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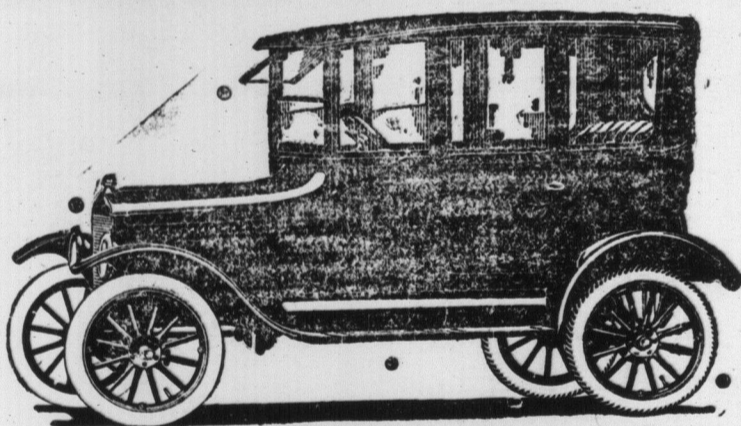
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### WINTER SPORT IN THE PROVINCES

Fast Hockey Promised in Inter-Collegiate Fixtures This Winter

After last year's defeats, Mount Allison looked for a strong "come back" thus living up to an excellent hockey record. Was hard "hit" by eligibility rules. Other colleges claim to have an excess of material this year.

That Collegiate Hockey in the Maritime Provinces is about as fast as any played, if not faster, goes without saying, last year Dalhousie's crack team defeated the Amherst Ramblers, one of the very fastest teams playing amateur hockey in the Maritimes. At the play off in Moncton between Acadia and U.N.B., a very fine exhibition of the winter pastime was also played. Acadia the winner of this game was defeated in the play-off with St. F.X. for the Maritime Intercollegiate title. St. F.X. must then have been playing fast hockey indeed.

Mount Allison won the respect of sporting enthusiasts by the splendid losing game she played last year she was especially hard "hit" by the intercollegiate eligibility rules which forbid students who have not reached a certain standard in their work to take part in Intercollegiate Athletics. This was indeed unfortunate for Mt. A., for she had in the University residence, a team, which if allowed to play, would undoubtedly have been a most formidable contender for the big title. This fact as evidenced when she played this team an exhibition game with Acadia, winners of the western Section though the Mt. A. lads had had no practise in team-work, they easily tied the score. Last year was the first time in ten years that a Mount Allison hockey team did not succeed in defeating a team from Acadia. Conditions, however, are brighter in the Sackville College this year and the outcome of the Christmas Exams, will tell a big tale. Mt. A. is known to possess some "wonder men" on her line-up, and she is being watched with anxiety by the other Maritime Colleges.

### INTERESTING FACTS REGARDING FOX RAISING

Some interesting facts regarding fox farming are forthcoming from the Veterinary Director, General Dr. Torrance. In an article in The Agricultural Gazette of Canada for November he tells us that the main difficulty connected with the raising of foxes in captivity is the protecting of them from disease. It is noticeable that the female instead of giving birth to a litter of four or five at a time, as she does when free, rarely produces more than two, the average for the farms in Prince Edward Island being at the rate of one and a half. Individual fox ranchers, however, by care and improved methods do succeed in securing an increase of three or even four per pair. With a view to making the success more general, under the direction of Dr. Torrance, research work has been undertaken. Land and equipment have been acquired, two scientific experts from the Health of Animals Branch employed, six pairs of foxes from the Island ranches furnished, and a small laboratory fitted up for the studying of the diseases and parasites that affects the animals.

### TRYING IT ON THE DOG

It is often recommended to those who use patent medicines that they try the nostrums on a dog. When King Umberto of Italy was living, he acted upon that advice in the matter of using hair dyes. The experiment is described in Intimacies of Court and Society.

To Queen Margherita, who was somewhat vain of her undeniable good looks, Umberto's habit of neglecting his appearance was a trial. When his stiff, wiry hair, standing up straight over his head, had become very gray, she often tried to get him to dye it, sending into his dressing room every dye upon the market.

One day he got out all the dyes and shortly after the queen's pet dog a white spitz, ran into her room perfectly black. The King followed, laughing at her dismay, and said: "You see, Margherita, I should look just as ridiculous."



