

BANQUET TO BE TENDERED BOBBY KERR AT R.H.Y.C.

Meeting at the Royal Hotel Last Night Was Well Attended.

Bobby Will Land at Boston on Thursday Morning, But is Not Expected Home Until Sunday or Monday.



BANQUET WILL BE tendered Bobby Kerr at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club on Saturday, August 21, or some time the following week. This was the decision arrived at at the meeting in the Hotel Royal last night, and it is proposed to sell tickets at a reasonable rate, \$1, so that it will be within the reach of all of Kerr's admirers. The meeting did not last long—more than was necessary to appoint committees and make the preliminary arrangements, so that when Kerr arrives everything will be in readiness. The meeting was well attended, and the first order of business was to appoint a chairman. R. Tasker Steele was nominated and promptly elected, and Billy Agnew was appointed secretary. The chairman was of the opinion that the best way to receive Bobby would be to tender him a banquet at the R. H. Y. C. at which all his friends could be present. The proposal met with favor, and was promptly adopted. In considering at what figure the dinner tickets be sold it was thought by all that it would be best to make it reasonable, so that all who desired to do so would be able to attend. The rate was accordingly fixed at \$1.

George C. Copley was elected chairman for the banquet, and the following were appointed a reception committee: Mayor John McLaren, Dr. Walter Thompson, Harold Lazier and Roy Moodie. The dinner committee: Dr. McGregor, Gordon Southam,

John Lennox, Russell T. Kelley, W. White, Bert O. Hooper, Dr. Moore, A. Young and A. E. McKintyre. Programme and musical committee: Billy Sherring, Jack Caffery, A. Moore, Norman Ellis, J. Ogilvie, Frank Burton, A. Lambert, D. M. Cameron, Don Lyon, Gerald Wigle and Dave Topp. Agnew was elected secretary-treasurer. Kerr will arrive in Boston on Thursday morning, but will likely stay there for a couple of days. On that account it was impossible to settle the date of the dinner, and the matter was left in the hands of the dinner committee. A proposal was made to present Kerr with a piece of plate or some such souvenir of his reception. The chairman thought that it would please Bobby more if that kind of thing were left out. He has more plate and medals than he knows what to do with now, said Mr. Steele, and he thought he would enjoy the simplicity of the thing if that were left out. One of Kerr's friends said that was quite right, as he had received a letter from Bobby a short time ago in which the auburn-haired sprinter was emphatic in saying he did not want any big reception. The souvenir idea was dropped.

All Hamilton is anxiously waiting to welcome Bobby Kerr and when he arrives a crowd as large as that last year will likely be at the station to receive him. Though not as successful as last year, Bobby is held in as high esteem by the citizens of Hamilton as he ever was, and the reception will be none the less warm because he happened to be out of condition when he competed in the English championships this spring.

The various committees will meet at the Royal Hotel on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

YESTERDAY WAS MUDDERS' DAY AT WINDSOR TRACK.

Robert Powell and Banives Won the Two-Year-Old Races.

Prince Gal, Favorite in the Seneca Selling Stakes at Saratoga, Was Beaten by May River.



CHANGED TRACK conditions at Windsor served to rattle yesterday's card by withdrawals and also accounted for several upsets, nearly all the choices being bowled over. The feature race, a handicap of six furlongs, went to Merrick, who it was alleged had been poisoned on Monday last and had to be excused from starting that day. He displayed no symptoms of ailment to-day, following Smiley Corbett's speedy ride for the first time, and drawing out in the stretch to win as his rider elected. Sir Edward outstaying Charley Eastman for second place. Smiley Corbett was the medium of smart support, but after showing a high order of speed during the early stages, lagged and was beaten off. The crowd, which came soon after the start, was responsible for Marchmont's failure to be in a forward position at any time.

Excepting the handicap the other six races had selling conditions attached, and were contested by ordinary class horses. The 1½ mile race developed the best contest of the afternoon, the six starters running closely grouped for the major part. Doubt and Oberon ultimately drawing away from the others to fight out the issue, the former winning by a scant length. John McWilliam landing third money in a tight fight from Dunvegan. Favorite players started badly with the opener when Jack Straw disappointed and failed to land a portion of the purse.

