

News of Sport.

ST. JOHN DID NOT HAVE A GOOD YEAR IN SPORT.

This City Was Not Especially Prominent in Amateur Games—Sporting Boom Strikes Amherst—A Fine New Rink—Caledonia Curling Club.

The past year has been rather an uninteresting one in sport. The contests have been mainly confined to local events, and taken as a whole, the city's showing for the year was a poor one. In hockey last year, with two teams in the provincial league, St. John allowed the cup to be carried away by the St. Stephen team. In the skating championships however Fen Parker, carried off all the honors, with Jimmy Price the boy from up-river a close second.

Curling as usual, created considerable interest, and in the St. Andrews-Thistle series, the latter team carried off the honors. In the outside games the three clubs gave a good account of themselves, winning a majority of the games played.

Baseball was a failure, the trouble among the members of the local league, tending to kill whatever interest might have been taken in the games. In the few outside games played, there was little interest shown, and the results were disappointing from a financial standpoint, as well as from a sporting view. With the prospects of an international league for the coming season, there should be a boom in this popular sport next summer.

In football, a fair amount of interest was taken, and a league formed, composed of Neptunes, St. Joseph's, Carleton and Fairville. The Neptune team were the winners of the league and captured the cup. A few outside games were played by the various teams, with varying results. Considerable interest has been taken in tennis the last few years, and many interesting matches were held last season on the grounds of the Rothersey Tennis Club, in which players from various parts of the province competed, as well as the local enthusiasts.

The members of the St. John Golf Club had a very pleasant season and many enjoyable games were played on the links of the club. A few games of cricket were played though little interest was manifested in games outside of the players themselves. In rowing circles the most prominent feature during the past season was the regatta on the harbor held during the tercentenary celebration. In these events considerable interest was manifested and large crowds lined the water front to view the various contests. The races in

which the man-a-wars-men took part were among the most exciting. In the four-oared race the Holyer crew of Carleton carried off the honors. The Neptune Rowing Club which has always manifested great interest in rowing events, have enlarged their present quarters, and are now enjoying the increased accommodation where the winter evenings are very pleasantly spent.

The yachtsmen enjoyed a very pleasant season and many happy hours were spent on the St. John river and its tributaries. The usual club races were held during the season and although the number of yachts competing, and the yachtsmen in attendance, was not as large as could be desired, in the interests of the sport, the events were all well contested and well conducted.

The annual cruise of the fleet in the river and lakes, was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The club, this winter, are occupying new quarters in the Masonic building, they being much superior to the rooms formerly occupied on Prince Wm. St. The indications are that many new crafts will be on the river next summer, and probably a large increase in the memberships of the R. K. Y. C. While the local contests in all kinds of sports were very well carried out, there was very little competition with outsiders, which after all is the most interesting to the general public.

CURLING.

At Amherst.

Amherst, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Chignecto Curling Club has just started out on its eighth year, under very encouraging circumstances. During the last year it has affiliated with the Royal Caledonia Curling Club, through the Nova Scotia branch, the president R. C. Fuller, of Chignecto Club, being vice president of the Nova Scotia branch, which is composed of eight Nova Scotia clubs.

The first match under its control will be played in the Chignecto's rink on Monday next, January 2nd, this being for a trophy which will be annually competed for.

Chignecto has a membership of over sixty, including honorary members, or about fifty active playing members; and as usual it is composed of a lot of the best men in the community. The officers for this

season are:—R. C. Fuller, president, James Moffatt, vice-president, A. M. Bonnyman, secretary-treasurer and three others with W. H. Tennant, J. N. Page, Wm. Knight and I. A. Crossman, are the executive committee, A. M. Bonnyman and W. H. Tennant, Committee.

If this club plays all the matches due and contemplated this season it will be kept pretty busy, as it should play at least Halifax, Truro, Sackville, Moncton, Hampton, Carleton, and Saint John, at their rinks, besides all the home matches. The President, vs vice-president match has just been concluded, resulting in a victory of 17 for the President.

The inter-rink matches are now on and exciting great interest.

HOCKEY

At Amherst.

Amherst, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The Ramblers Amateur Athletic Club are in good shape for the winter's hockey.

In August last they were incorporated as a joint stock concern, with a capital of \$10,000. They purchased the Aberdeen Rink, and have thoroughly remodelled it, giving them one of the finest rinks in the province. They removed the end entrances and dressing rooms, building wings on each side for this purpose. This gives them about 16 feet more length, placing their rink fully up to the regulation length. Their ice space is now 168X60 ft. The sides are screened with wire netting protecting the onlookers. Raised seats on each side and at the upper flat gives a seating capacity to over 2000. Victor G. Curry is president of the Joint Stock Company, A. H. Lunsy managing director, and F. J. T. McDonald secretary-treasurer.

The team which last season were the champions of the Nova Scotia Amateur Hockey League and successful defenders of the "Starr" trophy, are probably as strong this season as last, and judging from their work at practice will give a good account of themselves.

The officers of the Club are:—A. H. Laney, president; Lyman Moffatt, secretary; J. J. Tweddle, capt. The line up for the season will be:—Neil Currie—Goal. Frank Brown—Point. Ed Curran—Cover Point. Lorne Simpson—Left wing. A. V. Murray—Center.

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THE RING.

The Manly Art.

The Littlejohn-Jordan ten round boxing match to take place next Monday afternoon, at the City Hall west end, points will no doubt be a good clean go. Jack Power will referee. Clean go. Jack Power will referee, and with him at the head of the show, should be a guarantee that everything will be right.

