

NEW YEAR'S DOG RACES ON NEW COURSE PROVED MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EVER

Huge Crowd Turned Out Yesterday Morning to See Youngsters' Biggest Annual Sporting Event Run Over Track on Ninth Street

A great crowd witnessed the annual dog races yesterday morning when for the first time they were run over the new course just south of Victoria avenue to the C.N.R. depot, on Ninth street. Shortly before daybreak snow began to fall and continued throughout the morning, making the course somewhat heavy, but the dogs made the best of it, and did some splendid racing.

Arrangements Excellent

The temperature was particularly high and the races on the whole proved very enjoyable, more especially as the spectators kept off the course, which was kept well cleared by the police, firemen and a strong committee. A large portion had been roped off on each side and this arrangement came in for considerable favorable comment.

Started on Time

Along the side of the course many motor cars were lined up and a large number of people were perched on the top of Lamont's office and the adjoining wood pilings thus obtaining a splendid view from the start to the finish. Punctually at 10 o'clock the races were started and continued with hardly a break until about 11:30, after which the jubilant winners swarmed into the general waiting room of the C.N.R. station where the prizes were presented by R. J. Campbell from the ticket office window through the courtesy of the ticket agent, W. H. Scott.

Two Boys Hurt

Throughout the entire races the fun was fast and furious, yet with such a large number of dogs, competing and other wise, it was noticeable that there were very few accidents, although John Wood while competing in the long distance event, was attacked by a dog belonging to another competitor and had to receive medical treatment for a badly bitten finger, from Dr. Rosenburg. Little John Rutherford also had the misfortune to

be nipped in the side but he was very much more scared than injured.

Distributed Goodies

Previous to the starting of the races, proper, all the boy onlookers who had dogs and sleighs were lined up and a race took place between them. There were 24 competitors, and every boy got a prize. Also, a large box of over 100 packages of candies, nuts, oranges and apples were distributed to all and sundry at the conclusion of the races.

The half dozen photographs for the boy winning most prizes went to Lawrence Finlay who won six events. When the photo had been taken, one will be handed to the committee in order to have a cut made to be used on the program of next year's races and in other ways.

The Results

The results of the races were:

Event One

Event 1, Section 1: Bert Collins, Earle Smith, 2; Don Finn, 3. Prizes, 1; toke; 2; gloves; 3; book.

Event 1, Section 2: Will Irwin, 1; Lawrence Finlay, 2; Robert Denny, 3. Prizes the same as section one.

In the final, the result was: Will Irwin, 1; Bert Collins, 2; Lawrence Finlay, 3; Robert Denny, 4. The prizes for this were: 1, sleigh; 2, sweater; 3, moccasins, 4, knife.

Event Two

Event 2, Team race: Lawrence Finlay, 1; W. Cowan, 2; John Rutherford, 3. Prizes: 1, watch and chain; 2, skates; 3, brush; 4, knife.

Event Three

Event 3, free for all, singles: Will Irwin, 1; Perry Pittam, 2; Leigh Abby, 3; Earle Smith, 4. Prizes: 1, dog harness; 2, sweater; 3, watch; 4, knife.

Novelty Race

Event 4, novelty race, driver standing on sleigh: Emmett Bendoin, 1; Earle Smith, 2. Prizes: 1, watch; 2, knife.

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Blaze In Stable Did Small Damage

Loss From Fire Yesterday Morning Will Reach Only \$400

A small fire occurred at 7 a.m. yesterday morning at the cement stable and workshop between Thirteenth street and Fourteenth street on Van Horne avenue, belonging to Fred Durst.

The fire brigade were on the scene a few minutes after the alarm was given, and were not long in subduing the flames. They, however, had to use both the chemical and hose line before they succeeded in doing this, and the interior of the premises was badly burned.

Mr. Durst estimates the damage at about \$400, and this is fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is at present unknown.

SUNDAY CONCERTS

Owing to numerous requests that have been received by Bandmaster Cox, the Brandon City Band will recommence their series of Sunday concerts at the Sherman theatre on Sunday evening next. J. R. Hall has consented to sing, and requests for special numbers will be acceded to in the order received.

Firemen's Dance Was Big Success

Nearly Two Hundred Couples Attended Annual Ball Last Evening

The firemen's annual ball, held at the City hall last night, was a huge success and enjoyable from beginning to end.

The hall was decorated beautifully, and the fire boys, always thorough in anything they undertake, had represented in a realistic manner the saving of a child from a building by a fireman in waterproof and helmet. The "flames" artfully represented by means of an electric fan and colored paper were very effective. There were nearly four hundred people present, and although the hall was a little overcrowded, this did not spoil pleasure and the dance went with a swing all through.

