

Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —
(By JAMES PENDERGAST)

Before attempting to describe the famous Sullivan-Gorbett battle, I wish to relate a John L. intimate anecdote as related to the writer by the famous silver-tongued Jesuit priest, who was a renowned orator in all states east of the Mississippi. He was none other than our own Rev. Ronald B. Macdonald, born in Bedeque, who has many relatives living here and in other parts of Canada and the U. S. at the present time.

The Boston people, regardless of need, breed or generation, idolized the popular hero John L. It was rather a curious paradox—Boston the centre (at that time) of culture, education and refinement—the "Athens of America"—to pay such homage to the principal of what was then considered an abysmal and barbarous occupation, but it appears that the primordial urge to regard physical strength as paramount is strong in humans. On the "spur of the moment" the great fighter, or ball player, or hockey player is more popular than the great theologian, inventor or explorer.

John L. was "rumhausen" in a certain saloon on Tremont. Mr. Roach then and there washed his hands clear of any further connection with the whole transaction.

Out of curiosity Mr. Roach was near the theatre entrance at the appointed time to watch developments, curious to see how a presentation could be made to one in John's reported condition. He was amazed at the number of covered carriages (before the auto), unloading Boston's elite, with a ponderance of heavily veiled women. The ways of women "most fearfully and wonderfully made, passeth understanding," and miracle of miracles up stepped John L. at the proper moment, resplendent in a glamorous dress suit with all the accessories. He made appropriate gestures of acceptance and made a nice speech, (he was endowed with a fine stage presence, and the rare gift of making a most pleasing address). He ended the short address with the words "And my dear friends, ladies and gentlemen if there is any one thing that I am more careful about, it is to always be decent and respectable in company."

John's Boston friends wanted to honor him in some unique and spectacular manner. It was the common consensus that a diamond studded belt would be the most appropriate souvenir. James Jeffrey Roach, who was a native-born Charlottetownian, who had become editor of the Boston Pilot, and one of the most prominent men in Boston, was selected to make the presentation. The ceremonies were to take place at the Globe Theatre. On the morning of the night of the presentation Mr. Roach received word that

Mr. Roach hadn't reckoned with the ability of the "miracle man" of the hot and cold baths, the bromides and massuers. Multitudes of John's physical trainer and adviser was rated the best of his time. The famous "belt" was valued at ten thousand dollars. It was Sullivan's own property. There was a mistaken idea that the belt went with the heavy-weight championship, but that was a quite natural mistake.

Brackley School Picnic And Sports

Over one hundred parents and children of Brackley school district assembled at Stanhope Beach for their annual school picnic and closing exercises.

Mr. Edward Sellick called the meeting to order and in a few well-chosen words, announced the procedure for the afternoon.

The report of school work was given by the teacher, Mrs. Leona Cameron, and the presentation of certificates and prizes followed.

Senior Writing Certificates were awarded to Grade X pupils:— Shirley Prowse, Greta Proude and Stanley Jackson.

Junior Writing Certificate to Virginia MacKay, Grade IV. Prose Certificates to:— Allan Blatch, Ernest Bryenton, Marie Bryenton, Dorothy Proude, Gladys Prowse, Wallace Jackson, Bernice Newson.

Primary Certificates to Sheila Roper, Jeanne Jenkins, Blair Bryenton, Carol MacMillan, Hazel Walker.

Grade X Certificates were awarded to Shirley Prowse, Greta Proude, and Stanley Jackson.

Grade VIII Certificate was awarded to Gail Prowse for having passed the Composite Grade VIII tests.

Best Certificates were presented to the following pupils who made 90 per cent and over on the year's work:— Virginia MacKay, Jeanne Jenkins, Faye Sellick, Bernice Newson, Ernest Roper, Carol MacMillan, Dorothy Proude, Sheila Roper, Marie Bryenton, Audrey Strickland, Luella Clark, Wallace Jackson, Blair Bryenton, Hazel Walker, Bobby Bryenton Douglas Strickland, Johnnie Blatch.

