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IMPROVING THE CITY.

It is gratifying to notice the improvements completed and going on in the city during the year 1898. Among the most noteworthy of them may be mentioned the completion of the Park Boulevard, which for all future time will, we trust be a source of satisfaction and pride to our citizens. The splendid Cathedral of St. Dunstan's will be at once an architectural ornament to the town and a place of assembly and worship for thousands. The fine Prowse Block gives us an impression of what the north side of Queen Square will be when the row is completed to match the south side, which has long been a source of pardonable pride to all residents of Charlottetown.

While these are salient features of advancement, the one most noteworthy of all is the beginning of our sewerage system, a work which will mark an era in the development of Charlottetown. Three times it has fallen to the lot of the writer to take an active share in the movement that led up to the introduction of sewerage respectively in Ottawa, Moncton and Charlottetown. In the federal capital and in the railway centre of New Brunswick the sewerage systems have proved not only invaluable as measures of health and convenience, but led the way to other improvements and advances of a substantial and useful character. The voice of opposition, which had been loud and strong in those cities before the sewers were laid down, was hushed forever into silence when once their benefits came to be realized. So doubtless it will be here. Two years hence no one in Charlottetown will wish to return to the old order of things and all will wonder that the commencement of this necessary work was so long delayed.

Other improvements made have been already noted in our local columns. Still others are in prospect for the near future, among them being the projected College Building. These marks of progress give evidence of an awakening in the public mind which may be productive of great results in the years before us. Charlottetown is being lifted out of the rut in which its public affairs had run too long. There is therefore renewed ground to hope that along other lines than those of mere material improvement we shall also make advances. There is great need of a public library, and it must come! Improved telegraph service at reduced rates we must have also. And we need the free delivery of letters such as other Canadian cities enjoy. With these, and with improved streets and sidewalks, a new hotel equipped to accommodate and attract tourist travel, and a more plentiful application of the paint brush in many quarters of the town, the Island Capital may become a source of just pride to its citizens and the people of the province generally.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Described by Mr. C. J. MacMillan of McGill.

It may be true that no athletic contest will ever have the splendour of Olympia, that no athletic association can ever charm back into material existence the settings in which the Olympic games took place, that never again will athletes move in such an athletic atmosphere, winning eternal glory in a few brief moments, that the moonlight of the summer's evening with Pindar's music and wreaths upon the victor's brow belong to the days that are no more, to the "childhood of the world free and joyous." But although the athletic habit of a clement days may be, in a measure, lost, the athletic instinct never dies.

This was clearly evidenced on Saturday, when the 15th annual championship game of the Canadian A. A. A. were held on the Montreal A. A. A. grounds. Long before the hour of starting the track office was "blockaded" and when the 1st heat of the hundred yards dash was called at 3 p. m., the centre part of the big grand stand was comfortably filled. The rain of the night before left the track very heavy, the day was bitterly cold, especially for half-naked athletes, a strong wind blew directly up the back street and altogether conditions were not favorable for a first-class performance, so that only two Canadian records were broken.

The 1st heat of the hundred brought out Tewksbury, of Pennsylvania University, who represented New York A. C.; Irwin, of Montreal, and Foulds, of Winnipeg. Tewksbury came away like a streak and won in 10 1-5 seconds. Irwin second. Tewksbury has a long, peculiar stride, and does not appear to be going as fast as he really is.

The second heat brought out Stephen, the Wanderer's sprinter, who ran at the M. P. A. Championships in Charlottetown on Sept. 8th, (and who was loudly cheered Saturday by the Maritime Province boys who are at McGill) Paris, of Montreal; McKenzie, of Ottawa, and Long, of Columbia College, who represented New York A. C. Stephen got away first but Long came up in the last few yards and the result was a dead heat for 1st place between Long and Stephen, Paris being 2nd. Time, 10 1-5. In the final heat, Tewksbury, Long, Stephen, and Irwin came to the mark. They got away together, Stephen and Tewksbury slightly leading at the 50 yard mark, but Long came up again in the last few yards with his powerful burst of speed and long easy stride and won in 10 seconds, Stephen being a close second and Tewksbury a very close third, the four being in a bunch at the tape.

