

Latest News From
Far and Near

IN THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

Well-Written and
Breezy GossipIndian Will Never Meet Shrubbs
Even If Longboat Turns Pro.Tom Flanagan Is Real Angry—
Takes Hot Shots at
Payne.

The repeated attacks on Tom Longboat and the Irish-Canadians have at last stirred up Tom Flanagan, and what he is saying about Payne, Shrubbs, et al., could only be printed on asbestos paper. The extract from a letter in the London Sporting Life, dated to Canada yesterday has disturbed the urbanite Thomas more than any other rap in the last few months, and he represents the peculiar stigma that attaches to the inference that he is running a three-ring circus.

"They talk about this fellow Longboat being a professional. Why, he's one of the purest amateurs ever born. He doesn't know enough to be a pro."

"Perhaps you don't know that he was offered \$10,000 through Harry Rosenthal, for a series of races on the other side some months ago. It's a fact, though, and moreover Tom turned the offer down hard. He's not yearning for wealth; all he wants is to stay in the limelight and hear the applause of the crowds. If anybody in the past has made money out of Longboat it has not gone to the Indian."

"But let me tell you something right here and now. This latest from England emanates from a Canadian source, some friend of Shrubbs in Toronto having written a scurrilous letter to Sporting Life, and I want to say, and I say it emphatically, Tom Longboat will never run Alfred Shrubbs, even if he turns professional tomorrow. This Englishman has enjoyed my hospitality here and has rewarded me by throwing brickbats. He will never have the satisfaction of saying he raced Longboat while I have anything to do with the Indian, amateur or professional."

Winnipeg Team Left the Ice
Hall May Land in Police CourtThe Maple Leafs Cut Them To
Pieces in Brutal Hockey
Game.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The Maple Leafs defeated Winnipeg in the test game to decide which should enter the Manitoba Professional League, in a game which was the most disgraceful exhibition of rowdiness and slugging ever seen in the West. The score was 10 to 5.

The Pers did not finish, but left the ice early in the second half, when nearly every man had been partially disabled, and was cut and slashed.

The ice was like the floor of a slaughter-house in some places, many of the offences being deliberate on the part of the Maple Leafs, particularly so far as Joe Hall was concerned. He deliberately struck Boulton in the face with his stick, breaking his nose, and was given only three minutes of penalty. Upon returning to the ice he struck Boulton on the head, laying the scalp open for four inches, and knocking him senseless.

Minne, coverpoint for Winnipeg.

SCOTCH CURLERS DEFEAT IRISH

The Hibernians were game, but it was no use, and they took the count before the onslaught of the "Hoot Mons" at the Thistle Curling Club last night.

It was a great contest, at that, and there was no disgrace in the defeat. Four rinks from the Scotch, and a like number from the Irish ranks, made up the combatants, and there was something stirring every moment. The Highlanders turned the trick by a score of 45 to 34.

The ice was not in the best of shape, and the Irish blame this for their defeat. W. Govenlock's rink handed "Charley" Sterling's crowd of Hibernians a terrible lacing, and this accounts for the Scotchmen's victory. Each side won two games.

Summary:

Scotch.	Irish.
A. Cayley.	A. Thrower.
J. McDonald.	Dr. C. Brown.
Dr. A. Scott.	H. Richardson.
James Burnett.	A. Topey.
skip.....9	skip.....10
J. Houston.	R. Lashbrook.
W. Thomson.	L. J. Walker.
Dr. McDonald.	Bert Heaman.
W. Govenlock.	Chas. Sterling.
skip.....18	skip.....6
Claude Brown.	C. Bricker.
J. McIntosh.	W. Smith.
J. McNea.	Charles Tume.
J. Purdon.	Wm. Fulton.
skip.....7	skip.....13
R. D. McDonald.	J. Herrick.
A. Tume.	John Minihnick.
B. Barbour.	J. Stuart.
Willis Cox.	W. Bartlett.
skip.....11	skip.....6
Total.....45	Total.....34

With the Puckchasers

Ottawa Free Press: Marty Walsh showed up much better last night, and plays the center position well. Taylor is also adapting his style to that of Smith and Westwick, and worked admirably with the whole line last night.

Junior Champions Same. Stratford Herald: The Stratford juniors will open the season in Listowel on Friday, Jan. 3. The line-up will likely be the same as last year, with the exception of Simpson, the center man, whose age bars him from participating in the junior series.

Hockey on Christmas Day. Paris Review: The annual old boys' hockey match will be held on Christmas morning. Judging by the propos-

ed line-up, there should be a good game. The "home-brews" will for the most part be picked from last year's O. H. A. teams, and the old boys have fully all figured in town league or O. H. A. hockey in Paris in past seasons.

Armstrong May Change. Renfrew Journal: The rail birds had an opportunity of seeing Horace Gaul and Harold Armstrong at work, and they caught on well. Gaul was at left wing, and Armstrong at cover point. It is intended to try and arrange to have Armstrong transferred to Renfrew to save his time traveling backwards and forwards from Ottawa. The other players in the line-up were Steve Vair, Lindsay, Bobby Rowe, Kimpton and Gilmore.

