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Will Reorganize for Better Amateur Athletics

Plan on Foot to Make Athletic Program Province-Wide, Embracing Not Only Larger Towns and Cities But Also Smaller Towns and Villages—Annual Meeting May 17th in Edmonton.

The Amateur Athletic Union of Alberta have sent out circulars giving notice of the annual meeting to be held on May 17 at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton. These circulars set forth in brief the objects and purposes of the Union and contain an invitation to representatives from all branches of sport throughout the province to affiliate with the Alberta branch of the A.A.U. of C. Following is a copy of the letter:

"At a meeting of representative men interested in the revival of amateur sport, representing Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary, held at Calgary on April 26th, it was decided to request the Alberta branch of the A.A.U. of C. to invite representatives from all branches of sport throughout the province to affiliate with said branch, and attend an annual meeting to be held in Edmonton on Saturday, May 17th. This meeting will be held at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, commencing at 10 a.m. "The Board of Governors of the Alberta branch of the A.A.U. of C. at a meeting following the general meeting decided that such a meeting should be called and this communication is addressed to you requesting your attendance on the above mentioned date.

"The objects of the Alberta branch of the A.A.U. of C. are: 1. The encouragement of systematic physical exercise and education in Alberta; 2. The improvement, promotion and regulation of athletic sports among amateurs; 3. The establishment and maintenance throughout Alberta of a uniform test of amateur standing and uniform rules for the government of all athletic sports within its jurisdiction; 4. The institution, regulation, and awarding of the amateur athletic championships of Alberta.

"The membership of this branch shall be limited to amateur organization promoting some branch of amateur athletic sport. Every member in the Alberta branch shall be entitled to representation at the meeting of the branch according to the following schedule: (A) Leagues—A team league of five clubs and under, one delegate; a team league of ten clubs and under, two delegates; a team league of ten clubs and over, three delegates. (B) Clubs—Athletic clubs shall be entitled to one delegate for each 200 members or under up to 600.

"Acceptance of membership shall bind such organization to abide by the constitution, bylaws and rules of the A.A.U. of C. and this branch, and to accept and enforce all decisions pertaining to such organization.

"The annual membership fee in the branch shall be as follows: This membership fee to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than the annual meeting.

(A) Leagues—Leagues composed of five clubs and under, \$2.50; leagues composed of ten clubs and over 5, \$5.00; leagues composed of over ten clubs, \$7.50. Clubs—Clubs composed of 50 members and under, \$2.50; clubs composed of over 50 and under 200, \$5.00; clubs composed of over 200 members, \$7.50.

"It is the opinion of the Board of Governors that this is an opportune time to reorganize our branch. We are passing through a period of reconstruction and it is felt that we must reconstruct along the lines of amateur athletics. Let us get together and unitedly endeavor to work out a plan so that our athletic program will be a province-wide one embracing not only the larger towns and cities, but the smaller towns and villages so that amateur athletics will be given a prominent place in our national life.

"If this communication does not reach the proper channels, we would request you to pass the same along to someone in your locality who will be interested in this project.

"Any further information can be secured from the following gentlemen: Mr. C. E. Race, University of Alberta, Edmonton South, Alberta; Mr. Jos. Driscoll, Edmonton, Alberta; Mr. T. A. Gaetz, Red Deer, Alberta; Mr. W. Beattie, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Mr. R. H. Dobson, Lethbridge, Alberta; Mr. L. J. Chown, care Wood, Vallance & Adams, Calgary.

SOCCER AWAY TO GOOD START

Eight East Teams Entered in the League and Fast Ball Promised

The 1919 soccer season got away to a good start on Tuesday evening when the Shamrocks defeated the Canadian National Railways by the score of 2 to 1. There was a large crowd in attendance and from the looks of things the Soccer following for this season is going to break all records. For the first game of the season the play was very interesting all the way through, although the Shamrocks had the better of the play for the most of the time, the C.N.R. made a valiant try, holding their opponents down to a tie until two minutes before time was called, when Dixon the speedy center for the Shamrocks rushed one through.

There are eight teams entered in the league, the G.W.V.A., Sons of England, South Side, Shamrocks, Canucks, Swifts, Radials and the Canadian National Railways. It is a difficult matter to pick a winner at this early date or to even guess as to the abilities of each team, the Vets appear to have a very strong line-up and will no doubt make a strong bid for first place. Swifts is another team that has been considerably strengthened this year and will come in when the spoils are distributed. The Radials are also much stronger than last year, their defence has been strengthened and will be able to support their fast forward line. The South Side will have as speedy aggregation as they had last year but they have rounded up some players that have had considerable experience and they will be a valuable asset to the team.

The Sons of England seem to be keeping their team in the dark but the Sons can be depended upon to put in a good team. The C.N.R. have a hard working eleven and will shape up better in the latter part of the season when they have played together more. The Shamrocks have some good individual players on their line-up and with a little practice will put up a good exhibition. The Canucks is an addition to the list of teams that have gone down in Edmonton football history. They are a team of athletic young fellows most of them having learned all they know about the game in Edmonton, no less than seven of them were born in or near Edmonton.

