

# THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

## Gossip and Comment

Jamie Thomson is a chip of th' auld block.

The Thistles were thorns in the side of Chub Collins and his bairns.

As lang as winter brings us cauld And hands the ice together, The curler's grip will ay receive A welcome frae a briter.

O. C. A. Annual.

They say some of the Hamilton cock-fighters gave a good imitation of Tom Longboat in a trial at Buffalo last night. They outran the Sheriff's officers.

Dreamer, the 7-year-old son of Hamburg and Fanget, will be sent back to the races this year, maybe as a jumper. The old fellow is in pretty good shape yet and will race over the Canadian circuit this year.

From Toronto World.—It was a bad day for the baseball curlers. Your old friend Chub Collins and his bairns were enough down to kill 'em. Bertram's majority, and give group number six final to the Hamilton Thistles.

Hamilton Thistles, who had the winning habit in the 90's, are back again, though Paris or Dundas represented group two generally in recent years.

Umpire Bob Emslie of St. Thomas, one of the best known officials, keeps in condition these days 'w' besom and stane, and he's still plenty young enough to play with the boys. Yesterday at the Collis' hospiel at Stratford Bob skipped a rink from the home town, but lost, and there was no hooting or pop bottles.

A critic states that all the big prize fights are won by veterans, so we expect John L. Sullivan to come back but somebody put him on the headline position. He's veteran enough.

Between their interest in the prize Marathon and the discussion as to how much clothes Mary Garden did have on in the celebrated Salome dance, New Yorkers are having the time of their lives. There is so much chance for discussion in the business.

The mystery is clearing about the condition of the runners. Last Monday we displayed Tom Longboat's victory over the Washington relay of fast soldiers, though it was the intention to alleged wise quarters the Indian keep the Indian down. Indeed warped stable information was to the effect that it was a forlorn hope for Tom.

"It's a shame to have me run," "I'm all in," "Don't bet on me," came to hand in fine Omoogwah characters, which were duly translated and put to an anxious public, including the betting men.—World.

Col. Taylor won.

Bay Billy second in five mile race yesterday.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—There was more than usual interest manifested in the racing yesterday at Delormier. One of the largest crowds of the meeting was present to witness the five-mile race, which resulted in a close finish between Col. Taylor, a local horse, and Bay Billy, owned by J. Wood, Toronto, the Colonel finally getting the money, beating past the Toronto horse when within a few yards of the wire, and beating him out by a head.

It took two heats to decide the 2.19 class race, which was left over from Tuesday unfinished, making six heats in all.

In the special trot, five heats were pulled off before a winner was returned, and the 2.04 pace consisted of four heats.

Summary—  
Five-mile dash, purse \$500—  
Col. Taylor, A. Laplante, Lachine... 1  
Bay Billy, J. Wood, Toronto... 2  
Wanita, C. Sears, Ogdensburg... 3  
R. R. A. Sazraiz, Montreal... 4  
Deveraux, J. J. Black, Winchester... 5

2.04 class pace, purse \$400—  
Doris B., M. Herrington,  
Pleton... 2 1 1 1  
Davy K., W. Hodgins, Montreal... 1 3 2 3  
Black Bill, R. W. Stewart,  
Ottawa... 3 2 3 2  
Time—2.19, 2.18 1-2, 2.19 1-2, 2.20 3-4.

Special trot—  
Edith, T. Smith, Stratford... 1 1 4 3 1  
Gain, S. J. Camp, Oneonta, N. Y... 2 3 1 1 5  
Joe Scott, Lavery, Montreal... 5 2 2 2 2  
American Boy, Tweedy & Owens, Montreal... 4 5 5 5 4  
Time—2.32, 2.31, 2.36, 2.34 1-2, 2.31 1-2.

