Hockey Many Games · Basketball Winter's Winners · Ice Racing Opening at Dufferin Park

NOTE AND COMMENT

The city curlers had one grand New Year's Day. At the Granite Vice-President Trow won by his own strong game, President Shields only scoring the first and last ends, a one and a two. The winner's own margin was ten and only three when all the cards were in, which is a sufficient explanation for the points he had to pile up. Josiah Bruce was in excellent form, without a display of any shots for general results.

Ice-racing in Toronto received a successful initiation yesterday despite the fact that no American horses were able to compete, due to the embargo. The fields were large and the racing keen, with the something looked for not coming off, which was appreciated by the three syndicate books, that did a land office business, even if the bettors were forced to wait in the cold till Alphonse showed Gaston his slate.

Indoor Rugby was tried at the Central Y.M.C.A. last night and proved that it is not a wrestling pastime. The game was between the Wrestlers and the Central Rugby team, the latter winning by 8 to 0. They play with a regulation ball, filled with heavy canvas instead of the regulation wind.

Manager Tom Flanagan states that if the Haldimand Banner man had desired to be fair he could have had an explanation from him about Mrs. Longboat if he could not get it at home. She called at the house door on Christmas Day, according to a good old Indian custom. The lady is by no means in straightened circumstances. The runner sent her half the first money he earned as a pro. in Kingston and no later than Dec. 21. Mr. Flanagan himself sent over $55.

When the craw of a quail killed near Greenview, Ill., was opened it was found to be stuffed with chinch bugs, perhaps a thousand or more being contained i the receptacle. But for the destruction of these insects by the quail and other birds they would overrun the wheat fields of Illinois. The value of the bird to the agricultural interests is becoming more generally recognized every year, and many farmers are now demanding that the legislature prohibit quail shooting, as well as that of prairie chickens and pheasants in that state.

The following English cricket players have accepted the invitation to participate in the tour of the Marylebone C. C. team to Egypt in February: Lord Hawke, Lord Brackley, G. H. Simpson-Hayward, G. T. Branston, H. A. Arkright, E. J. Metcalfe and B. P. Dobson.

V. Powers, who leads all the jockeys in this country in winning mounts for the year just ending, has fished first 319 times, second 199 times, third 133 timts, and has been unplaced 542 times. This record includes the races run on Dec. 26. Shilling is second with 268 winners and Notter is third with 247 winners.

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion about the ability of Alfred Shrubb to stay thru the regular "Marathon" distance of 26 miles 385 yards. It is conceded on all sides that Shrubb is a wonderful runner up to fifteen miles, but there are many who believe that that distance is his limit and that Longboat will lose the little Briton in the last stages of the race. Now don't think for a single minute that Alfie is going out and run his head off the first half of the race and be a helpless mark in the last few miles, says a Boston writer close to Shrubb. Shrubb did not make the match blindly, and he is a shrewd trainer and has the racing game down to a science. It should be one of the greatest distance races of modern times

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(C.A.P. Cable)—Soccer games in the English and Scottish leagues to-day resulted:

—The League, First Division—			
Manchester U.	4	Notts County	3
Everton	0	Newcastle U.	1
Blackburn R.	1	Preston N. E.	1
Middleboro	1	Chelsea	4
Sunderland	1	Liverpool	2
Bury	1	Tston Villa	2
Sheffield W.	3	Leicester Fosse	1
—Soccer Division—			
Barnsley	3	Leeds City	1
Bolton W.	2	Birmingham	1
Bradford	4	Blackpool	3
Chesterfield T.	2	Fulham	1
Stockport	0	Grimsby T.	1
—Scottish League—			
Aberdeen	2	Clyde	4
Motherwell	2	Airdrieonians	4
Dundee	1	Port Glasgow	0
Rangers	1	Celtic	3
Falkirk	3	Partick T.	1
Kilmarnock	13	St. Mirren	1

Road Race at Welland.

WELLAND, Jan. 1.—In the five-mile road race held here to-day, Niagara Falls Hamilton, Port Robinson and Welland, being represented, fifteen lined up and finished in the following order: 1, McGuire; 2, Smith, both of Hamilton; 3, Scott, Niagara Falls. Time 27½ minutes.

