

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

HOCKEY

THE N. S. LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia hockey league was held on Friday evening and was well attended. The officers elected were—Hon. president, J. C. Lithgow, W. A. A. C.; president, W. P. McKay, Truro; vice-president, C. L. Wood Windsor; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Lamy, Amherst. Committee—P. C. Neville, Crescents; A. McArthur, New Glasgow; C. V. Monahan, Wanderers. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring committee.

After six years of most active service, J. C. Lithgow, who has been president of the league, retired from the position and was unanimously elected to the position of honorary president. Mr. Lithgow has been most active in his duties as president and has well earned the retirement. A most hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Lithgow for his past efforts in the league.

There were no changes in the by-laws or rules of the league except that of the qualifications of the players, who must have taken up their residence in a place at least six months previous to the hockey season to be eligible to play on the team. The old rule only called for three months.

Jan. 3—Windsor vs. Ramblers.
Jan. 6—Truro vs. Wanderers.
Jan. 7—Crescents vs. New Glasgow.
Jan. 9—Ramblers vs. Truro.
Jan. 10—New Glasgow vs. Windsor.
Jan. 13—Truro vs. Crescents.
Jan. 14—Wanderers vs. Ramblers.
Jan. 17—New Glasgow vs. Wanderers.
Jan. 17—Windsor vs. Truro.
Jan. 21—Crescents vs. Wanderers.
Jan. 23—Ramblers vs. New Glasgow.
Jan. 27—Truro vs. Amherst.
Jan. 28—Wanderers vs. Windsor.
Jan. 31—New Glasgow vs. Crescents.
Jan. 31—Amherst vs. Wanderers.
Feb. 3—Windsor vs. New Glasgow.
Feb. 4—Crescents vs. Ramblers.
Feb. 7—New Glasgow vs. Truro.
Feb. 11—Wanderers vs. Crescents.
Feb. 13—Amherst vs. Windsor.
Feb. 14—Truro vs. New Glasgow.
Feb. 17—Windsor vs. Wanderers.
Feb. 18—Crescents vs. Truro.
Feb. 21—Truro vs. Windsor.
Feb. 24—Windsor vs. Crescents.
Feb. 25—Wanderers vs. New Glasgow.
Feb. 28—Crescents vs. Windsor.
Mar. 3—Wanderers vs. Truro.
Mar. 3—Amherst vs. Crescents.
(See about introduction to this.)

TURF

JOCKEY GUARANTEED \$10,000.
Jockey Joe Nottter will receive at least \$10,000 for his work in the saddle for James R. Keene next season. Mr. Keene in his contract with Nottter has guaranteed the noted rider that sum.

That Owner Keene considers Nottter the equal of Walter Miller as a race track pilot was made evident when the terms of salary between the Wall Street magnate and the rider were under consideration. Under the terms of the contract Nottter will receive \$25 every time he brings home one of the Keene horses a winner, and \$10 every time he rides one of them. In addition to this he will receive 5 per cent of the winnings of every horse he rides for Mr. Keene.

It was under similar conditions that Walter Miller rode for Mr. Keene last year. When the settlement was made between employer and jockey, Miller received a trifle over \$12,000 for his horsemanship. He did not ride for many of the Keene horses when they won, as he frequently had to pilot the Newcastle horses. It is possible that Nottter will earn more than the \$10,000 agreed upon, for the Keene horses are considered the fastest and best in the country, and owners freely predict that they will approach in winnings the world's record mark of \$108,000 which they made this year. If they should do this Nottter's earnings would reach the amount of \$20,400.

The lad's income will reach nearly \$30,000 no matter whether the Keene horses have great success or not. Besides, his engagement with Mr. Keene under a guarantee of \$10,000, he will earn twice as much riding other thoroughbreds.

Mr. R. A. Smith, of New York, who lately made a hunting trip to New Brunswick and visited Fredericton, is one of the best known and successful turfmen in the Eastern States. He is the owner of a stable of thirty horses, all bred in the purple, and they have won many races during the past season. Mr. Smith is now at New Orleans with a string of fast ones, taking part in the races now going on there. While in the province last month Mr. Smith had the good fortune to shoot a large moose near the Miramichi River, and he has decided to commemorate the event by naming one of his colts "Miramichi".

