

In Fields of Sport

Reports of Trouble in the Eastern Baseball League.

Talk of London and Hamilton Joining the Eastern.

Sugden With Shields Up Makes a Sensational Leap.

Big Stakes Offered by the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association—The Six Days' Spin at Madison Square Garden—Turf Events—London Hockey Club Chooses Officers for the Coming Season.

HOCKEY.

LONDON, READY FOR BUSINESS.

The hockey season, with all the enthusiasm and excitement that comes with Canada's great winter game, is now here, and the stirring contests of the icy arena will be the most attractive of the winter season. The London Hockey Club, the last to catch the "stick fever," held its annual meeting at the Teumesh House last evening. There was a fair representation. The affairs of the club were put into shape and the following officers elected by a unanimous vote:

Patrons, Messrs. W. J. Reid, G. C. Gibbons, C. S. Hymn, Col. Leys, Mr. P. E. H. Smailman, Thomas S. Hobbs, Adam Beck, Major Smith, Thomas Beattie, Mr. J. W. Little, W. R. Hobbs, John Pringle, D. B. Stewart, Sir John Carling, A. E. Favey and Col. Buchanan. President, Mr. W. S. Smith; Vice-president, Mr. George Macbeth; Secretary, Mr. W. B. Laidlaw; Team committee, Messrs. J. W. Gilmore, J. S. Brown and Dr. Westland.

President W. S. Smith addressed the members on the necessity of practice, and urged the boys to turn out this year, and not have things as they were last year, when the team was beaten simply because they would not practice.

Of late years hockey has obtained a strong hold on the affections of the sport-loving public, and it is growing more and more popular every season. Each season has been more successful than the previous one, and this coming season promises to even excel all past successes. Naturally when one talks of hockey, the question of the championship is sure to crop up first, and who will be the next champion is an engrossing question. A careful review of the situation leads to the reflection that the championship race during this coming winter is going to be an unusually close one. To win the O. H. A. championship should be the aim and object of every hockey player, more especially of every club. In the London City League is bunched the cream of the hockey players, and while the league is a good thing, it outlives its usefulness when it applies any regulations which stand in the way of a fast combination being selected from the various teams, if need be, to win the O. H. A. championship.

Just who will compose the London intermediate team for the season is a difficult question to answer—one that in those intimately connected with the fortunes of the club cannot reply to, with any degree of certainty. There is a feeling that all of the best players have been taken by some of the City League clubs, and that unless the club clubs, who profess to have the interest of the game at heart, put their shoulder to the wheel the London club will certainly have to "sinker up." While this is so, the members of the City League clubs should consider that there is little glory in a victory over a series of weak teams. Any glory that the game has, must necessarily emanate from the O. H. A. championship, and not in defeating some weak team which has lost its hold. The first duty of the City League is to form, in conjunction with the executive of the O. H. A., a team to represent London in O. H. A. contests, and when this is done let their practice.

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with all of the city teams. In this way weak spots could be strengthened whenever they appear. Let the best judges make the changes, irrespective of personal feeling, choosing only those best qualified for the position. The game is one of honor and glory when played on its merits, but if the individual teams of the City League are imbued more with the idea of personal aggrandizement, than they are that a London team should enter the contest for the championship defeat and dishonor will come sooner or later.

A meeting will be called, to which the members of the executive of the different clubs and of the City League will be invited, to talk the matter over, and no doubt many matters have been before existing will be speedily and permanently overcome.

FISTIC.

RYAN AND FITZSIMMONS.

Tommy Ryan is willing to meet the heavyweight champion, Bob Fitzsimmons, if the latter will agree to weigh in at 154 at the ring side, the recognized middleweight limit. Ryan says if Fitzsimmons will agree to this he will box him twenty rounds before any club that will offer sufficient inducements in the way of a purse.

WOLCOTT WHIPPED.

"Mysterious" Billy Smith met Joe Wolcott, the colored fighter, at the Lenox Athletic Club, New York, on Tuesday night, and after fighting twenty hard rounds, Referee Charley White declared Smith the winner. Smith never fought harder in his life, and in the eleventh round he knocked Wolcott off his feet with a right swing on the mark. A few moments later both men went to the floor in a clinch, and Wolcott stayed down on one knee for eight seconds. Wolcott was the favorite, at 100 to 70.

Kid Broad, of Cleveland, and Mike Kearns, of Philadelphia, were the principals in the curtain raiser. Early in the seventh round Broad sent Kearns sprawling with a right cross on the jaw and the brawler of a man lay helplessly on his back until Referee Charley White had counted him out.

BASEBALL.

THE EASTERN LEAGUE.

