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SPORTING COMMENT

Monday night's boxing card staged by Mr. James McNulty of Saint John is easily a tribute to boxing in this city, and it is a safe prediction that the Charlotte town will be the leading boxing centre of Eastern Canada. Professional bouts of the calibre of the Irvine-Nemis go and the Bill Burns-Young Dempsey sent final have made such an impression on local fans that each and every lucky individual who attended are still talking of the terrific action coupled with the cleverness and agility showed by the boys throughout the sixteen rounds.

Joe Irvine, one of the gamest batters ever to draw on the padding gloves in this city demonstrated to a nicey what physical perfection and clean living does for an athlete. Pitted against a younger opponent who appeared to be a clever, Irvine, with his vision impaired after the third round when he almost had Nemis out, was forced to battle on the receiving end for six rounds, to come back in the tenth and back the New Waterford boy all about the ring. It was a thrilling climax to a bout long to be remembered in local boxing circles. The St. John boxer coming out for the tenth looked to many who does not know him as if he would go down again in defeat. He did not go down, however, not even to one knee; instead, he made the young Italian realize that he was still in the ring and capable of winning by a knockout, but no matter how hard the game Joe tried to pull a losing fight out of the fire, the more cautious Nemis got, side-stepping to hit and get away in scintillating fashion so much so that the harder Irvine worked the more bewildered he became. Needless to say the fans were on the edge of their seats during the last rounds of that hectic battle. Either Nemis or Irvine would be welcomed here again; they have put a large and enthusiastic spot in the hearts of Prince Edward Islanders who will be anxious to see them again.

While on the subject it would be an unpardonable error to forget the scheduled ten-round semi final between Bill Burns of Toronto and "Young Dempsey" of Saint John. These two boys surprised the most sanguine. From the first round until the sixth, when Burns was declared a technical winner, action aplenty thrilled the rather small attendance. This bout alone was easily worth the price of admission.

Burns is a clever and versatile boxer and a close student of the celebrated Jack Britton type. He is but twenty-five years of age and has the remarkable record of engaging in some one hundred battles. To look at him one would not think he earns his livelihood inside the squared circle. Clean cut, good looking and without even a mark to show his many ring battles, which proves conclusively that he is not only clever and consistent on the offense but has the uncanny ability to keep out of the way of flying gloves.

As a gamster, Joe Irvine has nothing on Young Dempsey. This boy taking a three count in the fourth to go down again in the fifth for eight, he courageously rose to his feet to ward off the ferocious attack of Burns, and when the bell rang was fighting like a Trojan. On the advice of a physician he was forced to stop in the sixth due to an injured hand.

Burns, interviewed after the bout said he never met a boxer who could take it on the chin like the Saint John boy. He was loud in his praise of Young Dempsey, saying he is a credit to the ring, and as a true

Fans are now asking the question—when is the next bout, and is the redoubtable Jack McKenna, "our own Jack", going to show his popular wares here in the near future? In conversation with Nemis yesterday he told me that he would be only too pleased to meet the North Sydney cyclone. If Johnny is sincere, then a bout between these two is in order, and if staged would break all attendances for boxing in the Maritime Provinces.

Ralph Hackett's numerous friends and acquaintances in this city and the Island in general will be pleased to learn that this diminutive and colorful Island hockeyist is traveling at top speed in the Halifax City League this winter. Hackett, who is playing regular centre for the C. N. R. League teams is considered by many in Nova Scotia as one of the best pivot men ever to don the steel blades in the winter sport. In each and every game played he is always prominently mentioned in newspaper reports. One exchange says that his invaluable work at centre for the C. N. R. has been one of the big reasons why the railway team is out in front of Crescents, Darmouth and Wanderers.

Ralph's work while a member of the Summerside Crystals is still fresh in the minds of Island hockey followers. He has been favourably compared with his namesake, Silliphant, the present centre of the Island champions.

The above is good news and no doubt Hackett's puck chasing will be closely followed by Islanders during the remainder of the season.

HOCKEY

A very interesting game of hockey was played in Bedeque rink Saturday night when the North Bedeque boys played the married men of Central Bedeque. When the smoke of battle cleared away after the third period the score was 7-5 in favor of North Bedeque.

A large number of spectators were present, considering the night which was by no means pleasant, the rain besprinkling players and fans alike, and making a very slushy ice surface, with pools of water in places and the players who were unfortunate enough to fall received a Turkish Bath. Quite a nice sum was realized from the game which goes to the credit of the rink.

The game got started shortly after 9 with Fred Moyse handling the whistle. The first period saw the teams very evenly matched with neither side gaining advantage. In about 9 minutes Reeves found the net for the married men, B. Waugh evened this five minutes later. 1st period, one all.

Shortly after the second period started Green put the married men in the lead. This was short lived however, when Bowness scores soon after making it 2 all. B. Johnson then took a hand and advanced the married men another notch. Connolly—the old war horse—who was working like a Trojan, tried hard to find the net but to no avail. Reeves then scores twice in quick succession making the score 5-2 in favor of the married men at the end of the 2nd period, and every body thought that it was the married men's game. But who can tell about a hockey match until the final bell?

