

BILL WHITEBONE IN A NEW ROLE

St. John has been boasting champion skaters and oarsmen in addition to world-fame of other brands in previous years, and now it would appear she is due for some notoriety as a producer of freak shows, a la Barnum and others. Billy Whitebone, an industrious young citizen, engaged in the bill posting trade, has a leaning towards the show business in general and a particular slant for circus or sideshow enterprises. In the past he has exhibited throughout the maritime provinces such oddities as mummified men, midjet horse, wild men from Borneo and so forth, but for the present season he has a group of attractions that reflect credit upon his patience, originality and sense of showmanship. Whitebone's home-made shows will this year include a bird circus, a frog frolic and an educated full grown horse weighing less than fifty pounds. The St. John man did not buy these creatures ready trained, nor did he resort to cruel or restricting means in order that they learn their little stunts and obey his wishes. His motto throughout the months of training was that of kindness, pure and simple with plenty of tidbits for his pets. The bird circus is a flock of dainty feathered pigeons which ride in a ferris wheel, on a merry-go-round, ascend ladders, go through graceful evolutions afoot and answer questions propounded to them promptly and surprisingly. The frogs are a distinct novelty. To many people these hopping bulge-eyed amphibians are repulsive, but Mr. Whitebone has his croakers so well behaved that onlookers will forget about their appearance. Naturalists tell us that the only brain power a frog possesses is sufficient to get him out of the way when people invade his haunts, but "Barnum" Whitebone informs us that his frogs have next thing to a college education and their antics under skill will elicit merry laugh from those who usually shun and shudder when the hopping green reptiles make their appearance. The tiny horse, which Mr. Whitebone has exhibited in these parts before, was sold to him by a horse breeder in the States as having no common sense. In other words it was so diminutive and full of physical shortcomings in comparison to a normal equine that he, the purchaser, need never expect to get results with him as a toy horse for children. But again patience and perseverance won out and "Little Eva" tells her age, counts up to ten, gives the day of the month and does some comedy stuff as well. So St. John seems to be in line for fame as a side-show producing centre with men as Billy Whitebone applied to the task. Some people smile at such unique enterprises, but when it is re-

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remembered that the late B. F. Keith started in the show business with nothing but a three-legged calf, and that P. T. Barnum built his great circus organization upon groups of nature's freaks and trained creatures thoughtful people will give the St. John man full measure of credit for his industry and patience.

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A TRIBUTE TO RAY HANSEN

(St. John Globe, Thursday) Ray Hansen, pitching ace of the St. Peter's baseball team, on Thursday evening gave a brilliant exhibition of offensive and defensive box work in hurling St. Peter's to a 4 to 1 win over St. Stephen, in a nine inning game at St. Peter's Park. Hansen has for twenty years, as juvenile, as junior, as intermediate and as senior pitcher, been prominent in local baseball and during that long period, has been the outstanding star in each of the classes in which he has competed. Other pitchers have blazed momentarily in the baseball firmament in comparison with his splendid record, but the North End artist has come up through the most exacting test of almost a quarter of a century with undimmed record until today he stands alone in his class in the maritime provinces for consistent, high class pitching. Always willing to put forward his best effort, Hansen has sacrificed himself unsparingly season after season to give the local fans an opportunity to enjoy good baseball, and he deserves greater credit than he has received, for his commendable self-denial. Courteous, of kindly disposition, Hansen has set for the youth of the city, a most edifying example of what can be achieved by an athlete who, without any special effort at training, is temperate in his habits. Not only in baseball, but in swimming, skating, bowling, tennis, football and other lines of athletic endeavor, he has attained high proficiency and he is an accomplished musician. Taking him by and large, St. Peter's pitching ace well deserves at this stage, a word of appreciation of his sterling record in his public performances. Getting down to his showing last evening against St. Stephen, Hansen gave a remarkable exhibition of pitching in the face of stiff opposition. In comparison with Shields and Paul, who pitched for St. Stephen against Frederickton and St. Peter's respectively, on Wednesday and Thursday, his form far outclassed that of the border hurlers. While both of St. Stephen's pitchers had speed to burn and all kinds of curves, their method of delivery was awkward in comparison with the finished graceful windup of the local ace. Hansen's windup is as fast and smooth as the functioning of a skilled club swinger and his delivery is smart, free and well balanced. His control Thursday night was most noteworthy in itself and in comparison with the work of his highly-touted opponent. Hansen's efficiency was that of the master as compared with the work of the novice. Control, after all, is the essence of efficient pitching. On the defence, Hansen has eight assists and one put out, fanned seven, allowed three hits, and cut off a runner at first. Note—Mr. Hansen has been for some years a valued member of the Times writing staff, as faithful and thorough and dependable in his newspaper work as he is on the diamond—Editor Times.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

A motion to withdraw from the United Mine Workers was discussed at a mass meeting of the members of Local No. 414 of Springhill, last night. It was decided to notify the International President, John L. Lewis, and to hear what his stand in the matter would be before notifying the executive. It is the intention of the Springhill miners to return to work on Tuesday. Fire in a building owned by the Lounsbury Motor and Supply Company building, Moncton, yesterday afternoon spread to two other buildings and caused damage totalling about \$8,000. Angelo Castinello, aged 23 years, who was taken in charge yesterday charged with being a stowaway on the steamer H. K. Waage from Hanava, was removed from central police station last evening to the hospital suffering from pleurisy. He complained of feeling ill while at central station and Dr. F. T. Dunlop was summoned, who ordered him removed to the hospital for treatment. Under the auspices of the East St. John Community Club a large audience greatly enjoyed an evening's entertainment given last night in the Edith avenue hall by Walter McTavie, who is a very popular and clever reader and humorist as well as patriotic speaker. J. W. Flewelling was the chairman and the programme consisted of readings and humorous numbers and selections from Canadian poets. Rockdale Hotel, Brown's Flats, closed for the season on Thursday, after a very successful season, despite the unsettled weather.

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