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THE CANADIAN LEAGUE.

How They Size Up the Prospects in London—St Thomas, Brantford and Toronto After Galt's Place.

London, Ont., Feb. 4.—Already local fans are discussing baseball and the prospects of the Canadian League the coming season, says The News this evening. Galt, as is well known, has dropped out, finding it impossible to make even a first-class team pay, and the meeting held in St. Thomas the other day was for the purpose of filling the vacancy. St. Thomas appeared very anxious to come in, and the delegates present from London, Hamilton and Guelph were just as anxious that she should. The St. Thomasites were to let Cal Davis know in the course of a few days, and Cal was to let the other fellows know. But, as Cal is silent, it is thought that St. Thomas has not quite made up her mind.

Brantford is also willing to come in, and Toronto has applied. Toronto is in the Eastern League, but that team will play on the Island diamond this summer, and the owner of the old Ball grounds is interested in the effort to include Toronto in the Canadian League.

At present London has not a single player under contract, and not a name will be signed until the Canadian League is admitted to the protection afforded by the National League. London does not want a repetition of the McElroy business of last year. Application has been made for a four-club franchise, and the accompanying protection, and it is a matter of only a few days until it will be received.

Doc Simpson and Bert Shoe will align the different players as usual, but the active management will fall to Allie Holman. The Alert management have all along recognized the necessity of an active manager who could give his entire attention to the work during the season, and they could not have picked on a better man than Mr. Holman. Prospects are bright for the coming season, and the Alerts will start off with every prospect of finishing in the van. The schedule of games will be drafted on Good Friday.

SPORTING NOTES.

In a skatin race at Stouffville last night for a silver cup, Dusty of Uxbridge was the first, Gould of Uxbridge second and Smith of Stouffville third.

The second day of the trotting horse sale at Lexington had a larger attendance and the bidding was better. The sixty-six head sold for $7872, an average of $119.

In some counties of Vermont the snow is rolled on the roads, instead of being removed. A rolled snow admits of sleighing long after the snow has melted on the ordinary roads.

The baseball leagues under the protection of the national agreement this year are the Atlantic, Eastern, Western, Southeastern, New England, Interstate, Virginia and Ohio and West Virginia.

The Elms Baseball Club held a successful meeting last night and organized for the coming season with the following players: Murray (captain), Ross, Avison, White, Smith, E. and G. Gill, Young, Odea, Parm, Secretary E. Ross, 464 Queen-street east.

Many of the sports who saw Jack Delaney defeat Australian Billy Murphy at the Polo A.C., New York, last Saturday night, predict quite a future for him. Delaney is a good two-handed fighter, but at times is careless. Delaney is going to challenge the winner of the Haley-Sullivan fight.

The Parkdale Football Club's smoker took place last Monday night, and the popularity of the club was fully demonstrated by the large turnout of friends and supporters, who thoroughly enjoyed the first-class program. The committee desire to thank the gentlemen who so ably assisted them in making the concert such a grand success.

Jockey Powers recently ran away from his employer, Virginia Bradley, at New Orleans, claiming that Bradley collected the money for his mounts and did not turn it over to his father, according to the terms of his apprenticeship. The Jockey Club has decided that he must return to Bradley. His time of service will be out Aug. 10 next.

The chances of Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey coming together are very bright. Sharkey wants to meet Maher in the worst way, and is in communication with Dan Stuart as regards having the battle come off during the same week of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill. Sharkey wired Tim McGrath, who trained him for his battle with Corbett, and who is now in New York, to come to 'Frisco at once.

LAWMAKERS SAW THE SCRAPS.

Albany, Feb. 4.—One of the most successful boxing tournaments ever held in this city took place last night at the Meyers A.C. The club house was packed and many of the Senators and Assemblymen were present. There were four 10-round bouts on the card, the star event of which was between George Justice of New York and "Sailor Boy" of Albany. In the first of the preliminary bouts, Alfred Shirland of Albany defeated Andrew Sharker of West Albany in the fourth.

The second bout was between Jimmy Kelley of New York and Jack Fogarty of Ireland, 10 rounds at 112 pounds. The boys fought so viciously on the start that the police stopped the fight during the fourth round, the referee's decision being a draw.

The third bout was that between Justice and "Sailor Boy." This was a hurricane bout from start to finish. Until the eighth round honors seemed even, but the remaining two rounds were decidedly in favor of Justice, and the referee decided in his favor.

