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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### UPPER QUEENSBURY.

March 20.—The men are all done hauling and the majority are beginning to make sugar.

The roads are entirely bare now and wagons have been used for the past three weeks.

The numerous friends of Messrs. John Hazleton, Hanford Hagerman, and S. W. Parent will be delighted to hear that they are now progressing favorably towards recovery.

The boys are returning from the lumber woods now and our young ladies are more smiling than formerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Zara Fox, of Temperance Vale, and Miss Bessie Whitehead spent last Thursday at the latter's home here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones, Millville were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hazelton.

McCarthy Bros. of Springfield, are now sawing wood in this place. They are well equipped for the business and are doing excellent work.

The Ladies' Aid Society met last week at Mrs. George Parents at Granite Hill. The ladies are making up a good variety of saleable articles and it will be well to bear in mind the date of their sale.

Rev. Canon Smithers, who accompanied our rector on Sunday last, preached to an attentive and fairly large audience in the Episcopal church.

Our largest farmers have a lot of potatoes for sale, the price

being low, and no way of shipping them. It looks now as if they would have them on their hands. Those who have the largest quantities are Moses Parent, Ernest Hazelton, W. B. Parent, Hagerman Bros., and W. F. Ingraham.

We are still in hopes Mr. Hazen will give us the Valley Railway.

### ZION.

March 21.—The weather has been quite cold for the past few days.

Miss Emma Woodworth has gone to Fredericton to spend the spring.

Miss Easter Cass spent a few days at her home here.

We are glad to see Thomas Densmore able to be around again.

We are sorry to report that Amos Gallagher is confined to his bed with pneumonia. Dr. Moore and Dr. Sterling of Stanley are attending. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Alfred Nichols made a flying trip to Fredericton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Owens spent a few days with friends at Marysville.

Mrs. William Sturd and Miss Magie, were in Fredericton on Saturday.

Most all the young people of this place attended the fancy sale and supper at Taymouth and had a lovely time.

Most all the folks intend going to the pie social at Mr. and Mrs. John Waltman's on Friday night, the 22nd and a good time is promised for all.

Mr. James Summerville is hauling lumber for a new bridge.

### BOUQUETS HANDED TO FRED MITCHELL

Fred Mitchell, the old time catcher of the St. John Alerts, seems to be the candy kid. Everybody seems pleased with his work so far this season.

Says the New York Globe:—"Fred Mitchell no doubt will make good as catcher in the big league. He has shown good form here, and is just the right build for a catcher, and appears to be one of those brainy receivers."

A despatch from Athens, Ga., says: "Mitchell and Sweeney are both under the weather. Mitchell, displaying a Spartan spirit that Sweeney did not emulate, donned the wind pad and handled the deliveries of the eleven gunners. When Criger and Kleinow get here Manager Stallings will let Mitchell rest up and the inter-club series will be resumed."

Fred Simpson, the Hiawatha runner, announces that he will take part in Pat Power's big Derbies this summer in New York, Pittsburg and Chicago.

The devil has trouble in introducing himself to people who are busy.

## NEWS OF SPORT

### BASKETBALL TRIP AT EASTER FOR U. N. B.

Will play in Grand Manan, St. Andrew's, Milltown and Possibly in Eastport-- Expect to do Well.

Lectures are through at the U. N. B., and the basketball team is going to take advantage of the short Easter vacation to take a little jaunt through Charlotte County and Eastern Maine, a favorite stamping ground of the Red and Black at this season of the year. The team will leave Fredericton either tonight or early Saturday morning. It all depends on the Eastport Lobsters, who may play with the local team Friday night.

The games now in sight are as follows:—

Saturday, March 26, Crescents B. B. Team, North Head., Grand Manan.

Monday, March 28, Shamrock, B. B. Team, St. Andrew's.

Tuesday, March 29, Union B. B. Team, Milltown, N.B.

The U.N.B., team leaves home feeling reasonably confident of winning all games but with Eastport. The Lobsters are a hard bunch to defeat on their own floor. U.N.B. has never done it. The Grand Manan team was beaten at North Head by U.N.B., last year. The Shamrocks of St. Andrews are a pretty fast team on their own floor, but they have never been able to get away with the local college team and the trimming they received here Tuesday night would indicate that the Red and Black will come out on top at St. Andrews.

Last year the score there was U.N. B., 24, Shamrocks 10. The college quintette has not gone up against Milltown since 1904 when Jack McBeath captained U.N.B., and Art Nalder, Archie Barker, Sandy Thorne and Ken Dunlop formed the rest of the team. The college could win then and is not feeling very nervous now.

The men who will go away to uphold the honor of the U.N.B., are, Rigby, Dolan, Spicer, Alexander Stevenson and Smith.

The team will return on Wednesday March 30.

So far the U.N.B. has been handicapped by being unable to get match games here. The two played with Acadia and Shamrocks were won handily. There is a possibility however of Moncton Y.M.C.A. sending a team here. U.N.B., is corresponding with Jack McBeath with regard to the matter.

