ALL THE NEWS THAT IS NEWS

A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON MANY SPORTS

MAMMOTH HOCKEY LEAGUE FOR CANADA AND STATES

Fast Professional Teams From Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, New York and Pittsburg May Be in the New Organization.

Ottawa, March 18. — A proposition for the organization of a mammoth International Hockey League is the latest move on the part of the hockey magnates, and it is possible that next winter may see the crack eastern teams, Ottawas and Wanderers, in a section of a huge league, to be composed of teams in the United States and Canada.

States Want Hockey.

New York sportsmen are anxious, it appears, to organize and support a professional hockey team, and when the Ottawa and Wanderers teams were down there last week, they discussed the scheme New York men suggested that the clubs get together and form a league, having a New York, Ottawa, Wanderer and a Toronto team in the eastern section, with Houghton, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Detroit in the western. Big artificial ice rinks are to be erected in several of the cities mentioned, while New York is well equipped in this line. New Yorkers believe that a New York team in such a league would be a big success, and that hockey would soon become immensely popular with the sportsmen of Gotham.

Two Sections Proposed.

Cleveland, Detroit, Houghton and Pittsburg clubs have been talking of getting together for over a year, and the plan may go through before next year. The proposition is to have the winners of the eastern and western sections play off at the close of the season. A double schedule was also suggested in both sections, by which the Canadian teams would play two games while at New York, the Gotham team doing likewise when they came to Canada.

Expenses of Travel Heavy.

Of course, the great stumblingblock in the way of the organization of such a league would be the travelling expenses. However, the trip from Montreal or Ottawa to New York would entail no more expense than does that from Ottawa to Quebec. Toronto would be harder hit in the way of expenses

Mr. L. N. Bate, of the Ottawas, said yesterday that while nothing definite had been done by the clubs the international league was not beyond the range of possibility. Mr. Bate contends that some change is necessary in the big hockey league. He thinks that the Ottawa-Montreal-Toronto and New York end of it could be made a success. Travelling expenses he believed would also be considerable of an obstacle for the western section. The clubs will communicate with regard to the proposed new league, and should the league be formed it may be taken for granted that the clubs across the line will make a big effort to corral some of the crack men of the Eastern Canada Hockey Association.

COVERPOINT JOLTS

Owen Moran, the Britisher, who apparently is cheating on his name, as it listens like one from Tipperary, put it all over New York's pet, Tommy Murphy, the other evening. Owen jabbed him all the way and had easily the best of the going.

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John D. Marsh, the near-Marathon runner, is doing some racing in Michigan, and seems to have some speed left.

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Dorando cut out a merry Marathon against Hayes, and experts declare it was the best of his career. As a matter of fact, however, he runs commanding races against the American, but when racing against Longboat he neither runs so fast nor so well. The Indian gets on his nerves, as well as having as much speed and more endurance. After all is said, the Red Streak has the class for the long road.

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The suffragette question is looming large in athletic affairs of late, and it is difficult to see just where it is going to end. In days of old, when time was young, James J. Jeffries was forever and ever—at that time—chased out of the ring by his wife T. Longboat is also alleged to have been placed under the management of the party of the second part of the household, and now comes J. Johnson, champion of the big gang, under the thumb of his fair spouse. This movement looks somewhat threatening, and bids fair to put a lot of persons out of positions.

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Al Kubiak, the biggest dub discovered since Marvin Hart was in the game, has retired from view, and the chances are he is back in the coal mines digging for an honest living.

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Andy Carnegie is thinking of starting a newspaper in Washington, and there is some talk that John D. Rockefeller will be golf editor. Andy may want to die poor, but he will not likely take such chances as that.

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London will have a large bunch of bowlers in the Hamilton bowling tourney, and some fine trundling should be shown by the home hopes. There are a goodly number of trundlers here who roll exceptionally well, with such men as the Sheeres, Primeau, McMurphy, Joe West, Bill Karrys, Charlie Ayars, Reg Graham, Benny Watterworth, Frank Grandage, and scores of others.

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A St Thomas rink went after the Glenn trophy, now held by Rev. Dr. Burns' Brampton rink, the other day, and were trimmed 40 to 3.Which shows that the parson-skip has some four under his control, and will make a strong endeavor to emulate Brock McAuley, and hold it for one season, if possible.