Following this bout Mike Farrager of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mickey McManus of Albany fought 10 rounds, McMannus being awarded the decision.

DAN STUART ON FLYING TRIPS.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Dan Stuart made a flying trip from Dallas to Kansas City last night to interview Corbett. He arrived at 6 o'clock, dined with the slugger and left at 9.30 again for Dallas. Stuart would not talk further than that he wanted to see Corbett about the coming fight, which would certainly take place. Corbett said:

"Stuart came to see me about training in Nevada. It seems that reports have been sent out or that he got word some way that I intended to train in California and not in Nevada. He wants Fitzsimmons and me both to train there. I told him I was going through to California after I closed my engagements here, but I had never any idea of not training in Nevada. I guess they want us both to train there. I understand Fitz has agreed."

Stuart, it is said, promised that both Corbett and Fitzsimmons would train as well as fight in Nevada in return for the concessions granted, and he did not want any hitch in the program.

CHATHAM CYCLE CLUB.

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 4.—A most determined effort to secure the Canadian Wheelmen's Association meet for Chatham is being made by the local cycle club, whose claim to the honor is widely recognized and supported throughout this Province, Quebec and Manitoba. The rival of the Maple City is Brantford, but the authorities declare the outlook favors Chatham to such a degree that it may be said to have the meet in its mitt. To-night closed a most exciting contest for the several officers on the Chatham Cycle Club not decided by acclamation.

The following are candidates elected: 1st vice-presidents, Charles H. Dunn, H. Cleave; 2nd vice-president, Charles Fisher, H. M. Richardson; assistant secretary, Frank B. Lyle, Dr. W. H. Fisher; captain, William Harrick, W. J. Macdowall; lieutenant, Harry Scott, H. L. Smith; Executive Committee officers, H. S. Northwood, J. F. Cairns, Charles Greening, T. C. Dawson, George S. Hayward, D. J. Maclean, C. H. Dunn, H. A. Rispin, W. J. MacGowan, John Sturner, J. Wanham, George W. Sullman, C. E. McPhee, J. D. Lamont, O. L. Lewis, E. H. Cleave, Charles Oldershaw; '97 Meet Committee, 13 members having the largest vote. At midnight the polls closed and the count will be made to-morrow.

BELLEVILLE WON BY 4 TO 0.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 14.—Trenton and Belleville played a schedule game in the Corby Cup series here to-night. The game from start to finish was fast and exciting, and good hockey was played. The result was 4 to 0 in favor of Belleville. C. Horkins of Peterboro' refereed the game, which was witnessed by over a thousand people, 300 of whom were from Trenton.

GUELPH BEAT BRAMPTON.

Brampton, Feb. 4.—The game of hockey played here this evening between the Guelph team and the junior team of Brampton, in the junior series of the O.H.A., was very clean and fast. Guelph won by a score of 11 to8; half-time, 5 to 3 in Guelph's favor. The Guelphites had the advantage of being the heavier team. Mr. A. P. Brown of Toronto acted as referee.

HOCKEY POINTS.

The Oshawa and Cobourg boys played a very interesting game of hockey at Oshawa last night. Score, 6 to 4 in favor of Oshawa.

London Juniors visited Listowel last night and were defeated by 9 goals to 2. At the end of half-time the score stood: Listowel 4, London 1.

After the settlement of the presidential question at the annual meeting of the L.A.W. at Albany next week, the management of the Sunday racing problem will call for long and serious deliberation. The demand for bicycle racing on Sunday comes from the West and South.

The following team will represent the Western Assurance Hockey Club in their match with the Sun Insurance Company in Prospect Park Rink to-night (Friday), at 6 p.m. sharp: Goal H. Sherrard, point D. McDougall, cover point J. Russell, forwards P. Ross, J. Kay, W. Goulnlock and L. Wood.

To-day at 4.30 at the Victoria Rink, the Imperials and Commerce second teams meet in the intermediate series of the Hockey League. To-morrow afternoon Imperial and Dominion meet again at the Victoria Rink. After their victory last week Dominion supporters should get odds of 4 and 5 to 1, with not many takers.

QUEEN'S OWN WIN.

The bowling match at the Armouries last night between the Q.O.R. and Liederkranz Club, was won by the Q.O.R. by 315 pins, the winners making the splendid average of 700 pins per man.

