

# SPORTS

## ANQUET TO CHAMPIONS.

First Methodist Football Team Entertained.

All Gaily Decorated in Honor of Football Heroes.

First Methodist football team, which in the championship of the Church league, was the guest of First Church at a banquet last evening. The event was held in the Sunday school room, which was artistically decorated for the occasion. The tables were laid with a white table cloth, with a centerpiece at the head, and were daintily laid with palms, ferns, cut flowers and candelabra to set them off. The party part of the evening was devoted to social half hour, and a promenade to the music of the orchestra. At 9:30 a company sat down and partook of a bountiful supper provided. This was followed by a short toast list and some excellent short speeches. Cal Davis, president of the federation, was toast master, and the toast list was as follows:

"Our Church," responded to by Rev. B. Lancelotti.

"Our Football League," responded to by President Albert E. Baker and Mr. Farrell, official referee.

"Other Teams of the League," responded to by Mr. Manson, of the church of the Ascension team.

"Our Team," responded to by Manager George Chagnon and Hugh Murray.

"The Gentlemen," responded to by Myrtle Baker.

"The Ladies," responded to by LeRoy.

The musical part of the programme included a piano solo by Miss Ethel Tallant and a quartette by four of the Messrs. Robinson, Langhurst, Chagnon, and Green.

All the speakers had a good word to say of the boys of the team, not only having won the beautiful cup which was the chief adornment of the head table, but for their splendid conduct on the field and the true spirit of gentlemanly sport and fairness which characterized them.

The address of the address of the members, Miss Myrtle Baker in particular, in response to the toast to men, and Mr. Chagnon and Mr. Murray were particularly good.

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## QUEEN'S LOST IN GOTHAM.

Defeated by St. Nicholas Seven by Two Goals.

Ottawa May Get Injunction to Prevent Taylor Playing.

New York, Dec. 31.—To the surprise of many followers of hockey, the Canadian exponents of the game had their first setback of the season last night at St. Nicholas rink, when the St. Nicholas seven scored a victory over Queen's University of Kingston by a total of 3 to 1.

It was a well-played match, and though they lost, it appeared that for the most part the Canadians excelled in the play. This must seem somewhat contradictory until it is stated that two of the goals scored by the St. Nicholas team were prize winners in the way of lucky shots. And, further, it might be added that the work of Haywood at goal for the St. Nicholas team was one of the prime factors which prevented the visitors from winning the contest. The teams—

St. Nicholas—Goal, Haywood; point, Richards; cover, Santher; rover, Gordon; centre, Putnam; left, Chew; right, Larned.

Queen's—Goal, Gilbert; point, McKenzie; cover, Lockett; rover, George; centre, Crawford; left, Campbell; right, Dobson.

Goal—First half—First for St. Nicholas by Larned, in 11:50; second for St. Nicholas by Santher, in 12:12. Second half—First for St. Nicholas by Putnam, in 13:06; second for Queen's by Lockett, in 18:25.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Ottawa Hockey Club threatened last night to issue an injunction to prevent Fred Taylor playing with the Renfrew Hockey Club. Taylor did not have a signed contract with the Ottawas, but had entered into a verbal agreement with L. N. Bate, vice-president of the club. The par envelopes were handed around Monday, for the first time, and Taylor accepted his and gave a receipt for the money on account. In doing so, the Ottawas claim he made his agreement binding. Now the Executive officers want to prevent Taylor from playing with the Ottawa team, which he has just accepted. Bate, who brought Taylor to the first place, and with whom he had the agreement, Mr. Bate refused to allow the club to take legal action, but a meeting has been called for to-day to deal with it. Mr. Bate said last night that he and Taylor were through and that Taylor would never again play on the Ottawa team.

Taylor was at the Ottawa dressing-room last night to get his stick and other paraphernalia. All the players greeted the famous Listowel boy as cheerfully as ever, but the officers gave him the stony shoulder.

Taylor declares his agreement with Bate was a provisional one, and that the Ottawas made it worthless when they failed to secure for him what they promised.

Renfrew magnates claim Kerr, but both Kerr and Taylor had emphatically said that they had decided to stick with Ottawa.

