

NEWS OF THE HOCKEY WORLD.

The London Hockey Club executive met last evening, and made arrangements for the coming season. A letter was first read from Secretary Hewitt, of the O. H. A., in which he asked for suggestions in regard to grouping. After considerable discussion it was decided to recommend that a group of six clubs be made. The teams will be London, St. John's, Ailes, Craig, St. Marys, Woodstock and Ingersoll.

The next question brought up was that of the rink. It was thought that the Princess would be most desirable on account of its central location, and if suitable terms can be made the practice will be commenced there immediately.

The names of over twenty players of good reputation were handed in, and it is felt certain that a fast team can be put on the ice when the season opens. Coupon books, containing four and eight coupons, each, good for one admission, will be printed immediately, and placed in the hands of those interested in the team.

On Friday evening between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock the first practice of the new London Hockey Club will be held. There will be a large turnout and anyone desiring to enter for trial is requested to be on hand. All who play hockey are invited to be present, as the team will be chosen from the best players. It is surprising how many names have been received in the past few days. The citizens seem to have become interested in the new team in earnest.

Owing to the fact that it is likely that he will be placed on the list of western referees, Mr. John S. Brown, who was elected vice-president of the London Hockey Club at its organization meeting, has sent in his resignation. His successor has been chosen in the person of Mr. Archie Black, a well-known enthusiast, who will fill the position with credit.

Toronto Telegram: The president's request of the delegates to refrain from lobbying did not seem to have a great deal of effect on the malcontents from London and Hamilton, who were holding soirees in the ante-rooms all day. Hooks were thrown out for delegates that would do credit to an outside manager for a New York Tenderloin clothing establishment.

The suggestion has frequently been made of late that London should have some amateur boxing contests during the winter. There seems to be no reason why these should not be practicable, and some enterprising athlete would do well in carrying out such a plan. There are plenty of men in London who would be eligible for such contests.

If enthusiasm counts for anything, the

Detroit hockey team, recently organized, should be a success. Nearly 40 players, who in recent years have figured on strong Canadian teams, from Montreal to Winnipeg, attended a meeting held this week. The team probably will play its first game within two weeks against a team from this city. The club thinks it can choose the fastest hockey aggregation in the country out of the bunch of players available.

Two Windsor hockey players have joined the American professional ranks. Black having signed with the Duquesne Athletics, of Pittsburgh, and Carl Mienke with the American Soo. Black was with the Guelph, Ont., team last season, while Mienke was at the Soo. One player who has turned a deaf ear to the tempter is Ame Wilson, of Walkerville. For five years he has played on the team, and has decided to join the Coburne, Ont., team, an amateur organization and member of the O. H. A.

The Berlin Hockey Club has reorganized, with these officers: President, O. Watson; second vice-president, W. Williams; first vice-president, G. D. LaCourse; manager, John Cochran; treasurer, C. H. Roer; secretary, G. M. Debeh. The organization, of the O. H. A., intermediate series. Communications from the Marlboroughs and St. Georges, of Toronto, and others, asking for dates in Christmas week, could not be acted upon, as the new rink will not be completed before January, and there is no other rink in town, the old rink having been turned into a manufacturing concern.

A meeting of the executive of the Junior City League will be held this evening at 7:45 p.m. in the office of Dr. A. G. Fraser.

The Toronto Bank League has gone to smash. At a meeting of the executive of the league it was decided to disband the organization. Of the six teams entered in the senior series all but the Ontarios and Dominions withdrew, and the former bank was not any too keen about continuing. Under the circumstances it was considered advisable to close up shop. It is possible that one or two games may be played for the possession of the championship trophy. The majority of the Bank League stars will pursue the puck with local senior teams.

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ALLEGED CROOKED WORK TO GIVE CRESCUS MARK

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 6. — What purported to be a carbon copy of an affidavit sworn to by A. S. Jordan, of Lyons, Kan., created considerable of a sensation among the horsemen here when it was shown to them.

