Happenings in the World of Sport Brightly Told Of

CAPT. WEBB'S RECORD FOR THE ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIM SAFE

Apparently the Feat of the Most Famous of All Swimmers is Not to be Duplicated---The Story of the Last Desperate Attempt on August 19th.

Apparently Captain Webb's famous feat of swimming across the English Channel, accomplished in 1875, is not to be duplicated for some time. Probably the nearest approach to it was made by T. W. Burgess, of Yorkshire, England, on Aug. 19 last, who was within half a mile of the French coast when the tide turned and he was obliged to desist. The London Standard of Aug 26 received yesterday prints the following story of Mr. Burgess attempt:

One of the most persistent efforts yet made to swim the Channel was brought to a conclusion yesterday morning, by T. W. Burgess, the Yorkshireman. After being in the water for 20 hours and 11 minutes, he was compelled to retire, when within one mile of the French coast. At one period of the swim he came within half a mile of the French shore. Burgess started on his journey at 9.30 on Monday morning, taking the water at Dover, near the Admiralty pier, and when he gave up, at 5.25 yesterday morning, he had traversed nearly fifty miles.

The swim was extraordinary in many respects. The driftage on the strong tides was very great. At 12.30 a.m., Burgess was two miles off Cape Grisnez, but the swiftly flowing tide carried him along parallel with the coast, past Wimereux, and down as far as Boulogne. The nearest point to the coast at any position was about two miles, and, try as he could Burgess failed to make headway towards the shore. About half-past two yesterday morning, he was off the eastern end of Boulogne breakwater, still about two miles at sea. When the flood tide came about this time it began to carry him back, parallel with the French coast, again past Wimereux, and on towards Cape Grisnez once more, but Burgess was able to swim towards the shore quite a mile, and there seemed to be every prospect of success.

Burgess had been swimming splendidly right through the night, and he was still doing twenty-five and twenty-six strokes to the minute in the twentieth hour of his effort, the stroke having scarcely varied since the start. The French coast looked near as the swimmer was slowly drifted past the little villages to the west of Cape Grisnez, and he strained every nerve to reduce the mile that lay between him and the shore.

A FINAL CHANCE

As a final chance of getting in on the western side of Grisnez, Burgess, when about half a mile to the south-west of the point, and a mile off shore, requested Weidman, the Dover Channel swimmer, who was on board the accompanying tug, to come in and pace him for a race to the shore. Weidman complied, but the race by the two swimmers failed in its object, Burgess being carried round past Grisnez point at about five o'clock.

There was just one chance remaining to complete the swim, namely, that Burgess might be able to get inshore on the eastern side of Grisnez. Accordingly he made a great effort, but the strong tides were against him, and realizing that the task was an impossible one, he gave up the attempt.

In spite of the terrible test of strength that he had undergone, he mounted the ladder unaided, and stepped into the tug.

During the whole of the swim there was a ruffled surface on the water, which at times was inclined to be rough. The swimmer's food consist ed chiefly of Bovril and Bovril chocolate, and the only effect that Burgess felt after the swim was a stiffness of the leg muscles. Burgess stated that it would have taken six hours longer to complete the swim, and he only felt good enough for about two hours.

Burgess stated in an interview yesterday that the swim has proved that his theory is right. He said that the Channel swim can be accomplished in from 15 to 21 hours. "If I had started half-an-hour later," he added, "I should have found the tide setting on to Cape Grisnez, and I could have landed near Ambleteuse, somewhere about midnight. As it was, we met a strong current which carried me down the coast. I have gone carefully over the bearings and the chart with Pilot McKeen, and I find that we were only half-a-mile off the shore at Ambleteuse." The course followed was that of Captain Webb's successful swim.

Jack Rees, the Welsh Channel swimmer, has arranged to start his attempt today. J. Wolffe returned to Dover from Brighton yesterday, and is crossing the Calais with the intention of starting his swim from Sangatte on Friday. Montague Holbein arrived at Dover yesterday from London, and he has arranged to start his Channel swim from Cape Grisnez tomorrow afternoon. It is stated that Burgess intends to make another attempt this week.

