



Inter-Dominion Hockey

A LETTER WITH A MORAL.
Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—With the approach of the hockey season, I am prompted to make a few remarks regarding the organization of athletics in St. John's, and to offer a few suggestions with regard to its particular application to hockey. Throughout the Maritime Provinces, and particularly in Nova Scotia, the endeavour of the St. John's sporting public to foster inter-colonial hockey has been very much appreciated, though it might seem otherwise to the "fans" at home. Now, looking at the situation from the viewpoint of one who has taken active interest in sport both at home and in Canada, I should like to see a close relationship in sport between Nfld. and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Apparently, at any rate, St. John's, has been doing its share towards this end, by inviting teams from Nova Scotia and P.E.I. to visit Terra Nova. Now, I believe that, for a large number of years, this courtesy has not been extended to the Nfld. Hockey League, and this has been suggested to me as a cause for disappointment to the local fans and also grounds for the desire to have no further participation in hockey with teams from N.S. I may be wrong with regard to this, but it throws out a suggestion to me to give an explanation of the apparent lack of appreciation on the part of Nova Scotians. In the first place, within recent years, the teams that have visited St. John's were not representative, with one exception, that of the King's College Team, which was in St. John's in 1918. Furthermore, in all cases, the visiting teams did not rank very high on the basis of merit, in the standing of the Provincial teams. Consequently, whenever the local team defeated the visitors, no great amount of credit was assigned to the "home team's" victory by the sporting public of N.S. The result is that while St. John's has gained a name for good sportsmanship, it has not attained a reputation for excellence of merit, in the eyes of the "fans" of N.S. This suggests, therefore, that games between the Terra Novans and Nova Scotians, would not prove a "drawing card," in which case, I think it can be readily understood that no Nova Scotian organization would undertake to invite a team from St. John's, under the same conditions that teams have visited Nfld., when the financial aspect is so uncertain. Hence, it is evident that St. John's has to make a name for itself before the sporting public of N.S. will turn out to witness a game between one of their own teams and a team from Nfld. This, of course, is only my opinion, and others, including "fans" at home, may not see it in the same light, but I can give an instance, which illustrates my point.

Last winter, a team known as the Halifax G.W.V.A., played in St. John's. Without any fear of contradiction, I can say that nearly all the players of that team were either "pros" or "semi-pros." Why such a team was brought to St. John's is more than I can understand, coming after an offer had been made to the local authorities by a bona fide repre-

sentative, and "simon pure" amateur team, which lost the inter-collegiate championship of the Maritime Provinces only after a play-off with the champions whom they had previously defeated. I repeat, the offer of this team, which I might as well name, it being the King's College team of 1920, was turned down. Or rather, I might say that communication was opened up by the manager of the King's team, and after a number of telegrams, requesting a reply, he received a telegram telling that it would not be possible to make arrangements that year. "On the same day that the King's manager received this telegram, a telegram was received by the manager of the Dalhousie Varsity team, offering them the trip." No doubt, the local authorities were guided by the principle that I have previously mentioned as being praiseworthy and were trying to get the best obtainable team. The inference, however, is that the King's team was not "good enough," and this opinion was probably based on the ability of the team that visited in 1918, which team consisted of men who were unfit to enlist or were under military age. The chief trouble seemed to me to be the lack of knowledge on the part of the "home" authorities, of the merits of the various teams in N.S. Perhaps, I might suggest here that their opinion may have been influenced by some former residents of Halifax, who were possibly acquainted with the "personnel" of the G.W.V.A. team. I might add too, that the members of this team did not all come from Halifax, but were resident in Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow and other towns of N.S.