In it the statement is made that there was an attempt between the affiant, who was starting judge and time when Cresceus was sold to have made his famous mark of 1:59 3-5 on the Wichita track Oct. 19, 1903, and George H. Ketcham, owner and driver of the stallion, whereby the horse was to be given a mark under two minutes, regardless of the time made. The alleged affidavit also sets out that C. M. Irwin, president of the Southern Kansas Fair and Carnival Association, and Fred Stearns, one of the timers, were made cognizant of the scheme just before the trial was pulled off, and that the former concurred in it while the latter remained silent.

Of Harry Eames, the other timer, the affiant is made to state that he knew nothing, not even being aware that he was in the stand or held a watch.

The original affidavit will be presented at the hearing of the case before the board of appeals next week.

Both President Irwin and Timer Stearns saw the "copy." Both immediately wrote to Secretary Knight any reference to them was false and absolutely without foundation. Jordan is a horseman and a starting judge of considerable experience.

BASKETBALL.

TWO GAMES SCHEDULED.

Two games of basketball are scheduled for this evening at the Y. M. C. A. The gymnasium class will play the St. John's Athletic Club, and the Reds and an association team will meet.

To the Lungs.

Do you go to New York to reach Victoria? No. There's a better and more direct way. Then why try to reach your lungs by way of your stomach? Don't. Better go straight to the lungs at once. Just light the vaporizer and breathe in the healing, soothing vapors of Crescene. The medicine goes exactly to the right place. Your lungs quickly heal and your cough disappears. For whooping-cough it's simply perfect.

Vapo-Crescene is sold by druggists, or sent express prepaid on receipt of price. A Vapo-Crescene outfit consists of a bottle of Crescene, complete \$1.00. Send for free illustrated booklet. L. E. MERRITT, MILLS CO., Ltd., Agents, 288 St. James Street, Montreal, Can.

VERY LIKELY TO HOLD THEIR JOBS

Gibson and Grimshaw, Former Londoners, Have a Good Season.

The fielding averages of the Eastern League for 1904, computed by President Powers, show that two players who are well known to London baseball fans held their own in the fast company, doing so well that there is no reason why they should not hold their jobs next season. "Mooney" Gibson, who was a catcher in the City League at one time, spent the season with Montreal, and in 72 games he had 316 put outs, and 109 assists, with 18 errors, giving him a percentage of .963. Gibson is fifteenth in the list of catchers, but of those who precede him, only two participated in more games. Shea, of Newark, playing in 98 games, had a percentage of .963, and Allister, of Buffalo, in 81, with a percentage of .968. Dillon, who leads the batters with .988, only played in 48 games.

Grimshaw, first baseman for Buffalo, wore a London uniform in the Canadian League. He participated in 138 games—more than any other initial bagger in the Eastern—and finished third in the race, with a percentage of .984, only two points behind the leader, Carey, of Rochester, who played 134 games, and one point behind Daly, of Providence, who only figured in 125 games.

Loudenslager, of Baltimore, heads the second basemen with .964 for 61 games, although Connor, of Providence, is second in the list with 104 games and a percentage of .962.

Carr, of Toronto, leads the third basemen with .961. Cockman, of Newark, who is well known on Canadian diamonds, being fourth with .921.

McAllister, of Buffalo, is first in the shortstops, with .964, but he played in only 14 games. Only five of the shortstops played in more than 100 games, and of these Yeager, of Montreal, has the best average—.913.

Merritt, of Jersey City, did not make an error in 39 games, and consequently has a percentage of 1.000. White, of Toronto, was in 134 games, and in 248 chances he made only 12 errors, leaving his percentage .952. Harry, of Toronto, really led the center fielders, having a .975 mark with 127 games, in which he had 241 chances, with only 6 errors. Atherton, of Montreal, had a percentage of .976, but he only participated in 41 games.

Barry, of Montreal, and Harris, of Providence, had the possible 1,000 in 21 and 11 games respectively in right field.

NO CHANGE IN UMPIRE STAFF

American League Likely to Have the Same Indicator Men as This Year.

The American League will be provided next season with practically the same outfit of umpires that handled the indicator during the season ended a couple of months ago. To tell the truth, the American League has been blessed with some excellent handlers of the indicator within the last two years. Of course, the umpires cannot please everyone of the fans, who are sure to criticize the best of them, but the indicator is a matter of fact, and the arbitrators if they happen to see a play a trifle differently from the way it was decided by the umpire.

