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International Bonspiel at Detroit Begun.

Brave Bruiser Corbett Slugs a Little Stage Manager.

He Pleads Guilty to Assault and Pays the Fine.

A Great Checker Contest Down on the Bills.

CURLING.

THE DETROIT BONSPIEL. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—Promptly at 11 o'clock this morning the Empire George M. Matheson, of St. Marys, set the ice at work. The ice was in good condition, although not quite keen enough to show up the best play. The first drawing resulted as follows: Toledo vs. Ridgeway; Grand Rapids vs. Windsor; St. Marys vs. Thamesville. Each city plays two rinks. A large number of rinks arrived this morning, while others came on the noon trains. The only absentees are rinks from a long distance, and the managers did not feel justified in asking them to make the journey in the uncertainty of continued cold weather. The visiting curlers will be banqueted at the Cadillac by the Detroit brothers before they leave the city. The date has not been decided upon.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT PLAYER.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Curlers all over this country will learn with regret of the death of George Macnoe, which occurred last night. He was 63 years old, and was widely known as an enthusiastic devotee of the "roarin' game," particularly in Toronto and other Ontario cities.

ATHLETICS.

BRAVE JIM CORBETT. James Jay Corbett celebrated the opening of his Detroit engagement on Sunday night by thrashing his stage manager, Orlando Battaglia, who is about 5 feet 5 inches tall. He was lifted for it by Justice Sellers on the following day. The "Naval Cadet" Company was late in reaching Detroit on Sunday. Attached to the champion's train was a carload of scenery, which it was necessary to unload and put in place before the performance could begin. According to Battaglia's story, it required an immense amount of rapid work to accomplish the feat. It was the stage manager himself who unloaded all of the scenery. Nevertheless, the performance was started only five minutes late, and everything worked well until the last act. In this act Corbett has a love scene. His cue is a blast from a fog horn. Battaglia warned Corbett that perhaps the whistles would not work, and that he would have to use one of the house property whistles. At any rate, the cue was a second or so late. This was enough to arouse "Gentle James" to temper. "As he passed into the wings," Battaglia says, "he made straight for me. He applied some vile epithets to me and then picked me up by the shoulder and shook me as a cat would a rat. After he had shaken the life nearly out of me, he supplemented the attack with two nice left handers in the chest, and I fell flat on my back. All of this time he was using expressive but not polite language."

Battaglia left the company that night. Early the next morning he went to the police court for a warrant. Corbett was quietly summoned to appear before Justice Sellers. He pleaded guilty and was fined.

THE PITCHING GUN.

A day or two after the pitching gun was tried in public one of the Princeton catchers donned his mitts, protection mask, and in spite of the warning of the inventor, told him to "shoot in a few for practice." The first ball almost killed the catcher as it slid through his hands like a greased pig going through a garden patch, and struck him in the stomach with tremendous speed. He will not try it again.

FLYS.

The Eastern League has abolished its old haphazard way of playing Sunday games. Hereafter all clubs must play the same number of games, 126.



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which means that the teams playing Sunday games will play a smaller number of week day games than the teams that do not play Sunday.

The St. Louis Club has not expended one cent for new material for next season's team. Hartman was not drafted from the Milwaukee Club for \$500, but was simply traded for Meyers.

The secretary of the St. Thomas Baseball Club is already receiving communications asking for dates to play next summer. The Cuban Giants, a colored nine, wish to play there in May. A meeting will be called shortly to arrange dates.

The Toronto baseball grounds have not been rented for the coming season, and the option, formerly held by President Kerr, of Pittsburgh, has lapsed.

Buffalo has signed the following: Urquhart and Smith, catchers; Wadsworth, Gray, Gannon, Gregory Brown and Bailey, pitchers; Field, first base; Wise, second base; Sullivan, shortstop; Lewie, Greeninger, third base; Clymer, center field; Gilroy, left field; Goodenough, right field. Sullivan, Gilroy and Brown come from the Newcastle, Pa. club.

