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## THE GRANITES' TANKARD

*ST. MARY'S CURLERS BEATEN IN THE FINAL GAME.*

**Fergus Made a Gallant Struggle and Were Only Beaten in the Semi-final by One Shot—Dundas was in the Game Until Their Last End, and Then St. Mary's Made a Jump.**

| Group Winners. | 1st Round. | 2nd R'd. | 3rd R'd. | F'l |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Niagara....24 | Galt.....38 | Granite, Fergus, St. Marys, Dundas | Tor. Granite. | |
| Galt.....46 | | | | |
| Port Hope.33 | Gran.....42 | 38 | 34 | |
| Tor. Gran..50 | | | | |
| Inveresk..— | Fergus....45 | | | |
| Fergus....— | | | | |
| Meaford ..40 | Meaford...27 | 37 | | |
| Scar. M. L 32 | | | | |
| Berlin.....43 | Berlin.....24 | | | |
| Seaforth..39 | | 41 | St. Mary's. | |
| St. Mary's..38 | St. Mary's..55 | | | |
| Orillia.....37 | | | 30 | |
| Dundas....38 | Dundas....51 | | | |
| Thaleville..37 | | 31 | | |
| Lakefield..49 | Lakefield..29 | | | |
| Tor. Cal....45 | | | | |

The Ontario Tankard competition was brought to a close on a perfect sheet of Granite ice yesterday and our own Granites are the victors. They are the only club that appeared a year ago in the finals, but it was an altogether different team, and thus they did not profit by last winter's experience. St. Mary's was the last competing club. A battle royal they put up, and were only beaten by 4 shots. Williamson took the lead on the fifth end, and never was headed, finishing six over Oddy. After the first few ends Andrews also took the lead and ended two above Dalton. Thus the teams ran neck and neck all the way until the second last end, when the Granites scored 2 each, and were six up. St. Mary's only retaliated by one from each rink and the game was over.

Play was generally of the brilliant order and the frequent accurate shots were always applauded by the 1000 spectators present.

Fergus and the Granites curled the best game of the bonspiel in the semi-final, and it was anyone's game until Donaldson's last stone stopped. He lay one and almost drew the second shot to tie. The 21st end the same player took draw a third shot, but instead raised a Granite stone to the tee. The Granite skips made the same story in the morning, Williamson being up and Dalton down.

Dundas gave St. Mary's a great game in the other semi-final, and at one time looked like a winner, but six for Andrews and three for Oddy right at the close upset their calculations.

The spectators were most hilarious, and St. Mary's had more supporters than the Granites. Indeed, only Granite Club members rooted for the home curlers, as for some reason or other the city brithers wanted to see the Tankard go outside.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick saw the last two ends, and presented the Tankard to the winners. He heartily congratulated victors and vanquished. Short speeches were made by Messrs. Matthews, Dalton, Andrews and McIntyre, and the great gathering dispersed. The scores:

ONTARIO TANKARD—SEMI-FINAL.

| Toronto Granite | Fergus. |
|---|---|
| T. G. Williamson, s.22 | J. C. Donaldson, s.15 |
| C. C. Dalton, skip..16 | T. G. Hamilton, sk.22 |
| Total.....38 | Total.....37 |
| Williamson .....03032011122001101003 10—22 | |
| Donaldson .....10400200000210010120 01—15 | |
| Dalton .....00100110102500200002 01—16 | |
| Hamilton .....11033002010011032102 10—22 | |

| St. Mary's. | Dundas. |
|---|---|
| W. Andrews, skip..24 | T. A. Wardell, sk..18 |
| Jos. Oddy, skip....17 | Dr. Bertram, skip.13 |
| Total.....41 | Total.....31 |
| Andrews .....20120110303001003006—24 | |
| Wardell .....01003020010102202101 20—18 | |
| Oddy .....10102000130210101101 03—17 | |
| Bertram .....01010111001002020100 20—13 | |

ONTARIO TANKARD—FINAL.