Robert Powell, an outsider, spreading his opposition to win from Tortu-ous with Polly Lee in third place.

The erratic Banives was the prevailing mood this afternoon and led from start to finish in the second, Lotta Creed beating Howard Ot's recent acquisition, Pinkard.

Orphan Lad, one of the best-backed starters of the afternoon, failed in the third and ran far below his best effort. Elder, one of the extreme outsiders, winning in a big romp from Pedro and Hi-

acko. Minot in the fifth was the first favorite to reward backers when he entered home. Youthful, at a long price, landing the place from Dareington. Posing, winner of the closing dash, was the next favorite to win. The Wainwright mare led for the entire trip, but had to be hustled near the end to outstay Nettie Traver. Olive Ely headed the others in the last furlong and got third place.

As a result of the improved showing of Prince Marklein to discontinue riding Hurdle in future races.

John Dymont, owner of Star Wave, has decided to give the colt a thorough trial at the forthcoming season. The horse, here on Saturday next will be shipped to Sheepshead Bay to start in the Flatbush and other Eastern stakes, to both of which he is eligible.

Mr. Dymont is regretting that Star Wave is not eligible for the Futurity, as he is firmly of the belief that he can beat the eastern juveniles.

Pinkard was bought by Howard Ot from S. K. Hughes, previous to the running of the second race, in which he finished third. Summaries:

First race, selling, purse \$400, six furlongs—Robert Powell, 102 (J. Howard), 12 to 1, 4 to 2, and 2 to 1; first; Tortuous, 100 (Rice), 12 to 1, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5; 2; Polly Lee, (Davis), 7 to 2, even and out; 3. Time, 1:27. Tommy Wood, Inferno Queen, Judge Walton, Don Diaz, Jack Straw ran.

Second race, selling, purse \$400, six furlongs—Banives, 112 (Rice), 3 to 1, even, and out; 1; Lotta Creed, 104 (J. Howard), 16 to 5, 4 to 5 and out; 2; Pinkard, 104 (Warren), 8 to 5, 3 to 5, and out; 3. Time, 1:16 4-5. Inflection, Dorado D., Chief Kee ran.

Third race, selling, purse \$400, seven furlongs—Elder, 112 (Flynn), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, and 4 to 1; 1; Pedro, 107 (Reid), 8 to 1, 5 to 8 and 7 to 5; 2; Hiacko, 113 (Mentry), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even; 3. Time, 1:31. Alice Mack, Sight, Punky, Orphan Lad, King Ferdinand, Elfal ran.

Fourth race, handicap, purse \$500, six furlongs—Merrick, 107 (Reid), 5 to 2, and out; 1. Time, 1:14 4-5.

2:19 pace, purse \$1,000—Walter W., b.g., by Little Frank—Irène, by King Milton (Geers) ... 1 1 1
W. D. S., ch.g. (Saunders) ... 2 2 2
Complex, b.s. (Commons) ... 3 3 4
Sidney R., b.g. (McGarvin) ... 4 4 3
Lady Patchen, b.m. (B. Walker) ... 5 5 dr

Time—2:08 3-4, 2:06 3-4, 2:09 3-4.
Baron Whips, ch.g., by Baron Dillon—Metella A., by Whips (Murphy) ... 1 1 1
Arthur J., b.g. (Geers) ... 2 2 2
My Gift, b.k.m. (Saunders) ... 3 3 3
Time—2:07, 2:11 1-4.

2:21 trot, purse \$1,200—Dr. Jack, b.g., by Shea Aloyone, dam Aloyone, sire not given (Murphy) ... 1 1 1
Miss Baritone, b.m. (McDebit) ... 2 2 2
My Gift, b.k.m. (Saunders) ... 3 3 3
Silver Baron, b.s. (Carroll) ... 4 4 4
Black Bell, b.k.m. (Brugess) ... 5 5 dr

