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RECORD CROWD AT CHAMPIONSHIP SKATING MEET

Gorman Takes Every Event in Which He Skates

Garnett Wins Thrilling Three Mile Race—Meet Demons- trates Need of New Rink— Some Episodes of the Day.

It is estimated that nearly five thousand people assembled around the east end rink on Saturday afternoon to witness the Maritime Skating Championship, which were held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. The vast majority were anxious to see Charles Gorman, who established a world's record at Lake Placid in the 440 yards, and who made such a remarkable showing at Montreal, Saranac and Lake Placid. That he is a great skater was evident and he had no difficulty clinching the championship, capturing every heat, semi final and final, in which he skated in the 220, 440 yards, half mile and mile events, for a total of 120 points. Hilton Belyea won second place in the half mile, one and three mile events for a total of sixty points; while Frank Garnett was third, winning second in the 220 yards, and first in the three mile event for a total of fifty points. Gorman was only forced to extend himself twice in the final of the 440 yards he got away to a bad start, but showed a wonderful burst of speed and passed those in front of him winning by a wide margin. In the half mile he fell on the upper turn, but like a flash regained his feet and although thrown completely out of his stride quickly forged to the front and won out.

In the three mile event Garnett showed a fine burst of speed at the finish and when he crossed the line a winner he was raised to the shoulders of admirers and carried to the club room.

The Three Miles.

This event was one of the thrillers of the day. Garnett taking the race from Belyea, after the veteran skater had led the pace up to within a couple of laps from the finish. While the meet was a grand success it was also an eye opener for many and pointed out in no uncertain way the dire necessity of having a large up-to-date rink erected in this city. Those who were present could realize the possibility for a good investment. Only those in the front row really enjoyed the meet, others being able to see only a small part of the events.

How They Saw Them.

The grand stand facilities being altogether inadequate to accommodate the vast throng who assembled to see the races the ingenuity of those who could not obtain a seat in the grand stand resorted to erecting for themselves impromptu coigns of vantage from which they could get the best possible view of the sports. Destiny and the engineers had conspired to lay out the skating rink in the near vicinity of a dump, so that right to hand were to be found all the raw materials necessary for the erection of grand stands of the people, for the people and by the people. The resources of the dump seemed infinitely varied and quite inexhaustible. And everything was fashioned to the purpose of affording a better view of the great struggles going on out there on the ice. Excelsior cans, battered oil cans, bruised wash tubs, dinged dishpans, and barrels, firkins and pails that had lost the symmetry and beauty of their youth were all requisitioned to raise the observers, who were ingenious enough to salvage them and skilful enough to stand on them above the heads of those who had come early and got a place in close to the skating rink itself.

Fats of Balance.

Balancing feats that would have done credit to circus performers were as common as dandelions in June. Dainty ladies dexterously poised themselves on one foot on the top of a tomato can with as much assurance as a steplike jack on a flag pole. Every fair-sized woman held two or three and three men maintained a nicely balanced triangle of forces on the top of a barrel that preserved its equilibrium all through the piece. The skating rink was flanked on the north by a series of back yards and the corresponding series of houses to which the back yards belonged. In one of these back yards stood a thirty foot clothes pole which a quick-witted youth as soon as he spied it decided would provide the best seat in the house. As quickly as a squirrel he "skinned" up the pole—for the pole had no spikes in it—and seated himself on the very pinnacle so high up that he looked no bigger than a weather-vane. But the good lady to whom the clothes pole presumably belonged—for it was attached to her back window by