| Toronto Granite. | St. Mary's. |
|---|---|
| G. R. Hargraft, | J. D. Moore, |
| H. W. Williamson, | J. W. Somerville, |
| W. C. Matthews, | G. H. Macintyre, |
| T. G. Williamson, s.21 | Jos. Oddy, skip...15 |
| G. M. Higinbotham, | J. Clyde, |
| Jos. Kilgour, | C. Myers, |
| R. Watson, | G. O. Robson, |
| C. C. Dalton, skip...13 | W. Andrews, skip.15 |
| Total.....34 | Total.....30 |
| Williamson .....01022010301001032220—21 | |
| Oddy .....20200201010120102000 01—15 | |
| Dalton .....11110000110110101100 20—13 | |
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**The Consolation Contests.**

Many clubs did not appear over anxious to contest in the consolations, so next year they will be called "the Governor-General's prize primaries." Three matches were played by Tankard beaten clubs yesterday. Lakefield beat the Caledonians and Fergus won from Lakefield at the Granite. Over at the Victoria Seaforth bowled over Meaford. Thus Fergus and Seaforth will play off this morning, the winner to met St. Mary's this afternoon in the consolation final. The score:

| Lakefield. | Caledonian. |
|---|---|
| R. C. Strickland, s..16 | R. Rennie, skip...23 |
| E. A. Strickland, s.26 | W. Ross, skip.....13 |
| Total.....42 | Total.....36 |

| Seaforth. | Meaford. |
|---|---|
| E. C. Coleman, sk..20 | J. S. Wilson, skip.13 |
| A. Wilson, skip....14 | D. A. Olmstead, s.12 |
| Total.....34 | Total.....25 |

| Fergus. | Lakefield. |
|---|---|
| T. G. Hamilton, sk.25 | R. C. Strickland, s.21 |
| J. C. Donaldson, sk.26 | E. A. Strickland, s.16 |
| Total.....51 | Total.....37 |

**Hamilton Thistles Defeat Prospect Park.**

Prospect Park and the Hamilton Thistles played a friendly match yesterday. Four P. P. rinks were up 7 in the afternoon at Hamilton, and four Thistle rinks had a majority of 10 here in the evening. Thus Hamilton won by 3 shots. The score at Prospect Park:

| Prospect Park. | Hamilton Thistle. |
|---|---|
| M. A. Rice, | J. Mierson, |
| J. W. Flavelle, | J. Thompson, |
| J. P. Scott, | J. Billings, |
| R. B. Rice, skip...17 | W. Vallance, skip.10 |
| G. Clapperton, | F. W. Gates, |
| W. F. Lewis, | C. Stiff, |
| H. J. Gray, | A. Gillespie, |
| Q. D. McCulloch, s..9 | W. Southam, skip.21 |
| G. Faircloth, | S. Malloch, |
| W. Duffett, | R. King, |
| R. Harrison, | J. B. Young, |
| J. R. Wellington, s. 7 | Dr. Malloch, skip.12 |
| R. Armstrong, | W. S. McBrayne, |
| J. W. Corcoran, | H. McKinnon, |
| Q. D. Day, | J. Thompson, |
| J. P. Rogers, skip..13 | Thos. Hood, skip..13 |
| Total.....46 | Total.....50 |

*HOW THEY PLAY THE GAME.*

**Pointers About Curling to the Uninitiated—Difficult and Interesting**

All eyes are turned to the curlers these days. It is the recreation of the hour, and thus the outsider will be interested in the theory of the game.

To the uninitiated it appears simple and uninteresting, but once entrapped the curler will have no other. And it has been claimed, perhaps very truly, that no man ever curled to perfection. But difficult and intricate as the sport undoubtedly is, the beginner may soon acquire sufficient knowledge to enable him to take a respectable place in a rink. No man should be deterred from it by the fear that it is too difficult a game to learn.

As the player stands ready to receive and obey orders from his commander—the skip—and poses himself steadily in the hack, the tyro watching him will be able to pick up many useful points of the game. He will find that the first thing he must do is to "fit the tee"—that is, he must so place himself that his eye travels along the central line towards the further tee, while his right foot rests on the back, or heel, of the crampit.

**All Kinds of Shots.**

No matter what kind of a shot he may be asked to play, even though the point aimed at may be several feet to the right or left of the distant tee, the hack must remain immovable, and no advantage must be taken by changing to a place from which the shot could be more easily taken. This distinguishes the modern scientific game from the older style, in which the curler, with his crampits fixed on his shoes, might play now from one side, now from another, as it suited him.

