

NEWS of SPORT

Recent Reinstatements Have Caused Irritation

Amazement That Certain Men Have Been Reinstated and Anger That Others Have Not—Future Action Anticipated—The Same Old Complaint.

The announcement of reinstatements in the Maritimes which were made at the time of the annual meeting of the A. A. U. of Canada, as might have been expected, has come in for some harsh criticism. Part of that is directed against the reinstatement of certain men in the list and part against the failure to reinstate others who in the public mind are in exactly the same position as those who are restored to amateur standing.

In Fredericton the comment concerns the reinstatement of Traff Donovan and Burton Davis and the failure to reinstate men who are in the same position as those two. The fact that these two men are restored to standing after a brief experience of professional baseball here which resulted in their being replaced by imported American players in a week or two, is the cause of general approval, but the universal query is, "Why are not others given the same treatment?"

Distinction Not Liked.

There is the possibility that the papers of the other men were not made out completely although statements made here are to the contrary. The general opinion is that the amateur governing body is at the old game of making "fish of one and flash of another." This evidently is the result of a snap verdict.

Old Complaint.

"Twice ever thus." Since the days of Jimmie Lithgow and the M. P. A. A. there has been the howl concerning suspensions and reinstatements. In those days Halifax was blamed for everything. Saint John was particularly noisy in that connection. Since then, however, the centre of things athletic in the Maritimes has passed from Halifax to Prince Edward Island and then to Saint John and again back to the island. There never has been a change in the kicking about the way in which suspensions and reinstatements have been handled. The officials have been either too lenient or too severe.

Action Still Possible.

There are hopes that the Maritime local committee will see fit to hand out a small degree of justice in the matter of reinstatements. As has been stated in the press elsewhere there is amazement that some of the men have been recognized again as amateurs and irritation that others have not been. Locally hockey and baseball are the sports affected.

SPEAKER'S PLACE MUST BE FILLED

Cleveland, Dec. 14—Jack McCallister, veteran scout and coach of the Cleveland Indians, who succeeds Tris Speaker as manager of the club, believes that the "tribe" is "all set" for the 1927 season, barring the vacancy in centerfield left by the retirement of Speaker.

Jack must find a centerfielder who can fill Spoke's shoes.

He will try to find a man now on the team who can turn the trick in centerfield.

McCallister's 13 years as scout and coach of the Indians received recognition yesterday when Pres. E. S. Barnard appointed him manager because he felt Jack's intimate knowledge of the team will make him especially capable as pilot.

"I trust our guest is enjoying his stay in the country."

"He is making a brave effort. I'm sure. But I notice the only literature he seems to care for is the time tables."

NON-RESIDENT COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYERS SAID TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITY CLUB

Home Clubs May Give Permission For Them to Play—Fredericton Hockey Club Expects to Get Ice in Course of Few Days—Some Old Material Here—New Ones to be Worked Out.

The Fredericton Hockey Club expects to have the use of non-resident players attending the University of New Brunswick. Some years ago a ruling was made that a college and for his home town but college and for his home town but not for the town in which he might be attending college. This was different from the rule in vogue prior to that, which permitted a student to play for a town team in the place in which he attended college.

It is said now that a home-team may waive the services of a student and so permit him to play for the town in which he may be attending college. There are one or two new players at the University who would be affected. McKenna and Aubrey of Bathurst are among them.

Ice in Few Days.

The club officials expect ice in the Arctic Rink in a few days.

MACON, G. A., HAS SEVERAL STABLES WINTERING THERE, HARNESS RACE GOSSIP

Chestnut Dillon, 2.09½, is now a gelding.

Guy Axworthy, 2.05½ had 13 new 2.10 trotters this past season.

Lizzie March, 2.02½ has joined the brood mare band at Hanover Shoe Farms.

Henry B. Rea has booked 10 mares to Guy McKinney 2.04½ winner of the Hambletonian stake.

Alma Forbes 2.06½; Mainworthy 2.07½ and Betty Thornton 2.09½ have been sold for export.

Miss Fellows 2.10½, is dead. She was raced this past season by Fred Hyde for T. W. Bassett, Harrison, N. Y.

Macon, Ga. will be the Winter home of Tommy Murphy, Will Crozier, Tommy Berry, Will Hodson, Grant Paige and John Benyon.

