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EASTERN BASEBALL CIRCUIT.

Committee Meets at New York and Hears Richmond's Plans.

New York, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Circuit Committee of the Eastern League of Professional Baseball Clubs, held yesterday at the Victoria Hotel in this city, a plan involving a change in the circuit was considered. Those in consultation were Patrick T. Powers, president of the league: J. J. Nevins, of the champion Jersey City Club; G. T. Stallings of Buffalo, and Edward Hanlon of Baltimore.

Jake Wells, representing capitalists of Richmond, Va., made an offer on behalf of that city to gain admission to the league. In his career as a baseball manager Wells has brought before the public Chesbro, Tannehill, Leever, Bill Donovan, P. Flaherty, Pfanmiller and Bishop.

Whether Richmond will be admitted is a question, however, that will not be settled until after the annual meeting of the league. In fact, it will depend upon a decision of the owners of the Montreal Club as to whether they desire to remain in the circuit. At present there is much doubt as to what they will do. Montreal became a member when Worcester dropped out last season.

In case Richmond takes Montreal's place, the eastern and western divisions will probably be arranged so that Jersey City, Newark, Providence and Richmond are in the east, and Rochester, Toronto, Baltimore and Buffalo in the west.

No Challenge From Lipton.

New York, Dec. 20.—G. A. Cormack, secretary of the New York Yacht Club, denied yesterday that the letter received from Sir Thomas Lipton, and referred to by Sir Thomas at a dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel, in London, on Friday night, constituted a challenge, as was implied in yesterday's London cable despatches. After admitting that he had received a letter from Sir Thomas that afternoon, Mr. Cormack said:

Altho I do not consider the letter important, I cannot disclose its contents until the regular meeting of the club in February, after which it will be given to the press.

At the London dinner Sir Thomas was quoted as saying that, provided he had a reasonable chance of success, he was quite willing to make one last attempt to lift the cup.

Ice Yachts in Ten-Mile Race.

Red Bank, N.J., Dec. 19.—In a fresh southerly wind four third-class boats of the North Shrewsbury Ice Yacht Club sailed a ten mile race this afternoon for the club pennant. The starters were: Newton Doremus's Atalanta, Edward Asay's Daisy, Henry Grant's Tyro and Daniel Asay's Zero. Early in the contest Tyro broke thru the ice and was hopelessly out of the race by the time she was fished out. The race was won easily by the Atalanta, her time being 26 minutes.

Live Bird Shoot at Dutton.

Dutton, Dec. 19.—The third annual handicap live bird shoot of the Dutton Gun Club was held yesterday. The entries were large, and the competition thruout the tournament was very keen. A number of sports were present from Detroit, Brantford, Ridgetown, St. Thomas and London. The following is a list of the prize-winners:

Event No. 1, 7 birds—H. Lan, Ridgetown; P. C. Wood, Detroit, and W. Hollingshead, Dutton, 7 straight.

Event No. 2, 15 birds—Harry Bates, Ridgetown, 15; W. Hollingshead, Dutton, 14; Bob Emslie (St. Thomas), H. T. Westbrooke (Brantford), and J. Seane (Ridgetown), 13 each.

Event No. 3, 10 birds—Howard Bates (Ridgetown), Harry Seane (Ridgetown), W. Hollingshead (Dutton), 10 straight; H. T. Westbrooke (Brantford), G. McColl (Fingal), C. Toll (Dutton), 9 each; R. Emslie (St. Thomas), 8.

CRESCENT CITY HANDICAP WITFUL AT NEW ORLEANS

Little Scout Second, Bondage Third —Ingleside Results and Monday's Program.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Weather cloudy; track fast.

First race, ¾ mile—Joe Goss, 107 (Higgins), 12 to 1, 1; Hands Across, 107 (Helgerson), 12 to 1, 2; Frank Bell, 107 (H. Phillips), even, 3. Time 1.14. Neither One, Major Johnston, Ascension, Major Manser and Over Again also ran.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Mountebank, 115 (Fisher), 2 to 1, 1; Exclamation, 103 (Helgerson), 4 to 5, 2; Foresight, 115 (H. Phillips), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.27 4-5. Ryevale, Always Faithful, Ora McKinney, Lady Walter, Clytion and Short Cake also ran.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Sweet Nell, 107 (Ahern), 2 to 1, 1; Josette, 117 (Davison), 4 to 1, 2; Latuka, 107 (Knight), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.02 1-5. Hymettus, Mary Annetta, Irene Mac, Ithan, Apple Bloom, Style, Georgie West, Miss Gould also ran.

Fourth race, Crescent City Handicap, 1¼ miles—Witful, 114 (Fuller), 9 to 5, 1; Little Scout, 115 (Hicks), 5 to 1, 2; Bondage, 106 (McIntyre), 3 to 1, 3. Time 2.06 3-5. Safety Light, Capt. Arnold, Aladdin, Potheen, Ethics, Tribes Hill also ran. (Witful and Potheen coupled as Hildreth entry; Little Scout and Aladdin coupled as Bennett entry.)

Fifth race, handicap, 1 mile—Huzzah, 105 (McIntyre), 4 to 1, 1; De Reszke, 103 (Trubel), 8 to 5, 2; Lev. Dorsey, 101 (Higgins), 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.41 1-5. Mauser, Our Nugget, Equalize also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 1⅛ miles—Lee King 93 (Jenkins), 15 to 1, 1; Badger, 101 (Monder), 7 to 1, 2; Felix Bard, 101 (Robbins), even, 3. Time 1.55 2-5. The Wizard, Eugenia S., Past, Oclawaha, Joe Doughty, Gin Spray, Trocadero, Meistersinger also ran.

