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BOXING CHAMPION 50 YEARS OLD.

Australian Welterweight Scored Victory in 7 Rounds—Foreign Gossip.

George Dixon's reputation as a fighter received another boost thru his victory over Cockney Cohen, whom he met in a 15-round bout at Newcastle, England, on Dec. 7. Besides the purse the match was for a side bet of $625. The weight was 120 pounds. For eight rounds honors were fairly even. In the next two rounds Dixon was badly handicapped by a flow of blood from the left ear, the result of a blow early in the contest. When the referee awarded the fight to Dixon the decision was cheered.

The death of Walter Eyles, an English welterweight, is announced. Eyles died of consumption. He was pretty near the front rank in his class when he became ill.

The championship belt, the property of Jem Mace, the retired English heavyweight, who went to South Africa recently, was sold at auction the other day. The belt, which was presented to Mace when he was on top, was bought by an English sporting man. Medals and cups belonging to Mace were also sold.

Billy Barrett of New York, who has been making his home in England for the last four years, defeated Willie O'Brien of Boston in Liverpool on Dec. 11. O'Brien lost on a foul in the eighth round. Some thought that he had a fine chance of winning when the foul was committed.

Jack Grace, the American lightweight, has left England for South Africa. Grace arrived in London a few weeks ago looking for a match, but after persistent challenging was unable to get anything to do. He said that when he reached South Africa he would be ready to fight anybody in his class there. Grace is willing to back himself.

Jack Clancey of San Francisco, who has been more or less successful since he went to England, has signed articles to box Dave Barry of London. They are to have it out for 15 rounds in Liverpool under the auspices of the Liverpool Gymnastic Club next month.

Wally Morgan, the ex-amateur bantam champion of England, who lately joined the professional ranks, added another victory to his list by defeating Bill King of Birmingham in a 20-round bout before the International A. C., London, the other night. King, who is a well seasoned boxer, was not in it with the new-comer, and at the end of the fight was badly used up. The entire 20 rounds were fought. Morgan is held in high esteem by British critics. It is understood that he will come to this country in January with Charles Mitchell. It is also said that Mitchell may be accompanied by Jabez White, the English lightweight champion.

A date for George Dixon's fight with Jem Bowker for the bantam championship of England has been chosen. The National Sporting Club, London, is to be the scene of the encounter, and the date is Jan. 25.

Age and long campaigning in the ring do not seem to dull the prowess of "Starlight," the noted middleweight of Australia. Starlight, who is a negro, and confesses to 50 years, altho the impression is that he is older, met J. Higgins for the middleweight championship of Australia on Oct. 26, and whipped him in seven rounds. Starlight beat Higgins, who is at least 20 years his junior, so badly that the latter's seconds threw up the sponge to save him from further punishment. Starlight has met all the noted Australian champions, including Bob Fitzsimmons, Peter Jackson, Joe Goddard and Jim Hall.

Pacific B.B. League in Bad Way.

Portland, Dec. 24.—Jack Grim, who has been in Portland for the last three months under salary of the Pacific National League has left for his home in Cincinnati, and gave out the information before he left that he will probably not return. Grim managed the Portland pennant winning team of 1901 in the Pacific Northwest League, and started last season at the head of the Portland club in the Pacific National League. This club survived the storm only a short time and was transferred to Salt Lake because of non-support here. Grim continued as manager for a time and then was dropped. He came back to Portland as representative of the Pacific National League in order to be on the ground and endeavor to re-establish that organization in favor of the Portland public. It has been freely stated by Lucas and his followers that they had not surrendered Portland, and meant to have a team here next season. The departure of Grim is taken to mean, however, an unconditional surrender of this territory to the enemy. Things that have transpired recently make it certain that the Lucas League would start another season here under greater disadvantage than that of last year.

The meeting of that league, called for Dec. 15, at Spokane, was postponed until later in the month. President Lucas has not entirely recovered from his illness, and the magnates will wait on him. That the league is in the dark as to what to do to repair its fences is evident from the indecision of its managers in forecasting plans for next season.

Salt Lake and Butte will probably be dropped from the circuit. The trip to the mountain towns is entirely too long to permit paying of railroad fares with any sort of profit. President Lane of Butte probably had an inkling of this when he said that he would do nothing toward getting together a team for next year. Spokane would like to get into the Coast League, but the ambition of the club there has been given but little encouragement. Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., have made formal application for admission into the Pacific Mutual League, and their cases will come up for action at the meeting of the board.

