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## LONG BEACH GOES TO EXTERMINATOR

Gelding Makes Track Mark for Mile and Furlong, Winning Handicap—Runs Distance in 1.50.

(New York Times.)  
Willie Sharpe Kilmer's Exterminator, which is undoubtedly the greatest distance performer in America, ran one of the best races of his brilliant career at Jamaica yesterday, when he captured the Long Beach Handicap and shattered the track record for a mile and a furlong. With an impost of 130 pounds, he closed with his accustomed rush in the stretch and defeated the Ranocosa Stable's Mad Hatter by three-quarters of a length. He covered the distance in 1.50 flat, clipping one and one-fifth seconds from the mark he set himself in the same event a year ago. Circus, stablemate of Mad Hatter, was third, six lengths back of the winner, and E. Widener's Pilgrim trailed in last among the four starters.

It was one of the finest contests seen in New York this season. It was witnessed by a throng of about 22,000 persons. Racing Secretary Edwin S. Jones announced after the last of the special trains had arrived that more people had passed through the turnstiles than ever before in the history of the course.

With midsummer weather prevailing the crowd surged through the gates for nearly two hours before racing time, and when the bugle sounded for the opening event the stands were crowded to capacity, the steps leading to the stands were packed and several thousand spectators formed an almost solid mass of humanity on the large open space in front of the main stands.

During the running of the feature event the crowd extended along the inner rail all the way from the head of the stretch to the turn below the club house and had prevented him house.

Weight Tells on Mad Hatter.

The Long Beach was the first race at a mile and a furlong to be run at Jamaica this season, and thus it offered Exterminator his first chance at a distance which suited him. It was evident too, that he had improved from his two earlier starts and was ready to meet the day. Mad Hatter, which had defeated the great gelding in their first meeting, was obliged to carry equal weights with the Kilmer race, and it was clear in the final furlong that the weight told on the Hildreth horse. Yet Mad Hatter ran what was probably the greatest race of his career. He set a terrific pace to the last turn, where he was caught by the last, turn, and then he fought it out with great gameness all through the stretch.

Jockey Earl Sande, who rode Mad Hatter, went to the judges' stand after the race and lodged a claim of foul. He claimed that Exterminator had pinned Mad Hatter in on the rail in the turn getting through. The judges did not allow the claim and lost little time in giving official sanction to the finish. Mad Hatter was in close quarters in the stretch, but it appeared that he had room enough to get through if he had had the speed. The fact was he was a tired horse and was beaten a sixteenth from home. Exterminator was going away at the end, although Johnson had to ride him hard all the way.

Exterminator and the Hildreth pair were equal favorites at post time, being quoted at even money, though there had been fluctuations during the betting, in which Exterminator ruled favorite after the Ranocosa horse had opened a slight choice. It appeared at the outset to be a two-horse race, as Blazes, which won the Excelsior Handicap, Thunderclap and Yellow Hand were scratched. Thunderclap was reserved for another race in which he scored for the Ranocosa Stable.

## GEORGE STUBBS HEADS FAIR VALE OUTING CLUB

The annual meeting of the Fair Vale Outing Club was held last evening at their club rooms at Fair Vale. The meeting was well attended and the various reports for the year showed that the club was in excellent condition. The treasurer's report showed that the club had a substantial balance of fund and no outstanding accounts. The secretary's report showed the work that the club was carrying out and that the present membership had reached more than 150, the majority of whom were active members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, George Stubbs; vice-president, Frederick Quinlan; treasurer, E. A. Ellis; secretary, A. L. Dykeman; assistant secretary, Miss Nora Banks; executive committee, Robert Goodrich, A. A. Niles, Walter Coleman, O. H. Tracey and C. D. Campbell. The trustees appointed last night were W. H. White, O. S. Dykeman, Major J. S. Frost and Kenneth Spear.

The club decided to make a canvass of the district to try to increase their present membership still further and appointed a committee to carry on this work. The executive also is considering plans for a celebration on June 8. A committee, consisting of John Higgins, Edward Higgins and James McManus, was appointed to arrange for the week-lances which this club holds during the summer months. W. H. White, the retiring president, occupied the chair.

## PRIZES PRESENTED TO GIRL BOWLERS AT FINAL BANQUET

The Girls' Commercial Bowling league wound up a highly successful season with a banquet at Bond's restaurant last night, C. W. Boyd acting as chairman. After the toast to the King and the bowlers, the bowlers set to with a will at the good things, and after they had been demolished, the presentation of prizes took place. The large cups as presented to the Corona team by J. J. Fraser, of the N. B. Telephone company. Mr. Stephenson, of T. McVey & Sons, Ltd., presented the three individual cups for the highest single string, the highest three-string and the highest average for the series. These went to Miss Blakesley, of the Corona team; Miss Akerly, of McVey's, and Miss Harrington, of the Imperial Oil, respectively. Dancing took up the remainder of the evening and the gathering broke up shortly before midnight. About fifty people were present.

## BELIEVE ARENA IS PRACTICALLY SURE

That an up-to-date arena will be erected in St. John before the snow again dies now seems assured as the result of a meeting of the executive of the Commercial Club held yesterday with the president, C. H. Peters, in the chair. The cost of the land and of construction, according to plans approved yesterday by the club executive, it was said, brings the matter within the realm of possibility.

H. R. McEllan, the secretary, has secured an option on a suitable site, which site has been approved by the club, providing a most desirable one is not secured in the meantime. The cost of the land will be \$12,000 and the estimated cost of the building is \$65,000.

