

ENEMY ORGANIZED.

An Exciting Wrangle Over the Choice of Captain.

CANDIDATES PRESENTED THEIR OWN CLAIMS WITH BECOMING MODESTY.

The Senator Makes an Important Declaration.

The Hospital base ball team, who like the Boers have been fighting behind kopjes, have at last been forced out into the open, and the Champions are furnished with the names of the men they have to meet in battle array July 1st.

The enemy lagged yesterday afternoon at the telephone office, called there by the Commandant, Senator Thompson, and made up their slate as follows:

T. C. Allen, capt. and c. i.

Dr. Geo. J. McNally, p.

J. T. Sharkey, c.

A. H. F. Randolph, 1 b.

Dr. Bridges, 2 b.

Mayor Crocket, 3 b.

Dr. Seery, a. s.

M. Tennant, i. f.

Dr. Vanwart, r. f.

Spare man—Senator Thompson, Dr. Harry McNally, Willard Kitchen, F. St. John Blise, Dr. Atherton.

Fourteen men they have chosen to play against the Champions, and every one of them will be required before the slaughter is over.

It was a great meeting—a regular noisy wrangle that could be heard blocks away. Even the telephone service was temporarily disorganized by the rattle of angry voices. Everybody wanted to be captain.

Senator Thompson presided and had a club on the table to enforce order, and a nice time he had of it. It looked at one time as if the doctors would get to carving each other.

When the Senator finally restored order, Mr. Carleton Allen moved that he be elected captain. He made quite an eloquent speech in urging his claims. Said it was an easy job, could sit in the bench and manage his men, had canvassed hard for the job and wanted it bad.

Mayor Crocket said he was also a candidate for the captaincy. As chief magistrate of the city he was commanding a team that was harder to manage than a pair of Texan steers or a herd of bronchos. He had succeeded in keeping Farrell and the other fellows in subjection up at the city hall and his claim could not be sneezed at or laughed out of the meeting. "When I ran for mayor it was a homer, and in the second inning I got my base on balls," added His Worship, and it was admitted that he had made out a very strong case.

Dr. McNally thought a medical man should be chosen, not a hospital non-combatant. The consensus of opinion the Doctor thought was in his favor. He had captained many a nine on the blueberry plains of Queensbury and never lost a game. He moved that "the big doctor" be captain.

There were loud cries of dissent from all over the meeting. "Too fat," "too fat," was the universal cry and the Doctor subsided.

Dr. Bridges next claimed attention. He said he was by all odds the best qualified for the position. He used to captain the Maquapit Lake nine against the Sun-pokes, and his commanding voice and appearance ever enforced discipline. "Besides," said the Doctor "when I was at college I was a great runner, captured everything in sight and have kept up my training ever since. The captain of this nine wants a runner in charge; the probabilities are we will have to make a hasty exit from Scully's grove, and the ambulance won't hold us all. I move that Surgeon Major Bridges of the Army Medical Corps be captain."

Pandemonium reigned for a few moments and after the Senator had vigorously used his club, Coroner Seery's voice piped up. He said he had just arrived from holding an inquest at Carlow and questioned the legality of the meeting. He wanted it understood that he was a candidate for the captaincy. The other men who had nominated themselves, a most undignified proceeding, were too beefy, and should not be allowed in the game. Probably his services would be needed in the capacity of coroner before the game was over, and for that reason his claims on the captaincy were good and valid.

At this stage the Senator grew restless. He was wanted round at the foundry, there were to be meetings of the Peoples' Bank directors, telephone directors,

gas and electric light company, patronage was to be dispensed that afternoon, and the meeting must get down to business. Striking a pre-election stump attitude, the Senator declared that there must be no more fooling. "The game will be played on Dominion day, probably with the thermom. 90 in the shade, and we can't run this thing on icicles," quoth the Senator in his wrath. "Who is going to be captain and where are the rest of our men?"

United States Consular Agent Sharkey was on his feet in a moment, and addressing the chair, claimed the position as a concession to the Yankee nation, in view of Ambassador Choate's recent dinner to the King. He said he hoped the friendly relations existing between the United States and Great Britain would not be disturbed by putting him aside, but the Senator commanded the company to sing the National Anthem and Mr Sharkey was summarily suppressed.

It was now growing late, no progress had been made, and finally Mr. Allen was agreed upon as a compromise.

The next difficulty arose over choice for other positions. Everybody wanted to be in the outfield under the trees, and near the lunch counter, but after much wrangling the team was selected as above, Mr. Sampson being excused because the Methodist conference was in session.

The choice of uniforms was left to a committee with directions that the off sizes be given Dr. McNally and Dr. Vanwart.

President Randolph of the People's Bank was instructed to discount a joint note for the team for necessary expenses, and after congratulating themselves that no blood had been split, the company adjourned to the city hall fountain for a drink.

FREDERICTON POST OFFICE.

Arrival and Departure of Mails Schedule Now in Force.

Mails close at the Fredericton post office as follows:

6.00 a. m.—St. John, United States; St. Stephen, and Charlotte, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska counties, Fredericton Jet, Waas's Station, Rusiagornis Station.

7.00 a. m.—Mouth of Keswick, Upper Keswick, Millville, Woodstock.

7.30 a. m.—Down river mails—Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 a. m.—St. John and C. P. R. stations east—Nova Scotia, P. E. Island.

3.30 p. m.—C. E. Station—Chatham, Newcastle and I. C. R. points north, Quebec city and province.

5.30 p. m.—St. John, United States, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., Woodstock, St. Stephen, Moncton, etc., Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and N. W. provinces.

Arrivals.

9.15 a. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.

11.30 a. m.—United States, St. Stephen, etc.; Montreal, Ottawa and N. W. Provinces.

1.45 p. m.—Canada Eastern Mails, North Shore and Quebec.

4.30 p. m.—Down river mails.

8.10 p. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.

8.50 p. m.—Mouth of Keswick, etc., Woodstock.

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CORONATION CONTINGENT

Given a Hearty Reception At Liverpool—Now Encamped at Alexandra Palace and Much Admired.

Toronto, June 17.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "It was intended that immediately upon its arrival at Liverpool, the Canadian coronation contingent should proceed at once by special train to London. Rain fell heavily, however, and the contingent remained on the Parisian over night. The lord mayor of Liverpool boarded the steamer and cordially welcomed Earl Minto. He then addressed the Canadian troops from the bridge. Regret was expressed that the original programme for the reception had to be cancelled. He was gratified to have the contingent in Liverpool, and Britain was deeply grateful to Canada for services rendered in South Africa.

After the lord mayor's address Lt. Col. Pellatt returned thanks on behalf of his command, and the troops cheered.

The contingent arrived at Alexandra Palace this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The men are quartered in nine large marquees, with board floorings, 60 men in each. The incessant rain of the past few weeks has made the ground very soggy and unpleasant.

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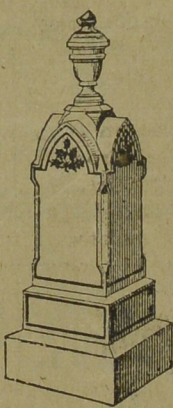
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