

The Olympic Games Open On August 14

At Least Forty Thousand Spectators Expected in Beautiful New Stadium—Three Thousand Athletes Have Been Entered as Contestants in Games.

Antwerp, Belgium, July 19.—The Olympic games which are to open on Aug. 14th this year, will be played in the beautiful new stadium at Ibroek which is near Antwerp and is in every way suited to be compared with its smoky, sooty namesake across the Atlantic.

Three thousand athletes have been entered as contestants in the games, and at least 40,000 spectators are expected. Every room in every hotel in Antwerp has been engaged in advance for the months of August and September. The city has begun to clean up and take on a holiday appearance. While driving along the Avenue Brabant one notices gangs of workmen engaged in polishing the statues on the Palace des Beaux Arts. The flags and banners of the Allied nations have begun to make their appearance.

The exhibition of Congo Colonial Products is now being held in the main city park. Near the stadium there is a flower show, an exhibition of automobiles, motor boats, airplanes and other articles pertaining to sports.

"Belgium is anxiously awaiting the opening day of the games," said M. Heij, of the Belgian Olympic Committee today. "Belgium intends to offer a brilliant schedule of fêtes and festivities. A special committee called a Comité des Fêtes d'Anvers has been formed to devise means of amusement. Its most gorgeous feature probably will be the aviation meet from July 17 to 31. Stunts of every sort in airplanes, balloons and kites will be performed by such noted aviators as Nungesser and Coppens as pilots.

"On August 14, King Albert, with the Queen, the Crown Prince, and the members of the Cabinet will grace the ceremonies by their presence. There will be a series of automobile races, receptions, garden parties, regattas, and the like."

"We expect," continued M. Heij, "that the American teams will be the largest and the best equipped. Probably, too, they will win most of the field events though they are sure to meet bitter rivalry from the Swedes. Few people realize what progress has been made in Sweden in athletic and gymnastic training. Swedish setting up exercises are famous the world over and the Swedish teams at Antwerp are certain to present some lively surprises."

In a certain sense, you know, the Olympic games have already opened. The skating contests were held last April and were won by the Canadians, with the United States and Sweden close behind. The naval regattas just completed at Ostend have shown the yachting superiority of Norway. Her yachts won twice as many points as those of England, Belgium, and Spain, her nearest rivals. This week there will be a sort of unofficial automobile race at Antwerp."

"Have many women entered the lists as contestants in the games?" was asked.

"Very few thus far," M. Heij replied. "In the swimming contest we shall have two Australian women stars and in tennis we expect Miss Longier and other French and American women contestants. In skating there were several women champions among the entries from Finland, and in gymnastics there were women entrants. German and Austrian women are barred, of course, like their brothers."

"How will the athletes be housed?" "That is a great difficulty," answered M. Heij. "We have commandeered the school buildings in Antwerp for the purpose. They will be transformed into dormitories, mess halls, training rooms, in a very satisfactory way, I think. Belgium will do her utmost to entertain her guests in a fitting manner. She realizes that there is a world-wide interest in the games. While she cannot do as much as a great nation, especially during the present economic crisis, she will certainly do her best."

The stadium where the athletic games will be contested was built by an English firm on the site of an old rugby field. It was finished about a month ago at a cost of about 3,000,000 francs (nearly \$600,000). It is difficult to imagine why it should be such an artistic and fairy-like structure when it is set in the midst of such ugly surroundings. The towns of Hoboken and Kiel, between which it lies, do not offer much to please the eye. They are squalid working towns just outside the walls of Antwerp. After the Olympic games are over, the stadium will be used for the popularization of gymnastic exercises. Belgium wants to follow the lead of Sweden in this regard.

Jacksonville

Jacksonville, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rae of Presque Isle, spent several days with Mrs. Rae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Good.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy at their home on Saturday, July 3rd.

Mrs. George Good who has been confined to her bed for the last week, through illness was able to be out on Sunday.

An event of interest to the village was the marriage of Miss Helen Wiley of Jacksonville to Mr. Oscar Wiley of Corinth, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Ruddy at South Corinth, by Rev. Percy Miller on Wednesday, June 30th.

Miss Mary G. Harrison, who has been a teacher in the Sussex Grammar School the last school year, has returned to her home and will spend her vacation with her father, Rev. Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison at the Methodist Parsonage. Miss Harrison has been a guest of Mrs. M. Harrison of Fredericton and of Mrs. Johnson of New Brunswick for the last fortnight.

Mrs. W. A. Gibson spent a few days last week with her cousin, Mrs. Charles Page of Whitehead.

Miss Grace Bird left on Wednesday

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Bicycle Entries Will Be Numerous

Canadians May Expect Stiff Opposition in Races at the Olympic Games.

Antwerp, July 19.—Canada will have twelve opponents in the bicycle road race and ten in the velodrome track events in the Olympic games. Among the contestants will be some of the best amateur cyclists on this side of the Atlantic, including Pekra, the famous Dutchman, who has been winning all over Europe.

Olympic committees yesterday announced that the following countries had entered the velodrome events, to be held August 9 and 10: Canada, Great Britain, South Africa, France, Italy, the United States, Holland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Poland.

All of these, except Switzerland, will compete in the 170 kilometer road race on August 12. Czechoslovakia, Norway and Sweden have entered for the road race, but not for the velodrome contests.

It has been hastily announced that the polo matches at Ostend will be played from July 24 to 31, instead of the dates in August, which were announced last week. Teams in this competition will be British, American, Belgian, Spanish and French.

In the archery target events, from August 3 to 8, only three countries, namely the United States, Holland and France, have entered.

