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THISTLE CLUB'S BONSPIEL WILL BE HELD JAN. 19-20

Enthusiastic Meeting of Members Held Last Night in the C. P. R. Hotel—Big Trophies Will Be Up Again for Competition.

At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Thistle Curling Club last night it was decided to hold the annual bonspiel on the 19th and 20th of January.

The meeting took place in the C. P. R. Hotel, amongst those present being Warren W. Thomson, president; R. D. McDonald, vice-president; W. F. Boughner, A. Talbot, C. E. Sterling, John Stevenson, John Purdon, S. D. Swift, John R. Minihick, A. E. Barbour, P. H. Ranahan, A. M. Heaman, Fred N. Allen and others.

Programme for Canadian Curlers In Their Coming Trip to Scotland

Details of Arrangements for the Reception of the Tourists.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Arrangements have been completed for the reception of the Canadian curlers who are leaving on Saturday for Scotland. In a letter dated Dec. 23, addressed to Lieut.-Col. A. Stevenson, who despite his age will brave the difficulties of a winter sea voyage to accompany the Canadians on their trip to the Land of the Heather, Rev. John Kerr, of Edinburgh, who was here with the Scotch curlers, gives details of the plans made for the reception of the Canadians. The following extracts from the letter will be of interest to all curlers:

"I was in Glasgow all day yesterday with our Royal Curling secretary, Mr. Davidson. Since then I have been in touch with the Ice Rink Company for the great visit, January-February of our dear Canadians, and today I am to join them again to make further arrangements in Edinburgh. I am delighted to receive you all at Liverpool by a deputation on landing. Likely the curlers of Liverpool will join with us in receiving you. Then you will come on to Edinburgh.

Great Reception at Edinburgh.

"There is to be a great reception banquet by the Royal Club in Edinburgh Music Hall on the 20th, and I am delighted to say Lord Strathcona, president—is to be in the chair. A silver badge will be presented from the club to each member of the team, which will be a badge of admission everywhere in the town.

"Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Lord Rosebery, Lord Dundas, the Duke of Athol, and the Marquis of Tullibardine, with many other noblemen and hundreds of curlers are expected at the banquet. The city corporation of Edinburgh are to give a luncheon in

the historic council chamber in honor of your team, and receive you in the name of the Scottish capital.

"From Edinburgh, you go to Glasgow, and the Ice Rink Club has two days with you in friendly games when all curlers will come and be introduced.

Lord Strathcona's Cup.

"Lord Strathcona's new silver cup (value \$500), will be competed for in three test matches on different days during your visit, six rinks representing Scotland meeting your rinks each day. One day the Canadian Scots team will have a match with you, and you will meet the old boys at home.

"Sixteen provinces at least have been allotted days to meet you, either in open or under cover, as weather permits. You will have not less than twenty days of curling matches, but on no occasion more than two matches a day, and everything will be done to lighten your labors."

As Far North as Aberdeen.

"We hope to take you to our chief historic centres and as far north as Aberdeen, with an off day there to visit the grand residence of our nation, His Majesty the King. Glasgow corporation will give a civic welcome, and there will be a big farewell banquet there, and other festivities.

"Do please get all who are Masons to bring their regalia with them, for we expect grand lodges to receive you in state at quarterly communication, and if you have any messages from your lodge all the better.

In Winter Canadian Garb.

"We hope our Scots will see you all in winter Canadian garb, so as to interest them.

"It has been set about that you are going to Switzerland after Scotland. We have nothing to do with Switzerland. I hope you will put this right if you hear anything more referred to. We want you in Scotland as long as possible."

Please Paste This Inside Your Hat

The schedules of the groups in which the two London teams participate are republished at the request of those who have lost their list. They are as follows:

Intermediates Schedule of Group No. 9.

Jan. 4—London at Ingersoll.
Jan. 5—Paris at Simcoe.
Jan. 8—Simcoe at London.
Jan. 8—Ingersoll at Paris.
Jan. 11—London at Simcoe.
Jan. 11—Paris at Ingersoll.
Jan. 15—Ingersoll at Simcoe.
Jan. 15—London at Paris.
Jan. 22—Paris at London.

SEBRING REINSTATED

Rebellious Outfielder Fined \$200 by National Commission.

Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—The trouble between the Eastern League and American Association and the other minor leagues still wages. For four hours yesterday the baseball officials gathered here at the annual meeting of the national commission, talked on the subject of the two leagues withdrawing from the National Association and no decision was reached. After a recess the arguments were resumed, the meeting lasting until night.