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The Stanley cup is said to be mutilated, making the Ottawa persons very warm. The mutilation is said to be caused by all the leading citizens attached to the Wanderers club attaching their names to the pewter. This should be some inducement to have all the Ottawa leading citizens getting their names somewhere on the mug.

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Rube Waddell is behaving himself, so reports state, and as a result he is given two days a week to go shooting. The rest of the time is occupied in dodging the Booze Brigade, and as it is strenuous exercise for the Rube, he is in good shape.

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A move will be made to reduce the salaries of hockey players in that Ontario Pro. Hockey League. The idea is quite proper, but it will scarcely work. There is always a certain number of fool towns desirous of getting some experience of this sort, and consequently there will be some demand for the players next winter, and salaries will be kept boosted to a somewhat high figure, as usual. And then listen to the wails after the season.

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Toronto is having an epidemic of Terrible Turks, and the other varieties of "rasslers," for which they are falling with the regularity of Hamilton, Ont. It is hard to see what they will take to next.

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Weston, the 70-year-old pedestrian, has again started on his walking match across the country, and if Father Time gets him before he crosses the great American desert he will be doing the old man and the community a favor. He should be saved from himself by some method, even if an axe had to be used.

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Stratford followers of hockey, in choosing the best junior team in the west, have selected Prodgers, of the locals, for a position on the wing. The choice is a good one, as there are few faster skaters, better stick-handlers, and harder workers in hockey, than the Scarlet Runner. He's young yet, and when he learns the principles of team play a little better, as he undoubtedly will, he will be invaluable to any team. As for the Stratford trio on the team, their selection is quite proper, as they performed brilliantly all season; in fact, they won the junior championship. The selections as we know them look pretty good.

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A Toronto pitcher is getting into condition by swinging an axe, and if Joe Kelley does the same on some of his players, they might have a rival team in the Queen City.

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A 500-button dress is the latest New York thing, showing that the endurance thing has taken possession of the sewing girl.

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Johnson would rather meet Jeffries than his own mother, while the culle'd people of Galveston would rather meet Johnsing than his own wife.—Toronto Telegram.

NATIONALS MAY ACCEPT THE DEFI

Fast America Pair Want to Bowl for a Bet of $1,000 a Side.

That the Nationals have some talented bowlers was shown in the recent Pittsburg tournament. Jimmy Smith, who is recognized as the invincible bowler of America, had his single score of 591, beaten by our own Bill Karrys by two pins.

Then in the doubles Smith and his partner Vorkees, who is equally as clever as himself, rolled 1,061, while the Sheere brothers, of the National two-men team, came in with 1,075.

Any bowling enthusiast knows what Smith is, and therefore the Nationals have certainly won an honor. Smith is probably one of the most uniform bowlers in America and seldom rolls below the 200 mark. He recently defeated Louis Franz, of Cleveland, for a $1,000 side bet, and defeated Louis by 634 pins.

Smith and his partner Vorkees, have challenged in the two-men event for any sum not less than a $1,000. The Nationals are seriously considering the challenge, and will decide definitely in a few days. The followings is Karrys' splendid single scores:

W. Karrys, 200, 177, 216—593.

The scores for the five-men National teams are as follows:

Primeau	140	151	145
C. Sheere	184	110	161
A. Sheere	165	205	168
Wm. Karrys	200	161	128
Joe West	210	197	187

OFFICE STAFF WON

C. S. Hyman Company Employees in a Bowling Contest.

The office staff of the C. S. Hyman Company defeated the Cut Soles department last evening on the Liberal Club alleys by 112 pins, in a three-man team game. Wilson looked the best bowler on the team. The scores:

Office.

Wilson	109	145	189—	443
F. S. Austin	119	145	120—	384
Pop Beal	135	158	126—	419
Totals	363	448	435—	1,246

Cut Soles Department.

Dan Wiley	118	126	116—	360
W. Boyd	133	105	100—	338
H. Brackell	143	140	153—	436
Totals	394	371	369—	1,134

OH! GEORGE.

BY GEORGE MORIARTY, (Third Baseman of the Detroit Tigers).

The poets say the robins pipe
The gladdest springtime news,
But they "ain't" got the hope at all
That drives away the blues,
I think I know of something else
That has the robins beat,
And if you want the first real sign
Just read the baseball sheet.

