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At a meeting of the Executive of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada in Montreal on Saturday George Higinbotham of Toronto, reported the results of his visit to New York, as representative of the association at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, with which the A.A.A. of C. was recently affiliated. Mr. Higinbotham remarked that the Union was more comprehensive than the Canadian Association. It embraced sectional associations from all parts of the States. Mr. Higinbotham suggested that the Canadian Association should be remodelled on the same lines, and enlarged to take in the Maritime Provinces and Manitoba Associations. In this way the A.A.A. of C. would become the paramount influence in Casadian athletics. President Brophy announced that he would shortly appoint a sub-committee to take steps to give effect to Mr. Higinbotham's suggestions. The Capital Lacrosse Club case was put in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Sheppard and O'Brien of Montreal and Higinbotham of Toronto.

The Late Choppy Warburton.

Choppy Warburton, the bicycle trainer and manager, who died in London on Saturday, was one of the best-known trainers in England. Before he became associated with professional cycling he was well known as a trainer of professional pedestrians. He discovered Michael and the Linton boys and brought them to the front. Michael and Warburton were associated closely until about two years ago, when they quarreled and separated, Michael coming to this country with his uncle, Jones, under the tutelage of that veteran impresario of professional cycling, Thomas Eck.

The quarrel between Michael and Warburton was the result of a race in which Michael was beaten. The little rider, it is said, accused Warburton of having "poisoned" him. The trainer began suit for libel, but the dispute was settled amicably when Michael returned to Europe about 12 months ago.

Warburton's latest discovery is little Champion, the French rider, who it was thought at one time would develop into a greater prodigy than Michael, but of whom little has been heard recently.

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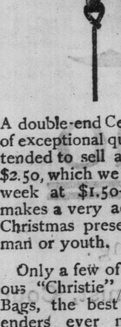

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NO MORE FIGHTS FOR FITZ.

Champion Bob Calls McCoy a Snap, but Will Not Meet Him.

The Same Old Story About Another Meeting With Jim Corbett—Creedon Has Deteriorated—Another Victory for Frank Garrard—Notes of the Squared Circle.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A genuine interview with Robert J. Fitzsimmons appears in The Inter-Ocean this morning, in which he talks of recent occurrences in the ring and takes the opportunity to emphasize the statement that he will not meet Corbett.

He began a two weeks' engagement at a local theatre with his vaudeville show in the afternoon and the crowd that came to see his exhibition shows that he is popular with Chicago sports.

Fitz doesn't attempt to do any acting at his show. He understands the difference between an actor and a pugilist and is content to hire others to sing, dance and amuse the people generally. He simply comes on when his time arrives and gives the people one of the cleverest exhibitions of bag punching they have ever seen and afterward boxes three fast rounds with his sparring partner. He did not make a speech to the audience. He was called upon continously to do so, but merely shook his head and smiled.

He was ready and willing, however, to answer the questions of the reporters, who gathered around him in his dressing room before he went on the stage. To the first question, in regard to his health, he said he never felt better in his life, that he was taking good care of himself, and was booked for several decades more on this terrestrial sphere. The next question was: "What do you think of McCoy?"

"I think he is a very clever boxer," he replied, "but when he talks of fighting me for the middleweight championship he is simply talking through his hat. Why, he is eve nafraid to challenge me for fear I would accept. He says he will challenge me in a year, but by that time he may be put out of the business by some good fighter."

"Would you fight him if he did challenge you?" was asked.

"Under no consideration. I am out of the business for good. I am not the kind to retire and then a snap like McCoy comes along take it on. When I retired last March I was in earnest, and I have not changed my mind since. I am out of the fighting business for all time, and a challenge from McCoy or any one else would not make me enter it again."

"Suppose McCoy should claim the middleweight championship on the strength of his victory over Creedon, would you dispute it?"

"McCoy or anyone else can claim both the middleweight and heavyweight championships if they want to; I am done with fighting."

"Will you give your opinion of the Creedon-McCoy fight?" was asked.

"I do not think Creedon was near the man last Friday evening he was when he met me at New Orleans. Creedon was always a strong, healthy fellow, and thought that a fast pace would not hurt him, but he was mistaken. Not that he was a hard dunker or anything like that, but he simply took no care of himself. If he was the same man as when he fought me he would have made things more interesting for McCoy. It makes me laugh the way McCoy claims the middleweight championship on the strength of that victory. It is just the same as if George Dixon and Steve O'Donnell fought for the feather weight championship. Creedon weighed more when he fought last Friday than I did in any of my fights."

