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## SPORTING NEWS

**The Granites, of Toronto, Win the Ontario Tankard—A Hockey Match at Simcoe Ends in a Row—May 14, Date of the Big Go Between Jeffries and Corbett.**

### CURLING.

Glencoe, Ont., Feb. 15.—Three rinks of Chatham curlers were defeated here yesterday by the home curlers. Glencoe 58, Chatham 53.

The Detroit curlers defeated the curlers from Sarnia Wednesday afternoon, on the Forest avenue rink, by the score of 56 to 42.

St. Thomas, Feb. 15.—A curling match between St. Thomas and Ridgeway on the Ontario tankard was to have been played this afternoon, but the latter team failed to put in an appearance, and the match is likely to go to St. Thomas by default.

Embro, Ont., Feb. 15.—The fifth annual Ross trophy bonspiel took place here yesterday and today for the championship of the county of Oxford. The first draw was Ingersoll vs. Bright, resulting in a victory for Ingersoll by 11 shots. At night Embro played Plattsville, the latter being a winner by one shot. Today the finals came off between Ingersoll and Plattsville, the latter winning the trophy by 13 shots.

### IN THE FINALS.

Forest City beat Harrison at Toronto by 52 to 47 in the tankard semi-finals yesterday morning, and the Granites beat Orillia by 40 to 34.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 15.—The Detroit curlers defeated the curlers from Sarnia yesterday afternoon on the Forest avenue rink, by the score of 56 to 42. Two Detroit rinks will go to Toronto to compete for the governor-general's medal.

**FOREST CITY LOSES THE FINAL.** Toronto, Feb. 15.—The semi-finals in the Ontario tankard took place this morning at the Granite rink. Granites defeated the Orillia curlers by 6 shots.

The Forest City club curlers from London administered a defeat to the Harrison experts by 16 shots. In the final this afternoon the Granites of Toronto won the tankard by 62 to 13. The scores were:

Granites	Forest City
Gooderham, skip.....20	Field, skip.....7
Dalton, skip.....32	Burnett, skip.....6
Total.....52	Total.....13

The Granites have a remarkable record in winning the tankard. Besides today's win they carried it off in 1886, 1892, 1894, and 1896. No other club has so many wins to its credit.

### HOCKEY.

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 14.—The postponed match in the S. O. H. A., between Simcoe and Grand, was played here tonight. The score at half-time stood: Simcoe, 5; Grand, 4. At the expiration of the game it was a tie—8 all. Play was continued to break the tie, but a Grand player broke his skate, and in the struggle that ensued Grand left the ice, and the referee gave Simcoe the game.

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 18.—One of the most interesting hockey matches ever played in Goderich was played here tonight between Goderich and Goderich. The home team won after a fast game, which was almost devoid of roughness, by a score of 11 to 5. By winning this game Goderich retains the championship of the H. H. A. for another season, having won three games and lost none.

The Woodstock hockey team went to Sarnia on Wednesday night, and defeated the club of that town by a score of 12 to 5.

Waterloo, Ont., Feb. 15.—The Georgetown team of the W. O. H. A. played an exhibition game with the Waterloo O. H. A. team here tonight, and Waterloo managed to defeat the visitors by a score of 12 to 5. The score at half-time was 5 to 3 in favor of Waterloo.

Glencoe, Feb. 15.—A lively game of hockey was played here tonight between Dutton and Glencoe. The game was fast from start to finish, and at half-time neither had scored. In the second half the home team got their fast skates on, and when time was called the game stood 4 to 9 in favor of Glencoe.

### FISTIC.

Buffalo, Feb. 15.—Frank Erne today informed a representative of the News that he was so anxious to meet Gans that he would agree to weigh in at the ringside two pounds under any weight that Gans makes. "If he'll get down to

## GRAN GROWN AT DAWSON CITY

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(From London (England) Canadian Gazette.)

Wheat, barley and oats from Dawson City! The thing sounds preposterous, for Dawson is 1,600 miles north of the 49th parallel, right under the shadow of the Arctic circle. Yet, there they are, and what is more, growing at the London offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on King William street. From Mr. Willis, the Dawson City manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the samples came, and he has then to reverse all preconceived notions and regard Klondike as an agricultural paradise as well as a gold-mining region? By no means. The soil is there beneath the two feet or so of moss, but the climate makes agriculture in any extended sense an impossibility for all time. Lettuce you can grow in abundance, radishes, too, and cabbages, but wheat and other grains can, in certain climatic circumstances, be grown there, and grown most creditably.

It is interesting to learn from those who can assure the facts of today with those of even four years ago, what stupendous changes these four years have wrought in the means of reaching this sub-Arctic wilderness of the Klondike, but 1894 it needed a persistence and courage, and the hazard of life itself at times, to reach Klondike; today it is a mere matter of going on in steamboat or train. The voyage to the coast from Vancouver or Seattle to Skagway, about 1,000 miles, is excellent traveling. From Skagway, thirty-eight miles of rail carry you to the head of Lake Bennett, whence the steamer carries you up by lake and river easily enough to Dawson City. A pleasure trip, with just a dash of novelty and excitement—that is all. And this year the railway will be finished to White Horse Rapids, and then the journey will be still further simplified. Indeed, it will surprise many travelers if the Yukon country does not speedily become a famous tourist resort, especially for Americans.

