

# THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

## R.H.Y.C. OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR.

### Annual Meeting Held on Saturday Evening.

#### Tommy Burns Arrived in Dublin Yesterday For His Battle With Jem Roche—Meelick Won the Crescent City Derby.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club was held in the Board of Trade rooms on Saturday evening, and there was a large attendance of members. Commodore Judd presided. The reports of the Commodore and the Honorary Secretary, C. A. Murton, as well as the financial statement, were adopted. Some changes in the by-laws of the club were made. It was decided to abolish the office of honorary secretary and to have a paid secretary-treasurer, to be appointed by the Committee of Management. Another was in regard to the membership, which is now open to the residents of the counties of Wentworth and Halton. This change was made to take in Dundas and Oakville yachtsmen.

There was only one contest for office. Before the voting for the rear-commodore took place a letter was read from Mr. George J. Tuckett, requesting that his name be struck off the list of those nominated for the Committee of Management. He and Mr. Samuel Vila were the candidates for rear-commodore and the latter was elected after a warm contest. All the rest of the officers and the committee were elected by acclamation. The full list is: Commodore—Guy H. Judd. Vice-Commodore—John Lennox. Rear-Commodore—Samuel Vila. Honorary Treasurer—Thos. Upton. Committee of Management—S. S. Beatty, R. A. Miller, Geo. W. Raw, Geo. W. Robinson, John A. Turner.

Ala. H. U. Wright and other members of the club tried to induce Mr. Tuckett to accept a place on the committee, but without success. At the conclusion of the election a number of matters were discussed briefly. Mr. Geo. Taylor suggested that the Management Committee this year consider the question of paying off the shareholders. When the stock was originally subscribed he said it was understood that as soon as the club got well on its feet, a portion of the stock would be taken up each year. Mr. N. D. Galbreath concurred with Mr. Taylor. He thought the time had arrived when the club should make a start at redeeming its promises. He also suggested that the House Committee pay more attention to the bill-of-fare at the 6 o'clock dinners.

Mr. R. Griffith desired the committee to do a little more for the bowlers this season. Bowling was quite a source of revenue to the club, although only \$36 was given in prizes last year, while the dances cost nearly \$1,000. To his mind the committee should look more to the interests of the members than the interests of the club. Another member suggested that there be less expended on "ladies' day" and more money given for yacht races. Commodore Judd promised that all the suggestions, which were made in the most friendly way, would be considered by the Management Committee. The meeting was one of the most harmonious ever held by the club.

## GUELPH SITS UP.

#### Royal City Enthusiastic in Regard to the International B.C.C.

Guelph, March 15.—The international league situation in Guelph is rather vague. Organizer Paige writes from Lockport that he has engaged a manager for the local club, but nothing definite is known here. The idea seems to have caught on to a certain extent, and the best of support will be given for a city of this size.

There is some talk of organizing a stock company to handle the franchise, but so far only the preliminary steps have been taken in that direction. In the meantime developments are being awaited with the keenest interest. Guelph is one of the oldest baseball towns in the Province, and many of the old enthusiasts are again talking of the game, and what can be done here to make a team a success financially.

## LEE FOR MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 16.—In a letter to Montreal baseball headquarters Manager "Jimmy" Casey, of the Royals, says that he will give a trial to "Knobby" Lee, the Toronto pitcher. Lee has pitched good ball in the New England League, and the Western Ontario League, in which circuit he managed the Brantford Eastern Leaguers, and is highly recommended. He will be given the opportunity of accompanying the team on the training trip.

## TIGERS BEAT BANKERS.

The Bankers and the Tigers played a game of indoor baseball on Saturday in the Alexandra rink, which resulted in a win for the Tigers. Quite a few spectators were present, and enthusiasm was great at all times. The game was "Tigers" all through, and it was only near the end that the Bankers got their runs. The umpires were Bradley and Wark. The score was 9 to 6 at 7, but for nearly six innings it was tied 1 to 1 in favor of the football players. The teams were as follows: Bankers—McLeod, Morden, Stewart, Parry, Mullen, Eccleston, McDonald, Rattenbury, Price. Tigers—Campbell, Carey, Lyon, Tope, Ishister, Barron, Smith, McMurphy, Simpson.

