Hockeyists Making Preparations.

TEAMS GETTING READY FOR FRAY

The cool tinge of winter air makes the thoughts of the fans turn to hockey, the greatest of winter pastimes. From their victories of last season the Feildians hold the Boyle Challenge Cup for a third sucessive season. But this is another season and perhaps the "mug" will find a new resting place by next spring. Nearly all of last year's players are available, and with the Guards hockey team making their initial appearance in the League, great enthusiasm is being created and things look good for another banner year in hockey.

The Feildians look as though they will be even stronger than last year. They have been undergoing a stiff training in the gymnasium for some time past, and as soon as they step out on the blades the players will be conditioned enough to enter the fray. The team is intact and they will be controlled by Mr. Jack Strang, while Tommy Payne, for a fourth successive season has been elected as Captain.

The St. Bon's, runners-up last year, the team which played sensational hockey towards the close of the season, having defeated the champion Feildian team for the Tie Cup honors, are at present working out their little plans behind closed doors. The team is very fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Charles Fox this year, as their Manager. The genial "Doc," it will be remembered, played hockey with the "Alma Mater" before moving to McGill, and during the course of his studies at Montreal, he was Manager of the University team for three seasons. Now that he is back with us again, it would not be at all surprising should he figure in the light blue and old gold line-up.

While it is regrettable that the old guard of the League for years, the Saints, have dropped out, it will be gratifying news for hockey enthusiasts to learn that all the players of the former royal blue and white aggregation are available, each player having already signed a contract to play with the new Guard team, which club, with the addition of Ralph Herder, a former Terra Nova player, and numerous other recruits of the Association to choose from, will rank equally as strong as any club that ever participated in the League fixtures.

The Terra Novas will have some new material in their ranks this season. Bob Stick and "Chaukie" Rawlins have decided to toss aside their honors to make room for the younger element. It is said they have unearthed a fiend for the nets who hails from Upper Canada, while several recruits who will be given a chance, are expected to make good. All the players are now eagerly looking forward to holding their first work-outs at the rink, and with the opening of the arena on Monday next, the practices will be commenced with immediately, and it is hoped that the season's games will be rushed in as quickly as possible. The first practice will very likely be held on next Tuesday night, the Guards going on at 6.30, followed by the St. Bon's at 10 o'clock. It is understood that each team will participate in only three practices before the season's games commence. Many of the players feel that this is not sufficient practice to get into the more vigorous game, and should the rink management take kindly to granting the extra privilege of arranging for at least two extra practices, it would be greatly appreciated by the players and would no doubt tend to serve the best interests of all concerned.

Newfoundland Sporting Annual.

Our thanks to the publisher for an advance copy of the popular Newfoundland Sporting Annual, the only publication of its kind issued in this country, and which is quite a volume. It's seventy-two pages containing the doings of the year in connection with our various local sports. All profusely illustrated. The book opens with the editor's foreword, which is followed by an article on the air activities in Newfoundland, and then the various items of sport are taken up by prominent athletes. At the end of the book will be found the records of the year, for each and every sport since January and followed in order of date, is a ready reference at all times. Amongst the writers are Messrs. C. E. Hunt, W. J. Carew, A. B. Perlin, T. V. Hartnett, C.J.B., A. G. Shea, S. P. Cullen, A. E. Parkins, Major Hemming, J. M. Tobin and Lloyd Chancey. This journal also makes some predictions with regard to next year's athletics, which should be well worth noting. We also discover where Bill lost his race against Laurie Jackman, and curiously enough, both the editor and one of the writers, have debated between them strong reasons in favor of Bell. But it would be unwise to say too much. Get a copy of this book before all are sold out.

Convent Christmas Tree

TALENTED ARTISTES IN CLOSING EXERCISES.

The Christmas Tree, at the Presentation Convent, closed last night with an enjoyable concert. The talented artistes who took part were the Misses Meaney, Goodland, Gilpinant, Murphy, Hewlett, Gladney, McCrundle, Lee, Carney and Power. Mr. Dobbin delighted the audience with his splendid rendition of Mother McCree—Masters Condon, Coleman, Crowdell, Goodland, Russell and Hogan sang most tuneingly the part song Blue Danube River, Master Tom Walsh created much amusement by his recitation. Master Eddy Meaney sang in his own inimitable style two comic songs and was justly encored. The little Misses who took part in the Irish dance were charming. Miss Stella Meaney's Spanish dancing was very pretty. The programme closed with a tableaux of the Crib and the children singing the Christmas Anthem.

