

Mutt Never Could Take a Joke

By "Bud" Fisher



SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

Curling Xmas Matches. The local curlers expect to start the season on Christmas Day. Already good sheets of ice have been secured in Carleton, Thistles and St. Andrew's rinks. The ice is in fine condition and with tonight fairly cold the rinks should be in a midwinter form.

It is understood that Carleton and St. Andrew's will not have any regular matches for the holiday, although keen sport is expected from the impromptu games.

The Thistles will play the President vs. Vice-President match tomorrow, and at a meeting of the club last evening the programme was arranged.

Hockey The Victorias. Fred Doherty of last year's Moncton Victorias, will captain the team this year. The team will be composed of Doherty, Walker, McGregor, Kyle, Cross, McMillan, Vales, Crockett, Carroll and Swetnam.

The Stars Britton Won From Ahearn. New York, Dec. 23.—Jack Britton, of Chicago outgouged Young Ahearn, of Brooklyn, in a ten round bout in Brooklyn tonight. Britton was the aggressor, but many of his swings went wild. His body punches were used to good effect. The Chicago man weighed 135 and the Brooklynite 125.

Dundee's Victory. Greater strength, heavier hitting and persistent aggressiveness were qualities that enabled Johnny Dundee, New York featherweight, to score a victory over Ed Morgan of England at the Forty-fourth Street Sporting Club in New York last Thursday night. Morgan's defensive work made Dundee miss many blows, but the latter never stopped raining and in the last half of the mill he landed with sufficient frequency to make the Briton beg in the clinches. Dundee's success in the twenty round battle with Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight title at Verona, Cal., last spring.

A packed house greeted Dundee and Morgan when they climbed through the ropes. They had agreed to make 125 pounds at the ringside. Mounting the scales Dundee showed 123 1/4 pounds, and the Briton 124 1/4 pounds.

Morgan with fast left hands scored numerous clean-cut points in the first round. He also made Dundee miss repeatedly and when the bell rang he had the better of it. In the second round Dundee danced about like a jumping jack, still missing. Morgan jabbed him in the nose and mouth with more quick life, also the jaw and neck with solid rights. Dundee rallied near the end, but the Briton again had the round. The moment the third round began Dundee roared wildly.

Morgan sent the left squarely into the nose and Dundee's face half a dozen times, but he was forced to clinch. Dundee kept up his running tactics to the bell, but Morgan outpointed him. Dundee fore in at top speed in the fourth round, but missed. He crowded Morgan to the ropes and pounded the body. Morgan met a clinch. Dundee in keeping at close quarters did the more effective punching and took the round.

The fifth round was even. In the sixth round Dundee continued his aggressiveness and had slightly the better of the milling. The Englishman was outboxed in the seventh round. Dundee led the eighth round on work, as he forced the fighting steadily. Morgan allowed his man to do practically all the leading in the ninth round. Dundee once more landed the heavier blow. Morgan made a desperate rally in the last round, but soon he was holding in the clinches. Dundee carried the fight to him all the way and was the winner, the Englishman being clearly felled out at the going.

Jem Mac's Memory Honored. London, Dec. 23.—Jem Mac, champion of the world, is part of the inscription on a marble cross which has just been set up by a few old friends in Norwich, cemetery to the memory of the famous pugilist. Mac was a Norfolk man, and for many years resided in that city. The actual burying place is Antfield cemetery in Liverpool.

Baseball Athletes Have Wonder. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—Manager Jack Dunn of the Orioles says that in Eddie Murray the Athletics are getting the best lead off man in the country. Dunn sold Murray to Connie Mack last year and the youngster got in a few games toward the end of the season.

Mullin Signs Again. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Pitcher George Mullin last night signed his contract to play with the Detroit American league team in 1913. In point of service Mullin is the oldest member of the team, having played twelve years with Detroit.

NOT WHAT HE MEANT. "How are you today, Uncle?" "Only just managing to keep alive, my boy." "I'm very sorry to hear that!"

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NOTICE TO OPERA HOUSE STOCK-HOLDERS. At a meeting of the Directors of the St. John Opera House Co., held July 15th last, a committee was appointed to revise the stock lists. As it was decided to issue new stock certificates to replace the old ones, about January 1, 1913, kindly mail your old certificates and transfers. As there are many transfers not registered on the stock book such stock to be recognized must be in the hands of the committee on or before the 30th of this month. Address E. W. PAUL, Secretary to Committee, 149 Union street. Dec. 23, 1912. 12088-12-28.