A Bunch of Middleweights

Not in ten years has the fighting world sported such a class of middleweights as we have at the present time. The men who are making it interesting in the middle-weight division are Hugo Kelly, Young Ketchell, Billy Papke and Sam Langford. At the present time all four are fighting for the honors. Papke and Kelly will settle their dispute at Milwaukee Dec. 20. They are booked to go ten rounds. Kelly will find Papke one of the toughest fellows he has ever come in contact with. Papke has a punch that is always dangerous, and he never stops fighting, no matter how fast the pace is. Young Ketchell proved without a doubt that he is entitled to some recognition among middleweights. His latest defeat of Joe Thomas will doubtless earn him a match with the winner of the Kelly-Papke fight. Then there is Sam Langford, the colored middleweight. He figures among the best of the men mentioned in the middle-weight tournament.

Ten rounds at the clip which the two big fellows like Kelly and Papke will go is regarded as sufficient to make one of them go to the mat for the count. Ketchell will challenge the

winner, and Sam Langford is likely to come along with another challenge. However, it will not be long before the whole thing is settled. All the bouts will be humorous, and those who will be fortunate enough to witness them will see some corking good bouts.

INDOOR BASEBALL

Company C Defeats A Company, 24
to 22.

Company C defeated Company A last evening in a very closely-contested game of indoor baseball by a score of 24 to 22.

The losers had the lead up until the last inning, and it was only by making a sport that the tide was turned at the eleventh hour.

The score by innings:

C. Company.....1 2 1 0 12 1 0 1 6-24

A. Company.....5 4 7 2 0 0 1 0 2-22

Batteries—C. Company, Rider and Campbell. Umpires, Jeffries and Jeffries.

HOW DOES THIS
LOOK TO YOU?

The following team for the Olympic games in England next summer has been suggested, and on paper seems a strong one:

27 miles—Tom Longboat, Toronto, or Art Burn, Ottawa.

100 yards—D. Beland, Quebec.

120 yards hurdles—Rady Taylor, Hanover, Ont.

1-4 mile—Lukeman, Montreal.

220 yards—Bobby Kerr, Hamilton.

55-lb. weight—D. Martineau, Montreal, or Tim O'Rourke, Toronto.

This being a representative team, so far as Eastern and Western Canada is concerned, should meet with the approval of the sporting public of the West. Mr. "Tom" Flanagan of Toronto included.

AN OTTAWA SPORT.

"Ottawa Sport" overlooks the fact Bobby Kerr is also a 100 yards man.

He might also have included Latremouille, the Toronto policeman, in the jumps.—Ottawa Free Press.

WILL GO AFTER
CONTRACT BREAKERS

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A special meeting of the Eastern Canada Hockey League has been called for this afternoon. The meeting has been called at the instigation of the Montrealers, and it is understood that they will make a great effort to have Paul Glass put beyond the pale of the league for his frequent breaking of contracts. They will also want Johnston disciplined.

It is expected that if the Wanderers suffer all they will make a combination with some of the clubs to make trouble for Ottawa, and all in all it looks as if there would be a merry time.

RUGBY UNION
MEETS TODAY

A meeting of the Interprovincial Rugby Union will be held today at 2:30 o'clock at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, with President George Ballard, of Hamilton, in the chair.

The principal business will be the election of a board of governors and the adoption of ways and means for the expansion of the union in all three series, senior, intermediate and junior.

BARRACKS WIN
AT WOODSTOCK

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SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

AT A MEETING held in the Western University yesterday, an inter-collegiate hockey league was launched, comprising London Collegiate Institute, Forest City Business College, Arts and Divinity School, and the Medical School.

Representatives from these institutions were present, and the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Provost James, Western University; president, Principal McCutcheon, Collegiate Institute; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Eastman, W. U.; executive, the president, secretary-treasurer, and the managers of the four teams.

The season will begin on Jan. 21, and games will be played at the Simcoe street rink on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The object is to develop players at the various schools.

The Varsity City League team will stand, and it is improbable that any of the players on that team will play in the inter-collegiate.

In order that there may be no "ringers" on any of the teams it was decided that only bona fide students and teachers be eligible to play.

THE NAME OF GORDON FINCHAMP was omitted from the report of the Hermits vs. Clerks hockey match yesterday. Mr. Finchamp was very acceptable as goal judge, and will be called upon again to officiate in a similar capacity.

WELL, OUR SOLDIER BOYS won out last night at Woodstock, and there is much joy at the Barracks. Sergt. Cockburn dropped in this morning long enough to state that the soldiers think they have about the best indoor baseball team in Canada.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED from the Hon. C. Charleton, Chris is located in the jungles of Ingersoll. He writes that he has frequently dropped down to Toronto and trained with Longboat. Chris also states that he is in the best of trim, and will be on hand sure to defend London's honor in the Hub poolroom annual New Year's Day race.

He says: "London's honor must be defended, and I am perhaps the only one capable of turning the trick now that Bill Amos has departed for parts unknown. You can depend upon me to be Christopher on the spot on New Year's Day."

The letter was addressed to Wheatcroft & Patrick, who will conduct the race, a ten-mile affair.

TODAY WILL LIKELY decide whether or not the City Hockey League will be able to obtain ice space at the Princess Rink, now called the Princess Ice Palace. Mr. Reid has been out of the city, but is expected home today.

LONDON HAS HAMILTON beaten in baseball and hockey even if the Bluffies have the better football team.

Hamilton Spectator: According to a Toronto paper, there is a prospect of an intermediate O. H. A. group being formed, to include St. Catharines, Beamsville, Hamilton and Toronto. There is no doubt but that Hamilton could, and would, support a good intermediate or senior team, but the great trouble is that there is no rink accommodation here. The Thistle Rink is much too small, and if Hamilton has a team this year it will probably have to play on an open-air rink. The district proposed would be a good one, but it is doubtful if it will ever become a reality as far as Hamilton is concerned.

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