For the Tigers Carey pitched a great

## IRISH VS. SCOTCH.

#### To-night's Basketball Game Between N. Y. and Hamilton.

All arrangements have been made for the big game of basketball between New York and Hamilton to-night at the Alexandra rink. The management has put in another 100 seats on the floor. There are still a few good seats left. A coincidence is that most of the New York team are Irishmen, and as they play to-night, St. Patrick's Eve, while the local team are mostly Scotch, and the contest will be practically between the Scotch and the Irish. Owing to the A. A. U. trouble, chances are this will be the last game for some time between the Americans and Canadians and all who enjoy the game should turn out to-night. As a curtain raiser, Dundas Firsts will play against the Swastikas, of Knox Church Young Men's Union, who are the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. League. Mr. R. J. Taylor will referee the game. Admission to-night will be 25 cents. The plan will be at Nordheimer's until 6:30, after that it will be at the box office at the rink. The line-up will be as follows: New York. Hamilton Y. M. C. A.

Forwards. Fogarty and Adams. Smith and Gray. Centre. Studbaker. Arnold. Defence. Murphy and Doyle. McKeown, Chadwick.

## WON AND LOST.

#### Hamilton Bowling Club Teams at Brantford on Saturday.

Two teams from the Hamilton Bowling Club went to Brantford on Saturday evening and played a friendly game with the Brantford club. The senior Hamilton team was defeated by about 225 pins and the seconds won by about 200. The Hamilton teams were made up as follows: First team—Green, Moon, Nelson, Laing and Aitchison. Second team—Fitzgerald, Jamieson, Avery, Fricker, Irwin.

In an address to the London Chamber of Commerce Lord Avebury advised that savings banks be compelled to hold gold reserves.

## TORONTOS SCARED THE WANDERERS.

Montreal, March 15.—That old Stanley Cup waddler around on its base for three hours Saturday night, while the

## "IT MAY NOT GO THREE ROUNDS."

### So Says Tommy Burns In a Letter to Times Sporting Editor.

Tommy Burns, the great Canadian fighter, the champion boxer of the world, will figure in the ring again to-morrow afternoon, defending his title against Jem Roche, champion of Ireland. The battle will take place in Dublin, and the result should be known here by 7 or 8 o'clock. There is no doubt Tommy is very confident of winning, as indicated by a statement made in a business letter received from him by the sporting editor of the Times a few days ago. Speaking about the moving pictures for his battles, he says:

"OF COURSE, IN REGARD TO THE ONE COMING, WITH ROCHE, ON MARCH 17, I CAN'T TELL ABOUT, AS IT MIGHT NOT GO THREE ROUNDS, BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG IT GOES I'LL SHOW THE KNOCK-OUT."

While Tommy is an overwhelming favorite for the affair, and justly so, enough interest has been shown in Roche's training to justify the belief that he may make a better showing than Squires, Palmer or Moir. All three of these foreign "champs" will be at the ringside, and it is said that Squires wishes to stand in the way of fate by trying to get another match with Burns. Just what he can hope to gain by this other than a trimming and a percentage of the purse is doubtful. His bout with Jack (Twist) Sullivan was not of a nature to make followers of the sport enthuse over his chances with any strong man, and it is not likely that even an English club will give him a bout with a top-line like Burns.

Roche, like all young boxers, is welling over with confidence. He thinks that he will be the man to lower the colors of Tommy. He has been working near a little town known as Enniscahy, in Ireland, and has a strong following among the Wexford lovers of sport. It is said that he will be quite heavily played when he steps into the ring.

