

ARNST IN CANADA

Richard Arnst, of Australia, the world champion sculler, is coming to this country early next summer to row Eddie Duran, the Canadian champion, as well as any scullers in the United States who may care to make a match.

Writing from Auckland, N. Z., under date of Feb. 13, to a friend, Arnst states that he has practically completed arrangements for a world tour, and that he will start immediately after Easter Monday.

The \$2500 professional handicap in England next July is really responsible for Arnst's decision to make the trip. He won the world's championship by defeating Webb in Australian waters and planned insisting that all challengers for the title should meet him there. He realizes, however, that it would be practically impossible to get on many races there, and that he can clean up nicely on a trip to this country, and to England in case he wins, while in any event his expenses are assured.

In addition to the professional handicap, in which first money is \$1250, the insurance of a race with Duran for \$2500 a side, Arnst being offered \$1000 for training expenses as well as the excellent prospect of another match race in England with Barry, the English professional champion, were considerations that also entered into his decision. While both Duran and Barry were anxious to row Arnst, neither would make the trip to Australia. It is understood that Arnst's backer, while he is away, will be Hugh McIntosh, the Australian who staged the Burns-Johnson mill, and who is now in this country on business of a similar nature.

Arnst is regarded by those familiar with his rowing as an exceptionally clever sculler and one whose win was no mere chance victory. Until a year or so ago, when he took up sculling, Arnst was best known in his native country as a bicycle rider, in which he met with success. He then announced that he intended taking up professional rowing. Ungainly, awkward and inexperienced at first, Arnst struck to sculling, despite humiliations such as falling out of his shell in the middle of races. He reaped his reward by winning the world's championship title when he defeated Webb. He is a big fellow and weighs over 180 pounds in racing trim.

At present Arnst is in New Zealand coaching a young professional sculler named Fogwell for a match race on Easter Monday. Immediately after that race Arnst will leave for the United States and he expects to bring Fogwell with him as a rowing partner. After his races in England, Arnst will return direct to Australia, thereby completing his trip around the world.

WILL JEFF MEET JACK JOHNSON?

Ever since Jim Jeffries, the day after the Burns-Johnson fight, put on his suit and began to toy with the medicine ball, the sporting world has been hurling the one question at him wherever his burly frame appeared in a public place, "Are you going to fight Johnson?"

From San Francisco to New York Jeff was pestered by that one question until, big and good natured as he is, he often lost his temper. Many replies have been printed in papers all over the country, only to be denied by Jeff the following day. This week Boston will get its chance to ask the big fellow the great question, and there are hopes that, during Jeff's stay in Boston, he will make up his mind. He has announced that he would give his answer while there.

Jeffries will arrive in Boston this morning. He left New York on the midnight last night. This afternoon he will make his first Boston appearance in five years. The last time Jeff visited the Hub was in the early part of 1904 before he met Jack Munroe, the last battle in which he was defeated. Jeffries will appear at the Orpheum Theatre afterwards and evenings this week. He will be assisted by Sam Berger, the Canadian, who has written a sketch called "At the Gymnasium," which gives the big fellow a chance to show some of his training methods, and to spar—two short rounds with Berger. There will be great curiosity to see how the retired champion looks in action.

LATE SEASON. EX-CAPITALS STILL PLAY ROUGH HOUSE

London has a late hockey season. It is likely that an effort will be made this week to arrange hockey matches between an all-Cape Breton team and the Sydney Hockey Club. The matter is being discussed among the local hockey clubs and it is possible a game may be arranged for the latter part of this week. The most popular all-Cape Breton team spoken of so far is lined up in this manner: Wood, goal; Parsons, point; Hay, cover point; Dunphy, centre; Lomas, rover; Brehaut, right wing; Andrews, left wing.

THE VETERAN TALKS.

