

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, Golf Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

FOOTBALL.

ALL ENGLAND BEATEN.

London, Dec. 4.—The New Zealand rugby football team defeated England at Crystal Palace Saturday by 15 to 0, thus continuing their uninterrupted series of victories since their arrival in this country. Their total score since the commencement of the tour is 709 against 22. Scotland's team is the only one which any substantial stand against the colonials. In their game two weeks ago the Scots held them until the last five minutes of play, when the visitors, by a fine effort, broke down their defence and won by 12 to 7. Between 60,000 and 80,000 persons were present at the game today and seats changed hands at opera box prices.

AN ALL STAR FOOTBALL CAST. Sporting Editor Harry B. Center of the Boston Post selects the following as the strongest eleven to be picked from the American Eastern College football teams: Ends, Shovin, Yale (captain), and Tooker, Princeton; tackles, Lamson, Penn., and Squires, Harvard; guards, Tripp, Yale, and Burr, Harvard; centre, Torrey, Penn.; quarterback, Stevenson, Penn.; halfbacks, Roame, Yale, and Morse, Yale; fullback, Quill, Yale.

KICKED TWELVE GOALS. In the rugby game against Northwestern Minnesota crossed the Methodist's line 12 times. Marshall, the negro end of the Minnesota team, achieved the remarkable record of kicking each of the twelve trials for goal.

HOCKEY.

THE STANLEY CUP HOLDERS.

And still the people are guessing what will be the Stanley Cup holders' line up this season. At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Hockey Club last week all the players present intimated their intention of turning out again. No doubt that Western trip has brought considerable influence to bear on one or two of the boys.

It has been generally understood the defence will hand together. Any changes that were contemplated would be through vacancies on the line. The only possible vacancy now in sight is that of Billy Gilmour, who as captain and left wing of the McGill College team, is ineligible to play outside the intercollegiate League. McGee, Smith and Westwick have said definitely they will play this winter.

Gilmour's absence will make a place for Hamby Shore or Horace Gaul, both of whom have proved their mettle in senior company. There is also a fast coming delegation of intermediate and junior talent that may be given a try out. The City League with nine clubs in its ranks, may produce some material prior to the Stanley Cup games, at the close of the Federal season, which will be worth while considering. Finnie at goal is an uncertainty.

ATHLETE IN MONCTON.

The Transcript says:—Mr. Arthur Finemore, the well known Fredericton athlete, sprinter, ball player, hockeyist and footballist, came here yesterday to take charge of the Bowling Alleys owned by Mr. Hanson. "Art" will be a decided acquisition to Moncton's athletic circles, but says he will have little time to spare on athletics. His loss will be keenly felt in Fredericton, as he was being depended on to tend goal for the capital hockey team this winter. Finemore is a good one at all kinds of sport.

THE TURF.

GOSSIP FOR HORSEMEN.

The second race between Hazel Patch, 2,021, and Zolock, 2,051, came off at Los Angeles Nov. 23. Zolock took the first heat in 2,051, and Hazel Patch took the next two in 2,071.

At an auction sale recently held in Attica, Ind., four of the get of Dan Patch, 1,551, brought \$860, \$760, \$550 and \$450, respectively, the two highest priced being bred like Ed. Patch, 2,081.

John Splan has brought the great little two year old trotter Silko, 2,171, by Mko, dam Silcon, 2,131, by Wilton, from Charles Marvin and Brook Curry of Lexington, Ky., for a long price. He will ultimately be sent abroad, but will be raced in this country in 1906 in the three year old Futurities first.

The western stallion Crocus, 1,171, by Crescens, 2,021, is pronounced a coming trotter by good critics who saw him race the past season. He trotted a half on a half mile track in 1,961. A well known Boston horseman had his eye on the son of Crocus, if report is correct.

The green mare, Zarina, Dawson, whose sale for \$10,000 was the real feature of the New York auction last week, cost the man who sold her, Oliver H. Bain of Philadelphia, \$3,000 two years ago. She was seven years old and by Czar, 3, 2,121, son of Russia, 2,291, by Nutwood, 2,181, her dam being Tonne, by Walkill Prince. The demand for her was due to the fact that she had trotted a very easy second to Mainshoot in 2,081, at Lexington, last month. E. E. McCargo, who so surprisingly rejuvenated Wentworth, 2,041, made this showing with her.

Helen R., who raced in Moncton many times when owned by the Springhill stables a couple of years ago, is winning more of her races on the Boston speedway in a round 1,06 Prince. She has rounded too again, and has won races the last three weeks, has done a half in 1,04 and they say could have gone in 1,02.