Time—2:14 1-4, 2:12 1-4.
2:19 trot, purse \$1,500—Jack McKerron, b.s., by John

HOW TEAMS IN THE BIG LEAGUES STAND

EASTERN.				AMERICAN.				NATIONAL.			
Won.	Lost.	P.C.		Won.	Lost.	P.C.		Won.	Lost.	P.C.	
Rochester	57	45	.559	Detroit	63	41	.606	Pittsburgh	72	29	.713
Providence	53	47	.530	Philadelphia	63	41	.606	Chicago	67	33	.670
Newark	53	48	.525	Boston	63	44	.588	New York	59	37	.615
Buffalo	53	52	.505	Cleveland	53	52	.505	Cincinnati	50	50	.500
Toronto	49	52	.485	New York	49	54	.476	Philadelphia	49	54	.460
Montreal	48	54	.471	Chicago	49	54	.476	St. Louis	40	56	.417
Jersey City	47	53	.470	St. Louis	45	56	.446	Brooklyn	36	62	.367
Baltimore	48	57	.457	Washington	31	74	.295	Boston	27	66	.290

Games today: Toronto at Baltimore, Buffalo at Jersey City, Rochester at Providence, Montreal at Newark.

FOR THEAMATEURS...

At Britannia Park—Broadviews vs. Alerts.
At Maple Leaf Park—St. Thomas' vs. Ascensions.

To-morrow will see the close of amateur league baseball in this city, when the leading teams of the Church and City Leagues will play for the championship honors, and providing the weather man does not interfere, the fans will probably witness two of the best games played this year. While the schedule for the final day does not call for as many games as previous years, the followers from all parts of the city are greatly excited. The rivalry among the teams is intense, and especially between the Alerts and Broadviews, as both teams were runners-up last year, when the Broadviews nosed out ahead of the Alerts, winning the championship. The Alerts, however, will make a strong effort to prevent the Broadviews from repeating the trick, and will exert themselves to win. Manager Beattie, of the Broadviews, thinks that his team should win easily, with the new line-up, and for the second time in succession will be the City League champions.

Both teams will be handicapped, and which one will suffer worse, the fans are at a loss to know. Had both teams retained their usual batteries, the result would not be so puzzling, but the present conditions will go a good deal towards making the game more interesting. The Alerts' star batter, Wally Simons and Lewis, are now in faster company, and will not be eligible to play with them, and it is this change that is going to hurt the Alerts' chances. The Broadviews will go a head and have not yet decided their line-up. Manager Beattie, the old veteran, whose energy and coaching assists wonderfully in keeping the champs in their present position, is laid up with a sore back, which he suffered while practising recently. Nix Bethon, the southpaw, has not returned from his vacation, but he may be back in time for Saturday's game.

The managers of both teams have been doing some hustling lately trying to fill the vacant positions. After much consideration, Manager Beattie has decided about the best he can offer in the pitching department, in case Bethon is not on the job, will be Burke. Burke made his initial appearance last Saturday, when he easily won from the Baysides, and after his showing Beattie is confident that he can do the same with the Alerts. Peter Jackson, who hails from the vicinity of Victoria Park, will catch, and Peter is about the classiest little backstop in the business. For the Alerts Manager Arnold has two or three that could be depended upon to make a good showing. Burns can pitch well, but in close quarters it is feared he would not do. Another twirler is Veil, the East End Y. M. C. A. pitcher, who made such a good showing against the Asylums last Saturday. Veil is a good pitcher, but has not had much experience, and to attempt to pitch in faster company at such a critical time would be a difficult task for him. The Alerts are also after "Sport" Dixon, the former Keystone pitcher. "Sport" has already won to repeat his victory to-morrow it would be no surprise to the fans. It is likely that Holly, a Dundas man who has been secured by the Alerts, will do the heavy lifting. Should he happen to be knocked out of the box, one of those already mentioned will replace him. Brydges will do the catching, and he says he will certainly be there. All the other players will be in the regular positions with the exception of one or two.

So it can be easily seen that it is no wonder the fans are in a quandary as to the result. As was intimated before, the batteries, the most important positions on the teams, are in a peculiar position. Could the new pitchers be depended upon to pitch any way near the usual form, the situation would be more hopeful, but the new box artists are just as likely to blow a hot gale as to pitch at such a critical time would be a difficult task for him. The Alerts are also after "Sport" Dixon, the former Keystone pitcher. "Sport" has already won to repeat his victory to-morrow it would be no surprise to the fans. It is likely that Holly, a Dundas man who has been secured by the Alerts, will do the heavy lifting. Should he happen to be knocked out of the box, one of those already mentioned will replace him. Brydges will do the catching, and he says he will certainly be there. All the other players will be in the regular positions with the exception of one or two.

