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AMATEUR SPORT.

The evidence given in that hockey dispute at Fredericton is interesting only in its detail. It reveals nothing not hitherto generally known with regard to the manner in which those men whom we are pleased to regard as amateur players are engaged under regular contracts and at fixed salaries. What has been told of Fredericton is equally true of every other senior hockey team in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Moreover, this has been known all along to the organization which has pretended to govern amateur sport. The extent to which professional players have been engaged and the amounts paid them in salaries, have been limited only by the finances of the interested clubs. Every one has known this to be true, but the parties most closely concerned have frequently given out false statements when questioned, and as the M. P. A. A. is not a body having authority to conduct investigations under oath it has had to be satisfied with the unsworn statements of managers and others supposed to be honorable. Naturally the inference is that some men who profess to be interested in amateur sport for its sake are sufficiently unscrupulous to conduct their affairs dishonestly and in absolute disregard of the regulations which they pretend to uphold.

It should not be supposed that every senior hockey player in the province is on salary, or that each man plays for a share of the receipts; it is not the case that all members of baseball teams receive money, even though some of them may properly be classed as professionals. There are many amateur athletes, who participate in the popular sports for love of the game. Numbers of these men can find proper opportunity for the exercise of their skill only in teams in which professional players are present. It is unfair to shut them out from their proper class because of the presence of these professionals. It is equally unfair to classify as amateurs, men who are known to be in receipt of regular salary. But the disclosure at Fredericton serves to show the deplorable state of amateur sport in these provinces. Apparently the distinction between those who receive payment and those who do not, is that the ones in the first named class need the money. This question of their standing has nothing to do with the game. Meanwhile several of St. John's best athletes are suffering under a farcical suspension. They are men who have never taken a cent for their services, but who have engaged in athletics in company with members of teams who acknowledge their professionalism instead of denying it as so many "amateurs" have done.

NEARING A CLOSE.

Britain's parliament was formally dissolved today and writs issued for a general election. By the end of the present week polling will have been completed in a sufficient number of constituencies to indicate the probable outcome of the contest. The campaign from an oratorical standpoint has been a strenuous one, and has been marked by several features, gratifying and otherwise, not hitherto found in British politics. Many members of the House of Lords have gone on a stump, and by mixing with the people, have done much to overcome their rather unfavorable opinion developed towards them as the result of remarks on the part of government leaders. On the other hand the campaign has developed the habit of personal invective and abuse, and has robbed British political life of much of its dignity. There have been several sensations during the past few weeks. Among these have been the Home Rule announcement, the charge that the Chamberlain letters are not genuine, and lastly the introduction of the navy question, by Balfour. This German scare, has, it is said, become the dominant issue during the past few days, and while there may be some sound reason for Balfour's attack it may be believed that his adoption of that issue is largely a political dodge. It realizes the inflammability of British sentiment and knows that nothing can create such intense excitement as the possibility of trouble with Germany. Government speakers have given their prominence to reform of the House of Lords, and have partially succeeded in their attack on the upper chamber, inasmuch as many of the leers are themselves suggesting methods by which that reform may be accomplished. Yet practically the only charge against the Lords is that they are in the way of the Liberal government. They now and then refuse to pass measures put forward by the Liberals until they first make sure that the people approve these measures. This is practically the sole objection, and although it has been enlarged upon by Lloyd-George and

others it has not been materially changed. During the whole course of the fight, the various issues, previously in hopeless confusion, changed almost from day to day, leaving the confusion worse at the end than at the beginning, and whatever may be the result of the polling, it cannot be regarded as the decision of the people on any one point.

Harvard has turned out four graduates between the ages of eleven and fifteen. In five years more these prodigies will be behind boys of their own years. Infant wonders have a painful habit of disappointing their proud parents.

Michael F. Dooley believes Irishmen are so numerous in New England that the Eastern States might more properly be called New Ireland. This should be followed by changing the name of New York to New Jerusalem.