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O.H.A. Hockey Season Opens Ottawa Are Here To-Night

Varsity Defeats Osgoode 15 to 5 — Stratford Smother Seaforth — Whitby and Port Hope Win.

By a score of 15 to 5, Varsity defeated Osgoode in an exhibition game last night at Mutual-street Rink, leading at the interval 8 to 3.

Both teams lacked practice, Osgoode especially, they only having one workout, but with the addition of Ebbs and Stewart, along wit ha good goalkeeper, Osgoode will present a pretty fair team when they line up for their first Senior O. H. A. game.

The ice was lightning fast, while bumps and trips were exchanged frequently, Evans of Varsity being forced to retire in first half with an injured knee, that will keep him out of the game for a week or perhaps longer. Davidson, the former Varsity player, received a cut over the eye.

Varsity look the team to beat this year again for the intercollegiate championship. Their defence, composed of Roy Thomas, Hal. Clark and Ramsay Rankin, is stronger than last year, while Evans and Rat Hanley fill out the centre position nicely. McSloy is good at left wing, the only weakness being Ecclestone at right.

Stockton, cover for Osgoode, used his body to great effect last night, and looks to be one of the best body-checkers seen here in some time. He got Ramsay Rankin a couple of times but Ramsay got him after that. Frith, who replaced Evans, was termed the inside home player for the way he loafed near Osgoode goal. At that he pulled off the sensational rush of the night when he scored the last goal. The teams:

Osgoode (5)—Goal, Grant; point, Macdonell; cover, Stockton; rover, Ritenic; centre, Dyke; right, Jones; left, Davidson.

Varsity (15)—Goal, Thomas; point, Clark; cover, Rankin; rover, Frith and Evans; centre, Hanley; left, McSloy; right, Ecclestone.

Referee—Newsy Lalonde.

OTTAWA HERE TO-NIGHT

The crack Ottawa team, who look to be the team that will wrest the Stanley Cup from the Wanderers this year, will be here to-day, when they play the local pros. an exhibition game to-night at Mutual-street Rink.

Lesuer, who played goal for Smith's Falls when they were in the Senior O. H. A., will be in the nets for the visitors, and in front of him will be Fred Taylor, the former Listowel whirlwind. Either Dey or Shore will play cover, while Marty Walsh, the former Kingston player, will be at rover, then comes the daddy of them all, Bruce Stuart, who is counted one of the best generals in the business. Freddie Lake, the Winnipeg star, will be at left wing, and Billy Gilmour, the former McGill player, at right.

The plan, which opened yesterday, sold well, there only being a few good seats left, and these will likely be gone by noon to-day, as Torontonians never miss a chance to see two crack teams play. The referee will be Pick Lillie. The teams:

Ottawa—Goal, Lesuer; point, Taylor; cover, Dey or Shore; rover, Walsh; centre, Stuart; wings, Lake and Gilmour.

Toronto—Goal, Tyner; point, Corbeau; cover, Ronan; rover, Morrison; centre, Lalonde; wings, Ridpath, Runions.

Referee—Pick Lillie.

Simcoe Beat Preston.

SIMCOE, Jan. 1.—Before a large holiday crowd, the Preston and Simcoe O. H. A. intermediate teams played an exhibition game here to-night, Simcoe winning by the score of 9 to 4. The ice was excellent and the game very fast and exciting, especially in the first half, when each team scored in turn, and both seemed to have an equal chance.

The half-time score was 4 to 3 in favor of the home team. Becker of the visitors was hurt and unable to play in the second half, which was finished with six men to a side. The visitors tired badly in the latter part of the game, while Simcoe finished very strong. The checking was strenuous and several were penalized. Vance of Tillsonburg was referee. The line-up:

Preston (4)—Goal, Halbarsted; point, Rohn; cover, Bowman; forwards, Walker, Morrison, Doughty, Becker.

Simcoe (9)—Goal, Pym; point, Rocher; cover, Thompson; forwards, Oatman, Piett, Coates, Andrews.