Many players bend their limbs in a very marked manner and, keeping the body perfectly rigid, do all their work with the right arm, which swings from the shoulder in pendulum fashion. No hard and fast rule for position can be laid down. Elegance should be sacrificed to ease, and the player need not trouble himself about the awkwardness of his position if he finds that he has command of his stone.

**Position Summed Up.**

Advice on position may be summed up in the words of an old curler:

If you'd be a curler keen,
Stand right, look even,
Sole well, shoot straight and sweep clean.

"Look at the mark with all your ee'en," is another bit of a veteran curler's advice. The eye must be intently fixed on the object aimed at till the stone has left the hand.

The swing next requires attention. The curling stone should describe the same figure in its upward journey as the player hopes to make it describe in its descent. As the stone descends the centre of gravity is advanced and the left foot must be lifted and advanced as a base line to preserve the stability of the body. This saves one from rushing forward along the ice as some curlers do, and the lifting of the left foot in this way gives freedom in swinging the body and arm to the right or to the left, as the mark to be aimed at may require.

When the curling stone has left the player's hand the whole weight of the body should rest on the left foot, and there is no necessity for a player to career up the ice after his stone.

**How to Put Down the Stone.**

But the acme of the curler's art is the manner of putting down his stone, the accomplishment which gives a finishing touch to curling proficiency and marks out the truly scientific player from all his brethren, however keen and successful they may be.

The direction of the game in curling lies with the skip. The rink consists of four, and while three are under authority, one—the skip—is absolute dictator. He is appointed to his office by the will of his brother curlers. The essential qualifications of a skip are a thorough knowledge of the game and an all-pervading sense of humor, but in the games this week they are very much in earnest.

To the first player the skip does not give any information as to what he wants done, but simply plants his besom upon the tee.

"Ye ken what's wantit," he says. "Cannily down the ice; jist smell the ring an' I'll no blame ye."

He is a good skip who begins with caution, and all through plays a cautious game. "A guid, ca'm shot is aye the best." So the first stone comes gliding up the centre. It does not quite reach the tee, and thus becomes a "perfect patild"; it rests a foot or two in front of the tee, but it pleases the skip all the more, for it is in the way "o' promotion."

**The Opposing Skip's Turn.**

It is now the turn of the opposing skip to direct. Had the first stone rested on the tee he would have called for its removal, but with caution he would have said, "Draw to the face o' this."

He asks for a "quiet draw." Too much force, and the player is liable to go "owre a' the ice"; too little, and he places the first stone on the tee and himself lies a guard to the enemy. So he leaves the stone alone and with a "quiet draw" he gets his stone beside it, in none the worse position, because its line of promotion is not the direct line to the tee, for "a sidelin shot" may prove better than a patild at the end.

To get his stone promoted and guarded is now the opposing skip's aim. So "jist crack an egg on this," is his direction. But the player has been too timid and the stone lags on its journey, so the skip calls for the help of the sweepers.

"Gie him heels, gie him heels," he cries. "Soop him up, soop him up," and by the aid of elbow grease the work is done; his stone is on the tee and guarded.

**Rub Off the Guard.**

"Well soopit, lads. Come up, Sandy, an' look at it. Tak' yersel' by the han'. I'se gie a sniff fo' that."

Such are the skip's expressions of satisfaction. "Rub off the guard, but dinna throw away our stane," is now the mandate of his rival. But it is a "ragging shot, and, missing the guard, it is through the "brough" and "awa' to the 'carrnenk.'" Skip No. 1 is jubilant; he is "shot and guarded." "Big on, pile on the agony," he cries, as his second player comes forward, and this is his demand for a double guard.

"You're the hog and you're a great one. There! That's another mote I' their e'e. That's a seed in their teeth."

Then, with a self-satisfied smile, skip No. 1 steps aside to see how skip No. 2, with his second player, will deal with the situation. It's at least all open. He can curl round the guards, and find the winner, or, by an outwick on his first player's stone, he can force that upon the winner and leave it shot. Then all the guarding of No. 1 is in his favor, and No. 1 is crest-fallen. So the game proceeds. The whole situation may alter in a moment, for it is a slippery game.