"Would you have any trouble in weighing in at the middle-weight limit?"

"I fought Corbett at 154 pounds, and I could easily get to that weight again, which is the correct middleweight limit."

"How about a fight with Corbett?" was asked.

"The same old story. I have retired from the ring."

"But you have arranged a meeting with Dan Stuart, the fight promoter, to take place in this city, and talk over another fight with Corbett."

"I am simply going to meet him, but that does not signify that I will fight Corbett again. Stuart has asked me to meet him here in Chicago, and I have agreed."

Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, agreed to everything Fitz had said. He further stated that the company did a land office business in every town they visited, especially Milwaukee. He said Fitz still would probably retire from the stage after this season, but was not prepared to say what line of business he would enter. He is booked to play in this city until New Year's Day.

Winnings on Kid McCoy.

McCoy's actual winnings, according to his trainer's statement, are about $12,000, including the purse money, $7500, all of which, it is understood, went to the winner. McCoy wagered himself about $4500. He also won a number of hats and several suits of clothes. One thing not universally known is that there was no side bet. McCoy says that he was willing to bet the $1000, which Al Smith held for appearance money, but stoutly maintains that Creedon refused to fight for this. Nat Goodwin, the actor, was a big winner on McCoy's victory. Goodwin is reported to have cleared $4000. After the fight McCoy and Goodwin dined at an uptown restaurant.

Phil Dwyer also called on McCoy. Dwyer told the champion that he was the best man of his weight in the world. He declares he thought so much of him that he would be ready any time to back him against Bob Fitzsimmons for $10,000 a side. The New York Sun says: Con Reilly, who manages McCoy's cafe in Dayton, O., won over $2000 for friends. Reilly captured about $200 himself. Homer Selby, the Kid's brother, is ahead about $500, and Payne says that the winnings of his friends and himself amount to $2000. Harry Phillips of Montreal is said to be $2000 richer on the result. Billy West, the minstrel, a hot McCoy admirer, won over $1000. He had to give big odds, he says.

It is said Creedon left New York very quietly on Friday night for Chicago, in company with his manager, Col. John Hopkins. Tom Tracey and Joe Choynski. Before Hopkins left the city he told a friend that it was he who advised Tommy Tracey to throw up the sponge. He said that Creedon was hopelessly beaten and that it would be inhuman to allow him to continue. McCoy, after his visit to Buffalo, will return to New York City, where he will fulfil an engagement. As soon as boxing is resumed in England McCoy may be induced to meet Arthur Akers, who, Englishmen think, is the best man of his weight over there just now.

Heffernan a Mark for Ryan.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Bill Heffernan of Johannesburg, South Africa, who has been touted as a second Fitzsimmons, made his initial appearance in an American ring tonight in what was to have been a 20-round bout with Tommy Ryan of Syracuse and proved to be the easiest victim the latter has ever met. The men met before the Olympic Athletic Club and weighed in at 150 pounds. Heffernan was tall and lanky, with a long reach, however, was no obstacle to the welter-weight, who landed when and where he pleased. Heffernan was slow and awkward and Ryan played with him for three rounds, while the crowd laughed derisively. In the third round Heffernan was sent to the floor by a left on the chin and took the limit in getting up. He went down again a moment later from a right-hander on the jaw and was counted out.

Kid McFarland was present and challenged the winner to fight at the welter-weight limit.

In the preliminaries Harry Pidgeon won from Tony Suttner in ten rounds, and Johnny Laughlin of Buffalo and Frank Bartley of Binghamton boxed ten fast rounds to a draw.

Garrard Beat the Middleweight.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Frank Garrard defeated Pete Powers, the stock-yards middleweight, Saturday night at Mack's Opera House. The contest was stopped in the fifth round, when Powers was nearly finished. The referee, Malachy Hogan, gave his decision in favor of Garrard.

In the first round Powers forced the fighting and several hard mix-ups were indulged in, Garrard coming out of them with a badly battered nose. In the second round the big man had all the best of it, having Garrard apparently queer when time was called. At this point Harry Gilmore looked worried. Garrard came up smiling and fresh at the call of time, and began to force the fighting, landing several hard jabs and uppercuts. In the fourth, with a terrific right, he floored Powers, who remained down nine seconds. It was clearly Garrard's fight and in the fifth he pounded his man unmercifully and was given the decision.