Frenchmen Going in for Sports.

Considerable satisfaction is felt in England over the way the French are going in for field sports. International contests, the British think, will be the final result, and these will loom all sorts of sports on the skies. This season a cross-country team is expected from France at the English championship, and a Paris hockey team has challenged the English players for a special match. In Sporting Life "Old Blue" comments on the situation as follows:

It is pleasing to note a distinct revival in France of the old time love of many sports and pastimes. As a nation, the French public have gradually attained to the Socratic knowledge, i.e., the knowledge of their own ignorance on all matters relating to the physical cult. "For me," says Montaigne, "that which I do not believe once, I do not believe a hundred times." And no doubt it might be plausibly contended that, since everybody is rather prone to error, the more people hold to an opinion the likelier it is to be ridiculous. If some people consider sport in the light only of "the cult of animal in man," tested by the voice of popular interest, however, I maintain that sport is of more importance than art. Keenness in sport, moreover, is as real as the circulation of the blood, ergo as real as life itself. But there! some French philosophers have an oscillating understanding. The rules of their game are never fixed. Not once or twice in his life does a man play the part of Alnaschar. Some grow so used to the role, indeed, that they are severely startled by the crash of the shattered crockery.

As a matter of fact, these people mistake one influence for an entirely different force. In what way does a devotion to the physical cult interfere with intellectual expansion, either in the individual or the nation? I am well nigh weary of trying to prove the contrary fact, which is patent to any one who rides, shoots, fishes, etc. In vain does one French writer imitate the late Leigh Hunt, and endeavor to depict a sportsman—an Englishman, of course—who feeds, sleeps and carouses in the midst of his dogs. That fallacy has been exposed again and again.

Sport tends to make even dull people knowing and progressive in more senses than one. From the national point of view, moreover, it tends to increase the amenities of various people, outside the province of sport itself. For one thing, it presupposes and encourages a hundred, nay, a thousand valuable industries and manufactures. Other Frenchmen, I note, hold more sensible and moderate opinions on the subject, but still maintain that sport is opposed to progress. Happily, however, the vast bulk of French people have, as I have said, awakened to the fact that there is something more than the cult of the animal in man in connection with sport.

Football, hockey, lacrosse and other games are now being played with gusto in many provinces. It behooves English clubs to respond to their invitations for matches, thereby giving a big fillip to the revival in question. Doubtless the Hockey Association has noted the challenge issued by Parisian players for a series of games. A speedy response should be made.

NEW ORLEANS INCIDENTS FOUL RIDING PUNISHED

Horse Doped and Owners' Entries Will Be Refused—Ingleside Results and Entries.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Parisienne and Col. Tyler were the winning favorites to-day. In the third race Higgins, on One More, crowded Meistersinger into the fence, and was suspended for three days for foul riding. Radford, in the same race, excited the suspicion of the stewards, who thought him under the influence of drugs, and they ordered the refusal of all entries in the future from the stable of J. J. Gilmore, his owner. Weather clear; track fast. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—Parisienne, 109 (W. Hicks), 7 to 10, 1; Dunkey, 92 (W. Fisher), 8 to 1, 2; Miss Hume, 103 (Higgins), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.48 4-5. Irene Mac, Feroni, Second Sight, Sadie Burch, Style, Offset, Algonquin, Filly Deck and Jet also ran.

Second race, selling, 1 mile—Bud Embrey, 99 (W. Hennessy), 4 to 1, 1; The Regent, 109 (Fuller), 13 to 5, 2; Sarah Maxim, 99 (Phillips), 13 to 5, 3. Time 1.40 2-5. Lampoon, McWilliams, Burke Cochrane, Zyra, Potente, Exapo and Henry of Transtmar also ran.

Third race, 1 mile—Col. Tyler, 105 (Helgeson), 7 to 2, 1; One More, 107 (Higgins), 4 to 1, 2; Radford, 110 (Hoffler), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.48 3-5. Meistersinger, Whitmore, Ravino, Marion Etta, Nimble Nag, The Talisman and Fair Lass also ran.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Aggie Lewis, 106 (Helgeson), 3 to 1, 1; Agnes Brennan, 107 (Gannon), 7 to 1, 2; Julia M., 101 (Sallings), 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.14 2-5. Lady Free Knight, Bronx, Philida, Hexam and Major Carpenter also ran.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Sadducee, 109 (Cockran), 3 to 1, 1; Jim Along, 104 (Higgins), 10 to 1, 2; New York, 117 (Fuller), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.00 3-5. Josette, Eva Russell and Scorpio also ran.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Wreath of Ivy, 100 (L. Wilson), 3 to 1, 1; Footlights Favorite, 105 (Higgins), 11 to 5, 2; Allegretto, 91 (W. Hennessy), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. Ora McKinney, Snow Cap, Bountiful, Preakness, Gus Heidorn and Jim Ferris also ran.