The teams have been playing at Maple Leaf Park all week, but owing to the inadequate accommodations for an important game, it was thought advisable to try and procure a more suitable diamond. Representatives of the league teams held a meeting last evening in the office of M. M. Robinson, the Inter-city secretary, when they completed arrangements for a game to be played at 2 o'clock at Britannia Park. This will be the curtain raiser to the big game, and besides, should be a good drawing card for the inter-city.

Arrangements were also completed for the deciding game in the Church League. It will be played to-morrow at the Maple Leaf Park, at 3 p.m. Both teams have been practicing hard and are right on edge for the last game. The Saints wanted the game postponed for one week owing to Wheatley, their pitcher, being on his vacation, but the Ascensions would not consent, and so the game will come off to-day. The Saints claim they have secured a good pitcher, and will be just as good as ever. A large crowd is expected, as both teams have a large number of followers. Mr. Catchpole, the league umpire, will handle the indicator.

THE SEA SERPENT.
(Toronto Star.)
This is a poor year for the sea serpent. At the summer resorts the night-flying airship has crowded it out.

Saturday \$6

TO-MORROW will be one of the greatest selling days this store ever experienced. We know it, because this sale is so much talked about, and for the reason that this store always carries out all the value-giving promises made in its newspaper announcements.

The balance of the big lot of Men's and Young Men's Suits on which the price is being dropped a dollar each day is on sale to-day at \$7.00 for your choice, and on Saturday you take your choice for \$6.00.

Our north window to-night and all day to-morrow will be filled with samples of the best lines left—many of them \$10.00 and \$12.00, and a few as high as \$14.00. Single and double breasted models. Two garment, but mostly three garment suits. Light colors, dark colors, and lots of medium shades of grey and brown mixtures.

Every suit in the lot has to be sold and if any left on Saturday night they go on sale Monday at \$5.00; Tuesday at \$4.00, and Wednesday at \$3.00.

OAK HALL

10 and 12 James St. N. F. R. Smith, Mgr.



COMMENT AND GOSSIP

The individual bowling competition for the trophy donated by Commodore Lennox will commence on the R. H. Y. C. green on Monday.

The international motor boat regatta at the Beach to-morrow, under the auspices of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, promises to be one of the biggest aquatic events of the season. The boats which are entered are the fastest in Toronto, Buffalo, Hamilton and smaller places in this vicinity, and fast racing and close finishes will be seen.

It is said on pretty good authority that the Saratoga Racing Association will lose heavily on the present meeting. The paid attendance has not come up to the expectations of the track owners and there seems to be no improvement in sight. The fact that the recent Empire City meeting netted a substantial profit is used more as an argument that the metropolitan district alone can support racing without incurring financial loss and that such will prove to be the case until present conditions are changed for the better.

This is the time of the year when local baseball fans like to get away for a few days to see some of the big games. All interest centers in Detroit just now. That club gets home from Washington on Sunday and will have 17 straight games on its own grounds, then away for three, and back for Labor Day at Detroit. August 24, 25 and 26, Philadelphia at Detroit. August 27, 28 and 30, New York at Detroit. August 31, September 1 and 2, Boston at Detroit. September 3 and 4, Detroit at Cleveland. September 5, Detroit at St. Louis. September 6, two games, St. Louis at Detroit.

Passing Jeffries in mid-ocean with no attempt to communicate with him by wireless Hugh D. McIntosh, the man who promoted the Burns-Johnson fight in Australia, will arrive in New York from Europe to-day. He intends, it is said, to notify Sam Berger that he will hang up a \$70,000 purse for the proposed Jeffries-Johnson mill in the Antipodes and believes that he can make money by

cause of the feeling of intense hatred Australians have for the negro. As Jeffries has already declared that he will not fight Jackson except on American soil, McIntosh is apparently secure in making his prodigious offer. Maybe he will agree to give \$70,000 for a mill in this country, however, in which event he will come very near landing the match. It is believed, though, that McIntosh will have to seek Nevada as the battleground, as he would probably meet with serious opposition from the various fight promoters who want to secure the big fight for California.

