

# NEWS of SPORT

## FREDERICTON HOCKEY CLUBS SHAKING DOWN

**Officers Named at Well Attended Meeting — Edgar Wade Left for Waterville, Me., Last Night.**

The Fredericton Hockey Club had a largely attended meeting Wednesday night, in the garage of J. Clark & Son, Limited, and furthered organization for the season of 1927. The organization will be confined with one or two exceptions to players.

Officers elected are:—President, Alden Clark; Secretary, Orlo E. Keene; Treasurer, A. Parks.

Edgar Wade for Waterville. As was stated previously Edgar Wade will not be with Fredericton this season. He left last night for Waterville, Me., where with other Maritime players—Sussex, New Glasgow and other clubs being represented—he will play in a Maine-New Hampshire League.

**Local Material.** Until the club gets ice and the players can show what they have, the Fredericton club will be on paper. The intention now is said to be to have enough forward players for two lines. Keene, Jim Sterling, Alan Sterling, Keenan and Eddie Colwell are ready. At U. N. B. are McKenna and Creighton, new men who have played senior hockey, Aubrey who played with Bathurst High and other players who have experience as forwards. In addition to Steen and Clark on defence Dordridge of the U. N. B. is likely to be used. Hickson again is to be net guardian.

It is not yet known definitely whether the opening date of the schedule will be altered to give Fredericton more time.

## ANDERSON NOW IN PRO TENNIS

Sydney, N. S.W., Dec. 15—In his last game as an amateur J. O. Anderson defeated Gerald Patterson, 6-1, 9-7, 6-2, 6-2, at tennis here Saturday. Anderson and Patterson had represented Australia in Davis Cup competition.

After his victory over Patterson on Saturday Anderson became a tennis teacher.

## LANDIS WILL REMAIN HEAD OF BASEBALL

**The American League is Ready to Support Him — A Longer League Season is Favored by Some.**

Chicago, Dec. 15—There is no desire on the part of the American League club owners to supplant Kenesaw Mountain Landis as baseball commissioner, or to oppose his re-election for a seven-year term, which will come up at the joint meeting of the major league clubs in Chicago Thursday.

This was apparent tonight as club owners of the American League gathered for their annual meeting.

Commissioner Landis will have the unqualified support of Col. Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, and Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox and it is considered likely no other American League magnate will raise his voice even in a whisper concerning any opposition to the renewal of Commissioner Landis' term.

It is probable that the American League may favor boosting Landis' annual salary of \$50,000 to a higher figure.

The American League club owners are expected to concur in the action of the National League in voting to extend the 1927 campaign into the first week in October, instead of ending the season the last week in September.

As the American League club owners seemed to have settled in advance what their decision will be on the major questions coming up, it is likely that spirited trading sessions will overshadow the news of the deliberations of the owners.

### New Managers to Attend.

Jack McAllister was named manager of the Cleveland Indians, succeeding Tris Speaker in time for him to come to Chicago to negotiate trades if possible. Ray Schalk the new leader of the Chicago White Sox, will be on hand endeavoring to find a second baseman or shortstop to take the place of Eddie Collins. The Ex-White Sox leader has been reported variously as going to the Athletics or the Yankees.

Dan Howley the new pilot of the Browns, has announced that George Sisler will be the Brown's first baseman in 1927, closing the door on

## JOE LAMB IN BETTER FORM AT MONTREAL

**Played Well for Vics on Monday and Stayed Out of Penalty Box—Hard Game Played.**

When St. Francois and Victorias, two of the leading Montreal amateur hockey teams played to a tie Monday at Montreal, Joe Lamb previously of Sussex turned in a good game. This time he stayed out of the penalty box. The Montreal Star says:—

The Saints were undoubtedly weakened on the defence without Bourgoin but Carroll, who replaced him, skated fast and played good hockey. The forward line of Baril, Pedneault and Gaudreault is almost a defence in itself with the sweeping checks of those who make it up. The return of Baril gave that department more punch. The forwards have two good substitutes in Burt and Arcand.

Aside from the fact that Campbell was effective both on the defence and with his speedy rushes, Frank Carlin or Torry Shibley left no weakness when they appeared. Joe Lamb used the most of the game at right wing, probably played his best game on Montreal ice. A hard luck player around the goals but a fast skater and a man who will score a lot of counters with a little more experience. Sig Slater was the same dashing figure at centre ice and when flanked by Bobby Bell, Abbott or Darcy Leamy played good hockey but it was just a case of being opposed by a style of defence that was too sound.