Where Was Wag.

WHITBY, Jan. 1.—Peterboro juniors were trimmed to a finish here to-night by a score of 7 to 1 by the home team. The latter played all around their heavier but slower opponents. Neither team exhibited much science in the early part of the game, but towards the close they did much better work. The visitors during the first half were frequently penalized. Dinner Smith made a good substitute for Waghorne, who did not arrive. Line-up: Whitby (7)—Goal, H. Smith; point, C. Lavery; cover, K. Waugh; rover, G. Jones; right wing, Don Wilson; left wing, C. Blanchard; centre, J. Smith.

Peterboro (1)—Goal, L. Giroux; point, Wade; cover, Fox; rover, Ray; right wing, Gorman; left wing, Pentland; centre, C. Giroux.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

—Intermediate O.H.A.—			
Stratford	16	Seaforth	1
—Junior O.H.A.—			
Whitby	7	Peterboro	1
Port Hope	9	Cobourg	4
—Exhibition.—			
Varsity	15	Osgoode	5
Galt	7	Guelph	2
Brockville	2	Cornwall	2
Belleville	7	Kingston	6
De La Salle	4	St. Pauls	3
Guelph	3	Simcoes	1
Simcoe	9	Preston	4
Lindsay	7	Eurekas	2
Brantford	13	St. Kitts	3

Stratford Intermediates 16 to 1.

STRATFORD, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Stratford Intermediates scored a complete victory over Seaforth in the opening of the central district this afternoon, the score being 16 to 1. The Indians were in superb form, showing their old-time speed and fine team work. On the keen ice the Seaforth players were clearly outclassed and seldom got within shooting distance of the nets. Murray, cover, occasionally loomed up, but he was the only man on the team who showed any speed. The famous Hern-Edmunds combination was responsible for many goals for the locals, while Simpson was also one of the brainiest stick handlers on the ice. Seaforth's only goal was scored shortly before the game was called. The line-up:

Stratford (16): Goal, Rankin; point, Forbes; cover, Baker; rover, Hern; centre, Edmunds; right, Simpson; left, Easson.

Seaforth (1): Goal, Wescott; point, McKenzie; cover, Murray; rover, Smithers; centre, Reed; right, McLeod; left, Reeves.

Referee, W. Irving, London.

Port Hope 9, Cobourg 4.

PORT HOPE, Jan. 1.—In the opening Junior O.H.A. game, Port Hope defeated Cobourg here to-night by a score of 9 to 4. Half-time score was 2—0 in favor of Cobourg. The contest was fast and exciting, especially in the final half, when the locals had the visitors at their mercy. There was an excellent attendance.

Brantford 13, St. Kitts 3.

BRANTFORD, Jan.1.—(Special.)—Brantford pros. put it all over St. Catharines here to-night in the opening game of the season. The game was an exhibition, and resulted in favor of the home team by 13 to 3. The visitors lacked combination and were not in good condition. Tommy Smith, Marks and Throop starred for Brantford. Two thousand people witnessed the game, during which some class was shown. Duff Adams refereed and handed out few penalties. The line-up was as follows:

St. Catharines (3)—Goal, Tooze; point, McGinnis; cover, Marrin; rover, D.Smith; centre, Boker; wings, Bennett and Collings.

Brantford (13)—Goal, Meade; point, Povey; cover, Macdonald; rover, T.Smith; centre, Miller; wings, Marks, Throop.

Hockey Gossip.

Ottawa are after Roy Brown, the Brantford defence player.

The O. H. A. sub-committee meet at 10 o'clock to-day in The Telegram building to consider the Simcoe case.

Mel. Grant was in goal for Osgoode last night.

You have all heard great reports of Tommy Phillips and other hockey stars, but it's safe in saying that no player has a more successful career than Bruce Stuart, the crack Ottawa centre, who will play against the Torontos at Mutual-street Rink to-night. Bruce, who is a brother of the great Hod Stuart, was on the first Ottawa team that won the Stanley Cup. Then he was captain of the Houghton team, that won the International League championship two years in succession, while last year he was on the champion Wanderers, and to whom is given the credit for beating Ottawa in Ottawa.

