LOU DILLON WILL BE SENT TO EUROPE

Cleveland, March 25.—C. K. G. Billings, the New York capitalist and famous amateur reinsman, will send to Europe his entire stable of trotters. The horses are now quartered in the Billings private stable in this city and for some time have been in preparation for the trip. They will be shipped in April direct to Berlin, where the final preparation for their European performances will be given.

Mr. Billings will follow later in his magnificent yacht, the Vanadis. The stable will be in charge of Mr. Billings' racing manager, Charles Tanner, of Cleveland, and will consist of the following horses: Lou Dillon, 1.58½; W. J. Lewis, 2.05¼; Tempus Fugit, 2.07¼; Fleming Boy, 2.07½; Turley, 2.07 3-4; Berta Mac, 2.08; Delight (trial), 2.09¼.

This is not only the largest collection as well as the fastest ever sent across the Atlantic, but it marks the first attempt of an American to send a string of high class trotters to European tracks. Mr. Billings contemplates spending the summer abroad, and being passionately fond of the light harness horse, most of the season will be spent at the various trotting meetings in continental Europe.

The horses are sent along mainly for pleasure riding by himself in the various cities he will visit. Mr. Billings may consent to have them appear at some of the race meetings, but only for exhibition purposes and for no greater award than a ribbon, just as he did in this country with the expensive stable of matinee trotters a few years ago. He never permits his horses to be shown for compensation.

During the few years that Mr. Billings matineed the horses in this country he captured no less than 115 world's records, all made with himself in the wagon or in the saddle. Prominent among these was the first mile in two minutes to a wagon and the world's record behind a team of trotters, he having driven The Monk and Equity in 2.07 3-4 to pole.

He is an expert in the saddle, and enjoys the distinction of having ridden Charley Mc in 2.14¼, the fastest mile ever made by either amateur or professional. Lou Dillon, world's champion trotter, has been taken out of retirement for the trip. She will be ridden and driven in Europe, and will be the first world's champion trotter to leave America.

STRAIGHT GOODS FOR HOLMER

In a letter to a Moncton friend, Hans Holmer, the former Halifax long-distance runner, now of Quebec, disclaims any intention of barn-storming. He says he is a straight professional under the management of Edgar A. Shee, of Quebec, and not of a Toronto party as has been reported. Hans also says that he will stick to straightforward, above-board tactics.

His Own Words.

Here are his own words:

"I have no intention of going from place to place barnstorming with an unknown runner on my trail to boost my prestige. Nor am I wanting to play for sympathy on the public by asking them to consider my past achievements.

"I merely ask the public at large to not to censure me for being weaned to the lure of gold for I promise to put up as brave an effort in each and every professional race in which I take part as ever I did when a simon pure amateur."

Holmer has run in local road races and is well known here.

PRIZES FOR WELL BRED WINNERS

The improvement in horses is recognized everywhere as an aid to more interesting sport. Quebec is the province which has most recently become interested in the matter of horse breeding. Encouragement to the latter will take the form of prizes to thoroughbred winners in the Montreal Jockey Club's races.

Gouin Impressed.

Sir Louis Gouin was so impressed with the thoroughbred during his visit to the races of the Montreal Jockey Club last September that he offered to take up the matter of a special grant looking to the encouragement of the horse-breeding interests of the province. The Executive of the Montreal Jockey Club has decided that the appropriation shall be distributed to the breeders of thoroughbreds entered in two races to be run at the Blue Bonnets track. One of these is the old established King's Plate, to be run next fall, and to which the Montreal Jockey Club will add $1,000, and the other is a new stake to be known as the Provincial Nursery, for two-year-olds, and to which the sum of $750 will be added by the Montreal Jockey Club.

There will be four divisions of the Government award in each event. The breeder of the winner will receive $250, the breeder of the second horse $150, the breeder of the third horse $75, and the breeder of the fourth horse $50. It will thus be seen that there is every incentive to make the raising of fine horses one of the industries of the province of Quebec.

LANGFORD CAN BEAT JOHNSON, SAY FRIENDS

SAM LANGFORD.

Sam Langford, the burly Nova Scotia colored heavyweight, is very much in the public eye just now and many pick him as the future champion of the world.

One of the closest followers of the fighting game some time ago asked the sporting editor of The Gleaner to place $100 at 1 to 2 odds on Langford to beat Jack Johnson in London in May. That amount has since been covered at about the odds mentioned.

