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COLTS DEFEATED BY SAINT JOHN 6-3

In a League Game Played in the Winterport City, Which Was Witnessed by Fifteen Hundred Fans.—Game Was Refereed by Buzz McLeod, of Moncton.

Before 1,500 fans at the St. John Arena Friday night, St. John defeated Sussex in a regular M.A.H.A. fixture by a score of 6 to 3. The game was very fast during the first period, the total team outskating their opponents and combining in splendid fashion. The second and third sessions were a bit ragged in spots until the Kings boys staged a last minute rally which threatened a possible tie.

Numerous penalties were handed out by Referee Buzz McLeod, mostly for tripping, both teams offending in this respect.

After five minutes of rapid fire play in the opening stanza, Percy Radcliffe went through the local defence and shot, and Lutz, who was following hard scored on a rebound. Shortly afterwards Brad Gilbert and Lane staged a similar stunt for St. John, the latter scoring. Lane and Gilbert combined again soon to go through the Colts for another tally, Gilbert making the score on a nice pass.

The St. John sextette were hitting a fast pace in this period and combination with accurate shooting featured their game. Hallisey sagged the twice but was called back for outside. Three minutes before the bell rang Lane who was skating the game of his life, grabbed the puck from the mixup at centre ice and scored on the prettiest piece of individual work of the night's play. Score 3 to 1.

Lane opened the next period with a great burst of speed, and within a few minutes scored tally 4. McPhee came out of his net and made a spectacular stop of a shot from the stick of P. Radcliffe. Boudreau made two end to

KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL IN ANNUAL SESSION

Auditor's Report Shows County Finances to be in Very Healthy Condition.—Credit Balance of \$33,000.—Howard W. Snider, Councillor for Kars, New Warden.—Much Business Transacted.

The annual meeting of the Kings County Council was opened at the Court House, Hampton, on Tuesday morning, with a full attendance of Councillors, every member of the Board being present.

The retiring warden, Dr. J. B. Gilchrist, occupied the chair at the opening.

The councillors present were: R. A. Brown and L. J. Murray, from the Parish of Cardwell; H. P. Jones and O. A. Flewelling, Greenwich; R. A. Cassidy and C. W. Alexander, Hammond; J. W. Smith and F. M. Sprout, Hampton; Archibald Brown and J. McFarland, Havelock; David Jones and H. W. Snider, Kars; Roy P. Breen and A. W. Thompson, Kingston; John B. Gilchrist, M.D., and W. A. Reynolds, Norton; T. Gilliland and O. H. Saunders, Rothesay Parish; Joseph Kennedy, Rothesay Village; R. H. Pearson and C. M. Vall, Springfield; John E. McAuley and Thomas Long, Studholm; John A. Armstrong and William Creighton, Sussex Parish; E. H. Vickers and J. W. Patterson, Town of Sussex; T. H. Drummond and D. J. Floyd, Uplam; S. Parlee and J. J. Richardson, Waterford; and H. A. Lingley and Wm. Baxter, Westfield.

The main business before the Council on Tuesday was the reading and adoption of the different reports submitted, which included that of the County Auditor, Secretary of Municipal Home, and Secretary of Kings Sub-district Board of Health.

Howard W. Snider, Councillor for Kars, was elected by acclamation Warden, to succeed Dr. Gilchrist.

Warden Snider returned thanks for the honor conferred on him, and stated he would try to perform his duties as efficiently as possible.

Dr. H. A. Farris of the County Hospital, East Saint John, was heard in reference to needy tubercular patients. Dr. Farris said that the people were getting more educated regarding the dangers of the disease and its actual financial cost to municipalities in money as well as life. The only real way to prevent the disease from spreading was to isolate all advanced cases of T. B. and to allow no one in that stage to be in a house where there were little children.

The doctor stated that a county councillor might give an order to place a patient in a T. B. institution and it should be done. The victims of the disease must be taught that when they accept help from the taxpayers they are not becoming paupers and a way must be devised to subsidize the Saint John County Hospital at a rate of at least \$1 per patient per day so that the needy could obtain treatment at a lower rate without losing their franchise or standing as citizens.

Dr. Farris said that in 1909 out of a city of 40,000 inhabitants, Saint John had 118 deaths from tuberculosis and in 1925, out of 47,000 population there were only 59 deaths from T. B.

Dr. Gilchrist then moved that the Provincial Government be presented a memorial from the Council asking that they make a grant to the St. John County Hospital in order that needy patients might receive treatment at a price within their means. This was seconded and passed.

Auditor's Report for Year Ending December 31st, 1925

The Auditor's report, submitted by C. T. Wetmore, County Auditor, showed the finances to be in a most satisfactory condition, the county at the end of the fiscal year having over \$33,000 of a credit balance. The auditor's report which was read and adopted was as follows:

To the Wardens and Councillors, Municipality of Kings.

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted a statement of receipts and expenditures as taken from the accounts of your Secretary-Treasurer for the year ending December 31st, 1925, together with a summary of the returns of the Parish Collectors and the Treasurers of the Village of Rothesay and the Town of Sussex.

