

AT THE CITY HALL

The Weekly Meeting of the Municipal Council was held last evening at 4 o'clock. Mayor Morris presided, and Councillors Vincombe, Peet, Jackman, Collier and Hallett were present.

After confirming the minutes of previous meetings, the following matters were disposed of:

The Mayor referred to the death of the late John O'Reilly, Sanitary employee, who, for the past forty-five years, has been one of the City's most trustworthy officials, and whose passing was deeply regretted. The Council places on record its appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by the deceased.

E. T. English, Harbour Master, wrote that he had given the Nfld. Coal & Trading Company permission to repair the wharf, late A. Goodridge & Sons' premises, but could not give permit for the extension of same, as it was contrary to the Regulations.

Communications were read from the Superintendent of the Electrical Department, Reid Newfoundland Co., stating that the lights on Lime street and Angel Place would be attended to; and that the moving of poles back to new street lines, Golf Ave. and Power street, would begiven immediate attention.

J. M. Carberry wrote in reference to property belonging to the St. Michael's Church, Golf Ave., which had been taken into the new street by the Council. The City Engineer is to report on this matter.

A petition was received, signed by a number of Medical Practitioners, asking that, in view of their having to keep a second car for emergencies in connection with their profession, they be relieved of the tax on said car. The Council has no power, under the Motor Car Act, to make concessions, as requested.

Mrs. Dillon, South Side, wrote regarding drainage. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

Geo. Hamlyn applied for water service, Allendale Road. His request was acceded to.

Petitions were read from the residents of McKay street, Shaw street, Mundy Pond Road, asking that lights be installed in these localities. Their request was acceded to.

Rev. A. B. Stirling, St. Mary's Rectory, South Side, called attention to the need for more lights in this locality; and also referred to the "blind corner" at the junction of the South Side Road and the Long Bridge, which, he stated was a source of great danger. His former request was granted, while the latter is, at present, being taken up by the Minister of Public Works, with a view to having the obstructions removed.

The Furness Withy Company applied for permission to lay concrete pavement in front of their premises, Water street, so that same might present a respectable appearance to the many strangers arriving in our City, and, at the same time, improve condition of the thoroughfare. The request was acceded to.

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With Our Athletes At The Halifax Sports

MANAGER THOMAS TELLS THE STORY OF BELL'S VICTORY.

By yesterday's mail the following letter was received by the National Sports Committee, from Manager A. H. Thomas, giving a very graphic description of Saturday's sports at Halifax.

Our boys have done what you expected of them—their very best, and the results indeed must be gratifying. It was a splendid showing, and the five mile item made the big success all the brighter, coming as it did in a most fitting conclusion to a magnificent program.

Before giving a brief review of our showing, I wish to say that Bell and I arrived down from Truro the day previous. We secured reservations at the Y.M.C.A., where Skirling, Butler and Phelan were comfortably stowed away under the wing of Ernie Goodland. We were also very glad to greet Claude Hall and Alf Mosher, who had arrived in Halifax that morning. About noon we all took a stroll up to the Wanderers' Grounds to give the track the once-over. On arrival we were informed that the Grounds would be closed at 2 o'clock in order to prepare them for the events the following day. This was greatly disappointing, as I had my mind set on giving Bell a good loosening up in the late afternoon. As we had only an hour or so to spare we decided to forego dinner for the present and Bell got into his running logs. We did about two miles just to prevent his muscles from limbering up. After lunch we had a brisk walk, some tea, visited the Strand for the first show, paid a few minutes visit to our good friend, Andrew McKay.

I gave Bell a good hot shower on our return to the Y.M.C.A., followed by a brisk massage and had him stowed in the blankets and in dreamland by 10.20. But this Goodland had his charges in Clover, and doubtless they were dreaming of how they would do Newfoundland credit in the gruelling events of the next day. They all were confident and in a very happy frame of mind. Neither Goodland nor I retired before midnight as we were getting our liniments and embrocations ready for the following day. Saturday morning was most pleasant, a little cool, and as the day grew older it got much warmer, but by lunch hour it was just perfect, a regular July afternoon. We had our charges out on Barrington Street keeping their legs moving all morning. Bell had for dinner a small well-done steak, sliced tomatoes, and a glass of milk. Afterwards we both retired to our room where I gave him his final massage and once over. The rest of the team had already gone to the field house for their first event was beginning at 2.30 but I purposely kept Bell away from the Sports Grounds, out of the City, and, at the same time, improve condition of the thoroughfare. The request was acceded to.

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the mile against a field of ten starters. LaPierre, the favourite, dashed away at the crack of the pistol for about three-quarters of a lap. Skirling running second about 25 yards behind and not breaking his stride. There was no change in these positions to the finish only that the ball Pierre slowed up, but Skirling was still grinding out his regular pace with the result that he caught him on the third lap. La Pierre, however, had not exhausted all his strength, but reserved his extra ounces or two for the finish, hosing Skirling out by about 15 feet. Our youngster is a game little lad and ran a great race. LaPierre is a giant and actually towered over him. He forced LaPierre to the limit and made him do it. The remarkably quick time of 4.45 and it was only a forced sprint at the finish that won it.

