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## Olympic Trials In City of Saint John On the 4th of July

Big Track and Field Meet Arranged for K-Club Grounds.

The Maritime Olympic trials in track and field are coming to Saint John. They are to be staged on the K-Club grounds on July 4, when it is expected that athletes from all three provinces will be in competition. The track at the K-Club grounds is being put into shape for the big meet and the competitors can be assured of a good track and adequate accommodations. There is still a whole month to train for these sports and it is hoped that all athletes who have ability in any individual sport will show his wares at the Olympic trials. Practically every community has a boy who is a better runner or jumper than the others. He should be given some training and sent to Saint John for July 4.

This is the first time that Olympic trials have been held in Saint John with the whole Maritimes competing, and it is hoped that every citizen will get behind the promoters and help to make the meet a success. It is the intention to pick out the best athletes showing in Saint John and send them to Montreal for the Olympic trials there, when the team to represent the Dominion will be chosen.

This is the big chance for Maritime athletes, who would find out how they stand in real competition. A. W. Covey, formerly president of the Maritime branch of the C.A.A.A., is heading the Olympic sports committee in Saint John, and J. Harold Chown is the secretary.

## Saint John Will See School Boys In Competition

New Brunswick Track and Field Championships Here on Saturday.

Seven schools will have representatives in the New Brunswick Interscholastic track and field championships at the Allison Grounds here on Saturday of this week. The schools sending athletes are: Fredericton High, Milltown High, St. Stephen High, Rothesay Collegiate, St. Vincent's High, Saint John Vocational and Saint John High.

Preliminary events will be run off on Saturday morning beginning at 10.00 o'clock. During the afternoon the main events will take place.

The grounds have been put in good shape for the meet and it is expected that the competition will be particularly keen and some close observers of the boy athletes predict that several new records will be made. The sports should attract a large crowd of spectators.

### QUITE RIGHT

The two chorus girls were having tea together.

"Do you know," said one, "when the manager asked me my age, I couldn't for the life of me remember whether I was twenty or twenty-one."

"What did you say?" asked her friend.

"Oh," replied the other, "I split the difference and said nineteen."

## Racing Enthusiasts Enjoy First Meet At Moosepath

Miniature Deluge Made Track Heavy—First Trotting Race Held in England in 1883—A Wonderful Performance.

By RAY HANSEN

IT IS evident that horse racing is coming back into its own. On May 25 the first big meet of the season was carded for Moosepath and despite a series of disappointments and inconveniences they were conducted as per schedule and thoroughly enjoyed. A heavy downpour of rain around 1.00 o'clock almost forced cancellation, but after the miniature deluge had passed over and the sun broke out, those in charge put forth renewed energy to overcome the handicap and carry on. When hundreds had arrived at the Park eager to secure a point of vantage another heavy shower passed over leaving the track wet and muddy. Despite this it was decided to go ahead with the meet and make the best time possible under the trying conditions. Before the time set for the first event upwards of 2,000 ardent enthusiasts were assembled. Many lovers of this pastime journeyed from various sections of the Province and, rain or no rain, wanted to see the horses in action.

The track, which before the heavy rain, had been dry and fast, was converted into mud, and driving conditions were very bad. Fear of horses slipping and sustaining injuries and drivers blinded by flying mud were serious mental as well as actual hazards. There was one mishap when one of the drivers completely blinded by mud cut in too close and his sulky fouled a post, smashing a wheel. His horse behaved beautifully and kept as cool as the driver and neither were injured. Had the horse become frightened or unmanageable a serious accident might have resulted. The meet was well conducted and the day's sport was thoroughly enjoyed.

Horse racing enthusiasts will be interested to learn that the first real trotting race ever held in England took place on the Burton and Lichfield road, May 13, 1833. Details of this event, as published in the Licensed Victuallers Gazette and Hotel Courier in November, 1878, gives an idea of the wonderful stamina of some of the

horses of that day. The article giving sidelights on the event was in part as follows: "The sporting gentry of Birmingham and its neighborhood, famous for everything that savored of sport, whatever form it took, were exercised some five-and-forty years ago, with respect to a trotting match against time for 200 pounds a side. The bet was made by Mr. Chawner, a well known sporting cattle dealer, who knew a lot about other animals besides longhorns and shorthorns and Sussex and Shropshire breeds, and accepted by a man named Twist. The terms of the bet were to this effect: Mr. Chawner bet Mr. Twist the sum of 200 pounds to be paid in deposits, on certain fixed days, that a mare belonging to Mr. Taylor of Gosta Green—then quite an outlying district of Birmingham—could trot 17 miles within an hour.

"The match was appointed to take place on the Burton and Lichfield road, between those two beer brewing towns. The day fixed was May 13. Such was the interest attached to the match that the night before it came off the inns at Lichfield and Burton were literally crammed with people from a wide district, all anxious to witness what was looked upon as an extraordinary feat.

"Soon after 7.00 o'clock all was in readiness and the mare went off at a tremendous pace. The run was eight and a half miles out and back. The umpires and referee were supposed to accompany the trotter, but they found they had as much as they could do at full gallop to keep up with her. The first three miles was covered in nine minutes and two seconds, and 16 miles in 50 minutes. The mare won her match with the most perfect ease, having trotted the 17 miles in 55 minutes and a few seconds. She could have done it a minute less, but was eased over the last mile. This feat was looked upon as extraordinary.

### EAST END BASEBALL

Baseball is well away in Saint John. The East End Senior League is playing some good ball these evenings. Hampton has a team in this league, which has added interest to the games. Some of the best players in the community are showing their wares in this league and the games in the East End Grounds are well worth watching. The teams in the league are Hampton, Falcons, Tigers and All-Stars.