The commission lifted the ban on Joe Ward, and it was at once announced by Manager Ashonback, of Altoona, that he had sold him to the New York Americans. He was fined \$200.

Jim Sebring, another banished contract jumper, was also reinstated, but fined \$200, and Cincinnati must get \$300 for him. He will be bought by Brooklyn. Doc Redeling, a former Brooklyn pitcher, was denied reinstatement. The expected application of Hal Chase, of the New York Americans, for reinstatement, was not reached, although President Farrell is here to press the case.

August Hermann was re-elected chairman and John Bruce secretary. The Washington players who were blacklisted for playing in Chicago last fall were fined \$50 each.

The schedule committee will meet in ten days at Cleveland.

GALT AND BRANTFORD IN A DRAW GAME

Galt, Jan. 5.—The first game of the professional season opened here to-night, and at full time stood 5-5. The game was not played off owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the ice. It was a very fine exhibition, though the ice was in very poor condition, and in the second half anything like combination became an impossibility. Spectacular individual rushes, however, kept the interest at fever heat, and never for a moment was there any certainty about the game, as the puck travelled evenly between the two goals. Mercer did the work for Galt in goal, while Murphy, Charlton and M. Cochrane showed up well. Marks, Mead and Povey did the spectacular work for Brantford.

The teams were as follows:

Galt.
Mercer.....Goal.....Mead
Charlton.....Point.....Povey
Murphy.....Cover.....McDonald
C. Cochrane.....Rover.....James
Jan. 21—Amalgamated and Huron
Kroft.....Centre.....Smith
M. Cochrane.....Left.....Marks
Dunsmore.....Right.....Miller
Referee—Krueger, of Berlin.

Now that a Norwegian inventor has perfected a telephone apparatus for registering the approach of fish anglers, they will know more exactly when and where to "hold the line."

FIRST OF SERIES FRIDAY EVENING

Simcoe and London Will Clash
in Group Nine, O. H. A.
Intermediates.

If the present weather conditions hold, the first game in the intermediate group No. 9 will be played in the Princess Rink Friday evening, when Simcoe, probably the strongest opponent London will have in the series, will make its appearance here. "Jay" Thompson, who last year made the hearts of Londoners swell with pride will appear on the Simcoe team as one of London's hated rivals this year. With him will be Oatman, who made a name for himself playing for Tillsonburg last year. The Simcoe team is reported as very strong, and the showing against Preston and the Stratford intermediates certainly warrant the opinion. It is unfortunate that Simcoe's game with Paris had to be called off last night, as it would have given a somewhat better idea of what Simcoe could do against a first-class team.

Simcoe is coming here confident of success, but those who watched the intermediates in their game with Galt are not at all disheartened over the chances.

If London can show the same form they showed after the first 20 minutes' play in that game, and added to that get off to a better start, they ought to succeed in making a very satisfactory showing.

The team will be the same as that which met Galt on New Year's. The boys have had practically no chance to practice since, but despite the fact, are in good trim and will make a strong bid for the first blood.

It has not yet been decided when the postponed game with Ingersoll will be played. It was hoped that it might have been run off Tuesday night, but the continued mild weather prevented that, and as there are very few open dates available, to crowd it in is going to be a matter of some difficulty.

LONGBOAT WAS ALWAYS BEST

Dorando Can Run Fifteen Miles
Well, But Evidently Is Short
of Marathon Distance.

Buffalo Express: Although at first following the running of the second Longboat-Dorando Marathon, in Buffalo on Saturday night, there was a disposition severely to criticize the little Italian for quitting the track in the nineteenth mile, when students of athletics began yesterday to look over the records hung up by the race, sober judgment showed that, instead of abuse, the European was entitled to great credit for forcing what was one of the most remarkable contests ever witnessed on an indoor track.

Other Tactics.

Having tried a fairly even pace against the Indian in New York without success, it is quite evident that Dorando adopted an entirely different programme for Saturday night. He started from the jump to try to kill his man off, taking the pace, and he always does, from the pistol shot. Dorando sprang away from the tape as if on a 100-yard sprint.

The fast pace that Dorando was forcing at this time worried Longboat's handlers greatly, for they feared that something would have to crack, and they scanned the work of their man closely. The Indian ran halting and as if lame from his early fall at times, but when he burst out to the lead, at times, it looked as if he would be content with setting a slower clip, something which Dorando did not tolerate for more than a lap or two. In the sixth lap of the eighteenth mile Dorando made a desperate effort to race away from the lanky redskin, who was dogging his heels, and when he found that he was still there he gave up in despair.

