

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

"To Fish or Not to Fish," is the question that is agitating many London anglers at present. They ought to fish.

Queen's University will play a strictly student team in the Stanley cup games. We will look anxiously for the names of Guy Curtis and "Wickie" Wilson, two of the greatest students who ever played for their college. Guy's degree is B. H. C.—the boy hen culturist.

Fishing in the Thames this year will consist of long walks, cold feet, and the bait that tickles us to death, if the Government does not get busy.

Spears, the driver of Major Delmar in the now celebrated race in which Lou Dillon was doped, was mixed up in the Temple Bar scandal at Cleveland in 1891. He is star witness in this scandal.

That Smith's Falls team has made a most creditable record this winter, and though it may hardly be up to the Stanley cup standard, it is a senior aggregation, says the Montreal Herald. The club is not willing to admit that the septet is not of Stanley cup caliber, and will challenge for the silverware. The Falls team is not likely to make the trophy tremble on its foundations, but it will give Ottawas the privilege of seeing a really nice game—always providing that the challengers do not get stage fright and throw a few hoofs.

Miss Anna Fay has given the Limestone City the shock of its long and uneventful life by prophesying right out from the chest that Queen's will not wrest the Stanley cup from the Ottawas. Prognostications of this rare type have those made by E. Stone Wiggins in his palmist days faded like a last summer's rose.

McGill men who saw the Queen's-McGill game last Friday night in Kingston say that Walsh is as good a hockey player as there is in Canada, and that Richardson is nearly his equal. They do not think, however, that Queen's has any more chance of beating the Ottawas than the average chap has of beating the roulette wheels at a horse race.

At Pleasanton, Cal., is a "phenom" baby pacer that a few days before she was 8 months old stepped an eighth in 24 seconds to jog cart. The name of this precocious young miss is Chiquita, and she was sired by Highland, a grandson of Advertiser, 2:15 1-4, dam by Diablo, 2:09 1-4. She is owned by Ted Hayes.

The meeting of the Thames River Fishing Association, which was addressed by Mr. Kelly Evans and Mr. Oliver Adams, of Toronto, the other night, was one of the most important held in this city for some time. The River Thames is naturally one of the best bass streams in the country, but its value for anglers at present is very small indeed. There are very few streams caught during the year that are actually worth while, and much disappointment is the portion of the disciple of Izaak Walton in this neighborhood. The whole trouble is caused by the net fishing further down. If that were removed, there would be great joy in the fisherman's heart. By this new association the matter will be brought to the attention of the Ontario Government in a forcible manner. They will present a united front to Dr. Reame, and he will be compelled to consider so large a representation. The fisheries of Ontario at present are in the hands of Americans, and all the people get out of the good fish industry is the fee for fish licenses and no more. The small rivers are completely valueless for fishermen under present regulations, and no benefit results from the price of their destruction. Let the Government deal with this matter in a fair manner. It is most unfair at present.

Immediately after Nick Longworth's wedding comes the announcement of a boom to make him governor of Ohio. Boss Cox is a dead one now, and Nick's only chance for the gubernatorial chair is to get a winning ball team in Cincinnati. That might help some.

From reports that are just coming to hand, the Ottawa ice races are considered to be the crookedest ever. The strong-arm workers' union is certainly strong. The Capital City is getting a lovely name. The Citizen should get busier on its purity campaign.

B. Nelson will never fight J. Gans, because the wise manager of the champion is afraid of the "coon." Judging from the great amount of sympathy that is being given Gans of late, showing that Joseph was the tool of designing men, there is going to be a frame-up soon that will make the sports take notice.

