance for his league, so he agreed to turn over his option on Britannia Park, provided he was recouped for the expense he has been put out. Of course, his conditions were accepted as reasonable. Full particulars by letter were sent on to Mr. Powers and are in his possession now, and he may be heard from at any moment.

As far as can be learned from what has already passed it is the intention of the present owners of the Montreal franchise, if the change is made, to put the Montreal team and outfit complete into Hamilton. Manager Farrell has a strong team and one that would give Hamilton high class ball. It could be run at an expense no greater than that of the Montreal of 1897 and 1898, and if Hamilton could—and did—support that team liberally, it should be able with 20,000 more of a population and electric suburban railways all over the country, to do a business deal better now.

If local capital is desired Mr. Stroud is prepared to provide it in any one of three ways—out of his own pocket as a business venture; by subscription as a scheme in which many Hamiltonians are interested, or by the organization of a joint stock company. He does not think, however, that any local money will be required, or that anyone but an investor in the enterprise.

#### BASEBALL A U. S. GAME.

In this year's Spalding's Baseball Guide is the decision of a commission of the highest authority declaring the origin of baseball to be strictly American. Mr. A. G. Spalding, compiler of the views of Henry Chadwick, editor of Spalding's Official Baseball Guide for twenty-eight years, who has always contended that baseball emanated from the old English school-boy pastime of Rounders.

The commission was composed of A. G. Mills, of New York, an enthusiastic ball player in the sixties, and the third President of the National League; Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley, ex-Governor and present United States Senator from Connecticut, the first President of the National League in 1876; Nicholas E. Young, a veteran ball player, the first secretary and subsequently President of the National League from 1883 to 1902; A. J. Ross, an old-time professional baseball player and President of the Philadelphia Club for twenty years; George Wright, the most noted shortstop of his day, and Mr. James E. Sullivan, President of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, who acted as secretary to the commission.

For three years Secretary Sullivan was busy collecting data and following up clues, and after getting all the evidence necessary to come to an intelligent decision, the matter was laid before the special commission, with the result that the national game was found to be of an American origin.—New York Telegraph.

#### LONDON SIGNING UP.

London, March 23.—Sporting editor Meyer, of the Advertiser, has received a letter from Paul Wreath, owner of the London franchise in the International Baseball League, in which he says:

"Charles Bird, my playing manager and catcher, is helping me land players, and you can bet that I will give London a team that will make the fans sit up and take notice."

"I have just received the signed contract I sent to Louis (Cyclone) Thompson, of Boston, Mass., a tall, lanky pitcher, who last year won two-thirds of his games in the Maine State League, and has several years' experience in league baseball."

#### GOOD OUTING.

Steel Plant Bowlers Won at St. Catharines.

Two teams of the Steel Plant Bowling Club were the guests of the St. Catharines pin smelters on Saturday night. The games were rolled on Leach's new alleys. Long before the scheduled time for commencement, the academy was taxed to its uttermost with followers of the game, the opera chairs being reserved for the fair sex, of whom there was a large representation.

The Garden City boys, while comparatively new at the game, put up a splendid argument, and while both the Steel Plant teams won on total pins, most of the games were very close, the most exciting being the last game, in which Hamilton No. 2 was defeated by three pins.

After the game the bowlers repaired

to the banquet room of the Grand Central Hotel, where Host Tosi had excellently prepared a most complimentary dinner. Many complimentary speeches were made, and the Steel Planters declared the outing the best of the bowling season. The scores were:

Steel Plant No. 1—					
W. Park	178	170	166	534	
E. McQuillan	170	158	162	490	
R. Kinswater	153	142	100	455	
G. Thomson	148	150	210	517	
H. Pratt	183	157	168	508	

St. Kitts No. 1	Buchanan	138	136	102	436
	McIntosh	139	142	172	453
	Watson	177	120	150	447
	Harris	152	174	132	458
	Gunn	171	169	119	459
		777	741	735	2253

Steel Plant No. 2	W. Thomson	142	155	168	465
	McIntosh	152	148	160	460
	Whitehead	148	196	108	452
	Wilkins	162	169	170	510
	Chapman	136	158	149	444
		740	817	832	2389

St. Kitts No. 2	Lane	151	166	171	488
	Tosi	131	168	157	456
	Cook	161	118	170	449
	Robertson	129	144	156	429
	O'Gorman	119	112	181	412
		691	708	835	2234

#### RIFLE MATCH.

Hagersville Beat Hamilton by 36 Points.

