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WESTERN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws to Come Up at Good Friday Meeting in Berlin.

The general annual meeting of the Western Football Association will be held at the Walper House, Berlin, on Good Friday, March 31, commencing at 11 o'clock a.m.

Each affiliated club is entitled to send one representative, in addition to any member it may have on the Executive.

Clubs desiring to enter any of the cup competitions must notify the secretary on or before noon of March 31.

J. A. Jackson, Seaforth, has given notice of proposed amendments, calling for the appointing of two timekeepers.

It is proposed that the Intercollege Association and the Toronto Football League shall be allowed full management and control of everything appertaining to all matches in which the members of these leagues are alone concerned, including the drawing of ties and the deciding of protests.

In case either of the clubs cannot play on the date assigned by the Executive Committee, and the two clubs cannot agree upon a date prior to the date assigned, it is proposed that the secretary of the home club notify the president of the association, who shall fix a date as near as possible to the one assigned.

The Game at Ellesmere.

Ellesmere, March 22.—The Ellesmere Central F.B.C. have reorganized for the coming season, with the following officers: Hon. presidents, Messrs. James Ley and George Scott: president, Ernest Ley; vice-president, Robert Mason; secretary-treasurer, Alex. Doherty, jr.; captain, H. Doherty; Management Committee, R. Martin, C. Mason, D. Forfar and A. Doherty.

Parties wishing to arrange matches with the above club are requested to address the secretary, Alex. Doherty, jr., Ellesmere P.O.

Toronto Garnet and Grey Kickers.

The St. Mary's Association Football Club have about completed their quota of players and will, so the knowing ones say, have a good fast eleven on the field. Mr. Walsh, an old Ottawa college boy, is now a resident of Toronto, and will coach the team. The players dressed in their new garnet and grey jerseys will present a bright appearance. The club has leased the old parliament building grounds for the season, and the initial practice will be held to-night. Manager Tom Nolan has signed the following, well known exponents of the game: Lavelle, Walsh, McGee, Macdonald, Givan, Snider, Sheridan, Duggan, Dee, Kelly, Shoemaker, Jack Madigan, and many others.

Berkeley Epworth B. C.

The annual meeting of the Berkeley Epworth League Bicycle Club was held on Tuesday night at Berkeley-street Church. The reports from the different officers showed that the club had increased some 30 members over the previous year, and that the finances were also in a good condition. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Rev. J. F. Ockley; president, Mr. George Coatsworth; first vice-president, Miss S. Dale; second vice-president, Mr. W. R. Ward; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bella Cauldwell, 368 Berkeley-street; captain, Mr. Joseph Thompson; first lieutenant, Mr. Joseph Dunham; second lieutenant, Mr. Arthur Mills. The meeting was then adjourned for a month.

Belleville Road Club.

Belleville, March 22.—The Belleville Road Club met last night and elected the following officers: President, W. Carnew; vice-president, C. A. Schuster; secretary-treasurer, H. A. Fish; captain, Capt. McGinnis; lieutenants, H. C. Hamm, M. B. Bowers; standard bearers, R. J. Andrews, F. Armistead; trumpeter, J. R. Mateson; executive committee, W. Carnew, H. A. Fish, E. T. Cherry, V. Wensley, S. Schuster, H. C. McGinnis; C.W.A. delegates, W. Carnew, V. Wensley, E. T. Cherry, H. McGinnis, H. P. Thomas, C. W. Good, H. Quincey, J. R. Matison, H. A. Fish. V. Wensley was appointed local consul for the city.

Welland Bicycle Club.

Welland, March 22.—The Welland Bicycle Club organized here to-night, transacted routine business and elected the following officers. Hon. president, G. C. Brown; president, E. R. Beatty; hon. vice-president, A. O. Beatty; vice-president, L. H. Pursell; secretary-treasurer, H. B. Sidey. Committees were appointed to collect money, look after the Fonthill bicycle path and arrange for a bicycle path to Port Colborne.

La Salle Gymnasium Contest.

