AT THE GUELPH BONSPIEL

How Skip Kennedy of the Royal Citys Made a Five End and Then Lost to Fergus.

THE SECOND AND THIRD ROUNDS

Toronto Club Curlers Beaten By Three Rinks of Waverleys at Cobourg.

Guelph, Feb. 19.—In the second draw this morning, the Royal City Rink got a good lead on Fergus thru a pretty five end, which Skip Kennedy negotiated. Fergus was lying shot, half guarded, when a beautiful full draw shot carried off the Fergus stone and Guelph lay five. But the Fergus men stuck at it and a clean score of 12 in five ends in the latter part of the game left them five up, a lead Kennedy was only able to reduce by two in the last end. Galt Granites tied the Union rink on the 15th end, but McPherson pulled out in the last three ends. Brampton and Bright had a stern battle all thru, and the Bright skip, with his last stone, had a chance to displace the shot. An unlucky kiss on the guard, however, prevented that.

Elora.		Harriston.	
Robertson, sk	11	R. Holton, sk	23
Brampton.		Preston.	
W. Adams, sk	21	Z. A. Hall, sk	11
Galt Granite.		Guelph Union.	
J. Spalding, sk	11	McPherson, sk	15
Fergus.		Royal City.	
Hamilton, sk	20	J. Kennedy, sk	17
Elora.		Preston.	
Cuthbert, sk	9	Hagey, sk	24
Bright.		Brampton.	
Stewart, sk	13	Laird, sk	14
Ayr.		Milton.	
Anderson, sk	17	Johnston, sk	10
Mennie, Royal City, bye.			

The third draw this afternoon resulted as follows:

Preston.		Royal City.	
Hagey, sk	14	A. Mennie, sk	19
Ayr.		Fergus.	
Anderson, sk	20	Hamilton, sk	20
Guelph Unions.		Harriston.	
McPherson, sk	12	Holton, sk	17

Flavelle Won By 22 to 1.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—This morning's 8 o'clock draw saw some interesting games played in the Tucket Consolation. Whits and Dolge Cup competitions. The competitions are growing keener each draw as they near the finals, and to-morrow night will see the competitions narrowed down rather fine. The worst defeat of the morning series was administered by J. D. Flavelle of Lindsay to Tamblyn of Nelson, B.C., in the White Cup competition. The Nelson skip scored one on the first end, and there he ceased. Flavelle started in on the second end and did some beautiful curling. He crept up by ones, twos and threes, until at the finish of the twelfth end he totalled 22 points—21 ahead. In the Galt competition, Whalen lost to Flavelle of Lindsay.

Rochon (Port William) beat Dunbar (St. Paul) in the Grand Challenge. The other three rinks left in this are Flower (Birtle), Braden (Winnipeg) and Doig (Glenboro). In the Walkerville, Sutherland (Selkirk) and Killop (Portage la Prairie) have reached the fours. Soft weather to-day spoiled several sheets of ice, but they are expected to-night to be in good condition.

Torontos Lost at Cobourg.

Cobourg, Feb. 19.—A friendly curling match was played here to-day between three rinks from the Toronto Club, Toronto, and three rinks of the Waverley Club of Cobourg. The score:

Toronto—		Cobourg—	
F. M. Hamly,		J. S. Skeaff,	
A. J. Taylor,		E. Gullet,	
Dr. Gordon,		A. B. Dundas,	
A. F. Webster, sk	17	W. L. Allen, skip	21
C. H. Stansbury,		H. Taylor,	
R. A. Donald,		C. McCallum,	
A. D. McArthur,		F. M. Field,	
J. Cruso, skip	17	A. Pratt, skip	18
T. Morrow,		A. B. Roberts,	
F. L. Coulson,		B. O'Brien,	
L. S. McMurray,		J. Bulger,	
H. Baines, skip	14	H. B. Cruso, skip	26
Total	48	Total	65

Engineers Beat Architects.

The annual match between the civil engineers and the architects was played yesterday at the Granite Rink, and a keen contest was won by the engineers by two shots. The score:

Civil Engineers—		Architects—	
C. L. Fellowes,		A. C. Barrett,	
F. Simpson,		A. H. Gregg,	
John Gait,		Mark Hall,	
C. H. Rust, skip	4	J. A. Pearson, sk	11
W. A. Clement,		W. A. Langton,	
J. G. Sing,		J. W. Siddall,	
G. R. Nichol,		E. J. Lennox,	
C. W. Dill, skip	16	F. H. Herbert, sk	7
Total	20	Total	18

Skating Races Decided.

