

## Gossip and Comment

"Yo! ho, for the breezes blow,  
And the ice is strong and keen."

And the ice boat men are jubilant, for the bay is frozen over and the outlook is good for iceboating to-morrow. The Dillon boys predict that there will be some good sport on the bay this season and it is likely that a number of sweepstakes will be arranged. Commodore Roach will have the "Shipper Jane" overhauled and the skates sharpened at once.

So it is possible that Jeffries will weaken and meet Jack Johnson, after all. Well, that was always to be expected. With a chance to pick up \$50,000 or more, it would be poor business policy for Jeff to turn the proposition down, and though there are those who doubt his ability to beat the big black fellow, yet he will come nearer to turning the trick than any of the others.

If Jeffries comes down off his perch, Corbett will be the man who will bring him down. When Corbett announced that he would fight Johnson, Jeffries saw his old rival picking up a lot of easy money, and as he does not like Corbett any too well, he may have concluded that it would be a wise move to get the coin himself.

Incidentally, all the old has-beens are getting a lot of publicity these days at Johnson's expense, the outcome of which will be that one of them will finally be matched with the conqueror of Tommy Burns.

A few health hints for sports:  
Shut the door.  
Keep the draft off your ankles.  
Bet somebody the dinner for four that you are not afraid to take a plunge in the lake or that you will circumnavigate the loop under a straw hat.  
Ask everybody you meet if it's cold enough for him and get a warm reception.  
Don't do as your doctor says, but what you see him doing.

Remember what you took to keep cool last July and have the prescription refilled. It is a poor brand of poison that doesn't work both ways.

Drink lots of water before and after the fact.  
Remember the poor and think how much better it is not to be.

By Hek.

Toronto News—A Hamilton despatch says that the ambitious basketball team, who have been "always going to" leave the C. A. A. U. are angry. The trouble seems to be that a couple of Brantford players, suspended long ago for professionalism, have been reinstated, whereas Mellon, who played the game a good deal in the States, has been turned down.

Whether or not their contention is valid, the Hamilton boys are now in rather peculiar light for trouble makers, they pretty nearly carry off the cake. They've been doing little else for a year or two.

Now it's rather ludicrous to see them worried because of trouble originating elsewhere.

Advices from London "are to the effect that H. W. Wilson, the speedy English mile runner, who holds the world's record, 3 minutes 39.4 seconds, for the 1,500 metre run, is going to make his home permanently on this continent. He is considering a business opening in New York.

Toronto World: Jack Thoney's many friends in Toronto will be glad to know that his shoulder that he injured here in 1907 and which troubled him spasmodically last year at Boston, promises to be all right the coming season. His arm has had a long rest and that was what the doctor ordered. Dr. Reese said that all Thoney needed to put his arm back in form was a rest from the time he left the team at Cleveland until spring practice. Thoney promised Manager Lake when he started for his home that he would not touch a ball until spring. He has kept his word.

Harry Pollok is peevish over the stories going the rounds that Dorando deliberately quit in his race with Longboat last Saturday night. Says he:

"Dorando was forced to retire from the race in Buffalo because of a severe attack of cramps in the stomach. During the running of the 16th mile his brother, Ulpiano, told me that Dorando was suffering from cramps and asked me to get him some brandy. I did so and Dorando took a good dose of it, but it did not have the desired effect, and just before he left the track it could plainly be seen that he was suffering agony. Up to the time that he was forced to retire, he ran one of the most remarkable races that has ever taken place. The time was over four minutes faster than in the race between Longboat and Dorando at the garden, and Tom Flanagan, Longboat's manager, said himself that had the Italian not dropped out of the race Longboat would surely have 'cracked.'"

Toronto Telegram:  
It is to be hoped the present touring curlers will make a better showing across the water than did the Scottish team out here, and they probably will. Of course the Scottish curlers were not used to the pebbled ice with the wide draw, while the Canadians should be able to adapt themselves to the straight ice. The team is a fairly representative one, and we wish it success.

"I pen misfortune," once declared  
A poet of enduring fame;  
I've often wondered why he played  
At such a pessimistic game!  
But now I know! For in the past  
I've penned some rotten things myself.