Arthur Duffey, ex-world's champion at 100 yards, speaks as follows concerning his desire to get back into the sporting game: "I have received many queries asking me if I would once more go back on the track. Yes, it is true, but not for any real active campaign. I have, however, been challenged by Bob Dunbar for a special race of 300 yards. My friend 'Bob' evidently believes I am not capable of going the distance. He might be right at that after a retirement of five years, but a race of 150 yards would be more to my liking and which would be out of Bob's distance as well as my own. How about that, Bob?"

AMATEUR RECORDS

Following is a list of Canadian amateur athletic records: 50 yard run—Robert Kerr, 5 3-5 sec. 250 yard run—P. J. Walsh, Robert Kerr, 21 3-5 sec. 440 yards—M. W. Long, 49 sec. 880 yards—C. H. Kilpatrick, 1:54 3-5 1000 yard run—Irving S. Parkes, 2 min. 26 2-5 sec. One mile run—4 min. 21 4-5 sec. G. W. Orton. Two mile run—9 min. 49 3-5 sec. G. W. Orton. Three mile run—15 min. 9 3-5 sec. Tom Longboat. Five mile run—25 min. Geo. Adams. Ten mile run—43 min. 5 sec. Geo. Adams. Fifteen mile run—1:25.43 2-5. Tom Longboat. One mile walk—4:51. C. J. Skene. Two mile walk—13:51. Geo. Goulding. 3 mile walk—23:23. Geo. Goulding. 4 mile walk—31:39. Geo. Goulding. 5 mile walk—39:45. Geo. Goulding. 6 mile walk—48: 3-5. Geo. Goulding. 7 mile walk—56:27 1-5. G. Goulding. 8 mile walk—1:05.02 3-5. G. Goulding. 9 mile walk—1:13.25 3-5. G. Goulding. 10 mile walk—1:21.42 2-5. G. Goulding. 120 yards hurdles—15 3-5 sec. A. C. Kraenzlein. One mile relay (four men)—3:31 4-5. Running broad jump—23 ft. 2 1-2 in. A. C. Kraenzlein. Running high jump—6 ft. 2 1-2 in. J. K. Baxter. Standing broad jump—10 ft. 2 1-2 in. G. H. Barber. Standing high jump—4 ft. 8 1-2 in. G. H. Barber. Running, hop, step and jump—47 ft. 1 1-2 in. Dr. J. G. McDonald. Pole vault—12 ft. 5 in. E. B. Archibald. Putting 16 lb shot—45 ft. 10 1-2 in. G. R. Gray. Putting 12 lb shot—63 ft. 11 1-2 in. J. Bowie. Throwing 16 lb hammer—167 ft. John Flanagan. Throwing 56 lb weight (for distance)—35 ft. 10 in. J. S. Mitchell. Throwing 56 lb weight (for height)—12 ft. 9 1-2 in. Geo. Walsh. Throwing discus—135 ft. 5 in. Martin J. Sheridan. Javelin—131 ft. 8 in.

COMMENT RE HANS HOLMER AS A PRO.

Concerning Hans Holmer's decision to turn pro, the comment of the Upper Canadian newspapers is not unanimous. The Hamilton Herald says: "Hans Holmer, who won the last Herald race, has decided to turn professional. For some time he has received tempting offers to go after the money, but claimed that he was going to represent Canada in the next Olympic Marathon and was not anxious to leave the amateur ranks. He announced yesterday, however, that he was going after the money and that he would be managed by a Toronto man. It is interesting to note that Holmer is following the steps of Longboat and others. The professional running game is a craze which will be short lived, and it is doubtful if a year from now a handful of people, Holmer was about the best long-distance amateur runner in Canada. He made Tom Longboat break a record to beat him by less than fifty yards in a fifteen mile race at Montreal last fall and in the Herald race he came close to the record after having to run across the beach against a strong head wind. He was looked upon as one of Canada's hopes in the pro ranks. And the wise ones turn pro, he has no chance to make the team. It is dollars to peanuts that Holmer would regret his action before a year passes." The Toronto Telegram:—"Holmer, the youth who wandered from Halifax and romped away from all the others in the Herald road race is the latest applicant for a place in the pro ranks. And the wise ones say he's just about good enough to show a clean pair of heels to Longboat, Dorando, et al., at the full Marathon distance. He's an Englishman by birth. But don't worry lest the supply of amateur Marathons should run short. Every time a pro ped gathers in \$100, another thousand 'amateurs' turn themselves on concessions, and proceed to get in shape to tear up the tankard. While the population and receipts last the future of the 'amateur' Marathon is assured."