The King Edward Rifle Club, of this city, sent a twelve men team to Hagersville on Saturday for a friendly shoot with the town team. Several of the club's best shots, including C. O. Nichol and W. English, were unable to accompany the team, which was defeated by 36 points. The Hamilton team did not shoot to their best form, but as they were most hospitably treated by the

home team they did not take the defeat too much. The scores were:

Hagersville	Hamilton K. E.
H. Hammond	60 W. Grover
W. Swing	64 W. Will
D. L. Hunter	66 W. Hunter
A. Hunter	64 W. Nichol
W. C. Wilson	65 H. Glover
J. Forman	63 L. Nicol
C. B. Almas	68 A. Parmenter
W. Holligan	64 R. Jones
H. McDonald	66 A. Anderson
W. H. Sherry	60 W. Dewey
J. Griffith	60 J. Freeborn
Total	704

The Hagersville Club will send a team to this city next Saturday for a return match. The match will take place at the K. E. ranges, at Red Hill.

#### VIC'S. SMOKER.

East Side Curlers Had Very Pleasant Time.

The Victoria Curling Club closed the season of Saturday evening curling, a smoking concert in the club quarters, at which the prizes won during the winter were presented. Mr. A. M. Cunningham, the President, occupied the chair. After a short address on the season's work he presented the competition cup to Mr. Ralph C. Ripley, skip of the victorious rink. Mr. Ripley, in turn, presented the trophy and then called on Mr. F. H. Hubert, the vice skip, who presented the club with a group photograph of the winners—H. C. Worth, Geo. Price, F. H. Hubert and R. C. Ripley.

The members were then asked for suggestions for the improvement of the welfare of the members of the club for next season. Messrs. Kilvington, Turner, Macpherson, Davis, Campbell and Martin, and others, each offered some good ideas one of which being that the membership should be reduced considerably in order to accommodate all the members with play, these suggestions will be considered at the annual meeting this fall.

Speeches were also made on the welfare of the club by Messrs. Cummer, Wm. Dixon, Frank James and G. Shambrook.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Cunningham for his generosity in donating the rink competition cup.

#### SHOOTING AT H. G. C. TRAPS.

Owing to the "heavy fog" only six shooters and the official referee attended the regular shoot of the Hamilton Gun Club on Saturday afternoon. The winner of the Queen's Hotel Cup at Brampton, George Beattie, again demonstrated his excellent eye with a break of 91 out of 100. The scores:

Targets	10 25 25 10 10 10
Dr. Wilson	7 9 21
Hunter	9 21
Beattie	10 24 22 10 10 9
Bates	8 21 19
Hore	4 15
Broad	12

## COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Hamilton Cricket Club is looking for a boom in the grand old game this year. Since last season a number of high class players who have been away for a few seasons with their colleges, and some new arrivals, have joined the ranks of the club, and it is expected that the Hamilton eleven will be stronger than for years back, and in condition to hold its own with the best in Canada. The enthusiasm among the players is indicated by the fact that a recent arrival from England has been requested to procure almost a dozen of the best bats from across the pond. Some of the former star players will also wield the willow again this summer.

It is also expected that the Sons of England will have a stronger team than ever, and the game will certainly boom among the boys at Hamilton.

Already the H. G. C. is taking steps to get the grounds in shape. The building and removal of the north side foot ball grand stand left the centre of the field pretty badly cut up. The committee went over it on Saturday, and has arranged to get the necessary work done at once, and a ground man will be employed forthwith.

A boom in cricket in Hamilton would be welcomed by every true lover of sport. Probably no other game has such an educating and uplifting influence upon those who engage in it, and the men who have worked so long earnestly for it in Hamilton deserve the best that can come.

This is evidently baseball year in Hamilton.

Full many a Jem whose other name is Roche

The sheltered nooks of Wexford mountains bear.

But if you want to save them from reproach

Perhaps 'twere just as well to leave them there.

(The same being lines carved by a Tipterary man on the headstone of a nutt.

—Chicago Tribune.

Perhaps it was the irony of fate that sent a Wreath to London, the dead city.

## FILMAN WON IN HEAVY CLASS.

### Aldershot Wrestler Made Good at C. A. A. U. Tourney.

Jamieson Lost in the Final Bout at Toronto on Saturday Night.

Toronto, March 23.—The list of the amateur champion wrestlers of Canada is now:

105-pound class—J. Gilbert, Kels School, Toronto.

115-pound class—G. Parry, Central Y. M. C. A., E. Cote, Montreal A. A., won the competition, but is not eligible to take a C. A. A. U. prize.