PREVIOUS NOTABLE SWIMS

The following is a list of previous notable attempts, including Captain Webb's success:—

	hr.	min.
1875—Captain Webb (successful).	21	45
1877—Cavil (claimed success; disputed)	—	—
1890—Dalton (U.S.A.) (claimed success; disallowed)	—	—
1901—Holbein (gave up five miles from Dover)	—	—
1902—Holbein (failed three quartetrs of a mile from coast)	—	—
„ Holbein (gave up two miles from English coast)	22	15
1903—Holbein (failed seven miles from France)	17	30
1904—Holbein (failed eleven and a quarter miles from France)	10	—
1904—Burgess (gave up six miles from Cape Grisnez)	8	22
1905—Burgess (failed four miles from France	12	30
1905—Burgess (within four and a half miles of the coast)—	14	45
1905—Holbein (abandoned after swimming 16 miles)	—	—
1906—Wolffe (four miles from France	11	45
„ Burgess (within four miles of France; covered 42 miles)	18	1
„ Wolffe (within a mile of Calais)	15	16
1907—Wolfe (within three quarters of a mile of Calais..	15	15
„ Wolffe (within two miles of France)	11	30
1908—Wolffe (failed three miles from France)	13	43
„ Wolffe (failed six miles from England)	—	—
„ J. Mearns (collapsed and narrowly escaped drowning)	14	—

LABOR DAY MEET SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE

Every Day Club has Received Official Sanction From The M.P.A.A.A. and Events will be Well Contested.

The following sanction has been received from the M. P. A. A. A. for the Every Day Club sports on Labor Day

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 28, 1908.

With jurisdiction in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, governing Amateur Athletics under the definition adopted by the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, and Amateur Aquatics under the definition adopted by the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen. President—J. C. Lithgow, R. C. S. S. C., Halifax, N. S. Hon. Secretary—F. W. Meyer, St. Mary's A. A. & A. C., Halifax, N. S.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NO. 443.

Sanction of this Association is hereby granted to Every Day Club, St. John, N. B., for holding the following amateur events, to be contested on Sept. 7th, 1908, Labor Day, on Every Day Grounds, St. John, N. B.:

EVENTS.

1. 100 yds. dash.
2. 220 yds. dash.
3. 440 yds. dash.
4. 880 yds. run.
5. 1 mile run.
6. Running broad jump.
7. Running high jump.
8. Hop, step and jump.
9. Pole vault.
10. 1 mile run (18 years and under).

F. W. MEYER,
Hon. Secy., M. P. A. A. A.

These sports are creating a lot of interest and indications are that they will surpass anything of the kind held here in a long while. Among the entries will be some of the best athletes in the Maritime Provinces. The best local men are to take part and are already getting in shape. The fine programme has been prepared and promises a splendid afternoon's entertainment.

GOOD RACING AT READVILLE

Boston, Aug. 28.—With only a stake programme as the attraction, the last closing events having been declared off on account of the storm of Wednesday and Thursday, only about 4,000 persons attended the Readville Grand Circuit meeting today to see the Futurity for three year old trotters, the Blue Hill, for 2.30 trotters and the Norfolk, for 2.08 pacers, decided.

Trainer Bob Proctor, formerly of Lexington (Ky.), but in the past number of years located at Readville, captured the major portion of the Futurity with The Leading Lady, owned by A. B. Coxe, Paoli (Pa.), and the Blue Hill, with Uhlan, the property of Chas. Sanders, of Salem (Mass.), with very little trouble.

Sadie Worthy, the Brooklyn nomination, was pointed out the best of the three-year-olds, as only last week she was reported to have done a trial at Poughkeepsie in 2.11 1-4, but her advance fame did little good, for even the second money went to Binvalo, the entry of the Allen Farm, Pittsfield (Mass.). The latter last year made a world's record for two-year-old trotting stallions.

The Norfolk would have been three straight heats for Major Brino, but for the second heat, when Ritchey failed to keep his position in the home stretch. He swerved over toward the pole and in consequence the judges sent him from first to last place. The whole three heats in this event were marked by flashy finishes for in each of the heats the leaders were only inches apart at the wire. In the final "Long Shot" Cox, the famous New Hampshire reinsman, looked particularly dangerous at the short distance. He brought Jerry B. through from the rear with a rush and was only beaten by a short head.

BASEBALL ITEMS

National League.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 1; Philadelphia, 0.

American League.

At New York—New York, 1; Chicago, 0. Second game—New York, 1; Chicago, 2.
At Philadelphia—Detroit, 1; Philadelphia, 0 (11 innings.) Second game—Detroit, 2; Philadelphia, 11.
At Washington—Washington, 2; Cleveland, 0. Second game—Washington, 8; Cleveland, 0.
At Boston—Boston, 3; St. Louis, 1.