**In the Bank League.**

The Bank League schedule has nearly been completed, only two more games having to be played—one on Saturday next between Imperial and Commerce at the Victoria rink, which will decide who will be at the tail end, and the other on Feb. 22 at the Granite between the Dominion and Toronto. The winner of this game will hold the championship for 1896-7, so a great game may be expected. Both teams have many friends, although Toronto is generally picked upon as the winner by the knowing ones, and will go on the ice favorites. In the games they have played to date they have won 35 goals and lost 25, while Dominion have won but 25 goals and lost 34, not nearly as good a showing, although they have won as many games, but always by one goal only. These teams met on Jan. 4 last, when Toronto won by 11 to 3, the score at half time being 3 to 2 in Toronto's favor. Time has improved the Dominions, and they hope to win this deciding game.

**Ice Chips.**

Belleville curlers won from Bowmanville Wednesday, two rinks, by 36 to 29.

The curling match played at Brantford yesterday afternoon between Guelph and Brantford resulted in favor of Guelph by 49 to 16.

Owing to the Ontario Tankard finals being called for this week, the finals for the Western Tankard are held over until next week.

In the absence of Louis Rubenstein H. S. Evans of Boston won the figure skating championship at New York, with G. D. Phillips of New York second.

A curling match was played yesterday between the Granite Club of Galt and Paris at Paris, three rinks a side, which resulted in favor of Paris by 66 to 55.

The Chatham hockeyists went to Sarnia yesterday to play a return match with the Sarnia team. In a very exciting game the Chatham team were defeated by 7 to 3, the score at the end of the first half being 4 to 0 in Sarnia's favor.

Among the prominent outside curlers present at the finals besides Tankard competitors were Capt. Robertson of Sarnia, J. A. Bucknell of Detroit, R. H. Hodgson of Brampton, W. H. Biggar, M.L.A., of Belleville and ex-president of the association, and G. N. Matheson of Sarnia, another ex-president.

A meeting for the nomination of directors and officers of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club will be held at the club-rooms on Thursday evening, February 20.

## THE FIGHT POSTPONED.

*MAHER AND FITZSIMMONS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY.*

**The Irishman Suffering from Inflammation in His Eyes, and at His Request the Australian Consented to a Postponement—A Bar on Bull Fights—What the Fighters Have Been Doing.**

El Paso, Feb. 13.—The Maher-Fitzsimmons fight has been postponed until Monday.

Maher arrived here at 6.40 to-night. He is suffering from inflammation in both eyes, and at his request Fitzsimmons consented to postpone the fight until Monday.

The Chihuahua authorities have ordered that there shall be no bull fights next Sunday. The big gambling house has suddenly seased operations.

Maher came on here, accompanied by his manager, J. J. Quinn, and Pete Lowrey. The party was driven to the offices of Dr. S. T. White, the leading oculist of the place. After a thorough examination Dr. White came to the conclusion that Maher was suffering from an aggravated case of opthalmia caused by alkali dust entering the eyelids, and he expressed the opinion that he could not enter the ring with any prospect of being on equal terms with his opponent. When pressed for a more definite statement, Dr. White said with care Maher might be able to get into the ring in three days, but that it would be better to allow himself a wtek. The party remained in the doctor's office until Julian put in an appearance with the statement that the Australian had authorized him to make arrangements as he might see fit.

**All Off Till Monday.**

The conference lasted for an hour, and at its conclusion it was announced that the fight would remain in statu quo until Monday, pending which Julian would make no claim for forfeit in behalf of Fitzsimmons, the latter holding himself in readiness to fight on Monday or before then, agreeing to announce his final decision that day if Maher is still disabled. When the decision was announced Dan Stuart stated that he would waive all his rights and interests until next summer if the intervening period was necessary to enable Maher to get into fit condition. Maher and Quinn expressed themselves as satisfied with the agreement, and the Irishman said he was confident of being in shape to get inside the ropes Monday. The few that saw him, however, were of a different opinion. The opinion late to-night is that the fight is off for good, and many of the out-of-town sports are getting ready for an early departure. No attempt will be made to bring off any of the minor fights until the big affair is settled.

