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Modern Athletic Field Planned By K-Club Officials

New Track To Be Constructed During Present Summer.

A modern track in a modern athletic field is the objective of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Saint John. Work on the track is to start as soon as the weather conditions permit and it is expected that one of the best running tracks in the Maritimes will be constructed. G. Roy Soulis, president of the Club, has announced that plans of the McGill University track and also plans of the Acadia University track have been received and soon engineers and contractors will be engaged in getting the K-Club grounds in shape for a busy season.

Saint John has been long in need of a modern athletic field and the indications now point to such a plant being made available soon. Athletes of this city have been compelled to compete under great disadvantages because of the lack of proper training facilities. This will be remedied with the completion of the K-Club grounds, which are situated in Lansdowne Avenue.

A quarter mile track is to be constructed and there will be provision made for all sorts of field sports, besides baseball diamonds and grounds for football games.

NO FIREWORKS

The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association has passed through another annual meeting without fireworks. It had been suggested that Maritime delegates would ask embarrassing questions concerning the dropping of four Halifax hockey players from the Olympic team, but these did not materialize. The meeting dealt chiefly with routine matters. Cecil Duncan, of Ottawa, was elected president, replacing E. A. Gilroy.

SAFE FROM THAT

Policeman—"The collision was your fault, madam! I'm afraid you'll get your license endorsed when the case comes into court."

Woman Motorist—"Not a hope, constable. I haven't got one."

Vast Throng In Attendance At Dempsey-Tunney Bout

All-Time Record Established When 150,000 Fans Paid Over \$2,650,000 to See Championship.

By RAY HANSEN

SEPTEMBER 28, 1927, saw the establishment of a record that may never be equalled let alone beaten in the annals of the ring. On that day the great return battle for the heavyweight crown was staged at Soldier's Field, Chicago, between Gene Tunney, the champion, and Jack Dempsey, the former title holder. A vast throng of 150,000 people paid over \$2,650,000 to witness the battle of these famous gladiators of pugilism.

Like every fight that Dempsey ever participated in there were highly dramatic moments when the vast assemblage were worked up to a frenzy. Dempsey lost the bout on a decision at the end of the tenth round, although in the seventh he had Tunney on the floor apparently knocked out. How long he was down may never be known, but the former champion's great following still claim that the referee delayed his count and Tunney was on the floor for at least 12 seconds. Dempsey actually lost the fight in the tenth round. He seemed to have given everything he possessed in an effort to terminate the bout before the final round and age began taking its toll. His limbs had lost their snap, his legs and arms were getting numb and tired and his younger opponent had recuperated from his beating in the seventh and was brim full of fight. It was undoubtedly as a result of the beating Dempsey absorbed in the last round that lost him a decision.

In the preliminary rounds Tunney undoubtedly outboxed the former champion and in the fourth landed a terrific right to Dempsey's chin which nearly put him down and out. When the round started Dempsey took the offensive, but was checked by a hook to the chin. The former champion then ripped two lefts to Gene's body. They fought fast and furious as they fell against the ropes. Gene then missed a right and took a left to the body. Dempsey was leading again with short lefts to the body when sud-

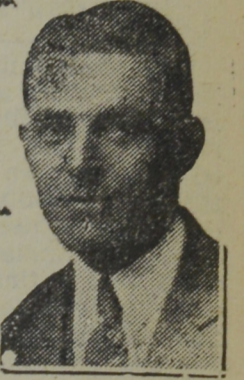
denly Tunney saw an opening and landed the terrific right which sent Dempsey reeling into a corner. A left followed and just then the bell saved Jack who was against the ropes partially stunned.

Dempsey quickly recovered and from that until the seventh the fight was quite even, the pace being fast and at times furious. Dempsey was leaving his chin unprotected hoping to trick Tunney and get a chance for his famous knockout blow. At the start of the seventh Dempsey's handlers begged him to lower his chin and absorb less punishment. He started out in his famous weaving style and with a volley of rights and lefts floored Tunney. Tunney was apparently down and out and time was lost by the referee who was waving Dempsey to a neutral corner. He had counted up to nine when Tunney staggered to his feet. He was still in bad shape and jumped and floundered backwards. Dempsey cornered him on the ropes and landed another right and left to the body. Gene was dazed and grabbing Dempsey with both hands held on until the bell saved him.