Several skating races were decided last night at the Queen City Rink. In the matched race between Robson and Roy, Robson won by five yards. The matched race between Barlow and Jackson was won by Barlow by two yards.

The mile race resulted: Barlow 1, Jackson 2.

In exhibition high jump, Raffarty cleared 4 feet 1 in.

Toronto Canoe Club.

The regular monthly informal dance for T.C.C. members and their lady friends will be held to-morrow at the club house. The interest taken in whist by the club members and their friends this winter has been remarkable, especially when so many are taking part in the pedro tournament. Seven tables were occupied with the game of silence on Saturday evening last, and it is rumored that several teams from the Canoe Club will be entered in the Whist Congress, to take place on March 27, 28 and 29.

International Chess Tournament.

Monte Carlo, Feb. 19.—No regular round was played in the International chess masters' tournament here to-day, but the committee ordered adjourned and drawn games of previous rounds to be concluded and replayed, respectively. When the first adjournment took place, Pillsbury and Teichmann had drawn, as also had Tschigorin and Maroczy. In the afternoon sitting the following additional results were recorded: Eisenberg beat Mieses and Tarrasch and Albin drew. The eleventh round will be played to-morrow.

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FRANK RICE WON RAILROAD STAKES

Picked Up $1000 Easily in Two-Year Old Race at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—Frank Rice today scored an easy victory in the New Orleans City Railroad Company Selling Stake for 2-year-olds, at half a mile, worth $1000 to the winner; Weather, rainy; track sloppy.

First race, selling, 1 mile—Eugenia S., 108 (Lyne), 5 to 1, 1; Algie M., 95 (Helgeson), 6 to 5, 2; Fleetwing, 97 (Boyd), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.44¼. Homage, Dramburg, The Messenger, Crosby and El Moran also ran. Springer was pulled up on the back stretch. Afrz fell rounding the first turn.

Second race, selling, 1 mile and 70 yards—Meme Wastell, 92 (Boyd), 9 to 2, 1; Leroy D., 107 (Lyne), 8 to 5, 2; The Way, 107 (Minder), 9 to 2, 3. Time 1.50. James Fitz, King Ford, Silver Chimes and Kentucky Muddle also ran.

Third race, handicap, steeplechase, full course—Ceylon, 127 (Johnson), 3 to 1, 1; Rose, 130 (Gaddy), 9 to 2, 2; Bristol, 154 (Penn), even, 3. Time 4.48⅘. King Elkwood and Fallella also ran.

Fourth race, New Orleans City Railroad Company Selling Stakes, 2-year-olds, half-mile—Frank Rice, 107 (T. Dean), 3 to 1, 1; Bill Nixon, 107 (Odom), even, 2; Maverick, 107 (Young), 9 to 1, 3. Time .49⅘. Modern Computation, Dark Planet and Royal Deceiver also ran.

Fifth race, handicap, 1⅛ miles—Silver Coin, 90 (Louden), even, 1; Star Cotton, 90 (Boyd), 13 to 1, 2; Circus, 88 (Waldo), 3 to 2, 3. Time 1.58. Mynheer also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 1 3-16 miles—Garter Ban, 103 (Brennan), 7 to 2, 1; Joe Doughty, 103 (Otis), 15 to 1, 2; Beana, 106 (Odom), 7 to 10, 3. Time 1.58. Deloraine, Fair Harry, Little Tommy Tucker, Reflect and Pinar Del Rio also ran.

Results at Charleston.

Charleston, Feb. 19.—Second choices beat the talent here to-day, as four out of five finished in front. The summary:

First race, 6½ furlongs—Robert Gray, 113 (Boland), 6 to 1, 1; W. J. Baker, 107 (Woods), 4 to 1, 2; Patchwork, 102 (Castro), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.26½. Juniper, Bad Penny, Nina B. and Corder also ran.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Rosie R., 100 (Woods), 3 to 1, 1; Lady Riley, 100 (Lee), 3 to 1, 2; Grace Wilson, 106 (Hall), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.22. Frank Fowler, Mollie Brooks and Capitola also ran.