The La Salle Athletic Association held its second annual gymnasium contest last evening. The program consisted in exercises on the parallel bars, horizontal bar, acting rings and vaulting horse. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected much credit on themselves and their able instructor, Mr. J. Latremouille. Vicar-General McCann presided. Among the gentlemen present were: Rev. Fathers P. J. Ryan, J. Hand, W. A. McCann and T. E. Flanigan; Trustees D. A. Carey, M. Walsh, J. Cadaret, Serjt. B. Hunt, Messrs. J. J. O'Hearn, E. Dissette, A. T. Hernon, F. M. Kennedy, T. O'Rourke, E. W. Daley, P. E. Callen, J. W. Mogan, F. H. Thompson, J. Smyth, R. Burns, P. J. Lowe, M. P. Shaffer, J. Foley, J. O'Leary, T. Barff and M. J. O'Toole. The following are the prize-winners: Juniors—F. Regan 1, C. Case 2, C. Fox and M. O'Farrell 3. Intermediates—C. Smith 1, J. Whitaker 2, J. Kane 3. Seniors—E. Ferris 1, D. Murray 2, P. Charlebois 3. Prof. Williams of Toronto University and Prof. Dorenwend of the Liederkranz, who acted as judges, expressed themselves well satisfied with the efficiency displayed by the different classes.

Canada Bowling and L. T. Club.

The annual meeting of the Canada Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club will be held at the club rooms, Avenue-road, corner Davenport-road, Saturday evening, April 1, at 8 o'clock, when the election of officers and election of skips will take place, and the annual statement and other items of importance will come up. Members and others desirous of joining for 1899 will please accept this notice, and are requested to attend.

Around the Ring.

Joe Gans has begun training for McFadden at Dougherty's quarters, Crum Lynne, Pa.

A Chicago despatch says that Otto Selloff is now matched to meet Jack Bennett, under the auspices of the Olympic Athletic Club of Buffalo, April 10.

Tommy Ryan of Syracuse and Billy Stift of Chicago have been matched for a 20-round contest at Davenport early in April. They meet at 162 pounds.

Harry Forbes has cinched his match with Ed. Lenny, the Philadelphia featherweight, to take place at Toronto, March 31. The bout is to be at 118 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock. From there Forbes and Harry Gilmore, who will accompany him, will take a jump to New York City to see Kerwin go against Spike Sullivan, April 3.—Chicago Record.

If Kid McPartland succeeds in beating Eddie Connelly when they meet on Friday night in New York, Mike Padden, his manager, will arrange a match for him with Bobby Dobbs, who is now in England, where he recently defeated Dick Burge and Pat McDonald of Glasgow. If McPartland fails to win, a match between Dobbs and Lavigne will be arranged.

Followers of the game here were pleased with the Crescent A.C.'s announcement of the Forbes-Lenny match. Everyone says it is an even one, and it will be hard to pick the winner. It will be a great betting fight, with Harry Gilmore's legion of friends backing the Chicago man, while those who saw his clever victory over Burke will back the Quaker lad. A few bets were recorded yesterday at even money.

Kid Parker of Denver knocked Jack Cargrig of Chicago out in the 11th round at Denver Tuesday night. The fight was a very pretty one, and neither had the advantage till the sixth, when Cargrig received a cut over the left eye, the blood interfering with his sight. In the 11th Parker landed a right swing under the left ear, which put Garrig out.

THE LACROSSE CONVENTION.

C. L. A. Delegates Getting Ready for the Good Friday Meeting in Toronto.

SOME ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS

Cornwall and Shelburne Held Annual Meetings and Elect Their Officers.

More amendments are coming into secretary W. S. A. Hartley of the C.L.A. each day. The following is the latest sent in by Mr. W. C. Brent of the Young Toronto's, and one clause if adopted will allow the winners of the Toronto Lacrosse League to play off for the championship with the C.L.A. winners.

To amend section 16, W. C. XII, by adding the following after word "respectively" at the end of the first sentence: "As shall also the club winning the championship of the senior series of the Toronto Lacrosse League, provided such club is a member of the C.L.A., it being optional with said last mentioned club as to the series in which they compete."

The annual meeting will commence at 1.30 on Friday of next week, and delegates are requested to have their credentials in early as it will lessen the work at the meeting.

The contests for the election of officers promises to be keener this year than ever before. The following are the names of those already in the field:

For president, W. J. Stark, Stouffville; R. E. Jackson, Seaforth.

Vice-president, P. McMillan, Barrie; W. H. Hall, Markham.

Second vice-president, Boulton R. Kean, Orillia; Lionel King, Peterboro.

There is only one candidate in the field for the office of secretary, the present holder, and it is not likely that any one will come out against old war horse Bill Hartley, as he deserves another year in the office.