2.19 class pace, unfinished from Tuesday—  
King Allen, B. Bergeron, Epping, N. H... 2 3 1 1 2 1  
Johnnie Medium, Oniel, Montreal... 8 1 2 1 2 2  
Slick Wilkes, H. Simard, Montreal... 6 6 5 3 2 dr  
Medie, J. Griffith, Waterdown... 4 2 4 4 dr  
King Bryson, S. McBride, Toronto... 1 4 3 dr  
Ethel Mac, E. A. McIrvine, Brantford... 5 5 dr  
Time—2.28 1-2, 2.27 1-2, 2.27, 2.29, 2.29 1-2, 2.31.

BEAT HIS MOTHER TO DEATH.

Lad of Seventeen Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Toledo, Feb. 3.—Harvey Hazel, the seventeen-year-old boy found guilty of the murder of his mother, was this afternoon sentenced to life imprisonment in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus.

Hazel was convicted of slaying his mother January 11, 1908, by beating her to death with a hammer, after which he robbed her of \$57. The case attracted considerable attention, because of the defence of adolescent insanity.

## SHRUBB IS FAVORITE.

The Odds on Big Race at N. Y. 7 to 5.

Officials Chosen For Tomorrow's Contest.

Last Night's Military Indoor Games.

New York, Feb. 4.—Betting on the Longboat-Shrubbs Marathon race, which will be decided Friday night, began in earnest yesterday. Shrubbs ruled favorite at 7 to 5, with plenty of backers, but there was a lack of Longboat money, which was probably due to the fact that the Indian's supporters will not place



TOM LONGBOAT, Who will meet Alfred Shrubbs, the English champion, in New York tomorrow night.

their wagers until they reach the track-side. Shrubbs and Longboat have met before, but not in a regular match race. It was some months after Longboat had won the Boston Marathon. Shrubbs went out to the track where Longboat was training and offered to run him a friendly race. So they ran one mile and afterwards three miles.

Shrubbs stated after this experience with Longboat that the Indian appeared to him to be one of those men who could run all day at their own gait, but would soon lose their strength when they had to pay attention to the pace of another man with just as much endurance, more speed, experience and science. Although this was nearly a year and a half ago, Shrubbs holds the same opinion of Longboat to-day. The track Friday night will be in better condition than for the previous races.

Among the experts who have picked Shrubbs to win are "Pooch" Donovan, Johnny Mack, C. Kilpatrick, Jere Delemere, Barney Weifers, Harry Dadman and Mel Sheppard.

It is probable that big Tim Sullivan will fire the starting gun, as he has received an invitation to act in this capacity. Tim Hurst will be referee, while the scoring will be in the care of Al Copeland, and the timing will be done by the New York Times' Club. The other officials selected by the runners are: For Longboat—Judge, W. J. Little, Montreal; official scorer, Rev. J. D. Morrow, Toronto; timer, Francis Nelson, Toronto; physician, Dr. Wilson, Toronto; trainer, James DeForest.

For Shrubbs—Judge, David Driscoll, Newark; official scorer, J. Taylor, Montreal; timer, T. S. Sinnott, Toronto; physician, Dr. F. W. Dixon, Montclair; trainer, Arthur Duffy.

FLANAGAN ON THE JOB.

New York, Feb. 4.—Tom Longboat's former trainer, Tom Flanagan, reached New York yesterday, and will handle the Indian for the Shrubbs race on Friday. He at once repaired to Longboat's training quarters soon after his arrival. There is no one that can bring out the Indian's best work like Flanagan, and Longboat has absolute confidence in his Canadian friend, and when Flanagan is at the trackside to cheer the Indian on when a race is being run Tom can always be counted upon to do his very best.

Flanagan was not altogether pleased at Longboat's condition, and at Pat Powers' request will put Longboat through the next few days' training, and prepare him for his race with Shrubbs on Friday.

Reports from Shrubbs' training quarters in Montclair are the most favor-

able. The little Englishman has entirely recovered from the injury to his toe, and is reeling off ten and fifteen-mile workouts at his usual speedy pace. As far as the race itself is concerned, the question between the two men still remains one of speed versus endurance. Longboat says, however, that he will beat the Englishman at his own game. He claims he intends to tack right on to the Britisher's pace and hold it from flag fall at finish, and when Shrubbs announces to tire, which he says will happen about the seventeenth or eighteenth mile, he is going on and cut out the work himself.

