Baseball Torontos Win Again ⁂ Basketball Public School Final Games ⁂ Rowing Trials on The Thames

NOTE AND COMMENT

Old country papers of the day following the 17th of March show that the fight followers had a pretty good run for their money, even if some did pay as high as $125 a seat. There were four battles, including the short go between Burns and Roche, and all were good except the main event.

Tommy Burns sends us the "buff" edition of The Dublin Mail, in which appears his own story of how he won. It was one of the greatest days in the history of the old Irish capital, judging from the two pages given over to the scrap by The Dublin Mail.

Burns says his right-hand blow that scored the knock-out only traveled six inches. Also, "I wore the American flag as a waist-belt, and I want to reiterate that, tho born in Canada, I am an American citizen, and have proudly worn the American flag in all my fights on both sides of the Atlantic."

The first preliminary lasted ten rounds, the second 15 and there was also another at 15 rounds that came after the main event. There was an orchestra playing martial airs. In the centre of the stage a square ring had been roped off, and chairs were placed round this on three sides, leaving the fourth open to the view of the audience. It was a strange gathering, too, that occupied these stage seats. Here, cheek by jowl, were noblemen and pugilists, sporting professional men, army officers, battered followers of the "noble art," and loud-voiced, self-asserting gentlemen of the betting-ring.

A little after 10 o'clock the master of ceremonies appeared in the ring and read the conditions of the fight, and at 10.10 Roche went into the ring, the orchestra playing "The Boys of Wexford," and the audience cheering wildly. A minute later Burns followed, the band striking up "Yankee Doodle." Both men were some time in undressing.

Roche had the best corner, as his back was to the powerful electric lights. He appeared the easier of the two, and was smiling all the time his seconds were adjusting the gloves. When he was stripped he looked very heavy, much more so than Burns, who was also pale to sallowness, and his inflamed eye gave him an ugly appearance. The Irishman wore dark green trunks with light green sash, and Burns had on dark red trunks with a Stars and Stripes sash. He wore fingerless dogskin gloves, but Roche preferred bandages.

Mr. Watson, the referee, having called the men into the ring and cautioned them the gong went at 10.29 o'clock for the first and last round. Both men adopted their characteristic attitude, Burns with a high guard moving round the Irishman with beautiful foot work as they feinted and finessed for an opening. Roche feinted with his left, and later tried a left hook, but Burns was much too quick for him. A few seconds more manoeuvring and Burns again feinted.

Roche retreated, but was too slow and Burns shooting his right hard and fast on the cheek bone, the Irishman half turned, and went down like a log with his face to the boards. He made several efforts to rise, but the gong went before he was able to face his opponent again. The round had only lasted 1 minute 28 seconds, and, therefore, the fight was the shortest on record for the championship. Burns immediately offered to go on, but, of course, the referee at once declined, and declaring Burns the winner, ordered the men out of the ring.

The four members of the syndicate who had promoted the gathering were Mesesrs. Richard Croker, D. O'Connell Myley, Martin Fitzgerald and E. B. Healy. They hung up $100 for two of the preliminaries, a summary of which reads:

Fifteen-round contest at 9 stone—Private Berry (11th Hussars) beat W. Hook, London, knock-out in the tenth round £25 a side and a £50 purse.

Fifteen-round contest, at 11 stone 4 pounds—Private Warner (3rd Dragoon Guards) beat Bombardier Morgan (Royal Garrison Artillery), decision, for a side bet and £50 purse, was an interesting one.

Fifteen-round contest (catch weights) —Pedlar McMahon (Cardiff) beat Billy Morgan (Swansea); knock-out in eighth round. A most exhilarating battle, if an unscientific one, both men going to work with a will and the hitting was fast and furious.

Turf Gossip.

Gold Bottom, Artie Brener's King's Plate candidate, has a daily canter at Queen's Park, in London, but so far hasn't breezed a yard. However, the wise ones have it that the chestnut doesn't need a great deal of work.

Only two favorites brought in the money at Santa Anita Park Saturday. In the fourth race Pretension, the 3 to 2 favorite, was beaten out in the stretch by Dominius Arvi, the second choice, by a head. Botanist ran a good third. Jockey Schilling came within the money in six of the seven events.

Starter Holtman sprang the barrier in the first race at Oakland Saturday with Bell Reed the only horse ready to get away, but, notwithstanding this advantage, he could not win. Nagazam was played for thousands of dollars, as was Belle of Iroquois, but they failed to make good on account of the start. After the finish thousands of race patrons gathered around the judges' stand and hooted and jeered Starter Holtman for his bad start. The Pinkerton detectives finally dispersed the crowd.