The arena will be 180 feet long and 150 feet wide, outside measurements, while the ice space will be 166 feet by 36 feet. There will be a seating capacity of 1800 and standing for an additional 400, making a total capacity of 2200. The ice area will permit of a skating track 10-3-3 laps to the mile.

The plans approved yesterday call for a steel frame, including stanchions, trusses, girders, etc. The outside walls will be on cedar posts and girders covered with boards and battens. There will be bleachers, locker rooms, and ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms, which will be heated. There will be a patent roofing of good quality. The building will be painted outside and whitened inside, electric lighted and have a suitable handstand complete for the price mentioned.

## MAYOR PROMISES AID FOR SOUTH END

A meeting of the men's committee of the South End Boys Club, which was to have been held last night, did not materialize, only three members showing up. Mayor Schofield happened along and suggested an adjournment to the Club grounds, where the members are usually engaged in putting the baseball diamond in shape for the opening game, which will be played on June 8. A considerable amount of leveling remains to be done. When this was explained to the mayor, he said he had some funds available, and offered to send some men down to work all day until the job was completed. The offer was gratefully accepted, and the Mayor will notify the Club on Saturday, regarding arrangements he has made. There is some talk also, concerning the outdoor girls basketball league, which had such a successful season last year. Four teams have signified their willingness to carry on this year and a meeting will be called soon to draw up a schedule.

## BIG TROUT TAKEN IN LILY LAKE

A trout weighing three and three-quarter pounds was the reward of the patience of Joseph Tobo, who angled for the speckled beauty for several hours on Wednesday afternoon in the waters of Lily Lake immediately in front of his refreshment store at the park.

## DOGS POINT TO BODY OF MAN

Discovery of Suicide in Bronx Park — Found Swinging from Branch of Tree.

(N. Y. Times.)

The body of an unidentified man was found hanging from a limb of a large cedar tree in Bronx Park, twenty-five feet from the ground, early last evening. Discovery of the suicide was made by Charles Henning of 2227 White Plains Avenue, who was taking his two dogs on a ramble through the New York Botanical Gardens.

About 1,000 feet south of Allerton avenue the two dogs began to bark and then stopped suddenly and pointed. Mr. Henning was at first puzzled to account for their behavior, but looking up in the tree saw the body of a man swinging at the end of a rope.

Mr. Henning called Policeman Owen Devrey of the Bronx Park Station, who borrowed a ladder from the park attendants and attempted to get the body down. It was finally necessary to obtain a rope of considerable length, and with the aid of this the body was lowered to the ground.

Dr. Karl Kennard of the Medical Examiner's office, who examined the body at the Fortham morgue, said that death had apparently taken place at about noon. "The Botanical Gardens were crowded all day yesterday, and it was conjectured that the suicide, fearing that he would be seen if he attempted to hang himself from one of the lower branches, climbed two-thirds of the way to the top of the tree to be comparatively out of sight. From the way the body was hanging it was apparent that the suicide had sat on the limb to which the

end of the rope was tied, adjusted the noose and then jumped off.

No letters or other papers were found. The only clue to identification was a laundry mark on his shirt, "218." The dead man was fairly well dressed in a brown and black check suit, a brown soft hat and black shoes and stockings. He had brown hair and eyes and was of dark complexion. A mirror and comb were only contents of his pockets.

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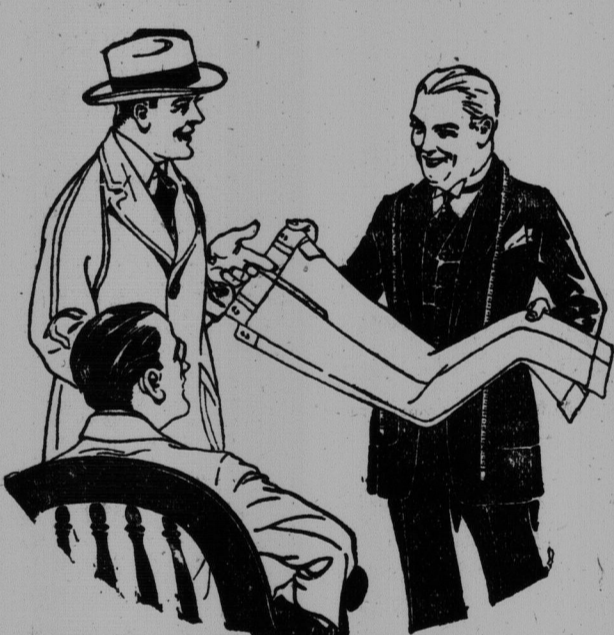
## NEW CLUBHOUSE AT GRAND BAY NEARS COMPLETION

The new clubhouse of the Grand Bay Outing Association, work on which was commenced last fall, is now rapidly nearing completion, and the members plan to have a formal opening on June 3, with a public dance in the evening. The building is handy to the station, and overlooks the river. It is a one-story structure, with a large dancing hall, a bridge room, a rest room, a large kitchen, and a verandah twelve feet wide around three sides. Two fine tennis courts have been built in front. Altogether, it should prove a successful venture, and fill a long felt want. On Monday evening, J. Firth Brittain, vice-president of the Association, presented to A. W. McNeill the retiring president, who is moving to Moncton, a walking stick, on behalf of the society. Mrs. McNeill was made the recipient of a silk umbrella.

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