There are scores of fans who can judge balls and strikes better from the bleachers than Jack Sheridan or Tom Connolly can behind the bat. Last year the official judges were Sheridan, Connolly, O'Loughlin, Dwyer and King. The first three made good, although O'Loughlin was not so good as he was the previous year. But then the umpires are just as liable to make errors as the players, and this fact should not be lost sight of. It was King's first experience in fast company as an umpire, and after he got the hang of the game, he will probably be one of the best. The decisions before the players were made, he did well enough to warrant his retention. Frank Dwyer, the former catcher of the Detroit Tigers, the fifth member of the squad, is not likely to be seen wearing the pad and mask this year. He started out all right last spring, but his health failed and his eyesight became impaired, thus affecting his competency as an indicator. Dwyer, however, wants to retire on account of his ill-health, but President Johnson requested him to continue. Frank is a well known and popular player, and it is not probable that he will want to continue for another season even if he were asked. In this place Johnson will probably secure some man that has made good in the minors.

THE TURF.

McDONALD'S CLEVER WORK.

Alta McDonald has driven more sensational miles behind trotters and pacers in 1904 than any reinsman ever did before him in the long history of the turf. He is the only driver who ever drove two performers in one year to so sensational world's records as to be held by the American Trotting Association. He drove the champion pacer mare, and Major Delmar, 2:01 1/4, the world's champion trotter, both without a hitch, and he did it in the same year. McDonald virtually developed both Daniel and Major Delmar. He has now had the latter three seasons, and the former two. With the aid of the wind shield he marked Major Delmar and Daniel in 1:58 1/4 and 2:00 1/4, respectively. He has driven Major Delmar in 2:01 1/4, 2:03 1/4, four times in 1904, (equaling the best previous trotting record without the wind shield) twice in 2:02 1/4, and again in 2:03, and to the high-wheeled sulky he has marked the great gelding at 2:07, lowering the record of his long standing record of 2:08 1/4.

BIENNIAL CONGRESS ON.

Chicago, Dec. 6. — The eighth biennial congress of the American Trotting Association began here today. Leading breeders of trotting horses and patrons of harness racing from all parts of the country were present at the meeting. Considerable interest centered in the election of the president, W. L. P. James, of Terre Haute, Ind., who has served as president of the association for the past two years, and who received the support of the western delegates. His election, however, was opposed by the eastern men, who decided to present the name of an eastern man for the position. The board of appeals will be in session for a week, as there are 160 cases on the docket. A decision is expected in the case of Charles Ketcham, owner of the trotter Cresceus, the horse's record of 1:59 3/5, made two years ago on the Wichita, Kas., track having been questioned.

DENIED "RINGING."

New York, Dec. 6. — The semi-annual meeting of the board of review of the National Trotting Association began here today, with President P. P. Johnson presiding. The case of Dr. A. W. Turner, of Boston, who was charged with "ringing" horses at Combination Park, Bedford, Conn., and other tracks throughout the New England circuit, was taken up. Dr. Turner denied the charge.

HAMILTON MEN PLEASED.

Hamilton, Dec. 6. — Local turfites will be pleased to learn that the Hamilton Jockey Club has secured dates for next year's meet that will not conflict with Buffalo as the case was last year. Next year the local club's meet follows Toronto, and Buffalo follows Hamilton. This means that all the horses on the northern circuit will visit here, and local horse lovers will see equally as fine races here as at Toronto or Buffalo. The track is one of the best on the circuit, and next year. Next year the local club's ones held at Hamilton.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Jungle Imp, Van Ness, Slow Poke, Brush Up, Hymettus, King's Trophy.

FOOTBALL.

HEWITT, BY ACCLAMATION.

Toronto, Dec. 6. — Rev. A. F. Barr, who was nominated for the office of vice-president of the O. R. P. U., has been elected. He was nominated by acclamation, and he was elected by acclamation.

THE WHEEL.

BEHIND THE RECORD.

New York, Dec. 7. — At 1 o'clock this morning the 13 leading teams in the six-day race had covered 300 miles. The four other teams were one lap behind. The record for this time is 955 miles, 3 laps, made by Elkes and McFarland in 1900.