Public School Basketball
The Semi-Finals and Finals

Athletic Association Winds Up Second Year's Work---Inspector Hughes Presents the Cups---Games and Scores.

The Central Y.M.C.A. Public School Athletic Association closed its second year's work on Saturday night, when the semi-final and final basketball games were played. It was a fitting close for a most successful year. Hundreds of boys and girls crowded the first gallery, while the second was filled to overflowing with parents, who were just as enthusiastic as the small boys and girls in the lower gallery. Such a noise the gym. has not heard since last year. They cheered their men for everything that looked like a good play, and kept it up from 7.45 to the sound of the time whistle at 10 o'clock.

At the end of the games J. L. Hughes presented the cups won during the past season in the Central Y.M.C.A. public school indoor meets, and also in the basketball league.

These cups are to be held for the year 1908. Huron received the Kirk Cup, as winners of the intermediate indoor meet; Rose the Pearsall Cup, as winners of the minor league meet; Rose also received the Brotherton Cup as champions of the Senior Basketball League, and Lansdowne the Shaw Cup, as champions of the Junior Basketball League; Lansdowne also received the Mrs. Hardy Cup, for winning the indoor swimming races. Wellesley School won the major indoor meet and will receive their cup later, as it is not yet finished.

The basketball games were run off in splendid style, under the able direction of Taylor Statten, secretary of the boys' department, and his committee. The first game was between junior teams from John and Lansdowne. It was a semi-final game and was one of the best of the evening, both teams playing some good combination. At half time the score was 20—11 in favor of Lansdowne. During the second half John worked hard and scored more points than Lansdowne, but not enough to overcome the lead of the first half. McRoberts and Halden for John and Burns for Lansdowne were the stars. Teams:

Lansdowne (30): F. Tobin, P. McQueen, W. Burns, M. Gilmore, G. Mitchell.

John (24): W. McRoberts, M. Fremes, J. Levinsky, D. Halden, J. Collins.

Referee—W. D. Hanna.

The second junior semi-final game was between Winchester and McCaul. The Winchester boys were taller, but they could not get very far away from the plucky little McCaul lads, who checked hard and managed to score a goal once in a while. The half time score was 17—14 in favor of Winchester, and the final score 31—22 in favor of the same school. Landsberg and Perlman for McCaul, and Bell and Ferguson for the winners did extra good work for their teams. Teams:

Winchester (31): H. Ferguson, H. Bell, L. Brown, B. Jackson, R. Niven.

McCaul (22): J. Landsberg, D. Brody, D. Perlman, C. Swartz, J. Irvine.

Referee—J. E. Hunnisett.

The final senior game between Rose and Wellesley was a close, hard game from start to finish, with very little choice between the teams. At half time Rose led by two points, and at full time the score was 39—28 in favor of the same team. Rose scored five field shots to Wellesley's 2.

For Rose, Davidson and Cole, and for Wellesley, Fader and Poole were very steady the whole game. Teams:

Rose (39): R. Davidson, O. Burkart, E. Stiff, A. Cole, P. Brown.

Wellesley (28): H. Fader, N. Connery, S. Poole, A. Beacock, G. Granger.

Referee—J. E. Hunnisett.

The final junior game was between Lansdowne and Winchester. The first half was close, each team scoring two field goals; in the second half Burns of Lansdowne, who had been playing a good game all night, played a whirlwind of a game, and won the game by dropping six field baskets. He was the best junior player on the floor. The game ended 44—24 in favor of Lansdowne.

Referee—G. F. Smith. Timer—J. L. Hughes, Scorer—R. Roddick.

Feds Suspend Hamilton.

MONTREAL, March 28.—The Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, at a meeting held in the M.A.A.A. building last night, ratified the action of the directors in electing committees and ratifying the articles of agreement between the A.A.F. and A.A.U. at their last meeting.

The Hamilton Y.M.C.A. basketball team was suspended for playing against the National A.C. basketball team of Brooklyn, the American team having previously been suspended by the A.A.U. for participation in games in Canada without the sanction of the A.A.U.

The dates for the finals of the track events for the Olympic games were not decided upon, as the A.A.F. is waiting to hear from the C.A.A.U. for the date that they had settled to hold their field meet for the Olympic games in Toronto. When the A.A.F. is notified, the date for the Montreal track meet will be fixed.

BOWLING IN HAMILTON.

New Building Being Erected Where Next Tournament is to Be Held.