The shot putting was won by G. R. Gray, of Coldwater, Ont., with a put of 44 ft 1/2 inch; Smith, of Montreal, second, 40 ft, 9 1/2 inches. Gray is champion of the world.

The mile run was the best race of the day, and brought out Brodie, of Montreal, (who is lecturer in chemistry at McGill), and the Grant brothers, (Alex, of Pennsylvania University, and Dick, of Harvard). Brodie set the pace the first lap (a third of a mile). The Grants evidently intended to trick the Montreal man; Dick went to the front on the second lap and set a very slow pace against the strong wind on the back stretch, probably thinking that his brother Alex. would beat Brodie in the sprint for the tape if the third quarter were slow. Brodie tried to take the lead, but Dick spurted, keeping the former on the outside. About 400 yards from home Brodie jumped in the lead followed by Alex. Grant and they ran the last 800 yds at a killing pace. Coming round the turn both men fought for the lead and swinging in to the stretch a hundred yards from the tape they were almost abreast, Brodie slightly in the lead. Fifty yards from the tape Grant went to the front and gained a yard but in the last ten yards Brodie by a final effort showed his grit by closing up the gap and his last two strides placed him about two inches ahead of his rival, the lead being scarcely perceptible. The announcement that Brodie had won was received with wild, prolonged cheering. Alex. Grant was second with Dick a few yards back. The time was 4.35 4/5. The high jump was won by Krenzlein, (of Pennsylvania University), who

represented Chicago. A. C., height, 5 ft. 8 inches. Carroll, New York, 2nd; Webber, Montreal, 3rd.

Frank Stephen, Long and Paris ran in the first heat of the 220 yards dash. Stephen won with Long a close second in 22 4/5 seconds, Paris dropping out.

Irwin McKenzie and Tewksbury ran the second heat. The former won in 23 seconds, Irwin second.

In the first heat of the four were punched out with 50 yds of the lap when Long went to the front and won in 22 seconds with Tewksbury a very close second, Irwin 3rd and Stephen 4th.

Throwing 56 lb weight was won by Flanagan, of New York, 33 ft. 5 1/2 inches; O'Rourke, Toronto, 2d, 30 ft. 10 1/2 in. The pole vault was won by Chapin, of New York, 10 ft. 6 in. Panding, New York, 2nd, 10 ft. 3 in; Sinclair, Toronto, 3rd, 9 ft.

The half mile race brought out Maave, New Jersey; Bay, New York; Br. de D. Dion, and George Stephen, of Montreal. Davison was evidently in to pace his club mates for he led out of the bunch closely presided by Brodie and Maavel. Davison dropped out at the quarter. Brodie led to the home stretch when Maavel's superior sprinting powers began to tell and he went to the front winning in 1.58 4/5. Bay being a close second, and Brodie and Stephen almost a tie for a close 3rd, the latter getting the place.

The road jump was won by Bloss, of New York, 22 ft. 9 1/2 inches. Krenzlein, 2nd, Robinson, Toronto, 3rd. The world's champion Prntin, though entered did not appear.

The 120 yards hurdles was won by Krenzlein in 15 3-5 seconds, breaking the Canadian record. Howard, of Montreal, 2nd. Bloss was disqualified for a foul.

Flanagan, the world's champion, broke the Canadian record with the 16 lb hammer, throwing it 150 ft. 10 1/2 inches. Heinen, New York, 2nd, 116 ft. 3 1/2 inches. O'Rourke, 3rd, 103 ft. 2 inches.

There were only three starters in the quarter mile run, Long, Maavel, and Stephen, of Montreal. Long led from the pistol shot and won by eight yards, Maavel 2nd, Stephen being ten or twelve yards back. Time 50 3-5 sec.

It was regretted that Orton and Cregan were absent in the mile run and the three great sprinters. Ruth, Waters and Mayberry were absent in the 100 and 220 yards dash.

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