

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

The Toronto News says: Geroux, in speaking of the Thistles' chances yesterday, expressed the opinion that the Wanderers are about to be separated from the cup. The team is stronger than ever, and the players are all in splendid condition. The result of the Ottawa game was no criticism of the merits of the team. There are a great many local followers of the sport who seem to think that the Thistles really are on the back trail, and that they will be lucky if they even retain the Manitoba Hockey League championship another season, let alone bring the Stanley cup back to the west after its lengthy sojourn in Montreal and Ottawa. The men who think this way are men who have followed the game for years and ought to know whereof they speak. There are others, however, who think differently, though just at present they seem to be in the minority. From their standpoint the Thistles are not only as good as when they made their last effort to lift the cup, but are a vastly improved team. They are of the opinion that the failure of the Thistles to make a more impressive showing in their initial engagements in the west was due not to any retrogression on the part of the Lake of the Woods men, but simply to their lack of condition.

The Central Canada Racing Association's annual ice meeting next month at Ottawa will undoubtedly be the greatest ever held in Canada. A correspondent says the entries so far justify this statement. He states that everything goes to show that over one hundred horses will compete at the meeting, including some of the fastest harness horses in America.

Dispatches from New York state that the benefit fund for Terry McGovern now amounts to \$5,000, with more coming in right along. McGovern at one time was said to be worth \$100,000.

Worried.—No, it will not rain today. The management of the Jubilee Rink have given positive assurance that there will be hockey tonight if it has to be played in rowboats. In answer to your second question we can state that so far as we know neither Peel nor McMahan is taking Nervura.

Doings tonight at the Jubilee Rink. The Hortons and the Orsents mix matters first, then the Hermits and the Waterloos will engage in a contest for supremacy. All of the teams are confident of victory, and some exciting contests should result. Mayor Judd will start the fracas, and at one minute after 8 o'clock the City Hockey League series will have been in full swing.

Archie McMahan, the popular local hockey referee, and all around athlete, is quoted as saying that if the City League games had fallen through he would have organized an independent team and challenged the Marlboroughs and other scrub teams to play exhibition games. Cruel, cruel, Archie.

"Butchery, not hockey," is the way the Montreal and Ottawa papers describe the Ottawa-Wanderer game at Montreal on Saturday night, but the opinion is generally expressed that playing clean hockey the Ottawas are superior to the Stanley cup holders.

Says the Montreal Herald: "Had the Ottawa players not gone in for butchery and given a little attention to playing hockey the result might have been different, for, before the game degenerated into a rough-house exhibition there was not a great deal to choose between the playing of the two teams and though the local hockeyists were two goals ahead at the end of the first half the result of the game was still in doubt."

"It was disgraceful" exclaimed Mr. Quinn, the referee after the game. "If that kind of thing is allowed to continue it means that a player simply takes his life in his hands when he goes on the ice."

"I have been timekeeper at a great many games," said Mr. T. Y. Foster, the penalty timekeeper, after the game, "but I never saw a list like tonight's. It is positively disgraceful."

Lacrosse is evidently becoming very popular on the other side. A few years ago they couldn't see the game at all. The Philadelphia Enquirer says: During the past three months the game of lacrosse has received a bigger boom than ever before in its history in this country. Harvard will take the initiative among the colleges in sending a team to England this summer and a Canadian team, the Capital Lacrosse Club, champions of Canada, will also take the same journey. The past winter has seen the former college stars in this branch of sport get together in Philadelphia and organize the Philadelphia Lacrosse Club, and in the preparatory schools, George School, of this city, has taken up the sport, as has the Baltimore City College, and there is strong probability that Lawrenceville Academy will adopt it as a fall sport. In place of football, the latter having been abandoned at that institution because of the death of Jack Knight, last year's captain, which was due to an injury received in playing the popular college game.