EX-CAPITALS STILL PLAY ROUGH HOUSE

The following wall from the Sydney Record concerning the New Glasgow-Sydney hockey game, played while the Sydney septette was on tour across memories of the Fredericton-Moncton games for 1908: "Speaking of the game at New Glasgow, one of the Sydney players says that it was the roughest in his experience of the game in the province. Referring to the charge made by the New Glasgow correspondent who sent out the news of the game to the papers to the effect that Jimmie Kendall was the aggressor, the Record's informant says that it is absolutely without foundation. The slaughter house business was started by the New Glasgow septette, with Jimmy Williams as the ringleader, and it was only after Kendall was retained in the early part of the season that the game was eliminated of its rough-house features."

HARDWARE DEALERS OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTION

Discrimination in its dealing is a fault of which the Dominion Government has declared itself purged, in the case of things national, but it exists in an even worse form when Canadian merchants suffer for the advantage of a crowding foreign corporation. To the problems of such a situation have been reduced the local merchants who are endeavoring to hold their own in the barbed and plain wire trade of the Provinces. In December last orders were received by Chief Appraiser Whittaker of the Custom House that an extension of duty leviable on barbed and plain wire coming from this port. These orders were given a fine air of secrecy, for, according to Mr. Whittaker, public in general is not entitled to know of the change in duty and he was not at liberty to give details to a Standard reporter who visited him on Wednesday. It was contrary to orders issued by his department that any person should receive this information except a merchant who had imported wire and was faced with the problem of getting it through the customs. On the remark being made that this method was strangely at variance with the way in which the lists of the customs duties are commonly published, Mr. Whittaker said: "Yes, it seems to us too, that such figures should be public property, but we are acting under orders."

Merchants Annoyed. Some of the merchants who have been held up and are being forced out of the trade were not, however, quite so reticent as the head appraiser. They told of how the efforts of their hardware association were being disregarded by the Dominion Government and expressed the belief that the extraordinary raise in the tariff was due to the machinations of the United States Steel Trust, working through that section of the trust's interest, known as the Dominion Wire Company, of Montreal. Last year the trust flooded the western part of Canada with its goods and it is now making a determined effort to scare the local hardware firms out of the eastern Canadian trade.

A Ranking Thought. That a big foreign corporation should oust the concerns which are a part of the city's life must be repugnant to every real citizen, directly interested or not. But the Dominion Government would be the medium for accomplishing it, is a far more rankling thought. An Interesting Case. It is within two weeks that the matter treated of has come to a head.

Various methods have been adopted by St. John hardware merchants to have the Dominion Government adjudicate their case in the light of actual prices and relative facts, but their efforts have been without result, and they feel that they have reached a very important crisis in their existence. It is not the wire trade which they are so much troubled about as the establishment of the principle which is visible in the present attempt. If they are placed in a fix from which they cannot extricate themselves, by false and interested information on one point, a system is adopted which will eventually bring about fatal results.

