

THE LOCAL INTERMEDIATES TAKE A FALL OUT OF GALT

Visitors Have Better of First Half, But Londoners Come From Behind in Fine Style and Win Out by Six to Four.

The London Intermediates turned what looked like a massacre of the innocents into a very satisfying victory at the Princess Rink last night, by defeating Galt by six goals to four. Though the game was only an exhibition one there was a fine crowd present and a great deal of enthusiasm was evinced.

There was sorrow in the hearts of all Londoners in the early part of the game. The red, white and black didn't seem to be a factor at all, though there were plenty of line rushes, but as soon as the puck got in Galt's territory, McKenzie, the elongated cover, would take it playfully away from the solitary Londoner and chase it down the ice. The only salvation was that Galt didn't play much better combination than London, but their shooting was more dangerous, and Pearson made a couple of bad errors, letting in a couple of long shots and dropping another behind the goal line after he had stopped it. Jardine, at right wing, played a whirlwind game, shooting fast and accurately from all positions. Most of the Galt's tallies were due to his work. McKenzie, too, proved himself very disconcerting to the local boys.

London Braces.

At five minutes to half-time the score stood 4 to 0, in Galt's favor. Then something happened. London got started at last. An offside net goal gave London the puck, and "Jimmy" Orr placed it neatly in the net. A ray of hope entered the hearts of the spectators which became quite a healthy ray, when a rush was made from the face-off, and "Crow" Carrothers made the second goal, less than a minute. At this juncture things began to be interesting. Galt worked hard but were utterly helpless, and after another minute's play Carrothers again got the puck and started up the ice, passing to Bernhardt, who again passed it to "Jimmy" Orr, who did the trick. As if by magic London's combination got working, and time after time the forward line would go down. McKenzie, for Galt, was great at breaking up these rushes, but at last "Jimmy" Orr again got the puck and made a nice long shot from ten yards out. The half closed with the score 4 to 4.

The Second Half.

The second half was nothing but

Coverpoint's Philosophy

New South Wales has discovered that the Burns-Johnson fight was brutal, and will cut out the game. Perhaps somebody got wise to the fact that it was a paying concern, and, therefore, should be stopped.

The perennial story that Detroit, Chicago and many cities in the United States that needed this sort of advertising, are getting paragraphs to the effect that they will have hockey rinks this winter and form a league. Some time it may come true, but it is still some distance away, Helen.

If Joe Gans could only have held on for some days longer, a pugilistic band, composed of Gans, Johnson, Langford, McVey and Jeanette would be quite a nice hand. At that the last quartette are about all there is to the heavy end of the thing.

This Dr. Roller person is insistent upon performing a major operation or something of the sort on Al Kaufmann and will probably be accommodated. He will have to go some to be as clever at separating promoters from dollars as T. Burns was.

The latest dispatch from Sydney states that T. Burns is emitting a wall about the police and the referee. T. B. has done well up to this minute, and he should cut out the walls. He got his and got it plenty, and should be satisfied.

How about those New Year's resolutions? Are they still in their ever-green state, or have they been laid away in moth balls to pull forth at the end of the year, and made to do service again?

J. Johnson, pug, continues to make a noise like an unholy terror in the world of pugilism.

Miss Edna Goodrich, the actress, who is now Nat Goodwin's second or third, was there with the mercenary viewpoint, and also with the proper size-up of Nat's changeable ways, and has been able to get half of Nat's property in her own right. Which shows that love with a financier can be made to come through with dividends.

Claude Rossman, now says that he did not say what somebody says he said, and will play ball with the

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London, though Jardine never ceased to be dangerous. "Kenny" Casselman now began to shine as the bright particular star of the London outfit. He was everywhere, dodging in and out apparently as he pleased. Two minutes after the opening of play Abram shot from among a crowd for the first goal. The busiest man of the crowd was Howey, in goal for Galt. Howey is a self-possessed young man, who is very much there, and shot after shot fell harmless from his impervious shins. At last, in running out to stop a long shot from Carrothers, he left the goal open, and Bernhardt got the rebound, placing it gently within the nets.