Boy in Pittsburg, undergoing an operation, coughed up a needle. Lucky boy. Most people have to cough up several hundred dollars.

"Millionaire's daughter is chauffeur's wife." "Heiress slopes with a waiter." "Daughter of steel king weds father's coachman."—Is it the millenium?

So General Booth has become a prophet foreseeing an early destruction of this wicked world. Well, at any rate, the General has done his best to stave off the evil day.

Three hundred went to the newly discovered Perceps gold fields on Saturday. That means about as many wild-cat schemes let loose on a trusting public within the next six months or so.

No wonder the United States government finds trouble in convicting corporations of dishonesty when its own officers are prosecuted for acquiring information from each other.

With Prof. Jenks' ability and Rockefeller's money there should be something effective in the newly organized campaign against the white slave traffic.

ST. JOHN IS GOING AHEAD.

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The List closes Jan. 14

LASHED THEMSELVES TO WATERLOGGED DERELICT

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The steamer Altai, from Central American and West Indian ports, brought in tonight the master and crew of the foundered three-masted schooner Nettie Champion, which became waterlogged in lat. 43° 10' N., long. 70° W., on December 27, when four days out from Norfolk, bound for New York. Five hours were sufficient to reduce the Nettie from an able vessel to a helpless derelict. At 4 o'clock in the morning of December 27 she ran into a northeast hurricane. At nine o'clock her main and mizzen masts were both gone, her cabins, hatches and everything movable had been washed away and she was leaking beyond the capacity of the pumps. The Nettie was lashed with lumber and did not sink. Her captain and crew lashed themselves to the davits and wined and stuck it out for 24 hours until they were picked up by the steamer Sarnia, which carried them to Inaugu, where they were transferred to the Altai.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Are you going shopping tomorrow? If not, you are surely going the day after or the day after that, for this is the month in which, if you are an average woman, you will go bargain mad.

The entrancing announcements in the street cars and the shop windows and the newspapers of articles sold at one-half or one-third their regular prices are all combining against your sanity. But before you quite succumb will you let me make a few suggestions, offer a few "do-and-don'ts" of this bargain counter?

First, when you approach anything which is being heralded as a remarkable bargain—as being sold far below its actual cost and all that sort of thing—I think you ought to say to yourself: "The shoemaker is not in this business for his health or his amusement. If this article is being sold below cost there's a reason."

And then I think you ought to make a careful and deliberate attempt to find out that reason. Never buy an article at one-half or even three-quarters its usual price unless you do find the reason. It isn't safe.

Because if you don't find it, then it may pop out at you in some very unpleasant fashion later. You ought to be able to reckon with the reason in your buying. The goods may be looking at you as if they were marked down simply because the merchant knows they will probably go out of style next year. If you are not a person who cares particularly about being in the forefront of the styles, that will not matter, but if you are that kind of person of course it will. The goods may be marked down because it is an unbecoming color or because it won't wash, or merely because the shop is overstocked with that particular line of goods.

It makes a great deal of difference which of these is the reason. It may be a reason that will not affect you at all, and on the other hand it may be one that will make the bargain as dear to you as any price. So I think it behooves you to make a vigorous effort to find out why any great markdown is such a great mark down before you do any buying.

Then never be dazzled by price reduction unless the article is something you want or need. Always remember that it is very poor economy, or rather no economy at all, to buy something you do not need simply for the sake of getting it cheap. Never lose sight of the fact that it is not what you pay, but what you get for what you pay that counts.

That a useless article is dear at any price—and that true economy consists of only prices but results. If you remember all these things on your shopping day I fancy it will have to be followed by a day of reckoning as such excursions too often are.

TOO YOUNG. He was a headstrong youth, and the peachy down was on his cheek. "Darling," he whispered, "I beg of you to give me just one kiss. They are intoxicating." But the beautiful girl shook her head and withdrew to the far end of the sofa.