Third race, 1⅛ miles—Kingalong, 140 (Smith), 5 to 2, 1; Collette, 138 (Ballinger), 3 to 2, 2; Loyalty, 140 (May), 12 to 1, 3. Time 2.10¼. Vince and Broadway also ran.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, selling—Agnes Clare, 104 (Williams), 4 to 1, 1; Della Gee, 104 (Paretto), 4 to 1, 2; Custodian, 99 (Woods), 5 to 2, 3. Time 1.35. Cathedral also ran.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—B. O. Reid, 105 (Alaire), 3 to 1, 1; Donna Bella, 99 (Alley), 2 to 1, 2; Sir Kenneth, 99 (Moore), 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.13. Sacket and Petronius also ran.

Winners at Oakland.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Weather clear; track heavy. First race, 5½ furlongs—Chapple, 7 to 5, 1; Courtier 2, Billisis 3. Time 1.13⅘.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Vassallo, 18 to 5, 1; Phil Archibald 2, Tufts 3. Time 1.35.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Malachite, 9 to 10, 1; Lass of Langdon 2, Montana Peeress 3. Time 1.06⅕.

Fourth race, ⅞ mile—Dr. Bowie, even, 1; Marsia 2, Bard Burns 3. Time 1.19¼.

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—Dunblane, 13 to 10, 1; Galanthus 2, Formero 3. Time 1.49⅘.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Tyranus, 6 to 1, 1; Phyllis 2, Huachua 3. Time 1.34½.

To-Day's Racing Card.

New Orleans entries: First race, selling, 1 mile and 70 yards—Lou Rey, Dramburg 113, Palarm 110, Laureatea 108, Badge Bell, Dutch Carter, Lofter, Algie M., Lal-Keith, Lillian Reed 105, Fleetwing 102.

Second race, selling, 3½ furlongs—Dinoro 108, May Allen 105, Queen Rex, Dark Planet 104, Offset 101, Black Patti 100, Honda, Frances Porter, Miss Shamrock 95.

Third race, ⅞ mile—O'Hagen, Prowl, Sandfies 106, Julia Junkin, Langon 103, Man, Crescent City 100, Amigari, Aleda, Lady Wentworth 98.

Fourth race, handicap, ⅞ mile—Carl Kahler 110, Granior 104, Andes 103, Tom Kingley 97, Johnnie McCarthy 93, Digby Bell 86.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Linden Ella 107, H. of Trastamar 106, Pressure, Corbor, Strangest 102, Little Elkin 98, Miss Soak 97, Pirate's Queen 92, Bean 87.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Prestone 109, Choice, Dr. Carrick 106, Zack Phelps 105, Joe Doughty 102, Weideman 99, Poyntz 98, Masterful 95, Beggar Lady 93, King Tatius 92, Eliza Dillon 80.

Charleston entries: First race, 6½ furlongs—Suttee 106, Bad Penny 106, Chonooka 104, Joe Gammage 103, Toad Rainey 99.

Second race, selling, ⅞ mile—Little Tower, Dr. Worth 110, Jim Scanlon, Swan Dance, Palms, Georgiana 95.

Third race, selling, 1 mile and 70 yards—Pan Chuma 105, Suttgart, Goodnight, Kildarlie 103, Antigone, Katie Gibbons, Soudana 101.

Fourth race, selling, ⅝ mile—Times Starc 110, Zanone 111, Barney Saal 109, Alzora 107, Randolph, Jr., 101, Ruby Riley, Juniper 99.

Fifth race, selling, ⅞ mile—Julietta B., Watercress 108, Larequoise 105, Ordeal 103, Incandescent, Economic 103, Sylvan Dell 100, Scorpolotte 98.

Gossip of the Turf.

E. W. Johnson, once manager for the famous colored jockey, Isaac Murphy, now dead, is a successful trainer of hurdlers and steeplechasers in France for a Philadelphian named J. Wadsworth Rogers.

Watercure, Autolight and Nones have been assigned the top weight of 124 pounds for the Palace Hotel Handicap, to be run at Oakland Saturday. The Bell quartet are weighted as follows: Paul Clifford 111, Black Dick 106, Sweet Tooth 103, and Lady Sterling 90.

In connection with the case of Goudie, the Glasgow bank robber, rumors are rife in English turf circles that two well-known jockeys, H. O. Madden and F. Rickaby, on account of revelations made in court, are in disfavor with the stewards of the Jockey Club.

