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FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

FOSTERVILLE.

March 12.—The first issue of the Daily Mail, received a few days ago, was like a message from home, as we have had nothing in the way of a real Fredericton paper since the Herald went out.

True we have been receiving the Crockett biography but nothing that we could depend on in the way of the doings at the Capital and the Local House.

The lumbermen in this section are about through with their winter's operations and report a favorable winter for their business.

The report of the suspension of the St. Stephen's Bank was received here at first with some uneasiness as a great deal of the money to pay woodmen came through this bank, and about all the farmers had more or less of it on hand and it was amusing to see how many could produce from five to several hundred dollars. The tax collector reports a good business in his line as this money all so sudden seemed too hot for them to hold longer.

S. A. Collier who is operating for Geo. H. Eaton of Calais Me., informs me that most of his subcontractors are about through and that he will finish with his teams some time next week. His cut this winter will be around four millions. He has to deliver this lumber in the Spedek Lake and will have a crew booming and driving until about the first of June.

Mr. C. W. Veysey has been down to St. Stephen for a few days and will finish hauling his logs next week. He is cutting in about four millions for the pulp company at St. Croix, Me.

Messrs. David Cropley & Son are doing a good business in groceries and a general line such as can be found in a country store and will take in exchange for goods St. Stephen's money at face also on accounts, so the money has the same value here, and will buy as much, or pay an account as well as before.

The telephone company which built a line from Skiff Lake to North Lake and bought the line from Skiff Lake to Canterbury, seem to have been stunted by the frost as they strung the wires last fall but have not yet got any 'phones in yet notwithstanding the fact that they have twenty applications for them.

Quite a number of the fish are being caught through the ice in the lakes. Some of the boys caught a togue the other day which tipped the scales at fourteen pounds. They are catching a number of cusk also varying in size.

People who have cottages around the lake of which there are quite a number are busily engaged putting in their ice for next summer's use.

The lakes here have a plentiful supply of white fish, pickerl, white perch and togue, which are easily caught after the ice goes out, and furnish sport as well as food for large number of pleasure seekers in the summer season and it is a common sight to see a dozen or more boats on the lake.

A large number come from Houlton, Me., as it is about an hour and a half's run with a Motor car and on Sundays in fine weather as many as ten may be seen sitting in the shade of the trees. Cars of all colors and makes, some white, some red, and some green, while the people are out rowing on the lake.

Elder McDonald, is preaching here, and gives the boys some good advice, in morals for young men and is a favorite among the young folks. Mr. W. B. Foster, who is lumbering for Dr. McReady of Danforth, is doing a rushing business and says that he will be hauling for some time yet as he has a chance to haul from the stump.

Dr. Jones, agent for the famous Jones Hair Restorer, passed through here some few days ago on his annual trip. He seems to sell a good article as he shows up every spring and we are informed that he's getting testimonials for the purpose of advertising in the local papers. It is understood that he has one from a Mrs. Ivey on whom he has proved the merits of his hair restorer.

Messrs. Kinney & Cropley, agents, for room paper, passed through here the other day and report business good.

Here is to the Valley Railroad. Open up J. D. H. and tell us what you are going to do about your promises. You may not have many more chances as leader of the government if you do not deliver the goods as agreed.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS WELL OBSERVED

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, March 17.—Fine weather greeted the A.O.H., and other Catholic societies this morning in the parade to and from the Cathedral where they attended service in honor of St. Patrick's Day and heard a sermon by Rev. A. W. Meahan. Two bands were in the procession. Tonight the A.O.H. will have a dinner and the other Catholic societies will give dramatic performances, the proceeds to be for Catholic orphans.

In Fredericton the day was observed by the very general "wearing of the Green." Tonight St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society will put on "Aline Asthore" an Irish drama, at the Opera House.

He has hard work who has nothing to do.