Waterloo, Ont., Dec. 31.—In a fast and exciting game of pro. hockey Waterloo defeated Galt, the Stanley Cup challengers, here last night. The score at half time was 2 to 0. Cross and Young, of Waterloo, and Murphy and Serviss, of Galt, were the stars. After half time Waterloo scored six more, but Galt only managed to get but four, thus making the score 8 to 4 in favor of the local team. The line-up of Waterloo referred. The line-up of Waterloo referred.

Waterloo (8)—Goal, Cross; point, Corbeau; cover-point, Young; forwards, Dusome, McLachlan, Manson, Stalker.

Galt (4)—Goal, Booth; point, Bolland; cover-point, Murphy; forwards, Serviss, Doherty, Charlton, Mallen.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—All Montreal hockey team defeated the National team in the opening match of the Canadian Association series on the arena ice last evening by a score of 7 to 2. The All-Montreal had the better of the match throughout and won handily. The teams:

Montreal (7)—Goal, Moran; point, Ross; cover-point, Pouvey; rover, Cochran; centre, Kane; right wing, Marks; left wing, Norman.

National (2)—Goal, Menard; point, Dubaut; cover-point, Jette; rover, Millaire; centre, Leduc; right wing, Pare; left wing, Ratto.

Referee—J. Bannan. Judge of play—W. Bellamy.

Brantford is now after Burnett, formerly of Ottawa, who is at present playing in Cleveland.

CALEDONIANS' ANNUAL CURLING MATCH.

The Caledonian Curling Club will hold its annual match, Vice-President vs. President, in the rink at Swansea on New Year's day at 9:30 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., the following being the draw:

2 p. m.—President, Vice-President.

J. Hawke, W. Rennie.

A. Green, E. Horning.

J. Graham, W. D. McIntosh.

L. Howard, skip, R. Rennie, skip.

9:30 a. m.—Rev. W. H. Spark, G. Graham.

W. Beecroft, L. Findlay.

T. G. Rennie, Chas. Gibbs.

F. Howard, skip, E. Allan, skip.

7:30 p. m.—T. Earl, Rev. J. Hall.

W. Hall, W. H. Hales.

D. Lamb, R. Kerr.

N. Howard, W. Armstrong.

D. Brydson, skip, John Watson, skip.

"Do you think the deacon will be entirely happy in the hereafter?" "Why not?" "I fear the good man will feel lonely with no church mortgage to lift."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## K. OF P. NIGHT AT H. B. & A. C.

Closest Scores of the Season Were Made.

The Members of the Club Will See the Old Year Out.

Last night was K. of P. night at the H. B. & A. C. The games played were the closest of the season, many of them being won by the closest possible margins. J. B. Erskine was the best bowler with 585. Sackrider was next with 502, and Shepard got the even 500. Erskine also annexed the high single string with 224. The special Savannah cigar prize for high team single was won by Bismarck No. 2 with 789.

The members of the H. B. & A. C. will see the old year out in proper style. The club quartette will be on hand, and music will fill the air. A good time is assured.

The New Year's Day tournament promises to be a great success. The entry list is by far the largest ever received in an individual tournament. The entries close at 9:30 on the morning of play, when the draw will be made. The tournament commences at 10 o'clock, and will be finished by the lunch hour.

K. of P. League—

Red Cross No. 3, won two.

D. Little 128 165 152 445

G. Hancock 197 114 137 448

F. W. Nettleton 133 130 151 414

J. Kingston 114 138 142 394

W. Buttrum 147 148 126 421

719 695 708 2122

Red Cross No. 2—

Jopson 132 123 142 397

Presnail 167 111 132 410

McLeod 110 189 187 486

Sherrett 153 138 155 446

Hopkins 115 130 195 340

677 601 711 2079

Bismarck No. 2, won two.