The preliminaries were between Gilmore's one-armed wonders, Fink and Olson, and Forbes and Green.

Around the Ring.

A Christmas Day attraction, in the shape of a boxing bout between Jim Popp and Paddy Nagle is being arranged to take place at the Grand Opera House, Hamilton.

Jim Popp reports that Breen is training incapitally for his bout with Lavack of Cleveland before the new Olympic Club in Albert Hall on Christmas eve. They should make a scientific contest.

Jimmy Dime of Troy and Louden Campbell of Pittsburg fought an 8-round draw at Pittsburg on Friday evening. Jockey Williams, also of Troy, was defeated in 7 rounds by Mark Kerwin of Pittsburg in a curtain-raiser.

Information comes from South Africa that boxing at Johannesburg is booming again, and a new club has been organized. Several boxers now in this country have received offers to go there and fight. Among them are Kid McCoy, Steve O'Donnell and Peter Maher.

The Corbett-Fitz controversy waxeth warm. The "gentleman" fighter now accuses the Kangaroo of leaving his parents in an Australian poorhouse, and cites The Sydney Referee as proof. Fitz tells stories on James that "don't go" in print. Those who know both are willing to believe that each is what the other says he is.—Chicago Chronicle.

After the Puck.

Already these clubs have arranged to practice and play their matches on Caledonian ice: T.A.C., Varsity, Trinity, Wellingtons, U.C.C., St. George's, Orients, Mutual-street will evidently be the hockey centre this winter.

Every member of the Elm Lacrosse Club and anyone wishing to join are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday night in the parlors of the Globe Hotel, Yonge and Wellington-avenue, at 8.30, for the purpose of organizing a hockey club. The Elms expect to put a first-class team in the Toronto Lacrosse Hockey League.

Sporting Miscellany.

There will be an open shoot at sparrows and bluerocks for turkeys and geese at R. Crew's Ontario House, Kingston-road, on Thursday afternoon.

The Canadian Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club will formally open their rink at Avenue and Davenport-roads the evening of Thursday, Dec. 23.

The Toronto Bicycle Club will offer valuable prizes at their progressive euchre game to-night. All T.B.C. and T.A.C. members and their friends invited.

The Bonspiel of the Central Canada Curling Club will be held on Feb. 8 and 9 in Kingston on Rockwood Asylum Rink. Perth, Carleton Place, Arnprior, Renfrew, Kingston, Ridiaus of Ottawa, Pembroke and Rockwood clubs will compete.

Little Jimmy Michael has two important matches arranged for the near future. On Christmas night he will meet Arthur Chase, the English crack, in a 50-mile race, and on New Year's night he will tackle Edouarde Taylore, who has made such a great name for himself in France.

A speculator with only a dollar bill to start in at New Orleans on Saturday, betting his winnings on every race, would have wound up the day with $76,800 to his credit, that is providing he picked the five winners. A $5 start would have landed $384,000.

On Saturday night the Entertainment Committee of the Athenaeum Club and a large number of its members assembled to present Bert Harvey with a handsome gold-headed umbrella, as a mark of appreciation and esteem for his work in helping to entertain the boys. Afterwards a first-class impromptu program was rendered and addresses made by several of the members.

The Thistle Lawn Bowling Club reorganized when the following officers were elected: Robert Bannerman, president; Wm. E. Raney, vice-president, and M. H. Ludwig, secretary-treasurer. A committee composed of Messrs. Lud. K. Cameron, E. C. Hill and M. H. Ludwig was appointed to confer with the Toronto Athletic Club regarding the amalgamation of both clubs.

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MAZARINE SCORCHED RING.

Bennington and Gardner Turn a Trick at New Orleans

And Although Three Favorites Were Beaten the Books Were Losers on the Day—Powers Rides Two Winners and Burns One—A Third for Songer—The Brooklyn Jockey Club.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Fair weather and a good track were the racing conditions to-day. Dudley E. and Viscount were the only winning favorites, but the scorching given the ring on Mazarine's race brought most of the books out losers on the day. Summary:

First race, 6½ furlongs—Dudley E., 95 (T. Powers), 7 to 10, 1; Mr. Hunt, 105 (Dupee), 4 to 1, 2; Balance All, 92 (Andrews), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.27. Judge Bryant, Mauritius, The Editor and Free Silver also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs, selling—French Gray, 106 (Scherrer), 2 to 1, 1; Pontet Canet, 104 (Nutt), 6 to 1, 2; Gypceiver, 107 (A. Barrett), 50 to 1, 3. Time 1.18. Nancy Till, Lillian Russell, Chieftou, Eltholin and Ben Frost also ran. Banrica left at the post.