HAMILTON, March 28.—Work was started this week on the foundation for the handsome big building which the Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club is erecting at the corner of King and Jarvis-streets, the excavations for which are just about completed. This building, when erected, will be one of the most modern and incidentally the best of its kind in the Dominion. In addition to the sixteen handsome bowling alleys, upon which the next Canadian bowling tournament will be held, the club will possess sixteen billiard and pool tables, dining rooms, barber shop, shoe shine parlors, Turkish baths and cigar store, not to mention reading room, parlors, etc. The clubhouse will be one of the most complete of its kind on the continent. W. P. Thompson and C. A. Shepard will act as managers.

The officers of the club, which is a new organization in Hamilton, are:

President—J. L. Counsell.

Vice-president—Thomas Upton.

Secretary—G. J. Thompson.

The membership prospects are very bright, as is the future of the club, which promises to be one of the leading organizations in the city. While the alleys and pool room will be thrown open to the public, the club will consist principally of a good, live membership, and it is the present intention that athletics should have all the attention possible.

Listowel Football Club.

LISTOWEL, March 28.—A well-attended meeting was held last night in the committee rooms at the public library, for the purpose of reorganizing the teams for the coming season for the W.F.A. The meeting was well attended and it was decided to enter the intermediate and junior series. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, F. W. Hay; hon. vice-president, John Watson; president, P. S. Connolly; vice-president, Dr. J. Moore; first vice-president, R. Cassels; second vice-president, D. L. Scott; managing committee, P. S. Connolly, J. G. Burt; secretary, P. Raines. W. Ramsey and B. Bamford, also J. H. Boehmer, Ed. Stewart and James Scott; intermediate captain, W. Ramsay; junior captain, B. Bamford; convention delegates, W. Ramsay and B. Bamford.

Amateur Boxers to Get Try Out.

The boot and shoe workers are giving a smoker on Thursday evening next in the Labor Temple, when several boxing bouts between boys in training for the city tournament will get a try-out.

The Woodbine Beach Athletic Club will have one or more candidates in each class in the city tournament Good Friday week. Hilliard Lang will enter only in the middleweight division, while Norman Lang may be lightweight.

Cambridge Field Athlets Win.

LONDON, March 28.—Cambridge won the Oxford-Cambridge field sports at Queen's Club to-day, with six events, against Oxford's four.

St. Simon's Meet Wednesday.

St. Simon's Lacrosse Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday night at Prospect Park Rink to reorganize for the coming season, and request all friends and members to be on hand.

Toronto League Meet Monday.

At a meeting of the executive of the Toronto League Friday morning, the secretary was instructed to call a general meeting of the league for Monday night at the T.B.C.

Baseball on Parliament Hill.

A very enthusiastic meeting of those interested in baseball was held at the parliament buildings, and, judging from the turnout, a very strong team will be placed in the field for the coming season. The following officers were elected:

Hon. president, Hy. C. A. Maisonville; hon. vice-president, Chas. Matthews; jr.; president, S. P. Grant; vice-president, A. G. Scovell; secretary, Jos. W. Reddick; treasurer, H. M. Gamey; manager, A. J. McNeill.

It is the intention to join a league composed of teams representing the post-office, city hall and customs house. The following have signified their intention of falling in line: Chantler, Crow, Cosgrave, Mackenzie, Hewitt, Nick Cole, Harris, McMillan, Lamb, Trivett, Samuels, Townley, Burns, Carlyle, Phair, Congalton and Dennis.

OXFORD MAKES SECRET TRIAL

Which is Considered Unsportsmanlike in Thames Rowing Circles.

LONDON, March 28.—The Oxford University crew has invited some depreciatory comment in rowing circles by a secret trial this morning over the full course to be rowed with Cambridge April 4.

Such secrecy is not unprecedented, but it is regarded as unsportsmanlike for amateurs and strictly at variance with varsity traditions. A sporting paper recalls the fact that Ten Eyck adopted similar tactics at Henley in 1896, and provoked the virtuous indignation of the varsity Blues.

Sporting writers at this time consider that Cambridge has the superior crew.

Markham Baseball Club.

MARKHAM, March 28.—An enthusiastic meeting was held here last evening to reorganize the Markham Baseball Club. Mr. E. B. Robinson was in the chair. The following officers were elected: Patrons, Dr. P. D. McLean, M.P., Captain Tom Wallace, Q. W. Carry, Alex. McCowan, M.P.; hon. president, L. H. Speight, R. Q. Corron, R. A. Mason, John Thomas, James Walter, James Torrance; president, E. H. Wilson; first vice-captain, Adam; second vice-captain, Dr. S. M. Stewart; assistant secretary, E. B. Robinson; secretary-treasurer, Roland Wilson; executive committee, George L. Zeigler, Q. C. Little; manager, Geo. Hewitt. A senior league will likely be formed, composed of Stouffville, Unionville, Capitals of Toronto, Markham and another Toronto team.