Yesterday the question was put to Alfred Shrubbs in New York: "Shall I give your English friends in Toronto that you are fit, and to go ahead and bet on you?" "No, no," he replied, and was quite emphatic in the matter.

"What do you mean by 'No, no,'" he made it plain that he would rather that his friends use their own judgment as to the betting. This has all the air of genuineness.

Shrubbs showed considerable anxiety as to who would be Longboat's advisers the night of the race, and was particularly about knowing if Tom Flanagan was to be one of them.

Shrubbs may win tomorrow or Longboat may win, and it looks an impossible task to properly forecast the result of a Marathon that promises to be stubbornly contested by two great athletes, each in good condition.

THE RACE BY WIRE.

Local footracing fans will gather in large numbers, no doubt, at the Army Rink to-morrow night to hear the 3,000-word story of the Longboat-Shrubbs race, which will be received by direct wire from Madison Square Gardens. Two descriptive writers will send the story as the race proceeds. While waiting for the race to start an amateur vauville contest will take place, for which a large number of entries have been made. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at Billy Carroll's cigar store at 25 cents. Admission to the gallery will be 10 cents.

## SKATING RACES.

Canadians Made Fair Showing at Saranac Lake.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Three thousand persons witnessed the preliminary events of the international outdoor amateur skating championships held under the auspices of the Saranac Athletic Association on the Pontiac Rink.

Edmund Lamy, the amateur champion, won the four heats in which he started in clever fashion.

O. H. A.—Intermediate.  
Goderich at Thorford.  
Grimsby at Beamsville.  
Lindsay at Peterboro'.  
Junior.  
Kingston at Pictou.  
Ontario Professional.  
Galt at Toronto, at Mutual Street Rink.

HIGHFIELD BEAT RIDLEY.

Highfield School played a hockey match yesterday afternoon on the ice of the school, against Ridley College team. Highfield won by 10 to 3. The team was:  
D. Ferris, centre.  
Mathieson, rover.  
Scott, left wing.  
Boddy, right wing.  
Storrie, cover point.  
Higgins, point.  
M. Vallance, goal.

## SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

London, Feb. 3.—(C. A. P.)—Arist says that he will come to England to meet Barry this year. He is awaiting a reply from Durian in respect to the wrestler at Toronto.

Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, arrived from Europe yesterday on the steamship Deutschland. He lost no time in saying that he would meet Mahmood, the Turkish grappler, soon in a match for \$10,000 in the Chicago Coliseum. Gotch went to England last year for the purpose of making a match with Hackenschmidt, whom he defeated in Chicago last summer, but the Russian Lion refused to do any business. For that reason Gotch came home in disgust, he says.

Poor old Bill Squires has been knocked out again. In a battle which lasted several rounds at Sydney yesterday, Bill Lang, who now claims the heavy-weight championship of Australia, stopped Squires with a wallop on the jaw. Lang was knocked out last fall by Burns in a similar style.

Burlington Gazette: An indoor game of baseball was played in the Drill Shed on Wednesday night last between the local boys and the Scoundrels, of Hamilton, the best team in the city, resulting in favor of the visitors by the score of 16-4. At the close of the game, Freeman and Appleby tried conclusions, the former winning by 25 runs to 23.

The senior team of the East Hamilton Branch Y. M. C. A., consisting of Messrs. Lewington, Veal, McPherson, Beatie, Burton and Thomson, will play All Saints' team, of Toronto, on Saturday night at 9 o'clock. This team had a good work-out last night with a junior Central team. The preliminary game will be played between the fourth team of the Central Y. M. C. A. and the Boys' Club team of East Hamilton, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. William Langland, the wife of a retired tanner of Ottawa, dropped dead on Wednesday afternoon while visiting a friend. Heart failure is given as the cause. The deceased was 66 years old.

## MILITARY LEAGUE.

Large Crowd Saw A. S. C. Win Good Game.