Probably no man of the American turf has had a more spectacular career than Elmer E. Smathers who made his fortune in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. As late as 1890 Smathers was penniless, but even then had something of a reputation as a plunger. He went to Bradford, Pa., from Pittsburgh without a dollar in his pocket, and began speculation in oil with the first few dollars he could earn. His success was variable. At times he had plenty of money and again he was penniless. At Bradford Smathers became interested in baseball. The Bradford team was one of the cracks of a small league. Its only real rival for the leadership was the Olean, N. Y. team, of which John T. McGraw was the manager and captain. McGraw and Smathers became warm friends. Late in the summer of 1890 the rival teams met at Bradford for a championship game. Smathers had just \$600—the total of his fortune—and he offered to bet it all on the Bradfords. McGraw found a backer with an equal amount for the Oleans. At the end of the 14th inning the score stood 2 to 2, with Olean at the bat and two men out. The Olean pitcher lifted a ball just over the Bradford third baseman's head. The left fielder made a dive for the ball, but a playing dog—mascot of the Bradfords—beat him, and grabbing the ball in his mouth, began to caper around the field with it. With the dog's aid assistance the batter made a home run out of a little pop fly and Smathers saw his last penny go glimmering. But in a man of Smathers' courage that was a mere trifle. He got into oil speculation again on borrowed capital and a few years later his friends began to refer to him as a "millionaire." It was not so long before he was heard of in Wall Street. Money came his way so fast that he could hardly keep account of it. With millions to his credit he became the owner of a string of fast harness horses and on the Grand Circuit treated the bookmakers to some of the most spectacular plunging they had ever seen. He thought nothing of betting \$25,000 on a race, and at times he bet even \$50,000. He collected \$35,000 on a single bet when McChesney won in Chicago a few years ago.

WILL TRY TO FOLLOW IN BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

When Christy Mathewson broke into the National Baseball League in the fall of 1900 he was just 19 years old—a tall, lanky youth—with confidence in his ability to make good in fast company, and he had a strong arm and good heart to back his confidence. Now comes Christy's brother, Henry Mathewson, signed to pitch for the Giants next season. Just 19 years old—a husky country boy, six feet tall, with an arm of iron and the confidence of his big brother.

Before Christy joined the Giants he pitched for Bucknell College, for semi-professional teams in Western Pennsylvania and for the Portsmouth team of the Virginia League. Then he pitched a few games for the Giants, and he didn't set the world on fire. Pitching a game for the semi-professional team in Lewisburg, Pa., he was beaten by the Hoboken nine.

Henry Mathewson has had about the same amount of experience. He has been a pitcher since boyhood. For the last two years he has pitched for semi-professional teams in Lewisburg, Pa., and other places. He is good enough for a try-out with the Giants.

In 1901 Christy showed himself from

the beginning of the season to be the great pitcher he has been ever since. Things looked dark for the National League at that time. Then Matty's great work kept the Giants well up in the race until July 1, and the fans of New York woke up, flocked to the Polo Grounds, gave the team great support and saved the league from what threatened to be a disastrous season.

Henry Mathewson will go south with the Giants for practice. Manager McGraw will give him a chance to show whether the similarity in the careers of the two brothers will continue in 1906.

CURLING.

A RATTLING GOOD GAME.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Two rinks of Waterloos played here last night and won a close game by one shot. The rinks were:

Waterloo.	Berlin.
Gus Kuntz.	J. Cochrane.
H. M. Snyder.	Dr. Russell.
W. Hogg.	D. Forsyth.
Ed. F. Seagram.	J. J. A. Weir.
T. O'Donnell.	skip
D. C. Kuntz.	F. Weaver.
J. Heapeier.	O. Kumpel.
G. A. Bruce.	J. R. Moody.
skip	H. Sims.
skip	skip

At Oakland—McGregor 8 to 1. Harvard defeated Yale at hockey by a score of 4 to 2.

ROUGH GAME WENT TO STRATFORD

Indians Won in Extra Time from St. George's—A Hot Game at Chesley.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—St. George's and Stratford played in the Mutual street rink last night in the senior O. H. A. series, the visitors winning by 11 to 9 in ten minutes' extra time.

The Saints led at half-time by 6 to 4, but at full time the score was a tie—seven all.

At the end of the first five minutes in the extra period the score was still a tie, each team making a goal.

In the last five minutes Stratford scored three and St. George's one. One score made by Stratford was put in when Goalkeeper Ardagh was off for kneeling.

The game was rough, eighteen players being ruled off.

Lloyd and Killer, of Stratford, were slightly hurt, the last part of the game being played six men a side.

The line-up: St. George's—H. Ardagh, goal; Whale, point; McArthur, cover; Hynes, rover; Southern, center; Gale, right wing; Cosgrave, left wing.

Stratford—McLaren, goal; Roberts, point; Rankin, cover; Edmunds, rover; Killer, center; Lloyd, right wing; Forbes, left wing.

A HOT GAME. Chesley, Feb. 18.—Chesley and Walkerton crossed sticks last night in one of the hottest hockey games seen in this part of the Province in years.

Chesley winning out by 10 to 8. The score at half-time was 3 to 3. The line-up:

Walkerton—Clarke, goal; Hefferman, point; Whittauer, cover; Goetz, rover; Woodman, center; Coumans, left wing; Chiswright, right wing.

