

THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1904.

NEWS OF SPORT. PROPOSED CHANGES IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL RULES.

Rhodes Scholar Wins at Oxford--Mount Allison Footballists Down Acadia--Tom Sharkey a Professor--Dress Reform in the Ring--An Innovation in Challenges.

FOOTBALL.

Today's Game.

A game of foot ball between the Neptunes and Carleton teams for the championship of the intermediate league is to be played this afternoon on the Shamrock grounds, starting at 3 o'clock. The lines up is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Neptunes and Carleton. Lists players in various positions like Backs, Half Backs, Forwards, etc.

Other Games.

Mount Allison defeated Acadia at Wolfville yesterday at foot-ball 1 to 0. Acadia was forced to touch for safety in the second half, which counted one point for Mount Allison. The game was well contested from start to finish. Farnel of the Halifax Wanderers refereed.

Changes in Rules.

R. T. MacLure of Halifax, N. S., has received the enclosed communication from G. Rowland Hill, President of the Rugby Football Union of England, and he would be glad to receive any suggestions from those identified with football in the Maritime Provinces in reference to the alteration in the scoring laws referred to therein. The following proposal was on the notice paper for the annual general meeting held on Sept. 29th. Proposed (Rockcliffe), seconded (North Durham), that law 4 be altered to read: A Try equals 3 points. A Penalty Goal equals 2 points. A Goal from a Try, in which case

the Try shall not count equals 5 points. Any other Goal equals 3 points. At the request of our committee the proposal was withdrawn, but a vote was taken as to the advisability of some changes in the scoring laws being made.

There was a decided majority in favour of a change and our committee will you kindly at your earliest convenience consult your committee and ask them to reply to the following questions: 1. Do they consider that an alteration is desirable; if so, 2. What alteration do they approve of.

THE RING.

Dress reform has struck the prize ring with a vengeance. It first began in England and bids fair to find encouragement here. The costumes of a pugilist heretofore has never been the source of much concern as long as the fighter was capable of putting up a good bout. In former days boxers wore knee trunks and sleeveless shirts. Then ordinary tights were used, and finally the shirt was discarded altogether. It was doffed as superfluous. However, many pugilists are vain, and more than anything else like to display their manly forms to an admiring crowd. With the shirt discarded the fighter may fold his arms, throw out his chest and pose. But he takes more pains now to show his legs than his torso. Consequently trunks and tights have shown a shrinkage.

If ring apparel is too decollete, the fact may be laid to the door of the fight promoters. Wrestlers are more decorously dressed when they go on the mat. Their legs are not bare. There is no reason why a fighter's under pinings should not be covered.--New York Sun.

A New Idea.

At last something original has found its way in the stereotyped articles of agreement which pugilists sign when they arrange a match.

Young Corbett and "Batting" Nelson, who are to meet this month at San Francisco, have the credit of introducing the "novelty" in their compact. In their papers there is a restorative clause which debars either pugilist from leaving his camp during the final three weeks of his training. For doing so each fighter will be penalized \$500, this money reverting to the club. This is a capital idea and should be imitated by other clubs all over the country.

Professor Tom Sharkey.

Tom Sharkey's business cards in the future will have "professor" annexed to his name. The famous ex-champion pugilist has taken charge of the physical culture class of St. Anne's Church, Twelfth street, near Fourth avenue. He assumed his new position last week. Since Sharkey took charge of the boxing end of the class it has grown to such proportions that the retired pugilist has been forced to have an assistant. Prior to Sharkey's advent boxing was not a part of the curriculum. It was at his suggestion that the art was taken up, and the Rev. Fathers Riley and Sullivan of the church agreed with him. Sharkey was a member of the church for some time, as also has been his wife.

St. Anne's has a fine gymnasium and the boys are delighted at the idea of learning how to box. They practice all the blows known to the art, and some of them have already become very clever. Sharkey says he has some excellent material in his class, and expects to develop a champion some day.

"The church and the ring are being drawn closer together each day," said Sharkey recently. "It is a capital idea, and boxing should be encouraged in every church in the country. Besides making a boy manly, it also makes him strong." Fathers Sullivan and Riley are enthusiastic over the new class, and can see no harm in the innovation. The class is one of the most popular in the city, apparently.--New York Sun.

ATHLETICS.

Rhodes Scholar Won.

London, Nov. 16.--At the Oxford Freshmen's sports today W. E. Shutt, the Rhodes scholar of Cornell University, last week's winner of the half mile runs, won the two miles run by 15 yards. Time 19 minutes 24 3/5 seconds.

YACHTING.

No Race Next Year.