CLONEY TAIT WILL HAVE TO FIGHT

It looks as if Clonie Tait would have to defend his title in the near future or have the sad experience of losing it by default. Frankie Bull has popped up down east and has some fairly substantial backing in his claim for the title. He claims the lightweight title by default, stating that Tait refused to meet him when he was in the East over a year ago.

Harry Anderson is another claimant and can also produce some good arguments as to his right to the title, the main one being that he outpointed the champion in their recent bout in the city.

Tait makes a specialty of no decision bouts. No boxer can gain favor with the boxing public if he continues as Tait has been doing the past year, so the sooner he gets down to training and defends his title, the better it will be for him, for some morning soon he is going to wake up and find a new champion.

DIAMOND PARK NOW GETTING READY FOR BIG SEASON

Diamond Park is taking the appearance of the old Pro. ball yards when Ans. Young was on the job and kept everything as neat as a pin, and had the grounds as level and smooth as a billiard table. During the past three years the grounds have become badly dilapidated, the fence had holes that you could almost drive a wagon through, the grounds were full of holes and had the appearance of an unkempt barn yard. Now everything is in good condition, the fence is almost rat proof and the grounds are in as good condition as could be expected at this time of the year. Why? Because Ans. is back on the job.

MORE DAYLIGHT BOON TO SPORT IS RECOGNIZED

Amateur Athletic Association Will Interview City Council Asking to Advance the Clocks

The last step to make the 1919 season a success in Edmonton Athletics is the adoption of the daylight saving scheme. This is the opinion of all the different clubs in the city. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the power of the city council in bringing the system into effect. The city solicitor has given his ruling to the effect that the council have no authority to change the time.

The most of the larger cities in Canada have adopted the scheme. Some city councils have taken the responsibility and others have put it to a vote of the citizens. One thing is certain and that is the scheme would be a great boost to the sports of the city. A committee, consisting of Joe Driscoll and T. S. S. Davies, President and Secretary respectively, was appointed at the last meeting of the Athletic Association to interview the city council with a view to getting a final ruling on the matter. This committee consisting, President Joe Driscoll and Secretary T. S. S. Davies.

FRANK FARMER AND MICKEY KING WILL MEET AT EMPIRE

May 15th Date Set For Bout Between Two Light Heavyweights

Bob McDonald has at last secured an opponent for Frank Farmer after keeping the wires hot for the past three weeks in an endeavor to secure an opponent in Farmer's class. Farmer's opponent will be Mickey King of Seattle, middleweight champion of England and light heavyweight champion of Australia. Mickey is well known all over the States and carries a good reputation in his knap sack. He has been displaying his wares at the coast of late and the fans there judge him as being one of the classicist mit artists that has blown into those parts for some time.

Farmer is again in hard training at Carson's gym. Harry Anderson who made a big hit with the local fans in his bout with Clonie Tait is again in town and will work out with Farmer in a sort of a mutual benefit scheme as Harry is scheduled to meet Paulson in Calgary on May 20th.

The bout between Farmer and King which will be staged at the Empire on May 15th will undoubtedly be the best go ever put on in the city as both boys come from the A1 class of boxers, and as the bout will be a 15-round decision go both boys will put forth the best they have in them.

CANADA GETS NEW MOTOR TRUCK FIRM

Four Wheel Drive Auto Company Will Erect Factory At Kitchener

A new motor truck factory is coming to Canada. It is announced that the F. W. D. Truck Company, of Clintonville, Wis., will erect a Canadian factory at Kitchener, Ont. The F. W. D. truck sprang into fame during the war and over 15,000 of these trucks, which drive on all four wheels, were delivered to the Allies. Their total value was over \$85,000,000. Canada is the first country to be chosen for another factory.

The Four Wheel Drive Auto Company has placed the establishment of the Canadian F. W. D. factory in the hands of one of their original stockholders, J. D. Cotton, who will be managing director of the Canadian organization. Mr. Cotton will be assisted by Henry Nyberg, who has been actively engaged in the motor vehicle industry for twenty-four years.

TRACK ATHLETICS ON MAY THE 24TH

The 24th of May will mark the opening of the track athletics in Edmonton and Alberta for 1919, when the diamond will be the scene of athletic activities during the whole day. All kinds of races for all kinds of racers, with a sprinkling of football, baseball and lacrosse with massed games and other side issues too numerous to mention, will be the program for the day.

An effort is being made to get Athletes from all over the province to take part in the different races and it is hoped that the 24th will be a red letter day in Edmonton athletics. A meeting to complete arrangements will be held in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday evening.

Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators International Alliance will hold a convention at Ottawa in May. Last year the convention was held in Cleveland. This organization now has a membership of nearly 25,000.

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