Time was called with the score, London 6, Galt 4.

For London, Casselman was probably the most telling player, though all the men did well when once they woke up to the fact that they were really playing a game.

Pearson made a couple of bad errors, but he more than redeemed himself in the second half by stone-wall-jug shot after shot, and that was no mean task, for when Galt did get the puck it travelled Pearsonward with uncommon accuracy. Jimmy Orr lagged badly in the first half, but was there every minute of the time after that. Bernhardt, who played the difficult centre position, proved to a conclusion that "he was there," always there, waiting in front of goal to do the trick; his back-checking, too, was of first-class order. Carrothers also did fine work. The London boys showed rather poor form in shooting, and they can improve greatly in that line. Also, their combination is not all that could be wished for, though it began to look more like the real article in the last half.

For Galt, after the first half, there was really nothing but Howey, but the same Mr. Howey was almost enough, and if it had not been for his phenomenal work London would undoubtedly have piled up a big score.

The teams:

London. Galt.
Pearson.....Goal.....Howey
Casselman.....Point.....Flanagan
Carrothers.....Cover.....McKenzie
Abram.....Rover.....Munroe
Bernhardt.....Centre.....Morton
Orr.....Right.....Gilliland
Wagner.....Left.....Jardine
Referee—Archie McMahen.

Tigers. Claude owes something, you know, for getting away from Cleveland.

The local hockey team showed one splendid quality last evening, and that was in coming from "way behind and pulling out a win. They are game, a good quality, and no mistake. They will improve some, also.

Toronto is now enjoying midnight boxing matches under the patronage of the C. A. A. U. in the Star Theatre. Somebody is getting it, and getting it good, as the poet says, but we cannot guess who it is. Surely not the amateur? It seems that without Langford, who is as dead as a doornail, and then a few centuries.

The second of the series of races between Longboat and Dorando will be pulled off this evening at Buffalo, W. In common with other newspaper writers, have been asked if it is on the level, and we can only repeat the advice of the Toronto Telegram that all those who do not think it on the level should go on Dorando.

M. Donlin, Louisville star, is the latest to join the Hold-out Club. As M. D. has a nice meal ticket in Mabel Hite, his retirement is taken more seriously.

A "rassie" in Chicago took a nice punch at a referee the other day, because he went wrong. Nice games.

Just to make that Barry-Kaufmann fight read real good, a story is going the rounds that Barry fought twenty rounds with both hands broken. It listens like a sad tale, does that, and makes it quite probable that some reformer will clamp the lid on from the brutality standpoint.

Gus Ruhlin, the heavyweight crustacean, who was reported missing several years ago without search or regard, now stalks forth and flops the tail end of his shroud in the face of the new champion, at the same time emitting cries of defiance. He is not the only mildewed one that is kicking up the soles of long neglected pugilistic graves. We expect to hear presently from John Wille and the Philadelphia Trial Horse.—Chicago Tribune.

O. Father Time, who keeps the tab and scores the passing year, And spruces the barrier upon. The one that's coming here, We ask you with a contrite heart To make the one you've sent A little mite more cheerful Than the one that's gone and went.

—Chicago Tribune.

A Roman Catholic priest of Plymouth, Eng., has handed to the chief constable a box which he found in the cathedral near the confessional. It contained a quantity of jewelry, forming part of the proceeds of a robbery which occurred a fortnight ago at Westbury Terrace, Plymouth.

GALT PROS. DEFEAT ROYAL CITY TEAM

Galt, Jan. 1.—Galt pros. defeated Guelph in an exhibition match, 7 to 2. Guelph started the scoring, Mauser doing the trick, but from then on it was all Galt, Mauser scoring but one more for Guelph at the beginning of the second half. For the locals, M. Cochrane played a spectacular game, getting four of Galt's scores. The teams were:

Galt—Mercer, goal; Charlton, point; Murphy, cover point; G. Cochrane, rover; Krout, centre; M. Cochrane, right wing; Dussome, left wing.

