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ST. JOHN'S**Our Sporting Column.****GIVE BELL A SQUARE DEAL!**

Without entering into the discussion of the merits or demerits of last Monday's celebration in honor of our athletes' home-coming from Halifax, isn't it only fair that the treatment accorded one section of the team should be accorded the other? Bell is now in Halifax undergoing the last stages of his final training for the most grueling contest that ever a Newfoundlander was called upon to enter. He knows that the eyes of the whole country are watching him, and the strain on his nerves must be terrific. Acrimonious discussions concerning a matter with which he is connected will only weaken his morale, and thus lessen his chances of victory.

Play the game, Sports, and those who are not. Give Bell a chance, citizens, and defer such discussions until the outcome of next Saturday's race is known.

ANOTHER LONG DISTANCE RUNNER.

Jim Jacobs, of the Reid Nfld. Co., leaves by to-morrow's express for Halifax on his vacation. His friends are inducing him to enter the Road Race on next Saturday, and it is very likely he will. It will be remembered that Mr. Jacobs was a good third in the Guards' Road Race for his first attempt at this distance. As there were twenty-two prizes Jimmy should easily capture one of them. This makes the third entry from Newfoundland, viz. Bell, Pyrie and Jacobs, and between them they have a good chance of carrying off the special team prize for the event.

BELL THE FAVORITE.

Visitors from Halifax declare that Newfoundland's entry—John Bell—is easily the favourite out of over 49 runners entered to date. Provided everything goes well, the only man to be feared is MacAlister, the noted Windsor runner. He holds the record for the 10 mile road race, but as it is now some years since he has completed it, it is doubtful if he can duplicate his 54 minute record this day week.

HAD BRASS BAND READY.

We understand from Manager Goodland, of the Halifax Track Team, that a number of Newfoundlanders residing at North Sydney had the city band engaged on Saturday morning to play them from the train to the hotel. The team arrived at North Sydney, however, on Friday's train, so as to make positive connections with the Kyles, so that all preparations had to be cancelled. Nevertheless they wish to express to Mr. A. W. Shano and his committee their appreciation for this and their many other kindnesses which made their trip so delightful; and also to Mrs. Ireland and to Mr. C. H. Hayward of Grand Falls for their kindly gifts of cigars and fruit on the homeward journey.

PRESENTATION TO ATHLETE.

Harvey Skirving, our youngest representative at the Halifax sports, was visited by a number of friends at his home, Pleasant Street, on Thursday evening and was presented with a gift in appreciation of his splendid showing in the one mile race. Mr. Skirving made an appropriate reply, after which an impromptu musicale was held and a very pleasant evening was spent before the gathering dispersed.

CANT LOSE!

Dear Sir—Jack Bell—our champion has friends, and they are legion, representing all classes and creeds. They are proud of his prowess, and that is why he was sent away to represent us. Win, lose, or draw, when he comes home they are going to turn out to his honour whether the National Sporting Committee is scared off the man or not through newspaper criticism by sore-heads. The majority of the people is never wrong, and just as we turned out to do Skirving, Butler, and Phelan proud, are we going to do the same for Johnny Bell, Newfoundland champion long distance runner. Thanking you for space,

Yours truly,
ADMIRER.**St. Lawrence O'Toole.**

(A.D. 1180.)

Lorcan O'Tuathal, or as he is generally called Laurence O'Toole, was the youngest son of Muriatach (Murtough) O'Tuathal, prince of Inisby in what is now the present County of Wicklow. His mother was of the equally great family of the Hy-Brinn.

When ten years old Lorcan was given, by his father, as a hostage to Dermot MacMurrough, king of Leinster, a notoriously brutal prince. Many are the tales of Dermot's cruelty. In 1135, to please one of his followers, he took the Abbess of Kildare from her convent. When the people of Kildare rushed to her rescue one hundred and fifty of them were killed by Dermot's soldiers, who further put out the eyes of Murtough, chief of Wicklow, and seventeen other lords.

Lorcan, he sent to a barren boy without sufficient food. When Murtough O'Toole heard of it he seized twelve of Dermot's soldiers and threatened to put them to death if his son were not restored to him. Dermot then gave Lorcan into the care of the Bishop of Glendalough, who eventually gave the boy back to the father.

When Lorcan was twelve years of age Murtough took Lorcan with him to call upon the bishop, whom he asked to determine, by casting of lots, which of his sons should be devoted to the ecclesiastical estate.

Lorcan, laughing said that it was not necessary to cast lots as he wished to become a clergyman. So his father gladly allowed him to remain with the Bishop of Glendalough and receive training for the priesthood. Some time later Murtough O'Toole was put to death by Dermot.