Donaldson's Record for 100 Yards Doubtful

Details of J. Donaldson's race with A. B. Postle and C. E. Holway at Johannesburg, in which he is alleged to have covered 100 yards in 9½ seconds, have reached America. After speaking of the drenched condition of the track and its subsequent deadness, The Transvaal Leader says: "Yet on this track Donaldson was credited with 9½ seconds. Rufe Naylor made it 9½ seconds. But it appears that the race was prematurely started, the signal to the timekeepers not having been given. Before the judges had the tape fixed across the pistol had gone, and many who attended especially for the purpose of testing the time had their trouble for nothing."

"So it seems that Donaldson's 9½ seconds must go into the same category as other so-called records as being a performance for which there is insufficient support to justify its acceptance as a world's best."

"To beat the other pair fair and square, the latest champion must have done a wonderful performance, and it is therefore greatly to be regretted that the event was conducted in such a careless fashion, especially as the circumstances connected with this race will detract from the value of other performances credited to Donaldson and accomplished at the same venue."

### VALUABLE TROPHY

The silver salver won by Mr. H. H. Hagerman in the Canadian Military Rifle League matches here last summer, arrived several days ago and has been on exhibition in the show window of Mr. C. H. Fowler.

It is handsome design and is embellished with the Canadian Coat of Arms, a wreath of maple leaves crossed rifles and the winner's name, Mr. Hagerman is very proud of his trophy and well might be. It was awarded for the highest aggregate score put on in four matches, shot at King's ranges on different dates.

His scores were 86, 92, 87, and 96, respectively, making a total of 361, or an average of 90.1.

Cambridge won in the annual inter-club sports with Oxford on Saturday by 7 points to 3. None of the records was approached.

### DETROIT HAS WELL BALANCED TEAM

Tigers Start Season Well Equipped for Race for American League Pennant.

The American League looks good for a great season this year. The Detroit, who hold the league championship, are in great shape.

The Tigers won the championship last year for the third successive time. A club which can do that is worthy of praise. It is no small matter for any manager, or any group of players, to go through three successive seasons and retain the leadership of the organization to which it belongs.

Detroit can be considered on the same basis as it finished the season in 1909. As it is likely to be changed least of any club in the American League circuit, it is difficult to arrive at any other conclusion.

These points must be reckoned with in Detroit's favor. First, a competent, vivacious, magnetic manager. Hugh Jennings' record at the head of a baseball organization speaks for itself. When a manager has been able to guide a team through three successive seasons, and finish first in all of them he is a force.

Second, a seasoned and powerful pitching corps. Results in the season of 1909 speak well for the probability of good work from the pitchers of the champions in the year to come.

Third, excellent team work, which is a natural resultant factor from the association of players with each other, a quality in which Detroit should be strong from the fact previously stated that few changes, if any, are to be made in the champions for the year to come.

Detroit has a well balanced team, inside and out. Jones, Delehanty, Bush and Moriarty are not the best infielders in the American League individually, but collectively they have accomplished results for Detroit.

Cobb, Crawford and McIntyre are three of the best outfielders in the organization. McIntyre was not always able to play in 1909 because of illness, but "Davy" Jones proved a capable substitute.

If the team has a weakness it is behind the bat, and yet, as matched against other American League clubs Schmidt and Stanage, who are none too fast, have been weighty factors in the Detroit club's success, if not so much by expert catching, because of their ability to bat. Beckendorf, a young player who had little opportunity to show what he could do in 1909, is likely to prove a valuable substitute whenever he is needed in the season to come.

Jack McAuliffe Talks of Big Fight

(Boston Post.) Jack McAuliffe, the undefeated lightweight champion of the world, who was a popular idol when he retired in 1897, held an informal reception in his dressing room at the Old Howard recently with old admirers, who called to greet the former champion.

That McAuliffe is still popular with the fight fans was attested by the spontaneous applause he received when he appeared upon the stage in his clever act. The conqueror of Jim Carney in that famous 74-round battle at Revere Beach related famous fist battles and told many interesting sidelights of heroes of the fist arena, in which he was aided by stereopticons.

In speaking of the coming Jeffries-Johnson fight, McAuliffe said: "Jeffries is tackling the toughest proposition he has ever faced. I admire him though for his efforts because it means a lot to a man who has been out of the game five years to try and get back into condition again."

"One thing that I am afraid will happen to Jeffries is this: He has engaged so many clever boxers for his training quarters that he may lose his famous natural style of mixing and try to fight cleverly. That will be his downfall if he does."

"A little experience I had will prove that. When I fought Myers the first time, he had such a peculiar style that he held me off for 64 rounds. I met him a few years later at New Orleans, and he had been taken hold of and taught how to fight clever. He lost his natural style and I defeated him in 15 rounds."

ABOUT THE BOXERS.