For the first time in "Punching Bag" Joe Grim's career, he was made to say enuf the other night when he met Tommy Burns at Philadelphia. The Italian has never been knocked out, and has stayed the limit with the best of them—until he met Noah. Bob Fitzsimmons punched Grim until he got tired of punching, and although he knocked him out of the ring several times and made him connect with the floor on numerous occasions, Grim stuck. Joe Gans walloped Grim for fifteen rounds without receiving a return punch—but it was of no consequence. The ex-banana peddler was Johnny-on-the-spot when the final gong sounded. Grim has met the best of them—with the exception of Jeffries—and Burns is the first man to make him yell "plenty." Tommy had but little use for the Italian anyway, his main reason for disliking him being that he was from the same town as Jack O'Brien. It is high time that Grim was called in. Some day there will be a funeral in his town, and the game will receive another setback. As a fighter Grim is nil. As a receiver general he is the candy.

SOUTHPAW.

Dutchmen Were Too Much for Stratford's Seniors

Got Away With Classic City
in a Great Game—Clinton
Beat Ailsa Craig.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The Dutch Company again looks to be the best company, for they trimmed the Stratford seniors in a great game of hockey by a score of 2 to 1. Fully 2,500 people watched the game. There was little rough play.

Stratford scored the only goal scored in the first half, Lloyd nothing it. Berlin pressed hard, but could not get one past the goalkeeper.

The Flying Dutchmen played a great second half and had Stratford on the defensive most of the time. Seibert first beat Nablain, and then Kneil got another. That ended the scoring.

For Berlin "Uncle" Gross played a swell game. The two new men, Seibert and Dumart won their spurs and look like fixtures. Ellis played a good goal. The Stratford forward line was fast and tricky. The defense was good. Wagborne refereed satisfactorily.

The teams lined up as follows:
Stratford—Goal, Nablain; point, Roberts; cover, Forbes; rover, Killen; center, Hera; left wing, Easson; right wing, Lloyd.

Berlin: Goal, Ellis; point, McGinnis; cover, Gross; rover, Seibert; center, Kneil; left wing, Dumart; right wing, Schmidt.

Referee, F. C. Wagborne, Toronto.
AFFILIATES WITH C. A. A. U.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—In accordance with

the decision of the annual convention, the Ontario Hockey Association, with 180 clubs in its membership, and forming the most powerful force in amateur sport in the province, has affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. The action was taken at tonight's meeting of the O. H. A. executive.

A CLOSE SCORE.
Uxbridge, Jan. 15.—The intermediate O. H. A. match played here last night between Cannington and Uxbridge resulted in a score of 8 to 7 in favor of the home team.

"CHAUCER" WAS THERE.
Kingston, Jan. 14.—"Chaucer" Elliott refereed the Junior O. H. A. game here tonight between the Frontenacs and Belleville to general satisfaction. The final score was Frontenacs 8, Belleville 4.

FROM HEADQUARTERS.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—An intermediate certificate for Reg. Clarke has been forwarded by North Bay. Clarke is a Stratford boy and he has been in the north for nearly a year.

Midland wants to play at Parry Sound Thursday instead of Friday, and a Toronto referee will be sent. Ingersoll wants "Chaucer" Elliott, of Kingston, to referee the junior game with Brantford. They say that he is a big drawing card.

Alliston has defaulted and Orangeville wants to know where next they will be grouped.

ONE-SIDED GAME.
Lindsay, Jan. 15.—The first home game in the Lindsay, Port Hope and

Cobourg Junior district was played here tonight between Port Hope and Lindsay Midgets, and was hotly contested. Although the score was one-sided, the game was by no means one-sided. The Midgets won out by a score of 12 to 1; half time score, 5 to 0.

SEAFORTH ALL THE WAY.

Seaforth, Jan. 15.—In the intermediate series O. H. A. match played here tonight Goderich lost to Seaforth by a score of 10 to 3. Half time score was 5 to 2 in favor of Seaforth. The game was clean throughout, few penalties being handed out.

HOME TEAM WON.