Q.O.R.		Liederkranz.	
Sgt. Jennings	747	L Reich	706
Col-Sgt Worthy	666	H Powers	750
Sgt McIntosh	692	H Wells	672
Corp Keys	698	H Nagle	653
Corp Dee	616	J Graham	578
Staff-Sgt Donnelly	710	Geo Meade	679
Staff-Sgt Crichton	761	H Graham	694
Pte Libby	710	P Lang	555
Total	5600	Total	5285

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THIRD ROUND COMPLETED.

Drummond, Granites, Defeats Badenach, Toronto, by 21 Shots to 11.

How the Eight Quartets are Distributed Among the City Clubs—Drawing for the Remaining Rounds—Fourteen Ontario Association Groups Report Their Champion Clubs—Caledonians at Thornhill.

H. A. Drummond of the Toronto Club rang in a 21 to 11 victory on the Granites "society" rink last night. The match was played in the Granite, and at the start it looked all in favor of the home players. Four singles came to them in as many ends, and then the Torontos got five in a bunch. One for the Granites brought them level for the last time, and gradually Drummond drew away.

Toronto.		The Society.
R McDonald,		Geo Higginbotham,
H. O'Reilly,		J W Drynan,
G H Muntz,		Joe Irving,
H A Drummond sk	21	E A Badenach, s.	11

This brings the competition down to an even octet. The third round is scheduled for this week, but will not likely be finished before next Monday or Tuesday, and, as the Tankard finals are fixed for Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the single-rink semi-finals and finals will be held over until the week of Feb. 15. This is the drawing for the next round:

1. Hunter (G) v. Cayley (T).
2. Drummond (T) v. Williamson (G).
3. Rennie (C) v. Hargraft, (T).
4. McCulloch (PP) v. Hynes (PP).

No. 1 buys No. 2 and No. 3 meets No. 4 in the semi-final.

The Granites have only two of their original 20 rinks left, while Toronto and Prospect Park have also two each, and had only 10 at first received, to start with. The rink each from Caledonian and Lakeview make up the total.

	Entered.	Left.
Granites	20	2
Torontos	10	2
Queen City	7	0
Prospect Park	5	2
Parkdale	5	0
Caledonia	4	1
Lakeview	2	1
Total	53	8

THE GROUP CHAMPIONS.

Secretary Russell of the Ontario Curling Association has reports from all the groups except 12 and 16, and these will likely report before next week. The finals have been fixed for next Wednesday and Thursday, and the drawing will be made next Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Here are the group champions:

1, Oshawa; 2, Keene; 3, Lindsay; 4, Collingwood; 5, Scarboro'; 6, Toronto, Queen City; 7, Toronto Caledonian; 8, Hamilton Victoria; 9, Buffalo; 10, Brantford; 11, Seaforth; 13, Chatham; 14, Sarnia; 15, Paveros.

LEAFS' BIG MAJORITY.

A match was played at Little York on Wednesday, Feb. 3, between Toronto Maple Leafs and Aberdeens, resulting in a victory for the former by 28 shots. The following is the score:

Aberdeen.		Maple Leafs.
G Empringham,		J Chester,
R Mason,		J Lowson,
A Hood,		G Chester,
J Titsberry, skip	10	R Thomson, sk	23
A Grant,		W McCowan,
W W Thomson,		R Green,
E Ireland,		W Chester,
J Richardson, sk	11	A Paterson, sk	26
Total	21	Total	49

CURLING CHIPS.

The friendly match between Toronto and Parkdale, scheduled for last night, was declared off.

Granite curlers were royally entertained by their Thistle brothers at Hamilton on Wednesday night.

The Thornhill Club will have a bonspiel for York County clubs this month. They expect rinks for seven clubs to enter. The club has a pair of curling stones presented by Mr. Hughes of the Thornhill C.C.

A friendly game of curling was played at St. Mary's yesterday between Stratford and St. Mary's, six rinks a side, three rinks on each side played in each town, resulting in a victory for St. Mary's by 51 shots.

Two rinks from the Toronto Granite Club visited Hamilton Wednesday and played off the first round for the Oddfellows' Trophy with the Thistle colts, defeating them by 4 shots. The return match will be played at Toronto next week.

SPEED SKATING TO-DAY.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Everything is ready for the world's championship speed skating races, which will begin to-morrow. The last of the skaters arrived in town this morning. They are Olaf Rude of Minneapolis and Howard P. Mosher of Storm King. Both skaters are in first-class condition. Rudd said this morning that he tried to induce John S. Johnson to come here and meet his old rivals, but Johnson would not do so. Owing to the peculiar conditions of the world's championship races, every heat in these contests will constitute a race in itself. The men race in pairs on separate tracks, and the man finishing in the fastest time wins. This makes each man do his best, as he cannot know, unless he knows the difference between the tracks, if his opponent is ahead or not. Half way down the back stretch is a crossover, and here the men change tracks every lap. A man is stationed at the cross-over with a flag, and he decides which of the skaters is to cross first.

