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The Cup's History

The History of the America's Cup and its Committees.—The Coming Races.

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than 300 tons, measured by the Custom House rule of the country of the challenging party, which must proceed under sail on their own bottoms to the part where the contest is to take place.

1885.—September 14. New York Yacht Club course, sloop "Puritan" representing the Eastern Yacht Club beat cutter Genesta representing the Royal North Squadron, 16 minutes and 19 seconds.

September 16. Outside course, 20 miles to leeward and return. The return was not strictly to leeward, owing to the wind shifting. Puritan beat Genesta 1 minute and 38 seconds.

NOTE.—Four other attempts were made to sail these races, all of which were failures.

1886.—September 7. New York Yacht Club course, sloop Mayflower, representing the Eastern Yacht Club, beat cutter Galatea, representing the Royal Northern Yacht Club, 12 minutes and 2 seconds.

September 11. Outside course, 20 miles to leeward and return; Mayflower beat Galatea, 29 minutes and 9 seconds. NOTE.—Two other attempts were made to sail these races—both were failures—in one of which the course was sailed, the Mayflower winning, but not within the fixed time of 7 hours.

1887.—September 27. New York Yacht Club course, sloop Volunteer, representing Royal Clyde Yacht Club, 19 minutes, 23 1/2 seconds.

September 29. Outside course, 20 miles to windward and return, Volunteer beat Thistle, 11 minutes, 47 1/2 seconds.

After the races the deed of gift was again amended—the

More Important Changes Being:

to limit the challengers to sloop or cutters of not less than 65 nor more than 90 feet, and schooners of not less than 80 nor more than 115 feet on load water-line; that the races shall be sailed without time allowance; that the challenging club shall give ten months' notice; and that all races shall be on ocean courses, free from headlands, as follows: first race, 20 nautical miles to windward and return; the second race an equilateral triangular race of 30 nautical miles, the first side of which shall be a beat to windward; the third race, if necessary, 20 nautical miles to windward and return.

1888.—The changes in the deed of gift as above described were deemed so unsatisfactory both at home and abroad that the following resolution was adopted at a general meeting of the New York Yacht Club, held May 27:—

Resolved, That the terms under which the races between the Genesta and Puritan Galatea and Mayflower, and Thistle and Volunteer were sailed are considered satisfactory to this club, and a challenge under these terms would be accepted, but with the positive understanding that if the cup is won by the club challenging it shall be held under and subject to the full terms of the new deed, dated October, 28, 1887, inasmuch as this club believes it to be in the interest of all parties, and the terms of which are distinct, fair and sportsmanlike.

The Secretary was directed to forward copies of the resolution to British yacht clubs.

1889.—In May the Royal Yacht Squadron of England, on behalf of Lord Dunraven, challenged the New York Yacht Club for the America's Cup, naming the cutter Valkyrie. There was considerable correspondence, but, owing to some misunderstanding as to the terms of the deed of gift by the challengers, the whole matter went over, Lord Dunraven writing to the New York Yacht Club under date of August 16, I regret the postponement but trust the matter may yet come off.

1890.—The season opened with a renewal of hostilities between Lord Dunraven and the New York Yacht Club. The former wrote to ask if his challenge of the previous season had not been considered as merely postponed, and wanted to know if he were still regarded as a challenger. The Club took a dignified stand, and replied that it would be pleased to waive the ten months' limit again, but that he must

Issue a Challenge

in the name of a recognized yacht club, with a supplemental statement to the effect that, the Club neither could or would depart from the position taken by it last year. Lord Dunraven's reply was that the Royal Yacht Squadron in the event of becoming a winner, could not pledge itself to sail all future contests under the terms of the objectionable deed of gift. This ended the negotiation. The death of Mr. George L. Schuyler, the last donor of the cup, makes the new deed of gift irrevocable, though Mr. James Ashbury has written the World that he intends to carry the matter before the United States courts and contest the legality of a change made in the original instrument by which the Cup was given into the custody of the New York Yacht Club. There were rumors in the autumn of a boat being built by Colonel North in England, one by a syndicate of yachtmen in France and another in Australia, to challenge for the Cup, but none had materialized when the year closed.