Sam Fowler, St. John, was lucky

when he got his yearling stallion by Monbells, son of Mendicino and Beautiful Bells, dam sister May King, 2,210, as Monbells died last week and there are only a couple or so of Beautiful Bells' stallions alive.

During the Pacific Slope circuit this month the pacers Hazel Patch, 2,021 and Zolock, 2,051, have been matched for three races at Santa Ana, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles, each race \$1,000, 70 per cent., to winner, 30 to loser and a bonus if the state record of John R. Gentry, 2,031, made in 1899 at Los Angeles, was beaten.

When the bicycle and automobile were well installed in public use, it was said that the horse was done, and would be put out of business. But the department of agriculture tells another story. In 1890 there were in the United States 14,213,000 horses valued at \$978,000,000, and in 1904 there were 17,057,000 valued at \$1,200,000,000, and still the horse is in it.

An Arab method of ascertaining the value of a horse by his proportions is to measure rim with the hand from the extremity of the dock to the middle of the withers, and take note of the number of palms. They then begin again from the middle of the withers to the extremity of the upper lip, passing between the ears. If in the two cases, the number of palms is equal, the horse will be good, but of ordinary speed. If the number of palms behind is greater than in front, the horse will have no "go" in him, but if the number of palms between the withers and the upper lip is more considerable, extremity in measuring from the tail to the withers, rest assured that the horse will have great qualities.

The pedigree of the fast Canadian-bred pacer Texas Rooker, 2,051, has never been cleared up in the year book, so our thanks are due friend E. A. Cliff, Barrie, Ont., for recent information on the subject. Mr. Cliff writes that his sire was the pacer stallion of the same name, Texas Rooker, 2,291, who was by the pacer Texas Jack, 2,191. The dam of Texas Rooker, 2,051, is given as by Lexington, thoroughbred, out of a mare by Black Billy, trotter, son of Whirlwind. What Lexington is not stated; presumably it was some son of Lexington, the immortal son of Boston. The mare in question is apt to take high rank as a producer, being also the dam of the fast pacer Collingwood Rooker, 2,131, besides two promising younger foals by Reflection, 2,071. Collingwood Rooker made a record of 2,241 in 1904, and is given in the year book as by Rooker, Jr. Mr. Cliff states this to be an error, as the gelding is an own brother of Texas Rooker, 2,051.—Horse Review.

Bolivar, in the East View stable, was the largest money earning pacer out this year. He did not lead the money earners of the grand circuit, being surpassed by Allerson and five others, he being seventh in the list of pacers. Allerson topped the grand circuit list with \$4505 to his credit, while Bolivar won only \$3570. But the hobbled pacer, from the Butler stable, made a side trip into the Western Circuit, and won two \$5000 purses, and was second in another. These races were at Minneapolis, where he was second to Echo, Jr., and at Milwaukee and Libertyville. These three races netted him \$6250, more than was won by the leader of the grand circuit, and his total winnings for the season amounted to \$9820, or more than twice the amount won by Allerson. The big purses on the grand Western circuit, certainly cut considerable of a feature, and the western owners did not get the long of it as the Vermont trotter Advancer placed two of the \$5000 purses for trotters to his credit, and last year the Vermont pacer Ecstacy won two of the \$5000 purses.

SKATING.

LARGE FRAUDS IN SKATING RECORDS.

New York, December 5.—Charles J. Homent of the Ardsley Skating Association, Samuel J. Montgomery of New York Athletic Club, and Francis Mersereau Clarke of the Mount Vernon Skating Association, the records committee of the National Amateur Skating Association, appointed since the last annual meeting to purge the records books of all false and misleading marks, concluded a three months' session yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Skating Club at Brooklyn. Mr. Clarke stated that the committee had the assistance of James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union; Joseph Donoghue, the former national world's champion, and the best posted records in the country.

The American records were most fully gone into and the most drastic action taken. The report of the committee, which will be presented to the annual convention of the National Amateur Skating Association, will recommend that the records made by Morris Wood, the national title holder, for 60 yards, 100 yards and one furlong be stricken from the records table; on Wood's admission that the "tape that measured the course was short, but was the only one procurable at the time."

This leaves the record in the joint possession of S. D. See and C. B. Davidson for the shorter distance, and of John S. Johnson for the middle distance, and the old record of Le Roy See, made at the White Plains many years ago, the mark of the "two-twenty." "Johnson's mark is 9 4-5 seconds," said Mr. Clarke last night. "We found the greatest fraud in the long distance events in one of which a party named or down on the records as A. D. Smith was given credit for 15 and 20 miles records which it was proved he never

made. The frank admission of Mr. Wood saved him from all culpability, and he will be given a chance to place new marks on the books under the direction of the National Skating Association officials just as soon as possible this season. From 20 to 100 miles J. F. Donoghue holds the marks, which were all substantial and proven correct to the satisfaction of the committee.