NEWS OF SPORT

PROFESSIONAL SPORT IS TOO EXPENSIVE

Montreal Shamrocks Decide to Return to Amateur Athletics as far as Possible.

Those who consider professional sport superior to the amateur brand should devote some attention to the athletic situation in Montreal and vicinity. The Montreal Shamrocks are seriously thinking of dropping professional sport and going back to straight amateurism.

The following appeared recently in a Montreal paper:—

According to the financial statement of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club professionalism is an expensive luxury; but as others have professionalism, it seems to be a case of having it too and "hang the expense." Is it worth while? The Shamrocks asked themselves the question at their recent meeting and a number of the prominent members answered it in the negative most emphatically by moving that the club return to amateurism. That this view of the case is taken by a large number of the members was shown by the fact that this motion was not met by a direct negation but by a sort of compromise amendment to the effect that there be a return to amateurism "as far as possible." Both propositions are before the club and will be discussed at a future meeting.

This matter of professionalism can be considered from three points of view—that of the players, that of the management, and that of the public who patronize the sport and from whose pockets comes the money that pays for it all. That professionalism pays the players goes without saying. It enables each hired player to supplement his yearly income by a considerable sum, and no doubt without remuneration many of these players could not afford to give that large part of their time that the practices and the matches demand. If the sport was again made an amateur pastime no doubt some of these men would drop out and their place would for a time at least have to be filled by inferior players.

Would that satisfy the public? It did for years and some of those years were undoubtedly the best lacrosse has ever known. Good amateur teams used to play the game with a skill and thoroughness that satisfied the public, filled the grandstands, and that for quality has perhaps never been excelled. Whether it could be done again is the question.

The position of the club management is easily understood. For the duties they perform they practically receive nothing, their reward being the satisfaction derived from assisting in a national sport. But this commendable satisfaction loses its keen edge if coupled with a constant worry as to ways and means. If there is an ever-present danger of their being called upon to pay out more than they receive, the life becomes too strenuous for pleasure. A return to amateurism, some of the Shamrock members think, would put an end to the strain.

LATE SPORTING NEWS

Portland, Ore., March 17.—Charles Tennes, manager of Willie Hoppe the billiard champion who was here last night issued a challenge to any billiard player in the world to meet Hoppe in a 15 hundred point 18.1 or 18.2 game for a side bet of \$3,000 against \$2,000.

Los Angeles, March 17.—Two to one were the morning odds on Sam Langford in his fight with Jim Flynn this afternoon at Vernon. There was a great deal of betting and a keener interest displayed than in any other fight held here since the Burns-O'Brien fiasco.

BIG RACE MEETING PROMISED

New York, March 17.—Announcement was made today that the Empire City Racing Association has the largest average of any stakes closing in the East today with a total of 911 entries, an average of 65 to the stake. This is two and one half times the amount of last year's entries. It has been decided to make important improvements at the track. There will be a new and much larger paddock, new general offices and jockey quarters.

IN THE SQUARED CIRCLE.

Halifax will have three good boxing bouts next Wednesday. Tom Foley and Jim McInnes, of Bangor, are to meet in a 15-round contest; A Matthews and Jim Sullivan are to spar 10 rounds for the lightweight championship of the provinces, and W. Carroll and E. Mulochy are to spar six rounds. The bouts are to take place at the Empire Theatre.

McGILL GOING IN FOR ENGLISH RUGBY

A. J. Motyer Will Captain Team Which has Been Recognized by the University.

English rugby, the game that is played throughout the maritime provinces, is to be introduced again in Montreal. McGill University is trying to place the game on a firm footing in Montreal and the recent organized English Rugby Football Club has been recognized by the McGill A. A.

The Montreal Star says: "For the past two or three years there has been a gradually growing feeling of the need of such a club at McGill with the result that this year concerted action was taken by those interested, the club formed and affiliation to the McGill A. A. applied for and obtained.

