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THESE SKATERS WERE TO FOREN OLD DAYS HERE

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FRED BAILEY WON ALL HIS 14 RACES

"Mike" Walsh a Whirlwind—One Member Now is Priest.

Pressure of space in Friday's skating edition caused an oversight of reminiscences of skating, and some flyers of more than local note were not more than mentioned with the others. These included Wilson Breen, brother of the former champion, Fred Breen; Fred M. Bailey, Mike Walsh, the pride of West Saint John, for several seasons, "Joe" McLaughlin whose skating career was cut short by his theological studies; Roy Lawson, a lad who broke into speed a few seasons ago, but discontinued racing; Elmer Ingraham, now a postal clerk, and others.

FRED M. BAILEY
One of the old time skaters in Saint John who never lost a race was Fred M. Bailey, repeater chief of the Western Union Telegraph here. All his racing was done in the year 1885 and in that year he skated 14 races, coming in ahead in all of them.

His first race was in the Victoria rink, where he defeated a field of eight, among them Charles Whelpley. The other thirteen races were all skated on the Lansdowne rink, now St. Andrew's curling rink.

His big race was a two mile match with G. Wilford Campbell and it took the judges 45 minutes to settle who had won, so close was the finish. The race started from opposite sides of the rink and at the start Mr. Campbell had everything his own way, being half a lap to the good at the end of the first mile. From that time on the skaters of Bailey began to tell and he gradually drew up on his rival. When they crossed the line at the end of the second mile it seemed as though they had skated a tie but after due deliberation the judges decided that Bailey had won by six inches.

Mr. Bailey skated the first mile in this race in 3:38 and the second in 3:22, making the time for the two miles 7 minutes flat. The following year Mr. Bailey retired from the skating game.

MIKE WALSH'S CAREER.

Conspicuous among these skaters for steady campaigning all over Maritime Provinces, was Mike Walsh, of West Saint John. He was a regular whirlwind and it was always an open question in his prime as to whether or not the fastest man on skates in this section of the Dominion. Away back in 1892 Walsh won the Maritime championship on the Canadian rink, when only a lad of 14 years, defeating grown men. As Mike says, he never was a boy.

Throughout the nineties Walsh was in every important meet defending his title, his special rivals being Bart Duffy, Billy Merritt, Ned Dalton and Parkley Pen. Parkley Pen, however, was among this group, and after a career punctuated with periods of railroad riding in the State of Maine, in Nova Scotia, soldiering in South Africa, and finally laid off by serious physical injuries, the West End flyer retired in 1908.

SOME WALSH FIGURES.

In his skating year Mike Walsh is credited with the unofficial mark of 17.4 sec. for 220 yds. in the Victoria rink with a genuine official record of 19.1-5 also with having paced Joe Donohue of New York when he made the Victoria circle in 2:23. In fact when in his prime Walsh's skating simply sparkled with fast time. He toured eastern Canada with Joe Donohue giving amateur exhibitions and at one time Davidson, Canadian amateur champion backed out of his contract to skate him in Sydney.

WILSON BREEN.

Wilson Breen is still believed by many to have been faster than his champion brother, Fred, although they never put it to the test. He was a professional and his most notable match was when he defeated Lillie, Nova Scotia ace. It was arranged that he should meet Joe Donohue, American champion. Donohue is said to have wiggled out of the arrangement. Mike Walsh says Wilson Breen would have beaten him and Donohue knew it. Mike also said that Breen was the fastest all-around skater in Saint John ever had, but he didn't race often enough to prove it to the world. Wilson Breen is now a building contractor in Massachusetts.

OTHER OLD TIMERS.

Upon reflection, other names of fast skaters in this locality bob up. There was Ernie Wright of the younger generation who had the mark of championship in his performance about 18 years ago. Away back in the old days were Billy Lamb and Joe Wallace. And who can remember far enough to recall George Beverly, juvenile champion? Also "Mungo" Higgins, a plump little youngster who traveled near and far and made a cleanup everywhere as a boy wonder? Higgins met death in a burning accident years ago. Robert (Kit) Carson, who passed away in North End two months ago, was another by-word skating personality in the old days. He had more than 150 trophies.

REV. JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN.

Joe McLaughlin, now Rev. Jos. L. McLaughlin, C. S. S. R., of London, Ont., was one of the boy sensations over 20 years ago. As a High School lad, he showed his heels to most of the seasoned skaters, then doing most of the winning, and had it not been that his sporting career was interrupted by preparatory studies, he might have climbed to the top of the list. Indeed, during vacation periods, when he would be home from college, he took delight in administering friendly defeats to his former rivals.

ELMER INGRAHAM.

Elmer Ingraham won the boy's championship of Canada and the

Saint John Actor In \$2,000 Week Class; Moncton Girl Is Dancing In Broadway Bill

A recent theatrical magazine states that Walter Pidgeon, Saint John, who has graduated from musical comedy hero roles into the status of a moving picture leading man, started in the pictures at a salary of \$1,500 a week, with the promise of \$500 extra upon the completion of his second picture. After appearing in "Mannequin" for the Famous Players Lasky Corporation, Mr. Pidgeon played opposite Corinne Griffith for First National, and is now taking a picture with Norma Talmadge as his leading lady.

NOW ON BROADWAY.

Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thompson of Moncton, who will be remembered by

Saint John people as having done professional dancing in the Imperial Theatre last month, is meeting with much success in the U. S. centres. After a demonstration of her art she became attached to the solo dancing staff of the Broadway production, "Lady Be Good," and later went on tour with that organization. The last engagement of this popular musical comedy was a month at the Colonial Theatre in Boston, ending in December. Miss Thompson is now appearing in the Broadway production of "Rose Marie," which position she gained after a single rehearsal. It would appear from these first experiences that the little Moncton lady is destined to go far in her profession.