Eastern League.

At Buffalo—Buffalo, 3; Jersey City, 2.
At Toronto—Toronto, 6; Baltimore, 2.
At Montreal—Montreal, 5; Newark, 4 (10 innings.)

PERSONALS

Rev. Father Jerge, S.J., was reported very low last night.

Dr. N. R. Colter, post office inspector, returned to the city last evening on the 5.15 train.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, wife and child, of Woodstock, are at the Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. White and the Misses Fairweather left by C. P. R. on a trip to Montreal, Toronto, Niagara and Buffalo.

E. W. Grange, of the press gallery, Ottawa, and his sisters, Miss H. A. Grange and Miss C. Grange, are visiting in the city. They are registered at the Dufferin.

A CORNISH PAGEANT.

An interesting pageant recalling the days of ancient Cornwall has been held in the grounds of Melrose House, at Lanner, near Redruth. The first episode represented the Phoenicians coming and bartering with the natives for tin. The second episode represented the conversion of Constantine. King of Cornwall, about A.D., 650. There was also a scene from one of the old Cornish miracle plays, "St. Meriasee of Camborne." The arrival of Warbeck at Bodbin, his coronation, and proclamation as King, formed the fourth episode, while the fifth represented the legend of the origin of Helston Flora.

Tom—"Here! You've started your note to Burroughs 'Dr. Sir.' Don't you know that sort of abbreviation is very slovenly?"

Dick—"No, sir. 'Dr.' is all right in this case. He owes me money."—Philadelphia Press.

WANT HIM IN VAUDEVILLE.

J. J. Hayes, the hero of the Marathon race, who is at present employed in a New York departmental store, is being overwhelmed with remunerative offers from various sources, was yesterday offered $1,000 a week for him to accept an engagement on the vaudeville stage. Hayes is seriously considering the acceptance of the latter.

ROLLER SKATING RACE



JACK OLIVE
Champion of New Brunswick.

At the Victoria Rink tonight Jack Olive and C. Heath will skate a one mile race from opposite sides of the rink for the championship of New Brunswick. The race will be skated after the fifth band. Both are speedy, and a large crowd is expected to be present.

BANGOR MEET BIG SUCCESS

Bangor, Me., Aug. 28—Fair weather, an average last day attendance and interesting racing characterized the closing of the Eastern Maine State Fair here today. President Beal estimates the total attendance for the four days at 55,000 and the expenses of the fair at $20,000.

Racing events today were the finish of the 2.18 trot and 2.21 pace, of which four heats were run off Thursday; the 2.16 trot and 2.19 pace, a colt race and a consolation race. Summaries:

2.18 Trot, 2.21 Pace; Purse $300 (4 heats Thursday.)

Omera, b.m., by Bromal (Burrill)	2	3	1	1	1
The Lover, b.s. (Waite)	1	1	2	2	2
Carl C., b.g. (Reynolds)	4	2	3	4	3
Rattler G., b.g. (Pottle)	3	4	4	3	dr
Levinsky, b.s. (Rowan)	ds				

Time—2.18½, 2.20¾, 2.20¾, 2.19¼, 2.19¼.

2.16 Trot, 2.19 Pace; Purse $300.

El Galo, b.g., by Chauncey Wells (Hayden)	1	1	1
Doris, b.m. (Dustin)	2	3	2
Shamrock, br.g. (Geerow)	3	2	4
Nancy S., br.m. (Rowen)	4	4	3

Time—2.18¾, 2.16½, 2.20½.

Colt Race, 3-year-olds, 2 in 3, Half Mile Heats, $150.

Miss Vassar, b.m., by Vassar (Deering)	4	1	1
Direct Braden, br.g. (Gallagher)	1	2	4
Berry Nelson, b.s. (Berry)	2	3	2
Color Bearer, b.s. (Murray)	3	4	3

Time—1.08¾, 1.10¾, 1.11½.

Consolation Race, for Non-Winners, Each Heat a Race, Winner Dropping Out.

Mossie L., b.m. (Littlefield)	1		
Emily Gaile, b.m. (Kirby)	2	2	3
Stipend, b.g. (Smith)	3	1	
Donna Marion, ch.m. (Gerow)	4	5	dr
Emperor Wilkes, Jr., b.s. (Small)	5	3	1
Dexter B., b.g. (Gallagher)	6	4	2

Time—2.24¼, 2.27, 2.29¼.