A special from Syracuse says: Geo. N. Kuntzsch, owner of the Syracuse baseball club, will leave for New York tonight to attend the Eastern League meeting. President Powers urging him to do so, on the ground that there is a temper brewing over the withdrawal of Buffalo for the purpose of entering the western organization. Mr. Kuntzsch says he will fight the proposition to allow Mr. Franklin to withdraw, on the ground that Buffalo territory belongs to the Eastern League, and if western magnates have no right to trespass upon it. It is understood that Wilkesbarre will stay in the Eastern League and fight Franklin too.

Hamilton Herald: There is every prospect now that Hamilton will join the Eastern League next year, and it is not improbable that London will do the same, making a circuit about as follows: Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Syracuse, Springfield, Providence and Newark.

ATHLETICS.

THE TURK THREW CANNON.

Cincinnati, Dec. 6.—In a Graeco-Roman wrestling match last night at the People's Theater, Hal Akel, the Turk, threw Tom Cannon in the first bout in 45 minutes and in the second in 13 minutes, winning the match.

TURF.

SUGDEN'S SENSATIONAL LEAP.

Near the finish of the second race at Oakland on Friday, Sugden, with Jockey John Shields up, bolted across the track and dashed through the fence, which he failed to clear, and then leaped fully 35 feet into the air. Here he stumbled and fell throwing the jockey, who had kept his seat until then. Shields was thrown on the grass and was picked up with a broken collar bone. He is a son of Alex. Shields, the well-known Canadian horseman. The colt Sugden was badly bruised, but not seriously injured.

This is the second accident within a year in which Johnny Shields has had his collar bone broken. He was Frank Jaubert at Chicago, he was Josted and thrown by Tommy Burns' reckless riding, and Frank Jaubert jumped the fence.

BIG STAKES.

The Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association has decided to double the Kentucky stake, making it worth \$10,000; also to increase the Futurity from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the winner of the 3-year-old division getting \$10,000. These are the largest open events for colts and all-aged trotters in the world.

AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Weather clear and track fast at Oakland yesterday.

First race, 9-16 mile—Elizabeth R. 1, Limitas 2, Fuga 3. Time, 1:55. Second race, selling, Futurity course—Cardwell 1, Jack O'Lantern 2, Brown Prince 3. Time, 1:12½.

Third race, 1 mile, selling—Ranier 1, Guider 2, Prince Blazes 3. Time, 1:41½. Fourth race, 1 mile—Lagolet 1, Napamex 2, Cromwell 3. Time, 1:40. Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Midnight 1, Mamie G. 2, Libertine 3. Time, 1:14. Sixth race, 1-16 mile—Bernadillo 1, Go To Bed 2, Whitcomb 3. Time, 1:54½.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 7.—Yesterday was the eleventh day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting.

First race, selling, 1 mile—Martel 1, Lister 2, Presto 3. Time, 1:42½. Second race, 6 furlongs—Freak 1, Charlo 2, Lost Time 3. Time, 1:16. Third race, selling, 1½ miles—Clay Pointer 1, Debride 2, Viscount 3. Time, 1:57½. Fourth race, handicap, 1-16 mile—Dave S. 1, What Next 2, Canova 3. Time, 1:22. Fifth race, 7 furlongs—The Winner 1, Eight Bells 2, Lady Callahan 3. Time, 1:30.

WHEEL.

THE PROCESSION IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

New York, Dec. 6.—A few minutes before 7 this morning every man still in the six days' bicycle race was out on the Madison Square Garden track. There was 23 men in all. About 400 persons watched them ride. Rafferty decided to quit during the night, he did not think he had a chance of making up the lead the others had on him. The average pace had dropped to about ten miles an hour, and every competitor had been able to leave his wheel for a short rest. Miller was off 70 minutes during the night, and Walter 62 minutes. It was a close fight between these during the night. In

spite of the let-up in heart-breaking speed, Pierce, at 7 a.m., was six miles ahead of Miller's record of last year. The foreigners seemed to take a little better pace than yesterday. There were no serious spills during the night. SANITARY INSPECTORS HAVE A SAY.

New York, Dec. 7.—The board of inspectors were yesterday ordered to go to Madison Square Garden. At the first indication of the breakdown of any rider he is to be taken from the track and examined. If this examination proves that he is suffering physically he will be kept off the track entirely.

NOTES OF SPORTS.

Burns is the leading jockey at New Orleans and Piggott at San Francisco.

Von der Ahe announces that he intends to associate Comiskey and Loftus with him in the management of the Browns.

The University of Chicago is contemplating the purchase of Marshall field and the adjoining block, which will be thrown into a gigantic football field.

Hugh E. Keough, a well-known sporting writer, is slated for the position of presiding judge in the Farmer-Hendrie circuit next season. Keough will be in the stand at Windsor last October after the late Judge Carter went east.

Tampa, Fla., has a new race track, and the winter brigade of bangtails will be courted. Cycle racing, baseball and other sports are to be run under the same management, and Mr. Plant will try and make Tampa the greatest place on earth during the cold season.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Sanitizes the Hospital Agreement With the City—Statement of the County's Financial Condition.