What Boston Thinks.

The Boston Globe says: "Jack Johnson, in evading a match with Ketchel by using Langford's name, makes the fans think he is afraid to meet Langford. At the conference between Willus, Britt and Johnson in Chicago the other night Johnson declared he was Langford's manager, and offered to back Langford for $5,000 against Ketchel. Langford does not want Johnson for a manager or any of his backing. He wants Johnson to go to England and meet him, as he agreed to do.

Langford Commands Respect.

The New York Sun says: Langford cannot get any of the American pugilists, white or black, to fight him now, so that he is going to England and France in a couple of weeks. If Johnson does not live up to his agreement with the National Sporting club Langford will take on Jeannette, McVey or any other heavyweight that may be selected for him. Langford is six inches shorter than Johnson, and three inches shorter than Ketchel. In either case he is outweighed, yet he seems to have succeeded in commanding plenty of respect.

WHAT LANGFORD SAYS.

Langford himself is highly amused at the talk of a Johnson-Ketchel battle, and says:

"I can whip both of these men. Three years ago I fought Johnson at Chelsea, Mass. I weighed 138 lbs. then, while Johnson was nearly 60 lbs. heavier. In the second round I caught him on the jaw with a swing and put him down. He was so groggy that he couldn't see. They tell me the referee gave him a long count and that he was on the floor more than 16 seconds. At any rate I knocked all the fight out of him, for after that he did not let me get to close quarters and just outpointed me to the end of the bout, which went 15 rounds. Johnson got the decision, but I don't know why. I've tried to get a fight with him ever since, for I know I can knock him out. I weigh 165 pounds now when really good, and I can hit harder than Johnson ever could. As I understand it Johnson agreed to fight me before the National Sporting Club of London on May 24, and accepted $500 for expenses, but has decided to run out. If he doesn't show up it's because he is a yellow quitter, pure and simple. He beat Tommy Burns eh? I believe I could have stopped Burns in a round or two, when I know how much of a fighter Johnson is.

"I've been after Ketchel for a long time. After I beat Papke and won back the middleweight title I challenged him, offering to make 158 lbs. ringside. I was ignored, even when I offered to bet $5,000 I could knock him out inside of ten rounds. Ketchel, I believe, said he wouldn't fight me because I was colored, but what excuse can he have for trying for a match with Johnson? If Johnson will fight me in London I'll make him a side bet that he cannot stay a dozen rounds."

TORONTO GETTING INTO SHAPE

Joe Kelley's Torontos are blowing into the Queens City one by one and the Toronto fans are confident that he will gather together a reliable bunch of ball-tossers.

The team to date, as outlined by Manager Kelley, is:

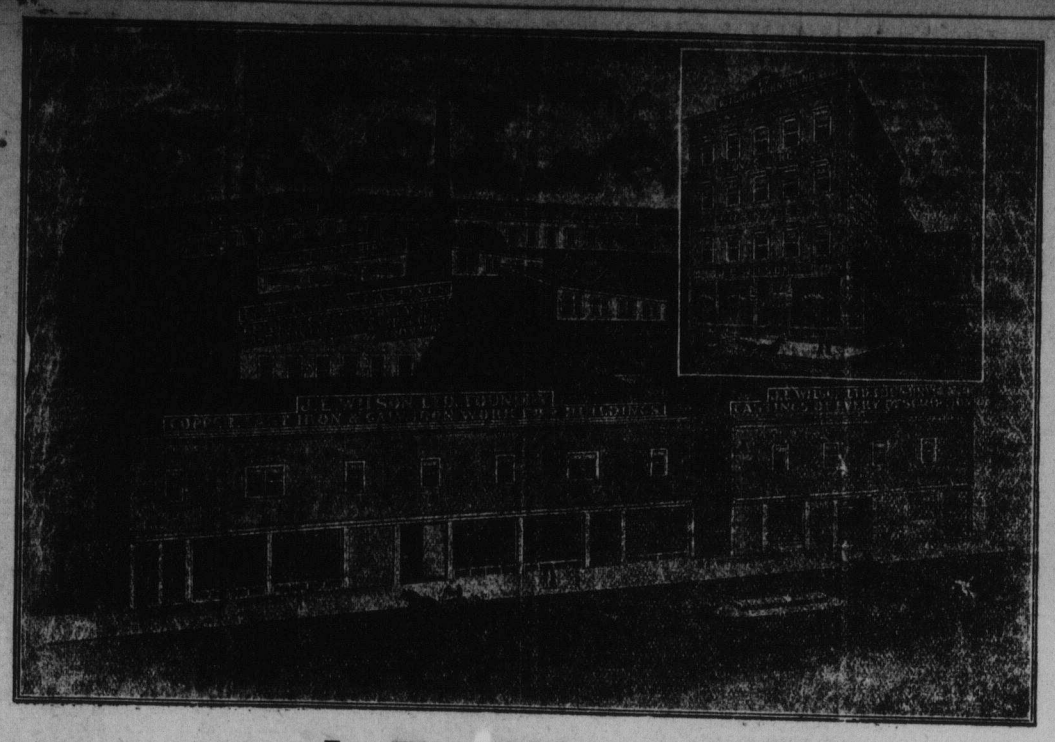
Catchers—Starnagle and Vandergrift. Brown has been notified to report, but he left Mount Clemens yesterday for home, and Joseph doesn't know whether he will report or not.