The Champions Reorganize.

Orillia, March 22.—"What we have we'll hold," was the keynote which prevailed at the meeting in the City Hall last evening for the reorganization of the Orillia Lacrosse Club, C.L.A. senior and intermediate champions. The meeting was easily the largest in the history of local lacrosse annals. The announcement that the Board of Trade would co-operate with the champions to make a success of the lacrosse season of '99 had the effect of bringing out a large representation of enthusiastic citizens, and if any doubt existed as to the probable strength of this year's team, it was dispelled by the presence of a majority of the twelve of '98.

There will be no very material changes in the personnel of the team from last year, but the places of at least one or two of the old players will be filled by new and well tried material. It was decided to defend both banners by entering two teams, senior and intermediate, in the C.L.A. Mr. Boulton R. Kean, who is held here to be the favorite for the second vice-presidency of the association, was the unanimous choice of the meeting for the club's treasurer and manager. Incidental to his election to this responsible position, the meeting endorsed with cheers his candidature for honors at the hands of the C.L.A. Dr. S. D. McPhee, who for three years has been the club's hard-working and efficient president, was again re-elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: The Mayor and Mrs. Sheppard, patron and patroness; J. B. Tudhope, honorary president; Dr. Ghrichrist, honorary first vice-president; Thomas Haywood, honorary second vice-president; Dr. S. D. McPhee, president; J. B. Henderson, first vice-president; William Tudhope, second vice-president; M. Y. Yates, secretary; Boulton R. Kean, treasurer and manager; R. Watson, captain; managing committee, D. O'Connor, Ed. Dunn, J. E. G. Curran, J. C. Miller; auditors, Ed. Dunn, J. E. G. Curran. President McPhee and secretary Yates were appointed delegates to the annual convention on Good Friday. They go down unpledged.

Cornwall's Annual Meeting.

Cornwall, March 22.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Cornwall Lacrosse Club was held this evening. The attendance was the largest for many years, nearly all of the available players and upwards of 100 prominent citizens being present. The reports, although showing a small deficit, were otherwise very satisfactory. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Col. R. R. McLennan, M.P.; Honorary Vice-Presidents, J. G. Snetsinger, M.P., and Frank Lally; President, Alex McDonald; 1st Vice-President, William Fitzgibbons; 2nd Vice-President, C. W. Young; 3rd Vice-President, Donald McDonald; Secretary, J. E. MacPhee; Treasurer, Handyside Black. Committee of Management, Duncan Munroe, Alex McCracken, A. M. Gibbons, A S Macdonell, W T O'Neill, A W James, Michael Henchey, Thomas Garry and J N Macpherson. Auditors, J H Cline and J A Liddell.

Lacrosse at Shelbourne.

Shelburne, March 22.—The Dauntless Lacrosse Club of Shelburne held a very enthusiastic meeting last night, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, John Madill; hon. vice-president, Dr. Barr, M.L.A.; president, R. W. Rooney, M.D.; first vice-president, Charles Mason; second vice-president, John Witter; secretary, J. D. Madill; treasurer, Frank Shepphard; committee, Thomas Reaburn, William McKay, George Bretz; captain, H. Shepphard. A delegate was also appointed—G. D. Madill—to attend the annual convention, to be held on Good Friday. Shelburne has been a member of the C.L.A. since its organization, and have been district champions for the last two years. They think they are justly entitled to a representative on the council for 1899.

To Tow the Shamrock Across.

London, March 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton, the challenger for the America's Cup, has decided not to attempt to sail the Shamrock across the Atlantic under her own rig. He will tow her in his new steel yacht, the Erin.

The betting on the McCoy-Choynski fight, which will be decided at San Francisco on Friday night, is 10 to 5 in favor of McCoy, with some Choynski money in sight.

Sporting Editor World: In bout announced between Lenny and Forbes for March 31, would it be possible to put J Roach and Bobby Thompson on for 10 rounds or less? They would be a good preliminary, which other patrons and myself would like to see. Crescent A.C. Patron.

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MORE NEW ORLEANS JOCKS DOWN

Ross and Gilmore Off for the Remainder of the Meeting—Bad Day for Favorites.

New Orleans, March 22.—The stewards have declined to allow Jockeys Ed. Ross and Gilmore to ride here during remainder of the meeting. This was the ninety-ninth day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting; weather clear; track fast. Salverse was the only winning favorite.