Kincardine in Northern League.

Harriston, Dec 24.—The Northern Hockey League have admitted Kincardine and Lucknow and formed two districts—Listowel, Kincardine and Lucknow in No. 1, and Harriston, Palmerston, Wingham and Mount Forest in No. 2.

Ingleside Summary.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Weather clear, track good. First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Louis Wager, 99 (Larson), 7 to 2, 1, by a length; Nullah, 92 (Hildebrand), 6 to 1, 2; Cardwelliton, 107 (Wonderly), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.05.

Second race, purse, Futurity course—Dick Turpin, 110 (Wonderly), even, 1, by a length; H. L. Frank, 110 (Chandler), 9 to 5, 2; Military Man, 113 (Connell), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.12.

Third race, selling, 6 furlongs—Sad Sam, 104 (Sherwood), even, 1; Money Muss, 103 (J. T. Sheehan), 2 to 1, 2; Albermarle, 106 (Bell), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.13¼.

Fourth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Jockey Club, 97 (Larson), 2 to 1, 1, by a length; Nigrette, 94 (Connel), 7 to 2, 2; Curonal, 99 (Hildebrand), even, 3. Time 1.48.

Fifth race, purse, 5½ furlongs—Shot Gun, 115 (J. Martin), 3 to 5, 1, by a length; Kenilworth, 113 (Wonderly), 2 to 1, 2; Peter J., 104 (J. Dugan), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.05¼.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Prestano, 107 (J. Martin, 12 to 1, 1, by a length; El Oriente, 102 (Connell), 5 to 2, 2; Illowaho, 110 (W. Waido), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.43¼.

New Orleans Program.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—First race, ⅞ mile, selling:

Sandrac	94	Always Faithful	101
Spencerian	94	Falkland	102
Alcom R.	94	Ora McKinney	103
The Br. Monarch	99	Short Cake	103
Tamarix	98	Lights Out	103
Ryevale	101	Falernian	110

Second race, selling, 6½ furlongs:

Ithan	103	Latuks	104
Theus Girl	103	Xales	108
Decoration	103	The Pride of Sur.	108
Lovable	103	Amote	108
Armorous	104	Pretorious	108
Gus Lanka	104	Oclawaha	110

Third race, 6½ furlongs, selling:

Ethel Davis	103	Blue Blaze	106
Mayor Johnson	103	Tommy Foster	108
Tioga	104	Bard of Avon	108
Sly Boots	105	Alpaca	109
John Coulter	105	Fleetful	110
MacBeth	106	The Messenger	112

Fourth race, 1 mile. Christmas Handicap:

Inquisitive Girl	94	Laura Lighter	103
Exclamation	94	Dan McKenna	104
Dutiful	96	Little Scout	115
Lev. Dorsey	99	Major Mansir	105
Capt. Arnold	100	Monograph	108
De Reszke	101	Dr. Stephens	109
Port Royal	103	Tribes Hill	111
Big Ben	115	Witful	121

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling:

Medal	96	Little Elkin	102
Claristina	98	Pompino	102
Hegira	98	Ugenia S.	102
Sidney Sabbath	101	Stonewall	103
Mary Moore	102	Badger	107
Adelante	102	Larry Wilf	110

Sixth race, 1 mile:

Ida Penzance	107	Felix Bard	107
Port Royal	107	Little Scout	115
Bar. Fritchie	107		

Claude in Christmas Handicap.