$40 to winner of first heat; $30 to winner of second; $25 to winner of third; $20 to winner of fourth, and $10 to second horse in fourth. Three heats trotted and last three monies divided between winners of third heat.

Sussex Races Off.

It was reported yesterday that the Sussex race entries did not fill and that the contests were off.

To Sell His Racers Here.

On the last day of the St. John races, Fred Duncanson will auction off his stable, including Laura Merrill, Idle Moments and Etta Mac, also all his outfit.

ST. JOHN LOST TO HALIFAX AT GOLF

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 28.—With ideal weather and the links in excellent condition, the Halifax and St. John golfers played here today for the Rose Trophy, and at sundown, when the match ended, the local players had a majority of sixty-nine holes. St. John had a very poor team, several of their best players, who intended coming to Halifax, were unable to get away and their places were taken by junior men. Notwithstanding the one-sided score the match was exciting and at times keenly contested.

The Ross Cup is a challenge trophy, and will be held by the Halifax golfers until defeated. The scores were as follows:—

Halifax.		St. John.	
G. A. Evans	8	Jack	0
J. W. P. Ritchie	3	Stetson	0
Judge Wallace	6	Magee	0
F. T. Handsomebody	0	Longley	3
D. McGillvray	0	Thomas	2
H. H. Smith	11	Schofield	0
Colonel Lawson	0	McAvity	2
A. S. McKenzie	5	Fraser	0
Dr. Weatherbee	7	Bell	0
Owen Jones	5	Jones	0
W. J. G. Thompson	5	Peters	0
Captain Rose	0	Harrison	2
Colonel Weston	13	Ogilvy	0
G. C. Campbell	16	McCready	0

Total for Halifax, 78; total for St. John, 9. Holes in favor of Halifax, 69.

Gushing Young Woman to baronet at garden party)—"Oh, Sir James, I hear you have an acetylene plant, and I simply adore tropical flowers!"—Punch.

EXHIBITION MEET PROMISES GOOD SPORT

There Will be Four Days' of Horse Racing Sept. 15, 16, 17 and 18---Entries Close on Tuesday.

The St. John Exhibition horse races at Moosepath on September 15, 16, 17 and 18 promise good contests under direction of the Gentlemen's Driving Club. There will be $2,400 in purses, divided as follows:—

Tcesday, September 15.

2.30 Class Trot and Pace, purse 1, $300.
2.20 Class Trot, purse 2, $300.

Wednesday, September 16.

2.22 Class Trot and Pace, purse 3, $300.
2.20 Class Trot and Pace, purse 4, $300.

Thursday, September 17.

2.17 Class Trot and Pace, purse 5, $300.
2.30 Class Trot, purse 6, $300.

Friday, September 18.

2.25 Class Trot and Pace, purse 7, $300.
Free-For-All, purse 8, $300.

The conditions are:—Races to be mile heats, best 3 in 5 to harness; entrance fee 5 per cent., with 5 per cent. additional from winners; purse divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.; five to enter and four to start, except in free-for-all, four to enter and three to start; usual weather conditions; classes not filling entries may be transferred to any class which they are eligible; two horses eligible to start from one stable in any class; classes not filling satisfactorily will be declared off; right reserved to change order of programme of days of racing; National Trotting Association rules to govern, except where otherwise provided; hopples not barred; distancing the field, or any part thereof, entitled to first money only; three seconds allowed trotters in pacing classes; management not responsible for any accident that may occur on their grounds; stabling, hay and straw free; all entries and crrespondence to be addressed to John Ross, secretary, St. John.

ST. PETERS AND THE MARATHONS

Deciding Game in Championship Series Will be Held This Afternoon.

The interest in the games for the championship of the city has reached almost fever heat, and the fans will be out in force when the umpire calls "Play Ball" on the Shamrock grounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Should the Marathons triumph today their right to the Isaacs cup would be good for one year, and they could flaunt the title of baseball champions for the year of 1908. The St. Peter's backers are sanguine as ever, though, of ultimate success and changes in the team, involving the appearance of Ed. Small, may make the score sheet tell a different story than last Saturday.

Small will play in centre field and J. Dever will take J. McCormick's place at second base, leaving the rest of the team as before.