125-pound class—S. Fraser, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

135-pound class—Thos. Baker, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

145-pound class—Thos. Baker, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

158-pound class—J. R. Dickson, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Heavyweight class—J. Filman, Aldershot.

For Olympic purposes E. Cote, of the Montreal A. A., is the winner in the 115-pound class in the tournament of Friday and Saturday, but as he is not registered with nor eligible for registration with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, whose championship tournament this was, he is not reckoned as the winner of any C. A. A. U. honors or trophies. The same is the case with his club-mates, E. Bain, who was second in the 135-pound class, and Percy Roberts, who was third in the 158-pound class. They will receive special medals.

Two seasons were necessary on Saturday to decide the big final interesting bill at the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union wrestling championships, decided under the auspices of the Central Y. M. C. A. in Association Hall, and before the bill was disposed of the spectators were treated to the finest exhibitions of clean and clever wrestling ever seen in this city. At the afternoon session J. Jamieson, of Hamilton, got the decision over Sutherland, Toronto Centrals, in 21 minutes.

In the evening the programme opened with the final in the 158-pound class, which brought together the Swede, Lappan, and Dickson, of the Centrals. The latter was the winner. He has a fine

repertory of holds, but the Swede is a hard man to throw, and indeed proved too tough a proposition when he went into the heavyweight class later and Filman could not gain a fall from him.

Tommy Baker had a strenuous evening, winning in two classes. In the 135-pound final he had to wrestle fifteen minutes before he had the better of Bain, of Montreal, who, going up ten pounds, he finally won the next class from Jamieson, of Hamilton, who is under protest as having competed for money in the Ambitious City.

Parry, of Central, had to go eighteen minutes with Cote, of Montreal, but the latter had the more experience, and though it was a very close thing, the award to the Montrealer was correct.

Gilbert won by a fall from Sheets in the 105-pound final, while Fraser and Callum, in the 125-pound division, were probably the closest pair of the whole tournament. They had to go eighteen minutes also, and Fraser's margin of victory was only the slightest.

Lappan gave Filman a stout argument in the heavyweight final, and though the Swede was almost always on the defensive, he occasionally made the Aldershot man show all that he had to avoid being thrown himself. The final result was:

105-pound class—J. Gilbert, Kels School, Toronto, threw O. Sheets, Central Y. M. C. A.

115-pound class—E. Cote, Montreal A. A., won from G. Parry, Central Y. M. C. A.

125-pound class—S. Fraser, Central Y. M. C. A., won from H. Callum, West End Y. M. C. A.

135-pound class—Thos. Baker, Central Y. M. C. A., threw E. Bain, Montreal A. A.

145-pound class—Thos. Baker, Central Y. M. C. A., won from J. Jamieson, Hamilton.

158-pound class—J. R. Dickson, Central Y. M. C. A., won from E. Lappan, Thistles.

Heavyweight class—J. Filman, Aldershot, won from E. Lappan, Thistles.

TOO TOUGH FOR HACK. Baltimore, Md., March 22.—George Hackschmidt, a Russian wrestler, failed in his undertaking to throw Gus Schoenlein, of this city, in fifteen minutes last night. His opponent weighed 174 pounds and the Russian 208.

## Burns' Victory Annoys Britons.

London, March 23.—English admirers of the manly art show considerable chagrin over the easy defeat of the Irish champion by Burns. It is regretted that the British side of the contest was not longer produced men capable of meeting the best American boxers. An authority on the subject thus accounts for the deterioration of English fighters:

"Some seem to think that the decline in boxing here is a matter of the last few years. But this is not so. For the last twenty-five years we have been going from bad to worse. I attribute the superiority of the American boxer to his methods of living outside the ring, his methods of training and his general discipline of life. The American is so bright, so quick, so brainy that he sees an opportunity and the moment it is in his mind he makes some use of it. Our men don't notice, too, how when they are going to lead the Americans get in close to their man. But the British boxers do not get in as close as they should. Our present style of fighting is not conducive to good work. The man is too much tucked up and his limbs are not elastic enough. But look at Burns when he is in the ring. Every muscle is relaxed until it is wanted, and when it is needed, it can be used with a force that is all the greater by reason of the sudden tension."

Then as regards training. The only training that is of any use to a man is that which suits his constitution, but that is not the modus operandi of the English trainer. He says to his man: "This is always been done and you shall do it." The Americans do not make a burden of their training. The American fighter when his work is done changes into comfortable clothes and has a nice little party of friends in the evening, and in this way breaks his monotony. But the Englishman wears his thick jersey and heavy boots from morning to night and spends his time when not actually at exercise in talking of his former fights and nothing else. I have seen men go quite stale in consequence. The American, if he gets run down, makes a change. He says, 'I'll have a cigar and a small bottle of champagne,' and he feels all the better for having it and goes back to work with renewed zest."