Sam McVey has threatened to run over from Paris and issue a challenge to Burns. McVey has been so lucky in minor bouts of late that he has picked up considerable money, and can certainly make a side bet of magnitude if he so wishes. It hardly seems, however, as if Burns would meet him. Tommy can practically choose his own opponents now, and Jack Johnson would draw a far larger house than McVey. Just what chance Johnson has of meeting Burns is problematical as yet, for Tommy's recent offer to meet the big colored man was cancelled. Moreover, the club which wanted to stage the pair in England has withdrawn its offer.

Johnson and his manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, say that they intend to camp on the trail of Burns when he gets to this country. So it is possible that the two may clash before the year is out.

## COMMENT AND GOSSIP

There has been very little betting here so far on the Burns-Roche fight, although a lot of interest is being taken in it. Patsy Roache, the northside sporting man, has great confidence in his namesake, and threatens to unbet to-morrow. Some Burns money has been offered at 10 to 6 and 2 to 1, so far, but with no takers.

The members of the Hamilton Field Battery indoor nine, the winners of the district championship, will no doubt be surprised to learn that the nine of the Windsor Fusiliers will play the Toronto Garrison winners in Toronto on March 21st for the championship of the Canadian Military Indoor Baseball League. So far the home team has not been able to arrange a game with the winners of the Toronto League, and it is hard to figure out how they are entitled to the game with Windsor, till they have defeated Hamilton.

With all due respect to the historic and beloved traditions entwined around St. Patrick's Day in the morning, we cannot see that one Burns will leave much cause for undue jubilation when he gets through with the modern edition of Brian Boru, who is claimed to be the first heavyweight champion of the little green isle.—London Exchange.

Hugo Kelly and Bill Papke are to come together to-morrow night in their battle at Milwaukee. This is set for ten rounds, and it may be that the result will be decisive enough to have a verdict handed down. The men were a

## KING EDWARD RIFLE TEAM WON.

#### Defeated the Stoney Creek Sharpshooters by One Point on Saturday.

The King Edward Rifle Club, of this city, sent a thirteen man team to Stoney Creek on Saturday afternoon for a friendly match with the village sharpshooters, and thirteen proved to be a lucky number for it, the Hamilton team winning by one point. The victory was the first scored by the Hamilton club at the village ranges, although the Hamiltons have defeated Stoney Creek on their own grounds. The match was close from start to finish. At one stage, however, Stoney Creek was twelve ahead, but the Hamiltons gradually cut this down. Before Glover, the last Stoney Creek man, had shot, the Hamilton had 518 points and the home team 517. Glover made nine, and to win, the Hamilton man—C. O. Nichol—had to make a bull's-eye to win or 9 to tie. It was pretty dark, but Mr. Nichol was equal to the task; he made a bull's-eye, and won the match. He was loudly cheered by the spectators, opponents as well as mem-

bers of his own club. The scores were:

Stoney Creek—	43
A. Lee, sen.	43
A. M. Hendershott	40
E. Corman	40
D. Depew	46
A. Marshall	46
J. H. Lee	45
H. Walker	45
A. Lee, jun.	45
R. E. Glover	47
E. Jones	39
T. Webb	34
A. Glover	43
Total	560
Hamilton K. E.—	49
S. J. Huggins	46
W. H. Nichol	46
W. E. Glover	38
W. Will	33
J. Freeborn	44
J. M. Jones	43
A. Pain	43
W. Depew	42
R. Jones	45
E. E. English	45
A. Freeman	45
A. Parmenter	42
C. O. Nichol	43
Total	561

The Hamilton Club will send ten men team to Hagersville next Saturday.

## BASEBALL RECORDS

Here are some baseball records of the past twenty-five years. They are all interesting, and some will make the players and teams of 1908 hustle to eclipse.

Longest game, major leagues—Athletics vs. Boston, at Boston, Sept. 1, 1906, 24 innings, 4-1.

Longest game, minor league—Fargo vs. Grand Forks, July 18, 1891, 25 innings, 6-0.