R. C. Ripley has been in correspondence with a number of players who will be prepared to sign contracts with Hamilton as soon as something definite is arranged about the Canadian League. Six of the old players and four new men will likely be engaged. It is the intention to apply for membership in the National agreement, so that players can be held.

A crisis has been reached in the affairs of the Brooklyn Baseball Club. The trouble which has existed between the stockholders ever since the old National League and the Brotherhood clubs were consolidated, in 1891, has reached such a stage that indications point to a disruption of the club and the settlement of the difficulty in a court of law. F. A. Abell has been forced to bear the entire losses of the club during the past few years, and has decided to do one of two things: either force the club into the hands of the receiver or take the club away from Eastern Park.

CHECKERS.

BIG MATCH COMING. The most interesting checker match in twenty years, since Willie and Barker contested the championship, will begin Feb. 8, under the auspices of the Boston Checker Club, between Samuel Grover, the New England champion, and Harry Freedman, of Glasgow, Scotland. The stakes are \$200 a side, Freedman being allowed \$40 for expenses. It is not yet decided how many games shall be played. The match is an outgrowth of a general challenge issued about a year ago by Grover to play anyone but the "big four"—Barker, Freedman, Hefner and Read—for \$200 a side.

HOCKEY.

The Simcoe hockey club will play the first match of the season at Brantford on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, if there be ice.

FOOTBALL.

There is some talk of forming an association football league in Kent county this spring.

Redcoats Dine.

Successful Banquet of the Seventh Sergeants.

A Merry Company—Patriotic Toasts—The Speech-Makers.

The annual dinner of the sergeants of the Seventh Battalion, held at the Long House last night, was one of the most successful military banquets that have taken place in this city. The tables presented a picturesque appearance in the bedecked banquet hall. They were provided with the best in the house, solid and liquid. Sergeant Major McCrimmon did duty at the head of the table. On his right sat Lieut.-Col. Lindsay, and Dr. Mitchell (surgeon of the Seventh), and on his left, Lieut.-Col. Payne and Sergeant Major Hayes. Along the table in front of these gentlemen were placed the cup the battalion had won, which might even make a Hayhurst envious. After the toast had been sated, the toast list was entered upon. Sergeant Hayhurst came in for a good deal of complimentary comment, but the more serious portion of the speeches were directed against the old and worn-out drill-shed, which was characterized as a disgrace to the city, while all hoped the present Government would not be as derelict in its duty as its predecessor, in failing to either renovate the old building or procure a new one.

The toast of "The Queen" brought forth in true patriotic style, the "National Anthem." Hospital Sergeant Ellis proposed the toast of "Canada, Our Home." Major Hayes and Dr. Mitchell responded in good style, dwelling on the fact that Canada stood par excellence above all other countries. "Rule, Britannia," greeted the toast of "The Canadian Militia," and brought forward a happy response was made by Sergeant H. Rollins, of the Seventh, who replied by Staff-Sergeant McIntosh, L. F. B.; Sergeant Clinton, of the Tenth Royal Grenadiers; Staff-Sergeant Hayhurst, of the Twelfth Battalion; Hamilton, winner of Queen's prize at Biele; Sergeant Oxtoby, of the Dufferin Rifles; Color-Sergeant, Sergeant Riddler; Sergeant Strachan, Sergeant Cameron, Forty-eighth Highlanders, Toronto, and Sergeant-Major Fresham, Seventy-seventh Westworth.

"The Ex-Sergeants" was the next toast, and was proposed by Robert Ironside, and responded to by ex-Sergeant Price.

"The Battalion" was proposed by Sergeant Monroe, R. R. C. L., and responded to by Sergeant-Major McCrimmon and Col. Lindsay. "Our Guests" was proposed by Color-Sergeant Jenkins, and replied to by ex-Sergeant R. Shillington, who was greeted with "He's a Papa Just Now," and ex-Sergeant Osmond and Mr. Watt.