## Big Auto Show at Toronto.

Toronto, March 23.—On Saturday evening Sir William Mortimer, Clark touched an electric button and officially opened the Toronto Sportsmen's Show in the St. Lawrence Arena. Several hundred people were present, including many representatives of the fashionable circles, and as the lights hidden in the decorations of the ceiling blazed out they were greeted with loud applause.

In introducing His Honor, President Russell drew attention to the great growth of the automobile industry. Ten years ago there had been three thousand motors in the world, while at the present time there were that many in Canada. Ten years ago the annual output of the factories was about 2,500, while in 1907 it was 200,000.

Sir Mortimer Clark gave an interesting account of automobile manufacturing. By foolish prohibitive laws, the industry had received a great setback in England, while France, Germany and the United States took the lead. He hoped that such a mistake would not be made in Canada, for a trade once lost was very difficult to recover. He was glad that the league was setting its face against all reckless driving. He himself had seen cruel instances of it.

His Honor in referring to the exhibits made special reference to the significance of that of the Canadian Northern Railway, which shows, among other things, the canoe in which the noted

explorer, J. B. Tyrrell, travelled from Winnipeg to Fort Churchill by a 1,700-mile route, via Lake Winnipeg, the Saskatchewan River and Red Deer Lake, and explored the Roman River up to latitude 62; descended the Fergusson to Hudson Bay, and followed the shore to Fort Churchill, arriving there on Oct. 16, 1894. The snowshoes on which Mr. Tyrrell walked from Fort Churchill to Winnipeg; the first 200 miles to Split Lake over totally unknown country, which will be followed by the Canadian Northern Hudson Bay Railway, are also shown. And His Honor referred to Mr. Tyrrell's trip as showing the navigability of Hudson Bay and the possibilities of that route to Europe when the Canadian Northern extends to Fort Churchill.

The four great Canadian railroads, namely, C. P. R., G. T. R., Canadian Northern and Intercolonial, have vied with each other for pre-eminent display. A comparison would be invidious, as each exhibit has its distinctive setting and is typical of its own individual scenes and environment. The C. P. R. occupies the left half of the entrance foyer, while on the right as you enter is ranged a veritable picture gallery of scenes viewed from the coaches of the Grand Trunk.

The C. P. R. has made a departure from its usual presentations at the National Exhibition, inasmuch as it shows a collection of curiously fashioned knots and roots of cedar trees, which strikingly resemble many types of our Canadian animals, birds and reptiles. The Canadian Northern possibly outstrips its contemporaries in elaboration.

the railing and dragg-over the sleigh and its occupants.

Mrs. Morrison was the mother-in-law of Edward Lynch, M. P. P. for Westbourne.

Captain Tom Wallace has been nominated by the Conservatives of the Ontario York as their candidate for the Dominion House.

#### HURLED INTO MUD RIVER.

Aged Manitoba Woman Killed and Husband Fatally Injured.

Westbourne, Man., March 22.—Mrs. Wm. Morrison, 72 years of age, was killed instantly and her husband fatally injured while driving this afternoon. The horse swerved to one side, and slipping on the bridge crossing the Mud River, crashed through

## MEELICK BEATEN.

Angelus Made a New Track Record Doing the Trick.

New Orleans, March 22.—The same horses which were defeated with ease by Meelick in the last Saturday's \$10,000 Derby at the Fair Grounds yesterday ran Meelick off his feet and beat him by several lengths in the City Park Derby of \$10,000. Angelus won, with Chapultepec second and Meelick third. Pinkola was the only other starter. The distance was one mile and a quarter, and the time 2:04.35, a new track record. Chapultepec made the pace till the stretch, with Meelick hanging on two lengths back, and failing to respond to Jockey Dugan's efforts. Angelus stayed just behind Meelick until the stretch, then he moved up with a rush, passing Chapultepec and taking the lead at the eighth post and winning by four lengths. Chapultepec was two lengths in front of Meelick.

Meelick was 1 to 2 favorite, and was backed generally by one of the largest crowds which has witnessed a race here since antebellum days. Last Saturday the crowd, almost as large as to-day, paid no attention to Meelick, then the winner and the longest priced horse in the race, while Saturday Angelus and Chapultepec, the good things of a few days before, found few friends among the bettors.