Chesley—Carter, goal; D. McLaughlin, point; O. Smith, coverpoint; M. V. Johnston, rover; McCoy, center; F. Lovell, left wing; T. Whittauer, right wing.

THE NATIONALS LOSE.

The Nationals and the Free Press Newsboys played on Morkin's rink on Saturday, the Newsboys winning by 3 to 2.

CHATHAM STANDS CHANCE FOR CUP

Race in Border League Is Between Maple City and Detroit Athletic Club.

Detroit, Feb. 18.—With the Border Hockey League series well on the way to completion, fans are beginning to speculate on how the various contestants will finish. The championship cup rests with D. A. C. and Chatham. Amherstburg cannot hope for better than third, with two games yet to play, after four straight defeats. Tilbury has yet four games, two with Amherstburg, and one each with D. A. C. and Chatham, but the Tilbury team is somewhat disorganized on account of lack of practice, and can scarcely hope to better than beat out Amherstburg.

Tilbury is due to visit the local rink early in the week, and an effort is being made to have them come up Monday night. Should D. A. C. win from Tilbury and Chatham, there is no chance for the title being disputed, as it would mean a clean sweep of six straight victories. Should the locals drop one it would mean a tie for the lead with Chatham, unless the latter aggregation meets defeat at Tilbury, in which case a play-off on neutral ice would be in order.

The standing now is:

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
D. A. C.	4	0	1000
Chatham	3	1	750
Tilbury	0	2	000
Amherstburg	0	4	000

Every effort will be made to have the schedule completed this week if the ice holds out.

SHAMROCK'S BAD BEATING.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—By 13 to 2 the Shamrocks' hockey team met defeat Saturday night at the hands of the Ottawas. It was too one-sided to be interesting and the Ottawas had hardly enough exercise to keep them warm.

A TIE GAME.

Sturgeon Falls, Feb. 17.—The first of the home-and-home games in the second O. H. A. intermediate round between Sturgeon Falls and Parry Sound played here last night, resulted in a tie score, 1 to 1. The visitors scored their only goal in the first half, while the locals made their tally within a minute of full time.

QUEBEC WON IN OVERTIME. Montreal, Feb. 18.—Montreal and Quebec played at the Arena last night and in an overtime game Quebec won out by a score of 7 to 6.

INTERCOLLEGIATE UNION MEETS. Montreal, Feb. 18.—The Intercollegiate Hockey Union held its annual meeting in this city on Saturday, Queen's, Toronto, and McGill being represented.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted, providing that no player shall play for any other team in a league or championship match during the college year, and another changing the rule that any player who is nearing his opponent's goal line at the time the puck is played by one of his own side is off-side.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, present, Dr. Elder, McGill; president, G. F. Stevens, McGill; vice-president, C. V. Jamieson, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, S. T. Mills, Queen's.

HARVARD WORST YALE. New York, Feb. 17.—At the Saint Nicholas Rink here tonight, Harvard defeated Yale at hockey by a score of 4 to 2.

British Players Took The Honors

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 17.—The Scotch foursome played today by the golf professionals and amateurs of Great Britain and America, presented their last appearance at Palm Beach for the season.

There was a large and interested gallery which applauded the victory of A. Herd and R. Jones, of Great Britain, who won first prize money. Kirk-lady and Barrett, also of Great Britain, carried off second honors and money, while Travers and Corey, of America, divided third.

BILL REID TELLS BOYS TO PLAY CLEAN SPORTS

Buffalo, Feb. 17.—Coach "Bill" Reid, of Harvard, spoke before several hundred boys at the Central Y. M. C. yesterday. His subject was "clean sports." He advised the boys to practice fair tactics in sport. "Unfair methods used in sport will kill it," said Mr. Reid during the course of the remarks. "It is a good thing for a boy or man to hold his temper in a game."

"Either be a professional or an amateur in sport," continued Mr. Reid. "One cannot be both. Be a man and declare yourself either as one or the other. Too many have tried and failed to do both. It not only affects their sporting standing, but their character. Sports must be clean and to keep it clean there cannot be any amateur-professionals."

Mr. Reid also went on into details regarding the proposed changes in football. He advocated some changes in the game. Some of the enthusiasts at Harvard have a number of changes which they think would benefit the game. "Generally, I think the present rules in the game should be modified. The game has got to be tamed down."