means of a pulley line—decided that she could not continue to look with favor upon him thus perched atop her clothes pole. She opened the window and pulled most vigorously upon the pulley line. The pole began to heave away ominously and the youth seemed to be in imminent peril of being precipitated upon the heads of the crowd far below. But he seemed quite unperturbed and, tightening his trowsers hold a little, he decided to stick. Evidently he wouldn't come down so a new plan of attack was formulated. With grim determination in his eye and a very sharp axe in his hand the man of the house came out and taking his stand at the bottom of the pole yelled up an ultimatum to the lad at the top. The ultimatum gave him just ten seconds to get down before the axe was applied to the pole. The youth decided that discretion was the better part of valor and accordingly came down and began to look for a less exalted place in the world. The several structures in the playground that he next were also used to good advantage. The tops of the swings, the teeter-totters, the shoot-the-chutes and the other paraphernalia were all demystified and the men on the barrel, the ladies on the tomato cans, the boys on the wagon, and the people on the house tops, everybody in fact except the boy on the clothes pole stayed where he was till the last lap of the last race was over.

Race Summary.

The following is a summary of the races:—
220 Yards.
First heat—1, E. Gibbons; 2, Fred Logan; 3, H. A. Moore. Time, 23 sec.
Second heat—1, C. Gorman; 2, Gordon Logan; 3, H. A. Perry. Time, 21.5 sec.
Third heat—1, F. Garnett; 2, J. Nixon; 3, M. Bell. Time, 21.2-5 sec.
Fourth heat—1, M. J. Perry; 2, A. Logan; 3, E. Keane. Time, 23 sec.
Semi-final, first heat—1, C. Gorman; 2, Gordon Logan. Time, 21.3-5 sec.
Semi-final, second heat—F. Garnett; 2, A. Logan. Time, 22 sec.
Final—1, C. Gorman; 2, F. Garnett; 3, G. Logan. Time, 21 sec.

440 Yards.
First heat—1, C. Gorman; 2, M. Bell; 3, J. Nixon. Time, 45 sec.
Second heat—1, F. Garnett; 2, E. Gibbons; 3, R. A. Moore. Time, 43.1-8 sec.
Third heat—1, M. J. Perry; 2, P. Belyea. Time, 44.8-5 sec.
Fourth heat—1, Edmund Keane; 2, Gordon Logan; 3, C. H. Smythe. Time, 48 sec.
Semi-final, first heat—1, C. Gorman; 2, M. J. Perry. Time, 42.4-3 sec.
Semi-final, second heat—1, F. Garnett; 2, G. Logan. Time, 44.3-5 sec.
Final—1, Gorman; 2, M. J. Perry; 3, Gordon Logan. Time, 43 sec.

880 Yards.
First heat—1, Hilton Belyea; 2, P. Belyea. Time, 1.36.
Second heat—1, C. Gorman; 2, M. J. Perry. Time, 1.39.
Final—1, Gorman; 2, Hilton Belyea; 3, Percy Belyea. Time, 1.36.
One Mile.
Final—1, C. Gorman; 2, Hilton Belyea; 3, G. Logan. Time, 8.23.
Three Miles.
Final—1, F. Garnett; 2, Hilton Belyea; 3, M. Bell. Time, 10.03-3-5.

440 Yards, Boys 18 Years and Under.
First heat—1, T. Tebo; 2, Arthur Morris; 3, A. Leonard. Time, 55 sec.
Second heat—1, C. O'Connor; 2, C. Johnson; 3, R. Kelly. Time, 55 sec.
Third heat—1, G. W. Cowie; 2, R. Coughlan; 3, L. Stirling. Time, 1.06.
Semi-final, first heat—1, C. O'Connor; 2, A. Leonard. Time, 54 sec.
Semi-final, second heat—1, T. Tebo; 2, C. Johnson. Time, 53 sec.
Final—1, C. O'Connor; 2, C. Johnson; 3, A. Leonard. Time, 56 sec.

