

Great Victory of Paris Crew Won 52 Years Ago Today

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James Renforth, of the English Crew, Collapses and Dies Later.

GREAT INTEREST

Saint John's Most Classic Sporting Event Has a Melancholy End.

Fifty-two years ago today the city of St. John sent out its thousands of spectators in steamers and row boats by train and on foot to the racing ground on the Kennebecasis to witness a great scull race for the championship of the world between the British visitors, the "Tyne" and the famed Paris crew of this city. The result formed a melancholy omen for the beginning of a series of races intended to be arranged in American waters for tragedy attended and James Renforth, a gallant English oarsman, gave his life in effort to attain victory.

It was on August 23, 1871, that the Paris crew of St. John, and the Tyne crew of England rowed on the Kennebecasis River, on a course opposite the present summer resort called Renforth and while the St. John oarsmen were leading, James Renforth, stroke of the English crew took suddenly ill and died a few hours after. It was an event which caused world wide interest and a great many residents of this city will remember the race.

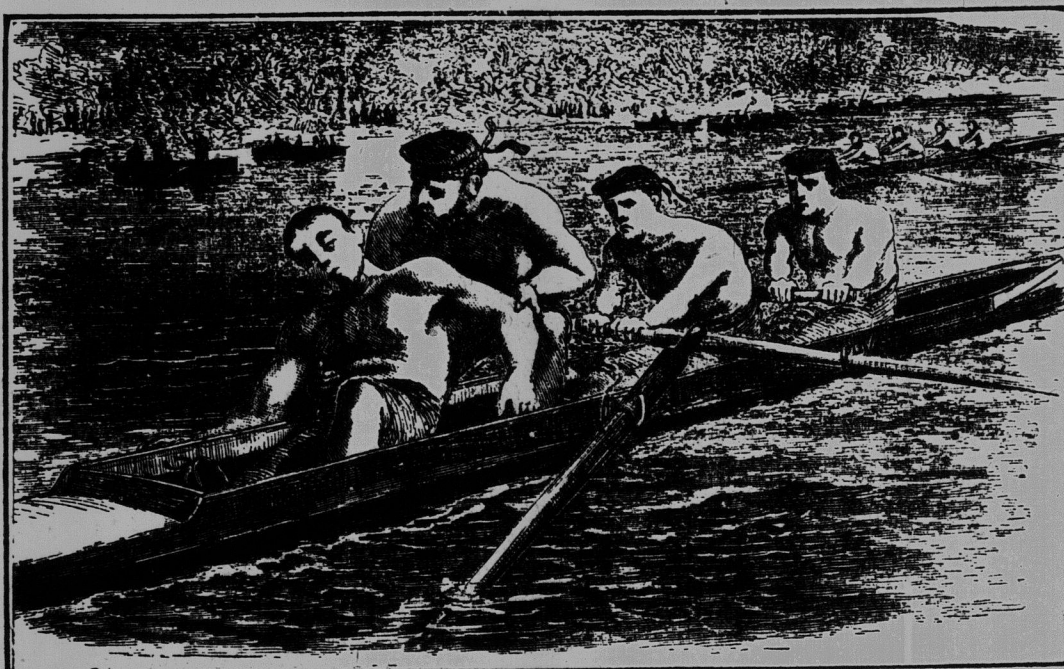
As early as three o'clock in the morning there was a throng in the city that indicated the coming event. Many had been up all night, making music in the streets, and others had arisen from bed to be among the first to reach the scene of action. At four o'clock a crowd had collected at the depot and the train left with the first load of passengers. Other trains left the city frequently afterwards, while hundreds of residents and a very large number of people wended their way to the river shore by walking. Old men, boys, women and little children were there and the scene on the shores of the Kennebecasis was a remarkable one. It was a day that will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to be present.

At the Course. The night mists still nestled among the trees as both crews rowed about half past four and, donning their ordinary clothes, started out for a brisk walk in the vicinity of the race course. The quarters, just as grey twilight was merging into day. They looked well, and the lightness of Renforth's eyes and his fine condition were remarked by many who met the English quintette. Both crews breakfasted at about the same hour and spent the time until after six talking to friends. Then they began to look to matters more immediately connected with the struggle so soon to come off.