De La Salle A.C. defeated St. Paul's Seniors on the former's rink by the score of 4 to 3, the game being played five minutes each way overtime. The final score was made by O'Donough in the last two minutes. The features of the game were Barry's great defensive work and Lockhart's and C. Smith's combination work. The line-up for the winners was: Goal, Sullivan; point, Barry; cover, A. Smith; rover, O'Donough; centre, Shaw; right wing, Lockhart; left wing, C. Smith.

The Toronto West End Hockey Club practise at Old Orchard Rink from 2 to 3 p.m. to-day. All players are requested to be on hand at 1.30 p.m., as an important meeting will be held.

Con. Marrin of Barrie is playing professional hockey for St. Kitts.

The following are the practices at Excelsior Rink to-night: T.A.A.C., 4—6; Bank League, 6—9; Cance Club, 9—10; Grocery League, 10—11.

Hamilton and Brantford Win Basketball on New Year's Day

Centrals Always Behind, Tho Only Seven at Finish—West Ends Beaten by Four Points.

The crack Hamilton basketball team redeemed themselves nobly at the Central Y.M.C.A. last night, putting it all over the locals, final score 31 to 24. The visitors were ahead at all stages, the half time figures being 16 to 12. Referee Brent cut out all semblance of rough play, and thus Hamilton showed their superiority. Following are the teams:

Hamilton (31): Simpson, Harvey, Arnold, Chadwick, McKeown.

Central (24): Whyte, Slevert, Tompkins, Brittan, Swanson.

Referee: Stanley Brent, London.

Central Seconds Win.

The second Centrals did better, winning by a point. Following are the teams:

Hamilton II. (31): Veal, McPherson, Lemington, Thompson, Bustes.

Centrals II. (32): Hunter, Latimer, Mitchell, Armour, Rankins

Referee: Jack McKay.

BASKETBALL SCORES.

Hamilton 31; Central 24.
Central II. 32; Hamilton II. 31.
Brantford 36; West End 32.
West End II. 27; All Saints 22.

Brantford Ahead.

Brantford's basketball team played an exhibition game at the West End Y.M.C.A. last night, winning by 36 to 32, tho the homesters were ahead at the interval 18 to 16. The teams:

Brantford (36): Bowers, Hearns, Lister, Campbell, Secord.

West End (32): Day, Hamond, Bickel, Vogan, Montgomery.

Referee: W. Tait.

West End Juniors Win.

The preliminary game at the West End was between All Saints' and the West End II., the latter winning by 27 to 22. Teams as follows:

All Saints' (22): Madden, Forsyth, Spencer, Fullerton, Moran.

West End (27): Septom, Munro, Fortner, Dodds, Clark, Findley.

West End Open House.

The West End Y.M.C.A. had open house on New Year's Day to members and friends, the ladies serving refreshments. The boys' club entertained their friends from two to four.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' DAY AT GRANITE AND Q.C.

Trow Defeats President Shields by Close Margin of Three Shots —Holiday Curling.

The annual match at the Granite Club was curled on good ice and resulted in favor of the vice-president, mainly thru his own long margin over the president. Scores as follows:

President.		Vice-President.	
R.C.Davison.		A. N. Garrett.	
J.E.Thompson.		Josh Bruce.	
R.R.Duthie.		W. C. Matthews.	
J.D.Shields, sk.	3	A. E. Trow, sk	13
G.M.Higginbotham.		George Baker.	
J.W. Drynan.		W. C. Chisholm.	
F.F.Brentnall.		J. W. Gale.	
G.H.Gooderham, sk.	8	W. A. Littlejohn	10
F.S.Spence.		Dwight Turner.	
J.A.Meldrum.		B. Ryan.	
Dr. B.E.Hawke.		B. J. Edwards.	
H.T.Wilson, sk.	12	W. E. McMurtry	5
G.Whitesides.		A. Hunter.	
R.A.Savigny.		E. B. Babington.	
C.E.Fice.		J. K. Hyslop.	
H.P.Whitesides, sk.	10	C. H. Badenach	12
A.Nichols.		G. T. Irving.	
C.O.Knowles.		Arthur Allan.	
J.Rennie.		Geo. C. Gale.	
T.Rennie, sk.	6	J. A. Macfadden	10
T.T.Boyd.		R. B. Holden.	
W.Hyslop.		R. W. Spence.	
S.Sinclair.		J. Watt.	
J.E.L.Littlejohn	14	S. Love, sk	4
W.C.Laidlaw.		R. Barron.	
T.H.Hamilton.		W. N. McEachern.	
E.C.Hill.		D. Prentice.	
W.T.Giles, sk.	9	H. R. O'Hara, sk.	11
C.E.Boomer.		J. Munro.	
A.Suckling.		C. Dalton.	
H.Smith.		H. E. Beatty.	
Geo. Henry, sk.	9	A. E. Dalton, sk.	9
J.Johnson.		J. H. Stephens.	
J.S.Swan.		Geo. Wheeler.	
F.G.Sinclair.		F. G. Hayward.	
J.S.Moran, sk.	10	F. M. Holland, sk.	10
W.Dunn.		H. T. Gardner.	
A.E.Huestis.		N. Knowles.	
R.J.Hunter.		A. W. Burgess.	
F.H.Thompson, sk.	7	A. E. Burgess, sk.	8
J.S.McMahon.		A. E. Kammerer.	
J.A.Flatt.		A. D. Parker.	
W.McGee.		H. Munro.	
Geo. Orr, sk.	9	A. MacKee, sk	7
Dr. Mallory.		H. Carnahan.	
J.Russell.		J. K. Hyslop.	
F.R.Spence.		Chas. Reid.	
A.A.Allan, sk.	11	H. M. Allan, sk.	12
Total	108	Total	111

Majority for vice-president, 3 shots.

Queen City Vice-President 29 Up.

Queen City curled sixteen rinks strong, their annual match, all day long, on good ice, in Shuter-street, the result being a victory for Vice-President J. P. Rogers over President George S. Lyon by 29 shots, as follows:

President—		Vice-President—	
Geo. S. Lyon	12	J. P. Rogers	5
A. Walker	14	J. W. Corcoran	8
R. Junkin	10	W. Duffett	7
Dr. F. L. Frawley	6	R. A. Gray	14
R. G. Gibson	9	A. L. Malone	13
J. Ince	9	H. J. Gray	11
H. A. Haisley	10	J. C. Scott	15
R. Rennie	16	R. B. Rice	6
W. A. Kemp	11	H. C. Boulter	11
J. A. Jackson	6	T. A. Brown	22
J. W. Flavelle	5	O. F. Rice	16
A. E. Ames	8	W. M. Gemmell	15
W. W. Munns	13	J. Lugsdin	6
M. A. Rice	9	J. R. Wellington	18
H. F. Peterson	11	F. W. Doll	12
Rev. J. A. Rankin	10	J. Firstbrook	8
Total	159	Total	188

Toronto President Wins.

The annual match, President v. Vice-President, of the Toronto Curling Club, was played on New Year's Day and resulted in a win for the president by 10 shots. The score is as follows:

President.		Vice-President.	
A.E.W.Peterson.		H. W. Macdonald.	
A.J.Taylor.		J. F. Wilkin.	
H.M.Wetherald.		R. Southam.	
E.M.Lake, sk.	9	Dr. W. K. Ross	7
Hugh Hoyles.		H. Martin.	
J.M.Hedley.		L. Scott.	
J.S.McMurray.		W. D. Strickland.	
E.T.Lightbourn, sk.	11	R. K. Sproule, sk.	14
S.Strathy.		E. D. McCormack.	
T.B.Clark.		Dr. J. T. Clarke.	
H.M.Mowat.		G. S. Pearcy.	
J.Perry, sk.	8	W. A. Hargreaves	11
J.McKenney.		D. Galbraith.	
W.J.Barr.		H. H. Suydam.	
C.E.Robin.		L. W. Manchee.	
J.Paton, sk.	12	G. H. Muntz, sk.	13
L.T.Pemberton.		F. Arnoldi.	
J.D.Morton.		A. W. Roberts.	
E.C.Robinson.		J. A. Taylor.	
W.H.Grant, sk.	16	J. H. Paterson, sk.	5
A.G.Donaldson.		A. E. Peterson.	
H.Walker.		E. A. Chadwick.	
W.H.Burns.		G. M. Anderson.	
Dr. C.D.Clark	11	W. A. Wilson, sk.	8
W.H.Donald.		A. D. Heward.	
R.M.Thoroid.		E. R. Beatty.	
Dr. Wallace.		C. Swabey.	
C.J.Leonard, sk.	9	F. O. Cayley, sk.	10
B.Cronyn.		F. W. Wilkinson.	
P.C.Keys.		J. McWhinnie.	
M.G.Hunter.		Dr. Tait.	
Dr. Gallanough, sk.	10	Dr. F. J. Capon	8
Total	86	Total	76

Majority for president, 10 shots.

Toronto's Bonspiel To-Day.

The first round in the invitation bonspiel will commence to-day at 2 o'clock sharp. Skips are requested to have their players on hand promptly at the time set. Four games will be played at 2 o'clock, four at 4 o'clock and four at 8 o'clock.

Indoor Baseball.

C Co., Q.O.R., indoor ball team request the following to turn out to-night at 8 o'clock: Taylor, Cadman, Owens, Walsh, Downing, Beemer, McWhirter, Cook, Gottlieb, Gay, Cadman.

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THE YONKERS MARATHON.

Robert Fowler is the Winner—Old Man in the Race.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Robert Fowler, formerly of the Cambridge Athletic Club of Boston, but who is now unattached, won the Yonkers Marathon race to-day in 2 hours 52 minutes and 45 2-5 seconds. A little more than two miles of the race was run over the roads in and about Yonkers, while the remainder was run over the course of the Empire City race track in the presence of a great crowd of spectators. Fowler's time was far behind that made by Matthew Maloney a wee kago over a hill and dale course from Rye to Manhattan, but his performance, nevertheless, was a meritorious one. Fowler was always in the front bunch and had the necessary sprint whenever one was needed to hold his place or take the lead.

Up to the sixteenth mile Sam Mellor, a former Boston Marathon champion, led the peak, with John J. Daly, the Irish-American representative, and Fowler close up.

Daly weakened, however, and Fowler romped on alone, winning by about 400 yards.

Sidney Hatch of the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, came up strongly at the end and took third place from Eddie Hatch of the Xavier Athletic Club.

Jim Crowley and Matthew Maloney, recent Marathon winners here, were entered for to-day's race, but did not start because of their recent races. A picturesque figure in the race was John Walsh, a Yonkers fireman, 58 years old, and father of eleven children. He ran prominently for over ten miles.

SUTHERLANDS BEAT ADAMS BROS.

The three-cornered match games between the Adams, Phelans and Sutherland Brothers for the city championship was started at the Toronto Bowling Club last night, when the Adams Brothers, Bill and Bert, met Andy and Eddie Sutherland in their series of ten games. At the end of the fifth game the Adams led by 157 pins, but from that on the Sutherlands kept pulling down the lead and at the end of the seventh were 28 pins up, increasing this at the end of the eighth to 102, and at the finish of the ninth were 179 to the good, and one game to roll. So it was now all over, but the shouting, but the Adams Bros. stuck nobly to their pins to the finish, Bill putting in the biggest single for the night with a 257 count, but the series were over and the Sutherland Brothers were the winners by 125 pins on the ten games. The scores, totals and averages of each roller:

W. Adams—196, 214, 176, 169, 194, 157, 202, 167, 191, 257.

B. Adams—223, 182, 235, 200, 161, 169, 196, 192, 163, 182.

A. Sutherland—160, 150, 162, 194, 182, 214, 210, 215, 217, 179.

E. Sutherland—224, 185, 194, 167, 235, 227, 159, 218, 214, 206.

Sidelights.

The Americans and Maple Leafs play the postponed game to-night at the T.B.C.