The following officers were elected at the first annual meeting held last week:

Hon. Pres.—Prof. E. Brown.
Pres.—G. G. Gibbons.
Sec. Treas.—E. G. H. Forman.
Captain.—A. J. Motyer.

Executive, east of Canada.—W. R. Smith; west of Canada, A. L. Jones; United Kingdom and elsewhere, J. K. Crossfield."

The newly-elected captain, Mr. Motyer, was formerly a student at Mt. Allison, and has played in this city against the U. N. B.

GREGGORY SAYS HE HAS AN OFFER FROM RENFREW

Greggory, Norman and Kennedy, have returned to Moncton from New Glasgow. They say chances are bright for professional hockey in Nova Scotia next winter.

Speaking of hockey in the upper provinces, Greggory says he was making good in Renfrew at his old place in centre ice, until the Patrick boys came and he was shifted to the wing. Chester says the game in the upper provinces is not as rough as down here, but is very little better. "They are not such startling players but they are very clanish, and they seem to be sore on the maritime province players and will not give them a decent show," he says. He also says he has an offer to go back to Renfrew next winter.

LANGFORD WINS EASILY FROM FLYNN

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—Sam Langford, of Nova Scotia, was given the decision today, over Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman in the eighth round of a scheduled 45-round affair at the Vernon Arena, when Flynn was unable to continue.

Referee Eytan gave the fight to Langford in the middle of the eighth round after Flynn had fallen to the floor of his own weight, when he missed a swing. In falling, Flynn's head struck the floor and blood spurted from his mouth and nose. He was unable to get to his feet and was counted out. Flynn was unconscious five minutes after being led to his corner.

The first round was Langford's. Flynn fought close and hugged the colored man continually. He was bleeding profusely at the mouth as the round ended.

The second round was more even, with Flynn hugging and keeping his head on Langford's shoulder. Neither was harmed.

Flynn was badly punished in the third round, being down at one time for seven seconds. He was bleeding from the mouth when he went to his corner.

Flynn stood back in the fourth and made some long-arm punches and then rushed to a clinch. He was distressed and cut under the chin.

Langford in the fifth, landed right and left on Flynn's ribs and Flynn clinched the round.

The sixth round, too, was a series of clinches, Flynn being the principal offender.

Weakened, Flynn fell to the floor with a thud early in the eighth round, when he missed a right swing. He was unable to rise and the count of ten ruled him out.

A new club has been organized in Boston. It is Marliave's Outing club and Jack Twin Sullivan, the famous Cambridge boxer, has been chosen vice-president, while his brother, Mike, is treasurer. The list of officers: John Carciotto, president; Jack Twin Sullivan, vice-president; Aleck Sullivan, secretary; Charles Donovan, recording secretary, and Mike Twin Sullivan, treasurer. From here it would look like a reunion of the Sullivan family.

Porky Flynn of Boston, and Morris Harris of Philadelphia, are matched to meet at the Marathon A. C. of Brooklyn, in a 10-round bout next Monday night.

GRAND ORANGE LODGE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Moncton, N. B., March 17.—After an all night session, concluding at 6 o'clock this morning, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick which opened here on Tuesday morning, adjourned to meet next year in St. Stephen. Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. A. A. Rideout, Fredericton, grand master.
Geo. E. Day, St. John, senior deputy grand master.
Fred. A. Phillips, Chatham, junior deputy grand master.

Rev. W. J. Wilson, Sackville, grand chaplain.

N. J. Morrison, St. John, re-elected grand secretary.

H. G. Wadman, Moncton, re-elected grand treasurer.

F. O. Gardiner, Moncton, re-elected D. grand D. of C.

A. E. Brewer, Nashwaak, grand lecturer.

E. C. Morgan, Tracy Station, and Alex. Pratt, Matapedia, grand auditors.

Rev. B. H. Thomas, Dorchester; Rev. Chas. A. Brown, Deer Island, and Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Albert, deputy grand chaplains.