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### HOW HAIL INSURANCE WORKS

Hail insurance is practically only a term in Eastern Canada, but the West it signifies something of vivid importance. Measures known as Municipal Hail Insurance Acts are in force in each of the Prairie Provinces. These Acts provide a system of mutual insurance under which rural municipalities can operate to tax each other for the granting of compensation to individuals for losses incurred by hail, which are often very serious. How the system works out and the extent to which it operates in Saskatchewan and Alberta are set forth in the November number of The Agricultural Gazette of Canada. Each claimant is entitled to receive not more than five cents per acre for every one per cent of damage from hail he has sustained. To some this may not appear a very liberal provision but when it is understood that the number of claims filed in 1919 in Saskatchewan were 7,838 and that the total indemnity paid amounted to \$1,911,776 a different view will be obtained. For one storm alone that occurred in July of the year referred to claims amounting to 1,100,000 were satisfied. In Alberta the total losses for the same year were \$306,000 against a valuation of \$12,000,000 insured. Besides the system under Government supervision there are 36 companies in Saskatchewan that accept hail insurance and that paid out \$1,750,000 in 1919 for losses caused by hail.

### "WHEN WE HAVE SHUFFLED OFF"

(Kansas City Star)

Frequently it is declared that the man of today does not fear death, nor does he have any particular concern about life after death. The recent war is credited with having removed much of the terror of death, because the heroic conduct of many who died made the manner in which one met death far more important than the mere matter of ceasing to exist, which must happen to all sooner or later, anyway. And then it is commonly thought that people now are not kept awake by discussions of the immortality of the soul because there are too many other ways of keeping them awake and being entertained. Besides, it is said, the man of today is a practical fellow and sees no point in putting on a question that cannot be settled in a practical or satisfactory manner.

### GAMBLING IN NEW YORK

Fortunes Made and Lost in a Single Evening. One Man Lost His \$75,000 House and Hat

More money is being bet each night in New York City than is wagered in Monte Carlo in four consecutive weeks.

This is not provable of course, Monte Carlo's business has been well press agented, while New York gambling is kept behind closed doors and is restricted to after dinner hours. Never in the history of the city has so much money been circulated over the green cloth as today.

There are no Canfields nowadays of course. The few professional gamblers who still operate in the city conduct piking games compared to the big open games of the past. Most of the professional operate so called clubs in Nassau County or on the outskirts of the city for the "automobile trade." The games are big enough sometimes, but they deal in chicken feed compared to those that go on in the course of private clubs that have sprung up recently.

Gambling of this sort is among men who get rich almost overnight. They regard a dollar with the same respect a treasury agent might feel for a counterfeit, German mark. They will play high, wide and handsome on almost any proposition that meets their fancy, but always among themselves. In order to gamble with some privacy many swell clubs have been established in which the service is perfection, the cost is not considered at all, and the secrets are usually well kept.

In one such club there was a game of "stud poker" the other night. On the showdown between the three players who remained in on one deal, the hands were:

One possible flush.

One possible full house.

"I'll bet \$20,000" said the man with the possible flush. Both his little playmates called him. He went home that morning with \$92,000 cash packed in his various pockets. In this particular club there is a house rule that no cheques may be offered or cashed under any circumstances whatever by any member of club in the club. Cash alone goes as far and as fast as its possessor can carry it.

Quick action is the rule in these clubs. Old fashioned draw is seen sometimes, but none too often. Stud poker, with all its variations, has the call. One of the variations is just as interesting as biting the detonator out of a T.N.T. cartridge with one's favorite tooth. In its all black cards are "wild." Those familiar with the tame or domesticated variety of "stud" will see at a glance that this offers extraordinary openings for ruin. "Crap" is a handy way of spending the evening too. There is a game in one uptown club in which no one thinks of betting less than \$100. Hardly a night passes in which at least one \$10,000 bet is not made.

Some of the old timers stick to bridge whist however. There is a yarn of a game within the last month at one of the clubs in which one player lost heavily.

"I will pay you tomorrow," he said at settling time. "Or I'll sell you my house for \$75,000. It cost me \$60,000 three years ago."

"You owe me \$70,000," said the man addressed. "Here is the \$5,000 change. Give me a memo, transferring the house."

With the \$5,000 left the unfortunate player began to cut cards at \$1,000 a card. He had regained his house and a working stake before morning. The following night he is reputed to have won \$90,000 at bridge.

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