In October, 1892, Lord Dunraven wrote the American Yacht Club respecting the deed of gift and the terms upon which he would sail for the Cup.

The terms under which Lord Dunraven desires to sail for the cup are exceedingly simple, and, if they are agreed to, there can be no misunderstanding, as was the case when he sent his last challenge. He asks that he be allowed to challenge, only giving the water-line length of his boat, the Custom-house register to follow as soon as practicable. He also asks that the following conditions be made in addition to those in the deed of gift:

Any excess over the estimated length of the load-water line of my vessel to count double in calculating time allowance; but my vessel not in any case, to exceed such estimated length by more than 2 per cent. The yacht that sails against me not to exceed the estimated length on the load-water line of my vessel by more than 2 per cent.; and any excess in length beyond the estimated length of my vessel on the load-water line to count double in calculating time allowance.

It is to be understood and agreed that should I win the cup, the club obtaining the custody of it shall hold it open to a challenge on the same conditions as those under which I challenged.

The Club agreed to all of this except the stipulation that the boat to meet Lord Dunraven's yacht be not more than 2 per cent. longer on the load-water line than his own and the paragraph in regard to future challenges, and

The Committee Was Appointed. with full power to arrange the match. Matters were arranged in accordance with the above and the Valkyrie is now on her way across the ocean.

As soon as everything was arranged the loyal American millionaire yachtmen began to build and the results are four Cup defenders named respectively: Jubilee, Vigilant, Colonia and Pilgrim.

The Labors of the America's Cup Committee.

There is much to do and a great deal of responsibility to be assumed. Challenging parties are exacting, and while it has been the wish of the cup committees receiving their instructions from the club to be liberal, there must at all times be such alertness shown that the interests of the challenge shall be protected. Recognizing the wishes of the majority of the club in the matter of another international contest after a lapse of five years, and the desire to show the world that American yachtmen are not afraid to again come against the best that British skill can turn out, the negotiations with Lord Dunraven were conducted with the view that a match was agreeable if fair and equitable terms could be agreed upon. They were, and the result is known throughout the world.

The present America's Cup Committee was wisely chosen. It is made up of gentlemen thoroughly acquainted with the history of the trophy and the details of the several races sailed in its defence. They are experienced, diplomatic, shrewd far-seeing. They never jump at conclusions. The majority of them have carried into the pleasant sport of yachting the same thoroughness shown in their business or profession. They are men that have been successful. They have proven time and time again their right to be leaders and it is a difficult problem indeed to the most of them, whether it be of business or yachting, they cannot satisfactorily and successfully solve.

The original committee consisted of Messrs. Latham A. Fish, Archibald Rogers, Gen. Paine, A. Cass Canfield and ex-Commodore James D. Smith. When Gen. Paine and Mr. Rogers decided to build Cup Defenders they resigned from the committee and Messrs. J. F. Tams and Philip Schuyler took their place.

An Englishman travelling on the continent engaged the services of a smart courier, and on arriving at the inn one evening he sent him for the travellers' register that he might enter his name, in accordance with the Austrian police regulations. He replied that he had anticipated his wishes and registered him as an English gentleman of independent means.

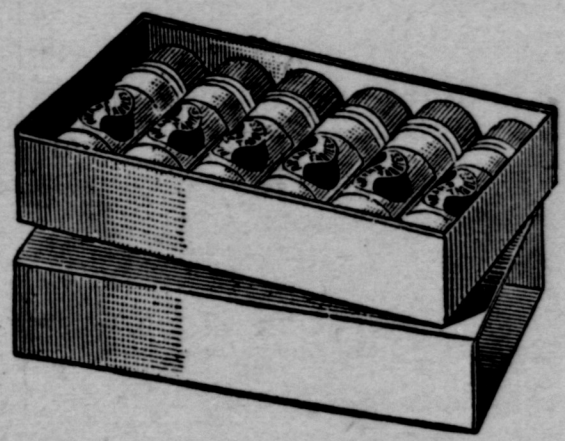
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The Supplementary Entrance Examination Papers.