The executive committee, with the main events of the meetings only a few weeks off, is endeavoring to overcome what appears to be a lack of immediate interest, by revealing many of the various sub-committees recently appointed. Some of them are charged with work of importance, but up to the present have shown so little activity that they have been sharply censured by Belgian newspapers. With the exception of the executive committee and one or two others, bodies charged with arrangements for the Olympic games have done very little up to the present, and now find themselves flooded with work and in confusion.

to visit friends in Moncton, N. B.

Mrs. A. W. Victory, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. N. Havens for several weeks, returned to her home in Houlton on Thursday. Miss Katherine Emery is confined to her house through illness. Dr. Prescott is in attendance.

Mrs. Waldo Currie of Hartland, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Frank Hayward for a few days last week. Miss Beulah Wiley who has been spending several months in Fredericton with her aunt, Mrs. M. Combs, returned to her home on Saturday to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiley.

Mrs. Clyde Bermington and children of West Palm Beach, Florida, accompanied by her niece, Miss Ruth Foxard of Portland, Me., arrived on Thursday to make an extended visit with Mrs. Bermington's sister, Mrs. Alice Havens.

Mrs. William Trine and Miss Myrtle Trine left on Saturday morning to visit friends in Fredericton for a few weeks.

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(Cleveland Plain Dealer.) Canada will remember Borden as the man who led the Dominion through the appalling ordeal of war to firm establishment as an independent nation. A weaker man would have been more eager to avoid unpopular. Mr. Borden would have dodged or evaded many of the big problems which Borden faced without flinching and without thought of political expediency.

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Splendid Photoplay At the Imperial

Sir Arthur Pinero's "His House in Order," Featuring Elsie Ferguson—Yacht Race Extra Feature.

The Imperial's present big photoplay feature "His House in Order," in which Elsie Ferguson appears, was adapted from the play of the English playwright, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. The screen version retains all of the dramatic flavor that made the play famous.

The play was first produced at the St. James Theatre, London, February 1, 1905, with Sir George Alexander in the role of Jason. In September of the same year Charles Frohman produced it at the Empire Theatre in New York, with John Drew and Margaret Hamilton in the leading roles. There it played nearly an entire year to capacity audiences.

"His House in Order" has for its theme the marital difficulties of Nina Graham (Elsie Ferguson) and Pinero's Jason Pinero, believing that Nina cannot keep his house in order sends for the sister of his former wife to live with them. The sister-in-law makes all sorts of trouble for Nina, and relations between husband and wife become much estranged. Nina finds herself the first wife to her own heart's content, which reveals the fact that Jason is

not the father of the boy. Pinero learns the truth of his second wife's worth and all ends happily.

Among the members of the cast is Vernon Steele, Holmes, E. Herbert, who was Holmes with Elsie Ferguson in "The Doll's House," Margaret Lindsay, Marie Burke and Lawrence Johnson. There are scenes of beautiful English homes, a Bal Masque and an automobile smashup that go to make the picture exceptionally interesting.

While it was not a long subject one of the most interesting features of the bill at the Imperial yesterday—and again today—was the stormy-day views of the Shamrock IV, winning her race off Sandy Hook last Thursday. The start, the storm, the accident to the Resolute were all clearly shown in spite of the elements which made it bad for photographing. Then there were world news in the Fox Weekly, the Burton Holmes Travelogue on China and Topics of the Day, the great laugh-getter.

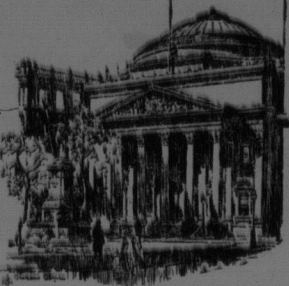
This same programme today but tomorrow the Imperial will present the noted Law Cady in his latest triumph "The Beloved Cheater," a feature which has been creating a furore everywhere. It will be remembered Mr. Cady as the star in "The Hands Only" and other successes of the past.

LARGE WHEAT CROP IN ALBERTA

Calgary, Alta., July 19.—Three hundred million bushels is the estimate at present placed on the wheat crop of the three Western Provinces by J. M. Cameron, General Superintendent of the Alberta division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who returned to Calgary this morning after a close inspection of some portions of the province. Alberta's quota, he said, would be somewhere about seventy million bushels.

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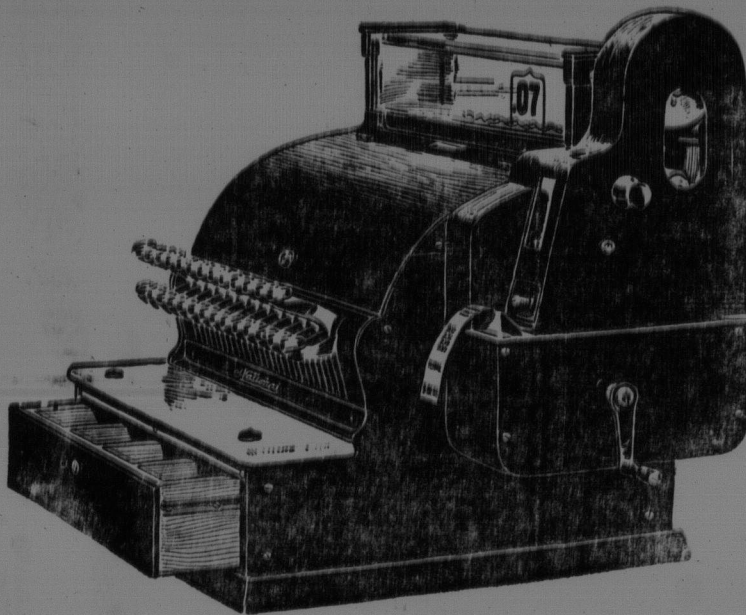
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