Witful, the Crescent City Derby winner, added another stake—the Crescent City Handicap—to the Hildreth honors to-day. The event, apart from being one of the principal stakes of the meeting, was notable for the masterly performance of Jockey Fuller. The Hildreth pair, Witful and Potheen, were strong favorites in the betting, and Witful won out by five lengths.

Judge Wins.

Ingleside, Dec. 19.—Weather cloudy; track fast. Summaries:

First race, selling, ⅞ mile—Bard Burns, 112 (Bell), 3 to 1, 1; Pat Morrissey, 109 (Linton), 4 to 1, 2; Military, 109 (Adams), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.29¾. Dotterel, Emily Oliver, Puss in Boots, Arthur Ray, Cyrano, Evelyn Bird, Mr. Phinizy also ran.

Second race, ¾ mile—Judge, 113 (J. Daly), 8 to 1, 1; Rockaway, 113 (C. Kelly), 1 to 2, 2; Lord Wadsworth, 106 (J. Martin), 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.15¾. Otto Stifel, Virginia Bay, Presidio also ran.

Third race, maidens, selling, 1 mile—Hank Haven, 82 (Hildebrand), 7 to 2, 1; Lurene, 104 (J. Martin), 5 to 2, 2; Cheeny, 90 (Lowe), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.45¼. Mesto, Blondo, Dr. Birdsall, Esfarzado, Capital, Theodora L., Bright Moon also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, 1¼ miles—Lord Melbourne, 97 (Oliphant), 5 to 2, 1, by a head; Claude, 119 (J. Daly), 3 to 2, 2; Modicum, 99 (Hildebrand), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.55¾.

Fifth race—Burney Bunton, 110 (Burns), 8 to 5, 1, 20 lengths; Sad Sam, 107 (Sheehan), 5 to 2, 2; Glenevis, 103 (Filey), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.20.

Sixth race—Greenock, 117 (Burns), 6 to 5, 1, by a neck; Galanthus, 100 (Buxton), 10 to 1, 2; Congar, 117 (C. Kelly), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.30.

The feature event was the $1000 handicap. Claude, with 119 pounds in the saddle, ruled favorite, but Lord Melbourne, in receipt of 19 pounds, won out after a hard drive by a neck.

Card for Monday.

New Orleans entries: First race, 6½ furlongs—Hexam, Carbon 106, Banwell, Hiawatha, Chanler, King's Charm, Harmakis, Falernian, Clarence 109, Louis Kraft 113.

Second race, 1 mile—Stand Pat 90, Mrs. Frank Foster, Sabot 90, Floyd K., Capt. Arnold, Rankin 93, Baronet, Van Ness, Elsie L., Hucena 99, Tribes Hill, Bon Mot 107.

Third race, ¾ mile—Inquisitive Girl, Mildred L., Overhand 95, Myrendale 98, Wreath of Ivy, Alcom R., Algonquin 100, King Croker, Sea Shark, Bronx, Misanthrope 103, Soldier of Fortune 106.

Fourth race, 1 mile and 20 yards, handicap—Mauser 90, Exclamation 94, Demurrer 97, Mynheer 103, Bondage 106, Potheen 108.

Fifth race, ⅝ mile, selling—Atheola 95, Bud Embry, Circus Girl, Annie Max, Kentucky Muddie 96, Count 'Em Out 97, Macbeth, Ivernia 99, Worthington 100, Hands Across 103, Balm of Gilead 104, Homestead 110.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Debenture, Burke Cochrane 102, Reckless 105, The Regent, Star Gazer, Malay 107, Henry of Franstmar, Alpaca 112, H. L. Coleman, Radford, Satire, Brass 115.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—First race, 1 mile, selling:

Burdock ....105 Tillouon 100
G. W. Jrahorn ..105 Gray Dally 110
Hellas ....102 Eloriente 110
Arthur Ray ....113 The Ledean 108
Tamm ....105 Gibraltar 108
Plan ....110 Idogo 110

Second race, ¾ mile, purse:

Virginia Boy ....102 Sacredus 110
Flea ....102 Dargin 108
Military Man ....105 Scherzo 105

Third race, 11-16 mile, selling:

Futurita ....102 Alice Carey 102
Glendenlng ....100 The Cure 86
Soufriere ....86 Lansdowne 95
Bummer ....108 Albemarle ....[illegible]
Reeves ....105 Fort Wayne 105
Cardwellton ....105 Altimo 110

Fourth race, ¾ mile, handicap:

Iridius ....114 Muresca 96
Royal Rogue ....108 Kenilworth 119

Fifth race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling:

Prince Blazes ....104 Illowaho 107
Rio Chico ....104 Tuckback 99
Caronal ....103 Silurian 99
Cougar ....107 Royalty 99

Sixth race, 7 furlongs, selling:

Reydare ....112 Diderot 112
Elchipushua ....115 Lunar 112
The Stewardess..107 Harry Thatcher ..112
Axminster ....107 Chorus Boy 110
Bill Massie ....107 Achilles 110

Weather threatening; track heavy.

Coney Island J.C. Stakes.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Coney Island Jockey Club has issued the following program of stake events for the June meeting, 1904:

For 2-year-olds: Great Trial, $25,000; Double Event, $20,000; Foam Surf each $6000; Zephyr, Spring, Vernal, each $5000.

For 3-year-olds: Lawrence, Realization, each $28,000; Tidal, $20,000; Mermaid, $7000; Swift, Spendthrift, each $6000.