First race, selling, 1 mile and 20 yards—Disturbance, 103, (O'Connor), 6 to 1, 1; Laureate, 104 (Odom), even and 2 to 5, 2; Friskal, 103 (Dupee), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.44. Bishop Reed, Tom Toher, Pinkey Potter and Brother Fred also ran.

Second race, selling, 1 mile and 20 yards—Dr. Marks, 107 (Odom), 10 to 1, 1; Miss Ross, 105 (Dupee), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, 2; Little Billy, 105 (Mitchell), 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.45. Idle Hour, McAlbert, Annie Taylor, and Nannie Davis also ran.

Third race, selling 1¾ miles—Possum, 107 (O'Connor), 3 to 1, 1; Sadie Levy, 97 (Mitchell), 9 to 2 and 4 to 5, 2; The Planter, 94 (Bisping), 60 to 1, 3. Time 3.06. Topling and Joe Shelby also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—Forbush, 100 (Holden), 5 to 1, 1; Egbart, 102 (O'Connor), 3 to 1 and 7 to 5, 2; Lady Callahan, 102 (Dupee), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.48. Gold Fox, Admetus, Double Dummy, Judge Steadman, Elkin, Briggs and Handsel also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Banrica, 103 (Dupee), 7 to 1, 1; Sim W., 108 (Freeman), 8 to 5 and 3 to 5, 2; McAllister, 105 (Mitchell), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.22¼. Diggs and Lauretta D. also ran.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Salverse, 91 (Slack), 4 to 1, 1; Zolo, 111 (Holden), 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, 2; Midgeley, 101 (Britton), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.42½. Nannie L., Flo W., Eunomia, Falsetto Jr., Lafayette, McCarthy and Alcides also ran.

Entries for the 100th Day.

New Orleans, March 22.—First race, 1 mile, selling—Henry Launt, Sutton, Sea Robber 114, Donation, Tappan 111, Official, Mordecai 110, Amber Glints 109, L. T. Cation 106, Locust Blossom, School Girl 105, Udah, Julia Hazel 110.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Rodd 108, Bahia 105, Myrtle, Gebaur, Lucille, Contessa, 100, True Fit 97, Indian 103.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Rushfields 105, Little Billy, Prince Zeno, Celtic Bard, Bill Powell, Stanza 103, Ada Russell, 99, Disturbance, Martin K. 96, Kallitan 95, Bishop Reed 94, Vanessa, Pinkey Potter 93, Necadeh 93, Bequeath 89.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Debride 117, Sir Florian 114, Elkin 110, Tragedy, Guide Rock, Hittick 100, Eva Rice 98, Water Crest 96, Village Pride 93.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs, selling—Clifton B. 102, Nabob, Scrivener, Midgelen, Douster, Swivel, Nemo, Creedmore L. 102, Prince Hal, Dr. Withrow, Wood Ranger 99, Sister Alice, Afra 98.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Scribe 106, Presque Isle, Grayling 105, Swordsman, Albert S. 102, Saratoga 100, McMillan, Brennan 90, Lucky Monday 98, Russell, Millie, Galilee, Lauretta D. 97, Lord Frazier 96, Emmet Ahearn 95.

Through the Frisco Mud.

San Francisco, March 22.—Weather rainy; track sloppy.

First race, selling, Futurity course—Main Bar, 107 (Ellis), 10 to 1, 1; Cavallo, 107 (Hahn), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, 2; New Moon, 105 (Mounce), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.13½. Bliss Knucker, None Such, Pat Murphy, I Don't Know and Little T. G. also ran.

Second race, selling, 7 furlongs—Castake, 110 (E. Jones), 2 to 1, 1; Heigh Ho, 106 (Reiff), 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, 2; Jim Brownell, 110 (Mounce), 50 to 1, 3. Time 1.31. Road Runner, Earl Cochrane, Greyhurst, Texarkana, Socialist and Tom Calvert also ran.

Third race, 2-year-olds, ½ mile—Orthia, 103 (Stimpson), 3 to 1, 1; Solace, 105 (Devlin), 3½ to 1 and 6 to 5, 2; Garlio, 105 (Hennessey), 2½ to 1, 3. Time 51½ secs. Jenie Riley, Picton, Burdock, Moano and Knucknubol also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—Pat Morrissey, 109 (Spencer), 6 to 5, 1; Red Glenn, 100 (E. Jones), 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, 2; Plan, 96 (Mills), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.48½. Dare II., Imperious also ran.