"FLYING DUTCHMEN" DEFEATS TORONTO

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The score in the opening game, 8-7, in Berlin's favor, came as rather a surprise to the followers of professional hockey, as it was thought that Toronto had mastered in their own hands. The ice was poor and the brand of hockey displayed very far from first-class. There was a lot of poor shooting and over-skating, and off-sides. The game was played to be rough and marked by hard and close body checking. Con. Corbeau and Lalonde were especially busy in the butchery business, though most of the players showed a decided inclination to mix things up. Toronto, however, was probably the worst offender in this regard. The Berliners played up well, but could not shoot as well as the Torontonians. They had all more double the number of chances and only succeeded in getting a majority of one over the Toronto score.

The teams:

Berlin.
Lehmann.....Goal.....Tyner
Gross.....Point.....Corbeau
Young.....Cover.....Ronan
Selbert.....Rover.....Birmingham
Taylor.....Centre.....Lalonde
Sevick.....Left.....Ridpath
Dumart.....Right.....Kerr
Referee—Duff Adams, Paris.

Coverpoint's Philosophy

The Eel, the "Grey Ghost," did not start at Toronto yesterday. He should show them some speed when he does get away.

The Scotch curlers desire their Canadian visitors to appear in national curling garb. Well, taking a slant at the weather up to date, a smoking jacket and a good pipe, with a coat-of-arms, with beef tea rampant, and hot Scotch couchant, might be quite the thing.

The lady curlers of Kingston will hold a bonspiel, probably with cake and coffee on the side. My, what a nice curling game.

A glorious wall comes from Hamilton, Ontario, because they have no hockey. They simply hate to be ignored in that town, and from now until the autumn, nothing will be said about that fair city. Positively awful.

A dispatch from Buffalo says that Dorando seems to be ignored in that town, and from now until the autumn, nothing will be said about that fair city. Positively awful.

Alfred Shrub, orator, saw T. Longboat hang it on Dorando at Buffalo on Saturday night, and has not even broken into speech since that time. Maybe Alkie is thinking.

James Jeffries, pug, is seriously thinking of coming out and getting a few hundred thousand and to beat the kinked head of J. Johnson, also some pug. The big "un" is wavering, and may come out. He had better come fast, or J. J. will give him a beating when they clash.

M. W. Savage, the owner of Dan Patch and other fast ones, has purchased Minor Heir, and there will be no possibility of The Eel and this one hooking up on the big ring to suit the fancy of the two runners. As for Longboat and his control, I know enough to assure you that the Indian will never be beaten except by a better man. Longboat has never been a betting vehicle, and there is no betting adjunct to his racing. He runs for the sake of winning, and in this world it is the winners who prosper. You could not tempt him to lose if you offered him Ellicott square in return.

The tributes of the Galt citizens to Miss Kate Wilks, the queenly horsewoman of that city, is well deserved, and they honored themselves in the doing. Miss Wilks owns the premier stock farm in Canada, and her magnificent horses have made her a name of national reputation. She deserved the honor.

With all the rumors and counter-rumors, denials and explanations and hurried headlines, etc., we will have J. Johnson as champion for a good long time.

It is a pity some of the prize-fighting gents, who seem now not only able but willing to beat Johnson, should not have done so before it got to where T. Burns had to try the job. T. B. failed, hence all the noise.

The local intermediates stack up against Simcoe on Friday evening with their good aggregation of players, including Jay Thompson and others, who have been undergoing a slight examination as to their amateur standing. There will be some hockey all right.

The Kincardine Review gets off the following merry quips:

Noah had no idea that Johnson could Bruise.

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Tommy Burns simply cannot see any sense in celebrating Emancipation Day. Who was it said a nigger was "God's image cut in ebony?" A man named Brusso wants to meet him.

If Lincoln were alive today he would not get a solitary vote from that disheveled American citizen, Noah Brusso.

The soft weather yesterday made necessary the postponement of the first game in the Bankers' Hockey League series, which was to have been played at the Princess Rink yesterday afternoon, between the Bank of British North America and the Huron and Erie Loan Company. The game will be played on the first available date.

As well as the City Bankers' League it is the intention of the handlers of the coin to have a picked team chosen from those competing in the City League. This team will meet bank teams from outside places. Already several such games have been arranged to take place later in the season.