BASKET BALL

SULLIVAN WARNS BASKETBALL TEAMS.

NEW YORK, December 16.—James E. Sullivan has sent a letter of warning to all of the athletic clubs and athletic associations that have basketball teams. Sullivan declares that members of the registration committee have reported to him that several clubs who are members of the Metropolitan Association of the A. U. have been violating the A. A. U. laws.

Mr. Sullivan's letter says in part: "The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has enacted a law whereby a club holding membership in the Metropolitan Association cannot maintain an unregistered basketball team. The investigation that has been made, and is now being continued, has shown to me that no less than six clubs, members of the Metropolitan Association, are maintaining unregistered, disqualified or professional basketball teams. They allow their members to get in groups to play professional teams and unregistered teams."

"It is my duty as President of the Metropolitan Association to see that the laws, and I propose to. And if the Metropolitan Association does not enforce the A. A. U. laws by suspending the guilty clubs, then the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States will be called upon and the Metropolitan Association will be disciplined. Therefore, it is necessary that the local officers clean out from our associations or branches that are not playing fair. We are here to encourage clean amateur sport."

SPORT AT ACADIA.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., December 13.
—There were two basketball games played last Saturday afternoon between seniors and freshmen, the second being juniors and academy, won by the juniors, score being 15-3. The first game was very exciting and was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The game ended in a victory of 11-9 in favor of the seniors. This game caused a three-cornered tie for the league, the seniors, sophomores and freshmen each having won the same number of games. It was then decided that the sophomores and freshmen should play off and the winning team then play the seniors. The play off between the sophomores and freshmen took place on Wednesday, December 11th, which was a very closely contested game, the teams being very evenly matched. At the end of the first half the score was 2-2, and it remained thus until within three minutes of the end of the game when the freshmen scored two, and although the sophomores had the ball in a good position for a goal, time was called before they succeeded, thus leaving the score 4-2 in favor of the freshmen, who will play the seniors on the coming Saturday, which game will decide the league.

FOOTBALL

MAY CHANGE THE KING-RICHARDSON RULES.

During the Christmas holidays representatives of Mount Allison, Acadia and U. N. B. respectively, will meet at Truro in an athletic conference. The prime purpose of gathering will be to consider rules governing games for the King-Richardson football trophy. Yesterday Mount Allison received word from Acadia and U. N. B. that the executive would send two representatives to the meeting, so last night the association appointed B. W. Russell, of Halifax and I. C. Rand, of Moncton to act as Mount Allison's delegates. Acadia will be represented by Frank Faulkner of Sackville and S. Louis. At the time of this gathering a meeting of the Intercollegiate Hockey league will also be held. Russell, who is captain of the Mount Allison team for this season, will represent that college at the meeting. King's College will apply for admission to the league, it is understood.

MISCELLANEOUS

C. A. A. U. WILL NOT ACT.

TORONTO, December 16.—The board of governors of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, met on Saturday and awarded the championships of the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association, and the meet will be held next fall on the grounds of the Wanderer A. C., at Halifax. The Ontario fencing and wrestling championships were awarded to the Central Y. M. C. A., of Toronto. The union will hold skating championships this winter in Toronto, also the Ontario boxing championships. The date of the latter was not decided.

The Public Schools Athletic Association of Toronto, was admitted to membership. The registration committee reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. A. C. Spriggs, of Montreal, enclosing a copy of a declaration from Mr. A. N. Payne, of Ottawa, in which charges are made against the amateur status of the Irish-American A. C. of Toronto. It was decided to advise Mr. Spriggs that the union could not entertain charges against a member coming in this manner, but if Mr. Payne or any other person had any matter to bring before the union in the ordinary and regular way, it would receive the fullest consideration.

The board decided to issue a strongly worded resolution on the lines of that adopted at the Ottawa Conference, condemning brutality in sport and it will be placed in the hands of all the clubs in the membership of the union, and its affiliated bodies.