"At Harvard they want football," said Mr. Reid. "They are willing to take it under the modified rules. I hope they will get it."

LOOKS LIKE BRITT AND NELSON NOW

Frisco Fight Was a Disappointment, Furnishing No Timber for the Battler.

TO DECIDE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

"H" Company of the Seventh and the U. M. A. A. Will Meet Thursday Night.

A great indoor baseball match is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Casino, when the winners of the Seventh Regiment trophy from a defeat, will take on the United Military Athletic Association for the championship of the city. The latter team is made up of a number of fast city league players, and they will make it Company step to the wire very fast to beat them. It will be in all probability the fastest game ever played in London.

The teams will line up as follows:

H. Co.	U. M. A. A.
Jackson.....Catcher	Taylor
Wray.....Pitcher	Barley
Ironside.....First base	Beaton
Anderson.....Second base	Tosser
Reddish.....Third base	O'Rourke
P. Meyer.....Right short	Jeffries
Todd.....Left short	Jones
Insley.....Right field	McConnell
Insley.....Left field	Jones

GOLF.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 17.—A perfect day and an 18-hole medal play handicap brought the second annual St. Valentine's tourney to a close today. There were two classes, "A" and "B," with cups for the best gross and the two best net scores in each.

L. D. Pierce, of the Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, won the class "A" gross trophy with a card of 83.

G. H. Rosenfield, of New York (12), and J. O. H. Denny, of Pittsburgh (9), tying for the net score prizes at 80.

H. Redpath, of the Montreal Golf Club, took the gross score trophy in class "B" with 94, and E. W. Bigelow, of Dyker Meadow (18), the net score cup at 78.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS.

CHALLENGE THE FRENCH.

New York, Feb. 17.—A challenge was cabled to the Aero Club of France yesterday by the Aero Club of America for the International Balloon cup, recently offered by James Gordon Bennett to stimulate international competition in aerial locomotion. Italy is the only other country that has thus far challenged. One of America's competitors for the cup will be Santos Dumont, the second contestant will be Frank Lahm, father of Lieut. Lahm, instructor in cavalry practice at West Point.

THE RING.

YANGER KNOCKED OUT.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—Bennie Yanger, of Chicago, was knocked out tonight by Tommy Murphy, of New York, in the fourth round of what was to have been a six-round bout at the National Athletic Club. Yanger was floored at the end of the third round, but was saved by the bell.

GANS GOES WEST. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17.—Joe Gans has started for the coast again. This time he hopes to match with Jimmy Britt. He says that he can make 133 pounds, weight at 6 p. m.

A 45-ROUND GO. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—Willie Fitzgerald and Jimmy Gardner have agreed to fight 45 rounds before the Yosemite Club of Sacramento, which makes it practically a finish affair. The fight will take place in the daytime on March 17. The Yosemite Club guarantees the fighters \$3,000, with the privilege of 65 per cent of the gross. Everything has been agreed upon save the weight, but there will be no hitch on this score.

"Willie will fight Gardner at his own weight," said Johnny Reid, "and beat him besides. Fitz is in better form now than at any time since he has been in California."

THE TURF.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At the New Orleans Fair Grounds—Wedgewood 25 to 1, Muffins 20 to 1, Charlie 3 to 1, Finch 3 to 4, Hollownas 18 to 5, Whorler 4 to 1, Prince Salm Balm 14 to 1.

At City Park, New Orleans—Imposition 6 to 1, Helgerson 2 to 1, Parnassus 29 to 1, Attilla 5 to 2, Minnie Adams even, Debar 8 to 5, Bon Mot 6 to 1.

At Hot Springs—Lazalle 4 to 1, Rudy 3 to 1, Aaron J. 7 to 5, Red Leaf even, Lovisette 8 to 1, Bullfinch even.

At Los Angeles—Sweet Kitty 12 to 5, Rhony 1 to 2, Pustian 11 to 10, Masterstout 10 to 1, G.P.N. 11 to 5, Tie Routstout 16 to 1.

At Oakland—McGregor 8 to 1, Harvard 3 to 1, Tawesentha 6 to 5, Neva 9 to 2, Magrane 9 to 2, Saint George, Jun., 30 to 1.

LONDONERS WIN THE HAY TROPHY

Messrs. Magee and Sanders, Take Dominion Whist Honors From Hamilton.