I find the books of your Secretary-Treasurer well and carefully kept; all payments have been authorized and vouchers are on file for all expenditures. The accounts show a cash balance from 1924 of \$37,156.52, receipts for all purposes amounting to \$511,113.54, expenditures \$551,987.70, leaving a cash balance on December 31st, 1925, of \$33,071.36. With the exception of a small amount petty cash this balance was on deposit to the credit of the Municipality at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Hampton. To be paid from this balance there are liabilities for: School Drafts, Hospital Expenses, Pauper Lunatic Expenses, Salaries of County Officials, Revisors' Fees and Expenses of the January Session of the Council all payable early in this year and totalling over \$19,000.00.

I would like to call your attention to the present favorable financial standing of the County, as follows:—

Assets	
Estimated value of County Court House	\$40,000.00
Estimated value of County Jail	15,000.00
Estimated value of Alms House Building and Farm	23,000.00
Estimated value of County Meadows	610.00
Amounts due from Parishes on Assessments for prior years	5,580.08
Cash on hand December 31st, (including amount of un-invested Sinking Funds)	33,071.36
	\$127,251.44
Liabilities	
Amount of County Bills due early in 1926	\$19,000.00
Bonded Indebtedness	13,600.00
Less Invested Sinking Funds	6,857.00
	6,742.11
	\$257,421.11
	\$97,009.33

N. B.—In addition to the invested Sinking Fund there is \$4823.51 on hand to the credit of Sinking Funds, which is included in Cash Balance above.

I have made the usual audit of the Collectors' Returns and the Accounts and Lists filed by them. An abstract of their returns is attached. The Collectors in Kars, Rothesay, Uplam, Havelock, Cardwell, Westfield, Hammond and Hampton have improved their Parish standing considerably by energetic collections. In some of the double Parish collections are good in one end of the Parish and poor in the other. Springfield remains at the foot of the list with heavy indebtedness to the County on 1925, 1924 and 1923.

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HEAVY LOSSES IN PLANTING TROUT FRY

Experiments Demonstrate, or at Least Indicate, That the Loss Has Been as Heavy at 98 Per Cent. During First Three Months of Distribution.

Whether the planting of trout fry in streams and lakes in this vicinity has proven a success is a question often up for discussion, and opinions differ greatly in answer to the query.

A. P. Knight, Chairman of the Biological Board of Canada, Kingston, Ont., in an interesting letter asking the co-operation of the people, fish culturists and anglers in testing the reliability of some experiments which were designed to ascertain the numbers of trout fry which survived out of a given number distributed in depleted trout streams, says:

The importance of the experiments can hardly be overestimated, because, if corroboration of the Board's results is obtained in different parts of Canada, and in the United States, then if economic results are aimed at, fry will have to be rigidly excluded from all waters excepting those which are known to be suitable.

Three public bodies in Canada co-operated in carrying out the experiments during the summers of 1923 and 1924: (1) The Ontario Department of Fisheries, which furnished the fry and fingerlings and in most cases distributed them; (2) The Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, which appointed an experienced hatchery officer to check the determination of losses; and (3) The Biological Board of Canada, which appointed a Mr. H. C. White to carry out the operations in the field.

In seven streams and two ponds, a total of 97,500 fry or fingerlings were planted, some on June 15, 1923, and some again on June 15, 1924. In six of the streams the losses were apparent total at the end of three months. In streams and ponds combined apparently only 1,357 survived, being less than 1 1/2 per cent. of the total fry planted.

The method of determining the losses was that of seining the streams or ponds and counting the survivors. A net fine enough to catch the smallest fry and long enough to stretch across a brook is used. A stout brail or stick about three or four feet long is attached to each end of the net. Heavy leads are fixed to the lower side of the net, so that fry may not escape at the bottom. The upper side is held above the water by the two men who operate the net, one on each side of the stream.

The seining should be done over and over again—a dozen or more times if necessary; in fact, often enough to ensure that almost every survivor is caught. Toward the end of the seining it may be necessary to have a third man rile the water thoroughly by stirring up the bottom of the stream in advance of the two seiners. This, in order to prevent the fry from seeing and avoiding the net. Some practice is necessary in seining, otherwise the results will be unreliable.

In one of the brooks seined by the Board it was found that the fry ascended the stream about forty rods above and ninety rods below the point of distribution. If it is desired to shorten the distance to be seined and catch all ascending and descending fry, then two fine wire screens should be placed across the stream—one say twenty or fifty rods above, and the other twenty to fifty rods below the point of distribution. In each of these screens there should be inserted a cylindrical wire fish-trap, funnel-shaped at one end and joined by a smaller cylindrical wire tube or sleeve to an opening in the central part of the screen, so that the trap can be removed and cleaned at pleasure. The screen and the trap should be carefully constructed so as to catch all ascending or descending fry, and thus discover how many fry migrate up or down stream.

