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ST. JOHN AND SPORT.

The skating season should not be allowed to get too far away, and the enthusiasm it aroused should not be permitted to subside without some organized effort to ensure proper training and care of our skaters next winter. Indeed the plan might be enlarged to embrace representatives in field and water sports, so that St. John would always be on the sport map. Results cannot be secured by spasmodic action by a few people now and then. There is need of real and continuous organization. What form it should take is a matter for discussion by those who are most enthusiastic for sport. Some three years ago the St. John Amateur Association asked all organizations interested in playgrounds and in sport to send representatives to the Association. The response was very satisfactory. One result was the grant of \$20,000 by the City Council for play purposes. There was \$10,000 for the Rockwood playground, \$10,000 to purchase the new playground in the north end, \$4,000 for the supervised playgrounds and Boys' Club, and \$200 for each improvement. As a central organization to deal with sport the enlarged Association, however, failed to function as had been hoped. The various affiliated bodies did not keep up their interest, and it was impossible to broaden out as had been hoped. Can another sport and play association be formed simply to look after the representation of St. John in sports everywhere be more successful? One citizen tells The Times he believes there are several thousand people who would cheerfully pay a good annual fee to ensure such success. If so, why not act? How would it go for such leaders as A. W. W. Covey, Mr. Frank White, Mr. W. K. Haley, representatives of the Y. M. C. A., the Rotary, the City Club, and those interested in aquatic sports to get together and discuss the question from every standpoint? By bringing the skating championships to St. John last year and again this year a wonderful interest has been aroused, and with the advent of the Arena the game of hockey has been revived. With the improvement League playgrounds and that at Rockwood there has come a partial but growing revival of interest in field sports. Mr. Hilton Belyea has brought back a good deal of the old interest in aquatics. Why not capitalize the new sentiment in relation to sport and make St. John what it should be in the whole field of sport?

THE SECTIONAL CRY.

The St. John Courier prints an interview with Mr. J. M. Flewelling, M.P., on the recent Opposition convention. He pays a fervent tribute to Mr. J. D. Palmer, and says his resignation as leader was regretted by all. He was equally warm in his praise of Mr. Richardson as House leader. What he would have said about Mr. Palmer's successor is unappreciated because as yet Mr. Palmer has no successor. In view of Mr. Baxter's warning about raising the red flag or religious Mr. Flewelling would not, of course, assail the Government on those grounds, but he was able to find another reason for opposition. He quotes: "He strongly criticized the Government for practically making Bathurst the seat thereof, pointing out the fact that the offices of Premier, Minister of Public Works and Attorney General, three of the most important cabinet positions, are held in that town. While he has naught but the highest respect for the Government, the northern part of the province, which is entitled to a fair representation, he does not consider that fair play is shown to the southern part and is satisfied that the electors will show strong resentment of such favoritism being shown to northern New Brunswick."

The business of setting one part of the province against another may seem good politics to Mr. Flewelling, but if that is the best party has to offer it will not get very far. The rest of us are not kicking because a Charlotte County man is to be sworn Lieutenant Governor, but are welcoming him as the right man in the right place, regardless of his place of residence. It is true that Hon. Mr. Vanier and Hon. Mr. Byrne live in Bathurst, which, by the way is one of the most flourishing towns in the province; but the fact does not make them less the representatives in their official capacity of all the people. They will be judged by their acts, and not by their place of residence. At all events the Government party could find a leader.

The Times prints on this page today the first of a series of articles by a well known Canadian Journalist who is making a tour and who devotes today's letter to affairs in India and the relation of Canada thereto. Readers of The Times will be deeply interested in what Mr. Corman writes from week to week.

WHAT'S WHAT  
By Helen Doyle

John Thomas Kelly Jr.

Mr. Dooley on the Popularity of Firemen

By FINLEY PETER DUNNE

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