The Brackley Women's Institute donated a prize to the pupil standing highest in each grade and these were merited as follows:— Grade X — Shirley Prowse, Grade VII — Gail Prowse, Grade VI — Allan Blatch, Grade V — Ernest Roper, Grade IV — Virginia MacKay, Grade III — Bernice Newson, Grade II — Audrey Strickland, Grade I — Jeanne Jenkins.

Prize donated by teacher to pupil standing second in each grade were merited as follows:— Grade X — Greta Proude, Grade VII — Marie Strickland, Grade VI — Wallace Jackson, Grade V — Harry McDonald, Grade III — Dorothy Proude, Grade II — Luella Clark, Grade I — Faye Sellick.

Special prizes were awarded for different subjects as follows:— French — Shirley Prowse, Mathematics — Stanley Jackson, Geography — Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Marie Bryenton (equal) drawn by Virginia MacKay, Spelling — Greta Proude, Shirley Prowse, Ernest Roper, Carol MacMillan, Faye Sellick, Jeanne Jenkins, (equal) drawn by Greta Proude, Literature — Ernest Roper, Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Douglas Strickland, Luella Clark, Hazel Walker, Audrey Strickland, Carol MacMillan, Faye Sellick, Jeanne Jenkins (equal) drawn by Virginia MacKay, Grammar — Ernest Roper, Arithmetic — Ernest Roper, Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Audrey Strickland, Faye Sellick, Jeanne Jenkins (equal), Drawn by Virginia MacKay, Hygiene — Wallace Jackson, Tables — Virginia MacKay, Number Drill — Audrey Strickland, Jeanne Jenkins, (equal) drawn by

Breadalbane and Vicinity

Mr. James Craig made a recent business trip to Nova Scotia.

Miss Mary Graham, Hantsville, was a recent visitor to Breadalbane.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayhew, Westmorland, were recent visitors to Breadalbane.

Mr. Arthur O'Malley and his two attractive little boys, Johnny and Walter, were visiting in Alberton recently.

Mr. Crawford Ramsay who has been visiting in the western part of the Island, has returned to Breadalbane.

The Presbyterian Missionary Society held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 8th, at the home of Mrs. Stanford Glover.

Mr. Roy Jones, student minister from Alberta Bible College, was the welcome guest speaker at the recent Sunday service in the Christian Church. Mr. Jones spoke very earnestly on "Jesus the Teacher."

Mrs. MacKinnon, her Highland Dancers and several other young people presented a very interesting and humorous variety concert in Piusville Hall last large audience. Mr. Dick Turpin, "Master of Ceremonies" with his witty remarks and comical antics kept the audience in a most cheerful mood which was reflected in occasional peals of laughter. During intermission candy, prepared by friends and supporters of the P. E. I. Libraries, was sold. Altogether a considerable sum was raised for this worthy cause.

Rev. D.A. Campbell held a missionary service in the Presbyterian Church recently. The subject of his message was, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Mr. Campbell emphasized the thought that God is not only the God of the Nations, but He is also the God of each individual with his characteristic interests and personality. The hymns sung were "Faith Of My Fathers", "Unto the Hills", and "Son Of My Soul". Miss Tina MacPherson was the organist.

A large number of members attended the June meeting of the Breadalbane Village Women's Institute which was held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Summers. Mrs. Allan Hickox presided. Mrs. Stanford Glover read the minutes of the May meeting and called the roll which was answered by each member giving the maiden name of both of her grandmothers. Reports were received from the committees and the following new ones were appointed: Visiting committee, Mrs. Angus Gillis and Mrs. Millage MacLeod; school committee, Mrs. Allan Hickox and Mrs. Cuyler Matheson; lunch committee, Mrs. Angus Gillis, Mrs. Stanford Glover and Mrs. Allan Hickox. Mrs. Elton Summers and Mrs. Allan Hickox were appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention and several of the young people were asked to provide a musical number for the District.