At the age of twenty-five Laurence was elected Abbot of the Monastery of Glendalough, and some years later when the Bishop of Glendalough died and the office was offered to Laurence he refused it.

He devoted himself to the care of his diocese and was noted for the

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New Brunswick Man Could Not Work for Two Whole Months**Resident Of St. John Never Expected To Be Well Again—He Now Feels Fine.**

"I'm back on the job again feeling fine, thanks to Tanlac," said George H. Usher, 35 Winter St., St. John, N.B. "For two months I hadn't been able to hit a lick of work. I was so weak and run down following a spell of 'flu.' The muscles of my arms hurt me all the time and the joints of my fingers would swell. My stomach was in bad condition all the time and after every meal I would have an awful pain just below my breast bone and feel as if I was going to choke. "Tanlac was certainly the making of me. It gave me an appetite, toned up my stomach, and entirely rid me of the rheumatism. I never expected to be well again, but here I am feeling as fine as I ever did in my life."

Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere. generosity of his charity as well as the frugality of his own life. From thirty to sixty poor people were fed daily by his bounty. When the Archbishop of Dublin died, Laurence was forced, against his will, to accept the Archbishop's See.

Meantime the cruelty of Dermot led to his being driven out of the country by a league of princes and chiefs under Roderic O'Connor the King of all Ireland.

Dermot fled to Henry II. of England, but Henry was too much occupied with his own troubles to be able to help Dermot.

Eventually Strongbow agreed to help Dermot recover his kingdom on condition that he, Strongbow should be allowed to marry Eva, Dermot's daughter, and should succeed him on the throne of Leinster. Their combined efforts met with success, and when in 1171, Dermot died of a painful disorder, Strongbow and Eva succeeded to the throne.

The chiefs continued to fight against each other until Bishop Laurence and other leading men finally sent and asked Henry II. of England to come to the rescue of distracted Ireland.

Accordingly, in October, 1171, Henry landed in Ireland, with five hundred knights and four thousand men-at-arms, to take over the kingdom. The Irish princes unable to resist him, and recognising the folly of mutual warfare, submitted without a blow, and took oaths of allegiance to the English King.

In 1175 Laurence went to Windsor on affairs, concerning his church, and while there witnessed the closing of the agreement between Roderic O'Connor and King Henry. Henry exercised the first act of his authority by appointing five Irish bishops.

In 1178 St. Laurence and five other bishops were at the third Lateran council in Rome when the Pope gave him a bull in which he confirmed the right of the See of Dublin and its jurisdiction over the suffragan Sees of Glendalough, Kildare, Fins, Leighlin and Ossory. He also appointed him his legate throughout Ireland.

In 1180 St. Laurence went to England to settle a dispute between Roderic O'Connor and Henry II. But Henry refused to see him. Laurence went over to Normandy, meaning to return when the King's anger had died down. But there he fell ill and passed away at Ely, crying in Irish, "O foolish, senseless people! What are you now to do? Who will cure your misfortunes? Who will heal you?"

Germany's Secret Assassins.

How "Undesirables" Are Got Rid Of. (The assassination of Herr Erzberger, which the Socialist and Republican press of the Fatherland attributes to the Conservative party, not only robs Germany of perhaps her most able politician—the man who saw that reconstruction was possible only on a basis of reconciliation with all nations—but also draws fresh attention to the persistence of secret societies on the Continent, and makes the following article by Mr. R. L. Hadfield particularly topical.—Glasgow Weekly Herald.)

"Secret societies are springing into being throughout the whole of Germany." The authority for this statement is none other than Herr Stinnes' own newspaper, the "Halle Zeitung," and reports from various Allied Commissions are strongly corroborative. An officer attached to an important Commission, now in England, states that an alarming number of secret assassinations have taken place lately, about which it has been impossible to obtain evidence. The offenders are German subjects who have had relations of a more or less friendly character with Allied officers and French officials. "Investigation shows," says this officer, "that there is a vast underground movement employing secret and mysterious methods against all foreigners."

The "Chouans," Secret societies of this description have always had sway on the Continent, and all wars have been followed by demonstrations on their part. The wars of Napoleon were followed by a veritable crop of secret societies, of which the most troublesome were the

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"Chouans" who indulged in robbery and murder disguised under the best of intentions.

