



SPORTS PAGE



Sports and Hockey Are Staged To Send White To Olympics

Saint John Skating Title Won By Willie Logan.

A fine evening of sport was furnished to Saint John people in the Forum last Friday evening when hockey and speed-skating were the features. The proceeds of the evening were devoted to the fund which is to pay the expenses of Tommy White to the Olympic games. Enough money was raised and the skater sailed from Halifax for overseas during the week-end.

The hockey match was between the Saint John Beavers and the St. Andrews Senators. While the Beavers won 11-4, the game was a good one and had the fans on their toes throughout the three periods. The visitors showed lots of pep and they were always dangerous.

In the speed-skating events Willie Logan, who was captain of the Canadian skating team at the last Olympic sports, won the city championship. R. Wilson won second place. All the events were well contested and created a lot of interest.

The next big skating meet at the Forum is scheduled for early in February, when the Maritime titles will be decided. The sports will be conducted under the auspices of the Saint John Police-men's organization.

INSURED FOR LUNCH

A Bristol business man was recently insured against death for \$50,000, but only for one hour while he was at a luncheon. The policy was a gift from a few friends whom he was entertaining on his fiftieth birthday. The certificate had been signed by 944 underwriters.

On Olympic Team



DINTY MOORE,

clever goal-tender, who, previous to his Olympic assignment, played with Port Colborne Sailors in the S. O. H. A. Although thirty-four years of age, Dinty will greatly strengthen the Canadian Olympic team, which appeared to be weak defensively.

U. S. OLYMPIC SKATING THREATS



Allan Potts Robert Peterson

ALLAN POTTS, left, won the mile event at the Middle Atlantic skating meet at Newburgh, and his Olympic teammate, ROBERT PETERSON, right, took second place, thus bolstering the United States' hopes for skating honors at the Olympic meet in Germany next month. Potts was seen in action at the North American indoor meet last year at Saint John, N. B.

Sullivan Undertook to Stop Any Fighter in the World

Knocked Out Majority of His Opponents in a Few Rounds—Broke His Arm Over Peoria Giant's Head—Lost His Title to Corbett.

By RAY HANSEN

WHEN the famous John L. Sullivan defeated Paddy Ryan and became recognized heavyweight champion of America many exponents of "the manly art" felt they could hold their own with him under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. He issued a challenge undertaking to stop any man in America in four rounds. This attracted a fighter named James Elliott, who desired six weeks to train and a 24-foot ring. The bout finally took place in Washington, Elliott being promised \$500 if he could stay the four rounds.

When the fight got under way Elliott ran foul of Sullivan's vicious right and went down fast. He was knocked flat on his back several times in the first round. In the second he was in bad shape and it was quite evident to all that he could not stay long enough to win the prize. In the third round he was on the wrong end of a terrific right smash and was knocked senseless. When he revived Sullivan gave him \$50 for his game effort.

A short time later Tug Wilson, who claimed the heavyweight championship of England, expressed a desire to take up John L.'s challenge. A purse of \$1,000 and 50 per cent. of the gate was offered and the contest was staged in Madison Square Garden, New York City, July 17, 1882. Sullivan weighed 200 pounds and Wilson about 170.

Wilson gave a wonderful demonstration of a human rubber ball. Every time Sullivan's glove touched him he shot off his feet. He was down no less than nine times in the first round. In the second he was either knocked down or deliberately fell down eight times. He kept pecking at Sullivan's face, but there was no force behind his blows. Sullivan was in poor shape and soon was so fatigued, trying to hit his elusive opponent, that much of the steam went out of his punches.

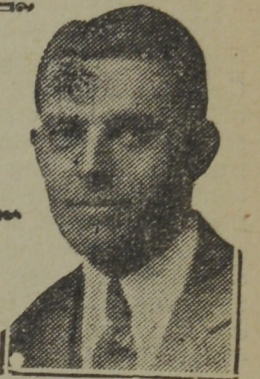
In the fourth round Wilson was up and down like a human jack-in-the-box, falling at the slightest touch and fighting for time. Sullivan was thoroughly winded and was going through a new experience. As a result the Englishman managed to stay the four rounds and earned the prize.