Maher will remain here until Monday under the care of Dr. White, and will do no more training.

**Where Fitz Will Not Fight.**

A contract between the Texas Pacific Railroad and Dan Stuart, by the terms of which the road is to carry a quantity of merchandise to a certain point on the road, was seen lying on the desk of a freight agent of that road. The point mentioned is little more than a cattle ranch station on the Texas Pacific Railroad, nearly one hundred and fifteen miles northeast of El Paso, and almost in the centre of El Paso county.

If it is Stuart's intention to fight there he will strike a snag harder to get over than all the laws and officers that now threaten him—Fitzsimmons simply won't fight. The big Australian freely said today he did not intend to run foul of any laws whatever. This was after he had an interview with Adjutant-General Mabry, who sent for him and warned him he must not even attempt to fight on Texas soil.

The general read to Fitzsimmons the law passed by the Legislature last fall and assured him he would be followed all through the United States by Texas law officers and brought back if he violated the statute. Fitzsimmons assured the general it was not his intention to break the law. "If I can't fight without breaking the law and getting myself into a penitentiary," he declared, "I will not fight at all. I am not stuck on fighting. I can make my living in several other ways. I can make horse shoes or go on the stage. I have a family and I don't intend to take any chances."

To me Fitzsimmons said: "I will see to it that I am not woolled into fighting where the law forbids it. The articles of agreement guarantee protection and that the spot selected for the fight will not be in a country where it is against the law. When I and Corbett go to the fighting ground, before I go I will take good care to learn whether there is a law there against fighting or not. If there is I will not attempt to fight. If there is not I'll knock Maher's head off in pretty quick time, I tell you." There is no doubt the talk Mabry gave Fitzsimmons has a panicky effect upon the red-topped one.

**Condition of the Fighters.**

Fitzsimmons has done very little work the past two days, not because he is heart was not in it, and, second, because he was feeling none too well. He was chipper as a lark when he arose, and ate among other things for breakfast two pork chops, which did not agree with him. He thought a ten mile bracer on his "bike" would relieve him, but when he returned he felt if anything worse than when he started. Toward evening, however, he felt much better, and had hopes of being all right again before bedtime. He has not the least doubt as to the outcome of the battle should it take place, and throwing superstition to the winds, believes he will lay Peter out deed to the world for the time being in two rounds.

Maher and his backers figure on the result of the fight about on the same lines as does Fitzsimmons, only Peter will be hailed champion instead of Bob. Reports from the Irishman's camp say that Peter is trotting through his work like a two-year-old, and feeling and acting like one. His eye, which, as he put it last Sunday, had picked up a carload of sand and dust, is healed entirely, and nothing ails him, except his anxiety about Fitzsimmons.

George Dixon was well enough to indulge in light exercise, but still feels the effects of yesterday's unaccountable sickness.

Walcott was around the streets to-day, with yesterday's experience undoubtedly uppermost in his mind, as he was keeping a sharp lookout for overjoyed Texans and dangerous looking hip pockets.

Barry, Leeds, Everhart, Smith and "Bright Eyes," all of whom are training here, are putting in their leisure moments thinking whether they will be called upon to fight. Although they have not been informed otherwise, there is a distant and anxious look upon their faces which seems to say, "I wonder if I will have a chance to meet my man."

**Fitz-Maher at the Princess.**

The Fitzsimmons-Maher fight will be called off to-day at the Princess Theatre. A direct line has been secured from the battle ground, which is the best service that can possibly be had. The management have reduced the price of admission to 25 cents to any part of the house. On account of this low price no refund will be given in case no fight takes place.

**Hockey in Parkdale.**

An interesting game of hockey was played between the Star Hockey Club of Parkdale and the Crawfords on the Parkdale rink Wednesday evening, resulting in a victory for the former, the score being 2 to 0. Colwell, McCreary and Barclay did some good work for the Stars, and Hugh Jack of the Parkdales put up a good game for the Crawfords. The teams lined up in the following order:

Stars (2): Goal, Leslie; point, Watt; cover, Colwell; forwards, McCreary, Barclay, Young, Morice.

Crawfords (0): Goal, Lailey; point, McMillan; cover, Jack; forwards, McMillan, Orr, Leckie, McCuaig.

