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WHAT IS GOING ON NOW

CALEDONIANS WON REID CUP.

Annual Curling Match at Victorias' Rink Yesterday.

Detroit Basketball Team Will Play Here This Evening—Midland and Stratford Played a Tie Last Night—Victorias Won First Game For Galbraith Trophy.

The annual curling match for the W. G. Reid cup between the Hamilton Victorias and the Toronto Caledonians took place yesterday afternoon at the east side rink. The visitors won by six shots, although two out of three the Victorias rinks were up.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Caledonians 4, Victorias 3. Includes names like John Watson, T. Upton, J. K. Hyslop, A. R. White, etc.

After the game the visitors were entertained at the new Commercial Club. Mr. A. M. Cunningham, of the Victorias, at the close of the dinner, congratulated the winners...

VICTORIAS WON FIRST.

The first of the series of three curling matches for the Galbraith trophy between the Thistles and the Victorias was played last night at the Victoria Rink. It was won by the east side by 15 shots. The scores were: Victorias, 15; Thistles, 0.

ROUND THE TREE.

Collingwood, Feb. 20.—Skip Vernon, of Collingwood, won the Sleeman Trophy to-day for the second year in succession, defeating 'Toogood, of Orillia, by two shots.

HOCKEY SUMMARY.

London Had An Easy Time With Preston Last Night. Junior O. H. A., Stratford, 6; Midland, 6; Markham Finals, Penetang, 9; Dentals, 5; Intercollegiate Junior, Trinity School, 7; Varsity III, 3; Exhibition, Dom. Business C, 15; Shamrocks, 2; Pats, 18; Strong Founts, 6; Pharmacy, 12; Newmarket, 10.

CANADIAN SOO WON.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 21.—Canadian Soo "home-brews" last night cleaned up on the Dominions of Montreal in what was considered one of the fastest games ever played on Canadian Soo ice. The line up: Canadian Soo (3)—Goal, Menzies; point, Axelsson; cover, Hamilton; centre, Schelling; rover, Grant; right wing, Howard McNamara; left wing, George McNamara.

LONDON WON THIS EASILY.

London, Feb. 21.—The Londoners had a nice little practice last night at the Princess rink, when the Preston intermediates and some-time group winners, trotted on to the ice to play the second game of the third round, for in a game that especially in the last half was a

MORE ABOUT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL B.B. LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 21.—Paul B. Wreath, the owner of the London franchise, will be in this city for the first time since the talk of forming an International Baseball League started, on next Thursday for the purpose of looking the grounds over, redeeming his option on the lease of Tecumseh Park and getting in touch with local conditions generally. Mr. Wreath is a young man, not yet thirty, but with considerable baseball experience and financial means, being engaged in a profitable manufacturing business in New York City.

SPILLS IN ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—Six jockeys were tumbled from their mounts at City Park yesterday without being injured. The accidents occurred in the steeplechase over the short course. Five out of nine starters either stumbled enough to throw their riders or fell outright. One accident occurred at the first jump, a second at the fourth, a third at the fifth, and two more at the sixth. The other fall occurred in the fifth race, when the favorite, Sir Tordington, at 1 to 3, stumbled and threw his rider, Flynn, during a jump around the first turn. Weather clear; track fast.

SHOULD BE CLOSE.

Detroit and Hamilton Basketballs Clash To-night. The indications are that the largest crowd that ever witnessed a basketball game in Hamilton will be at the Alexandria Rink to-night to see the local team clash with the Detroit team.

PERSIMMON DEAD.

King Edward's First Derby Winner Passed Away. London, Feb. 21.—Persimmon, King Edward's great sire and Derby winner, is dead of the injury he received while at exercise on December 30 of last year.

Persimmon fell and broke his hip while being led by his groom. He was put in slings and though his stud engagements for the season were declared off, it was thought that he might be saved and be ready for duty next season. His death, almost two months after the injury, is a great loss to his owner and to English turfmen, with whom he was a great favorite.

TROTTING HORSEMEN SUE.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The legal fight over the will of the late J. C. Warnock resulted in complications for an Ogdensburg horse owner at the recent ice races at Ottawa, and it is likely that a court action will be necessary to straighten out the matter. Among the horses entered here was a string in charge of

MIESSES, THE CHESS MASTER LOST THREE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The Toronto chess players yesterday had as their distinguished visitor, Herr Jaques Mieses, the eminent German chess master. No event here has aroused more interest and the exhibition of clever fascinating play given by Herr Mieses delighted both players and onlookers. Herr Mieses arrived from Wednesday evening and yesterday after lunch at the Toronto Chess Club, gave an exhibition of simultaneous play at 11 boards. In the evening he played 22 boards at the University gymnasium building. At the Toronto Chess Club in the afternoon he won from the following: S. Harrington, Bishop Keene, L. Frankel, F. L. H. Sims, T. W. Scott, Prof. Fernon, T. R. Bullen, J. Price, H. N. R. Macdonald and Walker Scott, and in the evening at the