James Stuckhouse, umpire on the part of the St. John men, had remained at their quarters all night, and he, with the referee, Hon. Thomas H. Jones, accompanied them to the shore and on board the official tug, and their boat, the St. John, was towed out by Robert McLaren, their spare man, and James Belyea, father of Hilton Belyea the present well known sculler. The tug was run up to position, outside the outer starting buoy, and the St. John crew and their friends awaited the appearance of the Englishmen. At three minutes past seven o'clock the Renforth crew were ferried to their starting stage, and when they were placed on it, Bright, the spare man, paddled the Queen Victoria out to them. Renforth got in first after putting his oar through the rowlock and took his seat, the boat being steered by Bright; Kelley took his seat next followed by Chambers, Percy getting down to his place about the same time. They all had on white guernseys and Bright and Chambers wore blue caps. Renforth wore a brown American driving cap. Kelley's was an old one, originally blue, but somewhat faded. They put off at eight minutes past seven o'clock, and at once paddled across to the starting points, taking up a position about fifty yards ahead of the official steamer.

At the Line. "Gentlemen," said Renforth to the Paris crew on the tug, "Are you ready?" "Yes," came promptly from the St. John men as, at sixteen minutes past seven, the St. John boat was put into the water, and the crew, wearing pink shirts and caps, got in quickly. At this time, the wind, which had

COLLAPSE OF JAMES RENFORTH IN BOAT



This picture is a reproduction from Leslie's Weekly published in 1871. It gives the artist's impressions of the collapse of James Renforth, British sculling champion and the stroke of the great Renforth crew which was defeated by the Paris crew of St. John 52 years ago today. The caps on the heads of three of the rowers, of course, are from the imagination of the artist, as the scullers did not wear caps during the race. Those, however, who saw the race state that the other details are identical with the sad scene witnessed by thousands along the banks of the Kennebecasis river on August 23, 1871.

been blowing very lightly seemed to increase to about a three knot breeze, but it died away again and the river was almost perfectly smooth at twenty-eight minutes after seven. The Englishmen had taken off their guernseys and caps, and as they sat upright in their boat they looked the personification of muscular development. The St. John men bared their heads but kept on their pink shirts. They sat square up and the countenance of each was firm, if not grim, in its expression. St. John won the toss and chose the outside, and the boats were backed up to their respective buoys.

"Now, give us the word," said Fulton, "and the sooner the better," and he as well as the others of the St. John quartette showed impatience to be away. Both boats, however, were slightly out of position, and they were ordered back. When they again ceased moving the St. John boat still had an advantage of six inches.

"Back your boat a little Fulton," said Mr. Jones, and the St. John men moved to the desired position.

"Gentlemen, are you ready?" said Mr. Jones. "Ready," came from Fulton and Renforth simultaneously, and the oar blades of the eight men sunk slowly in the water.

They're Off. "Go!" was pronounced very sharply and with distinctness by Mr. Jones at exactly thirty-four minutes past seven o'clock, and eight of the best oarsmen that ever manned a boat surged back, their craft springing away like arrows under their powerful strokes. The magnificent sight as the two boats presented for the first two hundred yards has seldom, if ever, been witnessed. Still on, and clear water was shown between the stern of the St. John and the bow of the English boat, and when half a mile had been covered, Fulton was sweeping off at forty-one strokes to the minute, and Price was steering a beautifully straight course. The other boat was taking a rather sweeping course, as if determined to close the widening gap.

Renforth's Collapse. It was of no avail, however, for the St. John men were thoroughly on their mettle and the gap was widening. When Renforth turned his head and gave a look at his opponents' boat,

dropped his oar, threw up an arm and would have fallen overboard had he not been caught by Kelley, who supported him while Percy and Chambers rowed the shell ashore. Amid the greatest excitement the St. John boat sped on. The race from that moment was a bit of magnificent rowing, the stake boat being reached in 18 minutes, official time, and the whole race was accomplished in 30 minutes, 30.8 seconds.

Wild Excitement.