"The Ladies" were dealt gently with by Sergeant Fleming, Hospital Sergeant Ellis and Color-Sergeant Hayman. The health of the host was proposed by Sergeant Hessel, and replied to by Mr. John Humpidge. Recitations and songs by several of the company helped make the evening more enjoyable. Among the sergeants representing the Seventh were: Color-Sergeant Jacobs, Color-Sergeant Erskine, Color-Sergeant E. J. Freeland, Color-Sergeant A. H. Galtbrath, Sergeant-Major J. D. McCrimmon, Bandmaster A. C. Tremham, Quartermaster-Sergeant Milligan, Hospital-Sergeant Ellis, Hospital-Sergeant R. Shillington, Hospital-Sergeant H. Rollins, John Gould, Fleming, Hennessey, Hessel, Charlton, W. Robson, Foot-Sergeant, George Hayman and J. McKenzie. Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Gartshore, First Hussar; Major Beattie, M.P.; Major McMillan, paymaster of the Seventh; Major A. M. Smith, Capt. John M. Little, Capt. Stephen V. S. Ball, chaplain; Sergeant-Major Dingley, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Toronto; Sergeant-Major Baxter, of the Hussars; and Color-Sergeant A. T. Cooper, of Wolseley Barracks.

After adjournment all repaired to the Seventh headquarters.

St. Thomas Offenders

Three Wayward Young Men in the Police Court.

One of Them Was Badly Handled by His 'Friends'—Let Down Easily—Other Cases Disposed Of.

The accommodation in the dock at the Police Court was taxed to its full capacity this morning. On the bench behind the rail were some sorrowful faces, but these contrasted favorably with the somber and discolored frontispiece of Walter McIntyre, who fell by the wayside last night.

Henry P. Clarke and Thomas Tierney were charged with an aggravated assault upon McIntyre. The trio came upon St. Thomas, together with a friend, to spend a "quiet" time in London. While out on this mission an altercation took place on King street between the men. It appears they went into McDonald's saloon, where jokes as well as drinks, passed around. One of the party took up his friend's change, as a joke, and this led to trouble, which wound up by McIntyre being knocked down and kicked in the faces. His eyes were almost closed as a result of the conflict, and his face was somewhat elongated.

Clark and Tierney said they knew they were drunk, and also that they came from St. Thomas.

McIntyre pleaded hard for his companions. He wished to offer no evidence against them, as they were his best friends.

The magistrate remarked no matter how willing he was to drop the case, he could not allow St. Thomas people to come here to disgrace the city. If you wanted to fight," he continued, "why didn't you do it down there?"

McIntyre—Well, I am sorry that it occurred in this city. They are both friends of mine.

"Yes," put in the magistrate, "you certainly have something to show that they are."

McIntyre said that as far as he was concerned, he knew nothing about it. He thought he was not blameless himself, and neither did the magistrate.

Mr. McKillop had no objection to the magistrate disposing of the case as he thought proper, and was willing to accept a plea of guilty to the charge of common assault.

Both prisoners pleaded guilty, and the magistrate suspended judgment, adding that he supposed all this came of drinking whisky.

John Morfin made his 50th appearance before the court. The magistrate said there was a charge of insanity against him, and he was willing to accept a plea of guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct while drunk, and fined him \$20 or 30 days, warning him not to come before him again as that meant to go to the Central Prison.

James Patton, from Haldimand county, had visited London before, but had not been here lately. He came a day or so ago, got drunk, and was run in.

"What did you come here for?" said the magistrate.

"Nor any other place," replied Patton. "There isn't any, even in St. Thomas."

"Five dollars or twenty days," sang out the court.

Patrick Murphy, a tough-looking individual, thinking that on his way from Troy to Detroit, was given a chance to rest and wait till the weather moderates in default of a five-dollar fine. He went down for twenty days.

EXPENSES AT ASSEMBLY.