Toronto University from F. E. Brown, J. F. Gibson, L. H. Macdonald, M. O. R. Duff, J. Pierson, W. Scott, C. F. Miller, G. K. Powell, W. G. Blyth, K. E. O'Brien, D. Simpson, L. Frankel, Prof. Hutson, E. Sugarman, J. L. Duncan, F. L. H. Sims, J. Hunt Stanford, C. H. Meader, W. Macdonald, Prof. Keys, Fernon, E. Sugarman, T. W. Scott, Dreyfus, J. W. Beynon and E. B. Freeland. In the afternoon and in the evening with Dr. Needer, W. L. Branton, S. V. Shenstone, W. Cavell, S. Harrington, E. B. Freeland, H. O. Wendt, and lost to R. G. Hunter and C. E. Freeman in the afternoon, and in the evening to W. Flint Jones. The final result was 24 wins for Herr Mieses, 9 draws and 3 losses. Herr Mieses leaves to-day for Boston to keep an important engagement at the Boston Chess Club.

C. A. A. U. BOXING TOURNEY.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—A large crowd was in attendance last night at Massey Hall, when the C. A. A. U. boxing championships were advanced a stage. The evening's entertainment consisted of eight bouts in all, and the spectators enjoyed some of the best boxing that has been seen here in some time. The majority of the boys were in fine shape, and all keen to mix things. The management of the tournament was caused some trouble by two contestants, all members of the Don Rowing Club, withdrawing and refusing to box. The manager of the Don string of boxers thought that Pte. Dixon should meet McEwen, of Godden in the 115-lb. class, but the Tournament Committee thought otherwise, as Dixon was scheduled to go on at another weight, and when the committee refused to change the draw and ordered McEwen and Godden to go on they declined. McEwen, C. Christie, and S. Bailey pulled out, and they will be dealt with by the Registration Committee. Dixon was fully entitled to the bye in the 115-lb. class, as he had two hard bouts Wednesday night, and one in the 125-

ABOUT HAMILTON ROWING CLUB.

The Hamilton Rowing Club will have a new, up-to-date working boat this spring, in addition to their new Clasper shell. The members have the exclusive use of Mr. Powis' gymnasium on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, the officers of the club will be on hand to give instruction on the rowing machine. Admirers of the club hope to see representatives in front in some events at Henley Regatta. Captain Hogg, of the Bank of Hamilton; Secretary Egan, of the Westinghouse; and Mr. W. G. Blyth, of the Westinghouse, will be pleased to receive applications for membership.

ENGLAND'S LITTLE WAR.

Force in the Northwest of India Pushing a Troublesome Tribe. London, Feb. 20.—England's latest little war is an expedition under Gen. Sir James Willcocks from Rawalpindi to punish the Zakkakhehs, a powerful tribe of Afridis on the northwest frontier of India. These wild people have long annoyed the loyal tribes by murderous and destructive raids. The British force surprised the Zakkakhehs in a strong position on February 5, in the Bazar Valley, and routed them, killing the chief, who had led in the raids. Yesterday the British attacked and destroyed some fortified towers of the Zakkakhehs, who afterward, however, fired on the British, wounding three officers and four men.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

The Hamilton Gun Club will hold a regular shoot to-morrow afternoon for the Robertson, Reardon and Du Pont trophies. Spoons will also be competed for in connection with the regular events. Montreal, Feb. 20.—Mr. Guy Pettigrew last night affirmed that the Globe's story that he has arranged with Charlie Querrie to take the management of the Montreal Lacrosse Club. He refused to give out any details, however, till the directors of the club are ready to do so. He said he met Querrie by special appointment Tuesday morning, upon the arrival of his train in Toronto. London, Feb. 21.—The 7th Fusiliers, of this city, beat the 22nd Oxford Rifles, of Woodstock, in the Western Ontario Military League here last night by 10 to 9. Home Life of Genius. The Actor (before breakfast)—Where are the papers, my dear? His Wife (an actress, absent-mindedly)—Course you! They are far beyond your reach, thank heaven! And I'd die a thousand deaths before you can wr-r-r-ying the secret from—oh—er—Jack, I mean the boy forgot to leave them this morning!—Puck.

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JAIL BIRD IN HAVANA PRISON

NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL AGAIN UNDER ARREST. Edward Gahan, Figured in Toronto Vitriol Throwing Case of 1887—Was Sent to Kingston for Life, Was Pardoned and Then Resumed the Career of Crime. Served 38 years in prison—more than one-half of his life—in England and Canada. Sentenced to six terms, varying in length from 18 months to life. Released from Canadian prisons three times before sentences were completed. Pardoned after serving only 10 years of a life sentence in Kingston penitentiary for vitriol throwing.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The above are the outstanding features in the career of Edward Gahan, alias Graham, alias George Wittrill, alias Rev. Herbert Preston, who is at present under arrest in Havana, Cuba, and who has been convicted in Canada and several of the Eastern States, for forgery at Welland. Gahan is the same man who was convicted in Toronto away back in 1887, of throwing vitriol at Lewis Sivert, a tobacco merchant, and disfiguring him for life. Since then he has been convicted twice, and has served nearly twenty years in prison. Upon his release from the Kingston Penitentiary last year, he immediately started in crime afresh, and he is now wanted in many cities in Canada and several of the Eastern States.