#### FORT ERIE'S RICH STAKES.

For the Niagara Jockey Club's summer meeting, at Fort Erie, July 27 to Aug. 29, five stakes are announced, headed by the Canadian Derby, which this year will be worth \$25,000, an increase of \$5,000. The other stakes are:

Niagara Stakes, \$15,000, for two-year-olds; five furlongs.

Iroquois Stakes, \$15,000, handicap, for two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs.

Fort Erie Stakes, \$15,000, selling, for three-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Canadian Sportsman's Handicap, \$15,000, for three-year-olds and up; a mile and a sixteenth.

Grand Canadian Steeplechase, \$15,000, handicap; full course.

Entries for the stakes will close on the 15th of April.

#### IN THE PADDOCK.

The first important event of the English season will be the Lincolnshire Handicap, run to-morrow.

Smith's Falls has taken a place in the Eastern Ontario circuit, and will hold a race meeting June 9 and 10.

On account of his fractious behavior and the suspicion that it was the result of stimulants, the entry of De Oro will not again be accepted at New Orleans. J. J. Walsh's Lee Rose added another stake to his list on Saturday, when he won the Bell Stakes of \$2,000 at Oakland, and the Royal Stakes of \$1,000 at the same place. He also won the Del Cruzado Stakes.

The ring at Havana, Cuba, meeting is controlled by Smith & Perry, of Chicago, and four books do all the business. The purses are \$100, of which the winner takes \$65, so that the scale at the Cuban capital is not a very high one as yet.

New Orleans, March 23.—New Orleans papers to-day announce the beginning of a campaign to abolish horse racing in this State. The names of many well known men of this city were printed as signers of a petition now being circulated for presentation to the Legislature, which meets in May, to abolish betting at the Louisiana tracks. The question of the betting feature is admitted to carry with it the existence of racing.

## HOWARD KILLED.

Noted Distance Runner Met Death at Peterboro.

Peterboro, March 23.—When the 8.40 Grand Trunk mixed train reached Lindsay last night blood was found on the engine. A wire was sent to Peterboro, and men sent down the track found the dead body of a man horribly mutilated upon the track three miles east of Peterboro. His head was cut off and his body crushed beyond recognition, but a postcard found on his person, addressed to Hiawatha reserve, a former member of the Irish Canadian Athletic Club, Toronto, showed that he was from Hiawatha on Saturday, left his horses and sleigh at the Munro House, and was not seen till the body was found on the track.

Dr. Gray, Coroner, thinks the circumstances suspicious enough to warrant an inquest. Howard came into prominence by winning the five-mile road race from Sellen last year, and came in second in the Examiner road race on Thanksgiving Day. He was preparing for track athletics this year, and was consulting with Dick Baker, his trainer here, on Saturday.

## OLYMPIC MATTERS.

Mr. Wright Receives Letter From Secretary Pereira.

Mr. T. M. Wright, secretary of the Hamilton Olympic Committee, received a letter on Saturday afternoon from Mr. F. L. C. Pereira, secretary of the Canadian Olympic Committee, in regard to the local committee, and also in regard to the appointment of Billy Sherring as trainer of the runners in the Hamilton. It is as follows:

"In answer to yours of the 20th and with reference to previous correspondence, I beg to inform you that I will press the matter to which you are asking for reply, and hope to let you know by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but it has been unavoidable. I have laid the matter before Col. Hanbury Williams, who will go into the matter with Mr. Ross as soon as he returns to Ottawa, which will probably be on Monday."

"Re your suggestion that Hamilton be allowed a sum from the committee for the sending of their own to England, your city guaranteeing to raise the balance, I may say, although I have received no definite instructions, that the committee intend that all the expenses of the different teams shall be defrayed in full by us. Thus, if the committee decide it will send twenty men to represent track and field athletes, the expenses of the best twenty will be paid, and if any city or district wishes to send men outside those on the Canadian team they will of course have to meet the expense themselves. Your inquiry has brought up a fresh point, however, and I will try to send you a reply at once. As to Mr. Sherring being asked to

act as coach to the runners in the Montreal, I feel sure Canada couldn't have a better man for the post. I have already spoken to Col. Williams, and he has promised to take the matter into consideration. As Mr. Davidson is the brother of the chairman of the committee to act on this, they see fit, and does not lie in the chairman's hands. I see no reason, however, why the suggestion should not meet with favor."

In view of this letter the local committee will not be called together till a definite answer is received from Col. Williams. The Committee can do nothing at this stage.

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