For 3-year-olds and upward: Suburban, $20,000; Commonwealth, $18,000; Advance, June Handicap, each $15,000; Equality, $6000; Thistle, $4000.

Steeplechases: Beacon, $5000; Independence, $4000.

PLAYED FOOTBALL ON SATURDAY.

Toronto Scots Beat Alerts for Junior Championship.

The Toronto Scots Juniors and the Alerts met at Bayside Park on Saturday afternoon for the championship of the city, also the championship of Ontario, the Scots winning by 1—0.

The game was fast and exciting thruout, despite the slippery ground. Both teams played a heavy checking game, the Scots having much the best of it the first half, altho the game evened up during the second half. The Scots kicked with the wind the first period, Mitchell scoring on a very neat fast shot. The Alerts tried to tally in the second, but the Scots' defence were always on the spot and some beautiful kicking was done by both backs, the halves checking to perfection. Barkey played a very heady game at centre. Beatty and Gordon also shone on the half. G. Smith played a very good game for the Alerts, also Penny. This makes the second time the Toronto Scots have won the junior championship of Ontario, and the fourth time for the junior championship of the city. The teams' line-up:

Toronto Scots (1): Morton, goal; R. Moore and Killaly, backs; Ledger, Beatty, Gordon, halves, McClelland, Bavington, Barkey, Dowdell, Mitchell, forwards.

Alerts (0): Bannister, goal; Penny, Anderson, backs; Dunn, Dezell, Oldfield, halves; Secker, H. Smith, G. Smith, Burns, Wilds, forwards.

Referee H. Fullerton gave the best of satisfaction.

Christmas Shoot.

The second annual sweepstakes shooting match will be held at Charles Nelson Gates' Bayview Hotel, East Toronto, on Christmas Day, starting at 12 o'clock. Mr. Gates has 500 pigeons ready for the shoot, which is open to all-comers.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday, in the football match the Carlisle Indians defeated the University of Utah eleven by a score of 22 to 0.

Tom Pendergast, who fought Tom Williams at the Acme A.C., Sacramento, Friday, died on Saturday from the effects of the beating received. He was unconscious for several hours. Williams was arrested.

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ST. LOUIS N.A.A.O. REGATTA DATES TO SUIT CANADIANS

July 29 and 30 or First Week in August, According to Wishes of C.A.A.O.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Executive Committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen unanimously decided last night that the national regatta of 1904 will be held on Creve Coeur Lake, St. Louis, in connection with the World's Fair sports. The conference took place at the Murray Hill Hotel, and those present were: James Pilkington, president, and John O'Regan, New York; John J. Schaab, St. Louis; [illegible], Philadelphia; Walter Stimpson and James P. Fox, Boston; Henry Garfield, Albany; Claude R. Zappone, Washington; James B. Tighe, Brooklyn, and Fred R. Fortmeyer, secretary.

The location of the national regatta was the principal subject before the committee, and it brought some discussion. Schaab, who represented St. Louis and the Southwestern Rowing Association, said everything would be done toward the comfort of the visiting oarsmen. They will be transported to St. Louis and back for half railroad fare, and will be provided with reduced hotel rates as well.

A big boathouse is to be erected on the lake front, where all the oarsmen can store their shells. Creve Coeur Lake is about 30 minutes ride from the Fair grounds. The dates selected are July 29 and 30, but after a consultation with the Canadian association these may be altered to the first week in August—that is, if the Canucks so desire. Either week will be acceptable to the World's Fair people.

Judge Tighe moved that all races be named straightaway, but Mr. Schaab informed the meeting that the course was laid out for races with a turn, and Judge Tighe asked that the resolution be laid on the table until the annual convention of 1904. There were motions to include a centipede race, but they were lost in the discussion. Still, it is at the option of the local association to include these events specially in the program.

The case of the Eureka Boat Club of Newark, which has been the cause of considerable fuss in the association, was brought up. Judge Tighe, who was chairman of the committee to investigate whether or not the club was an active one, made a favorable report. He found that the club had 70 paying members in good standing, and 12 racing shells in its boat house. This was accepted as satisfactory, and the club was reinstated to membership in the N. A.A.O.

Resolutions of condolence were passed and copies ordered to be forwarded to the family of C. H. Petersen, New York A. C., and Henry A. Mullin of Newark. Both died recently. They were old-time oarsmen, and served as members of the governing body in rowing years ago.

It was James Pilkington's first essay as chairman of the Executive Committee, and he displayed his efficiency by getting rid of the business in the shortest time on record for this organization.

MORLEY WALTERS REINSTATED.

Annual Meeting Canadian Rugby Union—McMurrich President.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Football Union, which was held here Saturday, the following delegates were present: H. Molson, president (in the chair); T. F. Clancy, secretary; R. T. Shillington, Rough Riders; Dr. Clifford Jack, Montreal; R. T. Halligan, Ottawa College; representing the O. R. F. U.: F. D. Woodworth, secretary of the O.R.F.U.; J. D. McMurrich, vice-president, O.R.F.U., and Mr. Johnston, representing the O.R.F.U.

Secretary Clancy, in his annual report, which has been submitted, said: "The annual report, which your executive presents to-day, and which must necessarily be a brief one, brings to a close the twelfth season of the Canadian Rugby Football Union. Altho we have been handicapped to a certain extent by the refusal of the Ontario Rugby Football Union to adopt the rules as laid down at our last annual meeting, yet you executive has every reason to feel proud of the football played during the past season under their rules.

