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WILL BEAT U. S. MEN OR ROW HOME

Charlie Gorman, Back From
Boston With McGowan,
is Confident.

"If I don't beat the American skaters at the Olympics next month I'll row back from France," was a statement made by Charlie Gorman today upon his arrival from Boston. Charlie was accompanied by his trainer Everett McGowan, who will work out with him until his departure for France on January 11. McGowan says that Jew-traw is the fastest of the United States skaters going to the Olympics and that in every race in the Boston Arena Gorman beat him. The manager of the Arena after witnessing the races in Boston last Saturday told McGowan that Gorman is faster than any one of them.

Speaking of the report that Gorman would compete in the pursuit races, which has evoked criticism, Mr. McGowan said he had no intention of entering him, but appreciated the fact that the coupling of his name with the events meant good advertising for his charge. Charles Owens, one of the members of the Gorman committee, was at the station when the train arrived and the first thing he did was to assure Mr. McGowan that the committee had absolute confidence in him. Gorman says he is in fine condition and is skating faster than ever before. He feels that his trip to Boston has done him the world of good and he speaks highly of McGowan as a trainer.

PLAN CHANGES IN FERRY BUILDING

Commissioners Seek Accommodation for Engineering Staff.

A plan for providing accommodation for the engineering staff of the city in the ferry building was presented at the council meeting this morning by Commissioner Bullock, but action was deferred. A proposed reduction in a mortgage against a property on the west side was lost. Permission for the installation of three gasoline tanks and pumps and the placing of poles and anchors, was granted.

Mayor Fisher read a card of greetings from the officers of Military District No. 7 and brought the question of appeal of J. S. Gibson from the penalizing of his 1921 assessment. On motion of Commissioner Thornton, permission was granted to H. Ferguson to install three gasoline pumps and tanks at 288 Haymarket Square, one to be of 1,000 gallons and two of 500 gallons capacity. Commissioner Bullock recommended that a judgment against the Ferry Advertising Co. be discharged on the company's handing over to the city the fixtures installed in the ferry boats and that the balance of the account be written off. He said the company had secured a two-year contract at \$30 per year for this privilege and only \$120 had been paid on the first year. A judgment for \$375, the balance of the first year's account, had been taken out but had not been satisfied and this motion would give the city an opportunity to sell the privilege to some one else. It was said nothing at all had been paid on the second year. The motion carried.

In connection with a loan to W. A. Daugherty by the City Housing Board, Commissioner Bullock recommended that the mortgage be reduced to \$2,500, as per the offer of Murray & Gregory, the assignees of the equity in the property. The total cash outlay of the city had been \$3,237.15 and this with interest, less payments made by Mr. Daugherty, made the total claim of the city \$3,555.27. The motion was voted down.

On the recommendation of Commissioner Frink, the New Brunswick Telephone Co. were granted permission to place two poles and an anchor in Holy street; two poles and an anchor in Old Adelaide Road and one pole in First street.

The Ferry Building.

Commissioner Bullock presented a plan of suggested alterations at the ferry building which would provide accommodation for the engineering staff of the city in that building. One proposition was to run the sides of the building up square and add another story. This would cost about \$10,000. The other was to place the printing room in the third story of the building as it is at present and have the laundry room on the second floor. This would cost about \$2,500. He said the present slate roof was dangerous and would soon have to be replaced. This matter was laid over to give the members of the council an opportunity to inspect the building.

ASKS ABOUT POWER IN THIS PROVINCE

There has been received at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission a communication from the Canada Pulp and Paper Co., requesting information as to the possibilities of securing from 10,000 to 15,000 horse power of current in the Restigouche Valley. It was pointed out this morning at the office of the commission that no single development in the province, except Grand Falls, could furnish the amount of energy and that this would be a nice initial loan for Grand Falls when that was developed.

No Paper Tomorrow
The Evening Times-Star will not be published tomorrow, Christmas Day.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 24.

A.M. P.M.
High Tide..... 0.02 High Tide..... 12.13
Low Tide..... 6.11 Low Tide..... 6.56
Sun Rises..... 8.01 Sun Sets..... 4.46

LOCAL NEWS

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Percy G. James, who was a victim of grief from a motor boat engine on Saturday and was removed to the General Public Hospital, was reported to be improving rapidly.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS GOOD

A good Christmas trade is reported by the merchants generally and in some instances better than last year. Most of them report that the buying this year is of moderate priced goods.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorey was held this afternoon from her parents' residence, Duke street. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon Armstrong, and interment was in Fernhill.