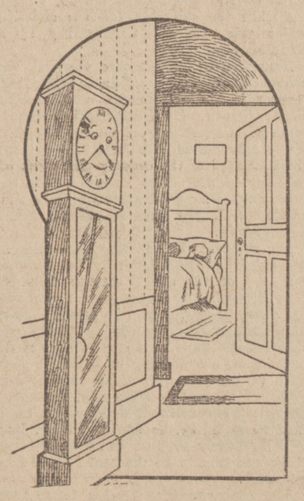
Gilmour will pitch for the Marathons. Ramsay will perform at second base, and Clawson will take his old place in right field.

The teams will be:—

Marathons.		St. Peter's.
Rootes	Catcher	Rogers
Gilmour	Pitcher	Rogers
Stubbs	1st base	Donnelly
Ramsay	2nd base	J. Dever
Bradbury	3rd base	F. Dever
Copeland	Shortstop	E. Mahoney
Don. Malcolm	Left field	C. McCormick
J. Malcolm	Centre field	E. Small
Clawson	Right field	F. Mahoney

W. McDermot and J. McAlister will be umpires.

A TRUSTY FRIEND



The big old clock stands in the hall,
And tells the girls and boys
When it is time to stop their play
And put away their toys.

It tells them in the morning, too,
When it is time to rise;
And with its quiet little hands
Shows them how fast time flies.

"Get up, get up!" it seems to say,
"Or you'll be late to school;
And late to school, my boy or girl
Means that you'll be a fool.

And so "tick tick!" its hands go round;
It works both night and day;
While people have some time to rest,
It has no sleep nor play.

But vigilantly stands awake
To keep a watchful eye,
And with its busy little hands
Mark minutes that fly by. M. W.

Ciro Bivono, who conducts a grocery store on First avenue, New York, was shot and fatally wounded on his doorstep last night after talking with alleged blackhand members. At Bellevue, Ciro identified one of two men who he said had fired at him, but later said he had never seen him. His wife, however, said he was the man who had shot her husband.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME FOR THE ST. STEPHEN N. B. CARNIVAL

Motor Boat Races, Street Sports and Firemen's Tournament will be Features of the Big Celebration on Sept. 7, 8 and 9.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 29.—Six men from the American Decorating Co. of Boston arrived in St. Stephen Friday to commence the decorating of stores, public buildings and private houses, for which they hold contracts amounting to a thousand dollars or more. The decorations will be an attractive feature of the big carnival on September 7th, 8th and 9th.

Every indication points to a great success for this latest enterprise of the border people.

The motor boat features are assuming substantial form, and it is expected that two hundred or more speedy craft will participate, including several capable of making from fifteen to twenty knots an hour.

Two series of races have been decided upon, one especially for the fishermen and one for other owners. In the fishermen's class there will be contests for boats of 3 h. p. and under, 5 h. p. and under, 7 h. p. and under, and a free for all handicap.

In the other series the contests will be for 3 h. p. and under, 5 h. p. and under, 8 h. p. and under, 10 h. p. and under, and a free for all.

Novelty contests, including a tug of war between motor boats, will be features of the two days devoted to sports on the river.

For the street sports the following programme has been arranged: 100 yards, prizes $5.00, $3.00 and $2.00. 220 yards, prizes $10.00 and $5.00. 440 yards, prizes $10.00 and $5.00. 880 yards, from the fountain at the Cove to the King street fountain, prizes $10.00 and $5.00. Second 100 yard dash, prizes $10.00, $5.00 and $3.00. 100 yards for boys, prizes $2.00 and $1.00. Three legged race, prizes $5.00 and $2.00. Wheelbarrow race, prizes $3.00 and $2.00.

Finnemore of Fredericton, Haggarty and Snow of Brewer, Irvin of Houlton and local men have already entered for these events, and others from abroad are to participate.

The hose contests hold attention all over the Maritime Provinces, Maine and the New England states and additional entries are expected. Amherst firemen write that they expect to bring a brass band with them.

The big prizes offered in these events, aggregating $650,00, have brought entries from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The big parade on the opening day, which is labor day, will be a grand affair. Factories and stores will be represented by floats and several of the secret societies are preparing elaborate representations. There will be much to instruct as well as to amuse. Many of the visiting hose companies will be in uniform and bring decorated carts, to compete for the generous prizes offered.

Ten bands of music will participate.

The Canadian Pacific officials have guaranteed a single fare from all points to St. Stephen and return, opening the way for hundreds' from New Brunswick who desire to attend.

