

20,000 PEOPLE WITNESSED CLOSING DAY'S EVENTS OF SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Vast Multitude Had Pleasure of Seeing Greatest of Amateur Skaters in Action—National and International Officials Unite in Pronouncing the Meet the Best Ever Held, and Are Enthusiastic in Their Praise of the Treatment Accorded Visitors by St. John People.

Table with 2 columns: Skater Name and Points. Includes names like Joe Moore, Charles Javiraw, Roy McWhirter, etc.

The Dominion of Canada Amateur Speed Skating Championships have finished, and Joe Moore, of New York, is the leader in points.

The many thousands of citizens and visitors to the city, who were present during the two days' meet, had the pleasure of seeing the fastest skaters in North America taking part, and the more fact that St. John skaters did not win the events they were entered in is no discredit to them, for they were up against the very best, and the showing made was indeed most creditable.

Speaking to The Standard yesterday afternoon, J. T. Fitzgerald, president of the International Skating Union of America, and whose home is in Chicago; Hon. C. H. B. Robinson, N. Y., and vice-president of the I. S. U.; James A. Taylor, Montreal, president of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, and Louis Rubenstein, the secretary of the association, were all of the one accord that this meet in St. John proved one of the best ever held in Canada or the Empire.

From the official stand near the centre of the rink, the sight was indeed well worth seeing, as every point of vantage was occupied. On every telephone pole could be seen two or three young men perched on the cross arm, while hundreds of trees on the side hill were occupied by boys or young men, all perched there like so many birds.

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The weather was not what one would term really cold, and even the snow storm during the entire afternoon did not prevent the people from attending the races, they were all warmly clad and well prepared for the winter weather, no matter what kind prevailed.

IDEA OF EARLY GENERAL ELECTION IN ENGLAND NOW DISPELLED

Establishment of Irish Provisional Government and Equipment Must First Be Completed. Glasgow, Jan. 19.—Anglo-Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, today dispelled any idea of an early general election by telling a conference of Scottish Unionists the Government had decided that until the legal establishment of the Irish Provisional Government and its equipment had been completed there could be no sort of dissolution of parliament.

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Rome, Jan. 19.—The physicians in attendance upon Pope Benedict, Doctors Battistini and Bignardi, after their evening visit, described the bronchial affection from which the Pope is suffering as taking the usual course. The temperature was slightly more than 100, a little higher than the morning temperature. The feeling at the Vatican appears to be that the Pope's illness is not grave. Dr. Marchisava, head medical authority, has been in consultation with the other physicians attending the Pope, and the latter, Dr. Battistini, celebrated Mass this morning in an apartment adjoining the Pope's bedroom. The doctor to the sick room remained open so that the Pontiff might hear. Many diplomats visited the Vatican today, seeking news; all of them were received in the ante-chamber, none being permitted to disturb the patient.

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PLENTY OF WORK AWAITING THE GOVERNMENT

Decks All Cleared for Action on Parliament Hill With Ministry Ready.

13 MINISTERS RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION

King to Devote But Little Time to His Fight in North York.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—With thirteen members of the King Cabinet returned by acclamation, the decks are cleared for action on Parliament Hill. Important business, which must be dealt with before the doors open on the first session of the fifth parliament, awaits the attention of the new Ministry, and it seems likely that little time will be lost in tackling it.

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POINCARÉ SERVES NOTICE THAT GERMANY MUST KEEP ITS PLEDGE

Paris, Jan. 19.—Raymond Poincaré, president of the Republic during the war and now prime minister of France, with the French Chamber practically unanimous behind him, served notice on Germany today that, so long as he held office in conducting the destinies of his country, Germany must fulfill the obligations she entered upon at Versailles and may expect no leniency.

"The Versailles treaty binds us to our allies," he said, "but it binds Germany to us all. It must be carried out."

These were his final words before leaving the tribune, after replying to various interpellations. His pronouncement summed up the whole programme.

NAMES OF CAPITAL SHIPS TO BE RETAINED UNDER NAVAL TREATY

Under Terms of the "Five Power Treaty" Special Provisions Have Been Made to Grant France and Italy Two Sea Going Vessels for Training Purposes.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The preamble to the naval or "Five Power Treaty," which is now under consideration by the United States Senate, provides that the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, in order to contribute to the maintenance of the general peace and reduce the competition in armament, have resolved, with a view to accomplishing those purposes, to conclude a treaty to limit their respective naval armaments, and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries, here follows the names of the representatives of the powers in Washington.