A DANDELION OF DEC. 23.

St. John is bound to hold the record for out of season blooms, and this morning there was sent in to The Times a dandelion in full bloom which was picked in Lancaster avenue on December 23.

INDULGE IN P. T.

One of the sights at the immigration shed yesterday was a number of German immigrants going through their physical exercises. It is understood this was a dandelion in full bloom which was picked in Lancaster avenue on December 23.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finely, 64 Erin street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Pearl, to John Howard Jewett of Regina, Sask., the wedding to take place at an early date.

IS HOME FROM WEST.

George Willgar, who has been living in the west for the last fifteen years, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the holidays with his sister, George Willgar, and sister, Mrs. O. Gibbs, Orange street. Mr. Willgar's home is in Neville, Sask.

SEVEN ARE FINED

A too early celebration of the festive season was evidently responsible for seven men appearing in the police court this morning charged with drunkenness. Five had been arrested late Saturday afternoon and evening and two yesterday. All seven were fined \$8 and in default of payment will have to serve two months in jail.

CARLETON LIGHTING.

That the citizens of the West Side who had their services installed, these numbering between 35 and 40, would have hydro for Christmas Day, was stated this morning at the office of the City Power Commission. The wires across the river were strung yesterday and all that remains to be done is to tie the lines together at the foot of Rockland Road.

CHASERS ASSAILANT

Max Sereisky, 576 Main street, had an experience on Saturday evening which he is not anxious to repeat. While crossing the sidewalk in front of his store three young men came along and one of them hit Mr. Sereisky in the face and the three of them ran. He gave chase but was unable to catch the offender. The police were notified but were not able to locate the assailant of Mr. Sereisky.

CRYING "BABY" SCARES PORTER

A pullman porter got an awful shock on Saturday morning when a bundle which he was carrying was heard to cry "mum-mum" and when this occurred the second time he was one scared porter. The owner of the parcel however denied him when she explained that it was only a doll for a little girl in St. John.

TO SING IN SQUARE.

There will be singing on four nights this week around the community Christmas tree, which has been placed in King Square, under the auspices of the High School. On Monday night the High School girls will sing carols; Wednesday evening the choir of St. David's and Queen Square churches will sing; Friday evening the choir of Stone and St. James' churches, and on Saturday night the Portland Methodist choir and others. The singing will start at 7 o'clock each evening except Friday, when it will begin at 7.30.

BUSY PLACES

The post office and the local offices of the express companies were busy places today and will be until late tonight. Despite the extra help put on at the post office it has been found almost impossible to cope with the flood of matter coming in but a strenuous effort is to be made to have every parcel and letter delivered in time to be opened on Christmas Day. The express companies have extra teams at work but even at that they are finding it hard work to keep up with deliveries and with what comes in on today's trains they will be kept on the jump.

CARS CAME TOGETHER

It was slippery going this morning for vehicular traffic and at least one instance there was a collision of automobiles. Numbers 4665 and 1413 were the cars that hit. One was traveling up Charlotte street, another along Queen to the Charlotte street corner. A sedan was parked nearby. As the Queen street car swung around, the driver saw the danger of hitting the sedan and at the same time the risk of a crash with the other. Then the slippery roadway did its work. The moving car came together. Strange to say each sustained the same damage as the other, a bent mud guard and a hub cap knocked off. No one really was in fault.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dorey, 87 Duke street, will sympathize with them in the death of their little baby, Myrtle M., aged 7 months, 7 days, which occurred on December 21. The little one was taken ill about a week ago and was taken to the General Public Hospital where a critical operation was performed. Everything was done to save the child's life, but she passed away just a week later. Besides her parents she leaves one brother and two sisters, all at home. The funeral took place this afternoon.

REPORT GIVEN ON CATHOLIC ORPHANS

One Hundred and Ninety-five Boys and Girls and 57 Infants Under Care.

In the Cathedral yesterday a statement of the number of children under care in the Catholic orphanages of the city and of the money contributed during the year for their support was read. It showed 112 boys, 90 girls and 57 infants in the institutions on Jan. 1, 1923 and at present 105 boys, 90 girls and 57 infants. The contributions totaled \$2,500.75. The principal items were:—Christmas collections—Cathedral \$1,654.45; St. Peter's, \$276.68; St. John Baptist, \$508.29; Church of the Assumption, \$150; St. Rose's, \$152.50; Holy Trinity, \$268; St. Patrick Day collection, Cathedral, \$348.65; St. John the Baptist, \$65.84; Holy Trinity, \$115.28; Entertainments, Church of Assumption, \$150; St. Rose's, \$116; St. Peter's, \$280.08; Y. M. C. I. \$769.18; picnic, Cathedral, \$216.45; St. Peter's and Holy Trinity, \$1,532.45; Cathedral poor boxes, \$402.91; bequest from James McDade, \$250; donation from International Skating Meet dinner \$25.