Collingwood, Jan. 14.—Junior O. H. A. match played here tonight between Newmarket and Collingwood resulted 8 to 3 in favor of the home team.

GAMES POSTPONED.

Port Colborne, Jan. 15.—The intermediate O. H. A. match between St. Catharines and Port Colborne scheduled for tonight is postponed. No ice.

Paris, Jan. 15.—There will be no intermediate O. H. A. game here tonight between Hamilton and Paris, as there is no ice.

GOOD INTERMEDIATE GAME.

Markham, Jan. 15.—A very closely contested game in the intermediate O. H. A. series was played here last night between Markham and Port Perry, the home team winning by 3 goals to 2. The half time score was 3 to 0 in favor of Markham. The referee was Milton, of Toronto.

INGERSOLL 8, BRANTFORD 3.

Brantford, Jan. 14.—A junior O. H. A. match between Ingersoll and Brantford was played here tonight, resulting in favor of Ingersoll, 8 to 3.

TOOK CRAIG'S MEASURES.

Ailsa Craig, Jan. 15.—The Clinton O. H. A. intermediates defeated the Ailsa Craig hockey team in an exhibition game here tonight, the final score being 4 to 3. The game was closely contested and fairly rough, half a dozen players being sent to the fence.

GRAVENHURST IS HUSKY.

Midland, Jan. 15.—Midland juniors won their first home game in the O. H. A. tonight by defeating Gravenhurst by a score of 5 to 2, the half time score being 3 to 0. The visitors came to town by special train with a large number of followers. The northerners proved a very husky bunch and for juniors are an exceptionally clever lot. The ice was in fine condition, and the game fast. The checking at times was close and early in the second half one of the Gravenhurst players was badly hurt.

HOME TEAM WALLOPED.

Brockville, Jan. 15.—Pictou defeated Brockville in a Junior O. H. A. game here tonight by a score of 11 to 3. The half-time score was 6 to 2. The home team were in poor shape and only their defense saved them from an overwhelming defeat. Chaucer Elliott, of Kingston, gave good satisfaction as referee.

PLAYED CALUMET OFF ITS FEET.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 15.—In one of the fastest hockey games ever seen at the Palestra Rink the Canadian Soo team defeated Calumet in last night's International League game 8 goals to 5. The ice was perfect, and playing seasonally in an exhibition game developed a whirlwind style of play, and swept Calumet off its feet in the last half. The first half ended 3 to 2 in favor of Calumet, Lalonde was injured early in the first half, and Wilson, who played in his position thereafter, proved a star. Morrison and McDonald played the best game for Calumet, though Mallen was not far behind. While the penalties were quite numerous, there was little really rough work, and Lalonde's injury was the only accident.

Summary of goals—Mallen, 2 mins.; Wilson, 3 mins.; Brown, 4 mins.; Morrison, 3 mins.; Morrison, 1 min.; McDonald, 6 mins.; McDonald, 3 mins.; Wilson, 2 mins.; Taylor, 9 mins.; Wilson, 4 mins.; Taylor, 1 min.

Canadian Soo—Goal, Hehman; point, Brown; cover, McBride; rover, Taylor; center, Lalonde-Wilson; left, Schaefer; right, McNamara.

Calumet—Goal, Nicholson; point, McDonald; cover, Shields; rover, Mallen; center, Morrison; left, Deorlie; right, Scott.

Referee, Stevens. Attendance, 2,000.

CRACK WING SHOTS

AT HAMILTON TOURNEY

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—Fully 100 of the best wing shots in Canada and the United States took part in the opening day events at the Hamilton Gun Club's annual winter tournament. Five targets and one live bird event were finished.

Only half of the big event, 29 live birds, \$500 cash guaranteed, was shot today.

Those who killed their first ten birds without a miss were: Smith, Roxbury; H. Scane, Ridgeway; J. E. Short, Hamilton; F. Galbraith, Ridgeway; George Haven; C. E. Dolittle, Cleveland.