Greatest number of championship games in one day—Three games, Sept. 1, 1890, Brooklyn vs. Pittsburg, scores 10-9, 9-2, 8-4.

Smallest number of chances by first basemen—New York, May 25, 1906, in the New York-Chicago American League game of that date. A major league record was made. "Jiggs" Donohue of Chicago, had but one chance at first base, an assist, which he accepted in the eighth inning. In major league history it had never before happened that a first baseman should go through an entire game without a put-out.

Largest attendance, major league—Oct. 10, 1905, New York Nationals vs. Philadelphia Athletics, world's championship series, 34,992.

Largest attendance, minor league—Sept. 1, 1907, at Columbus, Ohio, Columbus vs. Toledo, 20,531.

Unassisted triple plays—Paul Hines, Providence, R. I., May 8, 1878; Harry Ottigan, Rochester, at Jersey City, Aug. 18, 1902; Larry Schaffly, at Portland, Ore., June 10, 1904.

Greatest number of consecutive games lost—26 games, Louisville American Association, 1889; 25 games, Pittsburg National League, 1890.

Greatest number of strikes-out by pitcher—301, Waddell, Athletics, in 1903.

Greatest number of consecutive games won—20, Providence, National League, 1887; minor league, Lancaster, Atlantic League, 1897.

Shortest game on record—44 minutes, Atlanta vs. Shreveport, Sept. 24, 1904.

## MEELICK'S DERBY.

#### Horse From the Coast Won at 4 to 1.

New Orleans, La., March 15.—Meelick, carrying the colors of S. C. Hilck, carrying the colors of S. C. Hilck, won the Crescent City Derby dreth, won the Crescent City Derby Saturday afternoon, and won it in a way that left no doubt that he was the best horse. There were only four starters. Burley & O'Neill's Chapultepec and Angelus being two. The former was the one who won the race, and he was given more than an even chance.

That Chapultepec is only a sprinter was fully demonstrated in the race. Chapultepec, going right to the front, had no interference, but could not live up to the pace, and when Dugan was ready with Meelick, he ran over him. That came at the point Chapultepec led. When the latter was collared he quit all over, and it was only a romp then for Meelick.

In the betting Meelick opened at 4 to 1, and was backed to 3 to 1 at post time. Angelus and Pinkola, the only other horses in the race, were never dangerous, although Angelus, which finished third, gave a game exhibition of sticking close to the leaders. Much money was lost on Pinkola at 18 to 5.

## TROTS AT COBALT.

Cobalt, March 15.—The first annual racing meet of the Temiskaming Racing Association at Cobalt was finished up Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The last day's racing, although under difficulties, was perhaps the best day of the meet. A number of the mares closed down in the afternoon, and a good crowd was in attendance. The races were not called until 4 p. m., on account of an air hole in the ice track, necessitating the scraping out of a new section. Ald. Sam. McElwaine, Toronto, took to shovelling snow like a man, making good with an easy, natural swing. The water rose like a mist in places over the drivers and horses, making driving very unpleasant and fast time impossible.

Honest Billy in the 2:30 class opened favorite, and after winning the first heat handily was replaced by Johnnie K., who won first money, although the race was close all the way. Mattie Bryson showed plenty of speed, but wandered all over the track, colliding with the snowbank and breaking a shaft in the sulky. This caused numerous complaints by the other drivers, and nearly participated a riot on the track. In the 2:40 class Red Guy was drawn after the third

## SERGEANTS OF TWO REGIMENTS.

#### GRANADIERS VISIT THIRTEENTH—G.G.B.G. VISIT HIGHLANDERS.

Local Teams Successful at Baseball in Both Games—Visitors Given a Right Merry Time.

The sergeants of the Granadiers of Toronto were the guests of the 13th sergeants on Saturday night. There were all kinds of doings, and a general good time was put in. The first part of the evening was devoted to a game of baseball, at which the Grens showed they were not in it with the local boys. The score at full time was 22 to 3 in favor of the 13th. The teams were: Thirteenth—Bowstead, Weston, Will, Hilder, Freeborn, Eley, Haverly, Alton, Ashbaugh.