The supper arrangements were perfect. At the interval the curtain on the stage was slowly raised, presenting the supper table with every seat taken. A soft red glow from the foot lights, combined with the pretty gowns of the ladies made the scene very striking. Many prominent citizens were present, and here, there, and everywhere, was Chief Melhuish doing his utmost to give everyone an enjoyable time.

The dance lasted until 3:30 a.m. This floor was in splendid condition, and Parks' orchestra responded tribally to requests, which were insistently demanded. The program was also unique each dance representing a fire signal, from the beginning of conflagration until the end.

NEW YEAR'S AT HOME

A very pleasant At Home took place yesterday afternoon at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kelly Block, when Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, received its friends. The tea room was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the bright music of an orchestra in harmony with the surroundings helped in making the reception a very enjoyable affair. A dainty lunch was served in buffet style, the tables being decorated with flowers. Mrs. J. S. Beatty was responsible for the excellent catering, and Mrs. D. S. Sutherland, Mrs. Melhuish and Mrs. Stewart acted as hostesses, while Mr. J. T. Norquay and Mr. Marlatt assisted in welcoming the guests.

NEW YEAR'S WEDDING

On New Year's day a pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLean, 735 Tenth street, when their son, George Alexander Matheson McLean and Mary Gokiert, of Winnipeg, were united in matrimony by Rev. G. Edmison. Mr. and Mrs. George McLean will reside in Winnipeg.

PLANNED SECRET CONFERENCE

Pass Christian, Miss. Jan. 2.—The stage is set here for a conference which may have an important bearing on the administration's Mexican policy.

John Lind, aboard the cruiser Chester is anchored off Ship Island and will board the revenue cutter Winona this afternoon and call on President Wilson at the winter White House. The president has positively refused any advance information as to the conference. An investigation is already under way to determine who let out the fact that Wilson had called Lind back from Vera Cruz. The president had planned to have a secret conference with his envoy at sea.

MESSENGER SERVICE

The Public Strigraphers Company have started the first district messenger service in the city. They are providing for a day service only at the present time, but night messages will be arranged for by telephone before six o'clock. Late it is intended to have a permanent night service.

CARBERRY COUPLE MARRY

On December 31 at the Victoria Avenue Methodist parsonage, Sixteenth street, the marriage took place of James W. Graham and Florence E. Long, both of Carberry, Rev. S. Wilkinson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Graham will reside at Carberry where the bridegroom is a farmer.

Was Not Liable Under Old Bond

Judge Cumberland Awards Defendant Judgment in Suit Over Guarantee

A case which has occupied Judge Cumberland for some time was finally disposed of on Wednesday evening when his honor gave judgment for the defendant.

It appears that the London and Lancashire Assurance Company sued H. J. Dignem for \$500 under a bond which he gave for a man named Elliott who was then the local agent for that company. Later on Elliott was appointed agent for Western Canada but the bond was not changed and Dignem contended that on this account he was released from liability under the bond he had given.

The plaintiffs were represented by J. F. Kulgor while the defence was in the hands of W. De Manly.

YEAR'S BUILDING PERMITS

The building permits issued from the City Engineer's office during the month of December amounted to \$63,960 as against \$27,700 for the same month in 1912. During the entire year of 1913 the permits issued totalled \$594,409 as against \$1,166,214 for the year 1912, but in this latter amount are included the permits for the hospital for the insane, some fair ground buildings, several public buildings and over \$220,000 for street paving.

Enjoyable Matinee With Driving Club

Races on River Yesterday Attracted Large Crowd Of Spectators

One of the largest crowds ever at the ice races was on the course yesterday. Motors and sleighs lined the course from one end to the other and some splendid racing was seen. The judges stand had been erected, and with the finish well lined off by ropes, coupled with the fine condition of the ice, the sport was most enjoyable. The results were:

Free-for-All

Midnight Direct, L. Nelles 1 1 1
Dixie Girl, W. Sproule 2 2 2
Times—1.05 1/2, 1.05, 1.04 1/4.

This race was very exciting throughout and the final heat was won by inches.

Class A

Cassie Dillard, J. Chambers 1 1 1
Miss Sparkles, R. Crane 4 2 2
Dick Stanton, G. Warren 2 3 4

Class B

Cocilean Bill, J. McGregor 1 1 1
Starr Geers, Bruce Neil 2 2 4
May Be Good, W. Bertrand 3 3 3

Miss Cecilian, W. McGregor 4 4 2
The judges were Dr. Robinson and George Munroe, while Jack Fry acted as starter.