Ingleside entries: First race, ¾ mile, selling:

Skip Me	104	Rosie Ban	104
Heins	104	Anasa	104
Lurene	104	Illionon	104
Godess of Night	104	Dr. Sherman	104
Bessenzo	104	Badly Used	109
Myrtle H.	109		

Second race, 11-16 mile, purse:

Effervescence	109	Selma	103
Lady Atheling	103	Oro Rose	103
Forest Fire	103	Fe Manola	106
Ethel Abbott	103	Soufriere	113
Lady Fonso	106	Gottlelben	103
Miss Ringlets	106		

Third race, ⅞ mile, selling:

Elfin King	104	Troy	104
Matt Hogan	100	Mountebank	109
Lou Cleveden	109	Quatre	104
Florinel II.	104	Rustic Girl	104
Jennie Hughes	104	Pope Leo	107
Quiet	104	Aunt Polly	109

Fourth race, Xmas Handicap, 1¼ miles:

Insubator	100	Lord Melbourne	103
Eva G.	107	Lucy Crawford	93
Falconbridge	103	Oarsman	115
Proper	118	Forest King	98
Claude	123	Yellow Tail	103
Ionic	101	Modicum	100
Divina	110	Horatius	108

Fifth race, ⅞ mile, selling:

Lady Keat	97	Burdoc	108
Saintly	107	Louis Wagner	100
Harry Thatcher	107	Yellow Stone	110
Elchhuahua	105	Elpiloto	102
Tonapah	102	Kickumboo	107
Emily Oliver	102	Chorus Boy	97
Redwald	107		

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling:

Col. Vau	102	Rey Dare	106
Foxy Grandpa	78	Heather Honey	94
Celebrant	62	Ada N.	101
Georgelette	94	Ignacio	109
The Cure	78	Avenger	83
Someonor	101		

Weather clear, track fast.

Basketball.

The High School team of Niagara Falls, N.Y., will be at the West End Y.M.C.A. to-day, tho it was reported that they had defaulted. The second teams of the Central and West End will be an extra attraction to-night, as well as class work by the boys.

Toronto Team Won at Peterboro.

Peterboro, Dec. 24.—The basketball game here to-night between the Y.M.C.A. of Toronto and the home team resulted in favor of the visitors by 32 points to 12.

Charlie Gates' Shoot To-day

The second annual shooting match for sweepstakes will be held at the Bayview Hotel, East Toronto, to-day, starting at noon. Charles Gates, who is running the shoot, has over 500 pigeons ready, and there should be no lack of support. Another match will be held on New Year's day at the same place and time.

LESS BRUTALITY AT BULLFIGHTS.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—On Christmas day a new order will be in force in bullfighting in Juarez. In the ring across the Rio Grande from El Paso, no more horses will be gored to death by wild bulls. This action is due to the sentiment of American tourists and residents of El Paso, who are the largest patrons of the arena. The humanitarian measure, it is felt, may extend thruout Mexico.

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FOR NEW NO. 2 SCHEDULE SMITH'S FALLS WILLING

O.H.A. Intelligence—Colder Weather Promised—Some Hockey Notes.

The recalcitrant No. 2 Senior O. H. A. District, located in the East, is getting into line. Yesterday H. J. Gould, secretary of Smith's Falls, wired Secretary Hewitt that his club was ready to play according to instructions from headquarters, that is, to finish up by Feb. 1.

R. R. Fairburn, a student at Queen's, elects to play with his home team at Prescott.

Tho it is generally accepted that the Canadian Soo has "flew the coop," headquarters has nothing officially about it.

Colder weather is promised, and the players should be happy again to-day with many matches in sight.

The Argonauts will likely play at Peterboro on Tuesday and at Galt on New Year's day.

St. Georges for Port Hope.

The St. George's intermediate team will play in Port Hope to-night against the Ontarios. This will be the first time that these two clubs have met since the Saints won the championship of the intermediate series. The Saints will send a good team down east and should make a good showing. The boys will leave by the Grand Trunk at 2 o'clock and the following players are requested to be on time: Goal, Bell; point, Ryan; cover, Benson; forwards, Burley, J. Carmichael (capt.), Lou Carmichael, Lamont, Moody.

The Port Hope team will be: Goal, J. McMillan; point, Tony Roach; cover, George Brown; wings, Boney, McMillan, Laurenceson and Lockington or Brown.

Saints, Team Against Vic's.

The ice was too soft last night for the St. Georges to practice and it is likely that the team will have a light work-out to-night at the Mutual-street rink. The team to play the Montreal Victorias to-morrow night was chosen yesterday. Nasmith will play goal, with Lambe at point and Irvine, Ardagh at cover-point, Captain Hynes and "Chumy" Hill will play right and left boards respectively, while Charlie Webster will play rover and George Chadwick centre. One half of the game will be played under Quebec rules, E. P. Brown has been agreed on as referee.

