

SPORTS AND PASTIMES

Hockey Teams, Yells and Costumes

Hot Sport on the Ice This Winter by Old Stags and Young Bucks.

Dawson has gone skating mad. If you want to find a man, go to the rink; if you go home and find no skater ready, the fire out and your wife missing, when you want to find her go to the rink; if your child is lost go no place but the rink. A few years ago during the height of the bicycle craze people were described as having wheels in their head, but nowadays it is the steel runner that has taken the place of the bike, and the infatuation extends through all ages from six to sixty. The rink and athletic association has become so popular since its opening that people are beginning to wonder how it was possible to have gotten along so well without it in the past years. Everybody either skates or curls and a great many do both, and from a moral standpoint it has been stated by doctors that the rink will do more toward elevating the standards among the male population than all other means combined.

Not the least of the purposes to which the rink will be put this winter is that of the enjoyment of the noble game of hockey. Located in Dawson and vicinity are a number of the latest hockey players the Dominion ever produced and as a league consisting of four teams has already been organized and a schedule of games arranged there will be no end of sport in that line as long as the ice lasts.

The teams having been so recently gotten up the personnel of each one is as yet scarcely complete. With so much material to draw from the first few weeks of practice will naturally be more or less devoted to the trying out of the most promising players. Those with a past record have already been decided upon as they spent their apprenticeship on the scrub seven long ago.

The N.W.M.P. team under the management of Constable Moreton, the crack tennis player, will be one of the strongest in the league. For goal they will have Constable Timmins, thus whom in that position there never was a better. Constable Wright will play point, Constable Currie intercept, and the forwards will be chosen from Constables Sinal, Hope, Brater, Rines, Swift and Fowle. The colors of the team are blue and red, the costumes consisting of blue sweater, red toque, brown trousers and black stockings. The boys are at great evolutions a yell that it is promised will strike terror to the hearts of their opponents.

The Civil Service team has J. C. McLagan for its manager, and it is deep in the trying out process. Of the dozen or more who will try for a place on the team only three or four have been definitely decided upon. L. G. Bennett, familiarly known as "Old Hoss," will captain the team this year as he always has in the past. G. D. Edwards will play goal, and Norman Watt, Randy McLennan, Jack Ellbeck and Weldy Young will probably be among the forwards. The remainder of the team will be chosen from among George Kennedy, Harry Povah, W. R. Hamblin, C. W. Macpherson, H. M. Martin, V. Povah, W. G. Harrison, C. V. Shannon and R. M. Blair. The team colors are red and black and the costume a red and blue sweater, check trousers, brown stockings and black toques. The following is the team yell:

Canada's civil service, C. C. S. Canada's civil service, C. C. Razzle dazzle, hobble gobble, Sis Bodin Bah, Civil service, civil service, Rab, rab, rah.

The U.A.A. team is under the management of H. S. Tobin. The exact personnel of the team and the position in which they will play is being kept a secret, as it is reported "Tobin" has several surprise parties up his sleeve which he intends to spring at the last moment. The pick will probably be made from the following: W. G. Radford, H. S. Tobin, Thomas Watt, Archie Martin, W. Athans, G. V. W. Howard, H. E. Haswell, G. G. Hulme, P. Forrest, A. Forrest, J. A. Carson, Ed. Sears and W. Muir.

The last team in the league, the City Eagles, is being managed by J. H. Thomson and it will prove a crackerjack. J. M. Merritt, of the Bank of B.N.A., will captain the team and a better all round hockey player never lifted a puck. His assistants will be Vin Keenan, W. Smith, J. Kennedy, J. Patterson, Chasney Boyer, MacLacappellain and A. W. H. Smith.

The schedule of games arranged consists of twenty-four in number and there will be one and sometimes two a week. The second game will be played next Saturday between the N.W.M.P. and the Civil Service.

TRANSPLANTED OAKS

"Frank at last I've thought what I can do with father and mother this winter." "Yes?" Frank Prentice looked inquiringly across the breakfast table into his wife's sparkling eyes. "You know I have been worrying about them ever since I was up there last month. They are getting old and it is so lonesome back there on that old farm among the hills! Not a neighbor nearer than half a mile, except the Browns, who live across the road from them. I dread to think of them spending another winter there."

