

## HARVARD GYM. TO COST \$250,000

Plans for a new Harvard gymnasium were outlined and explained and illustrated by the Harvard Magazine in its April issue. Its position is backed by President Eliot. President-elect Lowell, Dean Briggs, Dr. Sargent, captains of all the athletic teams and, in fact, the whole student body.

The gymnasium will cost more than \$250,000 and will be superior in size and equipment to any college gymnasium in the country.

Harvard has long been in need of such a building to take the place of the Hemenway Gymnasium which has been inadequate to the needs of the students, and it is thought that in President Lowell's first year, work on this building will be begun. It will be built by subscriptions from Harvard students.

The plans provide for a gymnasium proper 292x95 feet, which will have an area of 7932 square feet, more than the gymnasium at Syracuse, at present the largest in the country. Its swimming tank will be somewhat smaller than that at Syracuse, being 120x60 feet. This athletic building will contain lecture rooms, tennis courts, running track, basketball hall, hockey rink, lockers for 6000 and baths and showers.

Dean Briggs, in speaking of a new gymnasium, said: "The gymnasium of proper size and equipment would become an exceedingly valuable part of our college life."

## KETCHEL IS AFTER JEFFRIES

In New York Tuesday, Willis Britt, manager of Stanley Ketchel, deposited \$5000 to cover the similar amount put up Monday by Jack Johnson for a fight with Jeffries, but which is to go for any other fighter in the world, if Jeff is not heard of inside of a week.

If Johnson sticks to his announcement, it looks as though Ketchel and the champion would be seen in the ring ere long. There isn't a chance in the world that Jeff will say either yes or no inside of seven days, or even weeks, for that matter. Easy methods of training combined with easy money in the shape of a fat vaudeville contract make a remarkably comfortable combination for Jeff.

If Johnson and Ketchel meet, it is likely that Jimmy Coffroth will stage the bout. He is on his way to New York to close negotiations.

## NEW TRACK CAPTAIN FOR MT. A.

At a meeting of the Mount Allison Amateur Athletic Association Wednesday evening, Mr. A. W. Doe, '09, of Devonshire, Bermuda, resigned his position as captain for the year. The choice fell upon Mr. Walter Dibblee, '10, of Milltown, as his successor, but Mr. Dibblee was unable to accept the office because of the pressure of college work.

Mr. J. B. Young, of Kentville, has been elected captain of the Senior Class track team.

**Boxing Dope.** Battling Nelson has signed to box at New York April 23. His opponent has not yet been named.

Joe Woodman, manager of San Langford, yesterday signed the articles of agreement for the match with Johnson sent by the National Sporting Club of London. Woodman says he feels satisfied Johnson will not sign.

Tommy Burns insists that he can beat Jack Johnson if given another chance.

As a result of discussion following the Ketchel-O'Brien bout, the National A. C. of New York, has gone out of business.

Alf. Lynch, claimant to the Canadian featherweight championship honors, and "Kid" Hogan of Portland, the "Malne strong boy" for six rounds with John Ryan of Moncton and Dan Littlejohn of St. John, for ten rounds will be the features of a boxing carnival to be put on in Moncton, on April sixteenth. Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the appearance of all the boxers in question.

**Note and Comment.** The longest trip ever made by a college baseball team will be covered by the Brown University team, which has announced its acceptance of an invitation to participate in a series of games to be held in Seattle, Wash., beginning July, in connection with the Pacific Yukon exposition. Six teams, representing the East, middle West and Pacific coast will take part.

The London Standard prints a report that the Oxford crew, now training for the inter-university race, April 8, has been invited to row the Harvard crew in September. The paper adds it is not certain whether the invitation will be accepted.

Again, perhaps Larry McLean, of Cincinnati could be considered as a restorer of white supremacy in case Mister Jeffries reneges.

The Boston Nationals have lost player J. R. Henderson through the selling of the National Commission. Henderson goes to Cleveland.

**Suspension of Local Athletes.** Mitchell and Wilson who competed at the indoor meet held in this city by the Shamrock Club last fall are suspended until April 13th. The suspension dates from March 13th and has been imposed for receiving a portion of the gate receipts.

## ROWING REVIVAL POSSIBLE; MAY BE REGATTA JULY 1

Although rowing seems to be in a quiescent condition on the East Side it is likely that the Carleton crew and scullers will be heard from before the season is very far advanced. The West Side in the past has made a name for itself as far as rowing is concerned, and will attempt to maintain its reputation if there are any inducements offered for the oarsmen to get out.

The season has not opened as yet but already there is some talk of a regatta on the harbor on July 1. It is to be hoped that there will be enough support from the public to make the regatta a success should it become a reality. The public of this city has shown keen interest in rowing for many years past and if a harbor regatta takes place no doubt the old time interest will be renewed.

