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ICE SPORTS

is the greatest skating...  
The public gives the...  
The attendance at meets held...  
Shows Up Well.

Fred Tufts, who handled the St. John hockey team this season, was asked what he thought of the situation as far as his line was concerned, and said that in spite of the fact that the St. John team of 1909 had put up a gilt edge game and had shown up well against outside teams, the public had failed to support the hockey boys as the latter deserved. The result had been a deficit which the players had to meet by drawing on their own finances. Mr. Tufts, however, was most enthusiastic concerning next year and expressed the opinion that a New Brunswick league of five or six teams would be in existence.

Wants Professional Team.  
"Personally I believe," said Mr. Tufts, "that a professional team is what we need in St. John. If we could get one started and give the public fast hockey the public would give us its support all right."  
May Have Men Sent.  
In connection with the proposed re-erecting of the N. B. H. L., Mr. Tufts may be said to have a very spasmic modern hockey rink is to be erected in St. Stephen and that the Border Town will again have a fast setting on the ice. It would be a good thing if the St. John would follow suit as a matter of badly needed here, if the winter Port teams are to be in line. Efforts towards securing such a building are very spasmodic. As a gentleman of the city, who has had much to do with amusement enterprises, said the other day, when the hockey season opens there is much talk of building a new rink but with the wetting of the ice such talk ceases.

NO AMATEUR OFFICIALS ACT FOR SHRUBB

Both the C. A. A. U. and Federation have taken a firm stand with regard to amateurs acting as officials in professional contests. Both organizations condemn the practice. Wednesday's Montreal Star says:—  
"Word was received yesterday that the C. A. A. U. had forbidden members of the affiliated clubs to act as officials in the shrubby relay race on Saturday night. The Gerdon and Independent League officials desire it understood that they only agreed to act out of personal friendship for 'Abbie' Wood and that while they did not approve of his turning 'pro' they did not want him to go into the thing without having some financially disinterested parties to look after his interests.

The Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada will hold an executive meeting at the M. A. A. club house this evening, when the same matter is to come up, with other business. It is more than likely, that the Federation will take the same stand as the C. A. A. U. The Federation countenances the playing together of amateurs and professionals in team competitions but for individual competition their rules are as strict as framed anywhere for amateurs."  
Mr. Merrick's View.  
"President Merrick of the C. A. A. U. reported to me as follows:—  
"I cannot speak as to the attitude of the Board of Governors of the C. A. A. U. for we have not yet discussed the matter. I can only give my own personal views for what they are worth.

"The whole question is practically a new one in connection with Canadian sports, and we have few precedents to guide us. I first want to say that the fact that a professional athletic event is being run, as a money-making enterprise does not necessarily stamp it as being worthy only of contempt or derision of the public. I believe the most of these money-making events are run cleanly and fairly. By any means if an amateur was to aid in any way an enterprise that was crooked or unfair, he deserves the condemnation of all his fellow amateurs, and the C. A. A. U. would show him no mercy. Personally I do not approve of amateurs lending any assistance or acting as officials even in fair professional contests. In the past the practice has been followed, in some branches of professional sport, noticeably in boxing, to have amateurs of high standing who are recognized authorities on sport, act as referees or judges in cases where the interests of the public would appear to be conserved by the presence of these gentlemen as officials. There are no grave reasons why non-competing amateurs should not act as higher officials in contests of this nature, so long as it is absolutely assured that no reward for their services is received or expected."  
Merrick Known Here  
Mr. Merrick is known in St. John as he talked freely to the newspaper men when he passed through here last autumn with the C. A. A. U. team, including Bobby Kerr and Tom Long, who, which competed at Halifax in the Canadian championship meet.

PROSPECTS FOR BASEBALL IN ST JOHN THIS SUMMER

The spring sunlight is awakening the baseball fans and players of the city, and plans are already talked of which involve changes in the summer's programme.  
At present it is not certain that the society league will exist as it was in the past. So far, only three teams of those who constituted last year's league, are out to be in it again. The St. Peter's, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph's have announced that they will be in uniform again, but St. Rose's have failed to reply to the invitation of the league executive.

May Be Dissolved  
Unless a fourth team comes forward the society league will be dissolved, and the three teams named will unite with one or more other teams to form a new league. In this event both a four-team league and a six-team league are talked of. The three Catholic teams are only looking for one more team to join them, with one of the teams formerly in their league preferred. If a team from the other league comes in, it will probably be the Marathons.  
Should a six-team league be formed it will be the only one in town. The likelihood is, however, that there will be a league on each field.