LORD STRATHCONA MAKES A MAGNIFICENT OFFER

Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—The subject which is agitating the house at present is that of the participation in the Imperial naval defence. The present crisis in Britain seems to have awakened public feeling to an extent which has not prevailed since the South African war, and the feeling among the members is remarkable. It is far in advance of that which prevailed a year ago. It is appreciably in advance of that which was observable when the session began. Alarming statements from Britain unquestionably have created a deep impression here. The situation at present is curious. Both parties are considering the question very seriously. The government is stated by its press to be taking the matter up, and it is hinted that it means to take some action towards Canadian participation. The Opposition occupies a position considerably in advance of this. At the opening of the session Mr. Foster gave notice of the following resolution:—"That the opinion of this house in view of her great and varied resources, of her geographical position and national environment, and of the spirit of self-help and self-respect which alone benefits a strong and growing people, Canada should do longer delay in assuming her proper share of responsibility and financial burden, incident to suitable protection of her exposed coast line and great seaports."

Will Move Resolution. This has been on the point of moving on several occasions but has been prevented by sundry accidents. Yesterday the Opposition caucus considered the question, and Foster today gave notice that he will move it on the first available day, which happens to be Monday. Strathcona's Offer. At the opening of the House Sir Frederick Borden announced that Lord Strathcona has offered \$250,000 to furnish a revenue of \$10,000 yearly to stimulate physical training, elementary drill and rifle shooting in the public schools throughout the Dominion. The announcement was in the form of a letter to the Minister of Militia. "I am prepared," Lord Strathcona wrote, "to place at your disposal or that of any competent body which you may be in position to constitute with the object of encouraging such training, the sum of \$10,000 per annum." He suggests a central committee composed as follows: Minister of Militia as president. Ministers of education in provinces which adhere to Nova Scotian plan as vice presidents. Executive council of (A) members of the militia council: (B) Representatives to be named by the provincial ministers of education, two each from Ontario and Quebec, one each for the others. (C) Officers commanding com-

mands and independent districts of the Dominion. The committee should consist of military district officers commanding civil members appointed by the minister of education, and three military numbers nominated by the Minister of Militia. Lord Strathcona proceeds: "While I attach the highest importance to the advantages of physical training and elementary drill for all children of both sexes, I am particularly anxious that the special value of military drill, including rifle shooting for boys capable of using rifles should be constantly borne in mind. My object is not only to help to improve the physical and intellectual capabilities of the children by inculcating habits of alertness, orderliness and prompt obedience, but also to bring up boys to patriotism and to the realization that the first duty of a free citizen is to be prepared to defend his country."

He adds that for the present at least, the whole of the money should go to educational purposes, and be maintained entirely out of the public funds. Both sexes, whether teachers or pupils, should share in the rewards, and allotments of the money should be made as to afford intellectual benefits to teachers to instruct and to pupils to perfect themselves in training desired. From the concluding words of the concluding words it seems to be warranted that the money offered is to provide prizes, leaving the expense of the actual training and administration to the public authorities. The Hon. Sir F. Borden also announced that Earl Grey has consented to be patron, and Laurier vice patron of the fund which it is proposed to style "The Strathcona trust." He has called Strathcona accepting the offer and the plan of organization. On motion of Laurier and Borden a vote of thanks was passed. The Cassels Report. At adjournment, Borden gave notice that the Opposition intended tomorrow to discuss the Cassels commission report. Laurier stated that the government is on the eve of making an announcement as to its action in regard to the report, and the debate was adjourned till Thursday, April first.

Legislation Needed. There was discussion on the subject and it was finally decided to have the Recorder and Ald. Frink act as a committee to make application to the provincial legislature for the passage of the necessary bill. A comprehensive report of Engineer F. A. Barbour on the water distribution system was heard and ordered to be filed. A communication from the same engineer recommending that air pressure be used to repair No. 2 conduit was also heard. On the motion of Ald. McGoldrick, Ald. Spruel, Ald. Kelley, Ald. Rowan, Ald. Baikin and Ald. Frink were appointed a committee to deal with the recommendation.