By winning the Saratoga handicap with Affliction, the Alabama stakes with Maskette, the Travers stakes with Hilarious, and an overnight event with Grasmere, James R. Keene has gathered \$14,430 since the meeting at the Spa opened and has increased his stake and purse winnings for the season to \$73,342. S. C. Hildreth, who has not won a race at Saratoga yet, still leads Mr. Keene with a total of \$83,070, but it is generally believed that when the scene shifts back to Sheepshead Bay Mr. Keene will head the list of winning owners on the eastern tracks. The hopeful stakes, to be run on Saturday, will be worth about \$15,000 to the winner.

It is practically a foregone conclusion that the Boston National League club will change ownership before another year. It has been a huge failure ever since it was sold by Soden and Conana to the syndicate headed by the late Geo. B. Dovery. Edward Hanlon, owner of the Baltimore Eastern League club, is said to be anxious to purchase the franchise and has made a substantial offer, which is now under consideration. If Hanlon should get the club it is said that there might be a feeling of uneasiness among the National League men, inasmuch as the American Association, which is making preparations to expand its circuit, would doubtless make overtures to Hanlon to jump the National agreement. But Hanlon has had a bitter experience in baseball wars of the past, and is not looking for renewed strife, his friends say. He thinks he can put the Boston Nationals on a winning basis and can make big money in the process. Hanlon is said to be worth more than \$300,000, which he has made out of the national game and real estate. He has a good thing in the Baltimore club, but is said to be willing to sell out if he can land the Boston proposition.

WAR SHIP FOR CRETE.

Malta, Aug. 17.—The British warship Swift Sure has left here for the Island of Crete. It is understood other protecting powers, Russia, Italy and France, also will send warships to Crete as an intimation to the islanders that they are resolved to enforce respect for the rights of Turkey.

Additional Sporting News on Page 6

Eighty flights is about the life of a balloon.

LEAFS HAVE SECURED PLAYING GROUNDS.

Rochester Got Another Trimming Yesterday From the Greys in the Only Eastern Game Yesterday.



TORONTO WILL play at Diamond Park. Both Rosedale and Scarborough Beach were turned down at the meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon, the former because the amount demanded for its use, \$1,000 for the remainder of the season, was considered unreasonable, the latter because field would be needed.

tate the application of a one base hit ground rule. It was not thought possible to secure the old Fraser avenue grounds, but an unlooked for offer from Mr. W. G. Harris, who generously tendered the use of the old ball park gratis, at once settled the question. The grounds have lost ninety feet of their original width on the eastern side, but are large enough still to fill the bill. Though they are in fair shape, they will require a good deal of fixing up, the bleachers in particular, and a large force of workmen with groundkeeper Combes in charge will be on the job this morning. Everything, it is expected, will be in shape for Monday, when Montreal opens a three-day engagement with the Toronto club.

AT PROVIDENCE.

Providence, Aug. 13.—It took Providence eleven innings to beat Rochester 3 to 2 yesterday. Barberich was on the slab for the Greys, and both he and Henley pitched star ball. In the fourth the visitors secured their two tallies. It was in the last of the ninth that the home team rapped out its first tallies. Cronin succeeded Barberich, and in the eleventh the Greys scored again. Score: Providence ... 3 8 1
Rochester ... 2 6 1

IN THE AMERICAN.

At Boston—Young was batted out of the box by Boston yesterday, the locals winning a close game from Cleveland, 5 to 4. Wood was also taken from the box after four innings. Score: Cleveland ... 4 6 2
Boston ... 5 11 2

At Washington—Detroit defeated Washington yesterday. Kahoe was hit on the wrist by a foul tip in the fifth inning and with bases on balls, wild throws and passed balls, the visitors scored five runs. Score: R. H. E.
Washington ... 1 6 4
Detroit ... 6 5 1

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia easily defeated St. Louis by hitting Bailey and Graham hard, the former being knocked off the rubber in the first inning. Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis ... 6 9 6
Brooklyn ... 6 17 6