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TENNIS CLUB IN SESSION

Important Changes at Courts Recommended at Annual Meeting Held Last Night—Officers Elected for Year.

The annual meeting of the St. John Tennis Club was held in the Church of England Institute rooms last evening with the president, Dr. S. Skinner, in the chair. The report of the secretary was submitted. It showed that the finances of the club were in good condition. Extreme improvements, consisting chiefly of better light facilities were recommended which will necessitate the changing somewhat of the present position of the courts. It was also decided to start the tournament earlier in the season than usual. The club proposes donating a silver cup to Mr. T. M. McAvity in appreciation of his having won the provincial tennis championship last year. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President Dr. S. Skinner; vice-president P. W. Thomson; secretary-treasurer, C. F. Inches; manager, H. Peters; G. Sanction, H. McLean; ladies committee, Miss Girvan, Miss McKenzie, Mrs. P. W. Thomson, Mrs. V. Barnes, Miss E. McAvity; tournament committee, T. M. McAvity, D. Skinner and W. M. Angus.

CHAMPIONS IN BAD AT MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—Members of No. 1 division of the Detroit baseball team, including Donovan, Crawford, Mullin, Killian and the two Jones, Schmidt and others who helped win three pennants were again subjected to taunts and hurls of criticism from dissatisfied baseball fans today. Crowds went to the grounds, in expectation of seeing the regular team, including Ty Cobb, but Ty wasn't there.

Another Defeat.

In addition the Tigers, under command of Will Bill Donovan, suffered their third defeat in four days, and by a general display of listlessness and muffed by balls, easy chances were accused of "hippodroming" by irate southern fans.

Mullin and Killian worked hard, but reported dissension among the fielders on account of Manager Jennings' splitting the star squad, taking one half west and sending the other half in this direction, was apparent. Davy Jones took the lead by "crabbing" at local spectators and players. The fun ended in almost a battle when Pitcher Fritz of the locals, took exception to Jones accusing him of an intentional aim at Jones' head with a pitched ball.

TO ORGANIZE ANOTHER BASE BALL LEAGUE

In spite of the activity shown by promoters of professional baseball it is believed that there is abundant material in St. John for a first-class amateur league. A meeting has been called for Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of launching such an organization.

All teams wishing to enter will please send representatives.

WANDERERS OF HALIFAX IN SESSION

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, April 4.—The annual meeting of the Wanderers Athletic Club was held tonight. The meeting aroused considerable interest and a most keenly contested fight took place for the secretaryship of the club between Messrs. L. A. Gastonauay, A. Blois and L. H. Fenerty, in which the first named won out. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—C. V. Monaghan.
Sr. Vice-president—R. A. Corbett.
Jr. Vice-president—D. S. Bauld.
Secretary—L. A. Gastonauay.
Treasurer—A. Blois.
Managing committee—R. Morrow, R. W. McLean, H. O. Pyke, W. J. Butler, C. H. Gorham, S. H. Fenerty.
Alderman F. D. Bligh who has been the club's efficient secretary for the past twenty-one years, was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the members of the club. The financial statement for the year showed a deficit of \$247.40. All reports were adopted.

SPORTS

Snap of Wrist That Curves Ball, Says Mordecai Brown



MORDECAI BROWN.

Cubs Wonderful Pitcher Disperses Idea That Missing Finger Is Responsible for Success.

New Orleans, April 4.—Now comes Mordecai "Three Fingers" Brown, the Cubs' wonderful pitcher, to shoot holes in the idea that the missing digit of his pitching hand is responsible for his great work in the box.

"It's the twist and snap of the wrist, and not the stump of my index finger, that is responsible for my pitching ability," says Brown, as he watches the Cub recruits working.

In the light of the numerous stories written by the Cubs' press agents, this is a startling statement. The public

has been told stories to the effect that if Brown hadn't run his right hand into a corn chopper of some other finger clipping machine, he never would be the marvel of the mound he is.

Inasmuch as Brown owns the mutilated hand, he ought to know more about it than anyone else, so that this statement can be taken for its full value.

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NOTIONS OF THE ATHLETES

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BETTING ON BIG FIGHT ACTIVE NOW

New York, April 4.—Betting on the Jeffries-Johnson fight started in earnest here last night with the deposit of \$2000 against \$3400 that the former champion would defeat the negro on July 4.—There had been some wagering before this bet was made of course but the posting of \$3400 was the first real evidence that odds were going to favor Jeffries for some time to come.

Clarence Berry, of Los Angeles, at one time a prominent Klondike miner and now interested in the oil fields of California, stated that he had \$250,000 to bet on Jeffries at any price that was reasonable. Charles Sutto, a stock broker of San Francisco, quickly took \$2000 of it at odds of 7 to 10 and then announced that he would have as much more to bet on the negro before the fight.

Jack Gleason, one of the promoters of the fight, said that the odds of 7 to 10 in favor of Jeffries were first established in the San Francisco pool-rooms about a fortnight ago. Gleason said that he looked for these odds to remain stationary for at least a month more, with possibly a slight shortening when Johnson commenced active training on May 1 at Seal Rock House in San Francisco. After that he said, he would not be surprised if the figures showed Jeffries a favorite at 8 to 10, with either 9 to 10 or odds favoring Gleason on the day of the fight.

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WOLGAST TO MIX WITH BALDWIN

Milwaukee, April 4.—Bartling Nelson will not get the first chance at Ad Wolgast, the new lightweight champion, as had been expected. A letter from Wolgast says that he has signed up for a battle for 45 rounds with Matty Baldwin, June 27. Baldwin's share of the proceeds is not stated, but Wolgast says he will receive \$5,000 and training expenses as a guarantee.

Late Shipping

British Ports.

Kinsale, April 4.—Passed: Sir anchester Shipper from St. John, N. B., for Manchester.

Foreign Ports.

Salem, Mass. April 4.—Arrd: Sch Lucy May, from Grand Manan, N. B., for Salem for orders.

Calais, Me. April 4.—Cld: Schs Thimie Slauson for St. John, N. B.; Nellie Eaton for do.

Portland, Me. April 4.—Arrd: Schs Sallie E. Ludlam from St. John, N. B., for New York; Winnie Lawry, do for do.; W. H. Waters, do for do.; Val-dure, from Bear River, N. S., for do.

Portsmouth, N. H. April 4.—Arrd: Schs Margaret May Riley from St. John, N. B., for New York; Romeo, do for Fall River.

Vineyard Haven, Mass. April 4.—Arrd and Sld: Sch Harry from New York for Pembroke, N. S.; King Joseph, from Windsor, N. S., for orders; St. Bernard, from Five Islands, N. S., for do.

Sld: Schs Peter C. Schultz, from New Haven for St. John, N. B.; Lady Smith, from New York for St. Andrews, N. B.

Boothbay, Me. April 4.—Arrd: Schs Bobbs from Dorchester, N. B.

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ROUGH HOUSE BARRED AT BIG FIGHT

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Gleason has formulated some interesting rules, rules for spectators. No one will be allowed to enter with a weapon of any sort, though Gleason does not say today whether each spectator would be searched to see if he carried a gun. A plan is being considered to float a captive balloon over the ring and have the number of each round shown by a big placard that drops down.

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