For Ontario Athletic Union.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson presided at yesterday's meeting of the O.A.A. Committee appointed to prospect the provincial governing union. W. A. Hewitt acted as secretary. A resolution was passed advocating such an Ontario amateur body to include the following:

Ontario Hockey Association.
Canadian Lacrosse Association.
Ontario Rugby Football Union.
Ontario Football League.
Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen.
Canadian Canoe Association.
Canadian Police Association.
Ontario Y.M.C.A.s.
Intercollegiate Football and Hockey Associations.
Intercollege Association League.
Northern Trent Valley and Western Ontario Hockey Leagues.

Cornwall is Preparing.

Cornwall, Dec. 23.—The Cornwall hockey team has been doing considerable training in preparation for their match here on Christmas night with the aggregation of Montreal stars, who will wear the colors of Lachine. These gentlemen, who reside in Lachine, are all members of two Montreal senior clubs, and united make a very strong team. The Cornwall septet will be selected from the following: John Hunter, Garnet McDonald, W. Eastwood, R. Pervisal, A. Warwick, B. McCourt, A. Allan, H. Stiles and A. Degray.

English Sporting Gossip.

Not long ago the idea was launched at Oxford that the number of years an athlete represented the university should be limited to three or four, as at the American universities. Leaders in all branches of sport at Oxford thought this a capital idea and wanged to see how the project would be received at Cambridge. But the Cambridge blue committee passed the following resolution:

With reference to the number of years for which a member of the university may represent his university after matriculation, that the present rules governing the inter-university contests shall hold good for the current year, in order that the captain of the Rugby Club and the president of the athletic club may be enabled to consult their respective committees, the final decision shall be suspended till a meeting be held next term.

At this same meeting the boat club definitely decided that no alteration in the present conditions governing the university boat race should be made.

It is reported that David Billington, the swimmer, will visit Australia next summer. An invitation has been received in England from the New South Wales Swimming Association for a representative to be sent to the championships, and Billington has been selected as the man. A new aquatic wonder has been unearthed in that part of the world. His name is Wickham—a South Sea Islander—and he recently swam 50 yards in 26 3-5 seconds, which is within a fifth of a second of the world's record held by Derbyshire.

The contest for the amateur billiard championship has been decided and the title was secured by S. S. Christey. His opponent was C. C. Dehl, and the final score was 2000 to 685. Christey won the title in 1892 and 1901.

The death is announced of W. J. Innes, a link between the old and the new in sport. He was one of the keenest turf critics in Great Britain and a crank on rowing and billiards.

The Oxford and Cambridge trial eights have decided their annual races. The Oxonians rowed at Moulsford and the Cantabs over the Adelaide course near Ely.

Lanark County Curling League.

Carlton Place, Dec. 24.—At the annual meeting of the Lanark County Curling League, all the clubs in the league were represented. Officers were elected as follows: Hon. president, T. B. Caldwell, Lanark; president, G. H. Findlay, Carleton Place; first vice-president, Wm. Thoburn, Almonte; second vice-president, W. P. McEwen, Perth; secretary-treasurer, R. W. Robertson, Lanark.

It was decided that the final match of last year, unplayed on account of the ice breaking up, between the Smith's Falls and Carleton Place clubs, to decide the championship, be played off at Carleton Place on the 29th inst.

The matches for the present season are to be home-and-home games—that is, each club sends two rinks away and plays two rinks at home with each of the other clubs on the same date, bringing 16 men from each club into the matches at the same time. The schedule was arranged as follows:

Jan. 5—Lanark v. Perth.
Jan. 5—Carleton Place v. Almonte.
Jan. 15—Perth v. Smith's Falls.
Jan. 15—Carleton Place v. Lanark.
Jan. 22—Almonte v. Smith's Falls.
Jan. 22—Carleton Place v. Perth.
Jan. 29—Lanark v. Almonte.
Jan. 29—Carleton Place v. Smith's Falls.
Feb. 12—Perth v. Almonte.
Feb. 12—Lanark v. Smith's Falls.

The next annual meeting of the league is to be held in Smith's Falls.

Argument was heard yesterday before Justice Osler and judgment reserved on the application of Herbert Lennox to have Hon. E. J. Davis continue his examination before Special Examiner Bruce. The refusal of Mr. Davis to satisfy the Conservative interest as to whether he discussed with Absolom Wilson the subject of a government position prior to the by-election of 1902 is the cause of the request. Mr. Davis had replied that he did not promise Wilson anything prior to the general or by-elections.

To Fix Summer Rates.

