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A WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

That the president of the International Skating Union should declare St. John should have the next international championship is the finest tribute that could be paid to Lily Lake, to the method in which sports are conducted here, and above all to the Young Men's Catholic Institute, which made the venture and brought the national championships to this city. The international president told the banquet last night that in all his experience he had never seen a place so ideally fitted to stage a great skating meet as is Lily Lake. All the visiting officials and the skaters agree that nowhere have they seen such crowds as witnessed the races here, and nowhere have they got so hearty and generous a reception. It is worth while to have this said about St. John and to have it repeated all over the continent. Yesterday was a wonderful day in the sporting annals of the city. All who in any way contributed to its success are heartily congratulated. While our people have liked to see their own representatives make a better showing in the events, yet they did so well when up against the fastest skaters in the world that there is only room for a feeling of pride in their achievement—and they may do still better today.

IMMIGRATION

The Halifax Chronicle points out that more people are wanted in Canada, but expresses the fear that the rules as to who may be admitted may be so strict as to shut out many who would be a genuine asset to the country. Expected settlers from the mother country on other ground than that of disease, and it gives this illustration: "Less than sixty years ago, when times were harder than they have ever been since, there landed at a Nova Scotia seaport a Scottish family so poor that they were scarcely sufficiently clad. They made their way to an inland town on foot—most of them barefooted. From that family came two clergymen, one of whom is now the able and widely known one of the most able and widely known in Canada. Every member of the family is now an invaluable acquisition and blessing to the Dominion."

This is undoubtedly a notable case, and it is also true, as the Chronicle points out, that our own forefathers came here poor and yet built up the country. This further statement is also true: "Immigrants with nothing but their hands to depend on for a living looked into the Canadian west by tens of thousands annually where the country was without capital to support them for a month. Did they become dependent on the communities to which they went or on the governments of the provinces? The answer is found in a report which immediately began to build up and enrich their surroundings?"

The question of course turns upon whether newcomers would now go on the land or crowd into the already overcrowded cities. We do not want more people in the cities at present, for we deplore the trend of our population from the rural districts to the towns and cities. The need of the country is more people on the land, and certainly we are willing to go there and carve out homes where there are no homes, and where they brought much wealth with them or not would not be material. Undoubtedly great pressure will be brought to bear to gain admission for great numbers of people of the sort that does not take to the land, and that is the condition to guard against, in addition to making sure that the physically and mentally defective are shut out. Conditions have greatly changed since the first settlers came to this country.

JUVENILES AND PROBATION.

What would happen in St. John if we had a properly constituted juvenile court and probation system, and if the provincial government would proclaim the Juvenile Delinquents Act in this province? The answer is found in a report of a speech delivered in Montreal this week by Dominion Parole Officer Archibald. We quote: "Mr. Archibald drew attention to two important items of legislation adopted at the last session of parliament, which, apparently, escaped the notice of social workers and those interested in penology. One enactment provided for the application of the probation system to adult offenders, the other raised the age of juvenile offenders from sixteen to eighteen years, that is to say, up to the age of eighteen offenders are to be considered as juveniles, treated in the special courts and not brought into the police magistrates' courts."

All offenders up to the age of eighteen years would be kept away from the ordinary police court and dealt with in the juvenile court. We quote again: "While the amendments to the Criminal Code and the Juvenile Delinquents Act rest within the powers of parliament, it remains for the provincial governments to put such changes into force. Mr. Judge Archibald stated, only British Columbia had proclaimed its intention to adopt the probation system for adults. This system is an extension of the suspended sentence, but in-

cludes supervision by competent authority and relieves the first offender of the stigma of a prison sentence."

Mr. Archibald, in setting forth the reasons for the Parole Act, told the following story about St. John to illustrate the fact that some youthful offenders never had a fair chance in life: "He instanced the case of a youth of eighteen who died in the infirmary at Dorchester, N. B., who on his dying bed had asserted that he never had a chance. Following up the case he found the mother in St. John, N. B. She had been betrayed, stole in order to reach Boston, was captured and convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The son had been born in the penitentiary. When released, the mother had walked from Dorchester to St. John, but failed to find a friendly hand on the way, and finally sought refuge in a dive in St. John, from which four murderers had been traced. In such environment the growing lad had no chance."

When the Parole Act was adopted great doubt was expressed as to its efficacy, but— "Against that he (Mr. Archibald) gave the result of the experiment. Of 13,112 who had been released from penal institutions under the act, 303 only committed further offences and were subsequently convicted. In 469 cases licenses were revoked. In some instances the men had neglected to report. Some of these men were later allowed out and there was no instance of a man forgetting to report a second time. In advocating the probation system, Mr. Archibald said that it provided for the man who was conscientious, his wrong-doing. It permitted restitution and allowed the man to go back to his own community to work out his salvation. As an example of the success of this system, he said that in Massachusetts and New York ninety-eight per cent. of first offenders released had made good citizens."

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Mr. Archibald was written Judge Archibald has passed away. His death was wholly unexpected, and his loss to Canada is great, for his work was of the very highest value. He has done much to bring about better methods of dealing with delinquents. Reformation rather than punishment was the rule of his conduct and his example will live and bear fruit, now that he himself is gone from us.

