

A "Cockney" made a remark the other night that since he joined the "Western Scots" he had become half Scotch. His chum says the other half is soda water.

If those Lancashire lads in No. 1 Company don't get busy wi' that Tater Pie Supper, we'll mak' one fur ahselves on ah bran new stoves and ate it ahselves, too.

By gum! Pipe music is like ateing tummatys; you've gotten to acquire a taste for 'em.

Congratulations to Sgt. Banks on winning the beauty prize. Good for Yorkshire!

### SPORTS

(By Lieut. "Stan." Okell)

The "gods" still decree that we shall not, as yet, journey to Vancouver to try our skill in manly games with our friends the 72nd. Seaforths. Complete arrangements for the trip have now been made for four successive weeks, but no, the weather would not permit. As a solution to overcome the elements it has been suggested that an indignation meeting of the sports committee be held and a resolution made to abandon all idea of the journey.

Our six-man tug-of-war team, under Lieut. Duncan, journeyed to Vancouver via the H.M.C.S. Shearwater last week, in order to participate in the military tournament held in that city on Friday night, January 29. While they did not emerge victors, still they did exceedingly well, being in the semi-finals; especially when it is considered that our regular team consists of ten men, whereas the mainlanders have only experienced and trained teams of six men. There were nine entries in all; our first pull showing us facing the navy boys, who proved to be "easy picking." Our next pull was with our local friends, the "Timber Wolves," when once more the brawn of the "Western Scots" proved successful. Immediately we were pitted against the 72nd. "huskies," which contest turned out to be our "Waterloo," after one of the best events of the evening. The final pull was between the 72nd. and 62nd., the latter being victorious.

Steps have been taken during the past week to revive interest in boxing. It is proposed holding a tournament in the near future in the horse show building, so that twenty men with some knowledge of the art have been detailed to report to Instructor Davis each evening for the purpose of training. At present these men have to travel to the other end of the city to the V.I.A.A. hall, in order to obtain the necessary instruction, which, indeed, is a great shame. This matter is, however, being looked into, and it is likely that adequate quarters will be secured at no long distance from camp in the very near future. A camp gymnasium would certainly be a most helpful and welcome acquisition to the Willows.

While on the subject of boxing it might be mentioned that a letter is to hand, wherein are contained some very good suggestions. They are that a series of regimental bouts of all weights be held in the horse show building, and that an admission fee of twenty-five cents be charged, proceeds to go towards the sports fund. That the bouts in each class take the form of elimination contests, and that the final winner be termed the champion of the Battalion, and receive a suitable token, such as a medal, locket or the like. The idea is good, and we would commend the sports committee to give it their serious consideration. The fitter we are the sooner we will get to the Front; the more men we have participating in athletics, the fitter we will be.

The writer of these columns will welcome any news items, suggestions or letters regarding sports from any member of the Battalion, no matter his rank. We want to make this portion of the "Scot" newsy and interesting, and to completely cover all the athletics of the regiment. This can only be done by the co-operation of all. It is essential, however, that all contributors or correspondents give their name, rank and number or cognizance cannot be given.

There was once a good representative sports committee appointed in this Battalion, but a great many of the members have taken no interest whatsoever, leaving a faithful few to do all the work. Consequently, many branches of athletics have been overlooked, or at least allowed to lapse. Will all representatives please note that the sports committee meets each Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, and make it a point to be present? This is the only way we can revive and maintain interest. We must have something doing all the time. In order to do this we must have a real live committee. Each member must do his share.

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