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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### LINCOLN.

March 17.—A very serious accident befell Charles Chapman on Tuesday evening while taking a charge out of gun which had been in it for some time. The gun exploded and the shot entered his hand and arm. He was at once hurried to the office of Dr. Peake, where some stitches were taken in his hand. While he suffers a great deal with it the doctor hopes to save his hand.

Mr. John Parkinson, who has been spending the winter at McGivney Junction, is home for a week to visit his family at Gibson.

The District Lodge of the I. O. G. T. met with the Lincoln Lodge on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The following members were present: Mr. Morgan, Rev. T. D. Bell, J. Smith, C. Noble, Bell Lodge, Nason-worth, Fred Austin, Mr. Little, Cloverdale Lodge, Waasis, Mr. S. Baxter Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker, Mr. Craig, Mr. A. Jewett, Miss Howland, Albion Lodge, Fredericton.

The general routine of business was transacted in the afternoon, eleven new members joining the District Lodge and in the evening a grand public temperance rally was held free for all. The following programme was carried out:

Opening Chorus—To the Rescue.  
Recitation—Albert McElveney.  
Solo—Brother Little—"Won't You Come Over to my House."  
Speech—Brother Sam Baxter.  
Recitation—May Kimball—"The Price of a Drink."  
Chorus—"What shall the Harvest Be?"

Speech—Brother T. D. Bell.  
Solo—Brother Baxter—"There's Light in the Window for me."  
Recitation—Bertha Smith—"The Sign of Distress."  
Duet—Bros. Austin and Little—"Where is my Wandering Boy Tonight?"

Recitation—Mrs. Harvey True—"What the Temperance Cause has Done for John and Me."  
Solo—Fred Austin—"She was Happy Till she met you."  
Recitation—Miss Howland.  
Solo—Mr. Craig—"The Drunkard's Dream."  
Solo—Brother Hudson.  
Closing Chorus.

"God be with you Till we Meet Again."

Mrs. Frank Johnson and daughter Madeline, are spending a few days in Burton.

Our school is progressing very favorably under the management of Miss Edith Donald of Lower Ludlow, Northumberland Co.

Miss Mary Moore, of Fredericton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson.

The election in the city of Fredericton was very satisfactory to the majority in this place.

### LOWER HAYNESVILLE.

March 18.—This has been a busy winter for men hauling the produce of the forest from Centre, Middle and Lower Haynesville. Bark, logs and cordwood are still rushing past Burnside Corner, the men trying to get their last loads landed at Burnside.

Our merchant has done a hustling business this winter and we wish success to E. P. Reynolds of Burnside Corner.

The ladies have commenced mat hooking.

Slocum & Reynolds are preparing for the maple sugar.

Men that have to buy hay are getting it home before the snow is gone.

James Patterson, who has been sick all winter, is getting better.

Mrs. John P. White, who has been sick, is getting better.

The Wednesday night cottage prayer meeting is still in progress.

We thought in the winter we should hear wedding bells but we fear they are not coming near enough.

Edward Whited, who had the misfortune to get a splinter in his hand and has been under Dr. Moorehouse' care some weeks is improving.

### STANLEY.

March 18.—R. J. Arnill and family of Blackstock, Ont., left for their home in that place yesterday. They will be greatly missed, Mrs. Arnill especially being highly esteemed by all.

Mrs. A. Foster and daughter Jean, have returned from their visit to Moncton, where they have been the guests of Mrs. Sanford Ryan.

Dr. and Mrs. Wainwright left for their new home in Fredericton some days ago. We wish them all success.

Mr. R. L. Simms, principal of the Stanley school, has been confined to his home for a week by a severe attack of quinsy.

School Inspector Mersereau is making an inspectorial tour of our district.

From all reports, Stanley will have a boom in coal shortly, a mine having been discovered, in which several of our leading citizens are interested.

Mr. Thos. Wilkinson and family leave for their new home in the west Tuesday next.

Mrs. Howard Douglass has returned from a trip to Fredericton, where she has been consulting a specialist about her eyes.

Mrs. Arthur Pringle will hold her millinery opening next week, Miss Troop being the milliner in charge.

We are glad to welcome The Daily Mail, and wish it all success.