"The action of the Ontario Rugby Football Union in providing rules of their own made it impossible to bring about a final game between the Ontario and Quebec champions. However, Toronto University challenged the Quebec champions for a final game, but as the intercollegiate is not affiliated with the Canadian Rugby Union, it was beyond our power to authorize a game to be played, or to award the championship."

The financial report showed a good balance on the right side. The Canadian Intercollegiate Union made a formal application for membership to the O.R.F.U.

Objection was taken by the Quebec delegates to a clause in the minutes, which read: "That the executive be empowered to provide for the annual championship under such rule as they see fit to order," and finally the clause was removed.

A motion to reinstate Morley Walters was carried.

Mr. McMurrich presented a motion "That all expulsions by individual unions must be referred to the annual meeting of the C.R.F.U. for revision." This caused considerable discussion. Mr. Saillington moved an amendment, seconded by Dr. Jack: "That the amateur standing of players, as defined by the C.A.A.U., be adopted by the C.R.F.U., and that all the rulings of the said C.A.A.U. be recognized by the C.R.F.U." This was carried.

It was also moved and carried that the annual meeting of the C.R.F.U. be held on the second Saturday in January.

The question of the rules to govern the matches gave rise to a protracted discussion. The motion was defeated on a vote by 4 to 3. It was, however, agreed that, should the Quebec Union at their next meeting decide in favor of the change, it was to be placed on record.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. D. McMurrich, Toronto; vice-president, T. F. Clancy, Ottawa College; secretary-treasurer, Rev. A. F. Barr, Toronto.

DOMINION PIGEON ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected and Prizes Presented at Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association was held at the Gladstone Hotel on Saturday night, with President W. Harris in the chair. The usual routine of business was disposed of, after which the treasurer, A. Magee, read his annual statement of money received and how expended. The statement showed a neat balance to the good to carry on the business of the association in 1904. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Wm. Gould; vice-president, George Perry; treasurer, William Harris; secretary, Charles F. Kinsey; Racing and Training Committee for 1904, Messrs. Kinsey, Perry and Harris.

The most pleasing event of the meeting was the distribution of prizes to the successful members who had competed in the races during the past season of 1903. The silver medal of the D. M. P. A. for the best average speed thruout all the races in old and young pigeons was awarded to William Harris. The silver challenge cups were distributed as follows:

The A. & J. Magee Bros.' Challenge Cup, to the winner of the 300-mile race, old pigeons, was awarded to George Bailey; the Major-General Cameron Challenge Cup, for the best average speed in the 300-mile, 400-mile and 500-mile races, for old birds, went to George Bailey; the D.M.P.A. Challenge Cup, for young pigeons winning the 100-mile race, was awarded to Jas. Whillan; the S. Allison Challenge Cup, for young pigeons winning the 150-mile race, was awarded to A. & J. Magee Bros. This cup having been won two years by the Magee Bros., becomes their own property, as the donor of it specified two wins on it by the members. The conditions having been fulfilled, it now leaves the association. The J. E. Ellis Challenge Cup for the best average speed in the young pigeons' races of 100 miles, 150 miles and 200 miles, went to George Bailey. The A. & J. Magee Bros.' Challenge Cup, to the winner of the young pigeons' 200-mile race, was awarded to George Bailey.

This closed the list of prizes, and the meeting adjourned until the latter part of January, 1904.

The Canadian Magazine has secured as an historical serial for 1904 A. G. Bradley's story of "The Fight With France for North America." This is said to be the best account yet written of the struggle which began in 1750 and practically ended with Wolfe's victory on the Plains of Abraham. It will run thru the year, and be profusely illustrated. The January Canadian Magazine will be an Imperial number.

GRENADIERS BEAT Q.O.R.

Officers' Indoor Baseball Game Resulted 31 to 26.

The fast fielding of the Grenadiers proved too much for the Queen's Own Rifles on Saturday night. With good chances of scoring in the first, third and eighth innings, the Grens. spoiled the Rifles' opportunities by lightning plays. In the opening innings, Pellatt pulled down Porter's long drive, that looked good for three bases, and Michell robbed Porter of another triple in the sixth, by a sensational running catch of his hit to the right field territory. Adam and Montgomery also pulled in difficult flies that looked safe. McGaw was like a stone wall at the receiving end of the Grens. battery. Barker, Clarkson, Davison, McGaw, Porter and McGillivray excelled in batting.

A team picked by Major Henderson from the best players of the Officers' League will play an exhibition game with a team of ex-officers, headed by Biddy McGaw, next Saturday evening, in the Armouries. The teams are composed of the crack players of the city. The score:

Grenadiers—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McGaw, c	8	4	6	10	0	1
Porter, p	8	4	4	1	3	1
Burson, 2b	8	4	4	1	1	0
Mason, rf	8	5	4	0	0	0
McGillivray, 1b	7	3	5	10	0	0
Montgomery, 3b	7	1	4	1	1	0
Adam, rs	7	3	3	2	0	0
Mackay, ls	7	5	4	2	2	0
Law, lf	7	2	4	0	0	0
Totals	67	31	38	27	7	2

Q.O.R.—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Barker, p	8	2	5	0	5	2
Michell, 3b and rs	6	4	3	1	0	0
Nicholls, lf	7	3	3	1	1	1
Clarkson, 1b	7	3	6	10	1	2
Davison, ls	7	3	6	3	2	1
Crosby, c	5	2	1	7	0	0
Bruce, rs	3	1	1	0	0	1
Band, rs and 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0
Pellatt, rf	7	3	3	1	0	0
Kingsford, 2b	7	4	4	4	0	0
Totals	61	26	34	27	9	7

Grenadiers .... 3 1 4 0 6 5 6 3 3—31
Q. O. R. .... 1 3 1 1 5 2 10 0 3—26

Two-base hits—McGaw 2, Porter, Burson, McGillivray, Clarkson, Crosby, Band, Kingsford. Three-base hits—McGaw, Porter, Nicholls 2, Barker, Michell, Clarkson. Home run—Barker. Bases on balls—Off Porter 3. Struck out—By Porter 3, by Barker 3. Double plays—McGillivray (unassisted), Montgomery to McGillivray, Burson to McGillivray. Left on bases—Grenadiers 9, Q.O.R. 11. Time of game—1.45. Umpires—Major Nelles and Lieut. Richey.