Messrs. Fred W. Magee and Ed Sanders, of the Tecumseh Whist Club, went to Hamilton on Friday evening and played Messrs. G. Levy and Logan, of that city, for the Hay trophy, emblematic of the whist championship of Canada. The trophy was held by the Hamiltonians, but it is now the property, for the time being, of the Tecumseh Club.

Messrs. Magee and Sanders are admitted to be two of the best, if not the best, whistlers in the west, and in Messrs. Levy and Logan they had worthy opponents. It was a case of "saw wood" from beginning to end, with the result always in doubt, but when the last hand was played, the Londoners had a lead of five points.

The Tecumseh Club, which has not long been organized, confines itself entirely to whist. It includes some splendid players, as well as a number of beginners, who promise to develop into good whistlers.

The Hay trophy was presented by the Hay Furniture Company, of Woodstock. It is in the form of a silver shield, and has the names of the winners engraved on it. It has been won twice by Toronto, and once by Hamilton and Woodstock. This is the first time London has challenged for it. The winners must be prepared to defend it at any time.

LAWN TENNIS. TO CHALLENGE FOR CUP.

New York, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the challenge committee of the National Lawn Tennis Association here yesterday, it was decided formally to challenge for the Davis cup, now held by Great Britain, by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association on the date required, March 1. It was announced that it was the intention of the association to raise \$2,000 by subscription among the clubs and followers of lawn tennis to defray the expenses of the challenging team.

BASEBALL. TORONTO GETS MCGOVERN.

Toronto Feb. 18.—Manager Barrow, of the Toronto ball club, received word from President Ben Johnson that all the clubs in his organization had waived claim to the services of Arthur McGovern, the Boston club catcher, and he is now assured to the Toronto club.

EASTERN LEAGUE SCHEDULE. Buffalo, Feb. 17.—The schedule committee of the Eastern League met here today. The schedule prepared by President Harry L. Taylor was revised and will be submitted at a meeting to be called in about three weeks. The season will open in the latter part of April and 140 games will be played.

GANZEL RELEASED. New York, Feb. 17.—Secretary League, of New York American League club, announced today that First Baseman John Ganzel has purchased his release from that organization for \$3,000 so that he can play for his old club in Grand Rapids, Mich.

SKATING. WOOD WON EVERYTHING.

New York, Feb. 17.—The National amateur speed skating championships of the United States and Canada at distances of three miles, one mile and one-half mile, were decided in the Bronx today, and Morris Wood, of New York, won all three.

His winning time for each event follows: Half-mile, 1:32; one mile, 3:08 2-5; and three miles, 10:11 4-5.

Saturday on The Race Tracks

New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—The American Turf Association handicap at three miles was the feature of today's racing at City Park, and it produced one of the best distance affairs in the history of the sport. The favorite in each of the other races, the star rider at the new track, was again responsible for the winner. He had the mount on Attilla, a 5 to 2 choice in the betting, and after rating his mount in third place until two miles and a quarter were covered, sent Attilla to the lead and won handily from the even-money favorite, Benvolio.

PHIL FINCH WON EASILY. New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—Phil Finch galloped home easily with the Bush cup at the Fair Grounds today. The race, at 2 1/4 miles, was worth \$1,800 to the winner, besides a handsome trophy. There were but three starters, and of these Phil Finch was always favorite in the betting. Perine rated him along at a comfortable gait to the last half mile and then sent him to the front, winning in a gallop. The favorite in each of the other events was beaten. Logistella was a bonanza to the bookies, as the mare was played heavily.

THE OAKLAWN HANDICAP. Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 17.—Racing at the Oaklawn course began here today under the most favorable conditions as regards weather and track, and with an attendance that fairly astonished the management. The Oaklawn Handicap was the feature of the day and was scheduled at a mile and sixteenth. Six took up their weights and performed. Red Leaf, with Radtke in the saddle, drew the money and went to the post an even-money favorite, Luretta at 9 to 1 and Broom-handle at 5 to 2. Radtke had little difficulty in bringing home Red Leaf in front, winning easily from Luretta, with Broom-handle third.

RANK OUTSIDER'S SURPRISE. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17.—Masterston, at 10 to 1, a rank outsider, furnished the surprise at Ascot Park today, by easily winning the Ascot Derby from a good field. Favorites won four races.

EAST LONDON WILL HAVE A SIX-TEAM BALL LEAGUE THIS YEAR

An enthusiastic meeting of east end baseball fans was held Saturday night at the Rambler Club. The forming of a league for the east end was discussed and the plan was favorably received.