Hopping Race — 1. Gladys Bryenton, 2. Wallace Jackson, 3. Donald Jenkins.

Relay Race won by Shirley Prowse's team.

Men's Free-for-all dash — 1. Brent Newson, 2. Allison Bryenton, 3. Harvey Jenkins.

Women's Free-for-all dash — 1. Mrs. Allison Bryenton, 2. Mrs. Walker MacMillan, 3. Mrs. Wallie Bryenton.

'Tug O' War — Senior girls vs. Senior boys. Won by Senior girls.

'Tug O' War — Junior girls vs. Junior boys. Won by Junior boys.

'Tug O' War — Men vs. Women. Won by men.

Umbrella Race — 1. Mrs. Harvey Jenkins and Mrs. Guy Pierce, 2. James MacKay and Mrs. George Jackson.

The starters were Vernon Proude and Guy Pierce.

Judges — James MacKay, Frank Blatch and Mrs. R. Sellick.

Following the sports, all enjoyed supper on the picnic grounds, and everyone felt as though a very interesting program had been carried out successfully.

The Fairest Isle Of All

The following verses were written by Alex Murchison, teenage son of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Murchison, now residing temporarily in New Westminster, B. C.

The Micmacs called you Abegweit
The French the "Isle St. Jean".
Prince Edward Island to us now
But these three names just mean:
One Isle, one heritage
One love, on history's everlasting page.

The lovely village on the cape,
The city by the bay,
It makes no difference which
You choose
They'll both be gone some day,
But beauty such as lingers here
Can never pass away.

I, now, though far away may be
Think ever oh, blest Isle of thee!
So here within my heart I pray
For peace and love herewith to stay.

A beauty great a feeling true
Bring memories to me, all of you.

The rolling hills, the inlets deep
The fishing boats, the farmers' sheep
The sunset shining o'er the creek
The ancient Micmacs joined in sleep
The rushing of the water free
Bring whispers to me, Isle, of thee.

Convention. An appreciative letter of thanks, for a memorial gift was received from a bereaved member. Pleasant conversation and a dainty lunch were enjoyed during the social hour.

The June meeting of the "Crawford Memorial" Christian Church Missionary Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Murray. There was a very large attendance at this meeting, to which the ladies of the Fredericton W. M. S. had been invited to share in the commemoration of the third anniversary of the society. Mrs. James Craig presided over the meeting which was opened with the Missionary Creed, followed by the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers". Mrs. Cuyler Matheson, the secretary, read the minutes and called the roll. To the latter: all those present responded by giving a scripture verse containing the word "crown". The 17th chapter of Luke was read respectively. During the meeting Mrs. Kenneth Graham and Mrs. Hammond Newson led in prayer. Misses Freda Hickox, Janetta and Eleanor Murray sang "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know", and Mrs. John Hickox sang, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer". Mrs. Kenneth Graham read an article entitled "The Intercessory Missionary" and Mrs. P. E. Murray read the missionary lesson, "The Unprofitable Servant". Mrs. Grant Willis, who was the guest speaker for the evening, gave a very thought-provoking and inspiring address on the subject "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear". Mr. Merrill Nicholson, upon special request, gave an interesting summary of the activities of Alberta Bible College, from which he has just returned from his vacation. After the singing of "Jesus Shall Reign" the meeting closed with the Benediction. During the social hour the members and visitors were invited to the dining-room where a special luncheon including a beautifully decorated birthday cake was served. An evening of spiritual refreshment and social enjoyment was conducted at a late hour.

CAPE TRAVERSE SCHOOL
The following is the report of the Primary Department for the month of June.
Grade V — 1. Jean Gallant, 2. Beryl Murphy.
Grade IV — 1. Patricia Paterson, 2. Joyce Lord, 3. Leo O'Halloran.
Grade III Sr. — 1. Douglas Muntart, 2. Hazel McBride, 3. Joan Waddell.
Grade III Jr. — 1. Gerald Noonan, 2. George Gallant, 3. Hazel Macdonald.
Grade II — 1. Helen O'Holloran, 2. Jackie Waddell, 3. Dexter Howatt.
Grade I Sr. — 1. Patsy Shaw, 2. Ruth O'Holloran.
Grade I Jr. — 1. Michael Ness, 2. Bobby Ness, 3. Roy Irving.
Teacher — Teresa A. McKenna.