Guelph—Booth, goal; Sanford, point; Black, cover point; Mauser, rover; Ple, centre; Dougherty, right wing; Mercer, left wing.

Timekeepers—J. Cockman, L. Lamont.

Referee—J. Fraser.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Berlin defeated Galt here tonight by 5 to 4 after the latter had downed Guelph in the afternoon.

Great interest is being shown in the league games here. Tuesday, between Toronto and Berlin, and big wagers are being placed on Berlin at even money. Tonight's teams:

Galt—Mercer, goal; Charlton, point; Murphy, cover; G. Cochrane, rover; Krout, centre; Dussome, right wing; Dussome, left wing.

Berlin—Lehman, goal; Gross, point; Young, cover; Seibert, rover; Taylor, centre; Dumart, right wing; Seivis, left wing.

Referee—Wm. Knell.

Penalties—Berlin 5, Galt 4.

Both of the above contests were exhibition ones.

ROAD RACE GOES TO ROY CAMPBELL

The five-mile road race run under the auspices of the C. A. A. U. yesterday morning at 10 o'clock resulted as follows: First, Campbell, of the Ramblers, time 28:00; second, Empey, time 28:20; third, Scott, time 29:00. H. Lackey acted as timekeeper for the race.

The course was along Dundas to Adelaide, thence to Oxford, to the Wharfedale and back along Dundas. The time was very good considering the rough and slippery condition of the roadbed, and as the time shows the race was very closely contested.

COLLEGIANS DEFEAT THE ASSOCIATION

"Varsity and McGill boys home for their holidays put the Y. M. C. A. out of business at the basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. The score was 41 to 40, but the collegians had the advantage of the one.

The result came as rather a rude jolt to the association players, who started in to walk merrily through the student line, but the second half, during the first half, but the second half was another story, and the game ended with the collegians wiser, the associationists sadder, men. The last quarter was a very pretty exhibition of the game, and created great enthusiasm.

The line-up was as follows:

Y. M. C. A.—Forwards, L. Skinner and Strudel; centre, E. George; defence, M. Brock and S. Hill. Students—Forwards, H. Shepherd (McGill), and H. Wood (S. P. S.); centre, C. Duffell (McGill); defence, G. Jepson (Western), and Duff Wood (Varsity).

Referee, Wickett; timekeeper, W. J. Brown.

NEW HOCKEY LEAGUE

Detroit, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Chicago in It, Says Slaughter.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—George W. Slaughter, formerly of Montreal, now of Detroit, is here with a big hockey scheme. He has purchased property on one of the principal thoroughfares in Detroit, which he expects to turn into a hockey rink, or rather a place of amusement. He is convinced that hockey, if properly managed, has a great future in the United States, and his idea is to form a big league, which perhaps might be made international by including Montreal or perhaps also Toronto and Ottawa. Originally, however, it was to consist of Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit.

Mr. Slaughter is prepared to put \$10,000 in the scheme himself, and he thinks he will have no trouble in raising the other money. Detroit, he says, is a place where there are no winter sporting amusements, and he is convinced that after the people there once see good hockey they will be enthralled by it. Mr. Slaughter has obtained full details with regard to the arena.

Stratford Wins First of Season

Stratford, Jan. 1.—The local Intermediates defeated Seaford in the opening game of the central district this afternoon, the score being 16 to 1. The lineup:

Stratford—Goal, Rankin; point, Forbes; cover, Baker; rover, Horn; centre, Edmunds; right, Simpson; left, Passon.

Seaford—Goal, Westcott; point, McKenzie; cover, Murray; rover, Smithers; centre, Reid; right, McLeod; left, Reeves.

Referee—W. Irving, London.

THE TURF.