Whene'er you read that some big star
Will quit the game this year.
Just gamble with your last slim dime
That springtime must be here.
If you want dope on pitching class
That they all hate to meet,
Just say, "Kid, gimme a "Tizer,"
And read the baseball sheet.

If Ty Cobb is your batting king
Out at the Bennett grounds,
And "Wild Bill" lingers in your dreams
As king upon the mound.
If Crawford is the classy kid
That makes you stand and bleat,
You're just one of the million bugs
That greet the baseball sheet.

TOMMY BURNS BEATEN BUT NOT DISGRACED

Australian Critic Writes of the Canadian's Great Popularity.

London, March 18.—The theatrical critic of the Melbourne Australasian has the following in the issue of Jan. 23: "The congested state of the opera-house this week suggests that, though defeated in the serious aims of life—one of which is an unerring aim for vital parts of the human anatomy—Mr. Tommy Burns, is not disgraced. The ex-champion of pugilism had a stormy welcome when he stepped into the ring at the opera house on Saturday night, with Mr. Rickards as promoter and referee.

"Whatever the purist, in his purity, may say of the brutality of modern boxing and the decadence of those who glorify it, the sufferers may claim, at least, some improvement upon the manners of ancient Rome, where the fallen gladiator was, in a sense, merely cats' meat, and the onlookers had inclination only for 'the exultant shout that hailed the wretch who won.'

Fight With Gunner Moir.

"Mr. Burns was seen in real and sham combat. His fight with the Englishman, Gunner Moir, was repeated on the biograph, and the hero of the occasion illustrated the methods by which championships, and incidentally small fortunes, are lost and won, with Sydney's idol, the amateur, Mr. Snowy Baker, as an attractive foil.

"Mr. Burns lectures on physical development, and that gives an air of benevolence and serious purpose to his manner; though, to be quite candid, it is the other thing that the audience desire. For the sale of appearances, which mean so much in life, they suffer the lecture, while hungering for the 'exhibition.' Usually the fallen star disappears utterly from the firmament—one bright streak and then darkness—but Mr. Tommy Burns' star—a suitable metaphor, in view of his somewhat fanciful resemblance to the late Napoleon Bonaparte—is as yet only slightly in eclipse."

WINGHAM AMBITIOUS

Wants to Go to Toronto and Tackle the St. Miques.

Toronto, March 17.—The St. Michael's College hockey team was challenged today by the Wingham Club, to play a game in Toronto some time this week.

The secretary of the Wingham Club said they would be willing to go to Toronto as long as they could make expenses.

It is not likely that St. Michael's will accept the challenge, as the only game that they are really desirous of playing is one with the Queen's team for the Allan cup.

NEGLECTED SCALD CAUSES MONTHS OF AGONY

SPENT DOLLARS IN VAIN, BUT ZAM-BUK CURED HER.

Following we give the testimony of a lady who if she had known of Zam-Buk earlier would have been saved nine weeks of agony:

Mrs. Frederick Bryant, of 169 Railway avenue, Stratford, Ontario, says: "I scalded my foot while preparing supper. Next day the skin came off and my foot was in a serious condition. I could not wear my shoe and had to lay up for nine weeks. During this time I used dozens of salves but none did any good, in fact the wound developed into a running sore. I got no rest day and night from the pain. At this point a supply of Zam-Buk was obtained and a few applications had immediate effect in soothing the pain and irritation. A small supply proved sufficient to heal the scald, although I had spent dollars in other remedies. New skin has now formed nicely over the open sore.

"Zam-Buk is the most wonderful and effective remedy I have used, and I advise others to use it."

Zam-Buk is equally effective in curing burns. Mr. George Gilmore, caretaker of the E. Clements Block, Winnipeg, testifies as follows: "I sustained a series of bad burns while attending to the large furnace which heats the building. One burn on my wrist was particularly bad and gave me great pain. I applied Zam-Buk, and in forty-eight hours all that remained of the burn was a slight scar. Zam-Buk seemed to take the pain away like magic. It is a splendid balm to keep handy, its healing powers being simply marvellous."

There is nothing to equal Zam-Buk as a family balm. Its uses are so wide. It has been proved a sure cure for eczema, ring-worn, ulcers, abscesses, piles, bad leg, suppurating wounds, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, cold cracks and all skin injuries and diseases. Rubbed well into the part affected it cures rheumatism, sciatica, neuralagia, etc. All druggists and stores sell at 50 cents per box, or post free from Zam-Buk Company, Toronto, on receipt of price.