## INDIANS IN ONTARIO HOCKEY

Brantford, Dec. 15—The Ohsweken (Six Nations Reserve) hockey team will take up the hockey season of 1925-26 where it was left off last spring, when they were ready to play the final in the U. F. O. series with Alvinston.

A. J. Violette of St. Leonard is registered at the Queen.

gossip that the Brown ex-manager was on the market.

## HORNSBY MAY BE THROWN ON THE MARKET

**Making Contract Demands His Club Will Not Meet—Giants and Cubs Only Likely Bidders.**

New York, Dec. 15—Rogers Hornsby today loomed as the central figure in one of baseball's biggest prospective deals as National League magnates embarked for Chicago to attend the joint meeting of the two major leagues tomorrow.

Unless Hornsby recedes from his contract demands on President Sam Breadon, the star second baseman and manager of the world's champions, will be placed on the market next month, according to information which reached the magnates. At least two clubs, the Giants and Cubs gave indications of opening negotiations for his services.

The magnates pointed out that probably only the Giants or Cubs would be prepared to negotiate for Hornsby, whose present played contract calls for an annual salary of \$27,000.

Establishment of a maximum price for player purchases, revision of the minor league draft agreement and more harmonious working arrangements between the two major leagues and Commissioner Landis are some of recommendations which National League representatives carried toward Chicago.

## SPEAKER HAD TROUBLE WITH SOME PLAYERS

In discussing Tris Speaker's announced resignation from the Cleveland club, Joe Vila the other day wrote in The New York Sun: "Cleveland gossips say that, like Cobb, Speaker had frequent quarrels with his players. When Ray Chapman, the Indians' famous shortstop, was accidentally killed by a pitched ball several years ago, Speaker attended the funeral with several players including Steve O'Neill, star catcher of the Cleveland team, afterward with Toronto and now with the Browns. Later that day, the gossips say, Speaker and O'Neill got into an argument. O'Neill finally punched Speaker in the eye, which led to the summary release of the big catcher to the Boston Red Sox. The loss of O'Neill's services was a hard blow for the Indians. Speaker never was able to find his equal. Speaker also was scored unmercifully for trading Stanley Coveleskie to the Washingtons, believing that the veteran spitball pitcher had become a back number. Coveleskie, handled by Bucky Harris, pitched the game of his life for the Senators in 1925 and still is on the payroll."

## ONTARIO COMMENT

(Toronto Globe.)

Advocates of the mixture of pros and amateurs in Canadian sport will recover very slowly from the stern rebuke handed them at St. John when the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada buried the Jackson resolution under an avalanche of 98 votes to 19. There is very little sentiment for the radical proposal anywhere. The Dominion of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, has gone on record for the 'steenth time as rigidly opposed to any tinkering with the definition of an amateur tending to the weakening of the principle of amateurism. Freak legislation gets short shrift in the governing body of Canadian sport and its advocates are likely to make themselves increasingly scarce in view of this latest rebuff. Canada may be relied upon to loyally support the International Olympic committee and the other nations of the world athletic congress in their efforts to keep sport on its present high plane, and to strengthen, rather than weaken, the foundations which have made possible the gigantic quadrennial revival of the ancient Olympics.

## CAMEL POLICE OF KALAHARI

### RACE LOCUST HORDES OF DESERT

Cape Town, Dec. 15—In the desert wastes of the Kalahari you meet the men of that strange force the South African Police camel patrol. They are lonely men, like the mounted police of the Canadian snows; but they like the life.

Their "beat" includes nearly 6,000 square miles of sandy, sun-dried country. They are policemen, wearing blue uniforms and carrying revolvers; yet arresting criminals forms the smallest part of their duty in the Kalahari.

They have to collect native taxes, inspect cattle and detect the dreaded rinderpest, report invading swarms of locusts, dip sheep, make meteorological observations, compile voters' rolls in the isolated villages of the territory. But beyond an occasional stock theft there is little crime, indeed.

Long and dangerous treks across the sand dunes of the Kalahari take up much of their time. Water holes are hard to find in that sun-scorched land. A small desert melon called tsama grows after the rains, but there is no other fruit.

So each man setting out to a distant native village loads his camel with water bags to last fourteen days. He carries a rifle, not only to shoot game

but because there are still little bands of wild Bushmen who occasionally attack white men with poisoned arrows.