In New York, the Suit and Cloak models always wear one piece Taffeta dresses, because outer garments fit better over them. BISHOP'S now have these Taffeta slips for five fifty each. dec21,2i

"It's a Real Pleasure"
-The Selecting of Gifts at the Royal Stores-

A New Sealette Coat for Christmas

Having just received some new models in beautiful Sealette Coats, we invite you here to see them, and especially note the prices. All are finished with Bear and Beaver Collar; lined with fancy floral Sateen; in assorted sizes.
Prices $85.00, $40.00, $45.00 and up $60.00.

Pullover Sweaters.
All pure Angora Wool; English manufacture; colors of Saxe, corn Blue, Brown, Cerise, Lavender, Navy and Apricot; all fitted with roll collar; girdle and long sleeves; trimmed with bars of contrasting shades. Reg. $10.00 each for .. $8.90

Wool Sweater Coats.
Colors of Fawn, Rose, Beaver and Grey; neat roll collar; belt and pockets; all sizes. Reg. $7.00 each for .. $6.00

Mercerised Smocks.
In colors of Saxe, Grey, Henna, Jade, Navy, Lemon and Maize; round neck; half sleeves; a running cord at waist line. Reg. $5.80 each for .. $4.75

Jap Silk Blouses.
In White only; tailored shirt waist with two way collar and buttoned cuff; sizes 13½ to 14½. Reg. $5.75 each for $5.20

Women's Dressing Sacques.
In fancy floral Flannelette; long sleeves; sailor collar; finished with neat belt. Reg. $1.20 each for .. $1.00

Women's Combing Sacques.
Made of high grade Flannel, in shades of Red, Rose, Sky and Saxe; nicely edged with White. Reg. $7.00 each for .. $5.95

The Spirit of Xmas is in the air

and every department at The Royal Stores is radiant with Christmas gifts. It is a tonic to see the huge crowds of happy shoppers hurrying and bustling about their preparations with cheerful hearts and smiling faces. The choice of Giveable Things is still abundant, but do not delay, as there are only two more shopping days left.

A Stationery Suggestion

There is a subtle suggestion in the gift of pretty Stationery sent to a friend, who is lax in matters of correspondence. Why not try this tonic gift.
Dainty Boxes of Paper and Envelopes in a variety of novelty designs.
Prices 25, 35, 55, 80c., $2.50 and up to $5.00 box.

Birthday Books.
Prices .. 80c. each

Handkerchiefs

To Wave a Christmas Welcome.

For just a remembrance at Christmastide, the Handkerchiefs can always be relied upon to be acceptable. We have some beauties in a variety of designs.
3 to box. Price 45c., 65c., 75c. up to $1.50 box.
6 to box. Price 70c., $1.00, $1.60, $1.80 to $4.10 box.

White Lawn Handkerchiefs.
Perfectly plain with hemstitched borders.
Prices ..8, 10, 12, 18 and up to 45c. ea.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs.
In White with hemstitched borders.
Price .. 22c. each

In the Novelty Gift Section

There are found hundreds of small gift novelties for the adornment of the person and of the house beautiful.

Perfume Essences.
Beautiful cut glass bottles in Satin lined Caskets; the odors include Carnation, Wood Violet, White Heliotrope, Violet De Parme, and Marachal Neil Rose. Reg. $2.85 bottle for .. $2.45

Vinolia Perfumes.
Dainty cut glass bottles in Leather Cases. Reg. $7.80 bottle for .. $6.50

Writing Cases.
Pebble grain Leatherette cases in assorted colors; containing Blotter, Envelopes, Paper and Pen. Reg. 65c. each for .. 59c.

Erasmic Roman Bath Soap.
3 cakes in a box. Reg. $1.20 box for .. $1.05

Flowing Veils.
Assorted colors, with embroidered borders; 1½ yards long Reg. $1.10 each for .. 95c.

The Gift Shop Supreme for Men, young Men and Boys

Everything for Women and young Women, who are searching for the Gift-of-Gifts for their Men folk. Here you will find a variety of everything that will help make "HIS" a Merry, Happy Xmas.