"No, Freddy," she replied in tantalizing tones, "I don't want to do anything unlawful." "Unlawful, Miss Rose?" "Yes, you know it is against the law to give intoxicants to minors." And then poor Freddy melted away like a tub of ice cream on a Sunday school picnic.—Chicago News.

HAD HER LIKES AND DISLIKES. Woman's Tastes Not Satisfied With What Was "Good For Her." A young society matron who gives one day a week to philanthropic work undertook a class for training mothers under my direction. In reality it was a class in cooking, for the young matron is an enthusiast upon proper combinations of wholesome food. The woman came and listened, and then I suggested that the homes should be visited to see what had been accomplished.

One day she called upon one of her class in the early morning. The woman was trying to cook in deep fat, "why don't you cook oatmeal for the children, as I showed you. You know the cakes are not good for you." "No, no," cheerfully agreed the young man, as she flapped her wings. "But I don't like what's good for me. I like what I like." And the society matron has started a sewing class.—New York Times.

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SUSPENSIONS FOLLOW RECENT INVESTIGATION

Officials of Indian Service Have Been Neglected Daily While Attending to Private Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—As a result of the investigation which has been carried on for some time past and which will be continued, the Indian service may suffer a fate like that of Superintendent Benedict and the line school superintendents suspended. The investigation, which resulted in today's action, was entered into because of reports reaching the department here, charging the officials already suspended, as well as others, with certain interests in the schools at McAlester, Frederick H. Umbolts of the Chickasaw Schools, Ardmore and Walter Paywell of the Creek schools at Muskogee. Before any further action is taken in their cases, the four men will be allowed to make answer to the secretary of the interior, as to the charges against them.

From the report made in the case, it appears that Superintendent Benedict is connected with certain interests in Oklahoma which have more or less business with the Indians, which are incompatible with his service as superintendent. He permitted the schools to be taken over by the Chickasaw and Creek schools at Muskogee. Before any further action is taken in their cases, the four men will be allowed to make answer to the secretary of the interior, as to the charges against them.

Great Sale of All-Wool and Union Blankets at M.R.A.'s

A Mid-winter Clearance of nice warm, durable Blankets and an unprecedented sale of all-wool and union blankets, for boarding houses and hotels to save money. The Blankets are of select quality—really extraordinary value at the sale prices. Sale starts tomorrow morning at 8.30 in House Furnishings Department.

LIFE SAVING SERVICE NEEDS REORGANIZING

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 9.—Plans to re-organize the life saving service of the United States and increase its efficiency are advocated in a pamphlet which New England coast guards have sent to senators and congressmen, representing states bordering on the sea and great lakes. The pamphlet states that in the life saving service there are no inducements offered for recruits, no rewards for the veterans and practically no relief provided for those disabled as the result of duty. The complaint is also made that no increase in pay for long and faithful service is given and that nothing in the shape of retirement or pension exists. These conditions, it is pointed out, force men out of the service and prevent new men from enlisting, so that the whole life saving system is seriously crippled.

The pamphlet also says: "It seems that the laws providing for the detail of officers in the revenue cutter service to duty in the life-saving service to today operate for the best interests of the latter service."

Cosdy's big shoe sale is the sensation of the day. Saturday's trade was a record breaker in shoe business of St. John. From early in the afternoon until a late hour at night the store was so thronged that it was found necessary to place a guard on the doors and limit the number of people entering. People came from all sections of the city expecting bargains and the immense business transacted proves they were not disappointed. Extra sales-people were secured today so that buyers will be able to obtain better attention. Each day during the continuance of the sale the store will be closed between 1 and 2 o'clock for dinner.

P. M. Fleming of Halifax was at the Victoria on Saturday.

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Household Hints

Time and patience may be saved when putting cotton into quilts if the cotton is first rolled about an ordinary yardstick. Spread the cotton out on a large table or the floor, roll on the stick, then transfer to the quilt foundation and unroll.

To clean straw matting, put three pints of bran in two quarts of water and boil. When it is nearly cold, wash the matting with it, and afterwards dry it well with a clean cloth. Add a little salt to the water for white matting and vinegar for red.