The present schedule of the league is as follows:

Jan. 6—B. N. A. and Huron and Erie.
Jan. 7—Amalgamated and Toronto.
Jan. 12—B. N. A. and Amalgamated.
Jan. 14—Toronto and Huron and Erie.
Jan. 19—B. N. A. and Toronto.
Jan. 21—Amalgamated and Huron and Erie.
Jan. 26—B. N. A. and Huron and Erie.
Jan. 28—Amalgamated and Toronto.
Feb. 2—B. N. A. and Amalgamated.
Feb. 4—Toronto and Huron and Erie.
Feb. 9—B. N. A. and Toronto.
Feb. 11—Amalgamated and Huron and Erie.

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GREAT BRITAIN'S COAL SUPPLY

Sir Lee Knowles Asks for Its
Preservation—The Navy
and Welch Coal.

Sir Lees Knowles, the new president of the Manchester Geological and Mining Society, gave his presidential address at a recent meeting of the society, and took for his subject the steam coal supply of Great Britain and the wisdom or otherwise of allowing so much to go abroad for the use of foreign navies. I interested myself, Sir Lees Knowles said, during the later years I was in the House of Commons, in this subject, and in that I was supported by my friend, Professor Boyd Dawkins, who has done me the honor to attend here at some inconvenience to give me his skillful support. I have also the advantage of the attendance of our distinguished member, Mr. George Hickling, of the Manchester University.

In the first place I would state, if I may use a homely expression, that the steam coal of the South Wales coal field is being skimmed. The best part of it is being taken off, just as cream is taken off milk, and it will be skimmed completely, probably, in about fifty years. I bring this subject forward because I think it is not merely of local but of national importance, and I should like to see merely our society but the people outside to take an interest in the subject. Foreigners are investing in those mines, and foreigners are working those mines. Their value is recognized abroad, and especially was that value recognized during the Russian and Japanese war. As to profits, the middlemen are taking the coal is of the utmost use for our navy and for our mercantile marine. The duration of the steam coal naturally depends upon the rate of consumption, and the rate of consumption is increasing.

STATISTICS OF EXPORT.

In the House of Commons I asked several questions on this point. On Aug. 8, 1904, I asked a question of the then president of the board of trade, and he told me that the export of steam coal to Russia in that year was as follows: In January, 31,000 tons; in April, 128,000 tons; in May, 394,000 tons; in June, 605,000 tons; and the total for the first seven months of that year was 1,381,000 tons. The total for the first seven months of that year sent to Japan was \$7,000 tons. Later in that year there was a Russian contract of 200,000 tons of coal from South Wales. I would point out that in sending that coal to Russia we were sending a weapon of war to be used against our ally, Japan.

CREATION OF BLACK SMOKE.

I think there is waste of coal, not merely by the admiralty, but very often by the private consumer. Look at our fires. Think of the heat that goes up the chimney and the smoke that is passed into our air. Abroad stoves are used, and I think that stoves might be used in many cases with advantage in this country. Certainly I think that there should be a greater consumption of smoke, and therefore a saving of carbon or of coal. I cannot suggest any special way, but there are patent smoke consumers, and the question of briquettes is one in which I have interested myself.

Of course I know that it has been put forward that in the future, with the advancement of science, other resources will be found. People talk lightly of electricity. But we have no Niagara that will create such electricity as I myself have seen produced from the Falls; and without our Niagara we must use our coal to create our electricity. We have never yet learned to make sufficient use of the rise and fall of the tides. We know the history of the ancient king who tried to keep the sea in its place. Well, he failed in curbing the sea, and we have not been sufficiently ingenious to find out a way of using the rise and fall of the tides for heat purposes. Another source is mineral oil. There is a small quantity of that in the world. It is foreign and it is costly.

"Let's gang," he said, "to Winnipeg; Yon is the bonnie toon; Chicago is na place for Scots To lay the pot lid down."

"The ice up yon is one foot thick, An' skirlin' is the breeze, An', pardon the outlandish phrase, We no think that's the cheese."

"The weather here is uncold bad; We canna tell the day When we can pit the curlin' stane Or gowd we hae to play."

Schedule of Bankers' Hockey League

Feb. 16—B. N. A. and Amalgamated.
Feb. 23—B. N. A. and Amalgamated.
Feb. 25—Toronto and Huron and Erie.
March 3—B. N. A. and Toronto.
March 4—Amalgamated and Huron and Erie.

SOCCER LEAGUE MEET

The Toronto Associations To Talk Over Amalgamation.