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CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVE WEEK

--- PROGRAMME ---

Sunday July 1st to Saturday July 7th Inclusive, 1951

The following program is subject to slight changes) (Watch the Press and listen to CFCY)

SUNDAY
Morning—Special Dominion Day Services in all Churches.
Evening—Massed Choirs, Bands, Official Opening of Festive Week.
AT MEMORIAL PARK IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

MONDAY
10:00 A.M.—10 Mile Bike Race (Open).
11:00 A.M.—Judging commences Miss P. E. I. Contest.
1:00 P.M.—Military Services Ceremonial Parade.
2:00 P.M.—Maritime Invitation Track and Field Meet.
6:00 P.M.—Six Mile Race (open).
7:00 P.M.—Dinner for Athletes and Officials.
Open Air Band Concerts.
9:00 P.M.—Street Dancing.

TUESDAY
8:30 A.M.—Inter Services Rifle Matches.
9:00 A.M.—Registration Maritime Firemen's Tourney.
11:00 A.M.—Judging continued Miss P. E. I. Contest.
2:00 P.M.—MONSTER FLOAT PARADE. SIX BANDS IN PARADE.
4:00 P.M.—Special Services Track and Field Meet.
7:00 P.M.—Band Concerts.
9:00 P.M.—Firemen's Ball at Rollaway Ball Room.

WEDNESDAY
10:30 A.M.—MAMMOTH FIREMEN'S PARADE, Band Music.
11:00 A.M.—Judging continued Miss P. E. I. Contest.
12:00 Noon—Civic Welcome to Firemen.
Afternoon—OPEN for Golf, Tennis, Swimming, Fishing, Visits to Beaches, Band Concerts at Stanhope and Cavendish.
8:00 P.M.—"Hansel and Gretel", Empire Theatre.
8:30 P.M.—NIGHT HORSE RACING AT EXHIBITION GROUNDS. Bands.
10:00 P.M.—Street Dancing.

THURSDAY
A.M.—OPEN
1:00 P.M.—Firemen's Sports at EXHIBITION GROUNDS. Band Music.
6:00 P.M.—Girls Doll Carriage Parade, Boys Pet Parade.
7:30 P.M.—Parade Fire Fighting Equipment Past and Present.
9:00 P.M.—FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT VICTORIA PARK.
10:00 P.M.—Street Dancing.
Midnight—PYJAMA PARADE.

FRIDAY
10:00 A.M.—Sports for Rural School Children.
2:30 P.M.—Farm Equipment Parade. Band Music.
3:30 P.M.—Industrial Tours.
7:00 P.M.—Old Time Fiddling and Step Dancing Contests.
9:00 P.M.—Street Square Dancing for ALL.

SATURDAY
1:00 P.M.—Gala Swim Meet at Victoria Park.
2:30 P.M.—Yacht Racing.
3:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—Wolf Cub' Track and Field Meet.
7:30 P.M.—Crowning of Miss P. E. I.
8:30 P.M.—NIGHT RACING AT EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

(Cut out this Programme and Save)

12 bands participating in the program include: The Navy Band 9 H.M.C.S. Stadacona; 8 New Brunswick Hussars Regiment; Halifax Rifles; 23 H.A.A. Regiment (N.B.); Picton Highlanders; Cape Breton Highlanders; North Nova Scotia Highlanders Pipe Band; North Nova Scotia Highlanders Brass Band; Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce); R. C. A. F. Band; Q. S. S. Cadet Band and the W. K. S. Cadet Band

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For Accommodation apply P. E. I. Travel Bureau.
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