TEAMS FOR THE ALL-STAR GAMES

Prodgers of London Picked for the Western Ontario Seven.

Toronto, March 17.—Mr. W. A. Hewitt, secretary of the O. H. A., has received the following list of players to represent the east and the west juniors in a series of games to be arranged. The players are the cream of the junior O. H. A., and should put up some wonderful hockey. It is likely the first game will be played in Stratford on Friday night. The teams will be:

All-Star East.

Goal—Galliher, U. C. C.
Point—Kyle, Eurekas, Toronto.
Cover—Caldwell, Dover.
Rover—Doherty, Cobourg.
Centre—McLean, Simcoes.
Right—Matthews, Eurekas.
Left—Blanchard, Whitby.

All-Star West.

Goal—Reinhardt, Berlin.
Point—Richards, Stratford.
Cover—Preston, Stratford.
Rover—Rankin, Stratford.
Centre—Stone, Woodstock.
Right—Prodgers, London.
Left—Foyston, Barrie.

WILL CRIPPLE THOROUGHBRED RACING

New York State Racing Committee Scores Agnew-Hart Bill.

Albany, N. Y., March 17.—That the Agnew-Hart anti-race track gambling law, enacted last year, if it remains in force, will seriously cripple, if not absolutely destroy, thoroughbred racing of high class in this state, is the fear expressed by the state racing committee in its annual report submitted today. The committee, which is composed of James W. Wadsworth, John Sanford and H. K. Knapp, further states that it "cannot refrain from expressing its sincere regret at the enactment of the law of 1908. The report shows that the tax of five per cent on the gross receipts of racing associations during 1908 amounted to $77,466, as compared with $246,429 in 1907, before the passage of the Agnew-Hart law; the purses and prizes distributed to the horse-owners, and the amount of taxes paid to the state for the benefit of agricultural societies was far below that of previous years.

IDEAL ALLEY TEAM

Strong Four Wil IBe Sent to Tackle Joe West at St Thomas.

A picked team from the Ideal Alleys will play Joe West's team in St. Thomas tomorrow afternoon.

Two promising games have been arranged for tomorrow night. They will take place at the Ideal Alleys between the Stars and Specials, and Advertiser's and Cubs.

HARLEY DAVIDSON WINS IN ENGLAND

Boom in Roller Skating in London, and He Gets All the Money.

Toronto, March 18. — Roller skating has taken on a great boom abroad just now, and it is all the rage, especially in London. One of the biggest events of this kind recently was the international mile championship of the world. For the event there was a trophy worth $200 and a cash prize worth $750, and both fell to Harley Davidson, of Toronto. He covered the mile in 2:51 3-5. Allie Moore, an American, was second, and he was only 1 3-5 seconds behind Davidson, and for taking the place he got $250. The third man, C. J. Wilson, of London, skated in three-fifths of a second slower than Moore, and for the third he got $125. J. Davidson, Toronto, the fourth man, skated in 2:51 1-5, and P. T. Powell, of London, the fifth man, skated in 2:54 3-5.

THE SENIOR ORIENTS TAKE THE BUN

The Juveniles Were Defeated Last Night by 11 to 6.

The supremacy of the senior Orient hockey team has been settled beyond a doubt. The juveniles met their Waterloo at the hands of the "All Star Seniors" at the Princess Rink last night by a score of 11 to 6. The game was fast and clean, and was well-managed by Mr. Irving. The kilt brigade in the nets for the seniors was the finishing touch of the "stone wall defense." Vic Jackson, (sometimes called "Hod Stuart") got wise to the McColl combination, to which Jack will testify. Ed. Robinson made several trips to the juniors' nets to see what the faint streak in the centre was. He found it to be the goal-keeper's stick, behind which his brother, "Seldom Fed," had taken refuge. George was not wearing his sheath gown. Dutch Groskurth was in the game, but failed to get a broken nose out of the shuffle. For real, classy play and gentle, but effective checking, Ken Casselman was in a class by himself. Jack Tucker got away with a lot of good hockey.