Exhibition Baseball.

At Columbia, S.C.—Columbia 3, Buffalo 2.

At San Antonio, Tex.—San Antonio (Texas) 8, St. Louis (National) 2.

At Annapolis—Annapolis 4, Cornell 3.

At Augusta, Ga.—Augusta (South Atlantic) 4, Boston (National) 2.

At Athens, Ga.—New York (Americans) 4, University of Georgia 1.

At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania 9, New York 0.

At Princeton—Ursinus 3, Princeton 5.

At Washington—Georgetown 5, Maryland Agricultural 9.

At New Haven—Yale 3, Manhattan 2 (12 innings).

At Lexington, Va.—Amherst College 3, Washington and Lee 0.

—Sunday Games.—

At New Orleans—New Orleans (Southern) 2, Cleveland (American) 0.

At Columbus—Philadelphia (American) 3, Columbus (American Association) 0.

Prospect Park's Celebration.

The annual banquet of the Prospect Park Curling Club will be held to-night at the clubhouse, Prospect-street. The proceedings are set to begin at 8 o'clock, and the program is one that ensures a very enjoyable evening.

Oxford-Cambridge Next Saturday

Cantabs Favorite in Betting Regardless of Secret Trial on Saturday by Dark Blues—Crews and Weights.

PUTNEY, March 29.—The Oxford-Cambridge boat race, which a few weeks ago it was believed the Cambridge crew would win without great effort, on account of which interest in the annual event lagged, is now thought likely to be a close contest. The race will be rowed on April 4 and this reversal of feeling is accounted for to some extent by the secret trial rowed by Oxford Friday, over which the coach of the crew shows great elation. While the figures are not officially given, it is understood that the dark blues made the distance in 19 minutes 37 seconds, and were going strong when they reached the finish at Putney. Cambridge on Saturday, however, did a better trial than this, covering the course in 19 minutes 16 seconds, but the light blues had the advantage of being paced, with more favorable water conditions. Both the Oxford and Cambridge crews, which commenced their training before the ice was out of the rivers in their home waters, had more than usual to contend against this year. The weather has not been favorable for out-of-door sports and the men suffered from an epidemic of influenza, several of them having to eliminate part of their training as a result of sickness. For the race next Saturday, Cambridge is the favorite in the betting. The crews and their weights are as follows:

—Cambridge—

F. H. Jerwood (Jesus), bow, 165.
G. E. Fairbairn (Jesus), 166, 2.
O. A. Carver (First Trinity), 179, 3.
H. E. Kitching (Trinity), 184, 4.
J. S. Burn (First Trinity), 179, 5.
E. G. Williams (Third Trinity), 184, 6.
E. W. Powell (Third Trinity), 160, 7.
D. C. R. Stuart (Trinity Hall), 156, stroke.
R. Boyle (Trinity Hall), 118, coxswain.

—Oxford—

The Hon. R. Stanhope (Magdalen), 136, bow.
C. R. Cudmore (Magdalen), 169, 2.
E. H. L. Southwell (Magdalen), 171, 3.
A. E. Kitchin (St. John's), 178, 4.
A. G. Kirby (Magdalen), 187, 5.
A. G. McCulloch (University), 176, 6.
H. R. Barker (Christ Church), 170, 7.
A. C. Gladstone (Christ Church), 157, stroke.
A. W. Donkin (Magdalen), 120, coxswain.

LYNCHBURG ARE EASY FOR KELLEY'S BRAVES

Score Was 10 to 2—Leafs Would Have Scored a Shut Out But For Jennings' Error.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 28.—(Special.) Toronto defeated Lynchburg easily here to-day by 10 to 2. It should have been a shut-out, but an error by Jennings on a slow grounder in the third gave the home team two runs. Krebs, a big college pitcher from this locality, twirled for Toronto and had 13 strike-outs to his credit. He was in good shape and had plenty of steam. The locals were lamentably weak at the bat and fielded poorly on the rough ground.