Gahan is now a man of 61 years of age, five feet seven inches in height, with sallow complexion, grey eyes, grey hair, and he is very bald. Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright was advised of his arrest at Havana two weeks ago, but it was decided not to extradite him, as the police in one of the Eastern States were said to have charges against him upon which he could be sent to prison for a term which would last to the end of his days. The charge upon which he is wanted is that of cashing a forged letter of credit at the Bank of Toronto in Welland, Ont., purporting to be issued by the Citizens' National Bank, Baltimore, upon the London City and Midland Bank, London, in favor of Rev. Herbert Preston, and accompanied by the usual letter of identification. This happened in December last. Twenty years ago Gahan figured in

one of the most sensational cases with which the Toronto Police Department has ever had to deal. At the corner of King and Yonge streets in the fall of that year, Louis Sivert, who kept a cigar store, was attacked by a man, who threw a canister of vitriol over his face. Gahan was arrested and sent to the Kingston penitentiary for life by Magistrate Denison. The police were never able to find any motive for Gahan's act. As far as could be ascertained, he had never even seen Sivert before, and Gahan himself was altogether unknown to Sivert. The police found out that he had prepared for the crime with deliberate intent, and had the canister made to order, saying that he was a painter and wanted it to hold colors. It is one of the strangest cases on record in the history of the department.

After serving ten years of his life sentence, Gahan was pardoned on condition that he return to England. After his release he got as far as Quebec, where he was arrested and sent to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for ten years for forging the signature of Hon. H. R. Doherty to a cheque for \$150. He served eight years in St. Vincent de Paul and was again released. His liberty was limited to only a few months, as in the same year he was convicted of bogus cheque operating in Kingston, Ont., and sent to the penitentiary for three years. According to the Toronto police this term is not yet completed, as Gahan was sentenced on April 16, 1905, so that two years are not yet completed. It is likely that he has been released on parole.

After he reached Cuba it was only a short time before he was taken into custody on the complaint of employees of the firm of Lawton Child and the Havana Bank, in connection with swindles perpetrated by a man using the name of A. Cleveland Cox. He gave his name as George Wittrill, of New York, agent. Among his effects were found a number of blank letters of credit, on which he had drawn in December last, in St. John, N. B., on the Royal Bank, and on the Bank of Montreal, in all about 100 pounds. He is said to be wanted by the Pinkerton Agency, of Chicago, on ten charges of swindling. Where it Belongs. "Excuse me," said the playwright to his friend who was hissing the piece, "do you think it good form to hiss my show when I gave you the ticket that admitted you?" "Certainly," recently replied the friend. "If I'd bought a ticket I would have contented myself by going outside and swearing at myself."—Success Magazine. In times of war even the rear admiral may be ordered to the front.

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COMMENT AND GOSSIP

The basketball match at the Alexandria Rink to-night should be the best exhibition of that popular indoor game seen here in years.

Nelson Long, of this city, has been asked to give an eastern State league team a line on some ball tossers who are considered good enough for "Class C." He has sent away the names of Harvey Muir and Fred Howe.

From all accounts the racing stable of Herr Weinberg, the leading German owner, will again be a formidable one. George Walker, the Canadian in charge of the stable, has 34 horses in training at the moment.

The London Globe makes this reference to the "terrible evil of football," which game was once prohibited in England: "The Scottish Football Association have given £500 to the unemployed. Considering the number of men who lose their jobs through excessive football watching, this is not unreasonable."

The Reid Cup, donated by Capt. W. G. Reid, annually competed for between the Toronto Caledonians and the Hamilton Victorias, shows 15 wins for the Caledonians against eight for Victorias. The Cup was donated in 1882, and won ten years in succession by the Caledonians. Victorias won in '92, '93, '95, '97, '99, 1900, '04 and '05. Caledonians won in '94, '96, '01, '06, '07 and '08, while the cup was not competed for in '98, '02 and '03.

Warkworth Journal: Godfrey Baller shot a pure white squirrel a few days ago while hunting behind Cap Rouge. Mr. Dionne, the taxidermist for Laval University, to whom Mr. Baller has shown the animal, says it is only the third one he has seen in twenty-five years. Stratford Herald: It is said that before going on the ice at the last pro game at Guelph against Brantford, the Guelph pros, (each and every one) demanded a month's wages in ad-

London Free Press: A Hamilton sport-