NEW YORK A. C. OFFICERS.

New York, Feb. 4.—The New York Yacht Racing Association has elected these officers: President, A. J. Prince of the Yonkers Corinthian Club; vice-president, E. Lungerfield of the Hudson River Yacht Club; secretary, G. Parkhill, of the Columbia Yacht Club; treasurer, R. J. Murray of the New York A. C. There are 18 clubs in the association.

PIGEON SHOOTING PAYS.

Hamilton, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Mr. W. Stroud, the well-known baseballist, has arranged a pigeon shoot, 25 birds each man, between the Weston and the Hamilton Gun Clubs, five men a side. The date of the match is now being settled upon. All the accounts of the late Hamilton Gun Club tournament have been settled, and a handsome balance remains in the treasurer's hands.

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

New York, Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association was held last night at the Hotel Waldorf. The following officers were elected: President, James Dwight; vice-president, J. S. Clark; secretary, J. T. Whitney; treasurer, N. J. Hall. The above, together with the following, form the Executive Committee: Richard Stevens, W. A. Larned, O. S. Campbell, R. D. Wrenn and F. E. Presbey. The principal business transacted was the changing of the handicap system from quarters to sixths. It was also decided to take the doubles championship from Narragansett Pier and it will probably be given to the Long Wood C.C. of Boston. It was also decided to change the system of drawing for the championship singles at Newport. For the past two years the experiment has been tried of drawing the eight best players in separate divisions. This proved unsatisfactory, as it savored too much of favoritism and hereafter the cracks will have to take their chances with the rest in the drawings. The association, at the request of the West Side Club, this city, added another championship event to its list, which will be known as "The Greater New York Championship," and the above named club will add a handsome cup.

Where is Young Lamb?

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 4.—The police of this city have a request from Mrs. Lamb, of 230 Queen-street west, Ottawa, to search for her son, Harry Lamb, last heard from a year ago in this city. Young Lamb is 26 years old. So far the police have failed to locate him.

DAILY RACING ROUND.

Songer Rides a 30 to 1 Shot to Victory—Favorites Bowled Over in Five Out of Six Events.

New Orleans, Feb. 4.—Cloudy weather, with intermittent rain during the afternoon, failed to keep down the attendance at the race track, 3000 being present. The track was still heavy, and only one favorite won. Summaries:

First race, mile—Ondague, 105 (Reiff), 7 to 2, 1; Springtime, 105 (Barrett), 4 to 1, 2; Bob Clampett, 105 (Scherer), 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.48. Sir Fred, Gunwad, F.M.B., Davezac, Sister Ione also ran.

Second race, mile—Dawn, 90 (Dorsey), 5 to 1, 1; Jack Hayes, 96 (Barrett), 2 to 1, 2; Mauritius, 88 (Combs), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.46¾. Kruna, Snaz, Break o' Day, Newhouse, Houdu also ran.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Connie Lee, 105 (Hill), 12 to 1, 1; Grenfin, 89 (Dorsey), 11 to 5, 2; Prima, 102 (Garner), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.18¾. Candy, Selbach, Harry B., Tempesta, Princess Maud and King Boleyn also ran.

Fourth race, mile—Tragedy, 105 (Garner), 11 to 5, 1; Martin, 104 (Reiff), 3 to 1, 2; Al Miles, 107 (Dorsey), 25 to 1, 3. Time 1.47½. Prytania, Robert Latta, Mollie B., Plutus, Lav On, Eau Claire also ran.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Laura Davis, 99 (Songer), 30 to 1, 1; Panini, 102 (Campbell), 30 to 1, 2; Galley West, 107 (Scherer), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.18¼. Favorita, Atalanta, Play or Pay, Silico, Little Matt, Renund, Dr. France, Carl Holland, The Texas Bell also ran.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Hallstone, 106 (Morse), 2 to 1, 1; Sir John, 106 (Scherer), 4 to 1, 2; Pisa, 101 (Dorsey), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.32¾. Linnette, Proverb, Springal, Limber Jim and Carver also ran.

ENTIES FOR TO-DAY.

