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NEWS OF SPORT.

NOVA SCOTIA CURLERS WILL GO TO WINNIPEG.

A Rink From Truro Will Compete in the Big Bonspiel There--The Britt-Nelson Fight--Skaters to Become Professional Automobilists.

CURLING.

The Winnipeg Bonspiel.

New Brunswick curlers remember with the keenest pleasure their visit to Winnipeg. It is not likely any will go from here to the Winnipeg bonspiel this winter, although they would not mind a trip as far as Toronto.

It is possible, however, that some Nova Scotia curlers will go this year to Winnipeg. A letter received by Secretary J. P. Robertson, of Winnipeg, from James Dover, Truro, N. S., announces that several rinks, it is expected, will be made up at Halifax and elsewhere to participate in the big bonspiel. No official intimation has yet been received, but it is looked for at any time, by the Winnipeg curlers.

Will Meet Tonight.

The Thistle Curling Club will hold a special meeting tonight at 7.45 o'clock. The ice in the rink is in great condition.

HOCKEY.

Six Clubs in St. Paul.

Hockey is catching on in St. Paul and an amateur league of six clubs will be organized there this winter. It will be the first of the kind there, though the game has been played there once or twice. The Winnipeg Victorias have been asked to play an exhibition game with the Victorias of that place and will likely accept.

Montreal Hockey Mad.

(Montreal Gazette.) Montreal has not been so busied with hockey preparations since that sport became an organized branch, as this season. All places where clubs can be accommodated resound with the din of clashing forces, and the ring of the blades, and the heart of the supply man gladdens as order after order for sticks comes his way. With seven senior teams, seven intermediate C. A. H. L. teams, five intermediate Federal teams, and countless juniors, to say nothing of manufacturing, bank, hotel, interschool, and various classes of commercial leagues, there is more hockey being played in Montreal than any city on the continent, and the amazing part of it is that every organization has

plenty of players, and some of the minor leagues can furnish a tip-top article of hockey. It cannot be said that senior hockey is of the highest grade, or that it can equal that once prosperous period in the history of the sport when five clubs alone played in the senior ranks. That golden time has passed away and in the multiplicity of teams and leagues, it cannot be said that the game has received any benefit. Of course, time may bring the remedy, and in this growing country there may soon be room for all the organizations now in existence.

The consensus of opinion of those who have been looking at the practices is that there will be many closely contested matches, even if the quality of hockey is not of the highest, and that the race should prove interesting in both leagues.

Baldy Spittal's Wage. "Baldy" Spittal, who once played with Amherst under the name of Spidal, is reported to get \$50 a week, for playing hockey for the Pittsburgh professionals. Eddie Roberts is paid \$40 per week for his services. Both hail from Ottawa.

SKATING.

Nilson Retires.

Johnny Nilson, holder of the world's skating championship, will be seen on the ice as a spectator, no more. The Minneapolis boy has decided to forsake the blade for auto-mobiling, and next year will find him following the life of a chauffeur. Nilson says he has no time to train.

Championship Races.

The Annual speed skating championship of the United States and Canada will take place at Montreal on February 4th. The following events will be run off: 220 yards 1-2 mile, 1 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile, 220 yards hurdle race, 1-3 mile sackwards, junior championships, boys 12, 1-2 mile; boys under 16, 1 mile. For particulars and information of the above races, write to Louis Rubenstein, secretary Amateur Skating Association of Canada, 337 Craig Street, Montreal, Que.

Flyers at Winnipeg.

Last Tuesday evening at Wesley riaz Winnipeg, the peacable skaters

were somewhat startled to see four gentlemen, or racers, getting the pace. These gentlemen, were four of the most noted skaters of America, namely, Harley Davidson, of Brantford, Glas Judd, Norval Baptie, and G. Bellefleur.

THE RING.

Tomorrow Night's Fight.

The Britt-Nelson fight takes place tomorrow (Tuesday) night at San Francisco. Both men are in great fix for the battle and are confident of victory. Britt says: "I've seen Nelson go," said the scholar slinger, "and although I'm deeply impressed by the way in which he disposes of his opponents, I am certain that one J. Britt will lead off in the stories of the day after the fight. You know, Nelson is a tough fellow, but I've met them just as tough and much harder hitters. Clever men, fast men and sluggers have tried to cop my score, but you see I'm still the 'Jammy' article and my smile is just as broad. No, no; I'm not thinking that Nelson is a mark--but why down in my heart I know that I'm his master, and I am just dying for the night of the go so that I may prove to the populace what I say."

Battling Nelson is delighted with the talk put up by Jimmy Britt, in which he said he would rush things from the start to finish. "I hope he means it where he says he will give me my fill of aggressive fighting," said Nelson.