New York, Nov. 17.--Members of the New York yacht club have about concluded that the America's cup is safe for another year and that no race will occur in 1905 for the cup.

Sharp--The Young Woman's Poker club invited you to play with them. Why did you refuse? Wheaton--Because I would never raise my hand against a woman.--Philadelphia Record.

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trophy. It is provided in the rules governing the case that challenges shall be made in writing ten months prior to the dates for the races. All yachtmen--British and American alike--are opposed to sailing outside Sandy Hook so late as October, so it is not likely that a challenge will be received this year.

GAVE FINE CONCERT.

Choristers of Mission Church Prove Excellent Entertainers.

One of the prettiest and most novel musical entertainments that has been seen for a long time, was given by the choristers of the Mission church of St. John Baptist, last evening. The room was well filled, and the audience showed marked enthusiasm, nearly all the performers being obliged to respond to encores.

The programme was as follows:-- Chorus--Nutting Song, Francis Robinson, Song--You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May. Walter Nixon.

Song--... Selected. Song--... Spring Has Come. Piano duet... Gilbert Bros. Song--... My Little Chimpanzee. Whistling. Chorus--Nutting Song, Francis Robinson, Song--You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May. Walter Nixon.

The boys wore Japanese costume, which added greatly to the effect. The choruses were strong, and the entertainment throughout reflected much credit on the organist, Professor George Collinson. The solo encores were as follows: Allan Sturdee "Sailing, Sailing, Sailing," Victor Lee, Zanzibar, Ronald McAvity. Adoration, "I Can't Do the Sum," in well worthy of special mention and was enthusiastically encored. Rev. Father Owens-Jones was excellent in the role of the school-master and elicited a good deal of laughter. The Gilbert Bros. were also obliged to respond to an encore. For such youthful performers, their work was excellent, the time and expression being almost perfect. The stage direction was in the capable hands of Herbert B. Tolin. The entertainment was a pronounced success.

RAILWAYS OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Sir Percy Girouard's Successor Does Good Work.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 17.--(Special)--A special London cable says--The St. James Gazette, referring to Lord Kilmor's congratulations to the Transvaal on the rapid strides made towards an adequate railway system, says:--

"Sir Percy Girouard, that admirable expert, is not to be blamed for the comparative failure up to the present. Running on an ordinary line in time of peace did not fall into his particular province, and his successor doubtless a more practical though more prosaic business man, will work

effectually upon the foundation already laid to bring the railway to the pitch of perfection necessary to the proper opening up of the country."

A FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Two Killed and Nine or More Injured in Collision.

Detroit, Nov. 16.--Two passengers were killed and nine or more passengers and trainmen were injured in a rear end passenger train collision to-night, at Elm Dale, on the Pere Marquette R. R. The dead, M. Simons, New York; J. T. Strelsky, Chicago; Among the injured is a man named Charles of Cuba, N. Y.

The collision occurred at Elm Dale, Quiney, 22 miles east of Grand Rapids. Both trains were east bound. No. 6 for Detroit, and No. 84 for Saginaw. The Saginaw train had proceeded the Detroit train out of Grand Rapids, by a few minutes and was standing on a "Y" at Elm Dale, where the Saginaw division branches off from the Detroit division. Through some mistake the switch was not turned behind the Saginaw train and the Detroit train also ran upon the "Y", the engine of the Detroit train crashing into the rear of the parlor car of the Saginaw train.

The passengers killed and injured were in the parlor car of the Saginaw train and the trainmen who were hurt were on the Detroit train. The Pere Marquette officials of Detroit stated that the Detroit train was running slowly, as it was approaching a station. Ordinarily there is 20 minutes time between the two trains but tonight the Saginaw train at Grand Rapids to wait for passengers on the Chicago division. Through this arrangement the Detroit train was following close behind the Saginaw train as far as Elm Dale.

WEDDINGS.

Watters--Huskins.

Bangor, Nov. 16.--The marriage of Ralph V. Watters and Miss Rose Alice Huskins will be held in St. John's Catholic church at 5.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and the ceremony promises to be one of the most elaborate of the season.

The maid of honor will be Miss Katherine Rogers of Bangor, N. Y., will officiate as groomsmen. The ushers will be Ralph Harding, Frank Spellman, Willis Clark, Seldon C. Watters and Samuel Mendelsohn. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception will be held at 122 Congress street.

Among the out-of-town guests present for the ceremony will be Samuel Mendelsohn and W. M. Bowman of Boston, Miss Wood of St. John and Mrs. A. B. Watters and Mrs. G. D. Watters of Hampden.

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