New Orleans, Feb. 4.—Following are the entries for to-morrow's races:

First race, 6 furlongs—May Ashley 88, Katherine 101, Rouble, Woodlake, Pitfall, 108; Meddler 105, Lizetta 107.

Second race, ½ mile—Our Lizzie, Belle Foster III., Georgie, 105; Frogmore, Sue Sue, 107; Matt, Patrick, 115.

Third race, 1¼ miles, hurdle—Folly 125, Incommode 128, Partizan 132, Rupee 134, Mr. Dunlay 136, Brakeman, Austin, 138; Granada 140.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Gold Top 93, Truna 94, Mollie B., Marquise, R. Q. Ban, 99; Squire G. 98, Gaston 100, Irish Lady 108, Sim W. 110.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Candy 83, Robert Bonner, Rosny, 95; Nannie L's Sister, John Conroy, 87; Sir Errol, Gomez, Vince d'Or, 98; Senator Penrose 99, St. Leo 100.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Hopes, Illa, 93; Little Nigger, Harry B., Prima, Nalesta, Annie Teuton, 99; Tempesta, Styx, 102; Parmesan 105.

THE BARKSDALE CARD.

Barksdale, Feb. 4.—First race, ⅝ mile—Felix Glover, Bank Cashier, Eclipse, Keller, 105; Cue, Lucy, Pocket Piece, Little Jim, 112; Lady Richmond, Dulcie, Laroudie, Little Alice, 110.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Baritone II, 126, Marie Lovell 110, Flakewood Jim Swaine, 118; Princess Alix 116, Harrie C., Norfolk, 104; Gousette 102.

Third race, 4½ furlongs—Estelle J., Orphan, 122; McCall, Gyta, Valley Girl, Kerplunk, Bobby M., Montrose, 112.

Fourth race, 6½ furlongs—Jim Donlan 115, Bronston, Rama, Navahoe, Gold Dollar, John Rudden, 112; Venusberg 110.

Fifth race, 4½ furlongs—Glover, Pendig, Bettie Hill, Edna Bennett, 121; Frank Hough, Mafia, Mary Larsen, Addie Trainor, Helen T., 1123.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Candelabra 114, Ventix 111, Queen d'Or, Chaurce, 109; Murray 106, Gimme 104.

FROM IRON HILL TO BARKSDALE.

Iron Hill, Feb. 4.—This was the last day of the races here, Barksdale being the next place of meeting. Favorites captured a majority of the events.

First race, ⅝ mile—Canterbury, 5 to 2, 1; Foxglove, 2 to 1, place, 2; Pickpocket, 3. Time 1.08.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Flunwater, 4 to 5, 1; Princess Cora, 2 to 1, place, 2; Siva 3. Time 1.02.

Third race, ⅞ mile—Dillon J., 6 to 5, 1; Scandal, 4 to 1, place, 2; Brilliancy 3. Time 1.24¼.

Fourth race, ⅞ mile—Belvina, 3 to 1, 1; Southerner, even, place, 2; Gimme 3. Time 1.09.

Fifth race, 4½ furlongs—Helen Ryan, 6 to 5, 1; Mountain Maid, even, place, 2; Gyta 3. Time 1.04.

Sixth race, ⅞ mile—Charlie B., 7 to 10, 1; Palmyra, 2 to 1, place, 2; Storekeeper 3. Time 1.25⅛.

MUDDY TRACK AND RAIN.

Ingleside, Feb. 4.—Raining and foggy; track muddy. Two favorites won.

First race, 6½ furlongs—Harold Lindsay, 109 (Barringer), 7 to 1, 1; Tulare, 104 (Slaughter), 20 to 1, 2; Jasmel, 102 (Thompson), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.27¼.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Lou Lon B., 117 (Doggett), 3 to 1, 1; Mercutio, 117 (Boxmun), 40 to 1, 2; Summer Foot, 119 (Slaughter), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.04½.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Mohnlaska, 99 (Sloan), 11 to 5, 1; Boreas, 107 (Hennessey), 75 to 1, 2; Judge Denny, 104 (Jones), 7 to 5, 3. Time 1.31½.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Lucky Dog, 110 (Martin), 4 to 1, 1; Salvable, 110 (Sloan), even, 2; Wyoming, 105 (Slaughter), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.16½.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Monte Fonso, 107 (Thorpe), 6 to 1, 1; Frank J., 108 (Doggett), 13 to 5, 2; Baby Murphy, 102 (McHugh), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.32.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Summer Time, 103 (Jones), even, 1; George Palmer, 91 (Thompson), 5 to 2, 2; Applause, 102 (Martin), 9 to 2, 3. Time 1.45½.