The man who does the little thing well is always ready to do the big things better.

## NEWS OF SPORT

### FRANK WARE ON THE RACING GAME

Mr. Frank Ware of New York, who has managed horse shows and horse sales that have had a continental reputation has been saying some things about the season horse racing is not as popular as some other lines of sport. His remarks are well worth attention. He says:—

"Trotting rules have always been made with the racing element itself in prime consideration—trotting men have made them, men who were wholly indifferent or blind to the wishes and rights of the public, just as they looked for support and for profit not to the general public, but to the entrance money to their purses, to the 'betting rake off' and to the 'privileges' (bar lunch, gambling devices, etc) for chief revenue.

"They catered to the owners, trainers and betting men; they got them; they neglected the public; they lost it. They have the first named as patrons today, yet cannot exist without the second element, nor understand why it does not throng the enclosures.

"They reap as they have sown, and in that surely they should hold the sport successful. If they wanted the general public, there has never been one moment when they have intelligently catered to it, and were any racetrack directorate to invite any successful theatrical manager (who of all men lives by not only knowing but anticipating what the public wants), let him watch its methods, and note their results, he should either laugh in their faces, or depart in cold disgust—so utterly slipshod, antiquated, careless and frequently indecently regardless is almost every trotting meeting of the wants and rights of the people who pay to see the show.

"Some day such a manager (preferably not a horseman at all) will take hold of a trotting meeting, or meetings, and make a success financially and popularly that shall make our purblind track managers throw fits—if fits are allowed 'under N.T.A. rules.'"

"The 'stage setting' is always bad. Racing begins too early, and is drawn out to tiresome lengths that the 'privileges,' from the pool box to the 'hot-dog' man, may 'get the money in.' At no other sport but racing are people supposed to buy their lunches at the track, nor has any other amusement such wholly unstable finishing periods or such total neglect to the public's comfort, convenience, or instant and early information concerning the smallest detail of the day's doings.

"A large proportion of the grandstands face the afternoon sun, and one feels like a fried egg before 3 o'clock. Dust is abundant. Seats are hard as rocks. Dressing rooms of the most scanty and crude description. Programs frequently inaccurate, and horses not clearly designated by the driver's colors. No information is provided as to nonstarters, conspicuously, and at an early hour. No instant announcement is made of the placing after a heat, subject, of course, to revision. No summary of the heats of every race as it progresses is plainly posted.

"There is little dignity, and no quite unobstructive, strict discipline

### ANNA MUST ANTE UP AND LOOK PLEASANT

Paris, March 19.—The title of Serene Highness which the former Anna Gould bears as Duchess de Talleyrand has not brought her good luck.

The Civil Tribunal has given judgment against her and ordered her to pay a lump sum of \$13,600 and to continue to pay an annuity of \$5,600 to the Marquis and Marchioness de Castellane, parents of her first husband, Count Boni, although she has divorced from the Count in 1906.

The same judgment was given against George J. Gould, a brother of the Duchess, as receiver of her estate for the benefit of creditors.

The Marquis and Marchioness brought the original suit against the Duchess and Count Boni jointly and got judgment March 8, but Count Boni is insolvent, so his parents substituted George J. Gould in the second suit. It was brought on the ground that soon after Anna Gould's marriage to the Count, in February, 1898, a contract was made under which the Count and Countess were to pay a rental of \$5,600 a year, a comfortable income in France for the Forest of Beuguenies, owned by the Marquis and Marchioness.

After the divorce the Marquis sold the property. The proceeds were given over to the part payment of Count Boni's debts and so saved some money for the then Countess, who was partly liable under French law for many of his debts. The \$13,600 awarded is the amount the Count's parents claimed as due since the last payment after the divorce.

Today the court gave the Duchess and George J. Gould the right to appeal the case, but competent lawyers think the judgment will stand. All this, it is expected, will not interfere

### MT. ALLISON GOING IN FOR BASKETBALL

Basketball which hitherto has not been played much at Mount Allison College, Sackville, is lately becoming very popular among the students of that institution. So popular has it become that a league has been formed and a trophy has already been put up. The league is composed of one team from each class and an academy team. Stewart McKean, of Moncton, is captain of the team from the sophomore class.—Moncton Times.