THE RING.

WILL MEET CORBETT AGAIN.

New York, Dec. 6. — According to a San Francisco dispatch, Battling Nelson, the hurricane fighter from Chicago, who stopped Young Corbett a few nights ago on the Pacific coast, and who is now matched to meet Jimmy Britt on Dec. 20, has consented to give Young Corbett a return match. Nelson says he would be only too glad to meet Corbett again, whether he wins or loses with Britt. Nelson states that in the event of his defeating Britt he will take on Corbett in two weeks' time, if he can get into shape.

Corbett and his friends are anxious to secure the match because they claim the Denverite was so much weakened by the drastic methods he employed to take off weight that he was unable to fight on his own terms. The fight was about even, but Root was a trifle more clever.

ROOT GOT DECISION.

Chicago, Dec. 6. — "Jack" Root last night got the decision over John Willie on a foul in the fifth round of a ten-round fight. Willie was repeatedly warned about his tactics. The fight was about even, but Root was a trifle more clever.

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FOREST CITY WON.

Another game in the A. O. F. Carpenters League was played last evening at City and Brighton. Forest City won by 27 to 27.

OFTEN WHAT APPEARS to be the most trivial occurrences of life prove to be the most momentous. Many are disposed to regard a cold as a slight thing, deserving of little consideration, and this neglect often results in most serious ailments, entailing years of suffering. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the recognized remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

Do Not Fail to Read It.

The popular magazine is the "Four-Track News." December number now on sale. Only 5 cents a copy.

An advertisement in the Athenaeum of London calls for two assistant mistresses in a botanical school, one of whom must be "well qualified in both physical and physiological sciences." The salary is \$500, or if the successful applicant has a university degree, \$537. It would seem to follow that a university degree is worth exactly \$37 per annum.

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Your appetite is gone. What little you eat brings no satisfaction. You're getting blue and melancholy—you can't rest or sleep. Nervous prostration is staring you in the face. Your unstrung nerves can only be nourished back to health by a nerve tonic like Ferrozene. It cures weakness of the inner nerves, gives vitality and strength to the blood and nervous system, makes all the organs work in harmony.

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Bylaw No.

To provide for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$15,000, for the purchase of the necessary machinery and plant and for the erection of the necessary buildings for the disposal of garbage.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board of Health of the City of London, it has become necessary to purchase machinery and plant, and to erect buildings for the disposal of garbage;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality the sum of \$15,000 to provide for the cost of the said machinery and plant, and the erection of the said buildings;

AND WHEREAS by "The City of London Debt Consolidation Act, 1891" it is, amongst other things, provided that the limit of the borrowing power of the Corporation of the City of London shall not exceed the provisions of any Act or law to the contrary, be twelve and one-half per centum of the assessed value of the whole rateable property of the said City of London, as shown by the last Revised Assessment List for the year 1904;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by the said Act that in calculating the amount of the indebtedness of the said Corporation for the purpose of ascertaining if the limit of its borrowing power, as fixed by the Nineteenth Section of the said Act, has been reached, the amount of its indebtedness for waterworks purposes being the sum of \$534,628 94, and any liability in respect of local improvement debentures,

issued by the said Corporation, shall not be reckoned as part of such indebtedness, but shall be excluded in computing the same;

AND WHEREAS the amount of the whole rateable property of the said City of London, according to the last Revised Assessment List of the said City, being for the year 1904 is \$18,380,346;

AND WHEREAS the general debenture debt of the said City, exclusive of local improvement debentures, of the said debt of \$534,628 94, incurred for waterworks purposes, which according to the said last Revised Assessment List is not to be counted as part of the general debt, only amounts to \$2,096,666 04, of which debt no part of the principal or interest is in arrears;