L. W. Kenney of Lynnfield could not do without a slick yearling and has one by McGregor the Great, 2.02½, out of Emma Frisco in Gene Hayes' stable at Readville.

Congressman James S. Parker has secured three good prospects for his Shady Hill Farm racing stable in Logical, 2.10½; Infalible, 2.08½ and Flambo, 2.13½.

The matinee boys have learned that an outclassed fast record horse and an automobile have one thing in common—they both decrease in value with each passing day.

Roy Nickerson, trainer for N. P. Wheeler of White River Junction, Vt. bought a nice yearling for himself at New York, a filly by Peter Worthy, 2.09½ out of Lula Worthy 2.11½.

Fred Tobey went to the New York sale just to look on, but as a result there are four new brood mares at Cloverdale Farm, Campton, N. H. and two of them at least have a chance to get to the races next year.

Peter Volo, 2.02 has not yet arrived as a great popular sire. His yearlings at New York were outsold by those of Guy Axworthy 2.08½; Arion Guy, 1.59½; Ortolan Axworthy, 2.07½; San Francisco 2.07½ and McGregor the Great 2.03½.

When Walnut Hall Farm began to send its yearlings to the New York sale 20 years ago the average price was \$418 and in 1914 it had dropped to \$227. Its largest consignment was sold this year 79 head, and the average price was \$1183.

There has been some delay in the matter of making ice and starting the practices. The Fredericton club has been placed at a disadvantage in that particular, some other clubs have already played exhibition matches.

Old and New Material.

Including the college material the Fredericton club will have both new and old material. Hickson in the net, Clark and Steen on defence, Keene and Sterling forwards are here. Players who were used as subs also are available. Players who have come up from the juniors will be given a chance. There also are the new players at U. N. B.

Edgar Wade who played last year is not expected to be with Fredericton this winter. The American Professional League may get him or he may play in Waterville, Me.

Walter Cox is missing some nice sleighing at Goshen and is putting in his time making wagers that the McGregor the Great yearling he bought for \$250 will beat on May 1 any named one of the eight priced he sent home from the New York sale.

The most talked of green pacer in the country is Diamond Direct, a son of The Phillistine, 2.06½ owned by George McKinney and Clarence Cole. Diamond goes without hoppers or boots and before being let down this Fall worked in 2.08, 2.06½, 2.05 with the last half of the final mile in 1.01.

There are 103 2 year old trotters with records of 2.10 or better and of this number, 14 were sired by Belwin, 2.06½, 11 by Dillon Axworthy, 2.10½, 10 by Peter the Great 2.07½, and nine each by Guy Axworthy, 2.08½ and Etawah, 2.03. As a sire of dams of 2.10, 2-year-old trotters, Peter the Great stands supreme, his daughters having produced 21.

SUSSEX TO PUT ON SAME TEAM

Sussex, Dec. 14—A meeting of the hockey club executive was held last week when arrangements with the rink management were completed and other delays attended to. The prospects for good fast hockey in this town looks very bright with most of last year's team still ready. McPhee in the nets is a new man but has had considerable experience having played the last few years with Saint John. On the defence will be the old reliables, Percy Radcliffe and Frank Hunter, while on the forward line will be Lutz, E. Frier, B. Radcliffe and others, led by the crafty Harold Radcliffe.

The executive reports good progress in membership campaign, Chairman L. J. Gay claiming a larger membership than last year.

"I hear your maid is very absent-minded."

"Yes, but that doesn't bother us. She often makes two kinds of dessert for dinner."

MONTREAL BROKE SERIES OF DEFEATS

Shut Out St. Pats—Ottawa Senators Ploughing Right Along—Detroit Just Avoided a Whitewash Coat.

Montreal, Dec. 14—Montreal Maroons broke the long sequence of games in which they have failed to win when they blanked the Toronto St. Patricks here tonight, 3 to 0. It was the first victory for the world champions in seven games and marked what is anticipated as a turn for the better in the play of the Stanley Cup holders.

St. Pats held the Maroons for the first period and led by Dr. Bill Carson and Bailey, made a big bid in the second session, but the two goals by the Maroons in the middle session took the snap out of the Irish team's play.

