

Sports of the Season in England



Long distance running is still very much in vogue in Great Britain and on the Continent. An International Cross Country Race was held at Chesham, England, a fortnight ago, and attracted considerable attention. It was won by an Englishman. Our photograph shows the race in progress. In the years 1911-1913 the race was won by Boulin, a Frenchman.

then or now would I admit that Ireland is not one and indivisible, in order to gratify personal ambition. Ireland must be patient and firm, and stick to two great principles. (1) Ireland is a nation and must not be dismembered. (2) It is by conciliation, conference, consent, that Ireland will come to her own. The exclusion scheme is a futile attempt to escape from a question of immediate difficulty by creating one of greater difficulties in the near future. There is but one way out, and that is to acknowledge facts. Unforeseen obstacles have arisen. For reasons, the principal of which can easily be satisfied, Ireland will fight against the Bill. To employ force without attempting to satisfy reasonable objections is iniquitous. Force means bloodshed, and bloodshed precludes a settlement by consent. To recast the Bill or to drop it on condition of a Conference is the only safe way out.—"The British Review."

International Cross Country

THE International Cross Country championship was inaugurated in Great Britain in 1903. An Englishman was first in every year except in 1911, 1912 and 1913, when a Frenchman came in first—Boulin doing the trick. But England has won every race on points for the largest number of runners among the first twelve in. The averages up to the end of 1912 were, England, 1 (first place); Ireland, 2.6; Scotland, 2.8; France, 3.8; and Wales, 4.3. Alfred Shrubbs won the first race in 1903 at Glasgow. The race this year was won by A. H. Nicholls, an Englishman. England has managed to hold first place for several years in cross country running, beating France—of late years its troublesome opponent—as it beats France in Rugby football.

Mederic Martin Stories

NOW that Mr. Mederic Martin is Mayor of Montreal for two years, some people are savage and some satisfied. The stories about him are as varied as the prophecies.

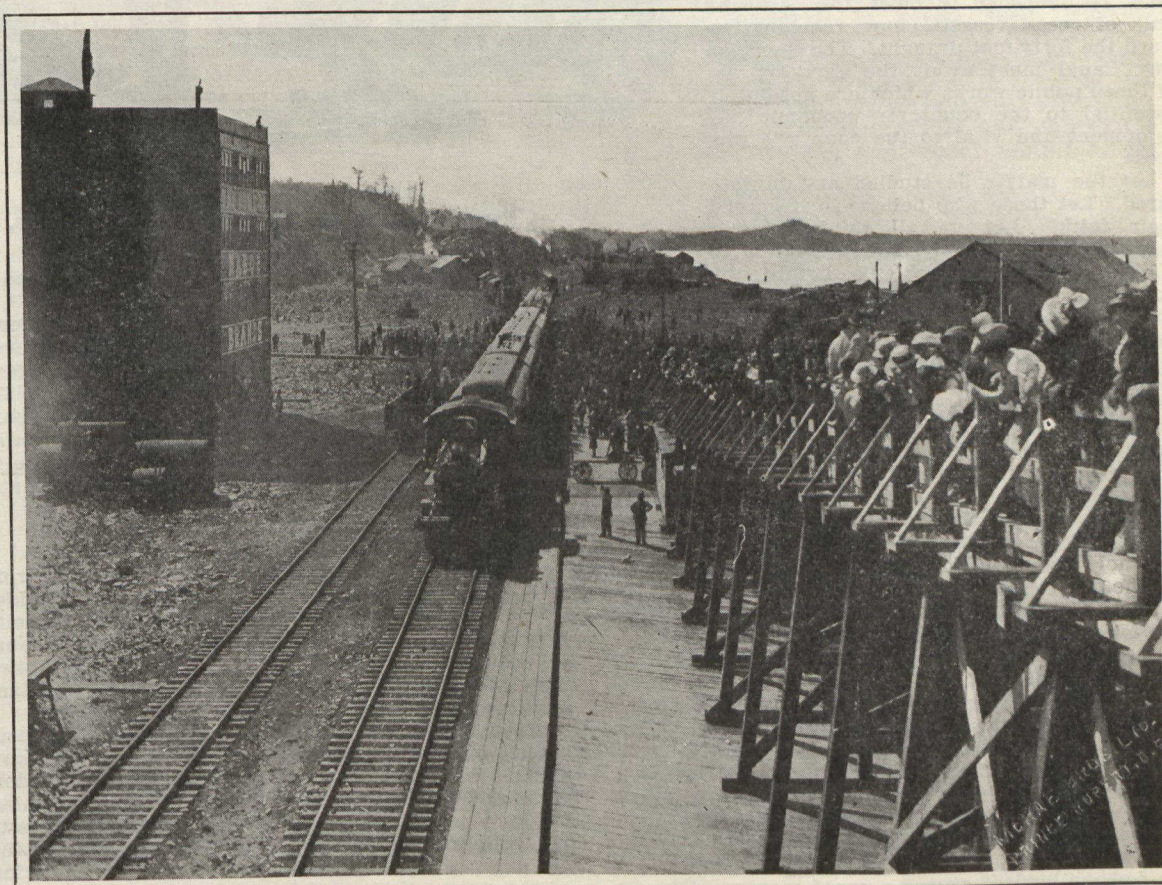
One is to the effect that the day after his election, he went around to see the editors of all the papers. Practically none of them had supported him, although the Graham papers, the Star and the Herald-Telegraph, did not oppose him. Martin went to see them all. "Now," said he, "Mr. Tarte (or Mr. Nichol or whoever it might be), you opposed me as Mederic Martin, but I want you to support me as Mayor Martin. You will have suggestions to make, and I want you to make them to Mayor Martin. I want you to help Mayor Martin. If you do not help Mayor Martin then he will not be happy." And more to the same effect. It is said that the newspaper editors were greatly impressed by this action, and though they fought him hard before, they will now wait and see if he intends to initiate necessary reforms and give Montreal good government.

Another is told of how he met a charge of not being well educated in English. "They say," said he to an audience of electors, "that I shall not be able to make a proper speech in English if royalty should visit Montreal during my term as mayor. Well, now, let us see. Who writes the mayor's speech on such occasions? Did any mayor ever write his own speech? No, my friends, they are written for him by the secretaries at the city hall. They keep these men there for that purpose. If, then, royalty should visit our city, the secretaries will prepare an English speech for me. And I tell you, my friends, that I can read an English speech as well as any mayor Montreal has ever had."



This is a somewhat unusual photograph of a flying kick by a goal-keeper which was obtained in the recent semi-final match for the English Cup, played at Liverpool between Burnley and Sheffield United. The final between Manchester and Burnley occurs on the 25th.

The Completion of Another Transcontinental Railway



The first through train on the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert arrived at the latter city at 1.15 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th. Our photograph shows this historic train being welcomed by the citizens of Prince Rupert.

—Photograph by McRae Bros.