The eighth and ninth were about even although Tunney was recovering his strength and boxing very carefully. He was also landing an occasional blow to Dempsey's face. When the tenth started Dempsey floored Tunney with a right and left to the chin. Gene was right up without a count. Dempsey set out to finish him, but Tunney tied him up in a clinch. Dempsey was weary and dropped his hands and Tunney went on a rampage. He whipped both hands to the head and drove Jack to the ropes. Dempsey was a bit wild and continued fighting desperately to save his title. Dempsey was groggy when the bell ended hostilities. His face was quite badly cut as he went to his corner. Tunney received a decision and the former champion's great comeback effort to regain the title had been in vain.

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



ONE OF THE NEXT BIG SPORT ATTRACTIONS for Saint John will be the annual Brunswick-Balke-Collendar trophy tournament, which will be staged on Black's Alleys, May 5, 6 and 7. This is one of the feature events of the indoor season and attracts attention all over the Maritime Provinces. Entries will close on Friday, April 24, and no post entries will be accepted according to Harry Black, who is conducting the tournament. Teams are expected from Saint John, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Moncton and Halifax and possibly from other centres. Candle pin bowling has been a popular pastime for many years and, while it has suffered as a result of the depression, there is every indication that it will continue to be one of the leading sports in the years to come. Black's have held the championship for some years, but it is anticipated that they will meet with strong opposition in the coming tournament. Fredericton, Moncton, Halifax and Saint John have many star pin ball artists and the fight for that memorable piece of silverware should be exceptionally keen. Art Porter is sure to muster a strong quintette to represent his alleys. While Ira Scott has a group of mighty good bowlers anxious to annex the trophy. The Y. M. C. I. can also be depended on giving them all a real fight for honors, while Martel of Halifax will be expected to bring a classy group of bowlers seeking the championship pin for the metropolis of Nova Scotia. To conduct a tournament of this kind is no sinecure and from the time entries close until the event is brought to a close Harry Black and his son Maurice will be kept "right on their toes." Much of the success of the tournament depends on how it is conducted and that part should be well taken care of as Mr. Black has been associated with bowling since its inception in these parts.

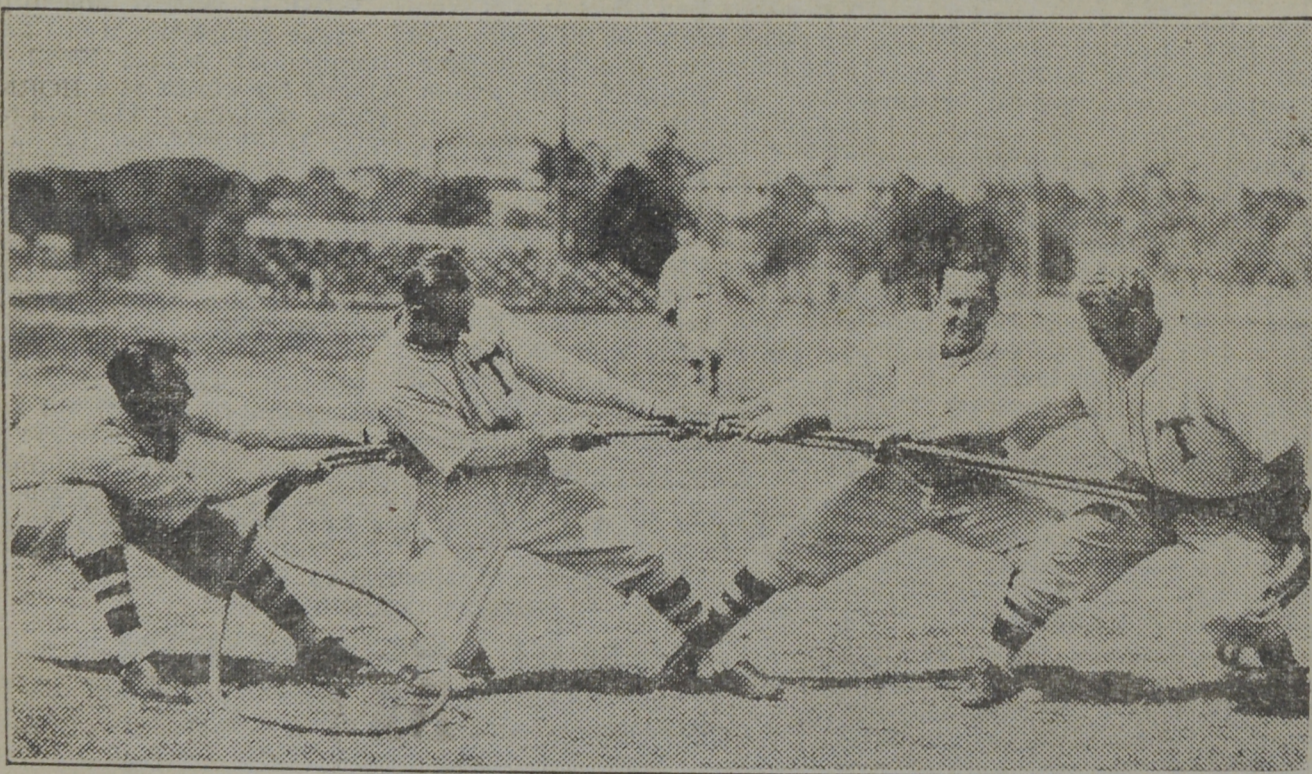
WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE. AT THE present time the Jack Dempsey "white hope" tournament, which will be held in Toronto on April 22 is attracting some mighty fine looking prospects. Some of the young men tip the beam at 200 lbs. or better and are six feet or over in height. Perhaps there is a potential champion in the lot and Canada may yet be in a position to boast of having given birth to the "king of pugilism," the heavyweight title holder. Among those entered in the Toronto elimination event will be Joe Kayorie of Brantford, who is 21 years of age, weighs 195 pounds and stands 6 feet 4 inches. Peter Pilon of Brockville is 21 years of age, is 6 feet 1 1/2 inches and weighs 208 pounds. Edgar Paterson of Brampton, another entry, is 23 years old, is 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighs over 200 pounds. If these young men have any natural talent along with such wonderful physiques then it would not be surprising if a real "white hope" is discovered. Jack Dempsey will accept winners in all recognized tournaments for his great finals in New York. He expects to have at least 100 boxers competing and will have enough entries to stage lengthy programs on three successive nights or one night a week for three weeks. From a standpoint of a promotion scheme it should be an outstanding financial success and incidentally may be responsible for discovering some wonderful talent and thus add to the interest generally in the fistic art.