The Prospects.  
Of the teams in the city league

COMMENTS ON 'AMATEUR' HOCKEY

The Acadian Recorder, of Halifax, makes the following suggestion concerning so-called amateur hockey:  
The Moncton Transcript says:—"There are those in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia who want professional hockey," and point to the losses by the Ontario teams which have had professional teams. The Transcript says:—"With recollections of the Rambler-Victoria and Crescent-Victoria matches not yet effaced, we can raise and say that the good old amateur game—as amateurs go in these parts—is good enough for us."  
We should say it was "good enough for Moncton"—\$700 guarantee for two games in Halifax. Something has to be done to change such methods. One way is professional hockey, which would, no doubt, eventually kill the senior game. In the meantime it would give a chance to amateurs as they were years ago, to have a league of their own, and after the others "killed the goose that laid the golden egg," the amateurs "as they go in these parts," would be a thing of the past and the real amateurs would again come to the front. But if the clubs do not intend to vigorously deal with the amateur question, "the amateurs as they go in these parts," is a good idea, and should be adopted by all clubs in senior hockey. If this idea is to prevail, the clubs should get busy at once and gather players together.

The suggestion is an excellent one. There is no reason why professional hockey should not be run without conflict with the amateur game and the establishment of a professional league will go far towards placing hockey on a real amateur basis once more.

UNIQUE THREE MILE FOOT RACE

North Bay, Ont., Mar. 24.—A three mile crutch race here last night, between Harry Reynolds, of Toronto, and B. Ferro, of North Bay, one legged man, attracted an enthusiastic crowd of over five hundred persons, many of whom were Italian partisans of their countryman Ferro, one of the contestants.  
The Italian led until the third mile when Reynolds sprinted ahead for a short distance, but soon dropped back Ferro winning by inches, in 21 minutes for a purse of one hundred dollars, and another race has been arranged to take place in Toronto soon.

MORAN WAS ENTITLED TO DECISION

The Boston Post has the following on the Moran-Murphy bout:—  
Moran showed nothing like the form he showed in the same ring against Matty Baldwin, but that was because Baldwin stood up and boxed, doing his share of the leading and aggressive work, while Murphy backed away from Moran in every one of the 12 rounds. Murphy made a red hot protest against the decision, with the encouragement of a good-sized part of the crowd. He said that the New York newspapers gave Moran the verdict over him in New York a week ago, and he came to Boston to box for a decision, expecting a square deal, which he had failed to get.  
Moran the Man.  
Moran was fairly and squarely entitled to the award. The best that could possibly be given Murphy was a little margin in the first five rounds. The last seven were Moran's by more than a shade. Into the bargain Moran was the aggressor in every round. He did the cleaner hitting, was far superior in his blocking and ducking, and

which played last year on the Victoria grounds some will be in the game again and some will not. The Marathons are planning to be stronger than ever. Two shifts at least will be made to this end. On the pitching staff, Rev. George Titus, and two new men will appear. Dave Donald, who is managing the Marathons, keeps their identity a secret, but says that one is a local man, and the other is a newcomer.  
Will Not Organize.  
The Portlands will not organize again, but a number of their players have been asked to join a new team which is in process of formation by Mr. William Gillespie.

The Clippers.  
The Clippers announce that they will have their team in the field again and will have it stronger. Whether the Exmouths will organize is not yet decided, but they are altogether likely to be together again.

Some shifts from one team to another will be made. Among those who will change is Ned Small, St. Peter's star fielder of last year. He will be out in St. Joseph's uniform.  
St. Peter's slab men will be numerous and fast. Callaghan, Dever and Arthur Mahoney shove up the twisters to the team's opponents as last year, and Hodd, who played last year in the Canadian league at Quebec, will be a strong addition.

THE D. A. R. IS NOT FOR SALE SAYS GIFKINS

The way Jim Jeffries worked out at the gymnasium of the Armory A. A. yesterday caused many of his admirers to gaze in wonder at the ease with which he went about his task. Jeff worked a solid hour, and at no time did he show signs of fatigue. The big fellow took a long jaunt in the morning and after a rubdown appeared as fresh and agile as a light-weight.  
When Jeff was shown the offer of Jack Johnson's new manager, Abe Branda, made in Chicago yesterday, of \$1000 if Jeffries would say either yes or no in regard to his implied threat to return to the ring, the big brawler only laughed.  
"If money was my object," said Jeffries, "I would have declared myself long ago. There is \$50,000 waiting any time I make up my mind. When I do so you can bet I will be in condition to fill all that goes with my decision."  
This morning the big fellow will start from the Armory A. A. at 10 o'clock for the road work, with his trainer and adviser, Sam Berger.—Boston Herald.

FIRST GAME OF FOOTBALL THIS SEASON

A sharp game of association football was played in the Market Square West Side yesterday afternoon, between the engineers' department of the Empress of Britain and the victuallers' department of the same steamer. It resulted in a win for the engineers by a score of 3 goals to 1.  
The men from the ship turned out in force to see the Englishman's favorite winter game, and took as much interest as if they were one of the 100,000 crowds which come out to see the big games in the Old Country. Mr. Thomas Osborne, captained the winning team, and Mr. J. Baird the victuallers.  
On the return of the Britain to port, three weeks hence, a game of football will be played between a team representing St. John and one from the Empress. Mr. Smith, of Corwell Hall, is captaining the local team.