Lime Water and Imperious also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Montgomery, 111 (Piggott), 4 to 5, 1; Etta H., 108 (Hennessey), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, 2; Jinks, 98 (T. Jodnes), 8 to 5.3. Time 1.16. Amasa, Moringa, Highland Ball, Ezekiel and Ruskin also ran.

Sixth race, selling, Futurity course—Festosa, 112 (Piggott), 2 to 1, 1; Peter Weber, 109 (Ellis), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, 2; Yaruba, 109 (Hennessey), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. The Wooer, Tipbourn, The Miller, Romany, Hid Long, G. Isling, Florence Fink, Oracopa and Cleo Dora also ran.

Program for Oakland.

San Francisco, March 22.—First race, Futurity, selling—Florence Fink, Charmante, May L., Odd Eyes 110.

Second race, 7 furlongs, selling—Dick Behan, Road Runner 123, Durwad, Heritage 120, Main Bar 117, Dun Praise 108, Stronbo, Con. Dalton 106, Cross Molina 107.

Third race, the Waterhouse Stakes for 2-year-olds, 4½ furlongs—Sardine, Winyah 120, Mountebank, Tolonde 118.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Abuse 125, Rubland Ball, Rosamonde 100, Rio Chico 99, Bonidel 89. (Couple Abuse and Dr. Sheppard as Fister entry.)

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Topmast 115, Eddie Jones 112, Rey Del Tiera 110, P. A. Finnegan 106, Prince Blazes 103, Morinel 101.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs, selling—Sweet William 123, Elsalado, Colonial Dame, Rosemaid 115, Ulmer, Casdale 109, Campus 109, Yaruba 106, Jingle Jingle 104.

Sloan Rode Second and Third.

London, March 22.—The Brocklesby Stakes, at the third day's racing of the Lincoln spring meeting, to-day was won by Hulcot. Styria, with Sloan up, was second, and Crowtenter was third. Fourteen horses ran. The betting was 9 to 4 against Styria.

The Doddington Stakes was won by Mr. E. Carlton's 4-year-old chestnut colt Flavus. Mr. Warton's Johnny Sands was second and Sir R. Woldie Griffiths' 6-year-old bay horse Eileen Algas, ridden by Tod Sloan, and the favorite, was third in a field of five.

Gossip of the Turf.

Hothersoil and Songer, set down at New Orleans, are among the jockeys who have been granted licenses by the Western Turf Congress. Songer is at present on a visit to his parents here and says he was unjustly dealt with by the Crescent City Jockey Club.

Jockey Fred Littlefield has arrived at New Orleans, and will ride Kentucky Colonel in the Derby on Saturday. J. H. McAvoy has waived his claim to the services of Winnie O'Connor, and the eastern lad will ride Kentucky Colonel in Saturday's race, while Van Dusen will pilot Hardy Pardee.

Ed Corrigan is running a close second to Burns & Waterhouse as the leading winning owner at San Francisco. His horses have earned $19,750 this season, while Burns & Waterhouse have $23,625 to their credit. Pat Dunne is third with $12,210, and Ed. Purser fourth, with $11,630. Skeets Martin is easily the premier jockey, having won 125 races out of 358 mounts, and has 88 seconds and 47 thirds to his credit.

The following are acceptances for the Burns Handicap, to be run at Oakland on Saturday, all having paid $30 to stay in: First Tenor 106, Napamax 109, Eddie Jones 107, La Cueta 112, Rosornonde 101, Fleming 90, Topmast 114, Rosinante 105, Sardonic 109, Joe Ullman 106, Espionage 99, Tempo 112, Plan 93, Maud Ferguson 94, Wheel of Fortune 104, What Er Lou 121, Cromwell 108, Satsuma 117, Limewater 95, Morellito 110, Morinel 96, Fleur de Lis 116.

Harry Blaylock, who once divided the honor of premier jockey of America with McLaughlin, died here on Monday of paralysis. For many years he was the first jockey for Pierre Lorillard of New York. He was always regarded as one of the straightest jockeys that ever sat in a saddle. Blaylock also rode for Seagram of Waterloo, Ont., and carried Martello to the front when that fast plater won the guineas in 2.14. Growing too heavy for his profession, he started a stable of his own, but was obliged to give it up, owing to ill-health. He was 40 years old.