Winners Yesterday.

Oakland, Jan. 1.—Winners here today were: May Amelia 9 to 5, Gilbert Rose 13 to 5, Machin 12 to 1, Firestone 18 to 5, Bill Eaton 5 to 1, Ocean Shore 4 to 1.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Winners today were: Oriflamme 5 to 2, Flying Squirrel 9 to 10, Pal 5 to 2, Woodcraft 13 to 5, Henry O. 12 to 1, Dominus Arvi 7 to 10, Varieties 2 to 1.

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RACING CROWD GAINS VICTORY

New York Turfmen Believe Ruling Marks Beginning of Better Times.

New York, Jan. 2.—Racing men of the Brighton Beach Association won a point, when the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn handed down a decision that the selling of advance information slips for horse races was not a device for gambling, and therefore not a violation of the penal code.

The decision was a victory for William Engeman, owner; Christopher Fitzgerald, president, and John Cavanaugh, secretary, of the Brighton Beach Association, who were indicted by the grand jury on July 13 last for violation of the penal code in question. After the indictment of these men John Stanchfield, their counsel, made a demurrer to the indictment, and argued it before Judge Dike in the county court. He asked for a dismissal of the indictment because it had been found on insufficient evidence, and Judge Dike upheld him.

Acting District Attorney Elder carried the case to the highest court which decided against him Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Woodward handed down a long opinion in which he declared he did not believe the legislature intended section 344 of the penal code to apply to advance slips at the race tracks. This decision was not let down the bars to betting, but all racing men believe it is an entering wedge that will ultimately result in better times at the tracks.

LISTOWEL DEFEATED MT. FOREST HIGH

Listowel, Jan. 1.—Listowel defeated Mount Forest High School here today in a junior O. H. A. game, 8 to 6. The score at half time was 3 to 3, and at full time 6 to 6. Five minutes each way was played, and Listowel scored twice in the last five minutes.

Mount Forest—Goal, Hinchey; point, Langlen; cover, Brebber; rover, Rogers; cover, Ross; left wing, McEwen; right wing, Giebe.

Listowel—Goal, Yule; point, Roos; cover, Compton; rover, Bart; cover, Bricker; left wing, Murtin; right wing, Roos.

Referee—J. D. Shea, Palmerston.

SIMCOE WINS AN EXHIBITION GAME

Simcoe, Jan. 1.—Simcoe defeated the Preston intermediates in an exhibition game here tonight, 9 to 4. The teams:

Preston—Goal, Halbarstadt; point, Rahm; cover, Bowman; centre, Walker; rover, Morrison; right wing, Doughty; left wing, Giebe.

Simcoe—Goal, Pym; point, Rocker; cover, Thompson; centre, Pretz; rover, Coates; right wing, Oatman; left wing, Andrews.

Referee—Robert Vance, Simcoe.

CHATHAM MARATHON

Chittum Brothers Finish First and Second in New Year's Day Race.

Chatham, Jan. 1.—Chatham pulled off a Marathon race today, fourteen miles, from the city to Charing Cross and back. The start was made at 10 o'clock before a large crowd of spectators.

James A. Chittum finished first in 1 hour, 23 minutes and 30 seconds, John Chittum, his younger brother, finished second, a half minute later, R. M. Miller, third, in 1:25, and Clarence Higley.

James Chittum took a lead of about 500 yards at the start, and held it throughout the entire race. Four medals were given, and the winner received a cup donated by the bankers of the city.

There were thirteen entries as follows: Roy Abraham, M. Bullingham, John Chittum, James A. Chittum, R. H. Dean, Howard Gilles, Ernest Gillard, Clarence Higley, Christopher Jones, R. M. Miller, H. S. Mahler, W. H. Park and F. C. Walworth.