CHICAGO HORSE SALES.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The annual February sale of trotting stock opened yesterday. The 225 horses catalogued attracted a large number of horse fanciers from all parts of the country and abroad. Many of the consignments were yearlings and 2-year-olds. Speed was in good demand, and the road and truck horses were neglected. The $150 to $1000, the latter price being paid by Adam Macatti of Glasgow, Scotland, for Steel Prince, record 2.06¼, a 9-year-old brown stallion by Steel Nail, dam Lucy, by Prince Pulaski Jr. L. Weil of New York City bought Jourour, 2.24¼, a 12-year-old horse by Mambrino, for $325. Will Neely, a bay gelding foaled 1890, for $215.

THEY WANT HAMILTON IN LINE.

Hamilton, Feb. 4.—The directors of the Hamilton Jockey Club have not definitely decided about the spring meeting, but they will get together in a few days. W. O. Parmer of the Windsor crowd, and Secretary Ovlatt of the Fort Erie Jockey Club are still negotiating for the lease of the track. While some of the directors are tired of financing for the club, and would like to see the track leased, it is believed that a majority of them are in favor of the Hamilton Jockey Club running the meeting, and opposed to letting American turfmen get control of the track. The club has never made any money out of the track, but the directors are largely to blame, as they have never catered to the public.

BARRIE'S GOOD RACES.

Barrie, Feb. 4.—To-day's numbers of the ice racing program brought a large crowd to the oval. At 2 o'clock probably a larger crowd had gathered than at any former event of the kind. The different races were hotly contested, the crowd at times going wild with enthusiasm. The following is the result of the afternoon's speeding:

2.32 trot: prizes, $100—

Little Hector	1	2	1	2
Henderson	2	1	2	1
Sorrel Dan	3	3	4	4
Munshaw	4	4	3	3
Molly May				dr

Time—2.29, 2.26½, 2.30, 2.28, 2.30.

2.40 trot; prize, $60—

Eva F.	4	3	1	1
Birdie R.	1	1	2	2
Shamrock	2	2	3	3
Doubtless	3	5	5	5

Forest King and Birdie J. drawn.

Time—2.38, 2.39½, 2.43, 2.43, 2.42.

TURF GOSSIP.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Grand Trotting Circuit in the offices of the Detroit Driving Club on Feb. 11.

Mr. Dave Martin of Guelph has bought the bay filly Rhythm, 3 years old, by the Bard, out of Clutter, from Dr. Matheson. Rhythm has a number of engagements for '97, and Mr. Martin, with his good experience, should pick up some good purses with the filly.

The Boys' Templars.

Toronto City Council, No. 2, R. T. of T., held their eighteenth anniversary at Temperance Hall last evening. Mr. W. J. Cameron occupied the chair, and the following took part in the program: Mr. Woodcar Miss Viel, Mr. L. Wood, Mr. J. T. Richardson Miss McNaught, Prof. Blenheim, Prof. H. Lubar, Messrs. Robb and Ferguson. Mr. Wolzar presided at the piano. After the program was finished games were indulged in and then refreshments were served. A number from other lodges in the city attended. The proceeds will be given to the Children's Hospital.

OWEN SOUND WON THE STAKES

Home Curlers Capture the Closing Competition.

PORT ELGIN BEATEN IN FINAL

It Was an Exceedingly Close and Exciting Contest.

The Majority Was Only Two Shots—Owen Sound Gave Visiting Curlers a Great Time of It and Everything Passed Off Without a Hitch—Preparing for Single Rink and Ontario Tankard Finals.