There were fifty competitors in this event. No. 1 event, 10 live birds, was finished. The straight scores were: Smith, Roxbury; H. D. Bates, Ridgeway; W. J. Sanders, Manitoba; D. Scane, Ridgeway.

All who made scores of nine or eight shared in the money. Five straight scores were made in the five large events that were finished. All five of the events were at 20 targets, and some of the best scores were:

Event No. 3—Elliott, Galbraith, Dunk, Toronto; 26; Griffith, A. D. Bates, Laing, Beattie, 19.

Event No. 4—Tolsma, Stevens, 19; Vivian, Toronto, 18; Griffith, Loomis, White, Taylor, Fletcher, Kirkover, 17; Event No. 5—Dunk, 20; Griffith, Galbraith, Beattie, Kirkover, 19.

Event No. 6—Elliott, W. Smith, 17; Powell, M. Roxbury, Williamson, Ewing, Taylor, Fletcher, McMahan, Galbraith, 16.

Event No. 7—Taylor, W. Smith, 20; G. E. Burns, Brantford, Stevens, Galbraith, Beattie, H. Scane, Dunk, 19.

THE WINNERS YESTERDAY.
At New Orleans—Agra 5 to 1, Grosgrain 9 to 5, Lens 5 to 2, Minnie Adams 5 to 2, Merry Belle 20 to 1, Rusk 6 to 5, Retient 6 to 1.

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If you are in need of winter apparel now is your opportunity to get it at less than the cost of material, with making and trimming free.

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Regular \$6.50, sale price...**\$3.95**
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Men's Suits

Regular \$9.00, sale price...**\$5.98**
Regular \$12.00, sale price...**7.98**

Regular \$14.00, sale price...**\$9.98**

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Regular \$7.50, sale price...**\$4.98**
Regular 9.00, sale price...**6.98**
Regular 10.00, sale price...**7.98**
Regular 13.00, sale price...**9.98**
Regular 16.00, sale price...**12.98**
Regular 20.00, sale price...**14.98**
Regular 25.00, sale price...**16.98**

Men's Pants

Regular \$1.25, sale price...**.69**
Regular 1.50, sale price...**.98**
Regular 1.75, sale price...**1.25**
Regular 2.00, sale price...**1.48**
Regular 3.00, sale price...**1.98**
Regular 3.50, sale price...**2.48**
Regular 4.00, sale price...**2.98**
Regular 5.00, sale price...**3.98**

30 dozen Men's Winter Caps, in plain blue and black, fur lugs, all sizes. Regular 50c and 75c, at...**35c**

20 dozen Men's Fancy Colored Fleece Underwear, sizes 36, 38 and 40 inch. Regular 65c, sale price...**42c**

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THISTLES COULD NOT LIFT TROPHY

Beaten in Game With South-
ampton by 24 Shots—Also
Lost at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Jan. 15.—The Thistle Curling Club of London played a friendly game with three rinks of the Granites here today. The ice was in fair condition. The game was not wanting in some excellent playing. The Thistles, this morning, London, the Londoners just saved their bacon.

London.
A. J. McGuffin, G. D. McColl,
A. E. Barbour, W. Ross,
W. T. Strong, W. K. Pearce,
G. H. Backus, A. E. Pearson,
skip.....10 skip.....22

Thos. Dealy, J. Livard,
W. E. Findlay, G. Ellison,
A. N. Heaman, D. J. Lumley,
C. M. Graham, F. Doggett,
skip.....11 skip.....14

W. Boughner, A. N. C. Black,
R. D. McDonald, C. McKerrill,
C. N. Sterling, S. O. Perry,
W. Fulton, R. M. Anderson,
skip.....11 skip.....10

Total.....32 Total.....46
Majority for St. Thomas, 14 shots.

COULDN'T LIFT TROPHY.
Southampton, Jan. 15.—The second game of the season for the Glen challenge trophy was played here with the London Thistles this morning. Southampton winning by 28 shots.