It is rumored that Sam Turner, the manager of the defeated juniors, has resigned; but Sam K. Milroy, the leader of the seniors, is still at his post. The line-up:

Juniors—Goal, "Seldom Fed" Robinson; point, Cupid McColl; cover point, his brother Jack; centre, Percy Bowman; right wing, Charlie Cox; left wing a little boy named Sage, (who, by the way, was rather seriously injured during the melee).

Seniors—Goal, James Harry Lander Burnett; point, Kenneth Casselman; cover, Ed. Robinson; centre, Vic. Jackson; right wing, C. E. Groskurth; left wing, Jack Tucker.

THE TURF.

Winners Wednesday.

Oakland, March 17.—Summaries: Toll Box 10 to 1, Olathe 15 to 1, Mendon 20 to 1, Darante 3 to 1, Descomnets 5 to 1, Belloether 3 to 1.

MIDGETS DEFEAT GRAHAM'S PETS

The Midgets, one of the city's fast junior teams, succeeded in defeating Graham's Pets, of the D. S. Perrin Company, by a score of 5 to 4 ,after a fast game, on the Westminster Rink last night.

Quite a large crowd witnessed the game, and there was plenty of enthusiasm. Chantler and Seltzer showed up well for Perrins, while Joe Beech got away for some sensational rushes that were very effective.

Prodgers was the star man for the midgets, with the two Thompsons following close.

Jack McColl acted as referee, and proved very satisfactory.

After the victory the Midgets issued a challenge to the winners of the McLeod—Nolan and D. S. Perrin series, the game to be played at the earliest possible moment. The teams lined up as follows:

Midgets—A. Wiley, goal; J. Smith, point; F. Gillies, cover; Prodgers, left; G. Thompson, centre; H. Thompson, right.

Graham's Pets—Beech, goal; Billings, point; J. Beech, cover; Seltzer, left; Chantler, centre; Drinkwater, right.

BANKERS WON.

Stratford, March 17. — The City League championship was won here tonight by the Bankers, who defeated the Manhattans by a score of 4 goals to 1.

The Manhattans were last year's champions. The line-up:

Bankers.		Manhattans.
Bradshaw	Goal	Killer
Brown	Point	Holden
Monteith	Cover	Smith
Easson	Rover	Patrick
Lowe	Centre	McCallum
Hamilton	Left	Bowes
O'Flanerty	Right	Harvey

BASKETBALL.

A large crowd witnessed two good games of basketball at St. John's Club last evening. The Hurons defeated Onondagas in the first game by a score of 29 to 3. The second game was won by the Mohawks defeating the Iroquois with a score of 26 to 9.

The line-ups were:

Hurons.		Onondagas.
W. Callahan	Forwards	S. Keyes
E. Walker	Forwards	H. Lecky
H. Owen	Centre	W. Yealland
M. Mathews	Defense	C. James
J. Walden	Defense	C. Webster

Referee—Logan.

Mohawks.		Iroquois.
A. Callahan	Forwards	J. Wright
J. Ashton	Forwards	O. Culbert
E. Harris	Centre	H. Dear
F. Scatcherd	Defense	R. Johnston
D. Hyttenrauch	Defense	W. Yealland

Referee—Logan.

QUEENS WON'T PLAY.

Kingston, March 17.—It looks as if all chances of a game between the Queens team and St. Mikes is off, as the Queens players have quit for the season. The examinations start in a few days, and although the ice is splendid, it can be taken for granted, that their refusal is final.

TOO MUCH TURK.

Toronto, March 17. — It is hard to say whether it was too much grease or too much Turk that caused Fritz Mohl's downfall last night at Riverdale Rink. The big grappler was matched with Hassan Abdallah, best two falls out of three, catch-as-catch-can, but was unable to get even the odd fall.

Hassan was easily the faster, and in six minutes took the first fall, with an inverted head hold.

Shortly after the start of the second period Mohl appealed to the referee, claiming the Turk was greased. Though Harry Rosenthal, the referee, agreed with him, Mohl continued. The second and final bout went to Hassan also in 45 minutes with a crotch hold.

The preliminary was between Kid Batten, announced by the referee as champion of the world, and W. Sheridan, of Ottawa, Batten agreeing to throw him three times in half an hour. The first fall went to Batten in sixteen minutes. After a game struggle Sheridan freed himself many times from what looked to be sure falls. The second period resulted in no falls. Batten rushed matters but Sheridan came back strong every time.