Lady Massey, purchased in America two years ago by Tod Sloan for Frank Gardner, has become one of the best hurdle performers in England, her latest achievement being a victory at two miles under the heavy weight of 175 pounds. Lady Massey is by Falsetto, out of Mirmarette.

James Rowe has ordered The Huguenot, winner of many big eastern stakes, shipped from Kentucky, with the idea of training the horse for big events this season. The horse went to Lexington unsound, but he rounded to, and it is believed he will stand training. He is a full brother to Henry of Navarre, by Knight of Ellersile, dam Moss Rose, by imported The Ill-Used.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has decided that betting on horse races in poolrooms is not against the law of that state. The city of Shreveport some time ago passed an ordinance against poolrooms. The poolroom keepers took the case to the Parish Court and were given a decision in their favor. The city appealed to the Supreme Court and the decision of the lower court was confirmed.

Hamilton Cockfighters in the Toils.

Buffalo, Feb. 19.—The sheriff early to-day raided an hotel on the Niagara River above this city and captured 36 game cocks belonging to Buffalo and Hamilton, Ont., parties, and made five arrests. The prisoners gave their names as Jack Hackner, the proprietor of the resort; J. Woods of Hamilton, Ont.; Dennis Mahon of Rochester; William Pembroke of Buffalo, and another man, whose name is not given. About 300 men were in the place. The pit was located in the attic. Besides the birds and the men the sheriff captured a wheel of fortune, spurs, dope and all the paraphernalia incidental to a chicken recital on a large scale.

Out of Work and Won.

Hamilton, Feb. 19.—An indoor baseball match took place this afternoon—Victoria Out-of-Works v. the Bartenders' Union. The former team won by a score of 11 to 9. Batteries—Victoria, Green and Shaw; Bartenders, Sinclair and Burrows. McKenzie was the umpire.

CORNWALL WON THE ROUND

Frontenacs of Kingston Beaten in Play-Off at Morrisburg By 5 to 2.

WINNERS PLAY THE WELLINGTONS

Other Semi-Finals in the O.H.A. Contested—Games Scheduled for To-Night.

Morrisburg, Feb. 19.—Cornwall defeated the Frontenacs of Kingston here to-night by a score of 5 goals to 2, which score justly indicated the merits of the two teams. At half-time the score stood 2-all, and Cornwall went out with a determination that characterized them as a great bunch of finishers. They went at the Limestone men, and kept up an incessant attack, until they had found the goal three times, making the above score. The Frontenacs were unable to stand up against the swift work of the Factory Town men, who will put up a strong argument against the Wellingtons, when these two teams meet. The following were the teams:

Frontenacs (2)—Goal, Mills; point, Murphy; cover-point, McDowell; forwards, Powell, Rogers, Wilson and Walsh.

Cornwall (5)—Goal, Hunter; point, Degan; cover-point, C. Stiles; forwards, H. Stiles, Eastwood, Allan and McMillan.

Referee—R. D. Schooley of Osgoode Hall. Umpires—Chaucer Elliott of Kingston and Herb Gardiner of Toronto.

Wellingtons and Cornwall.

The O.H.A. Executive have decided to grant the request of the champion Wellingtons that the senior O.H.A. final be played in Toronto this year. The first of the home-and-home games will be played at Cornwall on Saturday night, and the return game will be played in Toronto at the Mutual-street Rink on Wednesday night, the 26th.

Two Games To-Night.

Upper Canada and Belleville play off the junior semi-final to-night at the Mutual-street Rink, and Newmarket and Hamilton will also play off their protested game at the same place. Newmarket will be without George Simpson, as he is laid up with a severe cold.

For the Fawkes Trophy.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Delegates representing the Stratford, Woodstock, Brantford and Paris hockey teams met here last evening for the purpose of arranging a fourth competition for the possession of the Fawkes Trophy. This trophy was presented three years ago for competition among the clubs then forming the C.O.H.A., and since then has been won once by Woodstock and twice by Paris, the latter club obtaining possession of the coveted cup by winning two out of three games from the former club last winter. A schedule of games was arranged, and it was decided that O.H.A. rules should govern the competition. The following is the schedule of games as arranged:

Feb. 25—Stratford at Paris; Brantford at Woodstock.

Feb. 28—Paris at Brantford; Woodstock at Stratford.

March 4—Stratford at Brantford.