There will probably be six teams in the organization. Messrs. Begg, of Somerville's; McConnell, of Wortman & Ward's; Moorehead, of Bennett's; and Mitchell, of the Ramblers, were present.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday evening next, when representatives from the other teams who are anxious to enter will be present, and the work of organization perfected.

The league will play in Queen's Park, probably.

CANADIAN HORSES ARE SHOWING FORM AT THE BENNING'S TRACK

Washington, Feb. 17.—Up to the last cold snap the open winter has enabled trainers at Benning's to do pretty steady work right along, and as a consequence the horses are well along in condition. Three furlongs in .37 was about the clip shown. Half miles in .52 and .54, and three-quarters in 1:22 and 1:23, only breezing, also pleased the trainers and gave ample evidence that steady progress has been made during the winter.

The Canadian at Benning's this spring will be a very large factor, much larger than ever before and unless all signs fall they will certainly get their share of the money, as their horses do certainly outlook anything in horseflesh on the race course.

The following Canadians can be seen every day on the track licking their charges into shape: Patsy Gallagher, Steve Davidson, John Maloney, Ed. Hanna and Bill Mosby. The William Hendrie string, in charge of Trainer Mosby, got in this week. This string contains 11 horses, among them being the well-known performers Light Brigade, 5 years old, and Scarfell, 5 years old, the 4-year-olds Blue Grange and Sampan, the 3-year-olds Chipmunk, Shieoon and King's Quincey, also three 2-year-olds by Martimas, namely, Glimmer, Partilly and Scotch Pebble; these horses are in splendid condition and speak volumes for Canada as a place to winter.

Trainer Mosby has his charges in grand shape. Light Brigade and Scarfell certainly look like youngsters, instead of the old campaigners they are. They fill the eye of the critical horseman completely.

Another early morning trainer is Patsy Gallagher, who has been here some time. Patsy has his horses looking fine. Old Woolgatherer is as playful as a kitten, but the apple of Gallagher's eye is the rugged, stout-hearted Ben Crockett, now five years old, and he looks as if his two months' sojourn amid the Canadian snows has hardened and toughened him to rather an unusual degree, and will, without doubt, carry the Phelan colors with as great credit this year as last, which is saying a good deal when the character of his achievements of 1905 is considered. This horse is as sound as the proverbial "Bell of Brass," and is almost certain to further emulate the deeds of his famous sire, and bring fame and credit to his patient and painstaking trainer.

Ed. Hanna, another Canadian, has seven horses in his charge—two of Henry Harrison's, the filly Bettie Bounce, and a 3-year-old by Contract. He also has five belonging to the Columbia stable—the 2-year-old, Gregorian, and four 2-year-olds the property of Samuel Ross.

Preston Burch, well-known on the Canadian circuit, has eight horses, including two 3-year-olds; this pair belong to the Howard stable. Both of these youngsters will be entered in the Oxnard Dinner Stakes, that will close on March 1. Racegoers will welcome the Eastie colors when they are shown in public for the first time at the coming meeting. Board of his stamp are much needed in racing, and are a great acquisition to the sport.

JACK O'BRIEN READY TO MEET JIM JEFFRIES

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 17.—"I have not challenged Jim Jeffries," said Jack O'Brien, middleweight champion of the world, who is in Toledo today "but in case he returns to the ring I will only be too glad to meet him."

"I know that it sounds foolish for a man of my weight to talk in this vein, but I have absolute confidence in my system of training, and I believe that its efficiency is much more pronounced than a bulk of muscle. I am a trained athlete, relying upon a peculiar system of my own. It has been successful so far and I believe it is all that is needed to win every title in the pugilistic world."

If he disposes of Tommy Ryan, O'Brien says that he will look upon Marvin Hart as being his next legitimate opponent, but in case Jeffries comes out of retirement before O'Brien meets him he will take him in preference to Hart.

FOOTBALL. RULES WILL BE MODIFIED.

Cobourg, Feb. 17.—Capt. S. P. Morse, of the Yale football team, is in Cobourg. Mr. Morse is a guest of Ernest Tracey, a member of his team. In an interview today he said that at a conference which will be held shortly the Rugby rules will be considerably modified.

OXFORD LOSES ANNUAL.

London, Feb. 18.—Cambridge defeated Oxford yesterday by 3 goals to 1 in the annual Association football match, which was played at the Queen's Club here. Out of 32 matches Cambridge