TUESDAY.

The county council resumed Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and after a short discussion in committee of the whole, ratified the hospital agreement as approved by the city.

Comment was made by Councillors Webster, Hardy, Morgan and Burch, on the splendid condition of the county finances. They hoped that the county's interest would always be as well looked after.

The statement of County Treasurer A. M. McEvoy, showing receipts and expenditures of the county from Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 6, was read and ordered to be printed in the minutes. Of the \$123,695.29 total receipts, \$55,141.70 was raised by county rate, as follows: Bid-dulph, \$1,704.26; Caradoc, \$3,927.79; Delaware, \$1,885.41; North Dorchester, \$3,990.75; Ektid, \$3,897.07; Long, \$4,435.80; London, \$9,587.21; McGillivray, \$2,835.42; Metcalfe, \$2,506.21; Mossa, \$2,987.54; West Nisour, \$3,561.41; Westminster, \$6,162.90; East Williams, \$3,357.19; West Williams, \$2,305.65; Park-hill, \$447.05; Stratford, \$1,194.70; Ailsa-Craig, \$212; Lucan, \$147; Newbury, \$126.27. There was received from wild land tax, \$1,187.40; interest, etc., \$3,820.71; re jurors, and service connected therewith, \$1,775.33; division court jury fund, \$81.81; general account, re administration of justice, \$2,565.00; registry office, \$143.51; from Provincial Government, re administration of justice, \$6,575.33; from city of London, re schools, \$78.02; re jail maintenance, \$829.50; re jail repairs, \$37.45; re South London debt, \$1,200. The legislative grant to public schools was \$5,513; legislative grant, re leaving examinations, \$405. From the house of refuge, \$478.32; license fees, \$240; fines from magistrates, \$30.25; interest on hospital trust fund, \$405.42; wild land redemption money, \$78.63; re bridges, \$20.50; miscellaneous items, \$1.50; balance from 1897, \$2,791.31.

The disbursements were as follows: Redeemed debentures, \$5,000; redeemed coupons, \$15,842.30; wild land taxes, \$1,007.74; paid jurors, etc., \$1,760.30; jury services, \$887.39; paid division clerks, re jurors, \$1,085.45; cost of administration of justice, general account, \$5,602.41; paid crown witnesses, \$416.39; criminal justice drafts, \$85.45; paid constables, \$2,169.01; maintenance, court, house and jail, \$3,194.87; repairs to jail and court house, \$499.97; wild land redemption money, \$44.19; jail officials' salaries, \$3,279.14; grant, re leaving examinations, \$255; legislative grant to public schools, \$5,513; county grant to high schools, \$6,277.20; county grant to model school, \$105; teachers' association, \$160; school inspector's salary and expenses, \$1,137.50; incidental expenses of education, \$556.45; maintenance of registry office, \$101.81; maintenance of destitute insane, \$1,002.50; maintenance of hospital patients, \$743.42; paid sub-treasurer, \$33.35; maintenance house of refuge, \$5,756.41; municipal government, expenses, \$44,402.60; printing, etc., \$336; insurance, \$231; miscellaneous items, \$1,250.88; building and repairing bridges, \$6,682.32; making a total of \$74,134.23; license fees, \$240; fines from \$47,511.01.

The reports of Mr. McElheran, secretary of the London board of education, was read and referred to the warden and Inspector Dearness, to audit. The report shows that the amount raised by the city for current expenses was \$21,665.37. The aggregate days of attendance of all pupils was 131,151. The aggregate days of attendance of county pupils was 16,312. On this proportion (of days) the county would have to pay \$1,731.77, being the difference between \$2,694.77, the county's portion of the current expenses, and \$913.00 collected for county pupils under the agreement the maximum grant paid by the county is \$1,200.

A petition signed by a number of ratepayers of West Williams was read, asking assistance for the afflicted family of George Prettie, who is now 69 years of age, and the only support of six children, all of whom are blind, and incapable, ranging in age from 19 to 31 years. Referred to house of refuge committee.

A petition from Ekfrid township council, asking that a bridge be erected over the Thames at or near No. 12 side road, between lots 12 and 13 of Ekfrid, as a convenience. In view of the constantly increasing traffic between Ekfrid and Middlesex counties. Referred to board of road directors.

W. A. Edington, of London township, rendered an account of \$14.12 for interest on the money killed on the C. P. R. track a few weeks ago. Referred to the finance committee.

The first report of the house of refuge committee recommending repairs and payment of accounts amounting to \$151, was referred to the house of refuge committee.

A petition from the ratepayers of Caradoc, asking for the erection of a bridge on the Burwell site, instead of Gilles' site, was referred to the board of road directors.

A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Simon McLeod, Bradley, Burch and Duffin, was appointed to view Kilworth bridge, and report as to the best method of constructing the approaches thereto.

The sum of \$75 was voted for the relief of Anna McDonald, an insane woman in West Williams.

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