Last night saw a bigger crowd than ever at the Military Indoor Baseball League games in the new armories, and all four games were well played. The teams have not settled down yet, but considering that the games have just started the playing is creditable. On their showing last night the Bugle Band of the 13th and the Canadian Army Service Corps are likely to prove factors in the final.

After a fast game with D company, 13th, the Army Service Corps succeeded in winning in the last inning by two runs, the final score being 24 to 22 in favor of the A. S. C. The teams: C. A. S. C. (24)—Rousseau, Benzie, Sutton, Sears, Sherman, Rodgers, Bingham, Hutton and Hopkins.  
D company, 13th (22)—Smith, Meakins, Dumford, Aldridge, Hilder, Gaidman, Keegan and Keegan.

This game was protested, D company claiming that the C. A. S. C. played an unqualified man.

C company, 13th, defeated A company

handily by a score of 28 to 8. The lineup was:  
C company, 13th (28)—J. Lemmond, Cooper, Barber, A. Lemmond, Adams, McCaul, Henderson, Ashburg and Jacques.  
A company, 13th (8)—Buckingham, Dalgleish, Simpkins, Meekin, Day, Bingham, Cherry, Nixon, Bates.  
Umpire—W. Smith.

Baseball uniforms do not make baseball players. This was proven last night when the 23rd Bugle Band defeated B company, 13th, by a score of 23 to 10. The teams were as follows:  
B company, 13th (10)—Rodgers, Patterson, Nairn, Stoker, F. Vollick, Mellon, W. Vollick, Coates and Freeborn.  
Bugle Band (23)—Adams, Martin, Waite, Best, Brydges, Jackson, Potter, Cooper and Louzan.

The game between F company, 13th, and H company, 13th, resulted in an easy win for the former team by a score of 17 to 8. The teams:  
F company, 13th (17)—Bowstead, Athos, Galloway, Howes, Murphy, Palmer, Alton, Warren and McClary.  
H company, 13th (8)—Weston, Cling Berryman, Hutton, Wiggins, Martin, Warwick and Mundu.

## EVENTFUL HOCKEY.

Brantford Banker's Nose Broken in Game Last Night.

Brantford, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Hamilton bankers came here last night and gave the Brantford Bank septette an interesting time at hockey, winning by the score of 8 to 3. At half time the score was 4-3 in Hamilton's favor. J. Bray, of Hamilton, refereed satisfactorily. McLaren, the Brantford goalkeeper, had his nose broken by a shot from Seagram, who, with Meggs, starred for the visitors. The locals provided suitable entertainment after the game, the team returning on the 11 o'clock Radial car.

The lineup:  
Hamilton—Holkins, goal; Meggs, goal; Crombie, cover; Seagram, rover; Evian, centre; Carr, right; Cheyne, left.  
Brantford—McLaren, goal; Tasse, left; Hawkshaw, cover; Wallace, rover; Bunnell, centre; Plewes, right; McKay, left.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

O. H. A.—Senior.  
T. A. A. C. 6 Kingston... 5  
Intermediate.  
Port Colborne... 7 Port Dalhousie... 2  
Junior.  
U. C. C... 11 St. Michael's... 10  
Whitby... 10 Port Hope... 8  
Northern League.  
Durham... 12 Walkerton... 2  
Inter-collegiate—Intermediate.  
Cadets... 11 Queen's II... 10  
Inter-Provincial.  
Montreal... 10 Victorias... 9  
Trent Valley.  
Warkworth... 8 Hastings... 3  
Marmora... 10 Sterling... 9  
Exhibition.  
North Bay... 10 Huntsville... 1

## TO-DAY'S CARD.

O. H. A.—Intermediate.  
Goderich at Thorford.  
Grimsby at Beamsville.  
Lindsay at Peterboro'.  
Junior.  
Kingston at Pictou.  
Ontario Professional.  
Galt at Toronto, at Mutual Street Rink.