NOW THAT HOCKEY IS DEFINITELY OVER THIS SEASON plans are already under way for a grand opening next fall. Managers of major league teams are already deciding on strengthening their organizations and are figuring on trades and new talent to bolster up weaknesses in their line-ups. That the game is steadily growing in popularity, not only in the eastern section of the United States and Canada, but also in many countries throughout the world, is becoming apparent. In Johannesburg, South Africa, a new rink is being erected to stage hockey matches. A Canadian and English team will be secured to feature a centennial program in a sports tournament. The Montreal Royals, of the senior group, have been invited to make the trip and are seeking the sanction of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. It is expected that Cambridge University will send a team to represent England. The latter will have a number of Canadians in the line-up, as many former McGill stars are there completing courses in medicine, etc. Hockey in South Africa would be quite a novelty but it has yet to be proven whether or not it will take with the residents there. Many who have gone there from Canada or the United States will undoubtedly welcome the sport.

ACCORDING TO WORD FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, KING Edward VIII. is planning extensive alterations to the grounds of Buckingham Palace so as to make them more suitable for outdoor sport. He is said to be considering the construction of a swimming pool, a hard tennis court and a squash racquets court. All his life he has been a sports enthusiast and he is still young and energetic enough to seek relaxation and exercise once his arduous duties are over. It is anticipated that the swimming pool will be constructed in a part of a large lake at present devoted to water plants and swans. It is admirably screened by the high palace walls and a thick fringe of trees. The young king will undoubtedly feel more contented when these changes have been made.

ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS FROM THE SOUTH Connie Mack was having his own troubles. His pitchers' arms were stiffening in the chilly Tennessee weather and on top of this some sneak thief entered a hotel where his players were stopping and stole \$33.00 from Pitcher Harry Shuman, \$23.00 from Pitcher Edgar Smith and \$20.00 from Third Baseman Frank Higgins. It is tough for these players to lose money so early in the season, especially when they have not likely had a pay check since last fall. With proper care and attention their arms can be brought back into good shape, but when money goes it is a foregone conclusion that it is gone forever.

TORONTO PLAYERS TRAIN HARD IN FLORIDA SUN



The climate at Haines City Florida, is perfect, so Toronto baseball players claim, which may explain the reason why these four players are trying to stretch the garden hose. With Porter and Stirling on the left and Smith and Poole on the right, the garden hose would appear to be in for a rough time. Lloyd Stirling (second from left) is a native of Saint John and is being given a tryout as a pitcher. Last year he had a marvellous season with Winnipeg.