D. J. Flanders, Boston, chairman of the Niagara Frontier Summer Rate Committee, has issued a circular to the effect that the annual meeting for the purpose of fixing summer tourist rates from Niagara Falls, Detroit, Port Huron, Montreal and Quebec, will be held at the King Edward Jan. 13-14 next.

A G. T. R. freight car was derailed near Newcastle yesterday morning, causing a blockade in traffic of several hours.

The Confederation Life Association have issued a neat Christmas card as souvenir.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant. 34

CITY'S UNEMPLOYED PARADE

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we tried, conscientious, hardworking men, too, a number of them were failures, not being adapted, or able to adapt themselves, to the new conditions. Skilled labor has no difficulty in getting employment, and it looks to me that the whole object of the meeting was not so much to benefit the unemployed as to try to prevent employers getting skilled labor from the Old Country.

Should Be in Farm Districts.

"I was over in the Niagara district this year, and visited the farm of a large market gardener who is also a florist and fruit grower. The prolific growth of everything astonished me, but the place was in the dirtiest condition, full of weeds and half neglected. I complimented him on the luxuriant growth and asked about the weeds, and he said he could not get men to keep it clean. Now, I do not know if he wanted men for summer work alone, and turned his help adrift in the winter as so many farmers do, but most of the men now out of work in the city are men who should have employment in the farm districts. There is not the attraction to go and work in the country there should be, I grant, what with long hours and low wages. In the winter the farmers do not employ men who have been engaged in the harvest season, and they flock to the city, which is not able to absorb them.

"It does not follow because a warehouse is busy and everybody in it is hustling around, that there is room for any more. You are aware of the difficulty there is in employing a new man on temporary work. He has to be shown how to do everything, and hinders more frequently than helps, and when he has about learned to be useful the rush is over. We prefer to keep men all the year round, altho at some seasons they have little to do. Our warehousemen do not begin till 8.30 and quit at 6, and at 1 o'clock on Saturdays.

Female Workers Scarce.

"Our real difficulty is in obtaining female help. Girls are not to be had, and it is not a question of wages. Beginners are getting $3 where $1.50 was paid a few years ago, and the $1.50 is clear loss. Our girls are a fine class and can make $7 and $8 a week easily.

"When I was in England I was interviewed by The Morning Post on the labor situation, and it brought me a large correspondence. One man who wrote came and saw me about his son, who had learned his trade as engineer working at the bench. He afterwards came to Canada of his own accord and had three positions offered him. He accepted one in Toronto, where he now is. I advised him to get into a good firm, stable financially, and to allow no small thing to make him give up his position. Skilled men never have any trouble in obtaining work, but many of the men do not understand their business. There are carpenters at work who never learned their trade.

"I sympathize very much with the men in their combinations. They have done themselves much good, and are doing what they could not have done singly. They have benefited themselves socially, and in the workshops. Their comforts and conveniences have been studied to a degree that would not have the thought of thirty years ago. But there is a danger of the men becoming arbitrary. They may use their power to encroach on the rights of others, and this will alienate sympathy. Many builders were afraid to build this year on account of the risk of strikes, and that has resulted in less work. Still, I do not think matters are so serious as to require special measures."

UNEMPLOYED SEE MAYOR.

To Protest Against "Luring" of Immigrants to Canada.

A demonstration was made yesterday by the organized labor forces of the city to protest against the immigration policy pursued by the various employers' associations in Toronto. The labor leaders of the city had requested all men in the city out of employment to meet at Richmond Hall yesterday morning, and about 500 were present. The majority of the men were immigrants who felt that they were the victims of misrepresentations, and who wished to protect their comrades in the old land from allowing themselves to be deluded into making the same mistake they did. The meeting was very orderly and the audience appeared to be made up of mechanics willing to work, who had no particular grievance against the state.

The meeting was presided over by A. W. Holmes of the International Machinists' Union, who stated that the men had been called together to show the untruthfulness of statements made to the effect that there was plenty of work available in Toronto for both skilled and unskilled labor. Speeches were also made by W. Boland, machinist; David Bell, business agent of the plumbers; James Simpson, president of the Trades Council; A. C. Saunders and R. Southwell, carpenters; George Sangster, tailor; George Reeks and J. W. Kennedy. Some of the immigrants also gave their experiences, which went to show that they have endured much hardship since their arrival in the country.

Resolution of Protest.

A resolution was passed expressing the protest of the men against the publication of literature tending to encourage indiscriminate immigration from other countries and urging both provincial and federal governments to take steps to prevent the wholesale misrepresentation by the Employers' Association.