New York Evening Post: "Until the new French cabinet makes its stand clear on European problems, Americans are naturally wondering what the effect of the overtur in Paris will be on the armament conference. We cannot see that the advent of Poincaré endangers in any way the results of the work at Washington. The people in power at Paris must be aware that now more than ever they cannot afford to antagonize American public opinion. France needs all the sympathy she can get, unless she is prepared to run amuck. And for such a policy there is as yet no convincing evidence."

LIGHTER VEIN.

Set His Mind at Rest. "Is this a first-class restaurant?" asked the haughty individual.

"Oh, yes," answered the waiter, "but we don't mind serving you."

Correct. Fortune teller—You will marry a light man.

Norah (joyously)—That's Dinny! Shure, don't he wor-kr for th' electric company.

Compulsion. "There's no use, I must take up golf."

"No; I want to understand what my friends are talking about."

Warranted a Cure. "Doctor," said he, "I'm a victim of insomnia. I can't sleep if there's the least noise, such as a cot on the back fence."

"This powder will be effective," replied the physician, after compounding a prescription.

"When do I take it, doctor?"

"You don't take it. You give to the cat."

An Irishman was involved in an argument with a Scotsman, and repeatedly called upon "good old St. Patrick" to witness the fact that he was telling the truth.

Much annoyed, the Scotsman said: "To the blazes with St. Patrick!"

But the son of Erin promptly retorted with "To the blazes with Henry Leuder, then!"

At a concert devoted to Richard Strauss' work the conductor, after performance of one piece, tapped the desk with his baton and told the orchestra that the next piece would be "Tod und Verklarung."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed one of the violinists. "The last played that."

New Canadian Record On First Day Of Meet

Jewtraw Takes the Highest Honors at Opening Session.

More Than 7,000 People at Lily Lake Yesterday—Local Boys Make Fine Showing—Skaters and Visitors Guests at Banquet.

The first events in the Canadian speed skating championships were held on Lily Lake yesterday afternoon and were witnessed by more than 7,000 fans. Three events were run off—the 200 yards and the one mile for seniors, a half mile for boys under fifteen, and two heats for boys under twelve. Initial honors went to Charles Jewtraw of Lake Placid, who captured the 200 yards and took second place in the mile. In the former he established a new Canadian record of 19.4 seconds. The previous record was 20.1-5 seconds. McWhorter of Chicago was second in the point winners, securing the mile event and secured thirty-two points for taking second honors in the 200. Bobby Hearn won third place in the 200 final, when Wheeler was disqualified and secured ten points, while Fosman took third in the mile and secured ten points.

From a local standpoint both Charlie Gorman and Frank Garnett made a fine showing, but the breaks were all against the former, and the latter lost a chance to enter the final of the mile by a close decision. In the 200 yards Gorman won his heat and semi-final, and he shot off in trouble during the first turn and went off his stride. He quickly recovered and was after Jewtraw, Moore and the others like a flash. On the second turn he again went off his stride and despite a phenomenal burst he failed to place in the final. He was out of the race when he fell and he was out of the race when he fell and he was out of the race when he fell.

To William Logan, son of Fred Logan, former International champion, was given the honor of the boys under fifteen. He won his heat quite handsily and in the final was closely followed by his brother, who fell and he crossed the line with a wide margin. His style and powerful stroke won the admiration of all and officials predict that he has the makings of a champion.

A feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the dancing by the ladies of the Y. M. C. I. They were accompanied by a band of music. The dancing was a great success and was well received by the crowd.

Senior Mile. First heat—McWhirter, Chicago, 1st; Becker, New York, 2nd; Wheeler, Montreal, 3rd. Time, 19.4-5. Second heat—Steinmetz, Chicago, 1st; Moore, New York, 2nd; Gorman, 3rd. Time, 20.1-5. Third heat—Pickering, Paterson, 1st; Boyd, 2nd; Jewtraw, 3rd. Time, 20.1-5. Fourth heat—Donovan, St. Paul, 1st; Garnett, St. John, 2nd; Jewtraw, Lake Placid, 3rd; Stevenson, Toronto, 4th. Time, 20.9-5.

First semi-final—Gorman, 1st; Wheeler, 2nd; McWhirter, 3rd. Time, 19.4-5. Second semi-final—Fosman, 1st; Boyd, 2nd; Jewtraw, 3rd. Time, 20.1-5. Final—McWhirter, 1st; Jewtraw, 2nd; Fosman, 3rd. Time, 32.1-5.

Half-mile, Boys Under 15 Years. First heat—Logan, St. John, 1st; Chandler, St. John, 2nd; Buckley, St. John, 3rd. Time, 14.1-5. Second heat—Finch, Lake Placid, 1st; McKenzie, St. John, 2nd; Stewart, St. John, 3rd. Time, 14.1-5. Third heat—Crosier, St. John, 1st; O'Neill, St. John, 2nd; Bridge, St. John, 3rd. Time, 14.1-5. Final heat—Logan, 1st; McKenzie, 2nd; Crosier, 3rd. Time, 1.35.