—Officers' League Standing.—

—Section A.—

	W.	L.	P.C.
G. G. B. G.	1	0	1000
Stanley Barracks	0	0	.000
48th Highlanders	0	1	.000

—Section B.—

	W.	L.	P.C.
36th Regiment	1	0	1000
Grenadiers	1	1	.500
Q. O. R.	0	1	.000

CURLING IN HAMILTON.

Thistles Beaten in Their First Game With Dundas.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—The Thistle Curling Club sent four rinks to Dundas last night, and they were defeated by 13 shots. This was the first game of the season for the Thistles. The rinks were:

Dundas—	Hamilton—
H. C. Clark,	J. Cummer,
P. B. Burton,	W. S. McBrayne,
J. Maw,	T. C. Haslett,
W. Hendry, skip..10	D. Dexter, skip...10
R. Arthurs,	H. W. Wilcox,
W. P. Crawford,	G. Dean,
C. Collins,	W. H. Davis,
H. F. Powell, sk..17	H. A. Wardell, sk. 8
Jas. B. Bertram,	P. S. Glassco,
Dr. Howard,	S. F. Washington,
J. J. Steel,	John Leggat,
Dr. Ross, skip....10	C. S. Wilcox, sk.. 8
H. Maw,	F. W. Gates,
B. Racey,	F. R. Martin,
Alex. Ross,	R. R. Bruce,
C. C. Wilson, sk..13	C.W. Cartwright, s.11
Total 50	Total 37

Victorias of Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the Victoria Curling Club was held last night, when the ten skips chose their rinks. Thomas Clappison, the president, occupied the chair, and said the prospects for a lively season were good.

On Christmas Day a match between the President and Vice-President will take place. The rinks will be as follows:

President—Clappison skip, Shambrook, Kilvington, Cloke, E. J. Moore.

Vice-President—Cunningham, Hunt, Miller, R. A. Campbell, Turner.

Curling in Mutual Street.

Rather unusual was the result of two games between club rinks on Caledonian ice Saturday afternoon. On the last end Prentice tallied 2 and Sawer scored 3, making a double tie, the players and figures being as follows:

Harry Ross,	J. K. Munro,
Robt. Rennie,	J. Cherry,
D. Prentice, jr.,	A. B. Nichols,
D. Prentice, sr., sk.13	John Watson, sk..13
F. W. Tanner,	G. F. Macdonnell,
A. N. Garrett,	James George,
R. H. Ramsay,	S. Rennie,
W. D. McIntosh, sk.14	Geo. Sauer, sk ..14

Granites Elect Representative.

At a meeting of the Granite Bowling Club, held on Saturday evening, H. R. O'Hara was elected as representative for the Old Country tour next season.

Clever Jack O'Brien.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The six-round bout between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Diamond Dick of the Stock Yards, before the Kingston Athletic Club of this city, last night, went the limit, the referee declaring O'Brien the winner on points.

The meeting of the men brought about the question of bulk and muscular strength being able to withstand the science of the clever O'Brien.

Diamond Dick had met and beaten men in O'Brien's class, but none so shifty, and he hoped to win on a chance knockout blow, having received instructions from Tommy Ryan, who trained him and acted as his second.

O'Brien made his man look cheap thru the entire six rounds, and landed on him at will, now and then sending in four or five blows in rapid succession, but with lack of force, not wishing to take a chance on injuring his hands.

The men met at catchweights, O'Brien weighing 150 and Diamond Dick 170. The affair was so one-sided that it appeared more like a burlesque than a boxing match.

Around the Ring.

Dave Sullivan is in Boston, and announces that he is ready to take on anybody at 128 pounds. Young Corbett, Terry McGovern and Jimmy Britt preferred.

Abe Attell and Harry Forbes, who were unable to pull off their battle for legitimate featherweight championship in St. Louis, will have it out before one of the Chicago clubs.

At Philadelphia, Terry McGovern won from Billy Willis in their fight Saturday night. The bout went six rounds. It was fast and furious milling, Terry being the aggressor. His punch was missing.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jack (Twin) Sullivan will meet in a 15-round bout next Tuesday before the Criterion A.C. of Boston. Sullivan expects to give O'Brien a walloping, based on their recent bout in Philadelphia.

George Dixon will shortly return to this country and will try to regain the featherweight championship, which he lost to Terry McGovern. Dixon thinks Young Corbett cannot fight at the featherweight limit, and that he is the legitimate champion.

At Akron, O., Gus Ruhlin won an easy victory Thursday night over Charlie Gheen, a claimant for championship honors. Gheen quit in the fourth round after Ruhlin had made a punching bag out of him. The bout was scheduled to go six rounds. In the preliminary, Art Sims put out Frank Cassidy in two rounds. The fights were witnessed by about 400 Akron and Cleveland followers of the game.