The collections on Christmas day will, as usual, be for the orphans.

ASKING 50 CENTS NOW FOR TURKEY

Fortunate indeed were the householders who grasped opportunity by the forelock and laid in the Christmas turkey on Saturday at prices ranging from 35 to 40 cents a pound. For this morning, while there was a fairly good supply of festive birds in the city market, the price remained firm at 50 cents a pound, and dealers expressed the opinion that there would be no falling off of this price. The sale of turkeys on Saturday was said by some to have established a record in local market history and the tremendous supply which was on hand when the market opened was pretty well depleted on Saturday night. The supply this morning was small compared to that of the week-end, but it is expected that the demand will be well supplied. Prices of other poultry remained about the same as on Saturday—ducks and geese, around 35 cents; chickens, 30 to 35 cents, and fowl, about 25 cents.

IS OF DIOCESE OF ARCHBISHOP CASEY

Father Wagner Arrives on
Minnedosa After Visit
to France.

"May you have a Merry Christmas" was the kindly greeting accorded a representative of The Times when he introduced himself to Rev. Father James Wagner, a well-known missionary of Western Canada, who arrived on the Canadian Pacific steamship Minnedosa. He said that he had been to France on a visit to relatives and was returning to British Columbia, where he is attached to the diocese of Archbishop Casey, who was formerly Bishop of the St. John Diocese. Father Wagner has been in the missionary field for 24 years, and his work has largely been among Indians and white men in the region around Pentticon and Okanagan Valley. He said that the members of his mission band cover northwestern territory as far as Mackenzie River and in the early days had penetrated the north as far as Alaska. As he hurried off to attend to his baggage he expressed a hope that the good people of St. John would have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He also wished to be remembered to the priests of this diocese, and joined in congratulations to Very Rev. Dean Collins and Very Rev. Monsignor Walsh on their anniversaries.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES

A representative of one of Baltimore's prominent business firms has asked the Board of Trade for information respecting St. John and such localities in the province as have attractive histories. The Calgary Board of Trade writes that some of the crop yields in Alberta this year are phenomenal and the average all over that province is very high. The wheat crop, it is stated, will exceed 175,000,000 bushels.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "is the turkey tender?" "If it wasn't," said Hiram, "Hanner wouldn't cook it." "Will the potatoes peel their jackets off in the pot?" asked the reporter. "You never seen better," said Hiram. "Pie?" queried the reporter. "Mince, apple, pumpkin 'n' squash," said Hiram. "Ah-h!" said the reporter. "As for doughnuts," said Hiram, "You mind them long twisted fellers that used to melt in your mouth?" "Ah-h-h!" said the reporter again. "Apple sass," went on Hiram—"cranberry sass—an' home made pickles—an' pancakes for breakfast—"

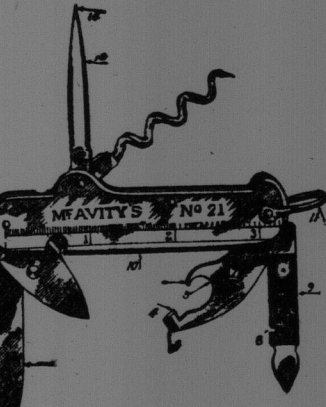
"One moment," said the reporter, as he closed his desk and reached for his overcoat. "You may tell me the rest on the way out. I don't want to hurry you—but if you are going this is a good time to start."

"An' Hanner," went on Hiram, trying to keep up with the reporter as he took the stairs two steps at a time, "he's a big noo woollen stockin' waitin' fer you."

"You're slow," said the reporter—"hurry up."

"Well, By Hen!" said Hiram.

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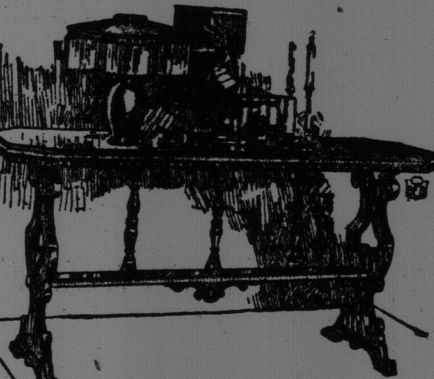
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