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GRAY COACH LINES

THIS AND THAT IN SPORT.

By G. "Mac" McGillivray

IT LOOKS as though this column will have to swing into action again after a brief rest since the hectic hockey season owing to the local entry in the Halton County Baseball League. It looked rather like a postponing a few weeks ago when we enquired as to the possibility of Georgetown entering in intermediate baseball this year. However, there are still some in-



terested baseball fans in town, and they knew Georgetown could not do without a team this season. The prospects are good for a fair team. While we are not predicting a championship, we can predict some entertaining evenings for afterwards on the local sabbath. There will be some changes on the line-up from previous years and who knows but what that might be the turning point in the team's success. While those who will drop out this year have served the team faithfully and well, some younger blood may give the team some added punch, which might even surprise the opposing teams. With Acton, Oakville and Milton in the league, Georgetown ball fans can count on some "good ball games" after all. Don't forget the opening game here is next Monday night, May 29, with Acton Tanners the opposing team.

WHILE THIS idea may be a trifle late (as this column was meant for last issue, but crowded out owing to lack of space) it might be a good stunt if the ball club would open the season with something in the line of entertainment or celebration in honor of the visit to Canada of Their Majesties the King and Queen. More enthusiasm might be directed toward the club in this way, and help to stimulate the financial end—which we believe, needs a boost to help Georgetown baseball conscious ones more.

AND WHEN we think of baseball and opening games—we associate this with the name of the late John McDermid—for this year the baseball club have lost an ardent fan. Year in and year out the local club were assured of at least one strong supporter in the person of Mr. McDermid. But death came a few weeks ago and no more will this familiar figure be seen at our opening ball games. Sportdom pays tribute to one who was always interested in the town's athletic activities.

THE LIONS CLUB, we understand, are sponsoring a juvenile baseball team in Halton County group, and midget baseball for the boys of the town. Lions who have been chosen to direct the affairs of the junior baseballers are: E. Coles, chairman; A. Reeves, secretary-treasurer; executive committee, W. Grant, Col. Brown and E. McWhirter; chairman, J. V. Grant. Plans are under way for the formation of these leagues.

NEWS FROM the North states that Copper Cliff are now organizing their "Pro" midget baseball teams and that they are looking forward to their trip here this summer again for the Ontario play-offs. Gordon Alcott has already eight midget teams in action, and Copper Cliff's are all "hep" up over their enterprising sports promoter. They even dig down into their "jeans" a long way to help put this youth character building program over. At a big banquet in honor of the midget hockey teams, over 120 boys assembled, and Mr. Donald MacAskill of the International Nickel Co. presented them with a cheque for \$100 to start off the baseball season. It was a fine gesture and explained better in Gordon Alcott's own words as copied from the Sudbury Star: "Mr. MacAskill asked me what it would cost to outfit the eight teams we counted on. I said '\$500' and he wrote me out a cheque for \$100. The Sudbury paper carried an eight-column streamer heading over a column of reading matter which would indicate the interest taken up there to establish a program for youth—and help them not only win in sport—but in the great game of life."

WE AGAIN QUOTE an interesting paragraph from the Sudbury Star which will no doubt interest many of our readers. It is regarding an eight year hockey plan which they are trying to promote in Copper Cliff. "Gordon Alcott related a speech he had made to the Copper Cliff Athletic Association executive last winter. It came after Copper Cliff senior intermediate, junior "B" and juvenile teams had all been eliminated, Alcott said. The "midget N.H.L." had yet to meet Georgetown for the Ontario championship. I told the C.C.A.A. we'd have a midget championship banner in Stanley Stadium for next season from our Georgetown series. I told them also that in four years we would have a Memorial Cup team, and in eight years there would be a team fighting for the Allan Cup. And they would all be 'homebrew' Copper Cliff boys. We came through on the midget championship. Now it remains for time to deal with the rest of the predictions." Georgetown have had the edge on Copper Cliff in both hockey and baseball starts, let's keep it fighting it out for the various honors that Alcott mentions above.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of the United Church are busy these days putting the grounds at the rear of the church in readiness for a tennis court.

Slayers of King's Deer

Suffered Chain Penalty

The Lorna Doone country of England's Devonshire, often called the fairest in the island kingdom, is set high on the green hills of Devon, which rise abruptly from the Bristol channel. Visitors wonder why the roads are so narrow, and the hedges alongside so high. It is because in olden days the deer could eat the peasant's crops, but if the peasant should kill or ever harm the king's deer hanging in chains would be the punishment. Hence stone and hedge barriers were erected around each field to keep out the deer, relates a correspondent in the Los Angeles Times.

All that remain as reminders of the Doones in the pleasant valley are a few moss-covered mounds of eleven stone cottages. Nearby is Oare, a small hamlet of thatched cottages clustered around an old stone church. It was in this place of worship that Lorna Doone was shot by Carver Doone at the climax of her marriage to John Ridd.

From their valley fortress the Doones made raids on unwary travelers crossing wild and lovely Exmoor forest. This gorge and health-covered expanse of rolling hills and hollows was until a few years ago the scene of a holiday. Gibbet Hill is pointed out as the place where the Doones were executed, bringing about the peaceful reign.