COMMON COUNCIL The Police Changes—Application For Grant—General Business. The resolution reducing the city police force to one man was adopted by the common council at the weekly meeting yesterday afternoon. Commissioner McNeil said that the proposed action would not leave the city without protection and is a warning for the benefit of those who might think they could take advantage of the opportunity to become riotous on New Year's eve. The council decided to petition the government to increase the length of the new term at West St. John to 1,000 feet and will seek the co-operation of the board of trade. An application for an increase in their grant to \$600 was received yesterday from the Agricultural Society and was referred to the committee on grants. All applications for city grants must be sent in at once with detailed statements of receipts and expenditures for the last year. Thomas McCready & Sons were given permission to lay a track across the foot of Grand street, North Griffiths & Co. were given permission to terminate their lease of the Anchor Line wharf. George Dick's contract for ninety-five tons of coal was cancelled, as he could not get the coal and new tenders will be called for a new run of nine coal tons. The harbor law was amended to provide for a fine of \$100 for violations of the law. A. C. Smith & Co. were given permission to purchase city lot No. 930 in Guyard for \$1,000. The resolution authorizing the issue of \$50,000 bonds to cover city work was adopted. Commissioner Schlichter presented a statement regarding the ferry department in answer to a certain criticism.

RECENT DEATHS On Sunday in Moncton, the Rev. William Crossman died, aged thirty-nine years. She was a daughter of the late Moses Crossman, of Niagara. The body of Malcolm G. McKendrick, whose death occurred in the northern part of Maine, was brought to Moncton Sunday afternoon and was taken to Bass River, Kent County, deceased former home, for burial. Deceased was sixty-three years of age, and had been for some time in a pulp and paper mill in Maine, near the Quebec border. Daniel McKendrick, a brother of deceased, and a former conductor on the C. P. R. at Woodstock, accompanied the remains. Deceased was unmarried. Dr. Neil McKendrick, of Newfoundland, is a brother and Mrs. A. H. Fryer, of Moncton, is a cousin of deceased. The death of Richard McCarthy, an aged and respected farmer, of Bartholomew River, near Blackville, occurred on old age, last Wednesday. His wife died thirty years before. John and Richard and Miss Bridget, at home, Mrs. Burns McCormick, Blackville, Mrs. Larned Brown, Douglastown, Michael, Stillwater, Minn., Miss Alice, and two married daughters, in Quebec; and Mary Jane, a sister, in a Florida convent, are among the surviving children.

INCURABLE OPTIMISM. A Hamilton rancher returned after a year's trip through the east to find a one-time neighbor of his, a man noted for his perfect patience, had been having a siege of bad luck. Upon hearing the news he immediately sought out the neighbor to console with him. "Well, John," he said, after the greetings had been exchanged, "I hear you've lost all of your timber through the forest fire." "The other man nodded. "And they say that the river cut off your best bottom land; that your boys all died of cholera; that you wife and children had been sick, and that they have now foreclosed the mortgage on your other place." John nodded again. "Yes, it's all true," he said, looking about him at what had once been his prosperous farm, "all true. Why, sometimes I get almost discouraged."

WHY WILLIAM HAD TO GO. "You are advertising for a chauffeur, I see, Mrs. DePayse?" "Yes, we had to let William go last week." "I thought you were pleased with him." "At first we were, but a new broom sweeps clean, you know, and we found that William was lazy. He was fine at washing the windows, doing the garden, tending the fires, running errands, mowing the lawn, polishing the clothes, sweeping the walls, polishing the dials, oiling the furniture, preparing the vegetables, waiting on the table and doing the dishes, but he was too lazy. He used to go to sleep at midnight regularly, no matter where he was. Many a time Mr. DePayse let the club for home at two o'clock in the morning and found William snoring in the car outside. Imagine how it must have looked to our friends, to see our chauffeur asleep in the street."

FANNING THE FLAME. For a number of years a bitter feud existed between the Browns and the Perkins, next door neighbors. The trouble had originated through the depredations of Brown's cat, and had grown so fixed an affair that neither party ever dreamed of "making up." One day, however Brown sent by his servant a peace-making note for Mr. Perkins, which read: "Mr. Brown sends his compliments to you and begs to say his cat bited Mr. Perkins' written reply was bitter: "Mr. Perkins is sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's trouble, but he had not heard that Mrs. Brown was ill." Anyway he had an electric bell fitted, then a distinct novelty to the neighborhood.

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PROGRESS AT COURTENAY BAY P. R. Warren, chief engineer of Norton Grille & Co., who was in the city yesterday said that the work on the contract is proceeding well ahead of the government requirements. At present they were concentrating on the breakwater in order to provide protection for the other work. Next summer he expected to see 1,500 men at work. The dredging had been delayed on account of the weather, but they were ready to go to work when they could. The balance of the dredging plant would be brought here in the spring. Mr. Warren also spoke of the great opportunity which existed for a ship-repair and ship-building plant at St. John, quoting current news to illustrate his remarks. N. B. GUIDES. The annual meeting of the N. B. Guides' Association was held yesterday in the Queen Hotel in Fredericton. The members reported a good season with plenty of game and good shooting in spite of the fact that many sportsmen cancelled their engagements on account of unfavorable weather. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Hon. J. K. Fleming, surveyor general, president, W. Harry Allen, Fenwick, (re-elected); vice-president, Burton Moore; secretary, J. H. McMurray, Fredericton, re-elected.

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