V. Theodorff 118 127 137 382

A. B. Patterson 145 152 144 441

C. A. Shepard 155 144 201 500

E. Wilkins 163 161 168 492

J. Morris 170 735 789 2275

751 725 789 2275

Bismarck No. 1—

A. Wilke 106 157 131 394

W. Wise 137 135 135 407

R. Ferguson 103 107 142 352

Joe Hynes 141 177 154 472

W. Wareham 133 160 134 427

620 736 696 2052

Hamilton No. 2 (won three)—

Lithgow 150 106 210 466

Sackrider 147 190 165 502

Temple 146 136 160 442

Zimmerman 156 156 145 457

Brown 110 125 108 343

709 713 788 2210

Bismarck No. 3—

Persson 95 102 83 280

Ellwood 104 129 115 348

Fenton 145 139 102 386

Dellinger 119 95 157 371

Morden 127 153 141 421

590 618 598 1906

Hamilton No. 1 (won two)—

Hawkins 104 157 142 439

W. W. Thompson 149 125 118 352

Mercer 94 87 147 328

Saul 118 155 134 407

W. Miles 165 110 121 396

626 634 602 1922

Red Cross No. 1—

A. H. Dodsworth 124 145 116 388

F. Robins 100 84 126 310

W. Hill 99 86 105 290

J. B. Erskine 181 181 223 585

J. Davidson 121 122 140 383

625 621 710 1566

The Renfrew club, which has expended money so lavishly to gather a winning team together, is backed by M. J. O'Brien, the multi-millionaire; J. G. Barrett, Thomas Low and other prominent business men widely known in Eastern Canada. Renfrew challenged for the Stanley Cup last winter after winning the Federal League, but the trustees of the club then got to work and organized the present National Hockey Association, and set out signing up a winning team early in the winter. They now declare if they win the championship of the N. H. A. the trustees will be compelled to recognize their challenge.

## ENTIRE NEW SET OF RULES.

Mass Play Has Got to be Abolished

In Order to Make Fair Play in American Game.

The prospects of the game of American football being so modified as to prevent death and injuries in the future are decidedly slim if the rule makers allow themselves to be guided by the resolution passed by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Intercollegiate Association has not given the rule makers much of a helping hand. Every one has agreed that marked changes would have to be made so as to eliminate the danger. The meeting in New York merely sanctions what 90 men out of every hundred have long since insisted upon, but it does not devise means of how this can be done.

The fact of the matter is that the football authorities are not contemplating changes of the rules because they want to, but because public sentiment has driven them to it.

Writing to the Buffalo News, J. Karpe says:

The football experts assembled in New York to try to humanize the football game as practiced among the colleges which means practically as it will be played the country over, are very likely to leave out a factor it would seem should have some weight in the matter and that is the public. Now if Harvard and Yale wanted to play intercollegiate tiddlywinks at Cambridge or New Haven, there would still be ticket scalpers ready to try to make money for the seating capacity of Soldiers' Field or Yale Field would be taxed because of the college spirit which makes anything the universities play for the final supremacy the issue. Now as far as present football is concerned, it might be said to be inbred.

There are 35,000 people who yell and wave and enthrall at the annual football games between Yale and Harvard. These two colleges are taken because they are the most representative of a condition. It wouldn't matter what they played as long as it was Yale against Harvard and there was room enough to seat the people. But out of those 35,000 people with their yelling and shouting and enthralling, there are not more than 10 per cent. who understand more than the rudiments of the game. They can tell Crim from Blue and can see when one side is gaining against another, but as for the fine points of the game, which have been developed to the point of twisting the other fellow's neck off with the heel of your hand, and the 4-11-44 signal which often plunges a half dozen or more men on top of one, or which plans persistent attacks on one man by a group to "get him out of the way"—this is largely out of the view and the ken of the 35,000. The men look like a massed up mess of ants when it comes to a mass play, and it is the mass play which has got to be abolished in order to humanize or make fair play out of the American game of football as it has been played for some seasons back. Fair play consists of man against man, not men against one man in such close quarters that secret damage can be done so that even the corps of officials cannot surely detect violations of rules. It is the inordinate desire to win at the cost of a broken neck or twisted spine—the deliberate intention to maim which must go along with the intent of a mass play, which makes war instead of sport out of football. And everybody knows what war is, according to an eminent general who went through it.

What makes baseball the national sport is its open formation—man against man. No Dutch pile is allowed. Every body of the 35,0