Gettman and Wotell made nice running catches and Pearson caught well. Brown went behind the bat in the seventh, Mitchell going to first base. Jennings had a perfect batting average with two hits and three bases on balls. The Toronto team returned to Charlottesville to-night. Score:

Toronto.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Gettman, c.f	3	0	1	2	0	0
Wotell, l.f.	5	1	1	1	0	0
Cockman, 3b.	4	0	0	1	2	1
Frick, s.s.	4	1	2	3	1	0
Rudolph, r.f.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Brown, 1b. and c.	5	2	1	6	0	0
Jennings, 2b.	2	2	2	0	3	1
Mitchell, 1b.	1	1	0	1	0	0
Pearson, c.	3	1	1	13	0	0
Krebs, p.	2	1	1	1	0	0
Total	32	10	11	27	6	2

Lynchburg.	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Accorsini, 3b.	4	1	1	3	4	1
Schumann, 1f.	2	1	0	1	0	0
V. Accorsini, 2b.	4	0	2	0	2	0
Grover, 1b.	4	0	0	14	2	1
Douglass, s.s.	4	0	0	0	2	1
Smith, c.	4	0	1	5	1	1
Earp, c.f.	4	0	1	0	1	1
Knight, r.f.	4	0	0	1	0	1
Oakley, p.	3	0	0	0	3	0
Total	33	2	5	24	15	6

Score by innings:

Toronto	1 5 0 0 2 0 2 0 x—10
Lynchburg	0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Summary—Two base hits, Wotell, Rudolph. Stolen bases, Smith. Bases on balls, by Oakley 6; by Krebs 3. Passed ball, Pearson 1. Sacrifice hit, Smith 2. Hit by pitcher, Brown. Struck out, by Krebs 13; by Oakley 4. Sacrifice hits, Gettman 2, Cockman, Krebs. Umpire, Stewart. Time of game, 2.10.

No Game To-Day.

The Toronto team have no game to-day. They leave for Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, where they spend three days, and then put in five at Norfolk, Va., before taking boat to Delaware, Md., and from there thru the Tri-State Circuit.

Nice Four Club League.

BOWMANVILLE, March 28.—(Special.)—A very large and enthusiastic meeting of the Park Nine Baseball Club was held at the Bennett House Friday evening, for the purpose of organizing for the coming season. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, W. J. Morrisey; president, Arthur Mingeaud; first vice-president, Geo. E. Maynard; second vice-president, Wm. Wilcox; secretary, E. J. Blackburn; treasurer, S. Morris; manager, George Weekes; official scorer, William Bagnell; league representatives, George Weekes, W. Oke. A league is being formed, composed of teams from Whitby, Oshawa, Newcastle and Bowmanville. Such a league would be given hearty support in each of the towns. Of late years there have been too many outside players brought in to fill positions on the team, which could have been just as well taken care of by home brews and at less expense.

Amateur Baseball.

The Marlboros' B.B.C. will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at 49 Olive-avenue, and request the following to turn out and any interested will be made welcome: W. Morris, N. King, E. Hart, E. Adams, C. Christie, B. McKenzie, J. Guthrie, R. Crawford, F. McFarland, J. Morton, C. Isiaac, C. Harvey, C. Hareman, E. Gould, C. Hobson, B. Wilmot.

The Capital Baseball Club will hold their meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock at their club rooms, 559 Dundas-street, as business of importance will be transacted. The Caps are playing senior ball this year and would like to hear from any party forming a senior league in the west end. Address all communications to A. Galbraith, 640 Brock-avenue.

A general meeting of the Western Amateur Baseball League will be held Wednesday evening in the West End Y.M.C.A. Important business will be discussed and the schedule for the season drafted. The following teams are requested to send delegates: St. Anne's A.C., St. Centennials, Senecas, Garretts, Live Stock Association, Massey-Harris, United Typewriter Co. and West End Y.M.C.A.

There will be a meeting of the Maple Leaf Baseball League on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, in the Cameron House, corner of Queen and Cameron-streets. Any juveniles, junior or intermediate club wishing to join please send delegates.

The M. J. Crottles, winners of Parkdale Junior Baseball League, will hold a meeting to organize for the coming season to-night at 8 o'clock at the corner of Queen and Shaw-streets. All members are requested to be on hand, and any others wishing to join. They would like to hear from a good manager to-night.

Millen, a student at the Dental College, has signed to catch for the Night Owls. He is tipped as a comer.

Q.O.R. EASY FOR WINDSOR VISITORS WON BY 13 TO 4

Saturday's Closing Indoor Baseball Game Attracts Big Crowd to Armories.

That the indoor game has become an established favorite in this city was evidenced by the splendid attendance at the armories Saturday night to witness the game for the Western Ontario championship between the Q.O.R. regimental team, champions of this district, and the 21st Fusiliers' team of Windsor, Ont., winners of their section. The visitors won rather easily by the score of 13 to 4.

In spite of its one-sidedness, the game was keenly fought out all the way, and the big crowd waited until the last man was out. The visitors played an exceptionally fine game, fielding and batting splendidly, and showed conclusively that they have had long and valuable experience with the indoor game, and have mastered all its fine points. They are always in the game and are careful at all times to an unusual degree. The Q.O.R. team did not at all play their accustomed snappy game, and played very loosely, which was in decided contrast to the systematic, careful play of the visitors. Their batting, too, was lighter than usual, occasioned, no doubt, by the speedy and mystifying ball served up by Pitcher Brien.