Kid Beebe and Tommy Kilbane will clash in New York March 28.

Dick Fitzpatrick and Danny Goodman will meet near Chicago on April 1st.

Champion Wolgast says that he is going to box Owen Moran in Los Angeles in June.

After Willie Lewis recovered from the knockout given him by Papke in Paris last Saturday night he refused to shake hands with Papke and declared that he had been fouled.

### LOUISVILLE WILL BE HARD PRESSED

American Association Bound to Produce Interesting Race for Championship.

One of the most enjoyable races of the baseball season of 1909 was that of the American Association. It has come to be the custom in this organization to bring forward such contests for a championship pennant that attention is called to the work of the clubs in cities of the major leagues.

While there was perhaps not quite the excitement in 1909 that attended the race of 1908 there was enough to keep the population of three cities busy. Louisville won the pennant, with Milwaukee second and Minneapolis third, and some of the cities which had shouldered the baseball honors of the organization for a long time dropped back in the rear fight.

For the season of 1910 changes have been made in two or three of the American Association clubs which are presumed to be helpful. Those changes apply to the managerial end of the game. Of course abundant changes have been made in the players, as is the case in all baseball organizations from one season to another.

William Clymer, who had been so successful with the Columbus club for a number of years, was permitted to go in the middle of the season of 1909 and Friel took his place. The new manager will start with the team this year, while "Danny" Shay will be retained by Kansas City, and "Ducky" Holmes will have charge of the players of the Toledo club.

While some of the clubs in the organization will start with new material, there will be a few who will stick closely to their old players, barring one or two positions which need a little reinforcement.

Increased patronage made it possible for the owners of the American Association clubs to improve their ground facilities last season in many cities, and today the organization is better off for accommodation than the National League was twenty years ago.

It has also become possible for the American Association owners to branch out more liberally in securing players, and the standard of their clubs has improved greatly within the last decade.

Judging by the make-up of the teams for the coming season Louisville will have hard work to hold the championship for the second time in succession, while the clubs which finished in the second division in 1909, seem to be strong enough to make more trouble than they did last year.

Of course, it is out of the question to make a very valuable criticism of players until they are on the field, but, judging by the shifts which have been made and the efforts which have been put through to equalize the strength of the organization for the season to come, the contest in the American Association will be another of those close affairs which have been the admiration of the "fans" in all the cities of the important Class A circuit.

When teams finish so closely as those of the American Association have finished in two successive years there is no telling what the outcome will be in the season following. Every manager is confident and every owner is sanguine of good results in 1910.

### LESTER PATRICK IS GOING WEST FOR KEEPS

According to a statement which Lester Patrick made in Ottawa before the Renfrew hockey team packed their grips for New York the great rover will not be seen again in the East as a member of any of the National League hockey teams. "I have too much business to attend to," declared Patrick, as he turned to leave, "and it is a losing proposition for me to come East to play hockey."

Questioned as to whether he was going to give up the game, Patrick said that he might possibly help Nelson or Edmonton lift the Stanley Cup if either of those chose to send a team after the silverware. Patrick has again been asked to sign a contract for next year with the Creamery Town seven, but the above answer precludes all possibility of the former Wanderer star again wearing a red and white jersey.

Kaufman is back in Philadelphia, throwing out a lot of hot air about what he can do to Jack O'Brien, Johnson and Jeffries. He does not tell why he ran out of his match with Sandy Ferguson in Boston.

Papke declared in Paris Monday that he is through with the boxing game, because there are no more men left to give him a hard battle. That looks as if Papke has a swelling under his hat. Any boxer who is on the level never loses a chance to get the easiest game he can. They do not go looking for hard ones if they can coax the easy ones to meet them.

Jack Tait, conquerer of Geo. Bonhag, erstwhile "indoor king" at 1½ miles at New York, and again at 2 miles at Buffalo, was royally welcomed by his club mates and representatives of Toronto Athletic Club, at a banquet tendered to him at his own club, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto, Monday night. One hundred members and friends of the West End Y. M. C. A. track and harrier clubs gathered at tables and cheered Tait to the echo.

"I did my best for the honor of my club and country," modestly replied Tait.

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### DRAW AT PITTSBURG; TOM FOLEY BREAKS HAND

Pittsburg, March 23.—Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion of the world won the popular approval of "draw" in his six-round bout with Frank Klaus, a local boy, at the Pittsburg National Sporting Club. In the first three rounds Klaus led repeatedly without return by Ketchel. The last three rounds were slow and uninteresting.

Halifax, March 23.—Tom Foley, of Halifax, and John McInnis of Penang, came together tonight in what was to have been a fifteen round go. In the third round Foley broke his wrist, his arm coming in contact with the back of his opponent's head. Notwithstanding this, he kept on with the fight till the seventh round, when Referee Wren stopped the bout on humane grounds. Foley was much superior in ability even with one hand. No decision was given.

A woman's smile is worth man's while.