The ice was in perfect condition, and although the count was always in favor of the "sailor boys," good playing was done on both sides. The rinks were:

London.
W. Smith, M. McAuley,
C. H. Tume, George McIver,
A. Talbot, W. J. Cameron,
S. D. Swift, Brock McAuley,
skip.....8 skip.....34

Following is the score by ends:
London.....000000210101001002—34
Southampton.....323221003010340110—34

CENTRAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Brockville, Jan. 15.—In the Central Ontario Curling League series here tonight two junior rinks of Kingston defeated the Brockville juniors by six shots. The seniors of Kingston were defeated by the eastern hospital rinks this afternoon, but won from the Brockville by a good score.

THE RING.
THINKS GANS CAN BEAT O'BRIEN.
New York, Jan. 15.—George Considine says that he will back Joe Gans to beat Philadelphia Jack O'Brien under any conditions that are reasonable. Considine believes that O'Brien is greatly overrated, and that he is a sure thing man when it comes to making matches. Other well posted sporting men have made the assertion time and time again that O'Brien never takes a chance in the ring unless he feels reasonably sure that things have been so

London Meeting June 11 to 14

The following dates have been fixed for harness meets:
London—June 11, 12, 13, 14.
Mitchell—May 24.
Seaforth—June 19, 20, 21.
Listowel—June 25, 26, 27.
Stratford—July 1, 2, 3, 4.
Preston—July 17, 18, 19.
Hamilton—July 9, 10, 11.
Wingham—June 5, 6.

WIRETAPPERS' BIG HAUL

Horseman Said To Have Been Fleece
To Extent of \$75,000.

New York, Jan. 16.—It is rumored about the police headquarters today that detectives from the central office had been ordered to round up all the "wire tappers" in the town. These swindlers never tap the wires. This order, it was said, followed a report that a well-known horse owner had been fleeced by the "wire tappers" to the tune of \$70,000. The victim was led into the trap innocently by a downtown broker, who was used as bait by the gang.

It was known that the broker was closely associated with the horse owners, so the "wire tappers" made his acquaintance and then permitted him to win \$10,000. He introduced the horse owner into the scheme. The latter said he was familiar with the ways of "fakos" and "wire tappers," but they succeeded in duping him into the belief they were real tappers of race-track wires, and, after feeding out \$5,000 in bait, they succeeded in landing the big fish.

All the members of the gang which did the fleecing are well known to the police, and their pictures are in the regues' gallery, but they kept in the background while the game was being worked by men in their employ, who simply got a rake-off.

After permitting the horse owner to win \$5,000, they induced him to put up \$75,000 on the understanding that this amount would clean up the poolrooms in three cities and net the investor \$500,000. He lost the \$75,000, of course.

Although he did not complain to the police, they heard about the swindle on the following day. The tapless tappers have been working the upper part of the city recently and have succeeded in cleaning up several hundred thousands of dollars.

A week ago they got \$28,000 from a London merchant, who was here on a visit, and a few days before that they got \$10,000 from a Brooklyn business man. Scores of similar cases have been talked about along Broadway, but only a few victims have carried the stories of their losses to the police.

Sicily furnishes 80 per cent of the world's production of sulphur—about 500,000 tons a year. By a new Italian law all the Sicilian sulphur companies have been forced to form a trust.

Don't fail to see Daisy Harcourt next week. Bennett's.

SOUTH OXFORD LIBERALS ON DECK

Well Organized and Ready for
Action—A Rousing Meeting
and Able Addresses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Jan. 15.—An unusually large and enthusiastic meeting of the Liberals of South Oxford was held in the town hall here this afternoon. In reality it was the largest and most successful annual meeting ever held in the riding.

On account of the inability of Wm. Fairley, the president, to be in attendance, the chair was occupied by Mr. H. P. Havens, vice-president. Secretary-Treasurer L. K. Short, of Tillsonburg, was on duty, and after the minutes were read, the speaker, Hon. A. G. McKay and Mr. Carroll were given all the time they chose to take, the others generously giving way for them. Each speaker was given a cordial greeting, and liberally applauded. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the addresses on the public questions of the day were listened to with manifestations of appreciation.