March 7—Brantford at Paris; Stratford at Woodstock.

March 11—Brantford at Stratford; Paris at Woodstock.

March 14—Paris at Stratford; Woodstock at Brantford.

March 18—Woodstock at Paris.

The Marlboros Champions.

The Marlboros are now champions of the senior series of the Toronto Lacrosse Hockey League. They won the title last night by defeating the Wellesleys by 8 to 1. The game was a fair exhibition, and somewhat rough. The winning club was represented by: Goal, Gorrie; point, Purse; cover-point, Rogers; forwards, Reid, Earls, Bannon, Staples.

Referee—Perry (Lornes).

St. Alban's defeated All Saints by 3 to 1 in the junior series of the Lacrosse Hockey League.

The game between Old Orchards and Westerns will be played at the Collegiate Rink to-night. P. C. Waghorne will referee.

Galt Beat Owen Sound By 8 to 0.

Galt, Feb. 19.—The O.H.A. championship match, semi-finals, intermediate series, played here to-night between Owen Sound and Galt, resulted in favor of Galt by 8 goals to 0.

Drugs Make a Tie.

The drug clerks and the hockey team from Lyman Bros. played a tie game on the Victoria College Rink last night, scoring one goal each. The drug clerks scored their goal in the first, and just before time Lyman Bros. evened up. The teams:

Drug Clerks (1)—Goal, Graham; point, VanValkenburg; cover-point, Flint, Cook; forwards, Roehnel, Cooper, Mitchell, Hunter.

Lyman Bros. (1)—Goal, Davis; point, Livingstone; cover-point, Martin; forwards, Evans, Dixon, Hunt, Foley.

Referee—C. Evans.

Stratford Beat Penetang.

Barrie, Feb. 19.—Stratford defeated Penetang in an exceedingly fast junior game here to-night. H. E. Telfer refereed, and did not have occasion to send a man to the fence, the boys playing was hard. The score at half-time was 3 to 1 in favor of Stratford. In the second half Penetang played them hard, and the finish was 5 to 4. The teams were:

Stratford (5)—Goal, Woods; point, Rankin; cover-point, Forbes; forwards, Fraser, Perry, Sweetzer and Edmunds.

Penetang (4)—Goal, A. Corbeau; point, H. Corbeau; cover-point, Beck; forwards, H. Corbeau, Smyth, Gendron, Corbett.

Umpires—R. Thomas (Barrie), D. Darrock (Collingwood). Timekeepers—Welsh and Corbeau.

The Bank League Final.

Captain George McKay of the Wellingtons was out yesterday coaching the Toronto Bank team for the final game on Friday night at the Victoria Rink between Toronto and Commerce teams. The Toronto team have greatly improved under McKay's coaching, and will put up a hard fight against the fast Commerce team. The King-street outfit have put in some steady work, and will be as strong as they have ever been in a final game. They have won the cup more than any other team in the league, and expect to hold it this season.

In the Business League.

The Adams Furniture Company defeated the Dominion Express Company on the Collegiate Rink last night by 7 to 3, in the Toronto Business League. This is the first time the Dominions have been defeated. The Adams team was: Goal, Denison; point, Henderson; cover-point, Moore; forwards, Atkinson, Clarke, F. Cargell, Davis.

Referee—Clemes.

The Robert Simpson Company won from J. F. Brown last night by default. The Simpson team were defeated by a picked team from Collegiate Rink by the score of 4 to 2.

Methodist Hockey League.

In the Methodist Hockey League last night at Victoria College Rink, St. Paul's defeated Sherbourne by 7 to 2. The game was the fastest played in the league this year. The St. Paul's lined up as follows: Goal, Clarke; point, Moore; cover-point, Minkler; forwards, H. Veal, J. L. Veal, Woodley and Joe Veal. The standing of the league is:

	Won.	Lost.
St. Paul's	5	0
Carlton	4	1
Central	1	5
Sherbourne	1	5

After the Puck.

Varsity plays the University of Buffalo at Rumsey's Lake, Buffalo, on Saturday next.

The St. George's leave for Barrie on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock to play an exhibition game with Barrie. The team will be without Pardo, as he had his ankle hurt in last Saturday's game.

The Wellesley School II. hockey team defeated the Trinitarians on the Victoria College Rink on Wednesday afternoon by a score of 8 to 0. The feature of the game was the Wellesley combination work.