**La Tour Club.** The La Tour Club of Carleton will have a senior four this year and chances are said to be good for a junior crew as well. The latter may be light but it is expected that the four will be able to hold their own in their class. There is also expected to be a Water street senior four and the Every Day Club crew is also expected to be in the racing game again this year. If these crews all materialize there will be three local senior crews and the result should be some interesting racing.

The Belyea crew according to one of its members, J. Fred Belyea, is ready to get into the water again if a large enough purse should be put up.

A revival in single-sculling as well as crew racing is possible. The suspension of Hilton Belyea for a couple of seasons past has made sculling rather dull but with him back in the game things should look up. Belyea belongs to the La Tour Club and is said to be ready to tackle O'Neill of Halifax if the opportunity offers. Besides Hilton Belyea, Ross, Nice and Coates are in St. John, and Bob Belyea is reported to have the intention of rowing this summer.

**Competition Needed.** Competition is needed to make rowing interesting. A prominent oarsman speaking to a Standard reporter yesterday said that if one of the Catholic societies, which have done much during the past few seasons to arouse public interest in baseball, would take up rowing and back a crew the sporting fraternity would go back to its old love and the shells would once more grace the harbor.

Now that the Neptune Rowing Club is about to part with its property it should be said that it would be a shame if the boats of the club should not be used. The La Tours are reported to be ready to bid on the Neptune's boats if they are put up.

**TAXES ON STREET RY. AND BANKS INCREASED SLIGHTLY**

The Common Council had its first round with the assessment bill yesterday afternoon. It will continue its deliberations on the matter tonight at eight o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon the aldermen got as far as sub-section 7, section 10, which provided for the exemption from taxation of all incomes under four hundred dollars. Ald. Pickett opened the discussion on this sub-section and in amendment moved that the payment of a poll tax of three dollars give the persons with exempted incomes the right to vote. Before the vote could be taken Ald. Kelley moved for adjournment and his motion was carried.

The sections dealing with the taxation of the St. John Railway Company, banks and similar institutions, insurance and express companies, and mercantile agencies were dealt with. Representatives of the St. John Clearing House and of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation appeared before the Council and argued on the matter of taxation. A three per cent tax on the gross income of the street railway company was what the aldermen finally decided upon. The tax on the banks was fixed at one-tenth of one per cent, instead of one-twelfth, as before. Insurance companies other than life or fire will be taxed one hundred dollars per annum, mercantile agencies one hundred dollars, express companies two hundred dollars. Insurance offices with head offices in the city, are to pay one hundred dollars a year. The other taxes on similar corporations are not to be altered.

All members of the council, with the exception of Ald. Hamm, who is incapacitated by illness, were present. Chief Assessor Sharp was also in attendance.

**Section 2.** Slight alterations were made to Section 2. The clause "exempting ships, vessels or shares therein," was stricken out, and the definition of real estate extended.

**3 Per Cent. on Street Railway.** Section 5 provided for a five per cent. tax on the gross income of street railways, gas, electric light and power companies.

It seems to be the opinion that a tax of five per cent was too high, and that the section would not pass the Legislature.

Ald. Baxter moved for a three per cent. tax.

In amendment Ald. Elkin moved that the section stand in order to let the Legislature fix the rate.

Ald. Baskin did not see why the Street Railway Company should not pay.

Ald. Frink was of the opinion that it was poor policy to continually attack every corporation that paid a dividend. Three per cent. would be enough.

Ald. Lewis and Ald. McGoldrick were favorable to making the tax less than five per cent.

Ald. Baxter's motion was carried.

**Tax on Banks.** Section 7 provided for a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. on banks.

Ald. Baxter moved that the tax be one-tenth of one per cent.

F. R. Taylor, who appeared on behalf of the clearing house, was heard. He said the banks felt that they were taxed out of all proportion to the other businesses in the city. They were opposed to any increase in the tax rate. Many of the branch banks had built substantial buildings as had also the bank of New Brunswick. They all paid heavy real estate taxes. They assessed on the banks had steadily gone up together with the assessment on other property. \$14,173.55 was the tax on volume of business, \$7,470.28 on real estate (with license fee for the Bank of New Brunswick). The total taxes paid were \$21,643.81. Some banks paid the taxes of their employees. The real estate tax amounted to one-third of the total real estate tax, other to one-tenth of the total personal tax of the city. If the assessment of cities of any part of Canada should be examined it would be seen that St. John taxes banks more than any other place. Not only did the city tax the banks to the limit but the Province of New Brunswick did the same.

Mr. Taylor made comparisons between the taxes paid by banks in St. John and in other Canadian cities.

**Will Try to Have Taxes Here The Same as Elsewhere.** "If this matter goes before the Legislature," said Mr. Taylor, "it is the intention of the banks to attempt to have St. John placed on the same

basis as other Canadian cities as far as bank taxation is concerned. Four years ago the matter was settled. Leave the system alone. If not the banks intend to attack the whole system."