The Washington County has treated the people here most generously and is advertising specially low rates from Portland and all intermediate points, with special excursion trains from Ellsworth and intermediate points on Monday and from Machias and intermediate points on Tuesday, returning each evening.

There will be hundreds of firemen in uniform, there will be ten brass bands, there will be hundreds of motor boats, there will be speedy runners, there will be great vaudeville shows and enjoyable dances, there will be all kinds of side shows, there will ge a good horse trot, and there will be something doing all the time to interest the thousands of people who are coming to St. Stephen September 7th, 8th and 9th.

THE HISTORY OF THE ATLANTIC CABLE LAID FIFTY YEARS AGO

(London Leader.)

The first Atlantic cable was formally opened on 16 Aug., 1858. On that day, as we may learn from the newspapers of the time, the British directors of the American Telegraph Company sent the following message to their American colleagues: "Europe and America are united by telegraph. Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill towards men." The Queen telegraphed her congratulations to the President of the United States on the "successful completion of the great international work," affirming her confidence that the President would "unite with her in fervently hoping that the electric cable which now connects Great Britain with the United States will prove an additional link between the nations whose friendship is found in their common interest and reciprocal esteem"—a hope which on the whole has been abundantly realised.

The task of laying the cable had been accomplished despite much discouragement. The first attempt had been made in 1857, but the cable ship, starting from the Irish coast, had laid no more than 300 miles whe the cable broke.

Three further unsuccessful attempts were made in 1858. In the most promising of these, two ships of war, H.M.S. Agamemnon and the United States ship Niagara, started together from this country, where the cable had been manufactured, each carrying half of it. The two halves were joined in mid-Atlantic, and the Agamemnon then turned back to wards Ireland, while the Niagara continued her course to Newfoundland, each paying out the cable as she went. But stormy weather came on. The cable was broken again and again, and finally the vessels gave up the attempt.

Another expedition—the fifth—started in July of the same year and met with better success. The laying of the cable was completed on Aug. 5. But although communication was established on the 10th it was not, as we have seen, until the 16th that the ceremonial opening took place.

The cable, allowing for "slack," was 2,200 miles in length. The "core," or electrical conductor, was composed of six small copper wires "stranded" round a seventh. Next came an insulating cover of india-rubber, surrounded by a "sewing" of yarn, the whole being protected by a covering of iron wires. The total weight was one ton per mile, and the diameter half an inch—about half the weight and thickness of modern deep-sea cables.

Defects had been observed even as the cable was being laid; and these soon began to manifest themselves in electrical difficulties. The signals became fainter and fainter, until they finally ceased on Sept. 2, to the intense disappointment of the American public, whose famous citizen, Mr. Cyrus Field, was the moving spirit of the scheme—though our own Sir William Thompson, afterwards Lord Kelvin, was the man of all others by whose inventive genius ocean telegraphy was made practicable. It was his mirror galvanometer that was used as the receiving instrument on the first Atlantic cable, and later his ingenious syphon recorder multiplied many times the efficiency of submarine communication.

The failure of the first cable led to some difficulty in securing money for further efforts. But a government commission which sat three years later came to the conclusion that what had been done gave promise of ultimate success, if only certain improvements in construction and laying which experience suggested were duly carried out.

Another attempt, still unsuccessful, (the cable being broken and lost), was made in 1865. But success was achieved in 1866, when a cable was laid which worked satisfactorily for ten years.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company, the successors of the pioneer company, now have four cables between Valentia and Newfoundland, laid respectively in 1873, 1874, 1880 and 1894. Other companies have come into existence, British and foreign. The Direct United States Company (British) have one cable, the Commercial Cable Company (American) five, running from the South-West of Ireland to Nova Scotia or the United States. The Western Union Company (American) have two cables, which run between Land's End and Nova Scotia; while the French Telegraph Cable Company and the German Atlantic Telegraph Company also have two each. Thus, 16 cables in all are now in existence between Europe and North America, which probably carry at least twice as many millions of words every year.

Whether wireless telegraphy is destined to be a serious rival of the cables or not, it is an achievement of which collective humanity may be proud that these long, slender lines, scarcely an inch thick, in the deep waters where they mainly lie, have for so many years maintained uninterrupted communication between the two continents.

The first message (containing, with the address, about 30 words) took half an hour to transmit. On the most modern Atlantic cables, four times that number of words could be sent in a minute. So rapid and efficient is communication that it is possible to send a commercial message from London to New York and receive a reply within five minutes.