How great are the attractions of Canada as a tourist resort the London public have at this moment a good opportunity for judging, for at the Palace Theatre just now, for the first time, graph enlisted in the cause of practical imperialism. By this means the spectator may view in comfort all the wonderful scenery that the Canadian Pacific imperial express rushes past in its course through the Rockies and Selkirk down to the Pacific coast. The little leaflet, by aid of which the audience views the scenery, reminds them appropriately enough that "the bridge which projected this pathway and the hands which carried out the work are of the same nationality as those loyal and brave soldiers who are now proving their fealty to the crown and the empire—their great work and the compass of their achievement by British empire-makers."

**Western Ontario.** Leamington is to have a \$10,000 hotel. Galt's Red Cross fund has nearly reached \$1,600.

Dr. McLay is now medical health officer of Woodstock.

The Southern Fair of Brantford cleared only \$38 in 1899.

The return of Brantford's patriotic concert amounted to the session of the American glue trust has decided to make Berlin its headquarters.

The Woodstock town council has passed the electric railway bylaw.

The estimated cost of the proposed new Presbyterian Church in Thamesville is \$7,000.

P. E. Stokes, of the L. E. and D. R. R. freight department, Chatham, has been transferred to the station.

Percy Lockhart, a private, killed in the Philippines eleven months ago, was a son of Mr. Lockhart, of Walkerville.

Mrs. John Curry, wife of the well-known Windsor banker, fell down a stairway at her home Tuesday and was seriously injured.

Mrs. Alexander McKay, of lot 28, con. 1, West Zorra, died on Sunday, aged 99 years and 8 months. Deceased came from Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1838.

A bylaw granting a 50-year franchise to the Woodstock Ingersoll and Thames Valley Electric Railway Company has been passed by the Woodstock council.

W. J. Grant and John Marshall have been appointed, respectively, chief of police and night watchman of Blenheim at a salary of \$250 per year and fees.

Mr. C. W. Cryderman, councillor of Walkerton, was unseated Tuesday, mainly through the efforts of Patrick Heffernan, who opposed him at the last election.

Helen Martyn, widow of the late Richard Martyn, and daughter-in-law of J. P. Martyn, broker, St. Thomas, died at the latter's residence, near Sparta, Thursday.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada offered the position of manager of their Hamilton branch to Mr. W. R. Travers, of Brantford, who accepted it.

Ingersoll's auditors are out on strike. On account of the presence of smallpox in Toronto, the Woodstock board of health is recommending that the school pupils be vaccinated.

Mrs. Martha Langley, who died in Detroit Tuesday evening, was the mother of John Barnett, of the Windsor customs department. The remains were interred at Cotnam, Essex.

Walkerton sends about \$325 to the patriotic fund, the county council supplementing it by \$250. Wharton, however, beats the record with \$1,300, but of this \$1,000 was the gift of Mr. McNeil, M.P.

Francis Hughes, of Aylmer, died on Tuesday, after an illness of more than

a year and a half. Mr. Hughes was one of the oldest pioneers of that section, having resided continuously in Malahide, in which township he was born in 1821.

At the recent meeting of the Moore township council, the motion, passed at the preceding session, appointing Mr. Wm. Brown township clerk, was rescinded, and a bylaw, appointing Mr. James Watson to the position, was passed.

The divisional court at Toronto has given decision in the suit of McDermid and township of Dunwich, McLaws, St. Thomas, for J. D. McDermid, appealed from order of Boyd, C., dismissing motion to quash a bylaw of the township, passed to provide for the cleaning out of extensions and improvement of the "Dunwich and Aldboro Government Drain, No. 1, north," and for raising the amount of the township's contribution for completing it. Appeal dismissed with costs.

## CROSSING DISASTER

Four Persons in a Sleigh Killed by a Train—Suicide at Tweed—Other Casualties.

Three Rivers, Que., Feb. 16.—Yesterday afternoon, as the C. P. R. express from Quebec was approaching Three Rivers, it ran into two sleighs at the Mount Carmel crossing, killing all four occupants—two men and two women—on their way to Mount Carmel from Louisville.

The occupants of the sleigh were N. Bellemare, Mrs. Bellemare, Zotique LeFrancois and Miss LeFrancois. Mrs. Bellemare was dead when taken out of the wreck, and the others died shortly afterwards. There was a heavy storm at the time, and it is supposed that the people in the sleigh did not notice the train.

Galt, Feb. 16.—George W. Bascom, head accountant for Shurly & Dietrich, Galt, and the R. H. Smith & Co., St. Catharines, saw a manufacturer, while making a purchase in McLellan's drug store here. Mr. Bascom was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and one son.

Tweed, Ont., Feb. 16.—Samuel Orr, a respectable laborer, of Tweed, attempted suicide last night by shooting. The bullet passed clean through his body, above the ribs. Orr has been dependent since his wife's death, about six months ago. The doctors give little hope of his recovery.

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