There was quite a lot of confusion over the rules respecting the play, the Windsor men being used to a different interpretation of several essential points of the game, notably in the matter of stealing bases; but after a few innings had been played the visitors soon fell into line with the home rules and the game proceeded without any hitch. Score:

							R.	H.	E.
Windsor	1	1	1	2	3	3	0	12	1
Q. O. R.	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	7

Batteries—Brien and Ponting; Young and Downing.

Windsor were accompanied by a large crowd of rooters, many being present from London, Guelph and Chatham.

The next game will be played in Windsor next Saturday night. The Queen's Own's chances of winning out are very bright, but the western team may play differently if the locals happen to connect with their pitcher.

Indoor Entries Close To-Night.

Entries for the R.C.B.C. indoor athletic meet next Friday in Riverdale Rink close to-night with the secretary at 131 Broadview-avenue.

The list of events: 300 yards, novice; 50 yards, handicap; 1 mile, novice; 300 yards, boys; 1½ miles, handicap; 300 yards, handicap; half-mile, handicap; 3500 metres walk, Olympic event (approximately 2¼ miles); special event, Tate to go against record.

Another special is a two-mile relay race, Longboat and Sellen v. Adams and Cummings, all of the Irish-Canadians.

This Week at T. B. C.

Schedule of games for Business Men's League at the Toronto Bowling Club for this week will be as follows:

Monday—Eatonias v. Jas. Morrisons; Arlington Collar Co. v. Phillip Carey Mfg. Co.

Tuesday—Millinery team v. S. F. McKinnons; Red Rose Teas v. Lumber Manufacturers.

Wednesday—Underwoods v. Jas. Langmuir Co.; Fruit Men v. Toronto Eng. Co.

Thursday—Underwoods v. Jas. Morrison Co.; Eatonias v. Red Rose Teas.

Friday—Lumber Manufacturers v. Toronto Eng. Co.; Fruit Men v. Arlington Collar Co.

Saturday—Phillip Carey Mfg. Co. v. Millinery team; Jas. Langmuir Co. v. S. F. McKinnon & Co.

—Financial League.—

Wednesday—Edwards-Morgan Co. v. Doctors and Lawyers.

Friday—National Trust Co. v. Toronto General Trust Co.

—Championship of Printers' League.—

Saturday—Newton-Treloar v. Globe.

Globe Win Two Points.

In the play-off for the championship of the Printers' League Saturday, the Globe, winners of the Morning Section, won two from Newton-Treloar, winners of the Evening Section. The games were very close, the Globe winning by two pins.

The second game will be next Saturday night. Scores:

Globe—	1	2	3	T'l.
Dayment	155	181	152	488
Johnson	112	142	84	338
Cashman	106	198	172	476
Parkes	200	176	155	531
Beer	136	163	183	482
Totals	709	860	746	2315

Newton-Treloar—	1	2	3	T'l.
Gibbons	190	146	153	489
Gougeon	147	168	163	478
O'Neil	125	131	136	392
McDonald	165	178	131	474
Booth	166	140	161	467
Totals	793	763	744	2300

Week's Bowling Program.

This week's line-up of the Mercantile League and the Canadian Bowling Club League, on the C. B. C. drives, corner Shuter and Victoria-streets:

—Mercantile.—

Monday, 8 p.m.—Gowans-Kent v. Robertson Bros.; J. F. Brown & Co. v. Eatons No. 2; Eatons No. 1 v. Sellers-Gough; J. J. McLaughlin v. Toronto Silver Plate Co.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Eatons No. 1 v. Lawson-Wilson; Julian Sale v. Eatons No. 5; Grip, Ltd., v. Sellers-Gough B; Pocock Bros. v. Eatons No. 4.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Canadian Kodak v. Nerlich & Co.; Brown Bros. v. Hambly Bros.

—Canadian Bowling Club League.—

Tuesday—Blue Rocks v. Nationals; Wellingtons v. Great Westerns; The Pointers v. Big Five; High Rollers v. B. B. C. Colts.

Friday—Wellingtons v. The Pointers; Soliloquies v. Great Westerns; Blue Rocks v. B. B. C. Colts; Aborigines v. The Beachers.

The fancy waistcoat and pair of trousers donated by R. A. Savigny last week for the three highest games and the highest single game, were won by Bert Neal with 247, 258, 192—697, and the single game by Mr. Doer with a 245 score, respectively.