Pilch of chicken livers is an excellent dish for luncheon. Boil the livers until tender and put in an open dish lined with rice. Put a layer of rice over the top and turn the mound out into the dish in which it is to be served. Cover with a rich tomato sauce.

While kerosene is now generally regarded as better than any drug store or barber shop preparation for the hair, it is not generally known that crude oil is better still. Used once a week it will destroy dandruff and promote a fine growth of hair.

To iron a handkerchief so that the corners will come out exactly even and square, iron it out flat, then fold its lower corners back almost to the top corners, leaving a little space. Then, when the second fold is made, the corner will push up and be exactly even.

Cauliflower fried in deep fat is delicious, and also a pretty dish. The vegetable should be boiled about half done and the flowers then broken apart and each dipped in a thin flour and egg batter, then cooked in deep fat and sprinkled with salt before serving.

For fruit granite, run equal parts of dates, figs and English walnuts through a grinder. Then knead the mixture on a board sprinkled with confectioner's sugar until it is firm. Roll into a sheet, cut into small rounds and form into little balls or squares.

Paint the inside woodwork of bedsteads with corrosive sublimate and turpentine, five cents worth of the former to a pint of the latter. Unacquainted brass can be washed in warm suds, then rubbed with salt and vinegar, put on with a piece of flannel. Polish with dry whiting.

Never darn knitted underwear with wool as it will shrink and make a hole larger than the original one. Use loosely twisted knitting. Use woolen yarn for a few minutes at a time as they are taken from the boiling water.

When finger nails show a tendency to brittleness, soak them in warm olive oil and let it stay on overnight. Petroleum ointment is nearly as good. Don't rinse the oil out, but let it improve the color. Rinse in skimmed milk, which will give a soft, creamy color.

Cover plates of paraffin figures with a thick coating of starch and water; let it dry on the surface and the dirt will brush off with the powder.

If the cake flavoring has been forgotten when making the batter, try sprinkling the required amount over the cake as it stands in the pan before baking.

Star Fashions

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Price of Pattern, 10 cents.

BLOWN HUNDREDS OF MILES OUT TO SEA

BATH, Me., Jan. 8.—The five-masted schooner Grace A. Martin, Captain Dec. 24 for Newport News and was one of the fleet of missing schooners from hundreds of miles off shore in the storm two weeks ago, arrived at Norfolk today. Word to that effect was received by Percy and Small, builders and owners.

HEALERS FACE A CHARGE OF MURDER

ROCKFORD, Me., Jan. 9.—Fred James, who was indicted yesterday by the Knox county grand jury at Rockland on the charge of murder of his six-year-old daughter, Agnes, at Thomaston, by poisoning on November 24, was arrested here today by Deputy Sheriff A. C. Bucklin.

Both James and his wife, who was an witness in another murder case in which an indictment was found yesterday, which charges Mrs. Sadie Newbert with the death of her husband by poisoning at Thomaston on November 18.

James is known in the towns and cities through this section as a "healer." It is expected the James and Newbert trials will take place the coming week.

C. H. Fuller of Yarmouth is in the city.

BREAD Watch This Space

A fresh reason given weekly for choosing Butter-Nut

MARRIAGES SMITH-PERKINS.—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 29th, by Pastor E. A. Allaby, W. Arnold Smith of Sackville, N. B., and Jennie E. Perkins, Springfield, Kings Co., N. B.

VILLAGE DOOMED TO SLOW DESTRUCTION

PARMA, Italy, Jan. 9.—On the hills between Parma and Piacenza, which are about thirty-six miles apart, an immense landslide is slowly moving. It is two miles in length, half a mile in width and its depth is estimated at 75 feet. On the top of the slide is the village of Scopello, recently occupied by a thousand people. It is doomed to destruction and the inhabitants have evacuated the village, transporting their valuables and the furnishings and altars of their church to safer ground.

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