And found it paid the best to write  
Misfortune, if you'd save your self.  
For, write that a piece of luck  
Or money that has come your way,  
And motley hosts of creditors  
Will haunt you publication day.

—Exchange.

The 1909 Spalding's Official Baseball Record is out. It is edited by John B. Foster, of New York, well-known in baseball circles throughout the country as a leading authority on the game. Mr. Foster succeeds the late Henry Chadwick—"The Father of Baseball"—who edited the first number of the Record and was editor of Spalding's Official Baseball Guide for nearly thirty years. The Record is for sale by all newsdealers, or will be sent by mail on receipt of 10 cents by the American Publishing Company, 21 Warren street, New York.

Dan T. Murray, so well known as the form-chert maker on the Canadian circuit, is now presiding judge at the El Paso, Texas.

## BRANTFORD PROS. WON

### Flying Dutchmen Beaten Last Night.

### The Eel Won the Free-For-All Yesterday.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 8.—The fastest game of hockey ever pulled off in this city was played here last night, when the Brantford Pros. administered a decisive wallop to the "Dutch Company," of Berlin, by the score of 9 to 4. It was a game replete with sensational work on both sides, and there was not a dull minute throughout. The Brantfords appeared a much better balanced team than the visitors, among whom were noticed a couple of juicy lemons in Taylor and Serviss, who were of little value to their team mates. Corbett took Gross' place at point, the latter being laid up from the Toronto game. The Brantfords presented a changed line-up. Miller played rover and Smith centre with good effect. A crowd of 2,500 went wild over the game, which was remarkably clean, considering the fast work. Referee Jack Lillie gave good satisfaction and the penalties were few.

Play had only commenced when Taylor cross-checked Marks and the two went down in a fistic combat on the ice. This was the only rough-house feature of the game. Both teams went at it strenuously, and Berlin notched the first goal on an easy chance in 13 minutes. Brown's men evened up in 8 minutes on a spectacular rush by Miller and Povey. Tommy Smith and Can. MacDonald put the game to the velvet in quick order, with successive shots and half-time closed with the score 5 to 2. Brantford played the visitors off their feet at stages. Marks, Povey and Smith showing remarkable speed, while the defence checked well. Miller, in the second half, distinguished himself by great rushes and scored two goals. The feature of the play, however, was the great work of the goal tenders. Meade, the home-brew, had it on Lehman, of Berlin, a little, but the pair made wonderful stops. Rowley Young put up a good game for the visitors, but Corbett spoiled his efforts by tripping. He was penalized four times for minor offences.

Berlin will have to get a better forward line to win the league. The team showed no system in the game last night.

The line-up:  
Brantford—Goal, Meade; point, Povey; cover-point, MacDonald; rover, Miller; centre, Smith; right wing, Marks; left wing, Throon.

Berlin—Goal, Lehman; point, Corbett; cover-point, Young; rover, Serviss; centre, Taylor; right wing, Dumart; left wing, Service.

Timekeepers, F. Dumart, Berlin; W. H. Crawford, Brantford. Penalty, Norman Irving.

Goals scored—Taylor 2, Dumart 2, Povey 2, Smith 5, Miller 2.  
LONDON 9, ST. MARY'S 2.

St. Mary's, Jan. 8.—The first home game of the season was played here last night between London and St. Mary's, and resulted in a score of 9 to 2 in favour of London. The score does not indicate the play, as St. Mary's played a very strong game. London had the advantage in goal. The game was very exciting from start to finish. The line-up was as follows:

London—Goal, Parkinson; point, McGill; cover-point, Fetterly; rover, McGress; centre, Munroe; left wing, Lachie; right wing, Collins.

St. Mary's—Goal, Tuer; point, Nichol; cover-point, L. Wilson; rover, F. Wilson; centre, Weston; left wing, Jackson; right wing, Maxwell.

Referee Irving, of London, gave good satisfaction.