440 Yards, Boys Under 15 Years.
First heat—1, W. Logan; 2, L. Nugent. Time, 40 sec.
Third heat—1, R. Johnson and F. Howard, tie. Time, 54 sec.
Fourth heat—1, C. Dwyer; 2, G. Burns. Time, 52 sec.
Semi-final, first heat—1, B. O'Connor; 2, W. Logan. Time, 48.1-4 sec.
Semi-final, second heat—1, C. Dwyer; 2, F. Howard. Time, 51.3-5 sec.
Final (880 yards)—1, W. Logan; 2, B. O'Connor. Time, 2.18.

880 Yards, Boys Under 17 Years.
First heat—1, L. Floyd; 2, B. O'Connor. Time, 1.44.
Second heat—1, R. Lawson; 2, W. White; 3, E. Dalton. Time, 1.41-1-5.
Final—1, R. Lawson; 2, B. O'Connor. Time, 1.43.

YESTERDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Mrs. James McTavish has returned after a seven weeks' visit in Upper Canadian cities. During her absence she gave several addresses on missionary subjects. At Niagara Falls she spoke in four of the churches and at Thorold she spoke in two churches. The subjects of her addresses were the Wesleyan missions in Guyana and the Anglican and Presbyterian missions in Trinidad.

The service of sacred song in the school room of St. David's church after the evening service yesterday had a programme of special numbers that was very greatly enjoyed. A large congregation attended and entered heartily in the general selections. F. J. Punter was in the choir and the pianist was Miss Phyllis MacGowan. Solos were sung by Miss Ermeline Climo, Miss Gladys Tweedie and J. Stewart Smith, and the male choir gave several selections.

An exchange of pulpits was made by Rev. George F. Dawson of the Exmouth street Methodist church and Rev. Neil McLaughlin of the Queen square church yesterday morning. Rev. Dr. Farquharson, Presbyterian port chaplain, was the preacher in St. David's church at both services owing to the illness of the minister. Rev. A. MacKiegan, Rev. J. V. Young of the Mission church conducted the morning service in St. Luke's church. Rev. C. Morgan, of Amherst, was the preacher at both services in St. Phillips church, where special observance of Allen's Day was made in rally services.

The Tuxis boys of the German street Baptist church had charge of the evening service in the church yesterday and a choir of the boys led in the singing with splendid effect. A solo was sung by the choir of boys sang an anthem. A large congregation was greatly impressed with the service which was the first that the Tuxis boys arranged. The pastor, Rev. S. Poole, in his sermon spoke on the subject "A Young Man without a Principle." He related the story of Abolition and urged upon the boys the necessity of loyalty to good principles that their lives might count for something.

New Elders in St. Matthew's.

Two elders were ordained and five were inducted in St. Matthew's Presbyterian church yesterday at the close of the morning service. Rev. W. J. Bevis, moderator of the session, assisted by the interim session, performed the induction and ordination ceremonies. The elders were Samuel Galbraith and Isaac W. Hutcheson. David G. Andrews was to have been ordained also, but owing to illness, was unable to be present. With the newly ordained elders there were inducted also Austin Galbraith, William McHarg and Charles F. Stevens. The morning service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Spencer. The choir, led by John Burke, gave some excellent selections and Miss Madeline Daley sang a solo which was much appreciated.

Rev. C. S. Gray of Oranmore, was the celebrant of the Holy Eucharist in the Mission church yesterday. He spoke from the text, "Thou art the man." Rev. J. V. Young, rector of the Mission church was the preacher in St. Luke's church yesterday and his subject was, "Faith."

Knights of Pythias Service.
The fifty-seventh annual service of the Knights of Pythias was held in the Main street Baptist church yesterday afternoon and the service was conducted by Knight Rev. Dr. Hutchison, assisted by Rev. G. D. Hudson. The singing was conducted by the organist, Mrs. I. F. Archibald and Miss Pattee sang a

solo. Rev. Dr. Hutchison spoke from the subject, "A man who is quite a man" Fairville's New Pastor.