What's the matter with an Inter-collegiate Basketball League. The three universities in organized college athletics in the Maritime Provinces are all playing basketball now and could put the game on the same basis as football, hockey and track sports.

from the judge's stand; but much blustering and bellowing through megaphones by the starters, and free and easy conversation and orders from judges to drivers (and return). No crisp, prompt beginning and ending of the day's sport.

"There is no possible reason why people should not go to the track at 2.30 or even 3 o'clock and be able to get away surely by 5.30 knowing that every event is decided and finished. Three hours of any such sport is enough—and ladies find those seats dreadfully tiresome, while no promenade is ever provided that is attractive and worthy the name.

"The public throngs to baseball, football, etc., at which the majority of the attendance never even took part—why cannot horse racing be made as attractive?

"It can—and to accomplish that result turn straight to theatrical or circus management, and learn how and why the essentials to such a result were reached.

"First, appropriate and handsome stage settings. Second, proper and picturesque costuming. Third, cleanly and attractive performers from principals to chorus. Fourth, quick, decisive results, reached without conspicuous effort or bluster—the most expensive circus act lasts never over eight minutes—the vaudeville sketch not much more. Fifth, every conceivable comfort and convenience; and provision for the most minute and instant information the most ignorant spectator could possibly require. Sixth, rigid enforcement of the rules as they read (and cancellation of about half of those now disfiguring 'the book'). Seventh, absolute suspension of the free list. Eighth, constant revision and elaboration of all old methods, and introduction of any and every novelty; not with the purpose of proving it impractical (as heretofore) but to accord a fair and unbiased trial to any scheme suggested. Ninth, a ruling boss that governs 'from the word Go!' never vacillates, and hews to the line, wherever the chips fly. Tenth, a relegation of all betting etc., to an inconspicuous remoteness where, if it must exist, at least it cannot offend. Eleventh, a long, strong pull together of all interested; not for petty personal ends, but for the wholesale welfare of the sport, which must bring profit to all, if it flourishes itself—disaster, if the reverse is true.

### CALLS EXPLORER PEARY A "FAKER"

New York, March 17.—Robert E. Peary has cut short his lecture tour in the south. The refusal of Governor Brown, of Georgia, to introduce him to an Atlanta audience last night, his reference to the commander in an interview as a "faker" and the small crowd that attended the lecture brought forth an announcement to-night that his plans had been changed.

From South Africa comes the report that the amateur body there has allowed Reggie Walker's 11 4-5 seconds for 120 yards and 14 3-5 seconds for 150 yards. It has, however, refused to accept Walker's alleged record breaking performances for the century.

Melvin Sheppard was suspended for sixty days for calling an official a "mutt" and for padding his expense account, same to start on date of first trial, Jan. 28, which means that he will be back on the 28th of this month. Nine specific charges were laid.

However, we have observed none of our citizens going to market with a dray to carry his gold coin since the increased production inflated prices.

with the social plans of the Duchess and her husband, who was Prince Helie de Sagan until he recently inherited the dual title at his father's death. Their friends prophesy that they will begin to entertain handsomely as soon as the period of mourning for the old Duke is over. Nor is the judgment likely to end law suits brought by the Castellanes against the Duchess, although the Parisians wonder what new plan they can devise to get money from her and her brother.

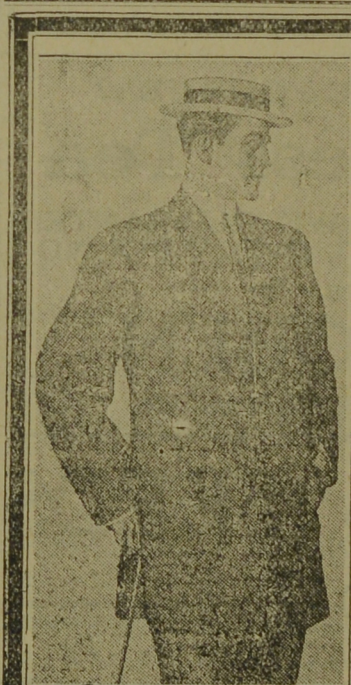
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Moncton established a hockey record this winter, in not having had a single senior game. What a change.

Wanderers had little trouble in taking that \$1,500 purse from Ottawa.

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