Referee: S. McDonell.

**Granite Juniors Defeat Berlin.**

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Toronto Granites and Berlin played their semi-final junior O.H.A. match here this evening. There was a large attendance. Berlin scored in five minutes, and at half time this was the only one made. In the second half the home team again scored in a few minutes. Playing then became faster, the Granites making 4 goals, while Berlin failed to score again, and thus when the whistle blew for time the score stod 4 to 2 in favor of the Granites.

**Closing Day of the L.A.W. Meeting.**

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—Only a corporal's guard of delegates to the L.A.W. convention were in their places when President Willison rapped for order at 10 o'clock this morning for the closing day's session.

The incoming Executive Committee was delegated to select the place for holding the next annual assembly.

Mr. Petter presented the case of F. J. Titus of Brooklyn, formerly a class B rider, and made a strong appeal to the assembly to reverse the action of the Racing Board and reinstate the man who was suspended for life because of alleged unfair riding at St. Louis last fall. Mr. Sams endorsed the motion and amended it by urging that Cabanne of St. Louis, who was involved in the trouble and also suspended for life, be reinstated. The convention adopted a resolution recommending that the Racing Board revoke the life suspensions and make it suspension from one year each from the date the sentence took effect. The convention at 2 o'clock adjourned sine die.

## WESTERN ONT. HARNESS CIRCUIT

**A Long List of Trotting and Pacing Dates for Next Summer—Sol White is President.**

London, Feb. 13.—A circuit of trotting and racing was formed in Canada at a meeting of the representatives of the different turf clubs in Ontario which was held at the Tecumseh House here to-day. The circuit is for 1896, and is as follows:

New Hamburg—June 3 and 4.
Stratford—June 9, 10, 11.
Tilsonburg—June 16, 17, 18.
St. Thomas—June 23, 24, 25.
Hamilton—July 1, 2, 3, 4.
Windsor—July 6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11.
Sarnia—July 14, 15, 16.
Aylmer—July 21, 22, 23.
Brantford—July 28 and 29.
Wingham—August 4, 5, 6.

Mr. Sol White, Windsor, was elected president; A. D. Stewart, Hamilton vice-president; A. S. Smith, St. Thomas, secretary.

A resolution was passed endorsing the action of the Minister of Agriculture in encouraging the breeding industry. The following gentlemen were present: Sol White, W. A. Hanrahan, C. Billings, Windsor; A. S. Smith, St. Thomas; A. R. Johnson, Brantford; Dave Barr, Sarnia; Frank Heilner, Aylmer; A. D. Stewart, Dr. Carr, Hamilton; A. Fraser, New Hamburg; Harry Simons, London.

**Ice Racing at Berlin.**

Berlin, Feb. 13.—The ice races opened here this afternoon.

First race, 2.50 trot, purse $125—King Billie 1, Hazel G. 2, Little Flo 3, Tom Appleby 4. Best time 2.22.

2.22 pace, purse $125—Pacer Bell 1, Sunby 2, Hamlet 3. Best time 2.15.

The track was short and heavy. Starter, James Johnstone, Guelph. Judges: R. Fuddicombe, New Hamburg; Ed Perine, Doon; Philip Davey, Berlin.

**Changes in the Trotting Rules.**

New York, Feb. 13.—The National Trotting Association held its seventh biennial congress yesterday afternoon and evening. Major P. P. Johnson, the president, presided, and W. H. Gacher acted as secretary.

At the close of the past year there were 535 full memberships in the association, but this number has since been greatly added to, as the roll call to-day showed that there are now 584 associations represented in the National Board body.

These trotting associations are scattered all over the country and Canada, and one in Australia, the Victoria Trotting Club, Limited, of Melbourne.

Besides the district boards the chief officers were elected as follows: President, P. P. Johnson, Lexington, Ky.; 1st Vice-President, David Bonner of New York; 2nd Vice-President, N. T. Smith of Menlo Park, Cal.

That portion of section 2 of rule 1 which provided that entry by telephone must be reduced to writing was eliminated from the rules, as it was thought this has resulted in the past in irregular practices and left a door open to collusion between the secretary of a course and an owner.