Pitchers—Rudolph will report at Chatham Monday; Mitchell on the job; McGinley in today; Muffat, Kellogg, now at Brown University and will go direct to Chatham; Hickey here, and Burton at Barrie. Pat Connolly has been sold to Lynn, Mass. McGinley will come on, having agreed to terms with Joe Kelley though there was some little trouble, while Moffat in a letter to Manager Kelley yesterday, stated that he was threatened with blood poison, the result of a hunting expedition.

The garden needs strengthening. Grimshaw declares he will not report at all, while Goode is objecting to salary. Joe Kelley is on the job and Weidensaul will be at home until April 10. A. Rudolph, a brother of Dick's and Greene of Havre de Grace, Me., a small youngster, will be tried out.

The infield will report as already outlined: Houser for first, Mullen second, Mahling short, and Frick third. The last named will drift to Chatham. Phyle will remain at Hot Springs until he thinks he is fit, and will report when the team leaves Chatham. Breen the utility man, from Lewiston, Me., recommended by Bill Carrigan, will also report.

Lexington, Ky., March 25.—Patchen Wilkes Farm bought to-day from J. W. Stout of Glen Lake farm for $1,000 a yearling filly by Crystallion out of Artie Curry, by Chatterton.



J. E. Wilson, Ltd.

Manufacturer of All Kinds of Metal Work, Stoves and Ranges.

Repairing Promptly Attended To.

Sheet Metal Works and Office, 17 Sydney St. - Tel. 356.

Foundry, 176 Brussels St. Tel. 1257

Estimates Furnished- - - - - - - - Satisfaction Guaranteed.

BEAVERS OPEN UP WEDNESDAY

The Montreal Eastern League team has the sobriquet of Beavers. The team starts training at New Britain, Conn., on Wednesday next. "Doc" Carry, the captain-manager, will arrange details in Montreal tomorrow. One of the details will be to arrange a schedule of spring training games. The Montreals look pretty strong on paper, and should give a good account of themselves. The team is not yet complete, as a few players are still holding out for better terms. Among them are Wicker, O'Neil and Keefe. The men signed so far are:

Catchers—Buelow and Clark.
Pitchers—Doyle, Smith, Rogers, Adams and Smith.
First base—Cockill.
Second—Corcoran.
Shortstop—Yeager.
Third—Casey.
Fielders—Jones, Joyce and Colwin.
Utility—Needham.

C.B.A. MEETS AT HAMILTON THIS WEEK

This week the Canadian Bowling Association meets ni Hamilton for the purpose of deciding where the Canadian tournament will be held in 1910. London, Ont., is making a strong bid for the tournament. So is the Toronto Bowling Club and another Queen City organization and the chances are that one of the Toronto clubs will get it.

Making Rapid Strides.

Bowling is making such rapid strides in Canada that it will only be a matter of time until there will be more than one big association holding tournaments, as is the case in the United States. There is a movement at the present time in the western provinces to form a Western Canadian bowling association, and as the game grows in popularity it is likely that ten pin enthusiasts of the Maritime Provinces will follow suit. That means that instead of so many teams traveling to Ontario in order to compete for the Canadian championships, only the winners in the various tournaments throughout the country will compete in the C. B. A. tournament each year for the big honors

There are over twice as many regulation alleys in use in Canada today as there were a year ago, and it will only be a matter of time until every town of any size in the country will have the bowling craze. The Canadian Bowling association is in its infancy as yet, but it will soon have as many centres under its jurisdiction as the O. H. A. or the C. L. A.