## Knocking Down the Pins

Four matches in the Class "C" GRIMSBY WAGON CUP.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Grimsby Curling Club won the Cup in District No. 6 of the Ontario Curling Association, defeating Drumbo and Paris. The scores: Drumbo, Paris. Murray Taylor, J. Stephenson, Hugh Brown, skip... 8 skip... 11

In the afternoon a match in the F. M. P. was played between two bank teams. The R. B. H. won three games from the M. B. The scores:  
Bank of Hamilton—  
E. Sturt... 79 111 102 352  
Macleod... 120 148 179 497  
Swinton... 160 160 210 522  
Sintzel... 127 148 117 392  
Smith... 148 171 187 506  
684 730 855 2289

Molsens Bank—  
Thomson... 135 128 141 404  
Pringle... 130 132 146 408  
Brierley... 159 87 137 383  
Henry... 117 135 124 376  
Livingston... 143 183 144 470  
684 697 692 2043

The following games are scheduled for Friday at the H. B. & A. C.:  
At 4:15—Traders Bank vs. Bank of Commerce.  
At 7:30—Rambles vs. Midnights, Spectator vs. Wood, Vallance & Co. No. 2, Sunshines vs. Kanadas, Hamilton Bowling Club vs. Westinghouse.  
At 9:30—R. McKay & Co. vs. Victoria L. B. Club, Marines vs. Dominions, Pittsburg vs. Crescents.  
Saturday night—Hamilton Gun Club vs. H. B. & A. C. (class A).

Hamilton II. took two games from the Colonials in a championship match in the City Ten Pin League at the Brunswick alleys last night. Cooper was high man with 567. The scores:  
Colonials—  
Morton... 151 170 299 520  
McLendry... 183 138 142 463  
Grenen... 175 139 169 483  
Fricter... 132 133 158 423  
Pocker... 111 166 166 443  
702 786 844 2392

Avery... 166 151 182 499  
Lord... 157 175 142 474  
Laing... 163 138 133 434  
Cooper... 176 205 186 567  
Nelson... 155 191 170 516  
817 929 813 2550

Next game, to-night—H. B. & A. C. vs. Printers.

## THISTLES BY 3 SHOTS.

Dundas Curlers Defeated Last Evening.

Final Game in Group 2 of Ontario Tankard.

Canadian Skaters at A. A. Championship.

It was nearly 7 o'clock last night when the final game in Group No. 2 of the Ontario Tankard series was finished and the Hamilton Thistles declared the winners. Much interest was shown in the match and one of the largest galleries that ever witnessed a curling match at the old Thistle Rink was present. The spectators were appreciative, too, and cheered when clever shots were made. The most spectacular work of the afternoon was done by "Jimmy" Thomson, the youthful skip of the Thistles' No. 2 rink. He received the lion's share of the applause. The youngsters were pitted against veteran curlers like Dr. Bertram, Mr. J. Peairo and Mr. Hendry. Mr. T. Stock was the only young player on the rink, but he showed up as well as he used to on the gridiron. This rink was seven down on the sixteenth end and in the round Hamilton was only one up. The youngsters, however, showed themselves to be good finishers and made two in each of the succeeding ends, finishing three down. The Thistles' other rink had a lead of 7 points at the finish, the home team consequently winning by four shots.

The score by ends was as follows:  
H. Thistles, J. Thomson's rink—19294010010022—15  
Dundas, Dr. Bertram's rink—0201030210310100—18  
H. Thistles, Dr. Edgar's rink—30210001201300210—17  
Dundas, H. Powell's rink—01000110010031001—10

The rinks were as follows:  
Thistles—Dundas.  
Dr. Langs, B. Roney.  
C. W. Cartwright, J. J. Steele.  
H. Wilson, C. Collins.  
Dr. Edgar, H. F. Powell.  
Skip... 17 Skip... 10  
F. Crawford, J. Padre.  
F. Garshore, T. Stock.  
J. Leggat, W. Hendry.  
J. Thomson, Dr. Bertram, skip... 15 skip... 18

Runners-up.  
N. 1—Granite or Lindsay.  
N. 2—Hamilton Thistles... Dundas  
N. 3—Ingersoll... Ayr  
N. 4—Orillia... Barrie  
N. 5—Scarboro Maple Leafs, Peterboro  
N. 6—Sarnia... Windsor  
N. 7—Guelph Royal City, Guelph  
N. 8—Harrison... Mt. Forest

## CHECKERS.

Weekly Game of Hamilton Club—Y. M. C. A. Next.