AND WHEREAS the sum of \$15,000 is the debt intended to be created by this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS it will require the sum of \$900 to be raised annually, for a period of twenty years, the currency of the debentures to be issued under and by virtue of this bylaw, to pay the interest of the said debt, and the sum of \$330 42 to be raised annually during the same period for forming a sinking fund for the payment of the debt created by this bylaw, making in all the sum of \$1,230 42 to be raised annually as aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary that such annual sum of \$1,230 42 shall be raised and levied in each year during the said period of twenty years, by a special rate sufficient therefor, on all the rateable property in the Municipality of the City of London;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON, as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the City of London, and the City Treasurer, to cause any number of debentures to be made for such sums of money as may be required for the purposes aforesaid, and to sign the same, or in lawful money of Canada, payable in gold coin, for not less than one hundred dollars currency, or such lesser sum as may be required, not exceeding in the whole the said sum of \$15,000, and the said debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Mayor and the said City Treasurer.
2. The said debentures may be made payable in Great Britain, Canada, or elsewhere, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest.
3. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly, on the first days of the months of January and July in each year, at the place where the said debentures are made payable.
4. During the currency of the debentures to be issued under the authority of this bylaw, the sum of \$900 shall be raised annually, for the purpose of paying the interest on the said debentures, and the sum of \$330 42 shall be raised annually for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of the said debt of the said loan of \$15,000 in twenty years, making in all the sum of \$1,230 42 to be raised annually as aforesaid, and a special rate in each year of the assessed value of all the rateable property in the City of London, over and above all other rates and taxes, which special rate shall be sufficient to produce in each year the said sum of \$1,230 42 shall be annually levied and collected in each and every year during the currency of the said debentures.
5. The said Mayor and Treasurer may cause the said debentures, or a sufficient amount thereof, to be sold or hypothecated, or may authorize the said debentures, or any portion thereof, to be purchased or taken up for temporary or permanent investment of the sinking fund of the City of London, and the proceeds thereof, after the payment of the discount (if any) and the expenses of the negotiation and sale thereof, shall be applied for the purpose above specified and for no other purpose.
6. This bylaw shall take effect on, from and after the passing thereof.
7. And it is further enacted by the said Municipal Council of the City of London that the votes of the electors of the said City of London will be taken on this bylaw by the Mayor, Deputy Returning Officers, and at the same places, as the election of Mayor and Aldermen, at the next ensuing Municipal election for the said City of London, are taken, on Monday, the second day of January, A. D. 1905, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.
8. On Friday, the thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1904, at his office, in the City Hall, in the City of London, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the Mayor will appoint, in writing signed by him, two persons to write up the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in the bylaw, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing the passing of this bylaw.
9. The Clerk of the said Municipal Corporation shall attend at the City Hall at the hour of two o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the fourth day of January, A. D. 1905, to sum up the number of votes given for and against this bylaw.

PASSED in open council this day of A. D. 1905.

Mayor.

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2. The said debentures may be made payable in Great Britain, Canada, or elsewhere, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest.

3. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly, on the first days of the months of January and July in each year, at the place where the said debentures are made payable.

4. During the currency of the debentures to be issued under the authority of this bylaw, the sum of \$900 shall be raised annually, for the purpose of paying the interest on the said debentures, and the sum of \$330 42 shall be raised annually for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of the said debt of the said loan of \$15,000 in twenty years, making in all the sum of \$1,230 42 to be raised annually as aforesaid, and a special rate in each year of the assessed value of all the rateable property in the City of London, over and above all other rates and taxes, which special rate shall be sufficient to produce in each year the said sum of \$1,230 42 shall be annually levied and collected in each and every year during the currency of the said debentures.

5. The said Mayor and Treasurer may cause the said debentures, or a sufficient amount thereof, to be sold or hypothecated, or may authorize the said debentures, or any portion thereof, to be purchased or taken up for temporary or permanent investment of the sinking fund of the City of London, and the proceeds thereof, after the payment of the discount (if any) and the expenses of the negotiation and sale thereof, shall be applied for the purpose above specified and for no other purpose.

6. This bylaw shall take effect on, from and after the passing thereof.

7. And it is further enacted by the said Municipal Council of the City of London that the votes of the electors of the said City of London will be taken on this bylaw by the Mayor, Deputy Returning Officers, and at the same places, as the election of Mayor and Aldermen, at the next ensuing Municipal election for the said City of London, are taken, on Monday, the second day of January, A. D. 1905, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.