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BOWLING NOTES

CIVIL SERVICE BOOST RECORDS

The Civil Service five last night boosted two records in the Commercial League when they rolled 851 in their second game and raised the total pins from 2410 to 2415. The games were singular from the fact that although the Government men were on the top of their form, they took only two games from the C.P.R., the railroad boys coming through with a rush in the last game and won from their surprised opponents by 16 pins. The Lawyers, on account of the C.P.R. taking that last game are champions of the first schedule for the Commercial Cup, Civil Service having to capture all three games to tie. How hard they tried is a matter of records now, but the damage was done before Kelly's bunch could repair it. McNaughton's really fine work

in the last game was responsible for the winning of the game as he hung up 203, the high score for the evening, as was also his 520 for total three games.

Following is the score:

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE, DEC. 10

C.P.R.			
Al. Henry	97	151	146-394
Coakley	183	111	127-421
Art. Henry	132	92	147-371
Burnett	134	154	169-457
McNaughton	178	139	203-520

Totals.....724 647 792-2163

CIVIL SERVICE

Munn	135	154	156-445
Douglas	172	168	129-469
Gronow	150	197	133-480
Dundas	187	163	180-510
Kelly	164	169	178-511

Totals.....788 851 776-2415

NOTES ON THE GAME

It was tough luck for the Civil boys.

After breaking two records in their

mad rush for the top of the league to lose out by 16 pins in a great game.

The C.P.R. surprised even their most ardent supporters, as they dropped to a 647 score in the second game and no one thought of such a comeback in the last.

But had Kelly and Dundas not run into splits in their last frame the result might have been different. Both men had hard luck in this frame, as they bowled 510 and 511 respectively in their three games.

McNaughton proved the best kind of an anchor man last night, his 203 score pulling on the right side for a win.

Jack Douglas made his debut in Commercial League circles last night and he made good with a vengeance. He was well up in the total and for a green bowler certainly looks like a coming star.

Standing of the League

	W	L	P.C.
Lawyers	17	4	.809
Civil Service	16	5	.761

Lumbermen	11	7	.611
Sun	12	9	.571
Y.M.C.A.	9	9	.500
Bankers	7	14	.333
C.P.R.	6	15	.286
Grocers	3	18	.166

BZSEBALL PARS

Wonder whether Heinie Zimmerman will take advantage of the ruling of the New York state attorney general that the law permits bouts in Ebbets field.

Here's a picture for the movie man. Ever's sliding into the plate on a close play. Brennan taking the throw and Hank O'Day giving the decision.

If the New York Americans do not decide to go to Pensacola to train, the Nashville Southern league team may be sent there to do its

spring stunts.

Bill James of the Boston Braves and Bill James of the St. Louis Browns faced each other in five games on the All-American and All-National tea s' tour, and in each case the St. Louis Bill was the winner.

REAL FIGHTERS IN THOSE DAYS

OLD TIMERS WILL REMEMBER GEORGE LAVIGNE AND JOE WALCOTT

Nowadays pugilistic champions will not risk their titles unless their opponents deposit \$1,000,000 or so and guarantee to make a specified weight at a certain o'clock. They figure it down to ounces and minutes. But there was a time, within the memory of the older fans, when boxers were not so bloomin' particular and were willing to take a chance. Two of these game lads were George Lavigne the "Saginaw Kid," and Joe Walcott, "the Barbadoes Demon." They were little saved off punts in physique, but either one of them would have fought a six foot heavyweight. As a matter of fact, Walcott did just that when he met the great Joe Choyinski in a New York ring in 1900—and what's more, the diminutive black stopped his man in seven rounds. Joe, the Giant Killer, stood only an inch and a half over five feet, while Choyinski was only a fraction of an inch short of a six footer. Walcott boxed other heavies, among them big Fred Russell, 240 pounds.

A contest between two such game lads as the French-Canadian and the Black Demon might be expected to be full of thrills and it certainly was. Just 17 years ago, on Oct. 29, 1897, the sports had their last opportunity to see these sawed off gladiators in the safe ring. The bout was staged in San Francisco and Lavigne who was then lightweight champion, won in a dozen rounds.

The Greatest Battle.

While this battle was full of interest, it lacked the ginger of the earlier meeting between Lavigne and Walcott at Massapequa, New York, in 1895. Old time sports will tell you that that was the greatest fight in the world. For 15 rounds the little fellows banged away at each other, hammer and tongs, giving and taking blows that would have discouraged many big fellows. In the end it was called a draw, but Lavigne had the shade on his dusky opponent.

Walcott challenged all the prominent heavyweights of the day, including Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey but the whole bunch sidestepped the stunted little dandy. Of course Joe couldn't have licked such men as the blacksmith and the sailor but at the same time he could probably have made any of 'em step lively for a while.