The scene at this stage of the proceedings, on the steamer and other craft, was stirring. Those on the judges' boat shared in the excitement of the throng. Mr. Oldham danced about the stand, exclaiming that his crew had to run ashore to escape a foul, and nearly took place on account of John Bright withdrawing money which he was putting up on the Tyne, and Mr. Jones was obliged to forbid any person to interfere in discussions between the umpires and himself. Mr. Oldham, umpire for the English crew, objected to Mr. Jones sending a gig to clear the course, which was being badly blocked while the Paris crew were finishing the race, and it was only after the throwing of pebbles and pieces of coal that the course was cleared. The water was anything but smooth as the race was being finished. When within half a mile from the judges' boat, Fulton, increased his stroke to forty-four and came in amidst the wildest cheering from the shore, embankment, tree tops, woodboats, steamers and small boats. The official time, as announced by Dr. Walker, was 30 minutes, 30.8 seconds. The St. John men were cool and fresh looking, not one of them exhibiting signs of fatigue, their breathing as regular as before they started the race.

"What ailed Renforth? What did he break?" asked a dozen voices. "He has broken his back," answered Ross, "because he was beaten." "How far you lead them?" cried all in a breath, as they patted the backs of their men with more energy than gentleness. "Let me dress first," said Fulton, "and then I'll talk." After the men, who dressed they passed around their hats.

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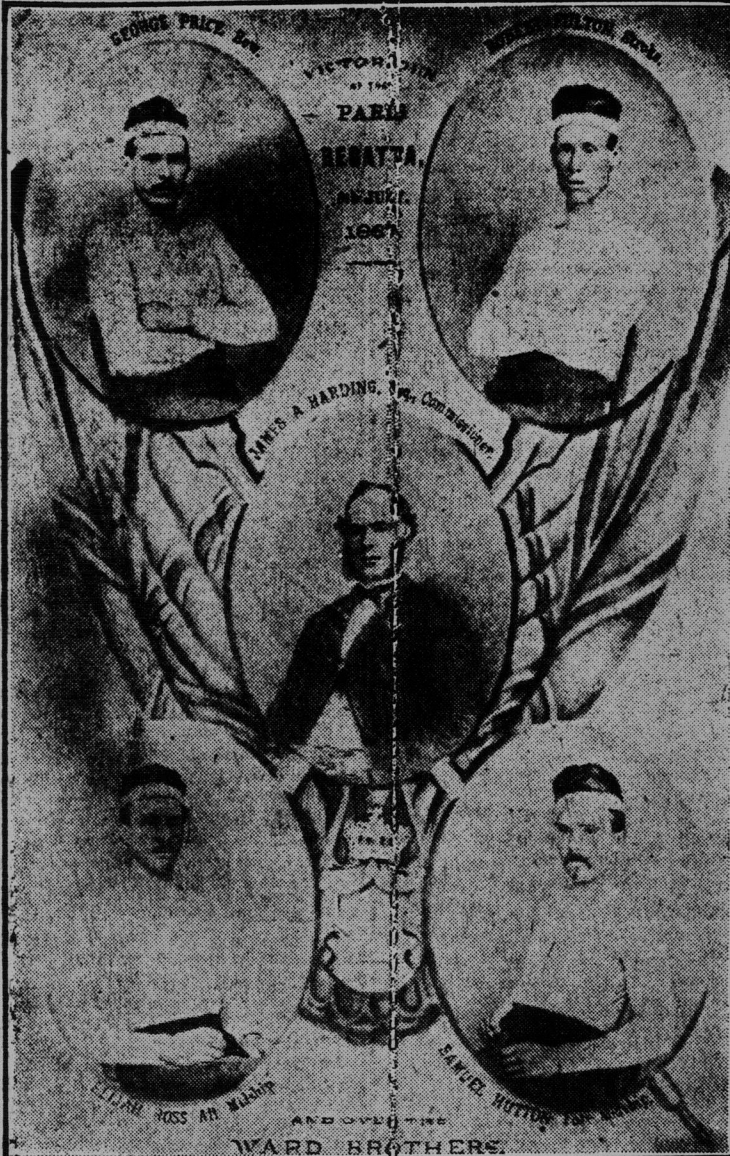
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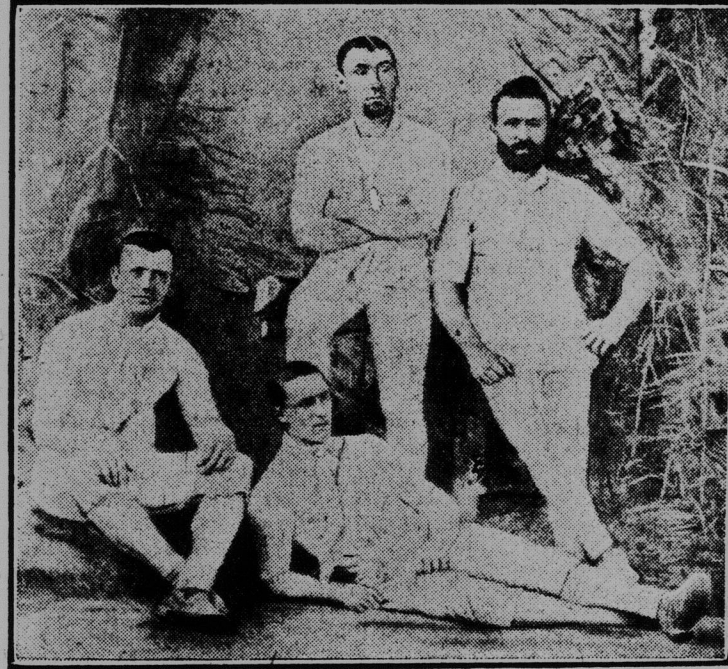
Here are the members of the victorious Paris crew of St. John, the most famous rowers in the history of sculling. They captured the premier event at the Paris regatta in July, 1867. The picture is a reproduction from the original photographs among the collection owned by Deputy Fire Chief Jackson. The men are: Upper left—George Price, bow; upper right, Robert Fulton, stroke; lower left, Elijah Ross, aftership; Samuel Hutton, foremidship; James A. Harding, commissaire, who later became High Sheriff.