Men's Ties.
Wide flowing ends; smart patterns in the newest colourings.
Reg. 25c. each for .. .. 21c.
Reg. 60c. each for .. .. 54c.
Reg. 75c. each for .. .. 64c.
Reg. $1.25 each for $1.15
Reg. $1.45 each for $1.33
Rpg. $1.60 each for $1.45

Men's Nansen Caps.
All pure Wool knit; all sizes.
Reg. 95c. each for .. .. 82c.
Reg. $1.70 each for $1.55
Reg. $1.90 each for $1.70
Reg. $2.20 each for $1.95

Boys' Pullman Caps.
Made of closely woven Wool; well finished.
Reg. 95c. each for .. .. 82c.
Reg. $1.55 each for $1.30

Men's Shirts.
A big assortment of high grade Shirts, in a variety of smart designs. Negligee Shirts with soft double cuffs and starched neck bands.
Sizes 14 to 16½.
Reg. $1.55 each for $1.25
Reg. $1.75 each for $1.45
Reg. $2.00 each for $1.79

Men's Dressing Gowns.
Special offer in high grade Dressing Gowns for men; heavy material; assorted gay and dull patterns; all finished with heavy cord girdle.
Reg. $ 9.20 each for .. $ 7.50
Reg. $11.50 each for .. $ 9.20
Reg. $17.50 each for .. $15.00

Men's Pullover Jerseys.
Medium sizes in Brown, Grey and Navy; roll collar.
Reg. $2.00 each for $1.85
In Brown only. Reg. $3.10 each for $2.88

Warm Wool Mufflers.
Assorted new colours, barred and fringed ends.
Reg. $1.30 each for $1.14
Reg. $1.60 each for $1.44
Reg. $2.00 each for $1.73

Toilet Goods Specials

MEN'S TOILET CASES—Containing Shaving Powder, Toilet Soap, Toilet Water, Talcum Powder and Tooth Paste. Reg. $2.90 each for .. $2.50
HUDNUT'S DUBARRY TOILET POWDER—In frosted glass bottles. Reg. $1.75 each for .. $1.50
ERASMIC SHAVING CREAM—In stone jars. Regular $1.20 each for .. $1.00
TOILET SOAP—3 cakes to box; in fancy boxes.
Reg. 60c. box for .. .. 54c.
Reg. $1.10 box for .. .. 92c.
COMBINATION PACKAGE—In fancy boxes containing Soap and Powder. Regular 60c. box for .. 50c.
BABY BALM SOAP and POWDER—In fancy box. Reg. $1.00 each for .. 83c.
LOTUS and IRISH POPPY HAIR LOTION—Regular 75c. bottle for .. 63c.
PLAYING CARDS—Aladdin; gold edge. Regular 40c. package for .. 36c.
FAMOUS NOVELS—By Ruby M. Ayers, Rex Beach, Jean Webster, H. Rider Haggard, Grace S. Richmond, etc. Regular 50c. each for .. 43c.
LEATHER PENCIL CASES—With Pencils, Pens, Rubber and Drinking Cup.
Reg. 25c. each for .. .. 21c.
Reg. 55c. each for .. .. 48c.
Reg. 75c. each for .. .. 68c.
THE VELASQUEZ ART CRAYONS—With Art Book for coloring. Regular 17c. box for .. 14c.
AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS—With Red and Dark Green Kid covers. Regular 60c. each for .. 48c.
Special each .. ..
SCRIBBLERS—100 Pages; ruled and plain. Special each .. 8c.

Hosiery Values

WOMEN'S CASHMERE HOSE—Plain Black; sizes 9 and 9½; perfect seamless, spliced heels and toes. Reg. 55c. pair for .. 52c.
WOMEN'S CASHMERE HOSE—A splendid fine plain Cashmere stockings in shades of Tan, Grey, Green, Blue and Black; fashioned leg, elastic tops, reinforced heels and toes. Reg. $1.20 pair for .. 80c.
WOMEN'S SILK STOCKINGS—High grade Silk stockings in shades of Navy, White, Cordovan, Grey, Black and White; shaped ankles, Lisle tops and feet; perfect seamless. Reg. $1.60 pair for .. $1.35

Eiderdown Quilts

A fine assortment of soft Down Quilts, covered with Silk and high grade Art Sateens; beautiful selection of color designs.
Prices $12.50, $16.50, $23.00 and $26.00 each.

May We Suggest Glove Gifts

No one was ever known to receive too many Gloves; and they do make such delightful gifts that you can select for any one on your list without cause for regret.