AYR BEAT O. A. C.  
Guelph, Jan. 8.—The O. A. C. College intermediate team opened the season last night in a game with Ayr, in which they were defeated 4 to 3. Both sides showed a lack of team work, and the shooting was poor, although excitement did not lag. O. A. C. took the first, Ayr the second and the college the third. Ayr closed the half, scoring two in rapid succession. Score 3-2.

The College scored quickly in the last half, and it was not until nearly time, after a bombardment, almost continuous on the college net, that pulled ahead. Hoffman in goal played a wonderful game, and Gordon and Clark were the best on the line. Rennie was the star for Ayr. Line-up:

Ayr—Goal, Morton; point, Rennie; cover, Lowe; rover, Shaubenberg; centre, Scott; left, Kyle; right, McLean.

O. A. C.—Goal, Hoffman; point, Meade; rover, Edgar; rover, Foster; centre, Clark; left, Learmouth; right, Gordon.

Referee—Hearn, Stratford.

FROM O. H. A. HEADQUARTERS.  
The following players were registered yesterday with the O. H. A.:

Collingwood (junior)—H. K. Weather-ton, Laurier Noble, Harry Smith, Orilla (junior)—John Black, M. R. Carter.

Simcoe (junior)—G. J. Ronan, Carl Weber, A. Maclean, D. A. Sinclair, D. McNeil, R. E. Crown, Jack C. German, J. G. C. Spence, R. H. Dean, G. M. Murray, T. A. McGuire, G. E. Clark, Fraser Allen, Ross Humphrey, James E. Boyd, H. Despard, Wm. Croft, A. B. Meredith, Percy Reid, Paul B. Meredith, W. Norris, W. Warwick.

Roehm Rendered Unconscious.

Dunkirk, Jan. 8.—After Otto Roehm, of Buffalo, and Billy Rich, claimed to be Al Ackerman, had wrestled for 45 minutes without a fall at Oddfellows Hall last night, Roehm was thrown on his head and badly stunned. Before he recovered Rich pinned his shoulders to the mat. Roehm lay in a semi-conscious condition on the mat for about five minutes, and then was helped to a dressing room. After an intermission of fifteen minutes, Roehm found his condition was such that it was practically impossible for him to continue. A conference was held and the principals and management of the club decided to call it an unfinished match, call bets off and have the men wrestle again at a later date.

Roehm and Rich both addressed the crowd and were cheered to the echo. Each stated that he was willing to wrestle in the near future at 145 pounds with a big side bet. About 400 witnessed the bout.

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## From the Scrap Heap

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Promoter Charley Lerici is not discouraged over his former unprofitable attempt to hold bouts here. He has secured the January permit and will endeavor to get Marvin Hart and Sam Langford together. Langford is considerably the lighter of the pair, but is perfectly willing to concede the weight.

Willie Britt has wired here that he will attend to Ketchel's end of affairs, in case the latter is matched in the near future. The latter is the lighter of the pair, but is perfectly willing to concede the weight.

James J. Jeffries is wavering. Somebody must have been telling him that \$50,000 is a whole lot of money. At any rate, the latest is a question as to whether the effect that Jeffries is about to close with an amusement company in San Francisco to appear for one week in three-round exhibitions, for which he is to receive \$3,000. Now, the natural dope is that, when Jeffries realizes how hard it is to pick up \$3,000 a week, he will permit himself to be booked for other engagements, and in this way gradually drift back into the game.

People who are very close to the big fellow say that the only thing that is holding back a definite announcement of Jeffries' return to the ring is whether Jeffries can stand severe training without undermining his health. Jeffries weighs about 200 pounds, and he would have to train down to about 255 pounds before he would be in condition to fight. Still, such a notable trainer as Billy Delaney says that Jeffries, by a careful course of training, could reduce his weight at least 40 pounds if given six months' time. And if Jeffries does return to the ring, Billy Delaney will be the man who will handle him.

Look at the proposed bout between Jeffries and Johnson from the sensible side, it is only natural to predict that there will not be a meeting between this pair for a year at least. Johnson could not be induced to jump into the ring with Jeffries within a few months. The negro knows how good Jeffries is, and wants to pick up some easy money first, just as Burns and others have done, and we can't blame him.