The managers and directors of the T. Eaton Co. hold a big handicap tournament at the Toronto Bowling Club this morning, starting at 10 o'clock.

Royal Logans and Royal Colts will play their Class C. City League, game to-night instead of Monday night, as formerly scheduled.

S. Hilts, captain of the Wellingtons, won the prize with a score of 248 for the highest single game made on the Canadian Bowling Club alleys New Year's Day.

Exterminating Big Game in B. C.

Numbers of irresponsible men, says the January Wide World Magazine, ride along the trails in spring, when the deer are in deplorable condition after a hard winter, and almost too weak to get out of the way, taking pot shots at the poor creatures with revolvers, hardly troubling to see whether they make a kill, and never following a wounded animal. Almost every district which has had a mining excitement has had the game almost entirely depleted in this manner. The more outrageous offences have certainly been stopped to some extent; but there is still a great deal of this sort of thing going on, and now that the laws are being more strictly enforced, many of these irresponsible persons take out a miner's license, so as to render themselves safe from prosecution.

THE OLD ROAD.

O gleeful bobolink that sings
Beside the way, I used to know
No envy of your careless joy
In the glad days of long ago.

But the old road no longer leads
My willing feet to Arcady;
The fields are lonely, and the hills
Are touched with wistful memory.

Splendid Racing at Dufferin Dollie Foster's Great Work

Wins 2.15 Pace in Three of the Fastest Heats Ever Paced on Ice in That Class—Summary.

The inaugural winter meet of the York Riding and Driving Club yesterday at Dufferin Park was marked by perfect weather, a good crowd and best of all, splendid racing. In fact one could not wish for any better sport than was furnished yesterday, especially in the 2.15 pace, when Dollie Foster, a 7-year-old brown mare, by Wiry Jim, owned by J. L. Clark of Norval Station, driven by Shaffor and cheered lustily on to victory by some 50 Brampton enthusiasts, won the race in three of the fastest heats ever paced on ice in that class.

Gracie Pointer and J. B. Wilkes were the contenders in the first heat of the 2.15 class, but Dolly Foster landed the heat in 2.19½, and came right back the next heat in 2.18¼, with J. B. Wilkes and Grand Opera close up. Grand Opera by the way, lost one of his corks the first heat and was nowhere, but in the second he got in for third and by his good showing many of the wise ones picked him to win the third heat.

This heat was the best race of the day, Dollie Foster, Grand Opera and J. B. Wilkes cutting out a fast clip right when the word was given. It was soon seen that the race lay between Dolly Foster and Grand Opera, but the latter stumbled at the second turn, but regained his stride almost immediately, the pair going the first half in 1.09. Grand Opera got on even terms just before the stretch was reached, but the mare had enough in reserve to land the heat and the race in a driving finish, in 2.19. This was certainly the best race of the day and the public got their money's worth in this race alone.

The backers of Grand Opera laid the defeat to the fact that the horse had not got over the effects of a work out last week in 2.18, but Dolly Foster looks to be the class of the two.

Prince Medium Wins 2.30 Pace.

The first division of the 2.30 pace resulted in a win in straight heats for Prince Medium, a b.g., by Sam Medium, owned and driven by Jimmy Noble, Toronto.

Prince Medium, Little Mac and S.D.C. were the contenders in the first heat, and S.D.C. came right back the second heat, forcing Prince Medium to the limit. In the closing heat a heavy play went in on Birdie Hal, but he was back five lengths when the word was given and, altho he finished the last quarter with a great burst of speed, never could get up, the contending one being Flying Jib, who hustled Prince Medium all the way, the latter just having enough left at the finish to land the heat and race.

Some adverse comment was heard about the starting of Frank Smith of Buffalo in the 2.30 pace, and while the fields were got away straggling, it was no doubt the fault of the drivers, who well know now in the future they will have to be up or take the dust, altho a little patience with slow beginners would be appreciated.

The program for to-day has a large entry list, the second division of the 2.30 pace having eleven entries and the 2.22 pace fifteen entries.