The line-up of the team in the final game will likely be: Goal, Bilton; point, Smart; cover, Darling; forwards, McLaren, McKay, Ardagh, Hill. This will be, if anything, a stronger team than won the championship last season.

The Wellingtons had a first-class practise last night at the Mutual-street Rink between 7 and 8 o'clock, and most of their supporters will be pleased to know that Pussy Darling was out with them for the first time this season. He should greatly strengthen the team, as Ardagh will go up on the forward line and Darling will be at his old place at cover-point.

ICE BOATS SAIL ON SATURDAY.

Toronto Fleet to Compete for the Championship Flag.

The Toronto fleet of iceboats will sail on Saturday, starting from the foot of Bay-street, at 2 p.m., for the Rice Lewis championship. The course is a triangle, twice around, about 12 miles in all. The boats entered are:

J. Ruddock's Jessica (champion).
P. Pillatt's Jack Frost.
T. Walker's Beaver.
Captain Goodwin's Islander.
J. Maloney's Earl King.
W. Durnan's Cyclone.
W. Fisher's Invader.
H. Macdonald's Volunteer.
F. Ward's Columbia.
A. Macdonald's Marian.

Tenpins To-Night.

The following are the scheduled bowling games for to-night:

Indians at Grenadiers.
Insurance at Munsons.
O.O.R. at Q.O.R.B.C.
Merchants at Midlands.
Liederkranz at Liederkranz B.B.

Sporting Notes.

Al Weinig meets Jack McCormack at Hot Springs on Friday night.

The veteran umpire, Herman Doescher, will probably be again in the Eastern League this season.

Isaac Francis of Homestead, who played with Rochester last year, has signed with the Oakland (Cal.) Club.

Fred Klobedanz, touted as the best of left-handed pitchers not long ago, is now a scene-shifter at a theatre in Lawrence, Mass.

The Jack O'Brien-Martin Duffy six-round bout, which is slated for March 3, is now clinched by the Acme Club of Chicago. These men should put up a great fight.

By dropping Bristol and Derby and taking in Hartford and Springfield, the Connecticut League gains a population of 112,000 net. The longest trip on the new circuit is less than 100 miles.

Ed. Swartwood, at one time with the Hamilton Baseball Club, and later an umpire in the Eastern League, was a member of the posse that hunted the Biddles, but he didn't get a call in the distribution of the $5000 prize money.

At Bath, Me., on Tuesday, Twin Sullivan defeated Billy Jordan of Boston in the 14th round. Sullivan forced the fighting from the start. The match was for 15 rounds.

At Milwaukee, on Tuesday, Otto Selloff of Chicago was given the decision over Kid Thomas of New York in the fifth round on a foul. The men fought straight rules, and the bout developed more wrestling than boxing. Kid Herrick of Rochester and Charles Neary of Milwaukee went six rounds to a draw. Each man scored a knockdown.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—William Goeckel, formerly first-baseman of the Philadelphia Club, has refused to give up his law business here to manage the Wilkes-Barre Club of the Pennsylvania State League. He says he will not again take an active interest in the game.

A match between Eddie Lenny and Harry Forbes of Chicago has been practically arranged. A few days ago Lenny issued a challenge to Forbes for a go at 122 pounds, weigh in at the ringside. Aitho Forbes can easily scale 116 pounds, he concented. The match will probably be a six-round affair and be decided at Chicago.

LOCAL TOPICS.

The annual Ayr Old Boys' reunion and curling bonspiel will be held in Ayr on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Council of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A committee of Victoria L.O.L., No. 588, met last night in Victoria Hall and made arrangements for their annual at home to be held in their lodge room on March 14.

Rev. Canon Welch preached the third of his series of sermons on "Belief in God and Some of Its Consequences" to a large congregation yesterday at St. James' Cathedral.

Prof. Tomlins of New York will lecture before the Toronto Teachers' Association in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Feb. 27 and 28, and March 1, his subjects being: "Music as an Educational Factor," "The Messiah" and "How to Teach Music in School."

The regular meeting of the Browning Club will be held this evening in the lecture room of the Unitarian Church. Prof. W. H. Fraser will address the club on the subject of "Dante." Selections from the fifth Book of Sordello will be read by Miss Lillian Burns.