BOUTS THIS WEEK. Thursday—Willie Fitzgerald vs. Paddy Lavin, Reading, Penz; Albert Delmon vs. Kid Beech, North Ad-

A PECULIAR CASE BEFORE EQUITY COURT

A rather peculiar case is that of Miss Mary Gertrude Robertson v. H. Ashley Estabrooks and Joseph W. H. Alary, who are the principal stockholders of McAlary and Company Ltd. By a lease dated February 4, 1908, the plaintiff leased to the defendants the two stores and rooms situate in the brick building numbers 34, 36 and 38 Douglas Avenue. The lease also includes warehouses, barns, carriage sheds, outbuildings, situated in the rear of the brick building and gives the defendant privilege of erecting a new warehouse if desired, in connection with the premises. The lease is for a term of years at the yearly rental of \$175. This suit is brought to set aside the lease, or failing that for rectifying same by striking out of description the words "warehouses, barns, sheds and outbuildings" and also the clause giving the lessees privilege of erecting a new warehouse. It is further sought to strike out the renewal clause. These changes are sought for the alleged reason, that the plaintiff, not having legal advice did not fully comprehend the benefits which she was conferring on the lessees. Messrs. Harrington and Harrington will appear for the plaintiff and Mr. H. H. McLean K. C. and Mr. Fred R. Taylor for the defendant.

Not the First Move. It was not the first move however, on the part of the trust, for that body at the early part of the season made it impossible for the local men to buy. Some of them resolved, however, not to be forced by the bluff, and ordered in regular form from Belgium, only to face by this later move.

Investigating the great increase in the duty, the trust, of course, operates against itself, for a time in equal proportion with the smaller Canadian concerns. By refusing to sell to the local men, they are forcing the duty so as to make it impossible for them to stay in competition for any length of time, the trust calculates in a short time to have the Canadian trade to itself.

DELEGATION WILL PRESENT MEMORIAL. FREDERICTON, N. B., Mar. 24.—A delegation from the lumbermen and mill holders' association will meet Surveyor General Grimmer tomorrow morning and present a memorial drawn up by the committee and submitted to the association this afternoon at an adjourned meeting. The memorial sets forth the views of the lumbermen as to matters regarding crown lands administration and what they ask the government to do regarding twenty-five year leases of timber limits which will expire in about ten more years. It is likely to give the lumbermen's views regarding forest preservation and protection from fire. Messrs. White, T. M. Burns, Allan Ritchie, A. H. F. Randolph, Henry Hilyard, J. P. Burchill, Randolph Crocker, James Robinson, H. H. Gunter, J. T. Rundle and Frank Curran are the delegation named to present the memorial.

PERSONALS. S. J. Moore, of Truro, is at the Victoria. W. H. Berry, of St. Stephen, is at the Victoria. C. H. Fuller, of St. George, is at the Victoria.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., and Mrs. Daniel left last evening for Ottawa. Judge McLeod left on the Montreal train last night for Fredericton. Mr. Edward Mooney has returned from St. Francis Xavier College at Antigonish, N. S., where he has completed a course in higher mathematics and English.

Mrs. Kileen, of the Ottawa office of the department of immigration, left for the capital on Wednesday evening. She brought here six immigrants brought here for deportation. G. S. Mayes arrived in the city from New York yesterday. W. B. Tennant, of this city, is spending a few days in Montreal. H. B. Robinson is in Montreal on business.

Miss Sade-Greany, who has been visiting in Montreal during the past six weeks, returned home on Tuesday. J. M. Price went to Hampton yesterday. W. S. Fisher went east at noon yesterday. Charles A. Everett, who is confined to his residence through illness, yesterday celebrated his sixtieth birthday and received the congratulations of relatives and many friends.

T. A. Linton was among the passengers on the steamer "Sobo" which left Halifax on Tuesday evening for Bermuda, West Indies, etc. Moncton Times: P. G. Mahoney, of Melrose, Mass., went north to Bathurst on Monday night, after being confined to his home with an injured knee for some weeks. Montreal Witness: Miss Winnifred Rowan, of Ottawa, who has been spending the last two months with her sister, Mrs. William Simpson, returned home on Thursday. Mrs. Walter Rowan arrived on Friday to spend a week with her daughter.

