

SPORTS

(By Lieut. "Stan." Okell)

The boxing tournament staged by the 11th C.M.R. last week unearthed three exceptionally good exhibitions of the manly art and gave a pleasing evening to all who attended. Any entertainment of this kind which tends to keep the men in barracks at night is indeed commendable and to be encouraged. Is it not time our sports committee got busy?

A very good game of hockey was played at the Arena on Wednesday the 19th, between our Battalion team and the city seven, although the civilians came out on the long end of a 6 to 2 score. There were not very many "Western Scots" present to cheer our boys to victory; we think the reason being not many knew of the game. We would suggest that the hockey committee give more publicity as to games to be played.

The ambitious Machine Gun Section challenged the "rep." hockey team to a "little game some afternoon." This was arranged on Friday last, when the gunners turned out in force to give their pets a boost, but it was of no avail as the Battalion team romped home with the bacon by a score of 9 to 4. For the losers Kenny was by far the best man, while Sergt. Morden did good work for the winners.

From the way he uses his hockey stick one can easily see that Pte. Duggan is an expert with the axe.

Friends of Stretcher-Bearer Duncan, who broke his leg practicing soccer about two months ago, will be glad to learn he is improving nicely and expects soon to again be out with the boys booting about the elusive pig-skin. Good boy, Dunc.

The Peden Cup games of the City League were scheduled to continue last Saturday when the "Western Scots" and 103rd. were to have played, but President Manson very wisely postponed all fixtures on account of the impassable condition of the grounds. It is likely we will meet the "Timber Wolves" on some week-day afternoon.

The new soccer committee consisting of Lieut. Okell, Sgt. Lister, Lce.-Cpl. Armstrong, Pte. Ogilvie and Pte. MacKenzie, should help out a whole lot in the management of the team during the coming league. Regular practices are to be arranged as soon as the weather permits and each member of the Battalion is asked to take more than a passing interest in our soccer team, as we have a good one with splendid prospects of winning the Peden Cup. All can help by reporting any likely football material to the above committee, and by being present at the games. It is remarkable the effect of moral support. Boost, don't knock!

Would the grass hockey players like to arrange a game with the H.M.C.S. Rainbow?

What has become of our basketball team?

Pte. C. C. McDonald says that he is sure some skater.

SHAVINGS FROM THE PIONEERS' WORKSHOP

We certainly felt proud to be able to parade with the Battalion to the Royal Victoria Theatre on Tuesday afternoon and enjoy seeing "The Birth of a Nation." But we must confess that Pte. Stevenson has an ambitious turn of mind, seeing that he viewed the second part of the picture from a box seat. Query: Where was Pat during the interval?

Now that we have got a few more stoves erected in the buildings we trust the occupants will be a little more comfortable. While erecting the said stoves one of the Pioneers quite innocently inquired if they were wanted for cooking purposes. This Pioneer must be very cold-blooded indeed, as the whole Section has slept in bell tents all winter without any artificial heat at all—unless the "hot air" which Pte. Pritchard peddles at times could be termed so.

We are glad to welcome a valuable addition to our Section this week in the person of Pte. W. J. Sherman. He is a workman of no mean ability, and as a footballer is second to none in Western Canada. "Lang may the craws flee ower yer tatties, Wullie!"

It seems a pity that the Pioneers didn't get instructions to fix up the anteroom of the Officers' Mess three months ago. There was a certain "draught" then which we would have left to float around as of yore.

A small reward (?) will be given to a certain sergeant on the staff who borrowed Lce.-Cpl. Ogilvie's football stockings

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