Section 2 of rule 14, regarding fraudulent entries or meddling with horses, was modified to make the penalty for a fraudulent entry of a horse, fined, suspendwed, or expelled, instead of "expelled," as heretofore.

Section 1 of rule 18, regarding the power of postponement was cut out and the following rule substituted: "In case of unfavorable weather or other unavoidable cause, members shall postpone to a definite hour on the next fair day and good track (omitting Sunday) all stakes and purses closed on the instalment plan on giving notice thereof and they may exercise this power before or after the race has commenced. Any purse race closed on the instalment plan that has not been started by 5 o'clock p.m. on the last day of the week on which the member has limited its meeting during the months of May, June, July and August, or 4 p.m. during the balance of the year, shall be declared off and the entrance money refunded. Any purse race that has been started and remains undinished on the last day of the week to which the member has limited its meeting shall be declared divided according to summary."

Rule 32, section 2, regarding dead heats was changed to read: "When two or more horses have won two heats and there shall have occurred between them a dead heat or two or three dead heats in any part of the race they alone shall start in the next heat."

**Davids' Mazeppa Handicap.**

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—First race, mile—Ondague, 8 to 5, 1; Le Grande, 12 to 1, 2; Tommy Rutter, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.50¼.

Second race, 1 1-16 miles—Ben Johnson, 8 to 1, 1; Tancred, 4 to 1, 2; Jim Hogg, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.55¼.

Third race, mile—Pulitzer, 3 to 1, 1; Chenoa, 7 to 10, 2; Invade, 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.48¼.

Fourth race, Mazeppa handicap, 1 mile—David, 3 to 1, 1; Dave Pulsifer, 8 to 1, 2; Robert Latta, 5 to 2, 3. Time 1.48.

Fifth race, mile 70 yards—Tom Kelley, 7 to 2, 1; Bon Soir, 8 to 5, 2; Jim Henry, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.53.

Sixth race, mile 70 yards—Fondest, 8 to 1, 1; Flame, 3 to 2, 2; Jimmy R., 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.55.

**The Card for To-Day.**

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—First race, 6 furlongs—Ferryman II., New House, 97; Cochina, Carl Holland, 98; The Rook, Adah L., 100; Potsdam, 102; Le Grande, Red John, 109; Borderer, 105; Teeta May, 107; Hanban, 110.

Second race, ½ mile—Ethel Farrell, Ox Eye, 101; Voltaire, Star Tobacco, 104; Russell A., Anger, 107.

Third race, mile—Hippogriff, 94; Sauterne, Squire G., 96; Lebanjo, Florence P., 109; B. F. Fly Jr., Jamboree, 111; Blitzen, 114.

Fourth race, mile—Proverb, 92; Dutch Arcow, La Belle France, 96; Hibernia Queen, Queen Bess, 101; Jamboree, 102; Clarus, 105; Blasco, Ja Ja, 108; Piccaroon, 111; Captain Kidd, 94; George W., 103.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Lucy Belle, Pisa, Rachael McAllister, Frankie D., 105; Ja Ja, McKee, Joe O'Set, 97; Tom Donohue, Beatifice, Jim Henry, Arkansaw Traveler, Spendoline, 110.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—The Shark, Khafton, Glendagn, Barney Aaron Jr., Incommode, Black Ball, Bob Holman, John P., Springtime, 107; Whiff, Taylor, Hayden, 110.

**Logan Second to Yankee Doodle.**

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Weather warm; track fast.

First race, 4 furlongs—Ingleside 1, Seven Up 2, Panther 3. Time 52.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Schneitz 1, Fortuna 2, Artist 3. Time 1.22.

Third race 1 1-16 miles—Yankee Doodle 1, Logan 2, Del Norte 3. Time 1.49½.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Gearge Miller 1, Mobaleska 2, Pat Murphy 3. Time 1.01¾.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Hazard 1, Unity 2, Lizzie H. 3. Time 1.30½.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs—Morven 1, Braw Scott 2, Babe Murphy 3. Time 1.22.