Miss Likely, who has been spending some weeks, the guest of Mrs. S. C. Charters, Point du Chene, has returned home. Miss Grace Tait, of Providence, R. I., but formerly of this city who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Gregg, Moncton, will leave on Saturday by boat for Providence via Boston, where on the first of April, she will enter the Providence hospital, where she will take up nursing. Miss Sarah S. Steeves, daughter of Reverend Steeves of the High School staff, leaves on Saturday for Providence via Boston, where she will enter the Providence hospital to take up the profession of nursing. The many friends of Mrs. J. E. March will learn with much pleasure that her condition is rapidly improving after a serious operation. Mrs. Eastwood, of New Glasgow, is visiting Mrs. W. J. Fraser, in this city.

Hunter v. Murdoch. The chairman drew attention to the fact that Engineer Hunter's term of service expired on April 6. At the request of the chair, Mr. Hunter said that he would like to know at once whether he was to go or to stay and repair the pipe. He would not stay another entire year unless he were given complete control of the Water and Sewerage Department. On motion of Ald. Rowan it was decided to have Engineer Murdoch make the necessary repairs to No. 2 conduit. The meeting then adjourned.

The registered stallion Busuf, after being in a Chatham stable for a few weeks has again changed hands. H. H. Carvell having shipped the horse on Friday to Frank Myers, of Sussex, who becomes the owner.

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F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer. Phone 972; P. O. Box 298. TURF NOTES. Kitty Clover, dam of Minor Heir (1:59 1-2), will be bred this season to The Earl (2:14 1-2). One of the latest stories from Memphis is that Ed Greers will try Highball (2:02 3-4) at the pace. As the racing season approaches less is heard about acquiring the hoppers. It was ever thus. Andrew Crawford, New York, has sold the famous speedway trotter Invader (2:10) to parties in Manitoba. The reports are that Sonoma (2:14 1-2) has wintered grandly. If the little brown mare gets to the races just right she will have a lot to do with making the fast trotting classes interesting.

John E. Madden will experiment with the trotter-hackney cross as a means of producing carriage horses, but he will reverse the process used by hackney breeders and will mate hackney mares with the trotting stallion Vice-Commodore (2:11). Youngsters by Peter the Great continue to sell for high prices and yet it was only a few years ago that the son of Pilot Medium was sent to the auction block by a New England breeder as practically a failure. Lady Maud C. (2:04 1-2) and Hedgewood Boy (2:02 1-2) have been booked to appear at Taylorville, Ind., their birthplace, next Independence day, in a special race. Baron McKinney, the brown son of McKinney (2:11 1-4), and Ettie Baron, (2:21 3-4), that trotted in 2:10 1-2 as a three-year-old, is expected to make a great trotter.

DEATHS. Helen E. Appleby. After an illness extending over many months, Miss Helen E. Appleby, daughter of Mrs. Stephen B. Appleby, died on Thursday morning last, at her home in Woodstock, aged 33 years, much to the regret of many friends. Her father, who died some six years ago, and her brother, Charles, proprietor of the Dispatch, who died about 16 months ago, were both buried in the cemetery at Florenceville and at noon on Saturday the remains of the deceased lady were taken from her late residence to the train, thence to the Florenceville cemetery for interment. Rev. G. D. Ireland conducted the services in both places. The pall bearers were E. W. Blair, W. S. Sutton, T. C. L. Ketchum and Geo. Mitchell. Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Watson (Mary) of Woodstock Settlement, Misses Kate and Ruth of Woodstock survive.

THE ROSS RIFLE. Last evening Lieut. G. Mortimer delivered a thorough and very instructive address on the merits of the marked 3 Ross rifle, before the officers of the 62nd. Major McRobbie presiding.

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