The recommendations agreed to at the Ottawa conference concerning the Olympic games were discussed at considerable length, but were not disposed of, and another meeting will be held to deal with them.

Four minutes and 29 1/2 seconds is man's record for staying under water.

THE MISADVENTURE OF A CHUMP.

One day last week the Reverend G. A. Charnock, minister of the Congregational church, of Alturas, arrived in San Francisco, and when evening came he could find nothing more congenial to do than to "do" Chinatown with a view to seeing the different sights. He had a curiosity, he says, to see how lanterns are played, and so he hunted around some entrances in the back alleys until in the darkness he bumped into the arms of a woman of the place, who blew a police whistle and charged him with having stolen an earring. When the matter came to court the judge accepted the reverend brother's statement and let him go, which was probably the best and certainly the easiest way out of a complicated and difficult situation.

We recite this story because it illustrates a tendency not uncommon even on the part of men who consider themselves sound in all moral points to mix in unclean things to the extent of getting a view at them now and again. We have no doubt that the facts were precisely as Brother Charnock stated them. All the circumstances tended to show that he was not guilty at the point of moral intent, that he is simply a blameworthy chump with a propensity to gaze on forbidden things.

Brother Charnock justified his own folly upon the theory that he was getting experience. Let it be said again for the ten-thousandth time for the men of this sort—and for some women, too—that no moral lessons, and certainly no moral inspiration can possibly be gained by close contact with the uncleanness of Chinatown, or the grossness of the underworld. Let it be said further that those presumably good people who are forever resorting to these places in search of "impressions" are, if they could only know it, feeling an innate propensity for what is vicious and unclean. The presumably good people who have a desire to see bad things are really people of bad tendencies who can ill afford to put themselves in the way of temptation. If the Reverend Mr. Charnock were a man of entirely clean mind, the back alleys of Chinatown would not have had the least attraction for him.

The best way in this world to maintain purity of character and of conduct, is to keep your mind clean. We commend this idea—which, let us confess, is not entirely original—to Brother Charnock of Alturas and to the ten thousand others who fancy they can get views of "life" by rooting around among the purlieus of vice.

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THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

(From the New York Herald.)

It is estimated that a railroad to Hudson Bay would move Liverpool two thousand miles nearer to western shippers. For the last quarter of a century a line from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay has been mooted, but all projects have been foiled or hindered by one cause or another. At the present moment, however, the amazing development of Winnipeg and the Canadian Northwest has led to such vigorous action that no less than six different charters have been granted in connection with Hudson Bay schemes.

The harbor at Churchill is one of the finest in North America—a direct five hundred and fifty mile deep water sail from the western end of the Straits, and free from ice almost half the year. Hudson Bay itself, of course, is open all the year round. The railroad to Churchill will be a concrete fact within a few years, and then Keewatin—that enormous game preserve, half as big as European Russia—will be split up between Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario, giving each a splendid seaport.

These great schemes hinge entirely upon the amazing development of Western Canada, whose magical black soil, experts say, will go on producing the hardest wheat in the world without stimulus for a century or more. Already Winnipeg bids fair to be the Chicago of Canada. Through this "buckle of the wheat belt" all the grain must pass.

Within the last two years the city has spent over \$22,000,000 upon new buildings, and its population is swelling up from year to year in bounds of 12,000 or more. More and more the prairie is swallowed up every month, and to-day there must be at least 120,000 souls in this wonderful city.

LOCATION COMPLETED

The location survey parties on the National Transcontinental Railway, between Chipman and Grand Falls, have about completed work, and their reports will likely be in the hands of District Engineer Dunn before the end of the year. Engineer Foster has been in charge of a party working between the Tobique and Miramichi rivers; Engineer McDonald has been working between Plaster Rock and the divide; Engineer McNeill between Plaster Rock and Grand Falls, and Engineer Maxwell between Chipman and the point where the road will cross the I. C. R. tracks near Boiestown. Upon returning to the office the engineers will prepare their reports for the district engineer in order that he may be in a position to make up his estimate so that tenders for construction work may be invited.

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With construction work being carried on full blast on the transcontinental, the indications are that times will be very brisk in Central New Brunswick next season.

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