Third race, 1 mile and 20 yards, selling—His Brother, 107½ (Caywood), 5 to 1, 1; Elkin, 99 (Southard), 4 to 1, 2; Jolly Son, 94 (Songer), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.48. Gracie C., Dago, Whileaway, Bauplpe, Springtime, Nero, Booze and Dago also ran.

Fourth race, 1 mile and 20 yards, selling—Mazarine, 113 (Powers), 2 to 1, 1; Charline, 107 (Caywood), 8 to 1, 2; What Next, 97 (Dupee), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.47. Serf, L. W., Masterpiece, Jane, A. B. C., Lakeview Palace and Ben Clair also ran.

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—Viscount, 101 (T. Burns), 8 to 5, 1; Rushfields, 98 (Gutierez), 30 to 1, 2; Miss Young, 107 (P. Clay), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.46¼. Gaston, Floridad, Courtesy, Dockstader, Miss Rowett, Brownberry, Little Tom, Ilia, Timourah, Galgo and Dorothy III. also ran.

Card for To-day.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—First race, 7½ furlongs—Viscount, Little Ocean 98, Mellie 102, Con Reagan 105, Sister Stella 107, Stockholm, Brighton 108.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Miss Gilman 98, Dazzle, Maud Clarkson, Ma Petite, Calvin, Sanger 100, Laurel Leaf 101, Wilson, Randazzo 103, Octave, Caddie 104, Bertha Nell 105, Elsie Bramble 105, Scrivener 108.

Third race, 6 furlongs—La Verne, Tancred 104, Byzare, Jack Steadman, Well's Street 107, Gath, Sallie Cliquot, J. A. Gray 114.

Fourth race, 1 mile, selling—Ovation 94, Full Hand 96, Stanza 101, John Sullivan 103, Ardath 105, Tranby 107, Lobengule 112, Robert Bonner 85.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Eugene Blair, Bells of Miles, Alice C., Mitt Boykin 94, Minnie Murphy 97, La Moore, Bagkin 94, Nicolini, Terra Mc., The Sculptor, Ultima 100, Kalitan 102, Hanobelle, Nikita 104, Imp. Percy 110.

Results at Oakland.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Weather clear, track fast. First race, 5 furlongs, selling—Iraden 1, Brambella 2, Miss Alice 3. Time 1.02.

Second race, 7 furlongs, selling—Myth 1, Fortunate 2, B. & W. 3. Time 1.46¼.

Third race, 11-16 mile, selling—Salvado 1, Bernardillo 2, Don Clarencio 3. Time 1.46¾.

Fourth race, Pinkerton Handicap, 6 furlongs—St. Cuthbert 1, Torsida 2, Eddie Jones 3. Time 1.18½.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs, selling—Tiger Lily 1, Mortiel 2, Lady Ashley 3. Time 1.01¼.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Moylan 1, Double Quick 2, Masoero 3. Time 1.40¾.

Brooklyn Jockey Club Stakes.

New York, Dec. 20.—Secretary McIntyre of the Brooklyn Jockey Club has issued the prospectus for the spring meeting. The nominations close on Monday, Jan. 10. Chief among the attractions is the historic Brooklyn Handicap of $10,000.

The other features include the Brookdale Handicap, with $1000 added, 1 mile and 1 furlong; the Parkway Handicap, with $1000 added, 1 1-16 miles; the Myrtle Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 1 1-16 miles, and the Patchogue Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 6 furlongs.

The special events for 3-year-olds exclusively are four in number, and each is pretty liberally endowed. The most prominent, perhaps, is the Preakness Stakes of $2000, allowances, 1 1-16 miles.

Then there are the Broadway Stakes, with $1500 added, penalties and allowances, 1 1-16 miles; the Falcon Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 1 1-16 miles, and the May Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 6 furlongs.