Owing to the fact that Kid Coffey of New York failed to put in an appearance, Patsy Sweeney of Ireland took his place and met Belfield Walcott, brother of Joe Walcott, at the Lenox A.C., Boston, last Friday night. Walcott was substituted for Jig Stone, who was to have fought Coffey. The battle was for 12 rounds. It went the distance and was so even that Referee Dan Donnelly called it a draw.

Young Corbett, the featherweight champion, is doing considerable baseball playing these days while preparing for his coming bout with Eddie Hanlon. Corbett practises two hours each day at the national game, and claims that it has been the means of rounding him up into the good condition in which he is at present. Harry Tuthill, who is training Corbett, says that the kid will be in better condition for this fight than he was the night he fought McGovern.

Basketball.

On Saturday evening, in the Arthur Baldwin Hall, All Saints took in tow the crack S. O. C. team of the Hamilton Y.M.C.A., defeating them in a hotly-contested game by the close score of 13 to 12. Both teams put up a magnificent game. The teams:

Saints (13)—Forwards, E. Taylor, H. Taylor; centre, H. Barclay; defence, R. Stanley, R. Salmon.

Strollers (12)—Forwards, Pryke, Street; centre, Branston; defence, Hall, Harvey.

MARLBORO-ARGONAUT GAME VERY ROUGH EXHIBITION

Neither Team Scored During First Half—Game Ends in a Tie, 2-2.

The people who wandered to Mutual-street Rink on Saturday night to witness the Marlboro-Argonaut hockey match, witnessed the roughest game ever played in Toronto. In fact, at several stages of the game hockey was dropped and prize fighting, pure and simple, indulged in. The score was a tie, 2—2, and is a fair indication of the play. Both teams are responsible for the roughness that prevailed. Hamber was the first man ruled off and was followed by Lal Earls. Then Irvie Ardagh and Doc Wright got in a mix-up and they both adorned the fence. During the second half, Ardagh had another mix-up, this time with Brown, and occupied seats with the timekeepers. Clemes and Birmingham also tried to play the game with their fists and adjourned to the fence. Lal Earls and Riffenstein (twice) were also ruled off during this period.

During the first period of the game no scoring was done, but the play was greatly in favor of the Argonauts. Time after time did they rush down upon the Marlboro's goal, only to have an excellent combination or individual play broken up by the Dukes' defence, or stopped by Eddie Giroux. Giroux played a phenomenal game in goal and made stops that seemed almost impossible. The Marlboros seemed afraid to "butt in," but claim they were fagged from playing in Barrie Friday night. Phillips was unable to play on account of a sprained ankle, Bellingham was suffering from an attack of blood poison, and "Toad" Read had his thumb broken at Barrie. He will be out of the game for a month. This greatly handicapped the Marlboros. The Argonaut team had not practiced together much this season and lacked the combination they are capable of playing. The Marlboros started the second period with a spurt and made several attacks on the Argos' goal, but the husky defence repulsed them. Clemes scored the first game for the Argonauts by a brilliant rush. McLaren soon tied the score by scoring for the Marlboros. Chadwick again scored for the Argonauts and just two minutes before time was up Wright scored for the Marlboros, making the final score 2—2.

W. A. Hewitt made an impartial referee, altho he was kept busy ruling men off. The teams:

Marlboros (2): Goal, Giroux; point, Brown; cover, Lal Earls; centre, Birmingham; rover, J. Earls; wings, McLaren and Wright.

Argonauts (2): Goal, H. Ardagh; point, Riffenstein; cover, Hamber; centre, Chadwick; rover, Irving Ardagh; wings, Clemes and Bloomfield.

Referee—W. A. Hewitt. Timekeepers—C. Webster and F. C. Waghorne. Attendance—800.

O.H.A. Intelligence.

The schedules of championship games in the senior, intermediate and junior series of the Ontario Hockey Association were completed on Saturday, with the exception of intermediate No. 9. Each group arranged its own games on the order from the Executive Committee that a winner must be provided by the 30th of January.

There are 75 clubs, with 92 teams, in the association, divided as follows: Senior, 11; intermediate, 53; junior, 8. As each team has an average of 15 candidates for positions on the seven, the number of young hockeyists now in active training for Canada's great sport might be roughly estimated at about 1400 players. The clubs are representative of the territory extending from Cornwall on the east to Sault Ste. Marie on the west.

The O. H. A. secretary received an enquiry Saturday from James E. Monkman of St. Paul, Minn., in regard to the amateur status of the Houghton, Mich., and American Soo Hockey Clubs.

Mr. Monkman was informed that both teams were professional organizations and under the ban of the O. H. A.

Manager Parker of the Cayuga team has written to the O. H. A., asking permission to play some of the players of the Challenger Leather Goods factory team. The factory opened on Dec. 1, and have organized a hockey team, from which Mr. Parker thinks he can get some good players.

A meeting of the Executive will be held on Monday evening for the purpose of revising the schedule and transacting general business. Group 9 is composed of North Bay, Sudbury and Sturgeon Falls. D. L. MacLeod of North Bay is convener. This schedule will be drawn up on Monday and wired to Secretary Hewitt, so that the Executive can deal with it Monday night. The new O. H. A. rule book will be issued this week. The last schedule in the junior series to be compiled was in Group No. 8. It is as follows:

—Group No. 8.—

Clubs—Listowel, Stratford II., Ingersoll, Woodstock Juniors and Hortons of London.

Convener—Dr. D. J. Sinclair, Woodstock. Met at Woodstock.