**Discussion followed.** Ald. Baskin did not agree with Mr. Taylor in thinking the business men of the city were more lightly taxed than the banks.

**Must Have Money.** Ald. Frink—"The situation is that we want more money and must have it."

Mr. Taylor—"Well, we intend to have St. John placed on the same basis as the other cities of Canada."

**C. F. Sanford.** C. F. Sanford, of Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford, and Manager E. B. LeRoy appeared for the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation. He objected to the company being classed as a bank.

It was explained that companies loaned on mortgage were not intended to be taxable, but that deposits were taxable.

Mr. Sanford said that the company was willing to pay a fair tax on deposits.

The section was amended to the satisfaction of Mr. Leroy and Mr. Sanford.

**Ald. Pickett Favors Banks.** Ald. Pickett spoke strongly in favor of favorable treatment for the banks.

In amendment he moved that the rate be one-twelfth of one per cent.

Ald. Elkin seconded the amendment.

Ald. Frink said the increase in taxation on banks was not imposed for fun, but because the city had to have the money.

Ald. Baxter could see no undue burden in taxing the banks. Mr. Taylor had said other cities did not tax banks as heavily as did St. John. That state of affairs did not reflect on St. John, but on those other cities which were neglecting a source of income.

**Tax on Banks Raised.** The amendment was supported by only the mover and seconder and Ald. Baxter's motion was carried.

**Insurance Taxation.** Section 8 provided an amendment to the present law that insurance companies with head offices in St. John pay one hundred dollars a year, and that insurance companies other than fire and life companies pay fifty dollars, that mercantile agencies pay one hundred dollars, and that express companies pay two hundred dollars.

**Exemption Section.** Section 10 contained the much talked of section providing for the exemption of \$400 incomes.

Ald. McGoldrick wanted adjournment, but his motion was defeated.

**Ald. Pickett Wants Poll Tax.** Ald. Pickett said he opposed the doing away with the poll tax of \$3.

The city had no right to disfranchise over thirty-three hundred men. They should have the right to vote on the payment of the poll tax. The alderman moved that the sub-section be so changed that persons with incomes under \$400 be exempted from taxation on income, but be compelled to pay a poll tax of \$3.

Ald. Baxter argued that it was not reasonable to give the man who added a very small item to the public income a voice in public affairs. There was too much faddism and bed-ridden sympathy throughout St. John. The workingmen of the city did not want that kind of sympathy. They were men and deserved to be treated as such. Of the thirty-three hundred men who would be disfranchised by the proposed legislation, 2391 had already disfranchised themselves by becoming tax defaulters.

Owing to the late hour adjournment until tonight was made.

**WILL CONSULT SPECIALIST.** Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 31.—Mr. W. T. Whitehead, ex-M. P., accompanied by Mrs. Whitehead also left this afternoon for Baltimore to consult specialists. Dr. Atherton accompanied them.

## IN THE COURTS

**Supreme Court Chambers.** Before His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod in Admiralty Court Chambers, yesterday, Mr. Thane M. Jones, barrister, of Woodstock, applied on behalf of a number of shareholders, for an order to wind up Small & Fisher, Limited, of that place. No appearance was made for the company. His Honor granted same, and appointed Mr. J. T. Allan Dibblee, of Woodstock, provisional liquidator, and named Monday, the nineteenth instant at 2.30 p. m. in the Admiralty Court Chambers as the time and place when a permanent liquidator will be appointed.

**Probate Court.** Estate of Mrs. Annie Logue, married woman. Last will proved, whereby deceased gives her estate to her niece, Ina Belle Rathbun, of Rochester, and appoints her and her mother executrix, durante minore aetate, reserving the rights to the other executrix on her coming of age. No. 10. Alexander W. H. estate \$850. Mr. Alexander W. H. estate, also country house on the Gondola Point Road, \$800. Personal property, \$11,000. Mr. J. Joseph Porter, proctor.

**Police Court.** In the police court yesterday Lawrence McGee, drunk on George street, was fined \$8 or thirty days. Harry Rogers, drunk on Hillyard street, also charged with breaking a pane of glass in Robert Farmer's licensed tavern was fined \$8 or thirty days on the first, and \$20 or two months on the second count.

William Godose, drunk on the Westmorland Road, was fined \$6.

Robert Williams was arrested for using profane language on Market Square. He refused to give his name to the police, saying he did not wish his family to learn of this charge. When he was brought to the guard room he was met by Sergeant Hastings, who had arrested him in the North End eight years ago, and who remembered his name. At that time Williams had been arrested for stealing from a number of schooners tied up in the North End, and it was clear why he was so anxious to avoid closing his name. He was fined \$8 or thirty days.