NICE WINTER DAY AFTER MERCURY DIP

Twelve Below Early This Morning But Above This Afternoon—Elsewhere

The change in weather since yesterday brought the mercury down to 12 below here early this morning, but this afternoon it had climbed above the cipher again and it was a nice winter day, with bright sunshine. The probabilities are for continued fine cold weather, D. L. Hutchinson, of the Meteorological Bureau, said this morning. This cold snap did not reach the low record achieved last winter, when the mercury dropped to 19 degrees below on Jan. 19.

IN MARITIME PLACES.

The following reports, collected by the Western Union Telegraph Co., show the temperatures throughout the Maritime Provinces: **HALIFAX**—Overcast; 1 below. **WOODVILLE**—Clear; 1 below. **NEWCASTLE**—Fair; 22 below. **ST. STEPHEN**—Clear; 18 below. **SYDNEY**—Northwest gale; 4 below. **CHARLOTTETOWN**—Heavy gale; 12 below. **EDMUNDSTON**—Fine; 20 below early this morning. **FREDERICTON**—10 below at 8 a. m.; now zero; clear. **MONCTON**—18 below at 2 a. m.; 8 below at 11 a. m.; clear.

STORIES DIFFER AS TO TROUBLE IN MILL

Police Court Matter Goes Over Till Monday For More Evidence

Jerry Chapman was charged in the Police Court this morning with having assaulted Jerry Finnegan yesterday in the cotton mill. Finnegan told his Honor that Chapman had ordered him to do something and the witness had refused, remarking that Chapman was not his boss. He said Chapman then caught him by the throat and struck him with a bat.

Chapman vigorously denied all this and said that the complainant had used obscene and insulting language to him and he had made him withdraw it and then he did so, he had let Finnegan go. His Honor allowed the case to stand until witnesses could be called to court. The case was set over until Monday at 10:30 a.m.

WORK FOR MISSIONS

Fairville Baptist, Wideawake Band Realizes \$25 at Sale and Tea

The Wideawake Mission Band of the Fairville Baptist church, under the direction of Mrs. William Harris, held a delightful afternoon tea and sale yesterday afternoon in the church school-rooms. Red granitum and green foliage made an effective decoration. The tables were well patronized. Members of the W. M. A. S. assisted the children. Rev. Thomas Kerrigan and Mrs. Joseph Maxwell presided over the tea and coffee urns, and Mrs. W. Harris, Mrs. Harry Carr and Mrs. C. H. Bebridge replenished. The Wideawake band members who served were Misses Ruth Kerrigan, Mary Clark, Lella Malespence, Marion Maxwell, Zena Leahy, Edith Reed, Myrtle Lahay and Margaret Patterson. A fancy work booth was in charge of Miss Alice Canley and Miss Minnie Fenn; a candy booth in charge of the following boys: Kerr Smith, Winfield Allingham, Burton Huels and Ralph Finley. The sum of \$25 was realized for missions.

Mrs. A. White Left Relatives Here

Mrs. Arthur White, who died on January 19, at her home in Oromocto after a brief illness, is survived by her husband, an infant ten days old, also her mother, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, of Armstrong's Corner, three sisters, Mrs. Fred Davis, of Armstrong's Corner, and Mrs. Vernon McCumber, of Fairville, and five brothers, Thomas and George, of Saint John, Fred and John, of Detroit, Mich., and James, of Armstrong's Corner.

Mrs. White was formerly Miss Myrtle Isabelle Mitchell, of Armstrong's Corner. Her death came as a shock to many friends. She was a member of the choir of the United Church at Oromocto, an earnest worker in the church and Sunday school, and beloved by all who knew her.

Her funeral took place from the church on Thursday afternoon, and was attended by many relatives and friends. Rev. M. H. Chapman, pastor of the church, conducted service and the choir sang the hymns "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide With Me." There were many beautiful floral tributes expressing sympathy to the bereaved family. Interment took place in the cemetery at Oromocto.

Mr. and Mrs. McCumber and daughter, Hazel, have returned home from Oromocto after attending the funeral.

AUXILIARY ENTERTAINED.

Eleven members of the Auxiliary of the Loyal True Blue Association were entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. O. C. Ward, Duke street. Mrs. Harry Brown, the president, presided. Sewing and quilting were accomplished and a social half hour enjoyed. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. Reed, served dainty refreshment. The auxiliary will meet on next Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lillian Clark, Dorchester street.

CLOTHING WAS AFIRE.

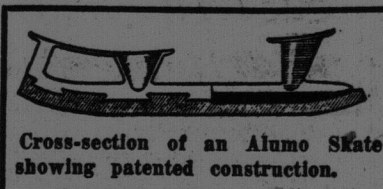
Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the fire department responded to an alarm from box 15, Prince Edward street, near the mill. The fire was in a clothing store for a slight fire in a tenement owned by the Eastern Trust Company. The fire was among some clothing hanging behind a door on the second floor, and is supposed to have been started by children playing with matches. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the chemical.

UNITED STATES AT A BIG MONTREAL MEET

Between 15 and 20 years ago. At that time, he was one of the most formidable skaters in Saint John ever turned out at the skating game and had it not been that he, too, concentrated on preparation for his worldly life, he might have kept well to the front amongst the topnotchers. At this time Mr. Ingraham is one of the prime movers and workers in sporting matters pertaining to Saint John and his valuable help is always appreciated.

BART DUFFY'S RECORD

The skating section carried a report that Charlie Gorman had broken Bart Duffy's half mile record for the Victoria rink last year. This is declared incorrect and Duffy's record, 1:21 1-5 seconds still stands.



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