INGERSOLL JUNIORS LOSE TO STRATHROY

Strathroy, Jan. 1.—Ingersoll was defeated by the local hockey team today by 5 to 2. The lineup was as follows: Strathroy—Goal, Fervie; point, Treghart; cover, Lowery; rover, Minish; centre, Avery; right, McDade; left, McKellar.

Ingersoll—Goal, Fisher; point, McLean; cover, Laird; rover, Morrison; centre, Barrie; right, Bowman; left, Wilson.

Referee—Pat Jay, Timekeepers—Sifton and O'Rourke. Goal judges—Whyte, Smith. Penalties—Colts, 12 minutes; Tigers, 10 minutes.

Between 1903 and 1907 mechanical cabs in London have increased in numbers by over 700, while horse-drawn cabs have decreased by more than 1,500.

Miss Ethel Cryder, one of the famous "Cryder triplets," was married quietly at Key West on Tuesday to Mr. Cecil Higgins, formerly secretary of the British embassy at Washington. The bridal couple received presents valued at \$20,000. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins will live in London.

The first lord of the admiralty announced that 490,000 gallons of oil have been bought for the navy this year, against 120,000 gallons last year, and 400,000 gallons the year before.

Economy and business methods in the administration of the affairs of the municipality are essential characteristics of a successful representative in the council. London Township ratepayers will recognize these qualities in Councilor S. F. Glass, and will return him for reeve for 1909 by a good majority.

CLEAR-UP SALE OF FANCY FURNITURE

On looking over our stock after the Christmas rush we find quite a collection of odds and ends that were not sold and which we want to clear out at once. This list includes:

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Cobb, Donovan and Crawford Sign

Detroit, Jan. 2.—Just before the year of 1908 became a matter of history and memory, President Frank Navin, of the Detroit Tigers, placed in his safe three large envelopes. Each of these contained a document. They bore the signatures of Ty Cobb, William Donovan and Samuel Crawford.

The three stars of the American League champions of 1907 and 1908 were the first of the old guard to contract to play the year 1909 with the Tigers. Donovan and Crawford entered the office of the head of the Tiger family Thursday afternoon.

"Guess we'll sign up for next season," announced the smaller.

"Yes, I want to make it my last big act of the old year," added the man of the Wahoo reputation.

The two stars turned over their contracts with a wish for a prosperous new year to the club president.

EVIDENCE OF RETURNING PROSPERITY.

Toronto, Jan. 1, 1909.—The prosperity of Canadian financial institutions is of general interest, and it is gratifying to learn that the year 1908, although acknowledged to have been a trying one in many lines of business, has proved to The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada the most successful year in its history.

From figures of the year's operations just made public it is shown that the new business undertaken exceeded \$4,600,000, and that the total business in force now amounts to almost \$24,000,000. During the past year this progressive institution increased its assets to over \$4,500,000, while its cash income for the year from premiums and interest amounted to considerably over \$1,000,000. Surplus earnings for the year, out of which dividends to policyholders are paid, have been very satisfactory, and the mortality experience was again greatly below the expected. Over 80 per cent of the company's funds are invested in first mortgages on real estate and debentures, and the rate of interest earned in 1908 was the highest in the company's experience, and averaged over 5 per cent. The most noteworthy feature, however, is the fact that in spite of the large increase in new business written, the ratio of management expenses was again reduced.

Messrs. Taylor and Jolliffe, the company's able representatives at London, inform us that the 1908 business of their agency was very satisfactory, and that materially in the making of so important a record by The Imperial Life during the past year.

FRENCH HEEL VINDICATED.

Cases of broken arches of the feet of women are increasing in number, and orthopedic surgeons for the last month or two have been keeping the makers of special shoes busy with orders.

Strange as it may seem, the trouble is traced not to the high heeled footwear which has from time to time been so severely attacked by critics, but to the roomy, easy old shoes, the comfortable slippers and heelless rubber-soled "sneakers" of mountain and camp.

This uncomfortable condition has been observed mostly with women and girls, although many men and boys are also sufferers.