After the resolution was passed it was decided to visit the Mayor at the City Hall, in order to impress upon the public the importance of their meeting. While negotiations for a conference were in progress, many of the men left, and only a hundred were present when His Worship stepped down the main stairway at the hall to meet them.

Mr. Holmes introduced Mayor Urquhart and said that they had no fault to find with the civic administration, but simply wished to present an object lesson. The Mayor made a short address and was given much applause. He said:

City Not to Blame.

"I regret that such a large body of men should be unemployed in our city, but I am sure it is a matter over which the city has no control. There is no doubt that the greatest wisdom has not been displayed in encouraging immigrants to come to this country with the hope of getting work under better conditions than they have in their native lands. I believe this has been one of the best years in the city's history for the workingmen, and if the responsibility has to be placed for so many unemployed, I am sure it cannot be placed upon the City Council, but rather upon the over-anxious desire of the government to get settlers for our country.

Ald Woods was also present with the Mayor and was emphatic in his declaration that whoever was responsible for the misrepresentations that had been made should be brought to account for their actions. He expressed his sympathy with the men and regretted that all civic works were at a standstill, opinion touching the authenticity or

The gathering then dispersed.

MANUFACTURERS NOT TO BLAME.

Immigrants Flock Here After Season in Lumber Camps.

P. W. Ellis of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to The World last night, expressed no little surprise at the manner in which the labor men of Toronto connected the manufacturers of Toronto with the over-crowded condition of the labor market. The assertions that they were responsible for the greater part of the present overcrowding was unfair, he declared, and his statements would be concurred in by the present complainants if they were thoroly conversant with the attitude of that institution thruout the year. The statement that was most made capital of, to the effect that the manufacturers had issued a statement this summer that they had positions for 11,000 workers, was in a great measure misconstrued by them. This number of vacancies had been declared by the manufacturers all over Canada, not in Toronto alone.

Apart from that, the present season of the year had always been a slack one in Toronto and all the large Canadian centres. With the large number of immigrants coming to Canada this year it was not surprising that a few were unfortunate enough to be idle for a few weeks when it has always been the case for a great number of our own mechanics to undergo this hardship.

From the Lumber Camps.

Then it was known to him that there were those in the body of men who presented themselves as immigrants to whom misrepresentations had been made that had been out to this country for the last seven or eight months and had previously been employed in lumber camps and on farms. They came to Toronto as soon as the slack season came on in the places they were working, giving as the reason that they were under the impression that Toronto was the best place in the country to get employment. The manufacturers had not encouraged any more men to come to this country than they had actually needed. It could further be shown that many of them had given employment to mechanics when they did not need them, sooner than see them return to the Old Country with derogatory stories.

As regards the Employers' Association, Mr. Ellis was sure that no blame attached to them for the present conditions. They had not been actively interested in bringing out immigrants. All they had ever done was to send to the Old Country applications of employers for specified workmen. Further than that they had taken no active interest in the bringing out of immigrants.

Spring Will See Demand.

Mr. Ellis expressed regret at the great number of men out of work at present and trusted that something would happen to relieve the situation. The country needed more people, however, he said, but he hoped that the present unfortunate scene of so many Old Country men out of work would never be witnessed again. One thing was certain, he asserted, that the spring would see just as large a demand for workingmen of all classes as ever before.

The Employers' Side.

It was stated at the office of the Employers' Association that since the last of October the association has been encouraging the emigration of none but skilled labor from England to Canada.

In a letter dated Dec. 10 to Louis Leopold of the Canadian Labor Bureau of London, by whom most of the British artisans have been sent out, J. G. Merrick, the secretary, informed him that it was useless to send out any more general laborers, as there was no work for them, the market being now fully supplied by farm hands, who had come in from the country districts. As to expert workmen, he had orders for a couple of boiler workers, two electric armature and coil winders, a brass finisher, coppersmiths, monitor and fox lathe hands, galvanized iron workers and three cornice workers, but these positions might be filled at any time. This completed the list of expert workmen in demand at the present time.

DEATH OF WILLIAM MONCK

Tax Collector for Years Succumbed to a Fatal Stroke of Paralysis.

CIVIC EMPLOYES GET INCREASES

Engineer Barrow's Salary Goes Up to $2000—Bad Italians Under Arrest.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—William Monck, 118 North Locke-street, who was tax collector for many years, died this evening at 5 o'clock. He retired about two years ago on account of ill-health. The end was hastened by a paralytic stroke yesterday afternoon. The deceased had lived here for over half a century, coming to the city with the Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade. A family of four sons and one daughter survive him. The funeral has been arranged for Sunday afternoon.