Granadiers—Fraser, Dudley, Surpliss, Cotterden, Wilson, Saunders, Finn, Claridge and Cook.

After the game the party adjourned to the mess rooms of the local sergeants, where a jolly time was had till train time. Sergt.-Major Huggins was in the chair, and introduced a splendid impromptu programme that was much appreciated. Q. M. S. Bewley, of the Grens, was in charge of the boys from Toronto, and spoke a few words thanking the locals for the good time that had been extended to them as visitors. Sergeants Woodroff, McKew, Wilson, Noble, Cotterden, Henstridge and Symes, and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Pringle contributed to the musical part of the programme.

The 91st sergeants were not slow either, and while the 13th boys had their hands full with the Grens, the 91st were handing out bouquets to the sergeants of the Governor-General's Bodyguard at the east end of the hall. A hot game of baseball was played in the earlier part of the evening, and resulted in a win for the 91st in the last inning by a score of 14 to 12. There was lots of excitement while it lasted. After the game a supper was given in the lecture room of the Armour, and speeches and songs and other forms of amusement kept the crowd in good humor until the time came for the visitors to catch the train. Color-Sergt. McAndrews, vice-president of the sergeants' mess, had his hands full looking after the wants of all. The meeting broke up at midnight.

## LAWYERS WERE COSTLY.

#### Thirty Thousand Dollars Paid Out by Province.

Toronto, March 16.—During last year the Province of Ontario paid out nearly \$30,000 in lawyers' fees alone. In the Legislature a few days ago Mr. C. N. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie) drew attention to the frequency with which the lawyers' names were scattered throughout the pages of the public accounts. These individual fees vary from \$25 to \$8,164, and the average fee is about \$700. With very few exceptions these lawyers were outside of the regular Provincial departments.

To-morrow the Public Accounts Committee will be organized, according to a promise of Hon. Mr. Matheson, and doubtless the question of lawyers' fees will be largely gone into. At the present time some criticism is directed against the manner in which the information is given to the public accounts. For instance, Mr. J. R. L. Starr, K. C., is put down as "accountable \$2,200," and there are many other like items that promise to produce lively sessions in committee.

Some Liberal members have searched in vain to get what the Van Zant investigation cost the Province, but apparently there has been no settlement as yet of the account of Commissioner Joe, Judd, at London.

## DREAMED OF BURGLARS.

#### Washington Man Killed His Wife During the Night.

Washington, March 15.—Hugh Hollis, a Treasury Department clerk, shot and killed his wife at their home in Newton Street, in the northwestern section of the city, early to-day. Hollis procured a revolver a day or two ago and took leave from his office yesterday to practice with the weapon.

About 3 o'clock this morning his wife arose to attend their child, and as she returned to the bedside Hollis awakened, pulled the revolver from beneath his pillow and fired, instantly killing the woman.

Immediately he went to sleep again, and said he knew nothing of the shooting until he was afterward awakened. He declares he was dreaming of burglars.

Dr. J. Humphrey Anger has been appointed organist at Central Methodist Church, Toronto.

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The New Orleans season will close with the ending of the Fair Grounds meeting on April 11.

Starter Dade begins work at New Orleans to-day. Starter Cassidy taking a week's rest before Washington opens a week from to-day.

Sam Hildreth's Meelick, who won the Derby events at Oakland, Los Angeles and New Orleans, is by Planches—Hibbys, and was bought from John Madden last year.

Religions in Peterborough.

Peterboro, Ont., March 13.—A religious census of the city, which has just been completed, shows the denominations to be of the following strength: Roman Catholic, 4,023; Methodist, 3,974; Anglican, 3,628; Presbyterian, 3,608; Baptist, 1,138; Salvation Army, 384; Lord's Day Alliance, 235; Christian Science, 51; other denominations, 198.

A "Black Hand" agent was shot by two Italians in a New York street.