**City Court.** In the city court yesterday the case of Thomas Hayes v. Ernest Douglas was tried before Judge Ritchie. The case was brought to recover fifty-five dollars, the balance due on a horse sold by Mr. Hayes to Mr. Douglas on the 13th of March last. The defendant claims that the horse was warranted to be an all round good work horse, suitable for work in a sloven. Several witnesses were called, who gave evidence that the horse had refused on several occasions to haul what was considered a reasonable load. Mr. Douglas maintains that there was a breach of the warranty. The plaintiff claimed that he did not make the statements, concerning the horse, credited to him by the defendant, and that the horse was not warranted. He called several of the previous owners, who stated that they had always found the horse a willing worker, and had no fault to find with it. He also claimed that the horse was heavily loaded on each occasion referred to by the defendant and driven on bare ground. Case adjourned until today at 10 o'clock.

## AT THE HOTELS

**Royal-Fred Condon, Moncton; D.M. Condon, Moncton; V. W. Cole, Toronto; Ed. R. Gaudet, Montreal; R. A. Irving, Buctouche; Geo. A. Robertson, Moncton; N. Garton, H. Drummond Hay, E. Drummond Hay, A. Colman, Leicester; R. E. Toy, Nelson; Dr. H. Bellevue, Shediac; P. Tate, Toronto; Hugo Wessler, Boston; N. W. Lottie, Montreal; Henry White, Bathurst; Miss Ethel White, Bathurst; M. P. T. Sussac; Jos. E. White, Shediac; Pierce Gray, Montreal; C. H. Hewitt, New York.**

Dufferin—E. K. Hibbard, Montreal; G. L. Davis, Kentville; J. H. Searle, do; Wm. L. Stanton, Portland; R. Mitchell, Chipman; J. D. Volkman, Chatham; Mrs. J. D. Volkman, do; K.K. Cummings, Bay City; A. T. P. Chan, Paris; E.H. Sinclair, Newcastle; D. H. Willman, P. H. Buffin, Providence; Miss E. Hood, Miss F. Hood, R. E. Thorne, Eugene-Bengals, Montreal; J. A. P. Cye, Montreal; J. S. Scott, J. E. Pettie and wife, Fredericton; T. Fisher, Montreal; Joe Page, Montreal; C. B. Stewart, Amherst; Mrs. Pilbrow, Master Pilbrow, Chatham.

Victoria Hotel—C. H. Pearson, St. George; C. A. M. Rielly, W. B. Chandler, Moncton; T. H. Johnson, Truro; H. E. Hill, St. Stephen; Howard Murchie, St. Stephen; T. O. Murray, Richibucto; Geo. H. Robertson, Richibucto; R. McKenzie, McAdam Jet; I. J. Olive, Chatham; Geo. M. Reed, Sackville; Harry J. Watson, Chicago; Mrs. S. Johnson, Miss Johnson, St. George.

Clifton—Alex. Ross, Yarmouth; I. Helen Smith, Fredericton; May C. Brown, Marston Nichols, Rachel E. P. Morton, Boston; John Wesley Crowley, Woodstock; Capt. H. A. Calhoun, Mrs. H. A. Calhoun, Rochester; Muriel E. Day, Oswald M. Day, Stella M. Day, New Carlisle, Que.

**The Country Market.** Butter is going up in price due to the fact that the cheese factories throughout the province are opening up for the summer. It is not likely to be as low again. Eggs will remain about the same until after Easter. Gaspareaux in large numbers came in yesterday and the price went down.

Butter, tub, 22c per lb. Butter, print, 23c per lb. Eggs, 22c per doz. Beef, 6-8c per lb. Pork, small, 10c per lb. Bacon, small, 15c per lb. Veal, 8-10c per lb. Lamb, 11c per lb. Turkey, 28-29c per lb. Chickens, \$1.25-\$1.75. Fowl, \$1.50. Wild Ducks, 75c. Gaspareaux, 4 cents each. Halibut, 15c per lb. Salmon, 12c per lb. Smelt, 12c per lb. Beets, 50c per bushel. Carrots, 50c per bushel. Turnips, 80 cents per bbl. Squash, 3c per lb. Cabbages, \$1.25 per doz. Potatoes, \$1.40 per bbl. Maple Candy, 20c per lb.

**The Public Revenue.** The custom receipts for the month of March show a decrease of \$3,932.48, as compared with the same period last year. Following is the statement:—

	1908.	1909.
Customs	\$131,723.62	\$128,265.13
Fines and seizures	460.00	NIL
Sick M. Funds	1,070.89	1,663.23
Registering	6.33	NIL
Total	\$133,260.84	\$129,928.36

**Is Money Lost?** Montreal, April 1.—A package containing twenty-five thousand dollars being sent by the Dominion Express from Montreal to Toronto via Ottawa.

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