A change in the route of the Dovercourt cars has been made. Instead of this line terminating at the corner of Dundas and Queen-streets, as formerly, the cars now continue along Queen to Shaw-streets, then south along Shaw-street to King-street, there terminating.

The committee appointed by the Executive of the Council of the Board of Trade to consider the offer of the government to grant $5000 annually towards the establishment in London of a sample room met yesterday afternoon. They will report to the council, which meets this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

L. P. Lewis, general passenger agent of the Ohio Central Railway, was in Toronto yesterday.

District Baggage Agent Quick of the G.T.R. left for Detroit yesterday to attend a meeting of the Michigan general baggage agents.

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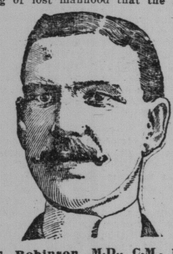

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Western Assurance Company.

The annual meeting of Shareholders was held at the Company's Offices, Toronto, on Wednesday, 19th February, 1902. The President, Hon. George A. Cox, occupied the chair.

The following Annual Report of the Directors, with accompanying Financial Statement, was then read by the Secretary:

Fifty-First Annual Report.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders their report on the transactions of the Company for the past year.

The net premium income amounted to $3,292,629 and the earnings from interest were $86,527. After providing for losses and expenses the Revenue Account shows a profit balance of $189,048. Of this amount $129,613.84 has been applied to the payment of two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. and 6 per cent. per annum respectively, and after writing off the sum of $11,675.45 to bring the securities to market value at 31st December, the balance $47,759.08 is added to the Reserve Fund. The reduction in dividend for the last half year was decided upon in order to permit of a more substantial addition to the Company's Reserve that otherwise have been made, as the profits of the Fire Branch were materially affected by the exceptionally heavy losses in the early part of the year, including the conflagration in Montreal in January, 1901. The machine income was somewhat less than that of the year 1900, but the business of this branch shows a fair margin of profit, after providing for losses, and the proportion of expenses chargeable against it.

The estimated liability on unexpired risks at 31st December, calculated at 35 per cent. of the year's fire premium, with full provision for all unexpired marine risks, is $969,210. It should be noted that, although an increase is shown of some 12 per cent. in the premium income as compared with that of the preceding year, there is not a corresponding increase in the actual liability, or amount at risk, owing to the advanced rates that have been obtained on a large proportion of the business on the Company's books.

The Directors regret to have to record the death during the year of Mr. Robert Beaty, who had been a valued member of the board for the past 36 years, and a Shareholder of the Company since its organization.

Two calls of $100,000 each of the $1,000,000 additional capital which has been called up had not matured at the close of the year; but owing to the majority of the Shareholders having availed themselves of the privilege of anticipating these payments, there remained on the 31st December less than $60,000 of this amount unpaid.

The security which the Company now affords its Policyholders is as follows:

Capital paid-up 31st December last	$1,940,370 00
Calls in course of payment	59,630 00
	$2,000,000 00
Reserve Fund	1,050,553 16
Total Funds	$3,050,553 16

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The accounts for the year showed the following business transacted:

Fire and marine premiums	$3,292,629 73	
Interest	86,527 54	
		$3,379,157 27
Fire and marine losses	$2,167,007 43	
General expenses	1,023,101 47	
		$3,190,108 90
Balance		189,048 37
Dividends to shareholders		129,613 84

The President in moving the adoption of the report said:

The statements that have just been read, which, with the Directors' Report, have been in the hands of the Shareholders for some days, indicate, I think, very clearly the general results of the business of the Company for the past year; but in moving the adoption of the report I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity of enlarging somewhat upon the matters with which it deals.

You will have noted that there has been a considerable increase in the Company's premium income, and perhaps the most encouraging feature in connection with the transactions of the year is the evidence which our records afford that the growth in this is due as much to the higher rates obtained on the risks we have been carrying as to an increase in the amount of the business we have assumed. It will also be observed that, after deducting from the balance shown in the Revenue Account the amount received from interest on investments, there remains $102,521, which represents the difference between the premium receipts and the losses and expenses for the year—or what may be termed the "underwriting profit." Taking into account the volume of business transacted, it must be admitted that this balance on the underwriting transactions of the year is a very moderate one, being equal to about three per cent. on the premium income—which would scarcely be regarded as an adequate return in any ordinary business. It is true that out of the year's receipts some conflagration losses of considerable magnitude had to be provided for. Such disasters we have regarded in the past as rare occurrences, or at least as events which warranted our treating any year in which one occurred as exceptional. The experience of late years, however, is leading companies to regard these as a much more important factor than formerly in the fixing of rates.