"Yes, Adelaide, what's your plan? Tell it quickly, for I ought to be in my office this minute." "Why—just this, if you approve. The little cottage in the next block is vacant. I'd like to rent it, furnish it prettily, then get father and mother to make me a visit. After they get here I will coax them to stay and live in the little cottage. What do you think of it?" "Capital! Get them here to the city and let them enjoy life during the last of their years. They've worked hard, and lived narrow, dull lives on that little farm. It is time for them to have a taste of something different. Get the cottage and furnish it to suit yourself, and I'll pay the bills. Good-by."

Mrs. Prentice lost no time in carrying out her plan, and within a month her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Oaks) were settled in the little cottage.

"Now I call this living!" Adelaide exclaimed, to her father and mother. "I wish I had thought of it years ago. Isn't it a pretty cottage? And such a nice view from this bay window! You can see the whole length of the street!" "It is certainly pleasant here," replied her father, cautiously; "though as far as views go, seems to me there's more to be seen from our back yard, at home, than there is in this whole city."

"Why, father!" "You can stand right there in the back yard and look over into the old pasture. It's grown up to bushes some, and there's enough trees in it to make it look pleasant in hot weather; and when the cattle are feeding there, or lying down under the trees chewing their cuds, it makes a view I like. Then there's the river beyond the pasture—we can see a regular ox-bow of it, and the hills rising up beyond, away and away, up and up. An' days when the sky's reel blue and the air clear, we can catch a glimpse of Mt. Washington's old gray head, an' that's more than you can see in this city!" triumphantly.

"Yes, but father, it's so lonesome there. Why, there are days when not a person passes the house, and just look at the people passing here all the time!"

"I don't want to look at 'em! Now at home, when anybody goes by it's liable to be somebody I know." "But we think it's real nice here," Mrs. Oaks interrupted, fearing her daughter might think them ungrateful, "most too nice to use so common store carpets all over the house an' lace curtains at ev'ry window. Pa an' I feel as if we ought to sit in the kitchen."

"No, mother, you leave the kitchen to the servants." "It seems such a waste of money, Adelaide, to be payin' out money for a hired girl when I'd rather do the work myself."

"Sometimes I feel as if I'd like to go to the kitchen myself an' exercise a little," said Mr. Oaks. "Seems so queer not to have any chores to do. I keep wonderin' if the cow an' old Bill have been fed an' taken care of." "They are all right, father, don't you worry about them. Frank was up to the farm day before yesterday and looked after everything. Brown's folks are taking good care of the cow and horse. Frank says we will go up there and spend the summer. He is going to build a wing to the old house, so we can have room for our friends, and he will lay out golf links in the old pasture. It is just the place for a summer home, though it does not matter whether we make any use of it or not, all we want is that you shall be happy and comfortable."

"I know it, Adelaide, and we appreciate what you've done for us," said her father; and his daughter wondered why he looked so forlorn and sorrowful.

The two old people often walked together in the park; the trees seemed a little like home, and when the first warm days of spring came, they spent the greater part of their time there.

"That—that big elm, over there by the fountain always looks homesick to me, Hester." Mr. Oaks laid his hand gently upon his wife's. "Looks as if it belonged somewhere side of a country road, or else out in a pasture, shading the cows and sheep 'twould make a grand nooin' tree. Must be 'bout time for sap to begin to run. There's a sugar maple over there, but I don't believe any sap would run out of it, if you bored holes all over it. Don't seem to be any sap in the city—too dry for sap."

"Why, Eben Oaks! I do believe you're homesick!" "I know I am, Hester. I've been homesick ever since Addie—"

"You must say Adelaide," interrupted his wife, "she says it isn't the style to nickname folks." "I don't care what the style is, I'm goin' to say Addie out here where there's nobody but you an' the big elm to hear me. I say Addie was dretful good to fix up that little cottage for us, and it seems ungrateful to be discontented, but I am."

"If I was home now, I'd be makin' soft soap." Her voice sounded so plaintive that her husband turned his head with a flash of comprehension, as she continued, thoughtfully, "It does seem so strange not to have anything to do; I feel just as if I was stopping at a hotel; nothing but 'Hester, you're homesick, too!' shouted Mr. Oaks triumphantly. She nodded assent; her eyes were full of tears.