"It could hardly be called an epidemic," said Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, the well known orthopedic surgeon, "for the cause of the trouble varies in individuals. The foot is made up of a series of small bones in the form of an arch. The weakness of certain ligaments which sustain it ordinarily causes the arch to fall, and the result is termed the broken arch, or flatfoot."

"Often the condition is traced to a slight strain, which causes the person affected to favor one foot more than the other, and thus gradually to develop a structural weakness."

"If the race went barefooted there would be no broken arches, for nature causes the foot to maintain the arch. The French shoes which bring the heel toward the middle of the sole and

The afternoon mail added Cobb's contract. An envelope bearing a Georgia postmark arrived. It contained the signed contract of the American League's champion slugger.

The contract of Davy Jones still has two years to go. Davy served his first season of a three-year contract last summer.

There is little doubt but that Matty McIntyre will join the fold within a short time, putting the crack outfield of the country aboard the Tiger band wagon for the season of 1909.

Ralph Works, an Albany recruit, who will be given a trial by Hughie Jennings about two months from now has also filed his contract. It best that of the veterans getting here.

President Navin will visit Chicago next week. He will meet Herman Schaefer there, and little doubt but that the Teuton infidel will sign his 1909 contract before another week.

act as a support give to the natives of France a good carriage which is observed even in the bourgeoisie. They do not have broken arches.

Easy old shoes, especially if they were badly made originally, and lounging slippers are largely responsible for flatfoot, for when they are worn the ligaments and muscles relax and become weakened.—New York Herald.

MICE AS PETS.

The wee mouse is a very desirable pet for small places and small people, while many persons of larger growth are among the mouse fanciers.

Mice can be had in a variety of colors, black, white, chocolate, red, yellow-silver, black-and-white, sable-blue, broken color and variegated, all of which have their particular standard and are bred as nearly as possible to it. The mice should be kept in little cages, separately or in pairs, and the female removed to a cozy box of her own when evidence of a coming family is noticed. The male occasionally will eat some of the young or at least tamper some to death.

Each mouse should have a cage or box about eight inches, with sawdust floor. They will make themselves cozy with any material you may supply for their nests. A very neat way is to make a long form, six inches high, and partition it every six inches, fitting it with wire doors. The cage is given a wire bottom, and then set it in a tray filled with sawdust.

Feed the mice oats or other grain, and bread and milk, with occasional changes to dog biscuit or some similar food and a piece of green stuff every few days. If milk is not provided, water should be. They become exceedingly tame, and admit of considerable fondling, evincing a sense of discrimination between the friend and the stranger.—Suburban Life.

TALISMANS IN MALTA.

There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents.

The superstitious among the Maltese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul, when shipwrecked, was cast on their island, and that it was that while lighting a bundle of sticks for a fire a viper fastened on the apostle's hand. St. Paul calmly shook the reptile off his hand into the flames and no harm followed.

The natives wear these stones as talismans, in which character they suppose them serviceable in warding off dangers from snake bites and poisons.

NATIONAL BOWLING ALLEYS

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They are found in St. Paul's cave, imbedded in clay, and are set in rings and bracelets, and when found to be in the shape of a tongue or liver or heart are hung around the neck. They are also taken internally, dissolved in water, which method is attended, according to some people, by more immediate results.—London Standard.

TRUTH ABOUT CENTURY PLANT.

The century plant, so named because of the popular idea that it blooms but once in a hundred years, in one sense makes good its name, for it blooms only once, then dies.

In the genial climate of Southern California it reaches maturity and blooms in fifteen or twenty years, while in colder climates the period may range from forty to fifty years. There are many species of the agave family, native to Northern Mexico, where it is called the maguey. The plant furnishes "pulque," the national drink of Mexico.

At the time of blooming the plant throws up a single stalk of rapid growth to the height of twelve to twenty feet, from which the tasseled-like flowers sprout forth. This great flower stalk draws all the sap and vigor from the body of the plant