The C. B .A. tournanment of 1908, which was rolled at Hamilton last week will be finished during this. One feature of the tournament was a street parade of twenty-six five-men teams each of which bore a distinctive banner. A brass band was a feature of the occasion.

ATHOL RACES.

Nominations Announced for Stakes to be Raced for in 4th of July Celebrations at Massachusetts Town.

Athol, Mass., March 25.—The $500 stake races at the 4th of July celebration in the Athol fair grounds have both filled well. Those who have made nominations are as follows:

2.21 Stake, Trotting or Pacing.

Col. W. H. Hall, South Willimantic, Conn.; A. H. Drury, Athol; F. E. Northrup, Southbridge; A. C. Hawkins, Lancaster; A. W. Bliss, Athol; H. A. Know, Springfield; Louis Kebatzilk, Simsbury, Conn.; C. H. Rowe, Athol; V. M. Frost, Springfield; Roger Bourke, Greenfield; George A. Barnes, Sherman, Conn.; Patrick Clancy, Adams; B. J. Nevlin, Springfield; W. B. Shelley, Russell; P. E. Jarvis, Windsor, Vt.; L. E. Fletcher, Clinton; C. C. Davis, Concord, Mass.; West Side stables, Worcester; Geo. H. Shattuck, Goshen, N. Y.

2.28 Stake, Trotting or Pacing.

Col. W. H. Hall, A. C. Coughlin, Maynard; F. E. Northrup, A C. Hawkins, E. W. Hubbard, A. H. Drury, M. W. Howard, Geo. W. Lank, Roger Rourke, V. M. Frost, W. E. Shelley, C. H. Rowe, G. A. Tate, P. E. Jarvis, L E. Fletcher, C. C. Davis, West Side stables, Geo. H. Shattuck.

It is planned to add a 2.15 or a 2.16 class trotting or pacing for a purse of $300.

DR. ELIOT HAMMERS FOOTBALL

Football, according to the last annual report for a full year that President Charles William Eliot, of Harvard will ever make, is still a "demoralizing institution," and "remains unfit for college uses."

Scathing denunciation of the game such as characterized his former reports is greatly in evidence in the long report that he has just transmitted to the board of overseers.

Although he admits that changes in the rules and the manner of handling sports have made the game less inimical than before, he finds that it is provocative of gambling and caters to a barbarous public.

As usual, he finds the work of the crews one of the pleasant features of college sports. He makes no reference to the success or defeat sustained by Harvard in athletics but has evidently found as little as ever to favor in football.

NEWS AND NOTES OF SPORT.

"Old Fox" Griffith, the Cincinnati manager, had both eyes open when he grabbed Eddie Karker.

Al Welmont of Boston made an excellent showing in his recent bout with Joe Bowker of England.

It seems only a question of time until New York will have as many fight clubs as moving picture shows.

Petit, Chelette and Pedrotti are the names of three players with a Shreveport team. Sounds like grand opera.

President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg club says that Honus will join the Pirates at Memphis early in April.

The California ball teams have done everything to the White Sox except take their baseball and bat away from them.

Manager McAleer of the St. Louis Browns would like to hire Cy Seymour in case McGraw ties a tag to the scrappy outfielder.

WILD GEESE.

A flock of fifteen wild geese was seen late Friday afternoon flying over the city toward the north. After flying a few miles inland they returned to the south, being probably attracted by the open water of the bay. The geese are making an early appearance this year which circumstance, it is claimed by the weatherwise, is indicative of an early spring. The usual time for the migration of the wild fowl begins about the 1st of April.

TEAMS ARE CONSIDERING AMALGAMATION

Judge Ritchie, president of the inter-society baseball league, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, in the St. Joseph's society rooms, brought up the question of amalgamation with one or more teams from last year's Victoria grounds league.

Not Settled Finally.

The matter was not given final consideration by the league executive, but will come up at a meeting early next week in St Peter's rooms. All four teams were represented at the meeting, including St. Rose's, but that club does not yet know whether or not it will organize a team. Upon the Fairville club's decision depends largely the treatment of the amalgamation question. Should the St. Rose's not come in, the society league will be joined with at least one of the other teams.