"Let's go home, Hester, we won't say a word about it. Addie and Frank are going away to-morrow to be gone a week. We'll just pack our trunk an' go home while they're gone. We'll show them that we're some use yet; so's the old farm. Go in to turn it into a playground! I guess not!"

They walked back to the little cottage briskly, their old eyes bright and their cheeks tinged with unaccustomed color.

Adelaide met them at the steps. "Why, father, how well you look today! I have been so worried about you for a long time. I was intending to call a doctor and get him to prescribe a tonic for you."

"I'm all right, now; I found my doctor, cure-and-appetizer out under the old elm in the park. Come in, so we can say good-by to you." "His wife darted a warning glance, and he added hastily: "Didn't you say you are going away tomorrow?" "I wanted to go with Frank, but you have looked so miserable lately that I had almost given it up."

"I'm all right, don't you give up any trip on my account, an' be sure to come an' see us just as soon as you get back."

"Why, of course! How strange of you to ask me to! Don't I always run in three or four times every day?"

Sap had stopped running, and the maples were showing their tender, reddish leaves when Adelaide Prentice turned into the dooryard of the old farmhouse. She smelled the odor of soft soap boiling, and went around into the back yard. Her father was piling brush upon the fire under the soap kettle, and was singing his wavering old voice triumphantly above the crackling of the fire.

"There everlasting spring abides, And never-fading flowers," "Why, father!" He turned quickly. "What does this mean?" "Soft soap, Addie; soft soap's always got to be made in the spring, you know." His eyes twinkled.

Her mother came to the door: "Din—her daughter." "Come right in, Addie," said her father. "You're just in time for a good 'biled dinner; first one we've had since we got home, an' we couldn't 'a' had this if the neighbors hadn't all turned in an' donated toward it. Mis' Billing's give the cabbage an' beets, the Sylvesters give the carrots, an' Gilman's folks the rutabagas."

Adelaide and her mother looked a little embarrassed, but her father talked on. "I guess you won't think I need a tonic, when you come to see me eat; home livin' an' home cookin' 'bout the best tonic that a body can take."

"But, mother! father! it is so lonesome here. How can you endure it?" "Lonesome! Lonesome!" ejaculated her father. "I never was lonesome in my life till I went to the city to live; there's too much goin' on here for us to get lonesome."

"Why, father, what ever goes on here?" "Well, Addie, if you could just hear all the doin's that's been done whilst we were away! Seems if we'd never get over what we've missed, nor make up what we've lost." "What have you missed, mother?" "I don't s'pose the neighbors have told us half yet; I keep hearin' things that happened. There's Lucindy Green, that greful old maid, she was married last winter an' went out west to live. An' old Mis' Donovan died; we haven't heard yet how she willed her property. An' the Greggs have twin boys."

"An' old man Turner's gone to California, an' I don't s'pose I'll ever see him again, an' I wasn't here to say good-by," said Mr. Oaks, sadly. "Of course, the city's all well enough for them that's been brought up in it, an' don't know any better, but it surprises me, Addie, to think that you can be satisfied there, after he's brought up in the country an' knowin' its advantages." "Orange Judd Farmer."

**WATER SUPPLY.**  
I shall secure all data, surveys and opinions upon the question of adequate water supply for mining purposes and lay the whole matter before the government and parliament with a view of having some practical method of supplying the same to those engaged in the mining industry at the least possible cost, adopted as early a date as possible. — James Hamilton Ross.

MONTANA TRAIL

**New Road to Reach Henderson Creek Direct.**  
Angus Matheson, the enumerator for Stewart and Ogilvie, got in last night, having come overland by way of Henderson and Montana. He says that Stewart crossing has been frozen over for some days, but that the mouth of Stewart is still open and Ogilvie cannot be reached. Down the river from the mouth of Stewart he understood that the travelling was first class.

He says that Territorial Engineer Thibaudan has gone out to cut a trail from Montana roadhouse to Henderson, a distance of 25 miles, and that this will help out that part of the country wonderfully, as Henderson miners would by this road be able to get in their supplies direct instead of by the round-about route of Stewart.