The supplementary entrance examination held in the Normal School on Friday of last week proved a little too much for most of the applicants for admission, the majority of the them being plucked. The following papers were given:—

Geography.

CLASS I. Time, 1 hr. 30 min.

1. What is the usually accepted theory of ocean tides? Account for the difference in height of the tides on opposite sides of the Isthmus of Chignecto.

2. Define: A river basin; A river system; A river valley.

3. Fredericton is, approximately, in N. Lat. 45, 55', W. Long. 66, 37'. What is the latitude and longitude of its antipodes? Give the position of the latter on the surface of the globe as nearly as possible. What would be the difference in seasons, climate and time of the two places?

4. What natural and artificial advantages enable Canada to do the carrying trade of its own North West, and to compete successfully for that of the Western States?

5. Describe as fully as you can any one of the following rivers, viz: Congo, Danube, Euphrates, La Plata, Hudson, and any one of the following cities viz: Alexandria, Bombay, Buenos Ayres, Boston, Edinburgh.

6. Draw an outline map of Asia, naming mountain ranges, important rivers, coast waters and capitals.

General and British History.

CLASS I. Time, 1 hr. 30 min.

NOTE.—Answer only four of the first seven questions, together with the last three.

1. (a) Distinguish between anthropology, history, archaeology, ethnology and philology, and explain each of these terms. (b) Name eight nations whose history belongs to the ages before the Christian era.

2. Assign the following persons and places to their proper localities and periods, and connect with each some notable fact (this may be done in tabular form): Herodotus, Nineveh, Astyages; Croesus, Menes, Sidon, Darius I, Delphi, Leonidas, Karnak, Tiglath Pileser II, Pyrrhus, Sargon, Clisthenes.

3. Outline the history of the Hebrews from the exodus to return from captivity.

4. Give the names and dates of the periods and epochs of Roman history, from Tarquin to Theodosius; and write a paragraph on any one epoch.

5. Write notes on the following: Sparta and Athens—their people contrasted—their government, and political changes—Grecian literature and art—names and works of five great writers at Athens.

6. Give a short account of the causes, conduct and consequences of (a) the Crusades, or (b) the French Revolution, with mention of important dates and names in connection with the same.

7. Write biographical notes on two of the following personages: Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, Richelieu, Napoleon III.

8. (a) What do you know of the time and manner of the bringing of Scotland, Ireland and Wales respectively under the crown and parliament of England? (b) What attempts have been made to undo this union?

9. Select two of the following topics and write a paragraph about each: The Roman occupation of Britain. The acquisition and maintenance of British rule in India. The Revolution of 1688-9. The American war of independence.

10. From the history of the British Empire during the reign of Victoria, select and name three great wars, three great political events, three great discoveries or inventions, three great generals, three great at statesmen, three distinguished poets, three other eminent authors.

Natural History.

CLASS I. Time, 1 hr. 30 min.

NOTE.—Six questions make a full paper.

1. Name the three principal kinds of bedded or stratified rocks. Compare them as to origin and composition, and tell how they may be distinguished.

2. Name four of the chief ores of iron. What does each of them contain besides iron? Tell how they may be distinguished from each other.

3. What is the principal use of manganese ore? What renders it useful for the purpose mentioned? Give two localities in New Brunswick where the ore is found.

5. Mention a plant which displays two leaves when it first comes up, and another in which a single leaf first appears. Account for this difference. Contrast the leaves and stems of the two plants as to form and structure. Refer each plant to its proper series and class, giving reasons.

5. Write a full description, including the root, stem, leaves, flower fruit, and embryo of a native plant belonging to the Maple Family or the Pine Family: Describe.

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