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Pungent Points from two Premiers

Sir Rodmond Roblin to the Hotel Proprietors:

"The Government desires in the first place to express its full appreciation of the spirit displayed by your association, in cheerfully agreeing to observe their wishes upon this most important matter, and I am quite sure that your action in this matter will receive, as it deserves, the commendation of the citizens of the province generally.

"Your decision to cheerfully join in the universal sacrifice, which is necessary to be made in this time of stress, does credit not only to your standing as business men, but to your patriotism as citizens of one common Empire."

Pertinent to the LOCAL OPTION campaign in Brandon made this week in Winnipeg and Regina

Hon. Walter Scott to the Banish the Bar Committee:

"By common consent the question (suspending all retail licenses during the war) should be strictly viewed from the military—includes necessarily the economic—standpoint. Your committee urged that the open bar created danger of disputes and conflicts which might become widespread. But after four months experience of war conditions there does not appear any serious danger in this respect to be apprehended.

"The question remains whether our immediate economic conditions would be bettered by the suggested action and the government believes that the economic conditions are being conducted at a loss, and that a suspension of licenses would have the immediate effect of wholly closing a number of them.

"Because there is danger that the action at this time would aggravate the adverse economic conditions temporarily, it seems questionable to the government whether the present is not the worst time to take action which so many persons would welcome as an attempt at reform."

Consider Calmly The Whole Question!

The average good citizen of any community has no abhorrence of liquor for itself, nor of its moderate use by his associate, his friends, or by himself.

The abhorrence of unlimited debauchery, on the other hand, is universal. The advocates of the criminal law which they call temperance legislation by local option refuse to recognize this differentiation.

Brandon is now to decide by the voice of its citizens whether or not it will try the doubtful experiment of prohibitive legal repression of the use of liquor; while leaving neighboring and larger cities free to attract in this respect.

Civilized man respects any law that he knows to be a just condemnation of an act that is an unquestioned wrong. It is right to legislate against murder, or theft, or lesser crimes. Mankind, however, has never nor will he ever, recognize the drinking of alcoholic beverages to be a crime; wrong within itself. The bulwark of British freedom and democracy is its recognition of the rights of the individual; and hence stern repression by force of law of something which is not in itself wrong can never be an effective cure; any more than isolation cures disease.

Local Option is a one-sided measure. It is positive only in aiming at absolute extinguishment of the right to have, or trade, in liquors in its district.

In all other respects it is negative; offering no compensation for the repression it inflicts, no plan for the future. It takes away something and gives nothing. Moreover, experi-

ence has shown that it only partially succeeds in its one positive aim. Hence Local Option, wherever it has been tried, has bred hypocrisy and subterfuge; the secret drinker, the clandestine debauch, the blind pig, the more sure degradation of the young mind. The larger the community the more marked this side of its operation.

Even the most zealous supporter of the local option by-law will not attempt to deny that the sudden putting into effect of this measure will create a disorganization of the business conditions of the community, followed by a more or less prolonged period of readjustment. This would not so seriously affect the community, were it not for the fact that in all countries, and especially here, the liquor trade is so closely identified with the hotel business.

Hotels, and good hotels, are one of the fundamental requirements of any town or city, and there is nothing upon which the general business life of any trading centre is more dependent. When the advocates of Local Option in Brandon say: "Local Option does not affect the hotel business," they must re-

member that it is actual conditions and not theory, that we are now dealing with. The profits from the retail selling of liquors, has, almost universally been used to build up better hotel accommodations, for the community. Local Option deals this arrangement a body blow; and because Local Option is purely local, it is a blow that kills.

Treating the local option question in Brandon entirely from a business standpoint then, this is certainly a most inopportune time to force such an experiment on the community.

Every business man, wage earner, or farmer, in this district is going through a period of forced business strain, made intense by the war. The war is taking a deeper toll of the savings of the Empire—of the world—every day and no one can say where it will end. This is a time of sacrifice.

Every employer is making the sacrifices to keep his wages paid. The stringency is as universal as it is honorable, and it strikes home to every person.

The Government's new policy of Early Closing of Bars During the War is a measure that has received the approval of the temperance forces. It has been given the endorsement of the Ministerial Association, The Royal Templars of Temperance, The Political Equality League, The Women's Canadian Club, and by its president in Winnipeg, the qualified approval of the Social Service Council itself. It is looked upon by the public with general approval. Give it a trial. It cannot be as much of a failure as Local Option has been in many communities.

Your Vote of Confidence in Brandon will be marked thus:

For Local Option	
Against Local Option	X

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