**Many Lives in Danger.**  
New York, Oct. 10.—A fire, which for a time threatened many lives, occurred this morning in the six-story building at 478 to 480 Pearl street, entailing a loss to building and contents estimated at \$75,000. Several times the fire seemed to be getting beyond control, and four alarms were turned in. In the rear of the burning building, on Baxter street, were two tenements, from which many children were lifted from their beds by policemen and carried to the street. The establishments of D. H. Corozo, electrotyper, B. F. Frank, photographer, S. M. Finella Bros., musical instruments, were completely burned out.

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THE ROSS PLATFORM

Whereas, in the opinion of this convention, the continued prosperity of the Yukon territory depends chiefly on the efforts of individual miners and prospectors, whose work is conducted under most difficult conditions, and the stability of the business of the country will be insured by furnishing regular employment to workmen; therefore, be it Resolved, That every effort should be made by the government to secure, and such changes adopted as would secure, the ends desired. That this convention most strongly recommends:

- 1. Reduction of fees for miners' licenses and for recording and renewing claims.
- 2. The abolition of payment of commutation for assessment work, and compelling the performance of assessment work upon the claim itself, or upon the claims as grouped.
- 3. The adoption of such regulations as will encourage the working of low grade ground and the development of quartz mining.
- 4. The amendment of the mining regulations in such way as to provide a mode by which, upon satisfying reasonable conditions holders of mining claims may obtain crown grants of the same.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR SMELTER.

Whereas, Large copper deposits are proven to exist in the vicinity of Whitehorse, and the work already done on the same has demonstrated their immense value; and Whereas, In order to secure the working of such property, the establishment of a smelter is necessary, and the establishment of such smelter would create large employment for workmen, and create a market for the coal known to exist in the territory; and lead to the large development of the southern portion of the district; therefore,

Resolved, That this convention recommend the encouragement by the Dominion government of the establishment of such smelter, by such aid in the way of bonus, or otherwise, as may be deemed best.

TEST MILL AND ASSAY OFFICE.

Resolved, That the interests of this territory demand the establishment of a quartz test mill by the government to encourage and develop quartz mining and the establishment of an assay office, to be conducted by the government in connection with the government mint.

CANCEL TREADGOLD CONCESSION.

Whereas, The supply of water and power to the mines on the creeks is one of the most serious questions of the day in the Yukon territory; and Whereas, In the opinion of the convention, the matter of such supply on fair and reasonable terms should

best be dealt with by the government itself, and should not be left to private individuals; therefore, be it Resolved, That the government be requested immediately to make careful examination and obtain reports upon the subject with a view of cancelling forthwith the Treadgold concession, and undertaking such supply as a national enterprise.

OTHERS HELD BY FRAUD.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention many of the concessions now held were obtained by fraud and imposition; that it is in the interest of this territory that such concessions should be annulled, and to that end that inquiry should be set on foot to ascertain the circumstances of such fraud and imposition, and action taken by the attorney general of Canada in the premises.

MINING MACHINERY DUTY FREE.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention it would greatly tend to assist in the working and development of mines in the territory, to permit the importation of mining machinery of a class not manufactured in Canada, free from all customs duty.

WHOLLY ELECTIVE COUNCIL.

That the convention views with satisfaction the increase of the number of elective members of the Yukon council, and urgently recommends that the membership of the council be made wholly elective, without delay; and further, that all matters of a purely local character be committed to the council for deliberation and determination.

AGAINST UNNECESSARY CONCESSIONS.

Resolved, That a policy should be adopted which would prevent the obtaining of concessions for hydraulic mining, except in places where the dirt is of such low grade that it could not profitably be worked by other methods; and that before any hydraulic lease should issue, notice should be given by the applicant by publication in the newspapers of his intention of applying for such lease, so as to enable protests to be entered against the granting of the same; and that the owners of hydraulic concessions already granted should be compelled to carry out the strict terms of their leases, and that in default of their so doing, their leases should be cancelled.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Oct. 10.—The report of the commission of inquiry into the remount charges and contained in a blue book issued yesterday says that the total number of horses purchased in Canada for use of the army in South Africa was 12,998, the contract prices being £125, cavalry \$140, artillery \$150. These prices included delivery at Montreal. The facilities for moving the horses by railway were good, but the trucks used to support them are capable of improvement, as owing to their faulty construction many animals suffer-

ed severe injury. At the railway company's stock yards at Montreal the horses were fed at a contract price of 40 cents per diem, but Col. Dent states that he found they were not as well cared for as they might have been.

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