### ERROR OF JUDGMENT

Learned Judge—"Come, come, you have just told the Court that you have only one brother, while a moment ago your sister distinctly said she'd got two."

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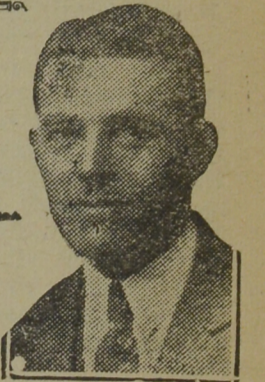


DR. TWEDDELL,

famous British amateur golfer, who will captain the British Walker cup team which will travel to the U. S. to compete against an American team this summer.

## SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



WHEN WORD WAS CIRCULATED THAT local sport enthusiasts were making a serious effort to have the Maritime track and field Olympic trials held in Saint John this year, along with the Maritime boxing championships, a lot of local interest was stirred up.

A young local business man, Edward R. (Eddie) Hornby, a former Maritime champion and one of the most outstanding cyclists in Eastern Canada fell a victim of the old lure and forthwith made preparations to send to his former home in Charlottetown, P. E. I., for his C.C.M. flyer. If there were to be any Olympic trials here Eddie was determined to get in them. When only a youngster he won signal honors as a cyclist and over a wide span of years he specialized in this sport and consistently won honors. In his possession at the present time are no less than ten beautiful cups and 34 medals, all won in Maritime competition. A keen bike racing enthusiast, and an all-around sport, Eddie is still young enough and peppy enough to start right in training, confident that he will give the best of them a "run for their money." In addition to bicycle racing Eddie has also been prominently identified in tennis and theatrical circles. In Charlottetown he was one of the best known and most popular athletes and, due to his unassuming manner and gentlemanly conduct both on and off the athletic field, he has endeared himself to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. His record in the bicycle racing game has been exceptionally good. In 1922, when only thirteen years of age, he entered a ten-mile road race in Charlottetown and finished second. In the fall of 1923 he entered the annual Queen Square and West Kent School sports and carried off premier honors in all four events, in both the junior and senior competition. He broke the quarter-mile record made in 1901, setting a mark of 36 1/4 seconds as against the old time of 37 seconds. In 1924 he entered the famous ten-mile road race in Charlottetown and although pitted against experienced riders, twice his age, finished a close second. The following year he won the big event in the fast time of 28 minutes and 18 seconds. In 1927 he entered the Halifax Herald and Mail 45-mile road race and in a field of fifty riders finished in eighth position. In August that same year he won the half-mile Maritime title, finishing in 1.08 3/4. He came within an ace of beating the record of 1.08 1/2 established by "Chummie" Murray of Halifax in 1904. In trial events he bettered that mark. From that time on he was forced to concede handicaps to competitors and although occasionally beaten, as a result, he invariably cut the handicap time in half. One of his last races was in Charlottetown in 1932 when he was forced to give handicaps of five minutes over a ten-mile course. In this event he finished in 29 minutes and three seconds. Eddie is manager of the North End Branch of the Provincial Bank and has made a host of friends since coming to this city.

THE LOCAL BASEBALL SEASON IS NOW WELL UNDER way. The players were badly handicapped by cold and wet weather and they were not in condition to give as good a demonstration of their ability as they are capable of. However, with warmer weather overdue and more opportunities for practice the teams should quickly round into shape and put up a taster and better brand of ball. There is one point which the players should not overlook and that is the majority of them lack pep. They drag themselves in and out from the field and as result they are giving the game a black eye. There are as good players in Saint John today as there ever were, but they apparently are not studying the game and this is detracting from their showing. It is becoming quite a frequent thing to see a player away out of position at some crucial moment, also failing to back up on long throws, or making a wild heave when there is no chance in the world of cutting down a runner. Bunting and squeeze plays are conspicuous by their absence. These are all points which go to make for better baseball, and it is in the players' best interests to study all the fine points and try to improve their game. The fans may not understand all the workings of inside baseball, but they know a good play when they see it and are quick to show their appreciation. If the players expect to attract crowds and have some life in the stands they must set an example by putting all kinds of pep in their playing. A good fast-moving and talkative nine will soon win the admiration of fans, but one composed of indifferent or careless players will evoke nothing but censure or criticism. The season is only starting so now is the time to make improvements and win the confidence of the fans.

IN ENGLAND ATHLETIC AUTHORITIES ARE KEEPING A close check on the doings of leading stars in the United States with a view to figuring out their chances in the Olympics. They closely followed the results of the Boston marathon, commented on the recent achievements of Jesse Owens and are watching every big athletic event and making a note of the results. They agree that the American "stars" are already in great shape, but they intimate that they may be at top form a little too early for their own good as it will be some time yet before the big Olympic Games in Berlin. The English have apparently a girl star who will win honors in the world classic. She is Miss Gladys Lunn, a former A.A.A. champion, who recently competed in the Birchfield Harriers women's sports meeting at Perry Barr, Birmingham, and won the 1,000 yards scratch race in the fast time of 52 3/4 seconds. She lowered her own world's record by eight seconds. As there were only two timekeepers present, instead of three as required in record-breaking performances, it is said to be doubtful if Miss Lunn's time will be accepted as a new world's record. Some of the English writers seem to be quite "het up" over the question of expenses for amateurs. They contend that the A.A.A. should come out in the open and do away with the many anomalies that exist. It is quite evident that in England they take their sports seriously.