Dec. 28—Stratford at Listowel.
Dec. 30—Listowel at Stratford.
Dec. 28—Ingersoll at Woodstock.
Dec. 30—Woodstock at Ingersoll.
London, bye.
Jan. 4—Ingersoll at Listowel.
Jan. 6—Listowel at Ingersoll.
Jan. 5—Woodstock at London.
Jan. 8—London at Woodstock.
Stratford, bye.
Jan. 11—London at Ingersoll.
Jan. 14—Ingersoll at London.
Jan. 12—Stratford at Woodstock.
Jan. 14—Woodstock at Stratford.
Listowel, bye.
Jan. 19—Stratford at London.
Jan. 21—London at Stratford.
Jan. 18—Woodstock at Listowel.
Jan. 20—Listowel at Woodstock.
Ingersoll, bye.
Jan. 25—Listowel at London.
Jan. 27—London at Listowel.
Jan. 25—Stratford at Ingersoll.
Jan. 28—Ingersoll at Stratford.
Woodstock, bye.

Referees—Joseph Myers, Listowel; Peter Leddy, London; C. R. Rankin, Stratford; F. C. Herrington and C. Farnsworth, Woodstock, and R. A. Williams and J. D. Smith of Ingersoll.

No. 2 Trent Valley League.

Deseronto, Dec. 19.—At a meeting held in the Quinte Hotel, Belleville, of which Bruce Williams of Napanee was convener, the following schedule was drawn up for group No. 2 of the Trent Valley Hockey League:

Dec. 29—Picton at Deseronto.
Jan. 1—Deseronto at Belleville.
Jan. 10—Deseronto at Napanee.
Jan. 11—Belleville at Picton.
Jan. 15—Napanee at Belleville.
Jan. 19—Belleville at Deseronto.
Jan. 20—Picton at Napanee.
Jan. 25—Deseronto at Picton.
Jan. 28—Belleville at Napanee.
Jan. 31—Napanee at Deseronto.
Feb. 2—Picton at Belleville.
Feb. 4—Napanee at Picton.

It was decided that this group admit Picton, instead of Picton getting a bye with the winners. Delegates present were: B. H. Williams, Napanee; W. J. German, Picton; F. G. Williamson, Belleville, and M. J. Burns, Deseronto.

Hockey in New York.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Yale hockey team showed a great improvement last evening over the exhibition they gave when they were beaten a few weeks ago by the Hockey Club of New York. In their game with the New York Athletic Club last night, the score was a tie of 3 to 3. It was the first time the New York Athletic Club's team had been seen here on the ice this season, since its recent reorganization, caused by the players who left it to join the newly formed club, the Wanderers. The line-up and score:

Yale (3): Goal, Peverly; point, Miller; cover-point, Ward; forwards, Cooper, Adams, Cornell, Behr.

New York A.C. (3): Goal, O'Donnell; point, McArthur; cover-point, Hunt; forwards, G. Hornfeck, Wills, Harmon, Coolican.

Score—Yale 3, New York A.C. 3. Goals—For New York A. C., Wells, Hornfeck (2); for Yale, Behr (2), Cornell. Referee—W. M. Russell, New York A. C.

After the Puck.

Jack Earls of Buffalo, who was the star forward on the Marlboro intermediate team last season, played with his club Saturday night, and, altho he has had no practice, he played a splendid game.

The Old Orchards will have a big practice on Monday night. Such speedy men as Foreman, Duke Cotton, Bob Cotton, Sale, Lapatnikoff, are already practising nightly. The club is making arrangements to play in Collingwood on Christmas night.

Owing to the way some of the men were disabled in the game at Barrie, the Marlboros have decided not to play any more exhibition games until after they have played their O.H.A. series. Collingwood, Port Hope, Peterboro, Picton, Galt and Orillia all wanted games, but Manager Waghorne has notified them that the Dukes cannot accommodate them.

It is to be regretted that the Argonauts could not place a senior team in the O.H.A. They had a splendid line-up on the ice Saturday night, which, of course, was composed of men from the St. Georges and Bank teams, but which, if it could be kept together, would be a strong factor in the senior series. This would weaken some of the other senior teams, but would divide things more evenly and make the contests in the senior city series more interesting.

Mr. George N. Giddy received word this morning that the St. Georges of Toronto would be unable to fill their engagement here on Christmas Day. If possible a game will be arranged with the Bank of Toronto team.—Port Hope Guide. Manager Morrison of the St. Georges when asked about the above report, said that it was a mistake. Someone not connected with the St. Georges sent the following telegram to Port Hope: "Can't play in Port Hope on Christmas," and signed "Read." It seems that one of the bank teams were to play in Port Hope on New Year's Day and they have probably made a mistake in the date.

The World hockey team challenge any other city newspaper septet to a game of hockey, the losers to buy the oysters.

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POLICE ATHLETICS.

The Athletic Association of the Toronto Police Force held their annual nominations on Saturday.

Division No. 1—Inspector Hall, Sergt. Seymour, P. C. Snell.

Division No. 2—P. C. Clark, P. C. Egan, P. C. Anderson.

Division No. 3—Inspector Brackenreid, P. C. Young, P. C. Bond (50), P. C. McNair, P. C. McDonald (193).

Division No. 4—Sergt. McFarlane, Sergt. Miller, P. C. Allen (184), P. C. Fairweather, P. C. Page.

Division No. 5—P. C. Stewart (101), P. C. Armstrong, P. C. Umbach.

Division No. 6—Sergt. Robinson, P. C. Phelan, P. C. Duncan, P. C. Ross.

Division No. 7—Inspector Stark, P. C. Anson, P. C. Follis.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $3900. The profits from this year's games amounted to $184.

HAS $8,000,000 CAPITAL,

But Names Behind Northern Consolidated Holding Co. Are Secret.