A letter was read from President Fairley, expressing his sincere regret at being absent; another from F. G. Inwood, Toronto, secretary of the Provincial Reform Association, urging the desirability of extending the circulation of good Liberal newspapers among the people, as an educative influence. The suggestion made by Mr. Kneil that young Liberal clubs be organized throughout the riding met with hearty approval.

The Officers.

The following officers were elected for the current year:
President—H. P. Havens.
Vice-President—John Rock.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. K. Short, Tillsonburg.

The officers of the polling subdivisions are as follows:
North Norwich, C. E. Burgess, A. Frayne; No. 1, John McKee; No. 2, Wm. Kneil; No. 3, A. Kirkpatrick; No. 4, F. Abraham.

South Norwich, Alex. McFarlane, M. Durkee; No. 1, W. McNamara; No. 2, Austin Sherwood; No. 3, Wm. Holmes; No. 4, J. R. Johnston; No. 5, James Innes, Jun.

North Oxford, R. Seldon, Andrew Dunn; No. 1, J. Clark; No. 2, Wm. Colyer; No. 3, N. Dunn; No. 4, J. E. Fordon.

West Oxford—F. A. Brink, J. Collier; No. 1, Martin McWilliams; No. 2, A. A. Bremner; No. 3, W. H. Cody; No. 4, Spurgeon Poole.

East Oxford—T. J. Lammernan, Walter Schell; No. 1, Allan Kneil; No. 2, J. P. P. Scott; No. 3, J. F. Elliott; No. 4, J. W. Scott.

Dorham—Fred Brown, Wm. Jones; No. 1, Wilbur Foster; No. 2, Jas. Hunter; No. 3, James Stockley; No. 4, J. Nichols; No. 5, T. Messenger; No. 6, J. Fulton, Jun.

Ingersoll—George Sutherland, M. J. Comiskey; No. 1, John McDonald; No. 2, H. D. McCarty; No. 3, M. T. Buchanan; No. 4, J. F. Morrey; No. 5, J. E. Grier; No. 6, W. J. Elliott.

Tillsonburg—C. H. Denton, W. J. Williams; No. 1, John McDonald; No. 2, F. E. Aldrich; No. 3, H. Buckenbrough. Norwich Village—H. W. Egman, Dr. J. H. Fray; No. 1, C. G. Hulett; No. 2, J. A. Yoe; No. 3, H. Van Valkenburg.

The Speakers.

Hon. A. G. McKay, M. P., North Grey; F. B. Carroll, M. P., Carleton, N. B.; M. S. Schell, M. P., South Oxford; Dr. McKee, ex-M. P., P., and W. A. Dowler, K. C., the unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature over a couple of years ago, were present, and each delivered short addresses, though, of course, Hon. A. G. McKay and Mr. Carroll were given all the time they chose to take, the others generously giving way for them. Each speaker was given a cordial greeting, and liberally applauded. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the addresses on the public questions of the day were listened to with manifestations of appreciation.

At the close of the speaking hearty votes of thanks were moved by Mr. Dowler and Dr. McKay to the speakers, who had come a long distance to address the electors, and unanimously carried.

A hearty indorsement of Premier Laurier and his able administration was carried with great enthusiasm. Cheers were then given for the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, our worthy Premier.

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The kidneys, proper, are composed of a close network of fibrous tissue, interlaced with tiny elastic fibres. Their object is the excretion of the uric acid, and other poisonous matter composing the urine, from the blood.

They are continuously at work to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of kidney trouble, but do not suspect it.

Some of the symptoms are: A feeling of weakness in the small of the back, sharp pains in back, puffiness under the eyes, and swelling of the feet and ankles, urinary troubles such as suppressed urination, excessive urination, cloudy, thick or highly colored urine, etc.

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