**Dr. Balfour Wants It in '97**

The announcement made by R. A. Robertson in The World on Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the C.W.A. presidency has been so well received by wheelmen everywhere in the Dominion that now it looks as if the Hamilton man would have a walk-over. A despatch from London, Ont., last night said:

"Dr. Balfour of this city has decided not to oppose Mr. R. A. Robertson of Hamilton for the presidency of the C.W.A. this year on condition that the latter's supporters would support him in 1897."

**At the Traps.**

The members of the Stanley Gun Club held their fifth handicap shoot at the Woodbine on Wednesday afternoon. The next event will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. A number of open matches will also be shot. Scores:

Cup shoot, pigeons: Briggs 13, Devaney 15, Roberts 9.

Sparrows: Roberts 8, Briggs 13, Musson 11, Devaney 13, Wilson 11.

First sweep, sparrows: Briggs 4, Roberts 2, Musson 3.

Second sweep: Briggs 5, Wilson 3, Roberts 1.

**Athletic and General Notes.**

At Coronada, Cal., yesterday C. S. Wells broke the three-quarter flying start, class B, world's record, paced by two quads. Time 1.18.

At the Ramblers' rooms the Queen City B.C. defeated the Ramblers in a Pedro League match 20 games to 15. The Royal Canadians defeated the Tourists by a good majority.

Sammy Samuels, who covered third base for St. Louis lest season, has signed a contract to play an infield position for Springfield of the Eastern League. He will take Donnelly's place.

The gymnastic competition by junior T. A.C. associate members last night resulted: J. Bartlett 1, N. Ruthven and G. Bertram tie for second and third, E. G. Long 4, W. Barker 5, C. Webster 6.

A catcher by the name of Carey has signed with the Toronto Eastern League Club. He is a brother to Baltimore George Carey and hails from Ohio. If he pans out as well as George he will prove a prize for Toronto.—Detroit Free Press.

The failure of Toledo to secure the L.A.W. race meet is followed by the announcement by a Toledo wheel manufacturing firm that it will give $5000 for a race meet to be held there the week following that of the L.A.W. The $5000 was put up by the firm.

*DOMINION OF CANADA.*

**Happenings Within Our Own Borders of Passing Interest.**

The English Church at Listowel was burned Thursday morning.

The Mount Forest Representative has entered upon its 12th year.

Mr. J. Uglow, one of the oldest settlers of Fullarton, is dead, aged 71.

The Alliston Council has passed a bylaw prohibiting snow balling in the street.

A heavy 10-stamp mill is to be put in at the O.K. Mine, Rossland, B.C., this spring.

Henry Ray has been fined $10 and costs at Coldwater for shoooting deer out of season.

George W. Rubidge, a well-known and respected resident of Peterboro, is dead, aged 43.

Rev. L. M. Weeks, B.D., has entered on his duties as pastor of the Orillia Baptist Church.

Orillia Public School Board has purchased a new bell for the Central school weighing 312 lbs.

James Thompson of Moosoming has been sentenced to 17 years in penitentiary for perjury in a murder trial.

Stealing hay and other fodder from barns in the neighborhood of Severn Bridge is complained of by the sufferers.

Rev. A. G. Doehler, late pastor of the Lutheran Church at Tavistock, Ont., has just died at Two Rivers, Mich., aged 81.

The 9-year-old daughter or Ald. Lochead of St. Thomas jumped on a sleigh, fell off and had her thigh bone broken.

Pakenham, a village with half a thousand people, has ordered 750 electric lights for residences, stores and streets.

Orr Lake region has been visited by earthquake shocks, which not only frighten the people, but animals on the road.

The flax mill owend by Heidermann & Trachsel, near Shakespeare, was burned Wednesday night. Loss $2500; no insurance.

The Kingston and Pembroke Railway's annual statement shows a gain of $8000 in last year's business over the previous year.

An enterprising hen owned by Joseph Telford, of Ashburnham, has already presented her owner with a batch of nine chicks.

Ex-Turnkey Blair, late of the penitentiary at Kingston, is said to have fallen heir to an estate valued at £100,000 in Connaught, Ireland.

Edward Middleton of Hobart, while swinging his hand carelessly in the vicinity of a knot saw in Middleton's mill, Eady, lost three of his fingers.

At Little Sheep Creek, Rossland, B. C., gold quartz has been found which yields $20 per ton.