THE CHARM OF ISLANDS

What is Mised by Them Who Live Far From the Sea.  
No men of the world are so to be pitied, I think, as those who dwell far from the sea. They shall never know but a piece of life. A plain, to be sure, is very well. It responds to delicately enough to the humor of the seasons, changing from green to gold, from gold to dum, from dum to white. It has, too, its moods, its moods, its melancholies, its rushings of the wind, its lullabities of the sea. A hill, though, is better—that is, a hill that looks across a plain, never one that is huddled among its fellows for there one is caught like a beetle in a cup. A hill gives one a sense of freedom and a perspective upon the world. It is something to look down on the parquetry of field and town and wood and stream invisibly below one's eyes. And it has moments—a hill; certain nights to keep vigil upon the drama woven of stars, certain bursts of storm, certain iridescent afternoons, when the whole tragedy of autumn is unrolled at one's feet.  
But above all else in the world give me an island! There you hold in your hand, as it were, the universe. Your own earth spreads like a thought it were under your feet. Your own sea encircles you. Your own portion of life is meted out to you day by day, distinct from that of other men. For not the least charm of an island is its privacy. An inlet of course, I mean. One from which you may catch the glint of water on every side. Otherwise your island is no better than a pasture. Whether you be a hermit or whether you have a book of verses underneath the bough—and of the requisite comforts—or whatever be your personal circumstances, you are yet divided from a hostile or indifferent world. You are at liberty to feel and to test your own personality. You are not overborne by the rush of humanity which is the burden of terra cotta.

BURIED ALIVE.

The Mode of Death Selected By A Chinese Murderer.  
Rough justice as it is administered in most parts of China is sometimes tempered by individual tastes, as an incident printed in one of the China port journals attest. A man in Suchow, condemned to die, preferred to be buried alive, and his wishes were carried out to the letter.  
During the famine two brothers, who lived in Cuchien fought desperately to stave off starvation from their families and had blood arose between them. At last the elder brother sold his father's coffin for food. When he refused to divide the proceeds with his younger brother the latter chopped off his head with a cleaver.

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THE D. A. R. IS NOT FOR SALE SAYS GIFKINS

"The D. A. R. is not for sale," was the answer given yesterday by General Manager P. Giffkins of the Dominion Atlantic, to a query concerning the proposal to have the Intercolonial acquire his line as a feeder. Mr. Giffkins passed through the city yesterday on his way from Ottawa, where he had been conferring with the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Richard Cartwright, concerning an increase in Dominion subsidy for the St. John-Digby steamship service of the D. A. R.

A HAPPY SOLUTION. The Way the Family Compromised on A Vexed Problem.

There had been a long standing difference of opinion in the Plunkett family concerning the dining table. Mrs. Plunkett maintained that its legs were too short and ought to be lengthened at least half an inch. "It doesn't half fit our chairs, Jared, and you know it," she concluded. "When we sit down to this table we are too high above it. You could have pieces of wood glued on the ends of the legs. That would be easier than to saw off the ends of all the chair legs."  
"I don't agree to your proposition at all, Cordelia," said Mr. Plunkett. "I think the table is just right. But I'm willing to compromise the matter. You have been wanting a hardwood floor in this dining room for a long time, haven't you?"  
"Well, we can have that new kind of hardwood flooring that is laid on top of the old floor. That will raise the entire surface three-eighths of an inch or more, and that will raise the table, of course, just so much. How will that do?"  
This seemed to be a fair proposition, and without a moment's hesitation, Mrs. Plunkett accepted it as a satisfactory compromise. — Youth's Companion.

THE LOCAL MARKET

Everything was very quiet about the country market yesterday. Beef and butter alone being offered in any quantity. Vegetables are very scarce and prices are raising. Maple candy has made its first appearance and was being offered at 25 cents. Eggs in due regard to the Easter season have taken a decided drop. Retail prices range about as follows:  
Butter, tub, 20c. per lb.  
Butter, print 22c.  
Eggs 18-20c. per doz.  
Beef 64c. per lb.  
Pork, small, 10c. per lb.  
Hams, small, 15c. per lb.  
Bacon, small, 15c. per lb.  
Veal, 8-10c. per lb.  
Lamb, 11c. per lb.  
Beets, 50c. per bushel.  
Carrots, 50c. per bushel.  
Turnips 80c. per bbl.  
Squash 2c. per lb.  
Cabbages, 11-20c. per doz.  
Maple candy 25c. per lb.

Acknowledgement.  
The New Brunswick Poultry Association through the Treasurer, Alfred Burley, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of one hundred dollars from the local government, being the amount granted for their first annual winter fair which was held in February.

Meeting.  
A meeting of all the conveners of the different booths in connection with the coming bazaar, March 20, and 21st, will be held in the Seaman's Institute, Friday, at 3.30 o'clock.

All Boys Invited.  
All boys are invited to the Y. M. C. A. this evening, to hear Dr. Malcolm talk on First Aid to Injured. Lecture starts at 7 o'clock.

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Leo E. Burns, of Montreal, has been elected president of the St. Patrick's A. A. A., of that city.  
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