A social evening will be spent to-night at the Granite Rink, on the occasion of the presentation of prizes to the winners in the Walker Trophy competition.

CAN THEY CORNER THE GAME?

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DUDE SHOOTING LEGISLATION.

About the Bill That Will Be Up Before the Legislature in a Few Days.

Sporting Editor World: At a special meeting of the Toronto Rod and Gun Club held at their club rooms on March 21st, for the consideration of the report of the Ontario Game and Fish Commissioners, dated December, 1898, respecting the clauses relating to ducks on page 9, the following items were severely criticized. Firstly—It mentions the preserves known as those of Long Point and St. Clair Flats, which are among the principal ones in Canada. It gives them credit for making special effort for baiting and feeding of ducks. Why? To entice more ducks to said preserves. Then again the report says they (the preserve men) do not commence shooting until several weeks after the opening of the season, Sept. 1. Why? Because they know the outside shooters, by commencing at the opening of the season, drive more ducks into their preserves, which they claim is then a "harbor of safety." So it is, until the slaughter commences by the "game hogs." This term is given by true sportsmen to those who kill thousands or even hundreds during the season.

Next it mentions the non-saleable clause in which we fully concur, but do the preserve men? No, or if they do, they do not act up to it, as it is well known that some of these men have made their expenses and more, even though they come from across the border or the briny ocean. Next it states that some families kill two or three thousand birds in a season, (which we question) yet we know of single members of these preserves who have done the same for years and no complaint is made of them; while the unfortunate public sportsman has to be content with 40 or 50 during the season on the outside, which we think should also be sufficient for the more favored preserve shooter.

Next, it mentions that sail boats, house boats, and steamers, should be prohibited from conveying the hunter to his shooting grounds, which is the only means whereby he can get there, and live; especially in the vicinity of said preserves, whose boundary lines extend along and beyond the shores for 20 miles at a stretch in certain places. The commissioner also asks that decoy ducks be not placed further than 100 yards from any point of land or natural bed of rushes connected with said lands. This clause, if sanctioned, will prevent any hunter from hiding in any bunch of rushes not connected with the shore, although adjacent to it. It is a well known fact that these preserve men do cut down the rushes outside their limits to prevent the ordinary hunter from shooting near their grounds.

If the above recommendations became law, the preserve men would secure nearly all the ducks and the outsiders get none. Then, last but not least, the commissioners say, "to encourage the propagation of game, birds, animals and fish, we (the commissioners) are of the opinion that some provision should be made in the act by which any such person or persons so engaged may be allowed to regulate their ponds or herds, as seems best to them, to ensure success, and if killed during the close season shall not be marketed except during the open season, safeguarded by a permit, special tags or coupons, as may be deemed best.

The members of this club think the Government of this country, and not the lords of these preserves (many of whom are foreigners), should control the game and fish, and not allow these men privileges that the ordinary hunter has not; such as killing during the close season, which the game commissioners have recommended in their report. Also this club advocates that decoy ducks should be allowed to be placed wherever natural rushes or rice grows; also within 100 yards of all shores (low water mark) rushes, rice, preserve stakes or boundary lines.

If the law was made that rushes must be connected with the shores, no shooting could be obtained in such waters as: Wellards Bay, Presqu'isle Bay, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton or Long Point Bays, etc., owing to the lines of rushes which run parallel to the shores and between 100 and 300 yards from such shores. We hope that members of sister clubs and others who are interested in the preservation of game and fish throughout the province will take steps to prevent the preserves from securing all the privileges which rightfully belong to the general public in acquiring game and fish. The secretary of this club has received numerous communications on the subject from clubs regarding this matter, who also coincide with the above views, and we would strongly advise that the sportsmen throughout the province immediately correspond with their legislative representative regarding this matter as the bill will be discussed and dealt with in a few days.

Harry J. Page,
Secretary Toronto Rod and Gun Club.

Baseball Brevities.

Mattie Kilroy of the old Syracuse Stars, the tawny, beetle-browed ex-king of the left-handers, has received several offers to play the outfield in minor league teams. Mattie, however, will devote himself to his flourishing saloon business in Philadelphia.

The Red Stockings have called a special meeting for this evening in the Arctics' rooms, for the purpose of arranging a game with the Royal Oaks for Good Friday. Other important business will also be discussed and it is requested that all players attend, along with the manager.