Toronto Presbytery Agree to Certain Recommendations.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, Rev. R. P. McKay, as convener of the committee appointed to deal with the report from the synod, reported the following recommendations: "That the Presbytery reconsider its decision in reference to the percentage of representation, in view of the great expense which would be incurred in paying the expenses of the members of the assembly, and that the percentage be continued at one-fourth, and recommend that it be reduced to one-sixth."

That a fund be instituted to meet the traveling expenses of members of assembly, the expenses being under the control of the assembly, and outlay for traveling to and from the place of meeting, and shall not include sleeping or other expenses, or fares, or meals by the way, cabs, etc.

"That this fund, to be known as the assembly committee's fund, be distributed by a small committee, to be appointed annually by the General Assembly."

That the committee shall, prior to Jan. 1 form an estimate of the total sum required, and apportion the said sum among the churches, on the basis of an equal basis as equitably as possible.

That the Presbyteries be instructed to take such steps as to them seem most desirable to secure the amount apportioned, and forward the same to the treasurer of the assembly committee's fund prior to the 1st of May.

That commissioners present to the treasurer prior to the evening sederunt of the third day of the assembly's sitting a statement of their traveling expenses.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY.

After a very successful term of six years Mrs. W. R. Westlake has resigned the position of organist of the Arva Methodist Church.

Mr. John King, of Lambeth, who was visiting Mr. James Murray at Glenmorris, brought as the specimen of horseflesh home with him, which he purchased from Mr. William Grills.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, the residence of Mr. Levi McTear, of Glenora, was the scene of a very pleasant event, when their only daughter Bertha, was united in marriage to Mr. Dennis Frost, station agent, Norwich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Hoyt.

About 50 guests assembled Wednesday night at the residence of R. C. Ponger, of Belmont, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Annie M. Ponger, to Colin Campbell, of Moseley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Currie. The bride was ably supported by her sister, Miss Ann Ponger, and the groom by Daniel Campbell, his brother.

Anniversary services will be held in Denfield Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m., sermons by Rev. H. C. Speller, of Barn. On the following evening the annual entertainment was given by the scholars, assisted by some local talent. Each scholar was presented with a hat of candy, etc. The school under the superintendence of Mr. E. McNab, is in a very flourishing condition.

The anniversary of the Arva Methodist Sunday school was held on Sabbath, Dec. 27. An interesting address was given by Rev. R. Hobbs, of London South, and on Tuesday evening the annual entertainment was given by the scholars, assisted by some local talent. Each scholar was presented with a hat of candy, etc. The school under the superintendence of Mr. E. McNab, is in a very flourishing condition.

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The complete returns from the county council election, in the two divisions where the polls were required, are as follows: No. 1, Snider 654, Shearer 629, and Culver 627; No. 2, Austin 522, Ansley 512, Hendry 460.

SIMCOE.

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WHAT AILS THE SUN? Lick Observatory, Cal., Jan. 6.—While photographing the sun, Observer Colton found a large spot near the eastern limb, which is easily visible without telescopic aid. It is mostly penumbral, however, the nucleus being small. The extreme length of the spot is about 65,000 miles.

CANADIAN EMIGRATION. London, Jan. 6.—Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner, has addressed a circular letter to the consuls pointing out the importance which Canada attaches to making better known the resources and attractions of the Dominion for emigrants, and announcing the establishment of new agencies in Wales and Ireland to spread the propaganda, especially by inviting persons of moderate incomes, capitalists, farmers and domestic servants to emigrate to Canada.

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Navigation and Railways. Railway Time Tables. CORRECTED NOV. 29, 1896.

GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division, MAIN LINE—GOING EAST. Trains arrive at London from the east—4:15 a.m., 12:25 p.m., 10:25 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Trains leave London for the east—5:55 a.m., 4:30 a.m., 3:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:55 p.m.

MAINT LINE—GOING WEST. Trains arrive at London from the west—7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 6:25 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

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