Marked Increase In Tax Receipts

Nearly \$60,000 Over Last Year Already Paid in, and More Still to Come

City Treasurer Sykes has now made up the figures for the tax payments during 1913 and these show that up to the end of last year his department had collected \$59,781 more than for the corresponding year, while there still remains \$170,461 to be paid on last year's taxes. The actual figures are:

Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1912	\$ 83,385
Taxes receivable for year 1912	347,567
Total	\$430,952
Taxes collected in 1912 to Dec. 31st	333,927
Taxes receivable for year 1913	477,144
Total	\$573,169
Taxes collected in 1913 to Dec. 31st	393,708
Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1914	\$179,461

Percentage of collections to total taxes: For the year 1912 . . . 77 and 1/2 p.c. For the year 1913 . . . 68 and 7/10 p.c.

PRESENT SHOOTING PRIZES

The sergeants of the 99th Manitoba Regiment, hold a smoking concert this evening in the lecture room of the armory commencing at 8 o'clock. During the evening the prizes won for gallery shooting on New Year's day will be presented.

Forrest Visitors Were Successful

Scored Victory With the Rocks Yesterday Against Brandon Team

The Brandon Curling Club yesterday entertained Forrest, who sent over two rinks to meet the locals in exhibition games.

They succeeded in beating Brandon by the narrow margin of four points, the score being 23—10.

Most of the members of the local association took advantage of the holiday, and the ice was well patronized throughout the day. The Forrest rinks are much stronger than in other years, and adding this to the fact that Brandon were not up to full strength the result is not surprising. The rinks consisted of the following players:

Brandon—J. J. Parkin, William Clark, A. R. Trench and Thomas Baker.

Forrest—D. McKenzie, A. Forsythe, Duncan Forsythe and Peter Forsythe.

Brandon—James Gibson, Fred Dundas, Charles Pearson and William Fenwick.

Forrest—L. McKenzie, L. McKay, Cliff Watkins and A. C. McFall.

The district matches take place next week in Brandon for the district comprising Alexander, Forrest, Carberry and Brandon. This is an elimination contest, and the winners of the district are eligible to take part in the Winnipeg bonspiel.

The Brandon bonspiel will take place on January 26. On Monday night the Brandon Curling Association will hold a meeting at the display building at 7:30, to select rinks for the district matches.

WILL INVESTIGATE

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—Governor Ferris today telegraphed his personal representative in the copper strike district to make complete investigations into the shooting and deporting of President Charles H. Moyer of the Miners' federation. Attorney George Nichols will conduct the probe independently of the Houghton County Grand Jury.

LOCAL BOYS LOSE HEAVILY TO SPEEDY KENORA TEAM

Failure to Get Together Before a Terrific Sustained Attack Brought the Brandon Players Defeat by Ten to One Last Evening

The local senior hockey team opened their home series in the Manitoba and Western Ontario league last night at the Arena rink, playing against Kenora, and suffered defeat by a score of 10—1.

Crowd Came Early

This game had been eagerly awaited by a large number of hockey enthusiasts in the city, and thirty minutes before the commencement of the game there were 1500 people present; and the crowd were still steadily coming in. The start of the game found 2,000 in the seats. The Brandon team were first on the ice, followed quickly by the Kenora boys, and both teams had a rousing reception.

Kenora Opens Score

Kenora won the toss and defended the north end. After a short visit to the Kenora goal by Brandon, their opponents, by means of a fine sprint by W. McKenzie, followed by a lightning shot from Goodie, opened Kenora's account. Smith, in the Brandon goal, being helpless to save.

Scott made a series of splendid sprints for Brandon, shooting in fine style. After cleverly beating two opponents, he was unlucky in finding none of his colleagues in position.

Some Fast Play

W. McKenzie and Goodie who seemed to find the opposition easy came again, and Goodie scored number two for Kenora.

The game was now being fought out at a very fast pace, with Kenora having

a good deal of the play. H. McKenzie scored a third goal in an easy fashion, Smith apparently being at fault in placing himself for the shot. A fine run by Scott and Coldwell for the home side relieved the pressure on their goal, and Scott again came very close with a swift shot. The game now became rather rough, three of the home team being sent to the fence, followed by two of the visitors.

Five at Interval

Continuing to show great skill in their manipulation of the puck, the Kenora septette scored their fourth and fifth goals through H. McKenzie and Hilliard, the fifth being the result of a beautiful shot from some distance out. This was all the scoring before the interval which came with Kenora leading by 5—0. In the first half, the best features of the Brandon play had been the fine form shown by Scott and Mummery, the latter playing great hockey, and saving his side time and again.