The following is the summary:

2.30 pace (first division), purse $400:			
Prince Medium, b.g., by Sam Medium; J. H. Noble, Toronto (Noble)	1	1	1
S.D.C., blk. g., by Snap, J. O'Brien, Fairbank (McPhee)	3	2	3
Little Mac, b.g., by Prince Hal, J. J. Merner, Zurich (Rossenberry)	2	4	8
Flying Jib, br.g., by Deveras, L. M. Brooks, Oshawa (Hayes)	5	9	2
Birdie Hal, b.m., by Hal B., Fricker & Entricken, Stratford (Bennett)	8	3	4
Lady Belmont, br.m., by Belmont Chief, J. T. Hutson, Toronto (Dennis)	4	7	7
Olive B., b.m., by Little Hermit, Collins and Barber, Guelph (Fleming)	6	6	6
Daisy Wilkes, b.m., by Tasker, Henry Truedell, Tillbury (Truedell)	9	5	5
Wallace W., br.g., by Latrap, P. McCarthy, Toronto (Dunsford)	7	8	9
Time 2.26¾, 2.26, 2.27.			
2.15 pace, purse $400:			
Dolly Foster, br.m., by Wiry Jim, J. L. Clark, Norval Station (Shaffor)	1	1	1
J. B. Wilkes, br.g., by Prohibition Wilkes, Moore Bros., Sarnia (Moore)	2	3	2
Grand Opera, b.h., by Tom Wood, Del Peters, Blenheim (Peters)	4	3	2
Gracie Pointer, b.m., by Sidney Pointer, P. Rourke, North Bay (Noble)	2	4	4
Sady Baxter, b.m., by Arbuteskan, A. J. Baxter, Hamilton (McEwen)	5	5	5
Time 2.19½, 2.18¼, 2.19.			

TO-DAY'S CARD.

The following are the entries for to-day's races at Dufferin Park:

2.30 pace, purse $400 (second division):

French Girl, br.m., by Cobden; S. McBride, Toronto.

Freddie K., b.g., by Stroud; W. J. Gilks, Allandale.

Paymaster, b.g., by Roadmaster; O. B. Sheppard, Toronto.

Belmont Wilkes, br.g., by Belmont Chief; John Meade, Scarboro.

Gussie Hal, gr.m., by Hal B.; R. J. McBride, Toronto.

Wa-Wa, b.m., by Hal B.; H. Leadley, Cookstown.

Jim K., b.g., by Frank Smith; Al. Ketcheson, Belleville.

Pansy, b.m., by Roadmaster; R. J. Patterson, Toronto.

Forest Pointer, b.h., by Sidney Pointer; Arnold Bros., Toronto.

Jerry, blk.g., by Al Medium; C. H. Waters, St. Thomas.

Yarl, ch.m., by Sam Medium; R. R. Hepburn, Picton.

2.22 pace, purse $400:

Prairie Oyster, ch.g., by Malvolo; A. Lawrence, Toronto.

Hazel Belle, b.m., by Malvolo; P. McCarthy, Toronto.

Honest Billy, b.g., by Bourbonaise; John Ward, Toronto.

Al Patriot, blk.g., by Alcyonium Boy; J. Noble, jr., Toronto.

Planet, blk.g., by Prohibition; J. McDowell, Toronto.

Stroud, b.h., by Harry Wilkes; James Smith, Toronto.

King Bryson, b.g., by Bryson; S. McBride, Toronto.

Sweetheart, ch.m., by Prince Nuttingham; H. Leadley, Cookstown.

Birdie Hal, b.m., by Hal B.; Fricker & Entricken, Stratford.

Fairview Belle, b.m., by Arbuteskan; W. J. Anderson, Hamilton.

Patterson, ch.g., by Basora; Jones & Storey, Peterboro.

Ideal, b.g., by Arbuteskan; Richard Baird, Hamilton.

Nettie Bright, ch.m., by Bourbonaise; J. Beattie, Welland.

Flying Jib, br.g., by Deveras; L. M. Brooks, Oshawa.

Hester Schuyler, b.m. by Red Chute; J. W. Currin, Toronto.

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