London, Jan. 6.—The Toronto District and the Toronto Football Associations will hold their joint meeting on Tuesday night next at the Central Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock with a view to amalgamation. Each team will have one representative or nine from each with the president of the C. A. A. U. presiding.

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Mr. Renwick is opposed to this preservation of our smokeless steam coal, in an article which he wrote I found this passage: "Foreign nations have always dealt with their great commercial operations from a national aspect, in contra-distinction to our policy is more individual." Note the word "individual." In that sentence I read "individual" to be "selfish, shortsighted." And he adds: "According to the opinions of experts, the resources of the Welsh coalfields will not be exhausted for at least another 100 years." Why, sitting here by my side is Mr. Joseph Dickinson, 90 years old. A hundred years is but a lifetime, and we are going to lose all our smokeless steam coal, this valuable asset of our country, in a lifetime even if it will last so long as 100 years. On the other hand Professor Boyd Dawkins says it will not last half so long as that. He says: "The reserve of admiralty coal is not too great, even for the exigencies of the future, for the needs of the next fifty years. Even if it were sufficient to last to the end of the present century it is our duty, as citizens, to deal with the resources of the nation, so that its sea power should be maintained then at the same high level as it is today."

GERMAN AND BRITISH PATRIOTISM CONTRASTED.

I was in Germany last August when the shipwreck of Count Zeppelin had come to grief. Within a month, by collections, by post cards, in every town—each town having its picture post cards with Count Zeppelin's ship introduced—£150,000 was collected to compensate the count for his loss. Should we Britishers have done that? No. If we had had a man, a young individual, who had lost his shipwreck we should have said: "Devil! What a fool!" but we should not have collected £150,000. There is the patriotism of the outsider, and that is the patriotism which I wish to raise in your minds. It is not a question of free trade or of protection. It is absolutely a question of self-preservation and of patriotism. We spend millions of pounds on warships, which may go to the bottom of the sea any day. Why, then, should we not spend something in preserving for our own use this valuable asset of our country—smokeless steam coal?

Mr. Joseph Dickinson moved a vote of thanks to the president for his address.

Professor Boyd Dawkins, who seconded the motion—which was passed with cheers—emphasized the president's words as to the importance of safeguarding the nation's coal resources. His view was that individual rights should not weigh in the balance with the nation's safety.

VAIN AS A PEACOCK.

I venture to send you some curious particulars about the behavior of a young peacock that is kept here. The bird began by sedulously frequenting the stable yard, and whenever the carriage was brought out of the coach-house he would take his stand by it and gaze at his reflection in the panels. He then took to accompanying the carriage up to the house, and standing beside it at the front door, engaged in self-contemplation. He now runs behind the carriage when it starts from the house, down to a certain point of the drive, apparently in the hope that it may stop and allow him to continue his favorite occupation, but he seems to conclude at a certain place that the case is hopeless, though the carriage halts farther down the drive, he will rejoin it and resume his observation. It occurred to us to wonder what he would do if a looking-glass were placed on the lawn. This was accordingly done, and once again he quit. Nothing will induce him to quit. He will stand by it for hours together.

At first he occasionally looked inquisitively behind the glass at intervals to see if a bird was actually present, but as his givings up the subject stands in front of it, entirely absorbed, often motionless for a long time, occasionally moving his head gently up and down, and sometimes slightly touching the glass with his bill, appearing slightly bewildered by the contrast. If food is thrown to him he takes no notice, unless it is close to the glass, when he will hurriedly gobble it up and return to his more congenial employment in haste, as though vexed at being interrupted.

When the drawing-room is taken into the ground floor looking into the garden, he will enter the room by door or window, and continue his favorite pursuit, and he spends the greater part of the day at the door that leads from the drawing-room into the garden in the hope that someone may bring out his glass for him.

Meanwhile the peacock is sitting on a nest of eggs in a hedge close at hand. He never goes near his hole, but it is curious to find that this instinctive vanity lies deeper still, and is not confined to the desire to arouse the admiration of his mate, as is generally taken for granted, but is based upon a genuine complacency in his own most morbid consciousness of his personal attractions.—London Spectator.

Kits of sailors lost at sea are sold regularly at auction at the Albert docks in London. The sale provides many a pitiful sight. Most of the kits are contained in the regular sailor's sea chests, all marked with the name of the ship from which they come.

In New Zealand the native Polynesian race, which provides many a becoming extinct. Many of the important animals run wild and multiply rapidly at the expense of the native species, even the streams being filled with European and American trout, which grow to great size.