Renforth had so far revived as to be able to speak. He was known to have frequently suffered from epileptic fits, and being asked if it was one of these, he responded firmly in the negative. "I'll tell you what it is," but his sentence was cut short by his suffragings. He tossed himself about the bed, complaining chiefly of distress in the region of the chest and showing signs of difficulty in breathing. An almost transparent liquid oozed from his mouth, and this, as time went on, became slightly tinged with blood.

Says Good-bye. A little brandy and water was cleared his mouth that again he spoke. He assured the bystanders that he had not long to live, and soon after said: "Good-bye, Harry; good-bye, my boys." These, with a few interrupted utterances, which seemed to refer to the sad mishap and to his friends across the water, were his last words. The scene within the house was a sad one. His conferees seemed to have suddenly parted with a very brother. The wife of the day before whose loving pines the last mail had brought to the champion, was now a widow; and the sturdy watermen who wept for their departed comrade shed also a tear for the orphaned daughter of eight summers.

As soon as death was announced Coroner Earle arrived and the following jury was sworn, viz.: James Dumville, Foreman; James Trueman, George A. Wood; Alexander Robinson Jr.; John Murphy, John Melick and Timothy J. Cronin. Dr. McLaren was instructed to make a post mortem, and it

TYNE CREW OF ENGLAND



In this picture are seen the members of the Tyne crew of England. The reproduction is from an original photograph owned by Deputy Fire Chief Jackson. The men are, (top row) left to right, James Renforth, stroke; Harry Kelly, aftership; (lower row) Bob Chambers, left, and A. Piercey.

Renforth's History.

James Renforth was born in the County Northumberland, England, in 1843, and at the time of his death was in the twenty-ninth year of his age. From an early age, Renforth displayed a disposition for aquatic sports. As he grew older his skill with the oar became apparent. He won several races on his native river, the Tyne, and in 1869 gained the proud title of Champion of England, and virtually of the world by defeating Kelly and J. H. Sadler on the Thames, over the University Course. Renforth had since then never been beaten in a level race in company with Taylor, Winship, and the Paris crew.

In appearance Renforth was a fine, broad-shouldered, deep-chested man of fair complexion, and possessing an enormous amount of muscular strength. He was 6 ft. 7 1/2 in. in height, and when in good rowing trim weighed 164-172 lbs. His chest was magnificent, girdling 42 inches. He was of a most jovial disposition, and an excellent companion, though uncultivated in manner and speaking the North-country dialect very broadly. He had an honest, pleasing face, usually illumined by a half-smile, and was quite com-

municative; he was very capable in temperament, however, and to this combined with the fact that he was subject to fits when overworked or exerting himself too much, is to be attributed the fatal result of his struggle for the world's championship. The death of poor Renforth was a repetition of that of "Delamain," in Wilkie Collins's novel of Man and Wife. After every preparation known to athletes and trainers for a particular crisis, the crisis found out his weak spot, and the preparations were defeated by their own intensity.

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