The teams were represented as follows: St. John the Baptist, Mr. Joseph O'Brien; St. Peter's, Mr. Edward Mahoney; St. Rose's, Mr. Patrick O'Toole; St. Joseph's, Mr. Edmond Barry.

At present the situation as outlined in Friday's Standard is unchanged.

ACTIVITY PROMISED IN TRACK SPORTS

There promises to be great activity in track athletics this season. The Every Day Club which in the past has been represented by strong teams is preparing for a strenuous season. It is also likely that the Algonquins will have a team entered in the various meets to be held here. The contemplated improvements to the Victoria grounds will make it possible to make faster time in the sprints.

The Every Day Club will have a good bunch of athletes wearing the Red, White and Blue this year. Among others there will be Covey, Stubbs, Sterling, Finley and Melrose. Brooks of U. N. B., is also expected to turn out with the E. D. C. The Algonquins have Dobson, Grearson and others of the team who wore their colors last season. Merritt, who ran for the Indians last year, now in the west, and his absence will be a considerable loss to his club.

The High School is also preparing to wrest the interscholaristic championship from Fredericton High School and has some good material.

RING GOSSIP.

This is the way Jim Jeffries did his first day's outdoor training in Boston.

The course Jeffries covered was from Beacon and Commonwealth avenue, down Commonwealth to the Fens and through to Massachusetts avenue and over to the club on Tremont street. It made 4 1-2 miles according to the odometer and Jeff was on the road just a few minutes under an hour.

He wore a heavy gray sweater, rough working clothes, extra heavy underwear, light running shoes and heavy cap. He begged to be somewhere he wouldn't have to run on streets lined with houses, so Commonwealth avenue was chosen as being nearer to the open country. The big fellow is averse to crowds, and when, crossing Massachusetts avenue a crowd began to trail him, he jumped aboard the auto and was whirled to the Armory club in fast time.

At the club he took a shower bath and was rubbed down. Then he felt like a "fighting cock," he said, and he was sorry that he hadn't tackled a ten mile run instead of four.

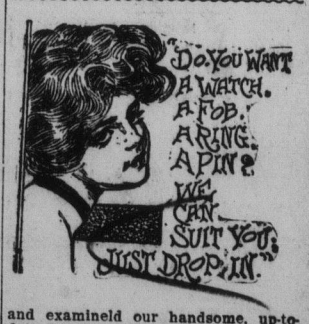
After his act at the Orpheum Theatre in the afternoon, he put on his regular training licks in the rear of the stage, in spite of the fact that he had done a fairly hard bit of work in the forenoon.

Odds and Ends.

Speaking about the Marathon game it looks as if the Derby Marathon in New York, April 3, should be a warm one. According to reports, already 8 are entered, including Longboat, Dorando, Shrubb, Maloney, Hayes, St. Yves, Swanberg and Simpson. With all these champions entered, the race ought to be a good one, but will teaming play a part in the winning of the event? It is certain that many of the runners have no particular love for one another and each will try to deprive the other of the victory. If this evil can be eliminated from such a contest it ought to be one interesting race.

John, under his new dignities as champion of the world, insists that he shall be called "John" rather than "Jack," and, 'tis said, that he refuses to answer to the old name. It will take a long time for Li'l Artha to get that "John" business by. The pug can no more change his name than the leopard get a new overcoat.

Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, who is to meet Sandy Ferguson, at the Armory A. A. A., April 6, arrived in Boston Thursday and went right away again to Mike Deveny's training camp at Highland Lake, where he will prepare for the contest. Tom Kennedy, the American amateur heavyweight champion accompanies Kaufman as his sparring partner. Billy Delaney, Kaufman's manager, who handled Jim Jeffries in his championship days, will go to Boston Saturday or Sunday.



and examineld our handsome, up-to-date Jewelry, which we are now offering at very moderate prices.

A. POYAS,
Watchmaker and Jewler,
16 MILL STREET
ST. JOHN, N. B.
'Phone Main 1807.

POULTRYMEN
Cheaper Supplies

MODEL (CYPRUS, INCUBATORS, BROODERS, TRAP-NEST, everything for Poultry, lowest prices.

Hatching Eggs, White Rocks, S. C. R., and Reds, Buff Orpingtons, $2.00 setting. Free catalogue.

The Burley Poultry Co.,
46 Princess St.

RED CLOVER TEA

"Good Honest Value"
Chas. H. McDonald,
Direct Importer and Blender, St. John, N. B