I have always been keenly interested in inter-colonial games and anxious to see the "best teams visit St. John's." To that end, without any desire to solicit praise, I have offered my services to the hockey officials in St. John's to the extent of giving my opinion of the merits of any prospective team, and my knowledge of their "personnel" and the amateur standing of the same, when called on. I have no intention of considering my opinion even worthy of notice (as my offer was not availed of), but there are other Terra Novans in Nova Scotia, at least as qualified as I, to give their advice on these matters, who I know would do so, if asked to. Had this offer been availed of, the danger of the local players being professionalized would have been avoided, and the only reason they weren't, is because the Maritime Provinces Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, had not been then completely organized. In addition, a number of the players of the Dalhousie team, which was invited to visit St. John's, were suspended and prohibited from playing in or with amateur teams for that season by the President of the M.P.B.A.A.U., for having accepted remuneration for their services.

This would also imply ignorance on the part of the local "powers that be" of the standings of the N.S. teams. In view of this, I think that the general sporting public of St. John's would consider this a very good reason for the students of the University of King's College to feel somewhat hurt, especially in view of their friendly relations with the Nfld. Regiment, whose contingent was stationed in Windsor, and with the citizens of St. John's. Now, Mr. Editor, I have gone to much further length than at first intended, and I'm afraid I have trespassed on your generosity, but I believe you will pardon me for so doing, if you feel with me, that there are some things in the hockey situation, which need a little explanation, and that the organization of hockey at least needs a "shaking up." I hope that you and the sporting public will believe me, when I say that I am writing this for the information of the general public, interested in good sport, to give them an idea of the situation as seen by one outside the "focus." It is sometimes very hard for us to see clearly when we are inside the "focus" and I believe this letter to be in the best interests of the sporting fraternity of St. John's. I do not wish to bring myself into the limelight and it was with a great deal of hesitation that I wrote this, but it is with the hope of adding any possible emphasis to this letter, and to save time and print on the part of possible respondents in accusing me of writing behind an assumed name, that I sign myself, after thanking you kindly for allowing me to use your medium of public information.

Yours truly,
THOS. H. WINTER.
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SCALE OF FEES.

Every person receiving treatment in the General Hospital shall, after December 31st next, pay fees according to the following scale:
Persons admitted to the public wards \$1.00 per day; persons occupying private rooms \$10.00 per week. In addition to the daily fees of \$1.00.

Every applicant for admission to the Hospital must bring with him or her, to the Superintendent of the Hospital certificate signed by a duly registered physician that such applicant is a proper subject for Hospital treatment.

Under the provisions of the General Hospital Act, 1915, all patients who are unable to pay fees shall be required to bring with them a certificate of their inability to pay, which shall be signed by the resident Relieving Officer, or where there is no such officer, by a Justice of the Peace, or Clergyman or other responsible person. The fees of such patients thereupon become payable by the Commissioner of Public Charity by virtue of the said Act.

By order of the Board.
J. W. WITHERS, Chairman.
H. M. MOSELEY, Acting Secretary.

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1899, and in the matter of Fradsham Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the Supreme Court on Circuit was on the 24th day of November, A.D. 1920, presented to the said Court by Samuel Brown, a creditor of the said Company; and that the said Petition was directed to be heard by the said Court at the Court House in St. John's on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated at St. John's, the 29th day of November, A.D. 1920.
J. G. HIGGINS, Solicitor for Petitioner.
280 Duckworth Street,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named Solicitor not later than six o'clock in the afternoon of the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1920.
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TOAST LIST.

"The King"—Prop. The Chairman, Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., M.H.A.; resp. "God Save the King."
"His Grace the Archbishop and Clergy"—Prop. Mr. J. C. Pippy; resp. "The Pope's March."

"The Christian Brothers"—Prop. Mr. W. B. Comerford; resp. Mr. J. P. Crotty.

"The B.I.S. Football Team"—Prop. Mr. C. E. Hunt; resp. Mr. J. G. Higgins, B.A., (Captain).

"The Nfld. Football League"—Prop. Mr. P. F. Moore, M.H.A.; resp. Mr. B. B. Harris.

"Our Opponents"—Prop. Mr. F. C. Brien; resp. Dr. Power, C.C.C.; E. Chafe, Fildians; W. Hart, Star; J. Irvine, St. Andrew's; E. Churchill, C.E.I.; E. Spry, Highlanders; H. Barnes, Collegians.