Blankets and a heavy overcoat are necessary, for the hot sand of the daytime becomes ice cold at night. Meat and mealie meal, tea, milk, sugar and a small stove complete the desert policeman's outfit.

For days he sits on his camel, plodding across the yellow sand with his eyes and ears full of grit, without the slightest relief from the all-pervading heat. There are no trees, rivers or pools in the Kalahari. But there is always the possibility of lying down on a scorpion at night.

The policeman may have to travel for a week to reach a single white man at some lonely outpost just because the Census Department requires a form to be filled in.

Camels used in the Kalahari come from the Sudan. The police are expected to cover forty miles a day in normal times. When great locust hordes are threatening to leave their breeding places in the Kalahari and descend on the rich farming districts of the Union, the men of the camel patrol sometimes cover eighty miles of desert in twenty-four hours to bring the news to the nearest telegraph office.

## TEXAS FLAPPER, ROBS BANK

### TWO MEN LOCKED IN VAULT

Austin, Tex., Dec. 15—A slip of a girl, alone and unmasked, today robbed the Farmers National Bank at Buda, a typical "Main Street" town near here, of an undetermined amount of money.

The girl calmly walked into the bank, said she was a newspaper woman and borrowed a typewriter in the rear of the building. When all but two employees had left for lunch the girl apparently about seventeen, produced a pistol from a coat pocket. After locking S. A. Jamison, cashier, and Raymond Howe, bookkeeper, in the vault she escaped in a coupe with what cash she could collect.

Buda officers gave chase, but late today had been outwitted. They said the girl got away with between \$1,200 and \$2,400.

The woman was described as a slender brunette, weighing from 110 to 115 pounds and quietly dressed. She appeared at the bank an hour before the robbery and told officials she had been sent to write an article about the town of Buda, which has a population of about 300. She chatted with half a dozen or more visitors and waited until all customers had left at noon. Jamison and Howe were preparing to go to lunch when she suddenly drew a pistol from her coat and commanded: "Stand where you are!"

Jamison was just coming out of the vault. Howe was in his cage at the bookkeeper's window.

"Move over closer to him," she commanded Howe. He obeyed.

The woman then ordered both men into the vault.

She told Jamison to unlock the safe. "Dig that money out," she commanded her pistol leveled at Jamison's head, with Howe also in front of its muzzle.

Jamison handed out two packages of currency, each containing \$2,200; another he dropped to the floor without the girl seeing it.

She then slammed and locked the vault door, leaving the men inside.

Persons on the street, who had not suspected the robbery, said they saw her enter her coupe and drive away on the Post Road toward Austin.

With a screwdriver, Jamison and Howe succeeded in opening the vault door from the inside within ten minutes and immediately telephoned officers at Austin and other towns.

Austin police and Travis County officers immediately set watch on roads between Buda and Austin for the girl, but did not intercept her.

As news of the robbery spread, hundreds of curious persons crowded into the town to see where the flapper bandit conducted her single-handed job.

## GLOW RADIATES NOURISHMENT DOCTOR SAYS

London, Dec. 15—The perennial fight in England on the merits or demerits of the open fireplace waxes hotter. It has been going on for centuries—since 1273, in fact, when King Edward the First told his royal law-makers that the soft coal smoke and the fog interfered now and then with his slumbers.

Announcement by the coal distributors' parliamentary committee that a serious effort was being made to eliminate the coal fire from all new houses has aroused the ire of Dr. Marie Stopes, who takes an interest in public affairs and helps to look after the nation's helath.

She contends that a glowing open fire is "nourishing." A fireplace gives out something subtle, she maintains, and is nourishing to the system the same as vitamins and the ultra violet ray. A brightly glowing fire, Dr. Stopes says, should be present in every nursery, and in the principal living room of every household.

"I read the pronouncement of the smoke abatement advocates with the greatest dismay," declared Dr. Stopes "and I cannot conceive that such inroads on public health and liberty are actually being contemplated."

The smoke abatement bill, with a lot of amendments, is now in the hands of a standing committee of Parliament. Similar proposed bills have gone thus far for several generations.

## ELKY CLARK AFTER TITLE

London, Dec. 15—Elky Clark of Glasgow, British and European fly-weight champion has sailed for the United States to fight Fidel Labarga of Los Angeles for the world's fly-weight title at Madison Square Garden January 21.

Clark, rated the best 112-pounder Britain has produced since Jimmy Wilde, will attempt to bring back the championship which Wilde lost at the Polo Grounds, New York in 1923 to the late Pancho Villa.

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