Central Bowling League.

In the Central League Saturday night the Saunders' team took all three from Aberdeens, as follows:

H. & A. Saunders—	1	2	3	T'l.
L. Johnston	154	148	145	447
C. Gogel	210	152	145	507
G. Johnston	133	123	111	367
C. Hughes	164	129	167	460
A. Sutherland	144	221	201	566
Totals	805	773	769	2347

Aberdeens—	1	2	3	T'l.
W. Bevis	133	162	146	441
B. Miller	173	173	168	514
C. Spencer	206	146	134	486
F. Mansell	124	133	207	391
W. Mansell	126	149	173	448
Totals	762	763	758	2283

Sidelights.

In the Business Men's League at the T. B. C. Saturday, the Lumber Manufacturers defeated the Arlington Company two out of three. F. Chantler was high man, with 498. Underwoods won three from McKinnon's, Young being high man, with 526.

At the Gladstone Bowling Alleys last week, H. Facemyre and Chas. Douglas tied for the hat with a score of 585 each, and these two players will roll a game this week to see who takes the prize.

News and Gossip About Lacrosse
C.L.A. Intermediate Howling Farce

Fergus Sends Out Strong Letter Asking Support for Residence Rule, and Suggests That Home Pros. Be Made Eligible.

In explaining the circular letter of the Thistle Lacrosse Club of Fergus, Dr. W. A. Groves says:

"You are aware of course that the Intermediate C.L.A. is chuck full of professionalism, that cannot be got rid of by any way that I know of, unless by the one we suggest. Let us meet the professional on common ground, as they do, e.g., on the cricket field in England and Australia. It is but a matter of sentiment, a pure conceit, that amateurs should not play with or against professionals, and I think the sooner we are rid of it the better for all concerned. Following is the letter:

To the officers and members of C.L.A. clubs:

In view of the present unsatisfactory state of lacrosse in the intermediate series, and in view of the large support being accorded to the proposed residence rule, the Thistle Lacrosse Club of Fergus begs to ask your attention to the following proposal. It is obvious that if a residence rule is passed (and we hope it will be) the smaller clubs will need every available player if they are to do themselves justice. At present there are in most towns one or more good players who are disqualified for professionalism. Our proposal is that these men be allowed to play for their respective towns. We would point out that the Olympic games committee does not disqualify players who have played with or against professionals. What good reason is there, then, why the C.L.A. should blackball the professional any longer? What crime has he committed that he should be prohibited from playing with the rest of us? A professional is as good as an amateur, indeed he is far better than hundreds who pose as amateurs, as our present system allows them to do because we cannot prove that they are anything else. Now, altho this proposal might seem to foster professionalism, it will really do away with it in time, and the reason is this, that if the two proposals form part of the rules there will be no outside demand for a player's services and he will be compelled to play with his own club or not at all. Thus no new generation of professionals will spring up. But after all what we want is not the abolition of the professional, but of the touring professional. It will be recognized that the way to keep the game alive and healthy is to give the growing players in every town a fair chance of making the team and not be shoved aside for an outsider, who in many cases does not pan out anyway.

As things are the intermediate series is a howling farce. Last season showed that, if indeed it needed showing. In spite of the honest efforts of the C.L.A. officials, professionalism prevailed all along the line. It was impossible to prove that certain players got money last season, tho we all know it to be a fact. But it is possible to prove whether or not such-and-such a player was a resident of such-and-such a town on a certain date (and we think a year's residence around each town should be included). If these proposals are adopted we will know exactly where we are, and most of the protesting of games, affidavit-swallowing and uncertainty will be done away with, and it will be a square contest, one town against another and every man in every town playing the game for all he is worth. The young men will be educated to play the game for the game's sake and their own town's glory—not for what's in it for themselves.

We believe these two proposals to be in the interest of lacrosse and of good sport, and we ask you to send your delegates on Good Friday with instructions to vote on them both.

James Wilson, president; W. A. Groves, secretary.

Fergus, March 26.

C. L. A. Nominations.

Already there are sufficient nominations in to warrant a contest for every C. L. A. office at the annual meeting on Good Friday, except, of course, Mr. Hall will be unopposed as secretary-treasurer. Following is the list.

—President.—

John M. Kearns, Arthur.
James D. Bailey, Toronto.

—First Vice-President.—

C. A. Irvine, Brampton.
Thomas Doyle, Newmarket.

—Second Vice-President.—

Oscar S. Eby, Hespeler.
D. A. Madill, Shelburne.