Tom Burns, formerly of the Brooklyn Club, and Fred Pfeffer, the former Chicago second baseman, have sent in their applications to Nick Young for the position of League umpires. As both men are thoroughly acquainted with the game, it is more than likely that Uncle Nick will appoint them on his staff.

The Atlantic B.B.C. held a meeting last night in Occident Hall and organized for '99 with the following officers and players: Hon. president, G. Sturdy; president, J. Marvyn; vice-president, W. Abbey; treasurer, J. C. Finlay; manager, E. Kelly; secretary, J. J. Kennedy, 42 Robinson-street; players, R. Stram, W. Lane, H. Herron, E. Humphrey, T. Elton, A. Flynn, E. Fulton, T. Jordan, R. Finlay, W. Pickering.

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U. S. TROOPS FOR KLONDIKE

Three Stations Will be Occupied by Them in the Copper River Country

ON THE ALL-AMERICAN ROUTE.

Their Duties Will Be Similar to Those of the Canadian Mounted Police.

Washington, March 22.—Captain Abercrombie and party left to-night for the west, where they will explore the Copper River country in Alaska. The War Department to-day named three stations on the Copper River all-American route to the Klondike country in Alaska. The stations are Seward, Tetling and Slahna. These stations will be occupied by detachments of U. S. troops under similar duty to that performed by the Canadian Mounted Police. The Postoffice Department has been making some inquiries regarding the Copper River route and will endeavor to make contracts for carrying the mails over it.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Mrs. Mary Culcheth, widow of the late John Culcheth, baker, of Portsmouth, Ont., died last night of general debility, aged 80 years. She was born in Northampton, Eng., and came to Canada 35 years ago.

Lieut.-Col. Christopher Robert Barker died at Kincardine, Ont., yesterday, aged 84 years. Deceased was born at Peterboro, Eng., on Dec. 25, 1814, and came to Canada about 50 years ago. In politics he was one of the staunchest Conservatives and at one time a most vigorous worker for that party. He was long identified with the 43nd Bruce Battalion, was made an Orangeman 40 years ago and was a charter member and subsequently a past master of the Northern Light Masonic Lodge. In religion he was a member of the Church of England. He was universally esteemed.

Dr. Hopkins, for 24 years a resident of Kincardine, Ont., died there Tuesday at the age of 83 years. He was a native of Ireland and came to Canada in the troublous days of 1837. He lived at Montreal, Brockville, Toronto, London and Dunnville, before coming to Kincardine. He did service with the Dunnville Field Battery during the Fenian raid. He was a nephew of the late Ogle R. Gowan, and, like his uncle, an ardent Orangeman. He was a Conservative of the old school and at the time of his death occupied the position of President of the West Bruce Liberal-Conservative Association. The remains will be taken to Dunnville for interment.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Henrik Ibsen, Norway's poet, who has just celebrated his 71st birthday, is as active as ever. He is now at work on a new play, which he expects to have ready for publication in the fall.

Hans Richter, the celebrated conductor in the employ of the Vienna Imperial Opera, has announced that he will not renew his contract for another year unless he receives an increase of salary.

John Morley estimates that he will be able to complete his "Life of Gladstone" in three years at the utmost. At the same time he has come to the regretful conclusion that publishing the biography at so comparatively early a date will prevent the full and satisfactory accomplishment of the work. While certain persons are living it will be impossible to publish much of Mr. Gladstone's correspondence or to deal frankly with certain episodes, both of which are of extreme importance and interest.

PERSONAL.

Harry Glover was entertained on Tuesday night by Dr. E. E. King, prior to the former's leaving for New York.

A cablegram was received yesterday by Sergt. W. H. Thompson, secretary of the Queen's Own Rifles' Sergeants' Mess, announcing the safe arrival of Major H. M. Pellatt and family at Rome, Italy, whither the gallant Major has gone for an extended trip.

London Free Press: Mrs. L. M. Cather of Toronto is visiting Mrs. J. H. Flood, Talbot-street, while attending the Lady Maccabee convention being held this week in the city.

City Passenger Agent W. Bunton of the G.T.R. at Peterboro was in the city yesterday.

Miss Kathleen Graham, a nurse of the Isolation Hospital, is in St. Michael's Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

The Crescents Junior B.B.C. held a very successful meeting