Two-year-olds are well catered to. First on the list is the Clover Stakes of $2000 for fillies, 4½ furlongs. A similar amount is hung up for the Manhanset Stakes of 4½ furlongs. The other events in this class are the Hanover Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 5 furlongs, and the Bedford Stakes, with $1000 added, selling allowances, 4½ furlongs.

There are two events for the jumpers which are expected to fill well. These are the Greater New York Steeplechase Handicap of $1000, over the full course, about 2½ miles, and the Kensington Hurdle Handicap, with $750 added, 1¾ miles, over 7 hurdles. Both are for 4-year-olds and upward, and the weights are to be announced two days before each race.

ICE FOR THE HOCKEYISTS.

Leagues Galore and Clubs Will Soon Begin to Play Their Games.

A three days' frost has given the different city rinks a chance to get in condition for hockey, and if the cold weather continues the puck-chasers should be at practice by the end of the week. Hockey has taken a boom in Toronto this season, and the lovers of the game will be kept busy following the series in the O.H., the City League, Bankers League and the Lacrosse Hockey League games, all of whom should finish at least one match a night throughout the ice season. Nearly all the O.H.A. matches will be played at the Caledonia Rink, while all the bank contests will take place on Victoria Ice.

John W. Schorr is reported to have engaged Tommy Burns, the Canadian jockey now at New Orleans, to ride his horses next season for $10,000.

Open shoots will be held at Stark's grounds on Christmas day, at bluerocks and sparrows for turkeys, shooting to commence at 9 a.m. Loaded shells can be procured on the grounds.

McCoy says: "I will not go out of my class. I can fight at 158 pounds, and if Fitzsimmons, Choynski, or any other man thinks he is my superior just let him come forward, and I will meet him. I know, though, that Choynski can't fight below 163 pounds."

Although the Rugby Union credentials of Messrs. Mowat and Becton were duly signed by the Queen's football secretary, T. Kennedy, secretary of the University Alma Mater Society, writes to The World as follows: "At a meeting of the Alma Mater Society the following resolution was unanimously carried this afternoon: 'That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that the public should know that the persons who represented Queen's at the annual meeting of the O. R. F. U. last Saturday were not duly appointed by the students of Queen's, and were not acting under instructions from them.'"

Tracey and Walcott meet in a six-round contest to-night in Chicago. Both men have trained faithfully, as each is anxious to secure the verdict and the added glory of meeting Tommy Ryan, who has promised to box the winner for the welter-weight championship. The famous "Kid" Lavigne will be at the ringside to challenge the winner. The contest will probably be one of the fiercest ever seen in Chicago, as both contestants are rapid boxers, who are always ready to mix it up from the start. Tracey will have the able assistance of Dan Creedon. Joe Choynski and Benny Murphy, while Tom O'Rourke, Bob Armstrong and Jack Douglass will be in Walcott's corner.

THE SYRACUSE FARM.

Buckenberger Had a Written Agreement by Which Pittsburg Had the Pick of Star Players.

The appearance of the full text of the decision of the National Board of Arbitration in the case of Second Baseman Eagan, claimed by Brooklyn and awarded to Pittsburg, must prove a bitter dish to Syracuse Salts and other detractors, who never grew tired of saying that Toronto was a Washington farm. Irwin proved to the last meeting of the Eastern League that this was no agricultural attachment of the Senatorial organization, and now Nick Young tells us that there was a written agreement between Syracuse and Pittsburg. Here is the agreement:

Prior to the close of the season of 1897 the secretary of the National Board of Arbitration received notice from the Brooklyn and Pittsburg clubs that each had purchased the release of William Eagan from the Syracuse club, the Pittsburg club depositing $500 to be paid on account of said purchase.

Each being required to file the evidence of their claims, the Pittsburg club submitted a copy of a written agreement with President Kuntzsch, of the Syracuse club, dated Dec. 15, 1896, in which it is "agreed that the Pittsburg club has the privilege of purchasing the release of said Abel Lezotte from the Syracuse baseball club for the sum of $500 or selecting any other player of the Syracuse club instead of Lezotte by paying the stated $500. The Pittsburg Athletic Company has the privilege of selecting the player wanted at any time during the playing season of 1897, but the Pittsburg club agrees not to take the player selected from the Syracuse club until the end of the season of 1897." The selection of William Eagan, under this agreement, was received Sept. 17, 1897.

