

**A.A.A. Athletic Meet.**

**5 MILE RACE PROVES A THRILLER**

**HALLEY WINS VICTOR LUDORUM STATUS.**

A record attendance and well-attended events marked the 1st Annual Newfoundland Indoor Championships Meet, conducted by the National Sports Committee at the Prince's Rink last night. Despite the many other attractions, sporting enthusiasts turned up in their thousands, and were all well repaid by the display of athletic skill witnessed. Promptly on time the first event was run off, and from then on there was not the slightest delay, a feature that evoked considerable complimentary comment. The Mt. Cashel Band was present and supplied delightful music throughout the evening. Gerald Halley, who made a great impression in sporting circles in the various sports held the past summer, won the Victor Ludorum, having 18 points to his credit, carrying off the 50, 100, and 250 yard events in fine style, while he finished a very close second to Stan Jackson who won the ¼ mile. Jackson, who is a brother of Laurie, made his first appearance on the track last night, and his performance in winning the quarter mile dash in 62 seconds, on a track entirely new to him, is worthy of note, and he is upholding his Halifax record. Although he lost out in the half mile event, the showing made was a most creditable one. Burnett the walker, hung up a new record for the 1 mile walk, doing it in 8.04. He gave one of the finest exhibitions of walking witnessed in this country, while Burgess who beat out Blair by a spectacular finish, gives promise of becoming an athlete of repute in a few years. The junior events proved quite popular. O.C. Lynch won out from Maher in the 100 yards, and ¼ mile dashes, by a very narrow margin; while Collins just managed to nose out the plucky little runner "Gus" Bailey in the half mile. The time of 2min. 45sec. for a junior under 15 years, on a board track with so many corners to contend with, compares very favorably with the time made by several of the seniors. The 1 mile race proved to be one of the chief events of the evening, as Laurie Jackson appeared on the list of entries. Three competitors started: C. Stone, C.L.B.; W. Thorburn and L. Jackson. At the crack of the pistol C. Stone took the lead, travelling at a fast clip, followed by Thorburn, while the Halifax wonder was contented with third place. After the third lap Jackson cut loose, overhauled his rivals, and set up a fast pace as he went out to front position. At the half way mark the Haligonian increased his lead to half a lap with Thorburn running second in hot pursuit, but Jackson who ran a brilliant race crossed over with 4 scant thirty yards to spare in 4 minutes 55 sec. Thorburn in a well timed sprint cut down the winners lead in the third lap. Jackson's time established a new indoor record. The crack tug-of-war team, the Guards Old Comrades, won their event by default, the T.P.U. team, failing to appear. It was regrettable that this event did not take place as it gave every promise of being the most interesting item on the programme. The Cadet team, who gave the Champions such a hard pull for the honors in the Dominion Sports were satisfied to take the place of the Truckmen's Protective Union, but as they did not enter before the list had closed, the Guards would not compete against them other than an Exhibition, which the Cadets, of course, refused to do. The Basket Ball finale also went to the Guards Old Comrades by default, the Cadet team refusing to participate.

**THE DOPE ALMOST UPSET.**

The last event on the programme, the 5 mile race, proved to be the greatest racing event, by two aspirants for the honors, ever witnessed in this country. Laurie Jackson, who made such a name for himself on Monday night in the 10 mile race against Bell, almost had his honors wrested from him by the plucky young Ron O'Toole, the lone competitor who started against him. Jack-Bell who has been confined to his home, suffering from the after effects of a cramp in the stomach, was ordered to stay out of the race by his physician, which proved a disappointment to all. But without Bell, the youngster chased the Halifax marvel to the very last lap and was only defeated by 40 yards in a race that shook the building from end to end with applause and such a never was heard in that enclosure before, and it was a fitting conclusion to a successful sports programme.