Owen Sound, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The second and concluding competition in the Owen Sound Curling Club's bonspiel was finished this afternoon, and was won by the Owen Sound rinks, who defeated Port Elgin in the final game, after an exceedingly close and exciting contest. Last night the four winners of the opening games, Port Elgin, Harriston, Orangeville and Owen Sound, proceeded with the playing, Port Elgin playing Harriston and Orangeville playing Owen Sound. The games were not ended until very late, and resulted in victories for Port Elgin and Owen Sound. This morning these two started in on the finishing game, which was a most interesting one from its commencement until the last stone was thrown, when the score showed Owen Sound to have won by the very narrow majority of 2 shots. Perhaps the best curling of the whole affair was done in this game, and if either club had played as well in the tankard competition, the result of that might very probably have been much different. The home club, therefore, retains the red home stones which were the first prize in this competition, and the plucky Port Elginites carry off with them the silver set, the second prize. The bonspiel has been in respect a most successful one. Though some of the clubs at first entered did not show up and the number of participants was thus somewhat lessened, yet eighteen of the best rinks in Northern Ontario took part and did their utmost to win in the success of the affair. Fine weather and good ice all through also contributed not a little to its most favorable termination, for which there was a feeling of much satisfaction and thankfulness. Curlers the world over are known as the most social and hospitable of sportsmen, and the home clubs endeavored throughout to be found not wanting in these respects, which, judging from the general expressions of appreciation at the arrangements made for accommodation provided by them, they were not. Nor is there any complaint to be heard either as to the way the officers discharged their duties or the manner in which all the contests were conducted. The following are the additional scores:

Port Elgin.		Harriston.
Curling		Brisben
Thomson		Wills
Smith		Moore
Mitchell, sk	22	Moore, sk	8
Brennan		Fisher
Hilker		McNab
Cameron		Holton
Izzard, sk	19	Strong, sk	19

Majority for Port Elgin, 3 shots.

Owen Sound.		Orangeville.
Wright		Wills
Burchart		Monkman
Wilkinson		Green
Creighton, sk	18	Waugh, sk	14
Brown		O'Rielly
McDougall		Walsh
Lindsey		Bowes
Lloyd, sk	16	Brown, sk	14

Majority for Owen Sound, 6 shots.

Owen Sound.		Port Elgin.
Wright		Keenan
Butchart		Hilker
Wilkinson		Cameron
Creighton, sk	17	Izzard, sk	17
Brown		Carling
McDougall		Thomson
Lindsey		Smith
Lloyd, sk	20	Mitchell, sk	18

Majority for Owen Sound, 2 shots.

CALEDONIANS AT THORNHILL.

Representative rinks of the Toronto Caledonians and Thornhill met in the spacious covered rink at Thornhill yesterday. The ice was in splendid condition, and the sides were so evenly matched that the result was a tie after 15 ends. Score:

Caledonians.		Thornhill.
W J McKay		Dr Neiles
A Garrett		T J Hallinaugh
Thomas McIntosh		G Morgan
A W Burgess, sk	11	R Clarke, sk	11

The visitors were dined after the game at the Thornhill Hotel, when short and happy speeches were made by the skips and third players, and the accurate umpire, Mr. William Christie, who went out specially for the occasion. The return match will be played in Mutual-street next week.

OVER THE HOG SCORE.

Rosedale cricketers scored 11 points on Queen City ice Wednesday afternoon to the Toronto Bicycle Club rink's 2.

The Torontos and Granites meet to-day for their first City Trophy match. Each club has a clean record for the year. Toronto has met and defeated Parkdale, Queen City and Prospect Park, but the Granites have only scored over Queen City. There is talk out west of Parkdale dropping out of the contest, as they find it somewhat difficult to aggregate eight rinks.

It is expected that over 100 curlers will take part in the big bonspiel to be held Monday next at the Thistle Rink, Hoboken, N.J., for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent big fires in Hoboken. The curlers have paid their entrance fee of $1, which helps swell the fund. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents charged to the public. The curling will occupy the entire afternoon and evening.

Chapter of Accidents.

Thomas Murphy of Brantford was about to board car 402 at King and Yonge-streets yesterday at noon when he slipped on the road, and falling, struck his head against the car step, inflicting a nasty wound.

When Bloor and McCaul car No. 448 was coming down York-street at 10.20 yesterday morning a wagon owned by James Pearson, 262 Front-street, got in the way, and the vestibule of the car was considerably damaged.

At 8.30 yesterday morning one of Copland's brewery wagons came in contact with a King-street car at Logan-avenue. One horse got the worst of it.

A lady who did not care to give her name attempted to board a Bathurst-street car while it was in motion at King and Church-streets last night at 6 o'clock. She slipped and fell into the arms of Roadmaster McDougall, and was badly shaken up.

Minnehaha is Popular.

Stock in the Minnehaha, which was placed on the Toronto market yesterday, is already going off well. The fact that this mine is the first property from the great free milling gold centre of Camp McKinney to be placed on the eastern market, is attracting special attention to it, and the proposition was much talked of on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday. The fact that it is an extension of the famous Cariboo, which has paid monthly dividends regularly for two years, makes the Minnehaha popular, and the shares will not long remain at the present figure of 10 cents. The shaft on the Minnehaha is already down 43 feet, and displays a quartz ledge four feet wide, carrying gold values of from $25 to $250 per ton. The mine is bound to be a favorite. Campbell, Currie & Co. are the brokers.