In presenting our report to Shareholders a year ago I referred at some length to the unprofitable results of the fire insurance business on this continent, and expressed the hope that the advanced rates which were being adopted by companies generally would place it on a more satisfactory footing than it had been during the preceding two years; and, while I am pleased to be able to say that much has been done in the direction of securing more adequate rates, the feeling among fire underwriters is that there are many classes of risk, and many cities and towns, where further advances are necessary, and the various rating organizations are adjusting their tariffs to meet the requirements of present conditions. There can be no doubt that there has been an increase in the fire waste on this continent, altogether out of proportion to the growth in the value of property. By many this is thought to be largely due to the extensive use of electricity for light and power, and an examination into the causes of fires in which our own Company has been interested goes far to sustain this theory. This is a comparatively new hazard, and one which will doubtless be overcome in a large measure when its weak points are better understood. It would appear also that the fire hazard on this continent has been increased—though this may appear an anomaly—by the industrial prosperity of the past two years; for it is a well recognized fact that in times when manufacturing establishments are compelled to work their machinery and their employes overtime, there is always a marked increase in losses upon this class of property. But, whatever the causes of the greater fire losses which are being experienced may be, the inevitable effect must be higher rates; for the protection afforded by fire insurance companies—without which the trade and commerce of the country would become paralyzed—will only be maintained permanently on a basis of rates that will afford a fair return upon the capital invested in the business. As I have said, considerable progress has been made in this direction—more especially throughout Canada. In the United States, owing to the larger number of companies doing business there, it has been more difficult to secure concentrated action, but improvements have been made in many quarters, and the two serious conflagrations reported during the past fortnight at Waterbury and Paterson—following closely, as they do, a year which has proved unprofitable to almost all companies operating in that field, will, I feel assured, lead to prompt measures being taken to reimburse them for losses that have been sustained.

Taking into account the conditions that we have had to meet in our business, and which I have endeavored to point out, your Directors, as has been intimated in their report, deemed it wise to reduce the dividend for the last half year, making it at the rate of six per cent. per annum, feeling assured that conservative action in this direction would meet with the approval of the Shareholders.

I am glad to be able to say in reference to the London Branch of the Company, opened two years ago, that it continues to progress satisfactorily. While on a visit to Great Britain last summer I had an opportunity of meeting our chief representatives there, and I feel that we are fortunate in having secured the services of energetic and capable underwriters to look after our interests. I would express our appreciation of the services rendered to this branch by our London Board of Directors.

I desire also to acknowledge the good work performed by the officers, branch managers and agents of the Company generally during the past year.

The Vice-President seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously. The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, viz: Hon. G. A. Cox, Hon. C. C. Wood, Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, George McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne and J. J. Kenny, and the election of Mr. E. R. Wood to the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Robert Beaty.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held subsequently, Hon. George A. Cox was re-elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Englishmen Spend Thousands in Maintaining Packs of Hounds.

Statistics published in Answers (London) show what an expensive business it is to run a pack of foxhounds in England. More than most others, hunting men are bewailing the rise in prices, forced on the country by the Boer war. Hunters can usually be picked up in the spring at $300 to $350 each. Good seasoned beasts, too, which, after a summer of ease, are fit for another hard season's work.

Just prior to the opening of the current hunting season, the master of the foxhounds—commonly called the M.F.H.—on the lookout for bargains to fill his stables, found prices up 10 to 20 per cent.

The man who is about to take charge of a pack of hounds must be prepared to spend a lump sum of $10,000 on his horses. He will need for himself a stud of five to nine really good animals which, if he is a middleweight, will cost him about $700 apiece in the "provinces." If he is taking over a pack in the flat country of central England, known as the "shires," he will need a better and faster stamp of horse, for which he will pay $850 to $900. Of course, he has to buy mounts, too, for the huntsman, whippers-in and all the hunt servants. Each horse must be provided with a loose box, and in summer two feeds of grain daily. The regular cavalry allowance for a horse is 12 pounds of hay, 10 pounds of oats and 8 pounds of straw per day. This costs if bought in large quantities, $2.50 to $3 a week for each horse during the summer and about $4.50 in winter.