"The Press"—Prop. Mr. J. A. Barron, L.L.B.; resp. Representatives, A. B. Porlin, Telegram; J. T. McGrath, Herald; T. J. Foran, News; J. Brown, Advocate; J. T. Coffey, Star.

"The Chairman"—Prop. J. T. Meaney, resp. The Chairman.

The speeches were all of a very high order, and it would be invidious to single out any for special mention. Between the toasts songs and recitation were given by Messrs. T. P. Halley, P. F. Moore, M.H.A., W. Wallace, J. Irvine, C. Hall and J. P. Crotty, all of whom were loudly applauded. At the conclusion of the toast list, Mr. J. Irvine sang by special request, "Just a wee dooch and doris." The gathering dispersed at 2 a.m. after the singing of "Auld Long Syne," "God Save Ireland," and the "National Anthem," a thoroughly enjoyable time having been spent by all. The B.I.S. team in whose honour the dinner was given, are as follows:—J. G. Higgins, (Capt.); W. Skinner, E. Phalen, J. Phalen, H. Phelan, F. Phelan, S. Constantine, F. Brien, G. Muir, J. Evans, R. Callahan, A. Kelly, J. Bell, L. Kavanagh, J. Walsh, C. Fox.

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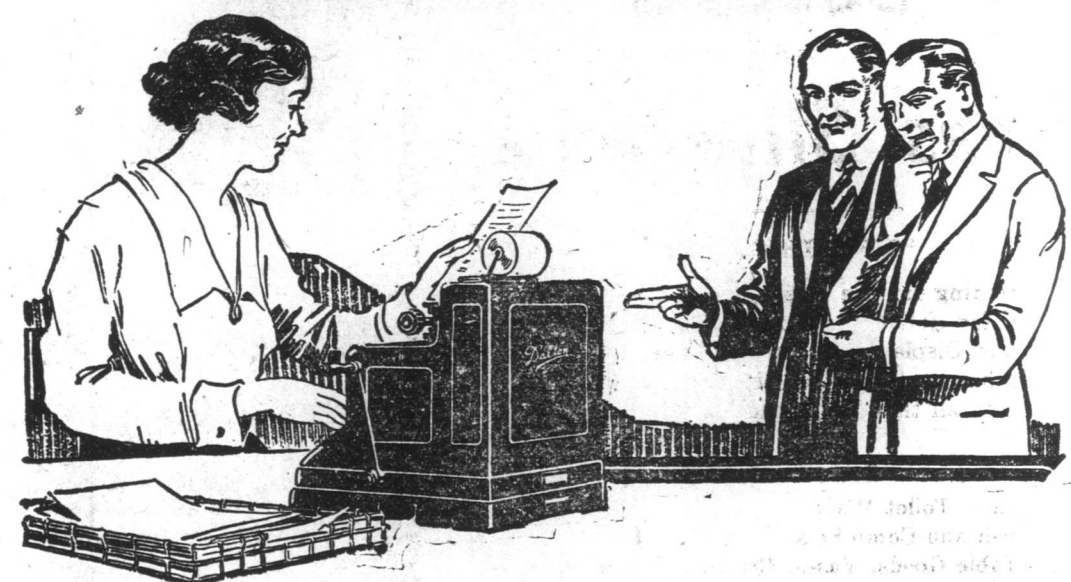
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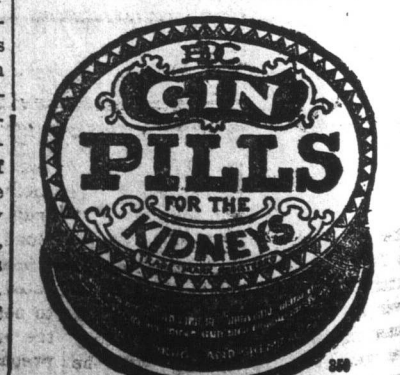
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