**THE RACE.**

At the crack of the pistol O'Toole took the lead with Jackson on his heels. After the first round they exchanged positions, and lap after lap they went at a terrific speed. O'Toole ran close to his man, and running into the same stride as the Haligonian, was determined not to give an inch. It was not until the 11th lap that Jackson made slight gains, when he pulled away with a forty yard lead, while O'Toole was still running strong in the rear. Jackson crossed over in 5.06 at the first mile mark, which was considered exceptionally quick time for a long race, while O'Toole, not many yards in the rear, after Jackson had made de-

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perate attempts to shake him in the race, was now moving as fast as the feet could carry O'Toole running into the second lap was still keeping the same pace from the leader. The cheering cheers that followed were O'Toole encouraged by his supporters around the track lay in a splendid fashion. One or two would lose a few yards, as they edged along, only to reverse the position between them, again at the crossing over the second mile O'Toole was still leading. The time was 32 seconds slower than the first lap. Running into the third mile the Haligonian increased his speed and an eighty yard lead, with the time was presumed, to gain a full lap on his opponent. O'Toole was not denied, however, when but a few minutes later he pulled himself up and gained fully forty yards, a applause that followed was such while every encouragement was O'Toole to effect a win. Jackson in vain to outdistance his opponent into the third mile, but could increase his lead of 50 yards. At the fourth mile the spectators with excitement, watched closely as they circled the track, utterly comparing the distance to corner flags, which divided the two runners as they paced. Times Jackson would increase by a few yards, only to lose another lap. No apparent change noticeable until four and a half miles of the course had been covered when O'Toole uncoiled a burst of speed which he maintained for two laps. Cheer after cheer the building as he cut down the lead, and at one period he was less than 35 yards behind Canuck. O'Toole tried in vain to catch his man but Jackson, running a splendid race right to the end soon recovered himself and his lead to half a lap. The flagter saw no change in the distance divided them and when the bell rang for two laps to go, O'Toole loose on the last two circles, track in splendid fashion, but he crossed the line a bare 40 yards good, in the time of 28 minutes 28 seconds. O'Toole followed in 32 seconds. Jackson appeared fatigued at the finish, having made every effort to win, while O'Toole appeared quite fresh, taking no consideration the bitter fight he had won. Both runners received a reception after they finished, for the very plucky performance of the new laurels and was applauded by the large gathering is without a doubt our coming ion and if faithful to his training is bound to be heard from in the future. Jackson stated after the race that O'Toole gave him the run of his life, and he had all he could win. For a boy of 18 years he only hoped that he could do so well when his age. Laurie Jackson who has been with us only a few months has proved himself a thorough tleman, and perfect athletic runner, which has been evidenced strenuous, having covered the ground in four days, is all the creditable, and everyone who has happy pleasure of witnessing superior running qualities, speaking in terms of his powers, and wish him every good luck in the future. To President Higgins was unavoidably absent out of for last night's meet, Mr. J. W. ris the Captain, the National Committee, and all others who are tendered. The sports brought to a close at 11 o'clock, playing of the National Anthem the Mt. Cashel Band, thus ending the most successful years 1922.

The following was the complete list of events and winners:—  
 Sr. 50 Yards—1st G. Halley, 2nd Butler, time 5 seconds  
 Jr. 100 Yards—1st Lynch, 2nd O'Toole, time 15 seconds  
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 1 mile walk—1st Burnett, 2nd gess, time 8 min. 4 seconds  
 SR. 1 mile—1st L. Jackson, 2nd Thorburn, time 4 min. 55 sec.  
 Jr. ¼ mile—1st Lynch, 2nd time 1 min. 8 seconds  
 Tug of-war—Won by Guards Comrades, by default.  
 Sr. ¼ mile—1st S. Jackson, 2nd ley, time 1 min. 2 seconds  
 Jr. ¼ mile—1st Collins, 2nd time 2 min. 45 seconds  
 High Jump—1st J. Kielly, 2nd roll, height 5ft. 2 inches, door record.  
 Sr. ¼ mile—1st G. Stone, 2nd Thorburn, time, 2 min. 21½ sec.  
 Basket Ball—Won by Guards Comrades by default.  
 Sr. 500 Yards—1st G. Halley, 2nd L. Spurrall, time 29½ seconds  
 5 mile race—1st Laurie Jackson, Ron O'Toole, time 28 minutes 28 seconds.

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