S. W. Smith, Mount Pleasant, deputy grand secretary.

The election was conducted by P. G. M. Heine, and the installation by P. G. M. Hipwell. The new grand master delivered a short inaugural address followed by addresses by other grand lodge officers.

Invitations were received from St. Stephen and Cambleton to meet next year and it was decided to meet in St. Stephen. Before closing honorary membership was conferred on Barry Allan, A. W. Rideout and John Cowie.

JACK JOHNSON GOING WEST TO BEGIN TRAINING

Chicago, March 18.—Jack Johnson heavyweight champion after receiving formal notice yesterday from Jack Gleason one of the promoters of the Jeffries-Johnson fight that the contest will be staged at Emeryville on July 4, decided to leave for San Francisco early in April to take up early training and not wait until May, as had been his original plan. Johnson will leave for New York Sunday night, where his trial on a charge of assault in the second degree comes up on March 23.

WANDERERS WILL BREAK UP

It is announced on the authority of a gentleman closely connected with the Wanderers, that this will be the last year that the players composing the present team will play in the Jubilee Rink, or under the management of the Doran combination.

This gentleman says that through out the season these have been little bickerings and disagreements between Mr. Doran and the players which culminated in his refusal to allow them to take their new sweaters to New York, on the plea that the lady players would need them.

The question of Mr. Doran's ownership to the Wanderer name will be gotten around by the players forming a new club, if he should refuse to release the name, and they figure out that it is the players and not the name which the public will go to see.

This naturally means that the men who now compose the Wanderer team will play in the Arena next season.

JACK McLEAN TO GO IN RING

Hot Springs, Ark., March 18.—Big Harry McLean of Cambridge, the giant catcher of the Cincinnati Reds and catcher of the Cincinnati Reds, believes that there is more money in pugilism than there is in baseball and that if the occasion offers after the coming season's campaign is concluded he will enter the ringed arena and don the mitts with any opponent that enterprising managers or the public at large believe that he is competent to meet.

But there is one man especially that McLean would like to have in the prize ring with him and that is Schmidt, the Detroit catcher who has been poking fun at "Bunty" and declaring that if he ever could persuade the Cincinnati giant to meet him on the boards he would make short work for him.

Abe Attell, featherweight champion and Jem Driscoll of England, have been matched to box 25 rounds at Colma, Cal., on July 2, two days before the Jeffries-Johnson fight. The weight will be 126 pounds.

Harry Lewis will clean up about \$25,000 in Paris, according to Al Kubiak, who has just returned from that city.

Ketchel has again signed to box Frank Klaus in Pittsburg, March 23.

Battling Nelson purchased a \$1250 diamond necklace in Chicago the other day, but he will not tell whom he is going to give it to.

MAYOR ARRESTED

Toronto, March 16.—George Westcott, elected mayor of Rainy River, yesterday has been arrested and placed in Fort Francis jail with T. Cathcart, of Barwick on charges of importing wolf skins, from Minnesota and coyote skins from Manitoba and collecting a bounty of \$25 each from the Ontario government. Something like \$4,000 has been collected in bounties in Barwick this season, and the numerous applications aroused suspicion.

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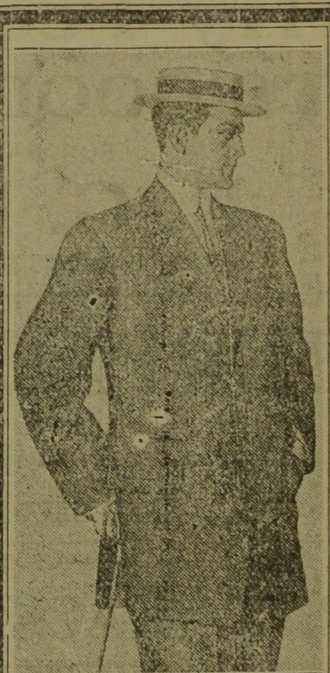
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