—Secretary-Treasurer.—

W. H. Hall, Toronto.

—Council.—

George G. Green, Bradford.
Dick Bond, Toronto Junction.
H. G. Tod, Toronto.
James G. Murphy, Toronto.
Blaney McGuire, Orangeville.
Thomas E. Henry, Brampton.
John K. Forsyth, Toronto.

—Auditors.—

H. O'Laughlin, St. Catharines.
John F. Lennox, Toronto.
J. J. Craig, Fergus.

Lacrosse Points.

The Maitlands will reorganize for the season to-morrow evening. The meeting will be held in the young men's room of New Century Baptist Church, Macpherson-avenue, at 8.30. Election of officers and delegates to C.L.A. convention and other business will be transacted.

A City Lacrosse League, with three clubs, has been organized in Belleville. The clubs are: Y.M.C.A., 15th Bugle Band and Stations. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, H. Corby, ex-M.P.; president, H. Burrell; vice-president, C. Symons; secretary, Bert Shepperd; corresponding secretary, W. Hudson.

The West End Y.M.C.A. Lacrosse Club's meeting will be held on Wednesday at 8, and not to-night, owing to the dinner. A full turnout is requested.

The Crescents of Brooklyn are already at practice. Their schedule of games is as follows: April 4, Columbia, at Bay Ridge; 11, Stevens, at Bay Ridge; 18, New York L.C., at Bay Ridge; 25, City College, at Bay Ridge; May 2, Swarthmore, at Bay Ridge; 9, open; 16, Philadelphia L. C., at Bay Ridge; 23, Mount Washington, at Baltimore; 30, Toronto University, at Bay Ridge; June 6, Mount Washington, at Bay Ridge; 13, Brantford L. C., at Bay Ridge; 20, Toronto A.A., at Bay Ridge; 27, open.

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WAGNER DISCOVERED BY EDWARD BARROW

Signed Him to Paterson Contract Day Before Moreland Tried to Land Him for Pittsburg.

There is not much chance of Wagner being induced to change his mind, once he has made it up, writes Ed. Barrow in St. Louis Sporting News. So when I learned that the Dutchman had stated that he would take a season's rest I felt sure that he would keep his resolution. At that, I don't know but what it will do him a world of good to lay off for a season. He has played continuously for the past 14 years, hardly missing a game, and because of his earnest effort and desire at all times to win, he has been under a much greater strain than the majority of players. It may seem a great hardship to the Pittsburg Club's owners to lose Hans' services now, but in the long run they will be the gainer, for he will no doubt come back in 1909 with all of his old energy and never-say-die spirit revived and good for another 14 years' reign as the king of baldom. I claim now, as I have always claimed, that baseball has never produced his equal as an all-around player.

Became Famous at Paterson.

I will always be proud that I gave him his first chance to play real baseball in a real league for real money. Altho he had played around Ohio and Pennsylvania for a couple of seasons previous, it was not until the season of 1896 that Wagner got the chance to show his real ability. His sensational work with Paterson that year and the year following attracted the attention of all the big league club-owners and managers, and in the competition for his services the Louisville Club in 1897 secured him, thru the efforts of Harry Pulliam, who was then secretary of that club. The Pittsburg Club's failure to increase its offer of $2000 or meet Pulliam's bid caused it to lose a second chance to secure the player and Louisville got him for $2100. However, destiny or fate had evidently meant him to eventually land in Pittsburg, and when Barney Dreyfuss executed his famous coup by purchasing Captain Kerr's interest in the Pirates and consolidating the two teams, Wagner not only came into his own, but Colonel Dreyfuss also became famous and wealthy and a power in the baseball world. The circumstances of my securing the player were odd as well as amusing.

Hans in Throwing Contest.

I was living in Pittsburg at the time (the fall of 1899), and had just secured the franchise for Paterson in the fast Atlantic League, of which Billy Barnie, Billy Sharsig, Denny Long, Deacon Ellis, Ted Sullivan and Sam Crane were the leading spirits. Entering Johnny Newell's cafe, I was accosted by the now famous baseball plunger, Shad Gwilliam, who asked me if I had my team signed up. I told him I still had room for a couple of phenoms, and he told me there was a Dutchman named John Wagner down at Mansfield (now Carnegie) who would some day be the best ball player in the world. Shad added that, while Wagner was no college graduate, as far as education went, he was great at anything requiring mechanical skill, such as pool, billiards, etc. Gwilliam urged me so strongly to secure the man that I went down to Mansfield the following day. Enquiring for Wagner upon my arrival, I was directed to a pool room, but was informed there that the boys had all gone down to the railroad yards to settle a dispute as to who could throw the farthest. I started down after them and arrived just as Honus had outdistanced everybody else by throwing a stone weighing