The Brooklyn club submitted in support of its claim that early in August, 1897, they purchased the release of the said William Eagan from the Syracuse club in good faith, without any knowledge of the existence of a prior agreement between the Pittsburg and Syracuse clubs affecting the title of the Syracuse club to any of its players, and gave valuable consideration. They also introduce a letter dated Sept. 13, 1897, addressed to Manager Buckenberger, of the Syracuse club, and signed by President Kerr, of the Pittsburg club, in which he appears to concur in the release of Eagan to Brooklyn.

After a full hearing and mature consideration of the evidence submitted it was unanimously held that

The Syracuse club had no right under its written agreement with the Pittsburg club to dispose of the services of William Eagan, and in compliance with the said agreement the said player is awarded to the Pittsburg club, and the deal entered into between the Syracuse and Brooklyn clubs for the services of said Eagan is invalid.

By the National Board of Arbitration.
N. E. Young, President.

A Western League Club for Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—After having the eighth franchise of the Western League practically awarded to Omaha, Manager James T. McKee, in a brief note of explanation, notified the baseball magnates that there was a written agreement between Syracuse and Pittsburg. Here is the agreement:

Prior to the close of the season of 1897 the secretary of the National Board of Arbitration received notice from the Brooklyn and Pittsburg clubs that each had purchased the release of William Eagan from the Syracuse club, the Pittsburg club depositing $500 to be paid on account of said purchase.

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Baseball in Winter.

Louisville has hopes of securing Shortstop Ely and Second Baseman Padden from Pittsburg.

Magnate Kuntzsch thinks he is the victim of a boycott inspired by his fellow-magnates of the Eastern League.

Jack Gonding, the Wilkes Barre catcher, is in New Orleans, having worked his way to Cincinnati on a freight boat. Gonding once played with the Pelicans.

It is reported in Buffalo that the deal by which Buffalo will give Outfielder Billy Clymer in exchange for Second-Baseman Bonner of the Wilkes Barres, has reached such a stage that its consummation will be announced within a very short time.

The makeup of the Washington team, according to Manager Schmelz, will be as follows: Pitchers Mercer, Dineen, Bresnehan, Amole, Swain, Donovan and Mack; catchers, Farrell, McGuire and Snyder; infield, Doyle, Reitz, Wrigley, and either Smith, Wagner or Leahy at third-base; outfield, Selbach, Brown, Gettman and McHale.

The Ohio Baseball League was organized at Columbus on Saturday. Officers elected were: C. Cassius M. Miller of Canton, president and secretary; George Goodhart of Massillon, treasurer. The single umpire system was adopted, and the league agreed to go under the National agreement. Not more than three games will be played consecutively in any city. The season will open on May 15 and will close on Sept. 1.

WESTERN TURF CONGRESS.

Met at Cincinnati Yesterday and Transacted Some Business.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The Western Turf Congress met here to-day and remained in executive session till late to-night. The following tracks were represented: New Louisiana Jockey Club, Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Kentucky, Latonia, Cincinnati Jockey Club, Queen City Jockey Club, St. Louis Fair Association and Highland Park (Detroit) and Pacific Coast.

A delegation of the Eastern Jockey Club was in conference with the congress during a portion of its session. The congress completed the transaction of the following business:

It reinstated the horses, horsemen and officials that raced at Pimlico the first four days of this month in violation of Turf Congress rules.

It took in the new Harlem Jockey Club to full membership.

It changed rule No. 205 so as to permit cities with 200,000 population to offer $250 instead of $300 purses.

HAD A CONFAB.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Francois Langelier Conferred Privately for Some Time.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The situation in regard to Dominion politics still remains unchanged, notwithstanding that there are many rumors current of an early understanding being arrived at between all parties concerned.

Yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier called on Hon Francois Langelier, at the latter gentleman's residence, Grand Allee, and they were closeted for a considerable time together. What really occurred is not definitely known, as neither gentleman will speak on the subject. One rumor current is that Sir Wilfrid has offered the Lieut.-Governorship to Senator Pelletier, President of the Senate, but that gentleman has refused.

Collision at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.—One person was probably fatally hurt and six others were more or less injured this afternoon in a collision on the Roxburg, Wissahickon and Manayunk Electric Road, on the outskirts of this city. While ascending a hill a trolley car became unmanageable, on account of slippery tracks, and, descending at full speed, it struck a horse car at the foot of the incline, plowing through one end of it, and brought up against a trolley pole.

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