Sullivan's next opponent was Charlie Mitchell. They met in Madison Square Garden, May 4, 1883, before a record crowd of enthusiasts. Mitchell was giving away about 50 pounds, but proved clever at dodging and defending himself. He kept scoring re-

(Continued on Page 13, Col. 2)

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



THE OLD BASEBALL POT IS BEGINNING to boil again as major league teams are preparing to depart for the sunny south for their annual spring training. Contracts are being forwarded to the players, some showing substantial increases in salaries, while a few will be asked to take cuts, with the majority receiving the same as last season. It looks as if the Cardinals will have to do without the services of Bill Delancey this season. He was recently admitted to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis. He has been suffering from pleurisy for months and his condition is considered serious. The Red Sox have ordered "Babe" Dahlgren to report to Syracuse. It will be recalled that he was considered one of the greatest first basemen to come up from the minors since Hal Chase's time. The Red Sox paid \$15,000 for him, but he did not come across as anticipated. He batted for .263 and his fielding average was the lowest turned in by any American League regular first baseman last year. With Jimmy Foxx on the lineup the Red Sox have no reason to worry over this position. The New York Yankees feel they are strong enough to handle the Boston club with their collection of stars, or the Detroit Tigers, who have added strength to their team by the acquisition of Al Simmons. They are practically standing pat on last year's team.

THE MEMBERS OF THE KINSMEN CLUB ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED on their recent achievement. It was due to their efforts that Saint John is to have a representative, Tommy White, at the great Olympic meet in Germany. This club is filling a long felt want in the community and is winning the admiration and esteem of citizens in general. Sport lovers throughout the Province, as well as in Saint John, will unite in wishing the youthful speedskater the best of luck when pitted against the classiest speedskaters in the world. If he only makes a good showing he will more than repay the members of the club and the citizens who made it possible for him to participate in the great world classic. People all over the Dominion will be watching closely for news of the skaters at the Olympics and New Brunswick particularly will be watching for accounts of what Tommy White does in his first Olympic appearance.

A DEMAND FOR A SWEEPING INVESTIGATION INTO BOXING has been made by Assemblyman Robert R. Crews, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He wants a wide enquiry by a special committee as a result of frequent reports of fixed fights, alliances between the boxing game and the underworld and questionable fluctuation of betting odds on fights. He explained that the investigation should be made for the good of the future success of boxing and wrestling and to ascertain whether or not the State Athletic Commission and its activities are dominated by political influences or underworld contacts. He further pointed out that for a number of years there have been frequent allegations that persons of questionable character, and known to be closely allied with the underworld, have been receiving what is said to be altogether too much consideration from the boxing commission. That it is frequently charged the results of both boxing and wrestling bouts are arranged in advance of the actual contests and betting odds are influenced accordingly, was another reason advanced by Assemblyman Crews for endeavoring to try and discover the truth and clean up the situation. Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, and Commissioner Brown said they would welcome such an investigation. The former said they had nothing to fear as they had discharged the duties entrusted to them to the best of their ability, and records of every transaction are available for investigation. Commissioner Brown said there is too much hearsay, too many unsupported accusations bandied back and forward. Both agreed that they wanted to get the parasites out of boxing; the chiselers and grafters and others who have no consideration for the best interests of the sport. Both were in accord that the sooner they achieved that goal the better for boxing. It is doubtful if anything of a startling nature will be uncovered in regard to boxing, but it will be surprising if wrestling is given a clean slate. Wrestling is looked upon with more suspicion than any other line of sport, and it is questionable if some promoters and managers will welcome the proposed enquiry.

WHILE THE MAJORITY OF OUR READERS MAY NOT BE interested in horse racing there are a goodly number who follow the doings at the various big meets all over the country and who occasionally like to get some information and statistics regarding their favorite pastime. With this thought in mind the writer has secured the following facts which should interest them. According to figures recently published the attendance at the big meets in New York State during 1935 totalled 1,135,588. Of this number 200,000 were women. In the year 1934 a total of 1,015,390 paid in to see the races and in 1933 the turnstiles showed 600,000. Gross receipts for 1935 were \$2,957,616, out of which horsemen received \$1,476,860, the State \$443,337 and the Federal Government more than \$200,000. It was figured that 42 per cent. of the favorites led their fields home. Credit for this was attributed to the handicapping of John Campbell and the Saliva test system, which checked attempts to stimulate horses. Only five out of 1,000 tests led to disciplinary action. Five tracks records were broken, including a world mark of 1.48 1/2 for one mile and a furlong by A. G. Vanderbilt's Discovery. In the commission's report a recommendation was made to legalize pari-mutuel machines as well as oral betting. They also urged abolition of the stall-gate starting system in favor of the old barrier method and the installation of apparatus to photograph finishes at all tracks. It is quite evident from these figures that racing in New York State enjoyed the most progressive and prosperous season in many years.

BRITISH CONSOLS

PLAIN OR
CORK TIP

Smoke a FRESH cigarette

British Consols

COSTLIER MILDER TOBACCOS