The Third period started with North Bedeque rushing things and Barwise was kept busy. Clark goes from end to end but before he gets a chance to shoot he collides with the goaler and net. No doubt many who were present Saturday night remember almost a decade ago when Jack Gaudet, Boyden's star goaler was brought to earth under almost the same circumstances, and the net which was of wooden structure was almost completely demolished. B. Waugh starts the score in this period in a Percy Rodd trick in front of the married men's net. Bowness scores 4 minutes later to repeat in a minute and tie the score. Clark then took a trip down the ice and put North Bedeque in the lead and the applause was like the burial of Sir John Moore—not a gun was heard. Not contented with a one goal lead, L. Waugh slams in another making the final score 7-5 in favor of North Bedeque besides 2 goals which the referee said were offside.

The married men were up in the spruce trees picking gum in this period and when they came down they found that they were defeated.

It is rumored that some people think that the North Bedeque boys are trying to undermine the Beaver hockey team. If such is the case they can get that out of their noddle at once. Haven't the North Bedeque boys as much right to play hockey as any other team? Who knows but what it was a spark that fell from the fire that kindled in Charlottetown Intermediate hockey circles last year that inspired North Bedeque to action and the Vics who years ago not only brought hockey fame to

CHALLENGE

We, the "Bad Cats" do hereby challenge the Braves to a game of hockey to be played on Smith's Pond, Saturday, February 11th at 10 o'clock.

(Sgd) E. HENNESSEY, Captain.

ICE RACING

The Oyster Bed driving club held their first race on Saturday afternoon.

The day was fine and the ice in good condition. Owing to some misunderstanding with the neighboring clubs who held their races on the same day, the race horses were scarce, there not being enough horses for each class.

A 240 class was called with four starters which was won by Radcliff owned by Ames Galbraith. Darkey C. owned by Charles Gregor winning second position.

Joe Wrigley, owned by George Hughes was a new performer on the speedway and captured third position.

Puss, owned by Wellington Mutch, was a close contestant finishing well and showing great bursts of speed.

The race fans are looking forward to seeing Lady Upton owned by our village blacksmith Joseph Gallant perform on the race course in the near future, this mare has won several races last winter, and everyone is expecting something interesting when she arrives on the course.

The next race will take on Thursday, Feb. 9th at 1 p. m.

Following is the summary:

240 Class
Radcliff (Gallant) 1 1 2
Darkey C. (Gregor) 3 4 1
Joe Wrigley (Hughes) 2 2 4
Puss (Mutch) 4 3 3

Officials
Starters—Howard McKay, B. Craswell.
Judges—Richard Stead, W. Rodd, Herb Matheson.

Builders are experimenting with speed boats built of what is known as rubber lumber, thin sheets of hard rubber with sponge rubber cores.

ICE RACING

Despite the high wind, quite a large crowd were in attendance at the races Saturday afternoon. The track was only fair. The Club is meeting with great success financially and otherwise. The drivers are lauded out by the officials, especially at the starting point where McKay and Taylor are giving such good satisfaction as starters. La Reca, owned and driven by Myron McArthur, Kensington, won the 3-minute class with ease, and Little George, owned by W. Profit, Margate, and driven by Myron McArthur, captured class A in three straight heats. The Club will have a race on Saturday, 11th of February, with three classes. Below is the summary:

3-Minute Class.
La Reca (McArthur) 1 1 1
Queen Aubrey (Chappelle) 2 2 2
Miss Claudia (McEwen) 3 3 3
Capitola (Chappelle) 4 5 4
Ruby M. (Mayhew) 5 4 5
Ethel Todd (Houston) 6 5 6
Best time—1:13.

Class A.
Little George (Profit) 1 1 1
Miss Kentucky (Hynes) 2 3 2
Roletta (Chappelle) 3 2 3
Best time, 1:15.

Officials: Starters—McKay and Taylor; announcer, Ammel Murray; timer, J. J. Stewart; judges, J. Reed, W. Keefe, C. W. McKay.

ICE RACING

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lord, Try on, were visitors to Carleton on Sunday.

Mr. John Haslam, Springfield, P. E. I., spent the week-end in Carleton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Muttart.

Mr. W. E. Bell, Cape Traverse, spent the week-end in Charlotte town.

Recent "Howlers" In English Schools

PRIZE WINNER STATES THAT THE MINISTER OF WAR IS THE CLERGYMAN WHO ALWAYS PREACHES TO SOLDIERS IN BARRACKS.

LONDON, England, Feb. 4.—"The Minister of War is the clergyman who always preaches to the soldier in barracks." This reply to an examination question received the prize for schoolboy "howlers" in a competition promoted by the University Correspondent. Another boy wrote, "Alfred the Great started a Chronicle and this still exists in a morning newspaper."

"The masculine of vixen is vicar," another boy stated, and still another declared that "Potomac was a mythical sausage."

In the miscellaneous section one boy stated that "a Trade Union is a place to which a workman goes when he gets the sack," and that "the chief duties of an M.P. are to go to sleep when another man is speaking and force his party into power." Ambiguity means, "telling the truth when you don't want to," according to another boy. One boy said, "A Soviet is a cloth used by waiters in hotels," and another that to be "called to the Bar" is to be treated to a drink.

In the mathematical and scientific section a schoolboy stated that "average means something that hens lay their own eggs on," and that "a phlegmatic person is one who has chronic bronchitis." Phlegm is alleged to be a disease frequently taken by people in charge of menageries; while "gravity tells us why an apple does not go to heaven."

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Tell Willie to take these bundles up to my house right away.

He's delivering some packages as soon as he gets back. I'll send him up.

That kid's name should be changed to "Slow Motion".

Don't say it, I'm handin' in my resignation.

What's the matter? Don't you like to carry bundles?

Yes—but I hate to do a horse out of a job.

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