Charge Against Ferguson.

Poston, Dec. 30.—John H. Ferguson, better known in pugilistic circles as "Sandy" Ferguson, was in the municipal court yesterday, charged with larceny from Mrs. Ella Veto of Chelsea, who said that she met Ferguson at one of the North end Italian hotels Wednesday evening. Judge Ely held Ferguson in \$1000 for trial on Monday next.

SKATING.

For Championships.

Inquiries are actually flowing in on Louis Rubenstein, and the secretary of the Canadian Amateur Skating Association is having his hands full answering questions relative to the championship races, which will take place on the M. A. A. ice on Feb. 4. Mr. Morris Wood, the American champion, who has been seen in Montreal at a previous meet is a likely competitor, and it is likely that there will be a number of speedy ones from across the line. Mr. Louis Rubenstein will take a trip next week towards New York and will probably have a collection of entries when he returns.

GRAND FALLS.

Grand Falls, Dec. 30th.—Nick Lolar, a well known Indian guide, was found frozen to death, about half a mile above Andover, last Thursday. Too much of the White man's firewater was the cause of the fatality. Lolar resided at Indian Point, the large Indian village situated about half a mile above Andover, on the opposite side of the river. His frozen corpse was discovered near the old Sedell house—an unoccupied house about one half mile above the outskirts of Andover village. St. John men who have canoeed up the Tobique will remember Lolar—one of the best canoeists and guides on the Tobique.

Hugh Taylor, Collector of Customs here, who was confined to his residence for some days on account of illness, is now convalescent.

Charles H. Henderson, a popular C. P. R. conductor, who has been off duty for several months on account of a severe attack of muscular rheumatism, is now sojourning in the southern states, where the mild climate has greatly improved his health.

Miss Bessie Fraser is visiting friends in Fredericton. Miss Gertie Mulherrin has returned after a brief visit to Houlton, Me. Mrs. George Smith, Lincoln, Me., a former resident of Grand Falls, is visiting friends in town. Miss Eva Day, who was absent in Presque Isle for several months, has returned home.

John Day is now engaged remodeling and renovating the interior of his neat residence.

A trivial yet interesting case was tried before the police magistrate on Thursday. Alfred Cote sued Louis Theriault for \$1.50 for work and labor in killing one cow, two beef, and two hogs. The defendant swore that after the killing he furnished a spread of delicacies together with several bottles of best House of Commons whisky, and that when he offered to pay the plaintiff, he refused to accept anything, saying he had been too well used. Defendant also deposed that only one hog had been slaughtered, and that the whisky, acting on the imagination of the plaintiff, produced the other hog, which existed only in the plaintiff's fancy. A. J. Martin acted as official interpreter for the court. J. J. Gallagher was the attorney for the defendant. Judgment was rendered for the defendant with costs.

A welcome change is at last apparent in the weather. Last night was again fearfully cold, but today the sun shines in a cloudless sky and the rays are fast melting the icicles. A thaw is greatly to be desired, since nearly all the wells and springs are utterly dry.

Chas. Curless, the enterprising host of the Curless Hotel, has constructed a winter vestibule or lobby the whole length of the entrance to the hotel. The office, ladies' entrance, and sample room may be entered from the vestibule, which is lighted by several windows and has several exits.

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CURTAIN FALLS

ON THE FANATICS.

End of the Doukhobor Crusade in Manitoba --- Four Leaders Jailed.

The curtain has been rung down on the Doukhobor agitation in Manitoba and the Territories. The four leaders of that famous up-rising, fanatics who were not amendable to reason, have been arrested as vagrants by the Winnipeg police, and are now awaiting sentence.

Their names are Metro Svetlikoff, Tynwfy Leonow, Alexy Machortow, and Nikolay Kuchtinow. Compelled by the extreme cold to seek shelter, they became a nuisance at the Immigration Hall, and were turned over to the police to keep them from injury.

After the first great trek of 1902, in which the Doukhobors introduced an entirely new element into religious fanaticism, these unfortunate men were for the time quiet, but the following fall broke out again in a new place, and secured a considerable following. This second uprising was summarily broken up and with the arrival of Peter Verigen, chief of the sect, there was little further trouble.

The above four refused to yield to his influence, however. They would not eat flesh nor employ animals in farming or other pursuits. Their following dwindled and died, and at last they left the west country for Winnipeg. All through the summer they have been holding meetings on a corner in the north end of the city, where frequent riots needed the attention of the police.

A REAL FRIEND.

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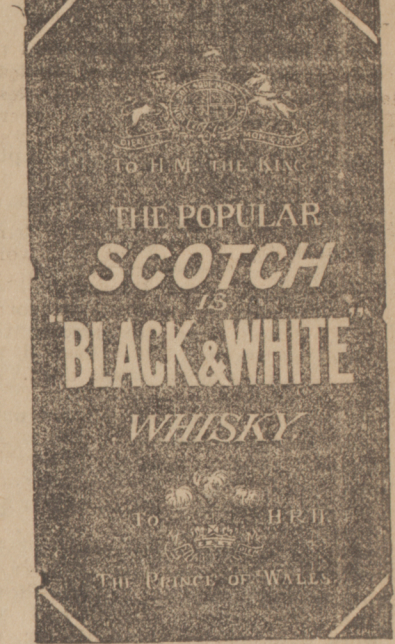
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