Rev. C. T. Clark preached his first sermon as pastor of the Fairville Baptist church yesterday and he was given a hearty welcome by his congregation. At the morning service he spoke from the text, "I have seen thy faces as one seeth the face of God," and in the evening "Christian citizenship" was his subject. Rev. Mr. Clark is a son of D. C. Clark of West St. John and is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

BISHOP LEBLANC ON MARRIAGE

In all the Catholic churches in the city the pastoral letter of Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, D.D., Bishop of St. John, was read yesterday. In his pastoral, Bishop LeBlanc dealt with the family, describing it as "a powerful means of promoting the happiness of man in this world and of preparing him for everlasting bliss in the world to come. To the influence or training of the Christian family may be ascribed every good and generous deed that has brightened the world and to it and its shortcomings must be ascribed every one of these evils that have fastened themselves on the social and political body of our day." He said that marriage was a sacrament and not merely a contract and should be approached after serious and prayerful consideration, and should not be treated as a mere speculation.

In speaking of mixed marriages, he said: "Catholics should contract marriage with those of their own faith, otherwise that bond of supreme and tender sympathy, which should exist in their domestic life, will be wanting. A mixed marriage invariably means that two hearts indissolubly linked can never be comprehended by each other. It means, too, in many cases, a loss of faith for the Catholic party. It also means distance and coldness on the part of the husband and wife on the subject of religion. The moment religious discord arises between husband and wife, there can never be that freedom of religious education which is so essential to the home life of the children."

Regarding race suicide, the bishop said, in part: "The supernatural character of the family should never be lost sight of. Once it is ignored, men will also disregard the chief purpose for which marriage was instituted. The purpose for which a man and woman give themselves to each other in wedlock must be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from the laws which God has laid down in nature for the attainment of His intentions is positively sinful, and will work untold harm to the individual and to society."

He announced that a triduum would be held in every parish as a preparation for one of St. Joseph's feasts; also that a collection would be taken up in all the churches of the diocese for the relief of the suffering in central Europe. He made a plea for better attendance at mass and more frequent reception of the sacraments during the season of Lent, and concluded by asking for more generous almsgiving to the needy and the poor.

THE TREMBLING DECISION

(Toronto Globe).
In brief the Privy Council judgment establishes marriage as a civil contract, to be annulled only for causes prescribed in the civil law. It is on this solid foundation that the marriage law must rest in every Province. It will still be open to the Roman Catholic Church, or any other church, to discipline or excommunicate members who do not conform to its marriage decrees, but it cannot impugn the civil validity of any marriage legally performed. Their Lordships make this

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point perfectly plain. Whether persons choose to recognize ecclesiastical decrees as to marriage or not is a matter of individual choice, but such decrees can have no civil operation. The right, however, of every religious denomination to prescribe the conditions of its own membership is not in dispute. That is in issue entirely in the realm of conscience.

SPORT NEWS

CURLING.
St. Andrew's Club Bonspiel.
Sixteen rinks competed in St. Andrew's Curling Club bonspiel, which was held on their rink, Saturday. A rink girls' team and were defeated by a score of 8 to 4. H. McBeath won out. It of 8 to 4.

was made up as follows: Lead, G. H. Roberts; second, I. Murray; mate, W. A. Stewart; skip, H. McBeath.

HOCKEY.
King's College.
King's College sextette defeated No. 10. Scotia Technical College in a match played in Windsor, Saturday, by a score of 5 to 4.

BASKETBALL.
Y. W. C. A. Girls Lose.
The senior school girls' basketball team of the Y. W. C. A. played in Moncton, Saturday, against the Moncton senior girls' team and were defeated by a score of 5 to 4.

King's Girls Win.
In an exciting basketball match played in Windsor, Saturday, King's College co-eds defeated the Acadia co-eds by a score of 35 to 24.

N. H. L. Results.
The Canadians defeated Ottawa in Montreal, Saturday night, by a score of 8 to 1. St. Patrick's defeated Hamilton in Toronto, Saturday night, by a score of 5 to 4.

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