The outstanding causes for the high mortality which was found in South-west Ontario seemed: (1) warm, stagnant or peaty water; (2) larger trout and enemy fish eating the fry as shown by finding fry or fingerlings in their stomachs; and (3) lack of sufficient natural food.

The results of the Board's experiment thus far are a severe condemnation, not of fish culture as a whole, but of the prevailing method of distributing fry in streams, namely—dumping them at any point most convenient to a highway or travelled road. They should be distributed with fair uniformity along the upper stretches of streams or along the margins of ponds where trout naturally lay their eggs—if they can find suitable spawning beds.

The experiments demonstrate, or at least indicate:

1. A loss of 98 per cent. of the fry (for the method of planting used and the streams investigated) during the first three months after distribution.
2. Consequently, a greatly increased cost of production per fry.
3. The necessity of a thorough examination as to the stability of every stream or pond in which it is proposed to plant fry.

At present, we are planting fry in the dark—and in some cases we are feeding them to coarse or useless fish.

WHAT ABOUT BASKETBALL?

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 19, 1926. Editor, Kings County Record:

As I have been an ardent follower of basketball for some time, I would like to see this good old game started in Sussex, so I would be very pleased if you could allow me a small space in your splendid paper to give my view of the matter.

If the sport fans of Sussex only knew it, we are far behind the other towns of New Brunswick. In practically all the other towns basketball is one of the favorite winter sports, while here in Sussex we seldom hear it mentioned outside junior sports.

The girls of this town have made a good start by organizing class teams in high school, but the young men are away behind time. It seems a shame that some of our prominent men do not get together and try and get the boys interested in basketball and give them some encouragement.

There is lots of good material from which to develop a team which could hold their own against the intermediate teams of Saint John, Moncton, etc., if they had the proper coaching and the support of the citizens of Sussex.

B. Campbell, Smith, Wiles and McInerney have had some experience at the game and could be counted on to make good while Matthews and D. Campbell of the High School team are promising young players. Mr. Hart of the High School teaching staff was one of the star forwards of the 1925 Normal School team and would be a great help to any team. D. Whalen, a former graduate of S. H. S. was also a star player of last year's Normal School team, and is a defence player of no mean ability. There are several other youngsters who would doubtless make good if given the proper training, so I hope that basketball will soon get a good start in Sussex, as it is a splendid game to watch.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space I have taken in your valuable paper,

I remain, yours truly,
A BASKETBALL FAN.

KEIRSTEAD MOUNTAIN

Jan. 25—Mrs. Ella McFarlane is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John Ellison and Mr. Ellison, Lower Millstream.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellison and Mrs. Ella McFarlane were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McFarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Keirstead spent Sunday afternoon in Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Keirstead and Miss Amie spent Sunday with friends in Snider Mountain.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson spent last week with Mrs. Duncan McFarlane.

Charlie Simonds, our popular pedlar passed through this place recently.

George Fletcher, who has the portable mill in this place, sawing lumber for Robert Stewart, spent the week end at his home in Sussex.

Mr. Stewart is doing a rushing business, due to the fine roads, many teams from here and the surrounding country are engaged in hauling lumber to Apohaqui for shipment.

Among those who attended the hockey match in Sussex Wednesday evening were Burton, Keirstead, Miss H. Sprague, George Keirstead, Miss Erna Hayes, Willie Horton, Mrs. Ruth-erford McFarlane and Miss McQuady.

JEFFRIE'S CORNER

Jan. 25—Miss Annie Crombie, of Poodiac, is spending some time with Mrs. Edward Jeffries.

Miss Ethel Lynch came to Wards Creek to spend some time with Mrs. Isaac Bonnell.

Miss Mildred Lynch has returned home from visiting friends at Mount Pisgah and New Line Road.

Elmer Lisson, of Hillsdale, spent the week end with his mother Mrs. T. Lisson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Armstrong were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buchanan, New Line Road, on Sunday.

Miss Susie Lynch is spending some time with Mrs. Elmer Buchanan, New Line Road.

The funeral of Mrs. John Marchbanks, of Sussex, passed through this place today, enroute to Poodiac, where her remains were laid to rest beside that of her husband, who predeceased her some years ago.

Earl Hawkes of Sussex High School was the week end guest of his uncle Allen Hawkes.

Raymond Crowe, of Sussex High School, was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Buchanan, of Rockville, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Armstrong.

Miss Florence Proctor spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Proctor, of Millbrook.

Miss Vergie Virtue left on Monday for Boston to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. McBride.

PASSEKEAG

Jan. 25—John Carson has returned home from the States, where he has spent some time.

Ernest Smith spent the week end at his home here.

Miss Mable Sherwood, of Loch Lomond spent Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tays.

Miss Fannie Tays spent Sunday the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tays.

Wm. Doherty spent a few days at his home here.

Miss Amelia Dunlap spent the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross and family are spending the winter with Mrs. Ross parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carson.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Jan. 25—Fenwick Folkins was called to St. John Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother, Peter Folkins, of Springfield, N. S., who died Thursday last.

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