One of the most important articles of the treaty is that naming capital ships of the powers which are to be retained. The list of American vessels given in the treaty to be retained, follows:

- Maryland, California, Tennessee, Idaho, New Mexico and Mississippi—All ranging around 32,000 tons. Arizona and Pennsylvania, 31,400 tons each. Oklahoma, Nevada, New York and Texas, 27,000 to 27,500 tons. Arkansas and Wyoming, 25,000 tons each. Florida and Utah, 21,255 tons each. North Dakota and Delaware, 20,000 tons each.

The British list follows: Royal Sovereign, Royal Oak, Revenge, Resolution, Ramilles, Malaya, Valiant, Barham, Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, Benbow, Emperor of India, Iron Duke, Marlborough, Hood, Renown, Repulse, Tiger, Thunderer, King.

Carleton County Takes Chance On Prov. Health Board

Various Grants Made by Council for Exhibition and Educational Purposes.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 19.—County Council this afternoon took up the consideration of the appropriation for the Board of Health, after hearing Dr. W. A. Wade, in charge of that branch in this district. The board asked for \$4,000. After a heated debate, in which the legal aspect was discussed, the council decided to take a chance and voted \$3,000. Councillors Carvell, McEvil and McIntosh were elected members of the board, in succession to ex-Councillors Fleming, John A. Lindsay and Dr. McIntosh. A motion was passed unanimously petitioning the Government to resume the daily service of the Valley Railway.

A grant of \$2,500 was given to the vocational school. Councillors Brown, McDougall and Perry were appointed to represent the county on the Vocational School Board. A grant of \$3,500 was given to the Carleton County Hospital. The hospital asked for a bond issue of \$30,000 to spread over twenty years. Left over till January session. The Woodstock Exhibition asked for a grant of \$2,000. It was decided to give but \$1,000. The Centreville Exhibition was given a grant of \$400. This exhibition is proposed to be held next fall. Council adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Think Warm Reception Is Awaiting Bullock In North Carolina

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Three Small Children Reported Drifting To Sea On Ice Cake

Boston, Jan. 19.—Three small children were reported as drifting out to sea on an ice cake from the shore at Wood Island Park, East Boston, late today. A police boat put out to their rescue. The children were playing on the cake when it broke loose and drifted away.

RURAL SCHOOL PROBLEM CALLS FOR ATTENTION

Farmer's and Dairyman's Convention Hear Address on Pressing Educational Needs.

FARMERS URGED TO STUDY SCHOOL LAW

Importance of Selecting Capable Teachers at Inviting Salaries Emphasized by Speaker.

Moncton, Jan. 19.—In discussing the rural school problem in the New Brunswick Farmer's and Dairyman's convention today, School Inspector H. A. Dixon, emphasized the importance of selecting capable teachers and giving them inducements to stay in the rural districts. He suggested that the organized farmers study the school law well and discuss schools at every convention. The Consolidated School would give rural districts high school advantages.

At this evening's session, the sheep breeders reported the average net price of wool, co-operatively marketed last year, as twelve and one-sixth cent. It cost four cents a pound to market it.

It was resolved that, instead of a two dollar membership fee, the sheep breeders should pay costs of their organization by a proportional levy on all business done. L. V. Parent, of Lunenburg branch, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Company, spoke on co-operative marketing of wool.

Marketing Wool

Resolutions were passed expressing satisfaction at the grading and bonning of pure bred rams, and requesting the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Dominion Live Stock Branch to continue the same, and expressing satisfaction with and desiring continuation of the two departments' assistance in marketing the wool clip and bonning and grading of same.

Answer Accusation of Conspiracy To Rob An Estate

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Charged with the theft of approximately \$80,000, J. A. Seguin and Mrs. McNamara today appeared before Judge Doherty, in the Court of Special Sessions, to answer accusations of conspiracy in connection with the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Gruenwald.

Hoover Warns of Nearing Coal Strike

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Hoover declared today the stage appears to be set for a general strike in the bituminous coal industry at the end of March, when existing wage contracts expire.

ULSTER PREMIER CAUSES STIR IN REFERRING TO FIELD MARSHAL

Intimates That Chief of Imperial General Staff Was Prepared to Back Ulster at All Times, in All Difficulties, and Ready to Act When Wanted.

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Belfast, Jan. 19.—In view of the impending retirement of Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff, allusions made to him today at Lisburn and Belfast by Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, are considered significant.

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