"Why shouldn't he mean it?" asked "He said he would hurt himself at Gans directly the starting bell rang, and he did it, didn't he?" "Oh, yes; but this is a different case," said the "Battling" one. "Jim was safe in figuring that Gans couldn't punch very hard at the weight they fought at, whereas he knows that I'll be as strong as I usually am."

"Supposing, for the sake of argument, he did fling himself at you as he did at Gans, what then?" "Well, to begin with, he'd find me right there. Yes, and I'd stay there until something came off. I was never known to back up yet."

BASEBALL.

Montreal Team Is Out.

The circuit of the Eastern League for the season of 1905 will not include the Montreal team that played last year will probably be transferred to Richmond, Virginia, is the prediction made by Edw. G. Harrow, who last season managed the Montreal team. Mr. Harrow states in his letter, last year the club lost nearly \$10,000. Baseball has never paid in Montreal and the present season has the most disastrous that the game has ever known. Had Mr. Fretner, president of the Montreal Club, decided to stay in Montreal, I would have stood by him and managed the team again

in 1905, but he announces that he will shift the franchise, probably to Richmond, Va., and that leaves me free to sign with Indianapolis. Montreal did poor business on the road, and rain interfered with their gates away from home, particularly on Decoration Day in Buffalo.

YACHTING.

Seawanhaka Cup.

Fred Shearwood is at work at Montreal on the first of the Seawanhaka Cup defenders that is to be built. It will be, in all probability a syndicate boat. The chances are that another at least will be built. The restrictions in the matter of midship sections of the hull, which Manchester people are asking for, so as to prevent the building of semi-catamarans, will be agreed to by the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club.

AQUATIC.

Annual Regatta.

New York, Dec. 17.--At the annual meeting of the American Rowing Association held at the University Club today it was decided to hold the next annual regatta on the Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, on the Saturday preceding Memorial Day, 1905. The officers were elected: Henry S. Van Dusen, of New York, chairman; Dr. Hugh Cabot, of Boston, vice chairman; Walter P. Henderson, of Boston, secretary and Wm. I. Forbes of Philadelphia, treasurer.

WRESTLING.

Catch-as-Catch-Can.

Harvey Parker (the little demon), considered the best wrestler at his weight in the world meets Alex. Swanson, late of Sweden, now of New York, on the mat tonight, in New York. The greatest catch-as-catch-can contest of recent years is sure to be in order.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To Drive an Auto.

(Winnipeg Free Press, Dec. 13.) Among the guests that were registered at the Clarendon yesterday was Harley Davidson, of Brantford, Ont., one of the most successful and best known skaters and bicyclists of Canada. His father is John H. Davidson, the proprietor of the St. Paul Daily Globe. Mr. Davidson is accompanied by Frederick F. Buck, of Brantford, the secretary and treasurer of the Buck Stove company, of that city. Both these young men are on their return from an extensive pleasure tour of the United States, having visited Texas, Mexico and New Orleans, and also spent a short time in Honolulu. While in San Francisco they witnessed the recent Corbett-Nelson match, and in Mexico saw a bull-fight, which they described as being a highly exciting, although not particularly an edifying spectacle.

As an athlete, Mr. Davidson is widely known throughout Canada, and can boast of a long list of championships, being the champion skater

and bicycle rider of Canada for the past six years. Some of his skating records, which still stand, are as follows: 100 yards (standing start), 8 3-5 seconds; 100 yards (dying start), 6 1-2 seconds; 220 yards in 16 2-5 seconds, and 440 yards, in 35 seconds. These records were timed by the official timekeeper of the New York Athletic club, the performance taking place on Shrewsbury river, Redbank, N. J. He has also covered one-half mile in 1 minute 6 seconds, and in 1899 won the one-mile indoor championship at St. Louis, defeating John Nilson, who had held championship honors for some years before.

For the past two seasons Mr. Davidson has been manager and trainer of the Brantford lacrosse team, champions of the Canadian Lacrosse association.

As a bicycle rider, he has achieved the professional championships during the years of 1894, 1895, 1899 and 1900, and is in fact the last champion of Canadian professionals, none having been held since 1900. While Mr. Davidson is in the city, arrangements may be made for a series of races with some fast skaters who are in Winnipeg at the present time. Olaf Rudd, of Minneapolis, Norval Baptie, of Bathgate, North Dakota, and Jack McCulloch of this city, together with Mr. Davidson, all speedy skaters, may enter into some arrangement for some matches at the Auditorium. This is the first time Winnipeg has had so many professional skaters of wide repute visiting here at the same time.

While in San Francisco, Mr. Davidson met Barney Oldfield, the champion motorist, and accompanied him in his machine on some record-breaking trials. As a result of their meeting, Mr. Davidson has entered into a contract to drive a racing automobile next season, for which his eminent qualifications as an all-round athlete should especially fit him.

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