440 Yards, Boys Under 12, Unfinished. First heat—Won by Raymond Murray, New York, 2nd; Time, 44.2-5. Second heat—Leonard, St. John, 1st; Garnett, St. John, 2nd. Time, 53-5. Banquet Last Night.

The marked success attending the efforts of the committee in charge of the championships, the efficient manner in which they were carried off and the intense interest manifested by the citizens of St. John in the big classic warrant this being awarded the International Skating Union of America, who was a guest of honor at a complimentary banquet tendered the skaters and a number of guests last evening. His remarks were greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause. He as well as the other speakers also paid a glowing tribute to the hospitality that St. John has shown to the visitors. They were all unanimous in the statement that the meet so far has been one of the most successful ever held on this continent. Charles Owens presided and acted as toast master. The banquet was served by a committee of fifty women of the Public Women's League, under the direction of Mrs. F. H. Foster, convener of the social committee. Mrs. D. P. Chisholm was general convener of the committee co-operating in the conduct of the championships.

The Guests. All the skaters who are taking part in the meet were amongst the guests, who include also His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, L. Rubenstein, secretary of the international meet. He said there were more youngsters in St. John who were going to make a name for themselves. St. John had champions in the

S. U. J. A. M. Belding, Frank White, R. E. Melville, general manager and secretary-treasurer of the Montreal A. A. A.; Bentley-General W. O. Doods, vice-president of the M. A. A. A.; Commissioners Thornton, Bullock and Jones, W. E. Roughton, of the M. A. A. A.; G. L. Short, N. B. commissioner of the Boy Scouts; Rev. W. Duke, and a large number of local and visiting priests, and all the officials of the meet.

The big gymnasium was decorated for the occasion with bunting and numerous Canadian and American flags. An orchestra played during the banquet, and the largest affair of its kind ever held in the city and was characterized by abundant good humor, cordiality and enthusiasm. The first toast of the list, that to the King, was honored by the singing of the national anthem.

The Chairman. It was his happy privilege, as chairman of the committee in charge of the sports, Mr. Owens said, to welcome the skaters of the evening. Applause greeted his reference to the good relations between Canada and the United States and to his reference to the visiting athletes from Upper Canada and the west. The meet would stand out as the greatest skating event in the history of the city. He thanked the visiting officials for their assistance in conducting the meet.

The toast to Canada was honored by the singing of "O Canada." In responding, Judge Armstrong spoke briefly. He commended the excellence of the meet at Lily Lake yesterday and concluded with a humorous reference to the weather and prospects for today's programme. To the United States. The toast to the United States was honored by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

In responding to the toast, H. S. Culver, the local United States consul, congratulated the committee upon bringing to St. John one of the greatest sporting events of the close of the year. "I want to say that I am heartily gratified at the noble welcome St. John has given to the boys from over the sea," said Mr. Culver amid great applause.

He thought that good sports would help to lift the world out of the slough into which it had fallen. Frank Head at this juncture contributed two much appreciated solos to the programme. He sang "Funnel Funnel" and "The Opening Number" and as an encore sang the steeple song.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie. Hon. R. J. Ritchie was greeted with song when he arose to reply to the toast highly of the city and the press that this morning there would be some good body to deny that he was a jolly good fellow. He followed with numerous witty sallies and complimentary things about the Y. M. C. I. He felt that the sports had made yesterday a red letter day in St. John's history. He spoke in complimentary terms of the skaters from the United States and other parts of Canada. The closer the people of Canada and the United States get together, the better for both countries and for the world. Citizens of both countries had good reason to feel proud of their home lands, he said.

His Worship the Mayor. In responding to the toast to St. John his worship Mayor Schofield thanked the committee for the invitation to be present. He heartily welcomed the visitors to St. John and the local press in acquiescing the public with the personalities connected with the meet either as officials or competitors.

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varied and the public for the support which had been given. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, expressed his sincere gratitude to the ladies for the banquet which they had provided. He thanked all connected with the sports for what they had contributed to their success. At the conclusion of Bishop LeBlanc's singing the national anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE. The police barracks at Charlottetown County Mayo, were raided by fifty armed men yesterday, who escaped with some arms and ammunition. A man was wounded during the raid. The Irish Nationalists will soon take their seats in the northern parliament, owing to developments in connection with the establishment of the Irish Free State. A group of unemployed took possession of the Dublin hospital yesterday, and refused to leave until some other accommodation was provided.

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Time Limit for Skaters.

L. Rubenstein said he skated thirty-six years ago in St. John and had been traveled over America and Europe and could say that the meet here had been splendidly handled by the officials. He suggested that a time limit might be put on the opening number and as an encore sang the steeple song.

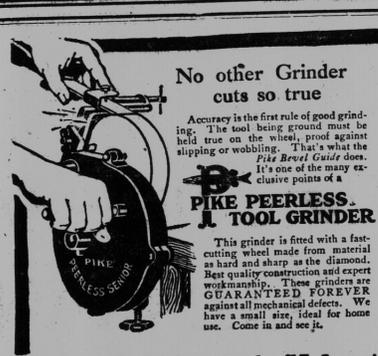
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