The committee declined to look over the indoor marks, which, they claim, are valueless for the record tables.

ATHLETIC.

ENGLISH CHAMPION SAILS FOR HOME.

New York, Dec. 5.—John W. Morton, the English and Canadian 100-yard champion, who has been running in this country for the past month, has sailed for England.

Morton has won seven first and two second places in the nine races in which he has competed, falling before Dave Eaton of Boston, in a 50-yard scratch race in Madison Square Garden, and being beaten in a handicap at Philadelphia by an unknown who had a start of 94 yards. The time of this race was 1.09 4-5, and Morton was less than a foot behind.

Without a doubt the handsome Englishman is the fastest sprinter that this country has ever seen since Arthur Duffley's time, and although Morton has not equaled the American's time of .09 3-5 for 100 yards, he defeated him in a majority of races when Duffley was abroad.

In fact, Duffley was beaten so continuously by the Englishman that he left the country and went to Australia, where he has more chance.

During the short stay Morton has made in this country he has made friends everywhere by his generous and sportsmanlike conduct in everything connected with athletics. He is quiet unassuming and modest to a degree—qualities that add to any man's popularity.

At Celtic Park, in a 120-yard record trial, the management offered him the use of the private dressing room there, but he refused the offer, saying that he was no more entitled to consideration than any one else, and that he preferred to stay with the boys.

MEADAM JUNCTION.

Dec. 5.—McAdam is threatened with an outbreak of smallpox.

William Harris, Jr., foreman of the C. P. D., is quarantined at his home with an attack of varioloid. Mr. Harris was visiting friends at Tracy Station. Last Thursday he was taken to the hospital, where the local board of health, and Dr. McNeill of the county board, Dr. Young of Vancorbora, representing the Maine health authorities, and Dr. Butler, the attending physician, were also present. All are agreed that it is an unmistakable case of smallpox, a mild type.

The school, which has been closed, pending the decision of the doctors, will open again tomorrow. Misses Hoyt and Dorens have resigned from McAdam School staff. Both will leave behind her a host of friends, who will regret their departure.

A HALF-BREED'S CRIME.

It is Charged That He Treacherously Slew an Indian.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6.—Advises just brought down from Alert Bay in northern British Columbia, by the steamer Tees, corroborate the statement that a diabolical murder had been committed at Hardy Bay, the victim being an Indian, who was, it is alleged, put out of the way by a half-breed, who was in love with the murdered man's wife.

The dead man was from Fort Rupert, and he and his wife were in the canoe of the accused at the time of the supposed crime. The canoe was near Lyon's camp about 11 p. m., when the people there heard a shot. A few moments later the half-breed landed and told the whites at the camp that the Indian had been killed by an accident. He said that they were using a jack-light to shoot a deer which was in the water, and that just as he (the half-breed) fired the boat lurched and the shot struck the other man in the back. As the accident was supposed to have only just happened, and as the body was cold and stiff, the whites arrested the half-breed and the woman, and they will be tried.

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THE LAST LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

Men Prominent in British Affairs Before the Advent of the Unionist Administration.

Of the prominent members of the last Liberal Ministry of 1892-1895, three Cabinet ministers have passed away besides Mr. Gladstone, viz., Lord Herschell, the Earl of Kimberley, and Sir William Harcourt. The new Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, is in his seventieth year, and has sat in the Commons as M. P. for Stirling, since 1868. He became a Cabinet Minister and Secretary of War in 1886, having previously filled the position of Under Secretary at the Admiralty and War Office and Chief Secretary for Ireland. He has led the Liberal party in the House of Commons since February, 1899.

Right Hon. H. H. Asquith was born in Yorkshire in 1852 and has sat in the Commons since 1886 as M. P. for East Fife. His first ministerial appointment placed him in the Cabinet as Home Secretary, 1832-1855.

Lord Tweedmouth, better known as Right Hon. Edward Marjoribanks, was a great personal friend of Mr. Gladstone and was Lord Privy Seal in the last Liberal Cabinet. He is now in his fifty-seventh year. As Liberal whip he developed considerable power of organization. Lady Aberdeen is his sister.

The Marquis of Ripon was secretary for the colonies in the last administration. He is now in his seventieth year and unlikely to assume the cares of office.