Regardless of Profit.

Scores are determined to turn their winter goods into cash, even if the garments are sold at ridiculously low cash prices, as they want lots of room for the spring purchases and have only the newest and latest effects in stock. It will be of interest and pay gentlemen to read their ad. in to-day's World, for it is replete with specialties at prices that startle you with their lowness. All garments are cut, fitted, tailored and fashioned by thorough experts.

Grand Trunk Ferry.

The G.T.R. is said to be considering a scheme to establish a ferry line between Detroit and Toledo. If the plan is adopted two ferryboats, capable of carrying 25 carloads of Ohio coal, will be built.

HUGH JOHN IN DEMAND.

The Latest Call Is From St. Boniface, But Mr. Macdonald Declines Winnipeg News Notes.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—In connection with the report that Hugh John Macdonald is to become leader of the Provincial Conservatives, it is said he has been offered the nomination for St. Boniface, recently vacated by Mr. Prendergast. Mr. Macdonald will, however, decline to accept the ultra-Catholic constituency.

There is no longer any doubt here that James Smart of Brandon is to become Deputy Minister of the Interior. He has been summoned to Ottawa by Mr. Sifton, and is now en route there.

An impression prevails among politicians here that Joseph Martin will accept the Liberal nomination for Macdonald. Nat Boyd may not again run, the likely Conservative candidate being Hon. Dr. Harrison, ex-Provincial Premier.

Senator Kirchoffer and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald will represent Manitoba on the Dominion convention executive.

Winnipeg's bank clearings last month exceeded $5,000,000.

TROUBLES IN THE EAST.

Murders and Skirmishes in Crete—The Nevosti Shows the Sultan's Position as to War.

New York, Feb. 4.—A despatch to The Herald from Canea, Crete, says: In consequence of the political murders which have been committed, there have been several skirmishes. Communication is interrupted and some villages have been burned. Several European warships have arrived. The Governor and consuls have gone out into the surrounding districts in the hope of preventing more serious catastrophes. The Montenegrin gendarmes have arrived in Crete. The districts of Candia and Rhetymo are now quieter.

THE GREEKS STIRRED UP.

The Greek colony in this city is excited over messages from Greece which state that the indignation which exists there over the treatment of the Cretans by the Sultan may involve Greece in a war with Turkey. An appeal has been issued to Americans addressed to natives of Greece, asking for contributions to the fund which has been started to place the country on a war basis. Editor Vlasto of the Greek newspaper Atlantis has received advices from his correspondent at Athens to the effect that several of the men-of-war of Greece have been equipped in France with rapid-firing guns, and that 50,000 rifles have been ordered for the trip. The fund which has been started to assist the Government already amounts to $400,000 and is in charge of a society of prominent Greeks, who have organized what is known as the National Hetairia, which acts with the greatest secrecy, even keeping from the public the names of the officers.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

Joseph Ashfield, who collided with a trolley pole in Spadina-avenue, is improving.

"L. & S." brands of hams, bacon and lard are luxuries. Try them. Cheapness of any article counts against its quality.

Bertha Olmon, an aged inmate of the jail, died early yesterday morning from natural causes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society will be held to-night.

The carters of the city have organized Drivers' Union, No. 1. They will affiliate with the Trades and Labor Council.

The person who lost a purse on a King-street car containing a sum of money yesterday afternoon may get same by applying at The World office.

Mr. H. W. Frost of the China Inland Mission, gave an interesting talk at the mission room, Parliament and Spruce streets, last evening.

Mrs. Rutherford, president of the Dominion W.C.T.U., addressed the Epworth League of Wesley Church, Dundas-street and Ossington-avenue, last evening, in the interest of temperance.

The deputation on behalf of the Massachusetts Benefit Life policyholders did not go to Ottawa on Tuesday as arranged. A meeting of the committee was held yesterday to discuss the situation.

Elizabeth Beatty was arrested yesterday on a charge of drunkenness. When taken to the Police Station it was found she had fractured an ankle. She was removed to the General Hospital.

The police here have been asked to apprehend Phillips Fraser, son of a New Orleans physician, who ran away last July with two other boys, got as far as Syracuse, and then left them and started this way.

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