A Strong Goal

The second half opened with a fine shot by Coldwell and a brilliant save by McKinnon. Brandon continued to press for a few minutes, McKinnon bringing down the house with a magnificent save from Wintenn. The home side, although badly outnumbered, played pluckily and were several times within an ace of opening their account. Cameron, McKenzie, and McKinnon,

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HE WAS NEVER A POLICE CHIEF

Man Who Goes Down for Four Months on Extortion Charge A Bluffer

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CONTRADICTS HIS STORY

Chief Berry Informed That He Left Transcona Owing to Bad Conduct

Before Magistrate Bates this morning John L. White was arraigned to answer the charge of theft by menaces, in obtaining a bottle of whisky from W. Newby barber at the empire barber rooms.

To Serve Four Months

On Wednesday he had been sentenced to four months imprisonment for attempting to obtain money by extortion from Frank Hallett. This however was suspended until the other charge was dealt with. On this he also received a four months' term, but his Worship made them run concurrently.

Story is False

The Mayor of Winnipeg telephoned Chief Berry yesterday in regard to this man and requested him to state that at no time was White chief of police at Transcona, but that he was at one time on the force there as an ordinary constable. Almost directly after joining the force his conduct was so unsatisfactory that he was asked to resign, and he only stayed one month there. Chief Berry made this statement in the court this morning.

NEW HOCKEY TEAM

A hockey meeting has been called for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Empire hotel for the purpose of organizing an intermediate team to go in the district with Melita and Souris in the Manitoba Amateur Hockey League.

START YEAR WEDDED

On the last day of the old year the wedding took place of Arthur J. Stapleton, of Brandon, and Margaret Jahrig, of Forrest, Rev. S. Wilkinson officiating at the Methodist parsonage, 335 Sixteenth street. Miss Mabel Ethel Jahrig carried out the duties of bridesmaid, while Mr. Alfred R. Thomas supported the groom. The young couple are taking up their residence on Princess avenue east.

Town In Alberta Has Serious Fire

Blaze Last Night Destroys The Business District of Didsbury

Calgary, Jan. 2.—The entire business district of the town of Didsbury, Alberta, was wiped out by a fire which started last evening, destroying every store. So far it has not been ascertained just how the fire started, it having gained fairly good foothold before being noticed. The damage is estimated at fully a quarter of a million.

MEXICAN REBELS LOSING GROUND IN TERRIBLE BATTLE NEAR OJINAGA

Resistance is Fast becoming Hopeless And Under Bomb Before the Advancing Rebels is Considered Probable—Casualties Heavy

El Paso, Jan. 2.—According to despatches just received, the main body of the Federal army at Ojinaga is still desperately resisting the rebels today, but the end of the battle is near.

Federals Beaten

Communication was cut off just below Marfa, Texas, this morning, but before the wires were cut, enough was learned to show that the federals were in a hope-

less position and would probably flee across the border to American soil.

Crossed Rio Grande

It is estimated that fully 1,500 Federal soldiers have already crossed the Rio Grande, where the wounded were allowed to remain while the other, after being disarmed by the United States soldiers, were forced to return.

Leave Many Dead

The federals are credited with the most remarkable resistance of the present revolution. Refugees declare that fully five hundred bodies are lying in the streets of Ojinaga.

PRINCE EDWARD SUPPER PARTY

Crowd of Brandonites Had Enjoyable Time Bringing In the New Year

DINING ROOM CLEARED TO ALLOW OF DANCING

Festivities Were Carried on Long After Midnight Had Arrived

A large party of the representative society folk of Brandon gathered in the dining room of the Prince Edward Hotel about 11 o'clock on New Year's Eve to partake of the fare provided there for those who wished to greet the New Year in the orthodox manner.

Enter Father Time

After the supper had been in progress for not quite an hour, every light in the banquet hall was extinguished save that from a huge clock face whose hands pointed to the arrival of the new year, while the twelve strokes of midnight bade farewell to the old. At this juncture Father Time, white bearded, black robed and bearing a scythe and lantern, stalked through the room, leading the New Year as represented by the youngest son of Manager Hutcheson, bearing a bag lettered "1914."

Toasted New Year

As the orchestra struck up, the guests burst into a rendition of "Auld lang syne," while a hearty handshaking went round the tables, and the New Year was toasted.

Following the supper, the floor was cleared, and dancing ensued to the strains of an excellent orchestra. This continued till the "wee sma' hours," and the light of New Year's day was not far distant when the last revellers wished each other a final glad new year and took their leave.

MEMBERS OF J. P. MORGAN COMPANY HAND IN RESIGNATIONS WHOLESALE

Are Retiring from Boards of twenty-two their withdrawal and said they would Railroad and Industrial Concerns Where They Feel Their Presence is Not Obligatory

New York, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Members of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company have resigned as directors in twenty railroad and industrial companies, was announced today. In a statement that Morgan issued, he declared the resignations were tendered because the directorships took too much time from the firm's business.

Expect More Withdrawals

The firm also stated that "Apparent change" in public sentiment regarding the directorships seemed to warrant