In the Middle Ages Germany was honeycombed with a powerful secret organization known as the "Vehmme." This society was started with high ideals, its object being the righting of wrongs and the punishment of criminals too lightly dealt with by the law. So powerful did they become that they were far more dreaded than the established authority; they captured criminals, tried them with a rough sort of justice, and punished them with severity. It is apparent that there is now in Germany, struggling in the aftermath of war, a revival of the "Vehmme." The secret brotherhood now at work is punishing all those who, according to the ideas of the "Vehmme," the secret brotherhood try, and are thereby giving considerable trouble to their own authorities and the British and French Commissions. Many French soldiers have fallen victims to the secret assassins, the method of dealing death—whatever it is—being always the same. The bodies of the victims are almost invariably found in every case full of knife wounds and floating in the Rhine and other rivers.

"The Iron Virgin." This finding of floating bodies full of wounds is a most significant fact, and its importance has hitherto escaped notice in the examination of the victims of the "Vehmme." In earlier days it was the "Vehmme" of Germany that invented the diabolical instrument of death known as the "Iron Virgin." This was a life-size statue constructed in a most cunning manner for the execution of offenders, and it stood in a secret dungeon in a castle on the Rhine. The condemned would be led into the dread chamber, and there ordered to "kiss the Virgin." On his approaching the statue he opened, and, grasping him firmly, drew him within. But the hollowed-out interior of the statue was filled with knives, so arranged that they entered the limbs and the eyes of victim thus embraced. After a few minutes, the "Virgin" released the victim, a trap-door opened in the floor, and his body

was dropped into the Rhine, and carried swiftly away.

It is a significant fact that the victims of the new "Vehmme" are being discovered dead under circumstances that point to a similar punishment, and there are much greater improbabilities than that the reign of the "Iron Virgin" has been resuscitated. Many of to-day's victims show unmistakable signs of her terribly rending embrace.

R. L. HADFIELD.

(Erzberger's end, of course, was by shooting, but the anti-militarists of Germany are convinced that it was the work of a "national murder centre," which has systematically prepared a long series of murders of inconvenient adversaries, and the fact that blood-hounds have failed to get on the track of the assassins, while a £5000 reward for their arrest still waits a claimant, goes far to confirm the suspicion. Whoever were the assassins, robbery was clearly not the object, for nothing was taken from the body, and even a diamond ring which fell from the dead statesman's finger was found lying in the grass beside the body.)

Troubles of An "Uplifter."

(Commerce and Finance.)

Representative Paul Burney Johnson of the Sixth Mississippi district, forty-one years old and married, is an intrepid young man with a mission. He has introduced a bill to prohibit women in Washington from smoking cigarettes. Mr. Johnson has served in his time as city and circuit judge. He abhors the vamp and has evidently acquired the habit of viewing with alarm.

"The very best man in the country is as helpless as a child when in the hands of a woman," declares Mr. Johnson. "Why, the so-called smart set are because they are smart enough to cover up their devilment and not get caught."

The crusading Congressman gave a committee hearing on his pet bill. His face glowed as he saw the room packed with women. "Now," he said, "we shall hear the voice of the pure womanhood of America in favor of my great measure of reform."

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Alas! the women proceeded one after the other to pour hot shot into Johnson and his bill. "The women of this country are sick and tired of this senseless agitation about legislating as to what women can do," declared Mrs. J. B. Cassidy, wife of an army colonel, who stated she herself had never smoked a cigarette in her life. "Some want to fix the style of

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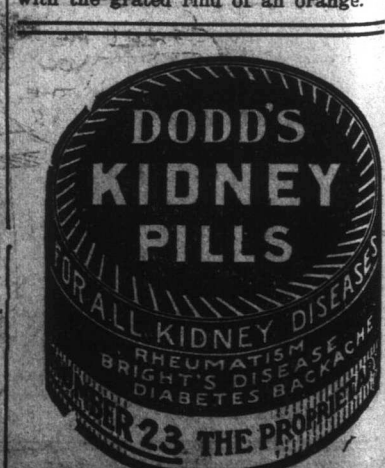
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their bathing suits, the kind of stockings they wear, the length of their skirts and say how they shall do their hair and what not. It is the kind of stuff that the women resent more than anything else."

Johnson's crusading blood was roused within him, and he said that what he really wanted was a nation-wide anti-cigarette-for-women law. He said cigarettes for women were driving our country on the rocks and he felt he must do something.

Up rose kind, genial, sensible Miss Alice Robertson, the only woman in Congress. "Paul," she said, "is that all that's troubling you? Come down to the restaurant and I'll wipe off your forehead with some nice cold lemonade." So the irate Congressman was led away, somewhat quieter but still proclaiming his theory of the rocks.

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