Then came the item of the Sports, the 5 mile race. 15 toed the line, including Alfie Rodgers and his running mate Jimmy Martin. Rodgers was the favourite with Mosher, the Indian, and Mattie Power strong contenders. Before the start of the race, I was close to Bell who took No. 1 position. They all lined up in turn. Rodgers was there waiting to have his name called before stepping into line. I caught him shooting a glance at me and suddenly he turned away when I caught his eye. I watched him cautiously and saw him size up the back of Bell's legs for an instant or two. Then they got away. Bell had a good position for a splendid getaway but chose to run second at the start for the first 225 yards when he slipped in front. When Rodgers saw this he came up from behind very quickly and ran close to Bell's heels. Power was just in the rear with Martin and Mosher, while the balance of the field was trailing along in the rear. Bell set a furious pace after the first half mile was covered, but Rodgers was holding on grimly, but forced to make two paces to Bell's one. In the third lap Rodgers was trying to run up Bell's back, and deliberately trod on Bell's heel sending him sprawling on the turf inside the track. Bell jumped to his feet instantly and resuming found Rodgers and Martin side by side blocking the way and talking at intervals. From the time he fell and got up again they had gone 50 yards, but when Bell got on the track again he found he was "pocketed" with Martin and Rodgers presenting a solid front ahead and Mosher and Power close behind him, almost on his heels. I had tipped Bell off to anything like this, and when he saw his opportunity on the second turn he sprinted and secured the lead again. He set up a terrific pace for half a lap which caused Martin to fall out, but Rodgers was not easily shaken and held on like grim death. In the second mile Rodgers fouled Bell a second time, but did not result in anything except speak to him. You must know that the cinder track makes the turf give a border of about six inches high. Rodgers was running not quite on the outside of Bell, neither quite to the right side of him, but just enough to keep him pinned to this six inch edge, and the least thing would cause him to trip. Bell kept the lead, however, into the third mile with no apparent change in the three men. Coming up on the stretch on the grandstand side of the track, after about 14 minutes running, Rodgers made an effort to "get" him. Bell slowed up and demonstrated with him, Bell in doing so almost tripped in the edge of the turf. Rodgers just grinned maliciously. When I saw what was happening and when Rodgers passed me I shouted to him "to play the game." I immediately protested to the judges of the way our man was being hooked but they evidently did not care to interfere as excitement among the crowd was intense. They had not made another lap when he tried to do Bell for the fourth time in exactly the same place as he did in the first. Bell, who is exceedingly mild-mannered here, decided to stop this treatment for once and for all. We had often discussed together just a similar situation and Bell was fully prepared to cope with it. Bell just glanced over his shoulder, let Rodgers close up, and his right foot going back caught Rodgers in the knee, causing him to flounder and down he went sprawling on his stomach. The judges pulled him in off the track. He could very easily have gotten up and carried on just as Jack did, but he evidently knew he was a beaten man as he was labouring heavily when this happened. When Rodgers dropped off Power took his place and trailed Bell along about six feet behind for seven grueling laps, with Dunbrook third. And the rest of the competitors in a bunch, many of whom had been lapped by both Bell and Power. Bell led the way into the fourth mile amidst great excitement with Power just jogging along. At each lap the

grandstand would give a great ovation to Power, who in turn would wave his hand to his supporters, presumably having in mind that he could quite easily nose Bell in a spring to the tape at the finish. But he was mistaken in his mind. With another two and a half laps to go to the finish only that the ball Pierre slowed up, but Skirling was still grinding out his regular pace with the result that he caught him on the third lap. La Pierre, however, had not exhausted all his strength, but reserved his extra ounces or two for the finish, hosing Skirling out by about 15 feet. Our youngster is a game little lad and ran a great race. LaPierre is a giant and actually towered over him. He forced LaPierre to the limit and made him do it. The remarkably quick time of 4.45 and it was only a forced sprint at the finish that won it.

There was great excitement, and the Newfoundlanders present broke through the lines and gave Bell a great ovation, carrying him off the field. It was indeed a great finish to the gallant work of our lads earlier in the afternoon. Bell finished, as fresh as a daisy and not a feather out of him. He certainly ran the race of his career and home folks may well feel proud of him.

We were entertained by Mr. W. H. Cave, Minister of Shipping, and right royally entertained at that. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Ashford and the daughter of Mayor Morris and were the guests of the former to a very pleasant few hours at their home. Frank Rice was also very good to us and took Bell and me touring on Sunday afternoon for

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NEWFOUNDLAND TRACK TEAM HAS 11 PRIZES

The result of Newfoundland's venture into outside athletics has been very gratifying indeed and the Track Team will be bringing home with them on Monday, eleven prizes as trophies of their travels. Following are the results to date:—

BELL—Cup and medal, first place.

BUTLER—One 1st, one 2nd, and three 3rd prizes.

PHELAN—Three second places.

SKIRLING—One second prize.

It may be mentioned in passing that in the seven events entered they never secured less than third place. In

other words they were in prize positions all the time, and that is why the city is going to turn out en masse on Monday night to receive them.

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