Rayon Made From Various Solutions of Cellulose

No one person deserves the entire credit for inventing rayon, which is the recognized trade name in the United States for all synthetic fibers formerly known as artificial or imitation silk, regardless of the process of manufacture, asserts a writer in the Indianapolis News. The lustrous filaments of the fiber are made from various solutions of modified cellulose, such as wood pulp in a proper solvent, which is pressed or drawn through orifices and solidified by means of a precipitating medium.

In 1864 Robert Hooke, an English experimental physicist, published a book in which he described a microscopic examination of natural silk and suggested the possibility of producing a similar thread artificially. Rene Reaumur, the French scientist, made a similar suggestion in 1734. Perhaps the first patent for the use of nitro-cellulose for the specific purpose of manufacturing imitation silk was that taken out in 1855 by Georges Audemars, of Lausanne. The rayon industry, however, did not really begin until after 1884, when Count Hilaire Chardonnet, of France, patented his method of imitating the silkworm in the production of a filament of cellulose.

Meaning of Name Duncan

Duncan, a Celtic name, means "dark chief." It should not, therefore, be conferred on a blond boy. Duncan Phyfe (1768-1854) American furniture maker of Scottish birth, is rated the equal of the great English cabinetmakers. He learned cabinet-making and wood carving in Albany (where his family settled on coming to this country when he was 12), started his own shop in New York when he was in his early twenties and was successful from the first having 100 assistants in his shop. His furniture, of dignified colonial type, harmonizes with American homes of this design. Mahogany furniture was his specialty and the flat acanthus leaf his favorite design.

Islands Connected by Sand Bars

Far out in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, northeast of Prince Edward island, lie the Magdalen islands, a string of small islands loosely connected by sand bars, many of which are submerged at high tide. Visited by the very earliest explorers they have been settled for close to 200 years, mainly by Nova Scotia Acadians following the fall of Louisbourg. From the earliest times its people have been mainly fishermen. From its sand bars and beaches the land rises sometimes to 500 feet above sea level, and about half the area of the islands is cultivated, the soil being reddish in color, resembling its nearest neighbor, Prince Edward island.

Grading of Wool

The grading of wool referred to as the blood system presumably originated in the early days of the sheep industry when the Merino was the fine-wool sheep on American farms. Merino wool was called "fine." All other wools were ranked according to their relative degrees of coarseness as compared with Merino. Apparently the terms used to designate the wool originally indicated the fractional quantities of Merino blood in the sheep that grew the wool of those types.

Britain's Little Cave Men

Earliest Britons were little cave men, rarely growing over 5 feet in height. But they were tough. They had to be to live, for they fought for existence against cave bears, wild cats, saber-toothed tigers, hairy elephants, and a woolly rhinoceros with a horn 3 feet long. Many of the original caves became buried with the centuries, but some turned up in more recent times where canals and tunnels were dug.

ALCOHOL AND ATHLETICS

All of us are interested in sports, we all have our favorite sport and our favorite athlete. All great athletes are total abstainers for alcohol and athletics do not mix. Many athletes who give great promise early in their career never go very far and the question is asked by their admirers, why? The answer in the case of many of them is the use of alcoholic beverages keeps many potential stars down to be a second rater.

1. Athletics call for a good physical condition, a sound body. Alcohol in the system in small quantities makes the difference between the "quite fit" required for success, and the "out of sorts."

2. Athletics call for good nerves, but the nervous system is the first part of the body to suffer from alcohol. Alcohol is classed as a narcotic by science; it slows down and deadens the action of the nervous system.

3. A clear mind and good judgment are required in sports. Success in athletics demands accurate perception, cool judgment, responsive muscles and an enduring will. Alcohol discounts. It is an ally of defeat—King Canby.

4. Endurance and stamina are required for continuous success in sports. John Devlin, swimming director of the Toronto Y.M.C.A. says, "Alcohol upsets the nervous system and affects endurance."

Canada's outstanding athlete of 1927 by a press vote and a former Olympic champion, Sylvanus Appe of Toronto, says: "Anyone who wants to succeed in athletics and maintain his place should regard abstinence as a first condition."

(This is the fourth in a series of articles prepared by a committee of representative citizens with the purpose of stimulating consideration of the problems arising from the use of alcoholic beverages.)—Adv.

Wife—"I'm glad to see our neighbors gave you back your lawn mower before they moved."

Husband—"Gee, is that ours? I just bought it at the auction sale they're having."

Guide—"This castle is 600 years old and it's just as it was when it was first built; not a tone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced."

Sightseer—"Gosh, they must have the same landlord I have."

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Now then!—We ask you to do your part—support your Militia actively. Be interested. Encourage the young men, whether your sons or your employees, to join some Militia Unit. Let them share in the traditions and the work of the Canadian Militia. It will do them good, physically and morally.

To employers, we suggest the enthusiastic encouragement of your younger employees to join a Militia Unit, and arrangement of work so that these men will be able to attend camp freely, and with your good-will. We believe this is every employer's duty; and we believe it will be well repaid in loyalty and respect from employees and from the public.

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