Ottawa K'eps On

New York, Dec. 14—Two goals in quick succession in the first period by Cy Denney on passes from Hooley Smith gave the Ottawa Senators a 2 to 0 victory over the New York Americans in a National Hockey League game here tonight. Eleven thousand spectators saw a fast first period followed by two sessions in which the visiting Ottawa squad displayed nothing but airtight defensive hockey, against which the luckless local attacks broke time after time.

Boston Wins Once More

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14—The Boston Bruins broke their losing streak here tonight by defeating the Detroit Cougars, 7 to 2, in a fast National Hockey League contest that was far from one-sided despite the top-heavy score.

Sheppard prevented a whitewash for the visitors by slapping home two goals within 18 seconds in the last two minutes of play.

NEW GLASGOW KICKING ABOUT REINSTATEMENT

New Glasgow, Dec. 14—Will New Glasgow have a team in the A. P. C. Hockey League this winter? This is the question that results from the action taken at the meeting of the Canadian Amateur Union held at St. John last week. The fact that no reinstatements have been granted to Pictou County and especially New Glasgow, makes it doubtful if the local club will enter a team this year.

The action of the Registration Committee, in reinstating several Amherst and Moncton players, all of whom played with and against the Pictou county boys, who endeavored to get cards, seems too deep for those interested in amateur sport in this section of the Province. Les Bickerton and Blair Carroll, were taken from Amherst and Moncton to play with the New Glasgow team in the Independent League. They stayed in New Glasgow a whole season and played with Thurston Cooke, Eddie McCarron and others who were refused cards by the Canadian Union.

Those behind amateur sport in New Glasgow were pulling hard for the reinstatement of all blacklisted athletes except in a few undeserving cases. "All or none" was the motto of the followers of the game here and it was earnestly hoped that young players who were blacklisted would be given one more chance to show their wares under the amateur fold.

WESTERN TEAM SUSPENDED

Winnipeg, Dec. 14—The Winnipeg Hockey Club and its players have been suspended by the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association for participating in the Thunder Bay League game against Kenora. The M. A. H. A. had previously refused permission for Winnipeg to play in the league. President Abbie Coe announced the suspension.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD TIMER ARE VERY INTERESTING; CONDITIONS 100 YEARS AGO

(Occasional in Halifax Recorder.)

The "Recollections of Old Halifax" written by Wm. M. Brown, read before the N. S. Historical Society, in 1895, are of a very interesting nature. He was a hardware merchant, born in 1811, and died in 1888. In his "Recollections," written some years before his death, and found among his papers, were the following:

"The apprenticeship system prevailed until about 100 years ago, and most mechanics and artisans had two or more, who lived in their master's house, and were fed in the kitchen. After their day's work they might have to clean the shoes for the family, and scour the knives, or go with two buckets and a hoop to a pump a quarter of a mile distant, to get water for the household. Laboring men and charwomen expected two glasses of rum a day at least, and journeymen mechanics also. Apprentices came in for a share, generally, and were thus put in training for drunkenness. Men of business kept an iron chest in their counting-houses, in which was their money, gold, silver and coins, and perhaps a few provincial notes, and through fear of burglars, one or more of the clerks slept under the counter, who fed at the master's table, and lived generally in the same house. I have heard of a lady who had loaf sugar for herself and husband, brown sugar for the clerk, and molasses for the servant girl in the kitchen.

Clerks Poorly Paid.

"Clerks received small salaries. \$400 a year was considered fair compensation for a competent bookkeeper. Servant girls received from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a month. The late Mr. James Malcolm a cabinet maker, a very intelligent and worthy man, came here from Aberdeen in Spring, 1819, and worked

all that Summer as a joiner in the house then being built for Martin Gay Black, on the spot where the Merchants' (now the Royal) Bank stands, for fifty cents a day. Ten years later carpenters were receiving from 75 cents to a dollar, according to their worth as workmen, and laborers 50 cents. The foreman in the best cabinet-maker's shop had only six dollars a week. Poor people had to exercise much self-denial. Clothing was expensive. A yard of grey cotton cost sevenpence. A pound of tea was a dollar, and flour was \$7 or more a barrel. Many house-keepers mixed wheat and rye in their barrel, rye being cheaper. A barrel of rye flour cannot now be had; it is never advertised. Oatmeal was obtainable chiefly at the drug store, when it was wanted for a gruel. A few rich Scotchmen imported a keg, occasionally, from Glasgow, for their own use. Milk was ten cents a quart, wine measure, equal to twelve cents for the quart we now get. Fish was plentiful and cheap and the men who caught, sold it. A dozen canoes would be seen on a morning, drawn up on the market slip, and Indians were vendors of lobsters and eels, which they speared, and of brooms, which they had made. Their squaws made and sold baskets; they wore blue cloth garments with red gartering for trimming, and conical caps, tastefully beaded.