The Ontario Gazette for the week contains the granting of a charter to the Northern Consolidated Holding Company, Limited, with a capital of $8,000,000, the provisional directors to be James Steller Lovell, accountant; William Bain, bookkeeper, and E. W. McNeill, Robert Gowans and Richard Richardson, solicitors' clerks, all of the firm of Blake, Lash & Cassels, and they are named as the provisional directors of the Freehold Realty Company, Limited, with a capital of $250,000. Miller Lash last night admitted there were some powerful people behind these firms, but declined to give their names. The former company is empowered to do a general business in bonds and securities, and to assist in raising money for and to aid by way of bonus, guarantees and other ways any corporation in the capital stock of which the company holds shares or has business relations.

Other charters granted are: The International Iron Mining Company, Limited, of Port Arthur, capital $1,000,000; J. H. Wilcher & Son, Limited, of Wiarton, drug supplies, $5000; Enterprise Hosiery and Underwear Company, Limited, of Toronto Junction, $40,000; W. H. Lailey & Co., Limited, of Toronto, $100,000; the Empire Carpet Company, Limited, of Dundas, $75,000; the Sudbury Brick Company, Limited, $10,000; the Canadian Camera Company, Limited, of Toronto, $60,000; Jaffray Bros., Limited, of Galt, publishers, $20,000; Ladies' Wear, Limited, of Toronto, $100,000; Eastern Building Company, Limited, of Hamilton, $80,000. A license is given the Chapman Double Ball Bearing Company of Canada, Limited, incorporated in Nova Scotia, to do business in Ontario.

DID GERMANS SAVE ENGLISH?

Emperor William's Reference to Waterloo Arouses Resentment.

London, Dec. 21.—Considerable resentment is shown in the English press over the reference to Waterloo made by Emperor William on Saturday at a banquet in Hanover in honor of the anniversary of the Hanoverian regiments, when the Emperor said the German Legion saved the English at Waterloo. The papers protest against the claim.

ELEVEN YEARS WITH LEPERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—After having spent the past eleven years caring for the children of the lepers of the Hawaiian Islands, Sister Albania of the Franciscan Order, who was formerly Miss Miriam Sluder of St. Louis, has arrived here on a visit to her parents. Sister Albania said that the common belief that children of the lepers inherited the disease of lepers is erroneous.

WHILE CRAZED WITH LIQUOR.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—While crazed with liquor to-day, Frederick Pflugradt, a machinist, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Mrs. Pflugradt was ill in bed with her week-old baby, when her husband staggered into the room and opened fire.

TROUBLE WITH U.S. CUSTOMS.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Much annoyance has been caused to passengers by the enforcement of a new customs regulation at U.S. ports. The Dominion Atlantic Railway Liner Boston was detained for two hours at Boston while the passengers on board were compelled to make a declaration as to whether there were dutiable goods in their baggage and the valuation. The rule is an application of that in force for ocean steamships, where no railway competition being affected there is no cause for complaint. The Canadian steamship companies will agitate for a continuance of the present system, whereby the inspectors examine the baggage of the passengers without written declarations.

Eglinton.

The death occurred at Grace Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday afternoon of Benjamin Jones of Victoria-avenue, in his 83rd year. Deceased on Tuesday last was stricken with paralysis, while on his way to the city. He was taken to the hospital, and passed away at 1 o'clock yesterday. He was one of the oldest residents of Eglinton. He was born on the second concession of York Township, East, where his brother Robert still lives. He leaves a widow and a sister, Mrs. Jacques of Eglinton.

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FREIGHT NEARLY HIT TROLLEY.

Car Got Over Avenue-Road Crossing Just in Time.

There was nearly a catastrope on Saturday afternoon at the railway crossing on Avenue-road. The street cars were run north over the C. P. R. tracks for the first time to the foot of the hill.

The motorman of car 702, thru either ignorance or carelessness, according to Superintendent Murphy of the C. P. R., deliberately neglected the frantic signals of the flagman on duty and ran his car across, escaping by only a few seconds a collision with a heavy freight train running at 25 miles an hour.

Owing to the trolley lines, the railway gates were not in use in the early part of the day, but a new arrangement was completed later, which will preclude any accident such as might have happened.

An injunction was issued Saturday restraining the Toronto Street Railway from crossing the tracks, and the service was discontinued late in the afternoon, as the company has not secured necessary permission from Ottawa.

BERNIER STILL HOPEFUL.

Offered Command of Airship Polar Expedition, But Declined.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Captain Bernier of Polar expedition fame, says that he has been offered the command of an expedition which will go in search of the North Pole in an air ship. Chicago men, he says, are behind the scheme, and they have their plans perfected. The captain, however, has declined the offer, as he is determined to make the dash for the pole at the head of a Canadian expedition. He is still sanguine of the ultimate success of his plans.

GAVE FORTUNE TO THE POOR.

Eccentricities of Woman Who Has Just Died at Age of 105.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Honoretta Marshall of Webster died in Worcester Insane Hospital last night, at the age of 105 years 4 months and 12 days. She was born in Poland. Left a widow nearly 60 years ago with immense wealth, she devoted herself to distributing her entire fortune, and sold her home to give to the poor. Forty-seven years ago she married John Marshall in Poland. She came to America soon afterward. Six years ago she developed a mania for walking night and day, and was placed in an asylum.

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE.

The men of No. 1 Police Division were transferred on Saturday from the City Hall to the old Court-street building, which has been undergoing repairs for the past ten months. About $15,000 has been spent in renovating the old place. When it is finished it will doubtless answer the purpose for which it is intended.

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