Hamilton Checker Club met on Tuesday evening in its rooms in the arcade, when W. Curtis and J. England selected teams and played an interesting match. Curtis' side won by 13 to 7, with 4 draws, as follows:  
Dr. Curtis... 4 J. England... 0  
Delorme... 2 Wildman... 1  
Finberg... 2 Stabber... 2  
Forbes... 1 Nichol... 2  
Cummings... 2 M. England... 1  
Dr. Cody... 2 Irvine... 2  
13 7 4

Next Tuesday night the Y. M. C. A. will play a return match with the Hamilton Checker Club at the Liberal Club quarters, Arcade, and on Tuesday night following, Feb. 16, a match will be played in the same place, between the north and south.

## TRIAL MARRIAGE.

San Francisco Pair Decide to Part After Five Years.

They Were Too Loving For The Tie to Last Long.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—A. W. Robins, a restaurant keeper, is the original trial marriage man, for while others have preached the doctrine he has practiced it. He entered upon a five years' contract of marriage five years ago. The contract will expire on Saturday, and on that day Mr. and Mrs. Robins will separate. There will be no bitterness, no tears; just a handshake and a word of farewell.

Robins talks volubly of the happiness that was his, but is set in his determination not to renew his option. And Mrs. Robins, it appears, is no more inclined to sign for another five years' lease.

Robins says he lived a scientific life; evolved himself into the ideal husband. He belonged to no clubs. When he went out at night he took Mrs. Robins along. He never told a lie. No irate wife ever greeted him with flashing eyes and poised rolling aim.

"My wife and I never had a quarrel," said Robins last night. "Whenever I was called out of town I took my wife along. Now there is even the evil of enforced marriage shows itself. Bound by a thousand different obligations to one another the personal liberties of man and wife are much restricted. We neither of us went anywhere without taking the other. It was part of our plan to live devotedly, but it amounted to an abridgement of personal liberty."

Down at Robins' restaurant the employees knew of the strange tie that bound the couple.

"Oh, they just saw too much of one another," said one of the waitresses last night. "Every place she went he tagged after. They were so set on going through life together that Mrs. Robins worked in the restaurant to be near her husband. If they had acted like sensible married people and cut out their nonsense they would have been all right."

Robins is about 30 years of age and his wife is younger. They met in Chicago and after a short courtship talked of marriage. Mrs. Robins hesitated, so the trial marriage ploy was suggested. A written contract was drawn up on January 30, 1904, and they began their wedded existence.

The contract, though binding, was elastic. When any contingency arose which was not covered by the original agreement a clause was added. When any feature of the contract failed to work well it was superseded by another.

On Saturday the couple will celebrate their wooden wedding, and their separation at one and the same time. But after they part, says Robins, they will not be strangers, but friends, as they were before their "wedding," Robins says.

## SHEFFIELD

Miss Stewart, of Rockton, was the guest of Miss Smille for a few days last week.

Miss Mary Malcolm, of St. George, is visiting in the village.

Mr. David Hood, of Clyde, spent Sunday at Mr. J. Hood's.

Miss Maggie Bond spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, of Port Dover, spent a few days last week at Mr. J. Cornell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cornell entertained a number of the young people of the neighborhood to a social evening on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Main, of this place, entertained a number of their relatives and friends to an oyster supper on Saturday evening last, it being the crystal anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. S. May of Brantford, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. H. Muiholland was in Brantford on Monday.

Mr. O. Main and family, of St. Thomas, were in the village for a few days last week.

## Laza-Food

Painting a surface will cover the dirt, curing indigestion or constipation with nostrums is about equally as bad a practice. Eat food that will remove the cause. See demonstration at Stanley Mills & Co's Home Industry Exhibition.