Women's Suede Gloves.
In Brown and Grey shades; well cut and finished; wool lined, 2 dome fasteners; fur tops; all sizes. Reg. $4.60 pair for .. $4.25

Women's Kid Gloves.
Shades of Tan, finished with wrist strap; wool lined and Fur tops, all sizes. Reg. $6.00 pair for .. $5.40

Women's Suede Gloves.
Fur lined wrist and Fur tops; finished with strap, wool lined; all sizes. Reg. $6.30 pair for $5.65

Women's Washing Gloves.
Dent's own make; White washable Kid; 3 button length; a glove for all occasions. Reg. $2.45 pair for .. $1.95

Women's Chamois Gloves.
2 button fasteners; all sizes. Reg. $2.75 pair for .. $2.10

Men's Suede Gloves.
In shades of Grey only; Fur lined wrist, wool lined fingers; finished with waist strap. Reg. $5.50 pair for .. $4.85

Men's Kid Gloves.
Heavy Tan Kid; wool lined, one dome fastener; all sizes.
Reg. $1.95 pair for $1.60
Reg. $3.50 pair for $2.95
Reg. $4.80 pair for $4.00

Women's Driving Gloves.
Extra heavy Tan Kid; pique sewn Gloves; in all sizes. Reg. $2.30 pair for .. $1.95

Dent's Kid Gloves.
Unlined Kid Gloves in shades of Tan; 2 dome fasteners; perfect fitting sizes.
Reg. $2.20 pair for $1.85
Reg. $2.55 pair for $2.10

Where's My Slippers?

Here they are—all sizes, all kinds and in all sorts of materials for Mamma, Papa, and the Baby; short prices but long on values.

Women's Felt Slippers.
Dainty designs in assorted colors; sizes 3 to 7.
In Blue and Garnet. Reg. $1.75 pair for .. $1.58
In Plaid. Reg. $1.85 pair for $1.67
In Brown and Navy. Reg. $2.95 pair for .. $2.66
In Grey. Reg. $2.25 pair for $2.03
In Grey and Wine. Reg. $2.70 pair for .. $2.43
In Slate. Reg. $3.30 pair for $2.97

Men's Slippers.
In assorted colors; hard and soft leather soles; in all sizes.
Reg. $1.40 pair for $1.25
Reg. $2.00 pair for $1.80
Reg. $2.40 pair for $2.15
Reg. $2.70 pair for $2.45

Children's Felt Slippers.
In Red and Blue Felt; good leather soles. Reg. $1.55 pair for .. $1.40

Ladies' Felt Spats.
Colors of Black, Brown and Grey; sizes 3 to 7. Regular $2.30 pair for .. $1.80

Practical Gifts

WOMEN'S SILK KNITTED SCARVES—In assorted colors; fringed ends. Reg. $5.00 each for .. $4.20
WOOL SCARVES—In assorted fashionable shades. Reg. $1.60 each for $1.42
WOMEN'S CORSETS—The popular "D. & A." models; low bust, average figures. Reg. $2.50 pair for .. $2.27
WOMEN'S VESTS—Silk and Wool knit; fancy crocheted tops; strap shoulder. Reg. $2.00 each for .. $1.65
INFANTS' WOOL POLKAS—Assorted colorings. Reg. $1.90 each for .. $1.65
CHILDREN'S SOCKS—In a pure Wool Cashmere in pretty shades of Blue, Brown, Pink & Cream.
Sizes 0 to 2. Reg. 35c. pair for .. .. 31c.
Sizes 3 to 4. Reg. 45c. pair for .. .. 40c.
CHILDREN'S CUTIES—White with fancy colored tops; sizes 6 to 7½. Reg. 25c. pair for .. 21c.

Men's Hockey Boots

High grade Mahogany Leather Hockey Boots; strongly made; guaranteed Leather throughout; comfortable width; sizes 6 to 10. Reg. $4.50 pair for .. $4.05

Sale of Fancy Linens

Our entire stock of beautiful Fancy Linens, including Breakfast Cloths, Table Centres, Tray and Sideboard Cloths, etc, are offered at great reductions.

Breakfast Cloths—Reg. $2.75 each for .. $2.34
Table Centres—Prices from .. 25c. to $1.05 each
Tray Cloths—Prices .. 55c. to $1.00 etch
Sideboard Cloths—Prices from .. 20c. to $1.50 each
Duchesse Sets—Prices from .. 90c. to $1.30 each

Smokers' Supplies

A satisfying assortment of everything a Smoker needs, is offered at substantial reductions in price, for Christmas sales.
PIPES—Straight and curved in a wonderful variety of styles and qualities. Prices range from 20c. to $8.00 each.
TOBACCO POUCHES—Rubber. Prices 48 & 78c. each; Leather, rubber lined from 75c. to $2.80 each; Buckskin, $1.28 each.
CIGARETTE CASES—Prices from 45c. to $5.50 each.
CIGARETTE HOLDERS—Prices from 20c. to $1.40 each.

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