Some Salary Increases.

Christmas Eve found the members of the Finance Committee in a generous mood, and they recommended increases in salary as follows: Engineer Barrow, from $1800 to $2000; A. T. Neill, assistant tax collector, from $1200 to $1300; H. L. Barr, Alexander Stuart, jr., and C. W. Stewart, $50 each. City Solicitor Mackelcan produced a draft of the bylaw which will provide for a special committee to coax manufacturers to Hamilton. This committee will have the power to call upon citizens who are not aldermen to act as advisory members. These will likely be John Patterson and Burr A. Kennedy.

Italian Used Knife.

Two Italians who are blamed for engaging in the vendetta business at the corner of Vine and Park-streets, were locked up this evening, charged with aggravated assault on Louis Viscore. The prisoners give the names of Frank Discico, 90 York-street, and John Destefano, 120 North James-street. It is claimed by the police that the prisoners used a knife on the victim, who has an ugly wound several inches long on his forehead.

Died After Long Illness.

After a long illness, Mrs. James Reynolds, 9 Peter-street, mother of P. C. Reynolds, died this afternoon.

WILD CHARIVARI IN DAKOTA.

Mob Stone Bridal Couple and Steal Quarter of Beef.

Jamestown, N.D., Dec. 24.—J. J. Dirkson's home at New Home, in the northwestern part of this county, was the scene of a wild charivari.

Dirkson had just returned from a wedding trip east and was spending a few days of the honeymoon with his brother. Several young men appeared and demanded supper and beer. The bridegroom was unable then to accommodate them, but told them that on Monday night if they chose to wait he would prepare a special supper for them on the strength of his marriage. This was unsatisfactory to the visitors, and they demanded supper and $5 cash.

This was refused, and the complaint in the case alleged that the crowd then proceeded to attack the premises of the bridegroom's brother. They broke down the door, struck Dirkson, threw rocks into the room where the family and other guests were sitting, hitting the bride and making her unconscious. They also pushed a pitchfork thru the window, heaving coal into the room and hurting two children.

Not satisfied, they stole a quarter of beef and burned up two bundles of the man's shingles to roast it on. They ate part of it and ruined the rest. They broke three windows and two doors, plugging up the chimney, ran machinery up against the house and finally turned the visitors' horses loose, making them to walk home.

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G.T.P. WILL BE BUILT NO TROUBLE ABOUT MONEY

General Manager Hays, Home From London, Says Securities Are Good as Gold.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Chas. M. Hays, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk, arrived here to-night from London, where he was in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. Mr Hays was met on his arrival by the newspapermen, to whom he expressed himself as highly pleased to be back.

Speaking of the position of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Hays made the following official statement: "The Grand Trunk Pacific will certainly be built. The Grand Trunk never had any difficulty in raising the money, and will have none in carrying out the transcontinental project. As to the securities deposited, they are better than the cash equivalent. They are deposited because of convenience not because of failure to raise the money. There was a delay of a few days, but the time allowed by the government was rather limited. We have not violated any moral obligation to the shareholders of the Grand Trunk or broken faith with the government. The Grand Trunk possessed the securities for the purposes of the company and they were obliged accordingly."

"As to the building of the road, the contractors will begin in the spring. Our first object will be to get the east connected with the Great Lakes for summer traffic, and then to give Winnipeg connection with the east. The people of the West want more railway facilities, and we intend to give it to them as quickly as possible."

SAW WOOD FOR THE ARMY.

Prominent Men of Akron Take Novel Method to Fill Xmas Kettle.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 24.—One of the most novel sights ever seen in this city was witnessed by thousands of persons soon after noon yesterday at the intersection of the two principal business streets of Akron, when, to the music furnished by the Salvation Army band, William Buchtel, 81 years old; Ohio C. Barber, president of the Diamond Match Company; Mayor Kempel, Judge C. R. Grant and several other prominent citizens engaged in an old-time wood sawing "bee" to attract the crowds of holiday shoppers to the Salvation Army's "kettle." Nearly a cord of wood was sawed in this way and then was sold at auction. The exhibition netted nearly $300 for the Army's Christmas dinner for the poor.

The contest was the result of a casual remark made by Judge Grant last Saturday. He and Mr. Buchtel were watching citizens pass the Salvation Army kettle on the corner without depositing money when, turning to Mr. Buchtel, he