The reduction in the expense of telegraphing is as remarkable as the increase of facilities. Up to 1869 the minimum cost of a message from England to New York of any number of words up to ten was £3 7s 6d. Now the minimum cost of such a message (three words) is 3s, and ten words may be sent for 10s. For a short time, indeed, in the eighties, the charge was reduced to 6d a word, thanks to competition between the newly-constituted Commercial Cable Company and its older rivals. But the companies say that they could not afford to carry traffic for so low a charge. At all events, by mutual agreements the charge was increased to 1s a word, where it has remained ever since, and where it will probably still remain until the wireless companies can make good their claim.



HE'D NEVER FEEL IT.

Horan—Would ye care fur a drop o' whisky, Doran?

Doran—Faith. Horan, I'm a-feared 'twould do me stummick no good.

Horan—Come, come, man; what ails ye?

Doran—I'm jisht tellin' ye a drop would be no good at all in a stummick like mine.

About 6 o'clock last evening Fred Smith, the young son of James W. Smith, of 246 Union street, while crossing that thoroughfare was knocked down and run over by a team. One of the wheels ran over his shoulder. The little fellow was carried to his home where Dr. P. R. Inches was summoned. Beyond a slight bruise on one arm he found the boy none the worse for his experience.

FOOTBALL GAME THIS AFTERNOON

McAvity's will Meet the Bankers in the Soccir Series.

Football enthusiasts who prefer the English game to baseball will see a good match this afternoon on the Victoria grounds when McAvity's eleven will line up against the Bankers. The game will start at 3 o'clock and a large number are expected to see it as the game is beginning to gain a foothold here and considerable interest is taken in the league matches.

McAvity's have a good team and will try hard to win, though the Bankers are also looking for an opportunity to distinguish themselves. McAvity's team will be as follows: Hepbourne, goal; F. Anthony, Smith, backs; Kerr, Peebles, Fraser, half backs; Shepard, Graham, Donald, Hardiman, Fletcher, forwards.

North Sydney, N.S., Aug. 28.—(Special)—By the death of James H. Vooght, this morning, North Sydney loses one of the men who for many years was foremost in the business interests not only of this town, but of Cape Breton Island and Nova Scotia. Mr. Vooght left his home in Devonshire, England, in the year 1873 at the age of twenty-four years to join his brothers who had preceded him to this country in the establishing of what has developed into one of the leading departmental businesses in the Maritime Provinces.

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ATTRACTIONS AT WESTFIELD TODAY

Yacht and Motor Boat Races This Afternoon and Illumination Tonight.

At Westfield this afternoon there will be held the unfinished race for the Magee trophy and class "A" sail boat prizes. This will be the final race of this series, and as there are several boats tie for first place, the race will be very exciting. There will also be a race for Association motor boats, and this will be interesting, as there are a large number of entries.

The races will start at Westfield wharf at 3 p.m. The grand illumination to be held in the evening is expected to surpass anything seen on the river before. Residents and boat owners are making great preparations and this will be a sight worth seeing.

ACCIDENT TO S. S. SINCENNES

While crossing Grand Bay yesterday afternoon, the steamer Sincennes met with an accident and had to be towed into port. Repairs will be completed this morning, however, and she will likely leave about noon for up river again.

The Sinceenes was steaming along as usual when there was a sudden jar and the machinery stopped. It was found that the head of one of the eccentrics of the engine was broken and the steamer was disabled. Fortunately the tug Captain happened to be within hailing distance and the steamer was towed into her wharf. There were quite a number of passengers.

AS SEEN IN THE STUDIO.

Several good stories are related by Mr. Sigismund Goetze, the painter in an article in which he gives some of his reminiscences. He once painted his own portrait. "I designed it as a birthday surprise for my mother, and one day left it exposed in the studio, instead of, as usual, covered up. Of course my mother chose that very afternoon to call, and equally of course she 'spotted' the portrait. 'Who is that?' she said. 'Oh, a portrait I've been painting,' I replied, instantly feeling several times smaller, a shrinkage which continued almost to vanishing point when my mother, after another look at the picture, said severely. 'Why do you waste your time on such uninteresting people?' On another occasion a gushing lady, after inspecting a large picture, beside which was a photograph of it, exclaimed, 'Oh, Mr. Goetze, you are so clever. It's simply wonderful. However, you could paint such a large picture from such a small photograph, is more than I can understand.'"