Sheridan is one of the best boys seen here in some time, and can stay with the best of them. Batten had some five pounds weight on him last night.

NOT A WORLD'S RECORD.

The score of 1,304, made in the doubles at the Pittsburg bowling tourney by Al. and Tony Schwoegler, of Madison, Wis., is not a world's record, as claimed in some quarters. It is merely the highest mark ever made at an A. B. C. meet since the congress was organized in 1901. In the tournament of the Illinois State Bowling Association, at Chicago, on April 20, 1908, Jack Hoffenkamp and Herman Glassner, rolling as a team, made a total of 1,339, which is 35 pins better than the mark hung up by the Schwoegler brothers. Neither is the total of 2,962, made by the Lipman five-men team, of Chicago, a world's record. At St. Louis on Feb. 7, 1908, the Konnig-Kaiser five made 3,364 pins, and in the same city, on Oct. 2, 1908, the Schneidt five, of the St. Louis Tenpin League, made 3,306. The high marks set at Pittsburg are only A. B. C. records.

BELGIAN CHILDREN.

This delight in the family life is characteristic of all Belgians. One sees in Brussels and Antwerp monsieur promenading in the boulevard or the bois with a cigar in his mouth, madame leaning on his arm, and the children, hand in hand, walking sedately under the proud eyes of their parents.

One finds children in the restaurants and children in the music halls. The pleasures of father and mother are shared always with the nursery. To go junketing without the children would appear to the Belgian not only selfish, but dull. His happiness is the happiness of his children. He sees the circus half with his own eye and half with theirs. The toyships and bookshops in Brussels tell of the paramount part played by the child. The happiness of this people is the pleasure of domesticity.—London Chronicle.

Montreal Service.

Grand Trunk trains leave London as follows: 3:40 a.m., 4:25 p.m., and 6:53 p.m. Excellent equipment and only double track line. Secure tickets and make reservations at City or Depot Office. 17u

FITZPATRICK LIKES JEFFRIES THINKS HE'LL BEAT JOHNSON

If the Big Fellow Can Only Get Half in Shape—What Veteran Manager Has to Say of the Championship Chances.

San Francisco, March 18. — Sam Fitzpatrick, who piloted Jack oJhnson to the heavyweight championship, and afterward came to the parting of the ways with the now famous colored heavyweight, is resting for a few days in San Francisco before proceeding east. Fitzpatrick has very little to say on the subject of his severed relations with Johnson. He tells briefly that the negro was very hard to manage after he reached the top of the heap, and the breakup was inevitable.

Naturally, American sporting men are anxious to know how Jeffries and Johnson compare in Fitzpatrick's opinion. When asked the question point blank, Fitzpatrick smiled. Then he spoke as follows, according to an interview printed here today:

"I am in a peculiar position, inasmuch as having broken with Johnson, anything I might say that was not a boost for Johnson's fighting qualities might be considered a knock. For this reason I have been very cautious, but now I am going to speak right out and tell what I think. I always thought that Jim Jeffries in his best development was the greatest heavyweight the ring has known. He was great in every way, and particularly great for the reason that no one could hurt him. When a man like Fitzsimmons could hit Jeffries a dozen times on the jaw and not feaze him, there is small chance of any of the men who came after Fitzsimmons putting Jeffries out of commission.

"Now, as to Jeffries' chance with Johnson, I think that if training will make Jeffries half as good as he was when he quit the game he will defeat Johnson to a certainty. I almost fancy I can hear someone say, 'Oh, this because of Sam's split-up with Johnson.' But those who know me better will give me credit for speaking honestly. If Jeffries feels he can stand training, he should not hesitate an instant about fighting Johnson. I might add that the Johnson-Burns fight in Sydney helped to lead me to these conclusions. Johnson is not a puncher. He had no difficulty in reaching Burns, but he could not beat him down.

"I notice some of the American critics said that I, as Johnson's manager, did not have much to say about the fight."

The Border Ball League Is in Session

Detroit, March 17.—An enthusiastic meeting of the representatives of the Chatham, Windsor, Mount Clemens and Pontiac clubs of the new border ball league was held here last night. While the feeling was that it would be best to hold the league to four strong clubs, the executive was empowered to look into the claims of two other towns which seek admission and to report next week, when all preliminary arrangements will be completed.