Earl Spencer, K. G., successor to Lord Althorp who played such a prominent part in political life seventy years ago, has long occupied a prominent position in the inner councils of the Liberal party, which he has served in many ways and in numerous capacities; as Viceroy of Ireland, 1869-1874, and 1882-1885, as president of the Council and as First Lord of the Admiralty. He is now in his seventieth year and the recent illness with which he was so suddenly seized may prevent his re-entry into public life.

Right Hon. H. H. Fowler, M. P., Secretary of State for India in the last Liberal Cabinet is now in his seventy-fifth year but is still actively performing his parliamentary duties and is a high authority upon financial matters.

Right Hon. Sir George Otto Trevelyan, who was secretary for Scotland in the last Liberal Ministry, retired from the House of Commons in 1897 to devote himself to literary work. He is now in his sixty-eighth year.

Right Hon. Arnold Morley, who was Postmaster General in the Rosebery Cabinet is no longer a member of the Parliament in which he was once a prominent Liberal whip. He is in his fifty-seventh year, but has taken no active part in politics recently.

Right Hon. G. S. Shaw Lefevre, former president of the Local Government Board, is another member of the last Liberal Ministry who has dropped of the public eye. He is now in his seventy-fourth year.

Right Hon. A. H. Dyke Acland, now in his fifty-eighth year, is spoken of as a likely member of the new ministry. He has always taken an active part in local government affairs but is not a member of the present House.

The two most prominent men who were colleagues of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in the last Liberal ministry and are sure of high office now are Mr. John Morley and Mr. James Bryce, both in their sixty-eighth year a strenuous worker, whose writings as well as whose speeches always carry weight with the public mind.

The Earl of Rosebery, the only living Liberal ex-Premier, is not spoken of in connection with the new ministry. He is now in his fifty-eighth year and even outside the cabinet is likely to become a prominent factor in public affairs.

STAGE HORSE IN A NEW ROLE.

New York, Dec. 6.—Roundsman Mills of the East Thirty-fifth street police station, Manhattan, reported a queer mishap to a stage horse, used in the production of "David Harum", at the Murray Hill Theatre last night. The horse, Bucephalus, which appears in the second act of the play has awaited his cue in an alley adjoining the theatre.

So docile had the horse become that he has been allowed to stand in the alley without being tethered, and yesterday afternoon some one left the gate leading into the alleyway open. Bucephalus, seeing a chance to look around the neighborhood walked out. There is an iron grating on the sidewalk immediately in front of the alleyway, and the horse got his hind feet tangled in it, with the result that he carried a portion of it away with him.

Dragging the grating with him, the horse floundered into a manhole at Lexington avenue and Forty-first street, and stuck in it, with his fore quarters buried and his hind legs tangled in the grating in the air. This was the situation when the policeman arrived. While he and several of the theatre help were figuring how to extricate the horse, a repair wagon of the Lexington avenue surface road arrived. It had been called to relieve the blockade caused by the imprisoned horse, which was floundering, partly on the north-bound track, and had blocked the cars. With the aid of an improvised derrick Bucephalus was hoisted out

of his trouble. He sustained nothing worse than a few scratches.

THOUGHT CUB WAS A PUSSY.

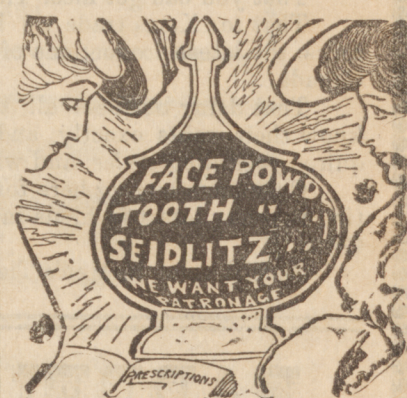
Toronto News.—Two ladies visitors at the Riverdale Zoo were startled almost into fits yesterday when they discovered that, without knowing it, they had been entertaining and fondling a young lion. They visited the lions' cage, which is surrounded by a small enclosure, and became very friendly with a shaggy, little be-whiskered animal that they found playing about. They took him up in their arms, stroked him tenderly, and handled him generally as carelessly as they would a harmless domesticated pet.

Subsequently they met Mr. Carter, the superintendent, and complimented him on his beautiful "cat."

"Cat!" cried Mr. Carter. "Why, that's a young lion."

The ladies gasped in their astonishment. Mr. Carter ascertained that the young cub, who was fast reaching years of ability and fighting strength, had squeezed out through a small aperture under the heavy iron door.

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