Popular Commodities.

"Country shops kept not much besides rum, tea and tobacco; every farmer expected to bring his own produce to Halifax, and buy his supplies of dry goods, hardware and groceries. Good sleighing brought most of them here in one or two months, and then the few inhabitants could buy meats very cheaply, but for the rest of the year they had to resort to their beef and pork barrels, as the town butchers were not always prepared to supply them.

"People of fair means were content to have one small parlor carpeted; the kitchen floor was sanded, and that of the hall and staircase painted yellow, sometimes varied with black. Coal was not less than \$7.50 per chaldron, and a cord of wood from \$2.50 to \$3. Fireplaces were large, and most of the heat escaped up the chimney, which was large enough for the sweep to go up with his scraper and brush. Sweeping of chimneys, as it is now done, was first adopted in London, and proposed by a Dr. Birkbeck, who was ridiculed. It was written that 'In spite of Dr. Birkbeck's noise. There is no machine like climbing boys.'

Stoves Were Scarce.

"Our fathers had to suffer more from cold than we. There were no cooking stoves, and none in the hall, and double sashes were unknown. When cooking stoves were first introduced, a small one, with a few appliances cost \$24.00, and a few Franklin grates, which were imported from Scotland, cost \$32.00 each, and this when artisans and mechanics received

from 75 cents to a dollar a day. Water buckets, then made by coopers, cost a dollar each, and a washing tub, two dollars and a half. Most housekeepers painted them at their homes.

Rum Was Plentiful.

"Sixty or more years ago, a large class of vessels were employed in the West India trade, principally with Jamaica; smaller ones went to other islands. Our wharves and stores were filled with packages of rum, sugar and molasses. Much of the rum was sent to Quebec for the Upper Provinces. West India houses were not considered safe, and a young man generally went as supercargo. Many of these fell victims to yellow fever. Some vessels returning with specie never arrived in port."

CASE AGAINST TUNNEY KILLED

New York, Dec. 14—Convinced that proceedings brought against Gene Tunney, world's heavyweight boxing champion, and six others were "not instituted in good faith," Magistrate Silverman discharged the defendants today.

Tunney, with his sparring partners in a vaudeville act and officials of the theatre, were arrested on Nov. 29, charged with violating the boxing law by appearing in an unlicensed exhibition.

RESIN BAG WILL REMAIN

New York, Dec. 14—National League club owners in annual session today decided to continue the use of the resin bag during the 1927 season. In his annual report, President Heidler said he believed use of resin contributed generally to a better grade of baseball.

VALLEY ROAD MAY BE TAKEN OVER NEXT YEAR

Toronto, Dec. 14—An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Globe says:

To meet, even partially the Maritime claims, as set down in the report of the Royal Commission, tabled in the House on Friday—to finance a new three-year Canadian National branch line program, to provide for the establishment of the proposed rural credit system, and to assist in building up larger facilities for the use of domestic fuel—will involve a considerable addition to the capital outlay of the Treasury.

There is reason to believe that the long-demanded acquisition by the Federal Government of the St. John Valley Railway will become a fact this year. The money involved in this deal is between \$7,000,000 and \$9,000,000.

The Commission is emphatic in expressing the opinion that the Maritime Provinces have a just grievance in the matter of monetary allowance from the Dominion Government as a result of the Confederation pact. The report urges, pending a full inquiry into the readjustment of these allowances an increase in the lump-sum payments to the Provinces.

LADY LAWYERS IN ENGLAND BOB THEIR HAIR

London, Dec. 14—Lady Clifton and all the other women barristers of England with one exception, have bobbed their hair, partly it is explained to facilitate the fitting of the legal wigs which they wear when appearing in court.

The only unshingled barrister is Mrs. Helen Normanton of London, who still maintains that she is "going to stick it out."

Lady Clifton, niece of Lord Darnley not yet twenty-seven is the only peeress barrister.

Jerry—You were a general. How often did the king pay you?

Soldier of Fortune—About once a war.