IF JIM JEFFRIES DOES FIGHT JOHNSON IT'LL BE IN AMERICA

Every pugilistic enthusiast in the world is waiting eagerly for definite news as to whether James J. Jeffries will agree to meet Jack Johnson in a contest for the heavyweight championship of the world.' The recent arrival in this country of Hugh D. McIntosh, of Sydney, Australia, has added greatly to the public interest in the possibility of such a contest, but considerable feeling has developed that McIntosh's offer of a purse for the match on foreign soil should not be accepted and that the question as to the merits of the men should be decided in the United States.

It is known that Jeffries is not inclined to fight abroad, and that if he decides to re-enter the ring, is inclined to favor the offer for a world's championship battle in Seattle during the coming exposition there. The retired champion has now taken up road work in connection with the light exercise indoors and will continue this work the coming week. He tells his friends that his wind is improving rapidly, though the fighter says he intends to work up gradually, if possible, to his real fighting trim.

It is no secret among friends of Jeffries that he is anxious to fight Jack Johnson, and has practically made up his mind to do so as soon as he feels sure that he will be able to do himself justice in the ring. Johnson, who has declared his willingness to fight Jeffries, is expected to be in the east within the next two weeks, and it may be that he and Jeffries' manager can come to an agreement while the two men are in the same part of the country.

Careful measurement of Jeffries shows that he has undergone few changes to outward appearances during the last four years, but, of course, the measurements do not throw any light on the fighter's stamina and the condition of his nerves and stomach. His muscles, however, seem to be still firm and powerful. The measurements follow:

When Jeffries Won Title.		Today.
6 feet 1¾ inches	Height	6 feet 1¾ inches
43½ inches	Chest (normal)	44 inches
48 inches	Chest (expanded)	49 inches
34 inches	Waist	38 inches
17 inches	Neck	18½ inches
17	Left biceps	17 inches
16½ inches	Right biceps	16 inches
27 inches	Thigh	27½ inches
17 inches	Calf	17 inches
13½ inches	Forearm	14 inches
8½ inches	Wrist	8½ inches

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Jury and the County Buildings.

To the Editor of the Advertiser,—

The report has been circulated that two county officials forced their services on the grand jury in their examination of the county buildings.

Such a report has no foundation whatever. The janitor by special request of the jury, showed them through part of the building, otherwise they could not see some of the rooms as he held the keys thereto. And a messenger was sent from the grand jury to the county engineer with the request that he accompany them through the building

Now, sir, I submit the jury could not make an intelligent examination or a complete report upon the system of ventilation and heating without the assistance of some one who was familiar with the building, and all things connected therewith.

In the person of the county engineer they believed they had such a one. His services were asked for, not in an official capacity as county engineer, but merely as one familiar with the building. I can further state this gentleman did not attempt to impose his personal opinions on the jury, but merely answered questions submitted to him. Yours truly,

GRAND JUROR.

London, March 17.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, March 16.—Miss L. Gertrude Lofthouse, of Harper Hospital, Detroit, is spending a few weeks at her home here.

Mrs. Barrett paid a short visit to friends in London this week.

Mr. Austin Janes left on Monday for the west.

Mrs. (Rev.) McRae, of Wilton Grove, addressed the W. F. M. S. at a recent meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Her remarks were well-chosen and thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

Messrs. Crawford and Clarence Smith, of Manitoba and Port Huron, respectively, have been visiting at their home here.

Miss Mabel Pender, of Wingham, is renewing acquaintances in this vicinity.

Mr. Glover is spending a few days in Belmont.

IN A SNAKE'S MOUTH.

Curator Dittmars, of the New York Zoological Society, makes a specialty of snakes.

Mr. Dittmars recently made a bet that he could put his head in a big snake's mouth, as the fabled college song man did in the lion's maw. Now, a snake's lower jaw is not hinged to the upper, as is the case with most animals. That's why a snake's jaw can be distended to swallow a goat if necessary.

Also, a snake's sense of smell is peculiarly keen. When Dittmars and his friend entered the rock-bound home of the big snakes the Ceylon python was awakened and his jaws pried open. Dittmars, according to the story, then put his head in the serpent's mouth. The huge jaws, the keeper who told the story said, never closed. Dittmars' friend paid the bet. "How did you do it?" he asked.

"I put oil of bergamot on my hair. The python despises the perfume. That's why he didn't close his jaws." —N. Y. World.

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