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PIGEON RACING SEASON

THE KINGSTON ASSOCIATION IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC Races Held Twice a Month—The Sport Once Again Thriving in This Old Military Centre.

The Kingston Flying Homer Association extends an invitation to all bona fide owners of racing Homers, resident within the city limits, to join the Association. Meetings of the club are held monthly. During the racing season races are held at least twice a month for young birds, for distances up to one hundred miles or more, and also for old birds for much greater distances. Races for old birds will be held early this season from Toronto, and it is hoped to hold successful races from St. John's and Windsor before close of season.

Several members have trained and flown their birds from the east but the club has never held races from that direction but will inaugurate racing this season from several eastern points, and it is likely that racing from as far east as Montreal will be in order by the end of the year. Kingston was about the last place on the line to take up organized pigeon racing, although there have been many valuable birds owned here for many years. However, in view of the prominent part racing pigeons have always taken in warfare it is only to be expected that the sport should thrive in this military centre. The flourishing condition of the comparatively new Association, which has only been in existence three years, and the gratifying enthusiasm shown by its members, bid fair to rival the interest taken in the big clubs in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. It is no exaggeration to say that Canada, thanks to the thousands of dollars paid out in the past few years by fanciers for French, English, Belgian and American stock, now possesses as fine a type of racing homer as is to be found anywhere in the world.

Racing pigeons fly about forty miles an hour on an average, but the speed varies greatly, depending on wind, weather, clearness of atmosphere, and various other factors. The greatest speed attained under the best of conditions being about one mile a minute.

The Secretary of the Association is John Hughes, 159 Wellington street.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

For Queen's Stationary Hospital going to the Front.

Previously acknowledged, \$2,623. \$50—Ladies' Aid Chalmers Church (beds).

\$25—Dr. D. A. Coon; Lieut.-Col. D. M. Robertson, Toronto (bed); Dr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Jones, Rochester, N.Y. (bed).

\$10—Prof. W. E. Macpherson, Dr. R. C. Hiscock.

\$5—H. E. Elliott, Listowel; Frank E. Perrin, Ottawa; Rev. A. P. Menzies, Whitby; W. R. Sills.

\$4.55—Junior Year Dance Committee, Queen's University.

Mission Band Entertainment.

The Mission Band of Princess Street Methodist Church held a bright entertainment in the Sunday School Hall on Thursday evening that afforded pleasure to all those in attendance. Rev. H. E. Curry was chairman. To a large extent the success of the programme is credited to Miss Laura Wilder, superintendent of the Mission Band. Two exceptionally clever drills were enacted by several of the older boys and girls that was a marvel. One was a patriotic drill and each member if it bore the name of a country. Choice choruses were rendered by the children and solos were sung by Ruth Curry, Jane Goodwin and Florence Ferris. Recitations were given by Ruth Curry, Muriel Pierce, Jane Goodwin, Helen Gardner, Helen Kennedy, Maggie Timmerman, Stewart Quira, Miss Annie Mouldy and Alice Treadgold were heard in interesting dialogue. A net sum was realized from this entertainment and will be devoted towards the missionary funds.

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Conference Transfers.

Among the Methodist Church transfers from the Montreal Conference are: Rev. W. E. Baker to Toronto Conference; Rev. T. E. Holling from Hamilton Conference; Rev. G. C. Burton from Newfoundland Conference; Rev. Lorne A. Pierce from Saskatchewan Conference.



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IN MARINE CIRCLES.

Movements of Vessels Reported Along The Harbour.

The schooner 'Katie Eccles' arrived from Oswego with coal for Robert Crawford. The schooner 'Julia B. Merrill' arrived from Sudas with coal for Anglin's.

The steamer Stormount, of the Montreal Transportation Company, will clear from Midland for Fort William on April 20th. The following steamers of the Montreal Transportation Company will clear during Saturday for Fort William: Westmount, Fairmount, Northmount, Rosemont, Kimmout and Glenmount. The vessels will load grain for Montreal.

The steamer Lamont will run between Deseronto and Picton. Capt. Bongard will be in command, and Gilbert Arthur will be mate. The steamer Sowards will clear for St. Clair on Saturday. The coal boat has been sold to parties there who will use her as a "sand sucker."

WALT MASON'S POEMS.

The Whig is now publishing daily, on page four, one of Walt Mason's prose poems. There has been no newspaper feature in many, many years so popular throughout the United States and Canada, as this. The whole is a humor, the homely philosophy and the spirit of cheerfulness that breathe from each poem find a response in every heart. There are thousands of people who are retaining these poems in scrap book style, clipping in them out each day from the paper as they appear. They are well worth preservation, and we pass this idea along to our readers.

Letters to the Editor

Soldier Alleges Bad Treatment.

Kingston, April 16.—(To the Editor): Allow me to state through your valuable paper that there were six misfits returned to Kingston, as stated in the Standard. M. Black was invalided home, having had both legs broken last November, and I had my collarbone broken and shoulder dislocated five weeks ago, having no use in the arm. There was no attention from the so-called doctors of the First Canadian Contingent. All they can give a man is a number of pills no matter if he has a broken arm, a cold, or a corn on his foot, it is all the same.

If some of your readers know the hardships we have had for the last eight months they would be surprised. I have seen men who could not go to the stand-pipes to wash for one or two weeks at a time, as they had nothing on their feet but deck shoes, and there were none to be given to them. Sweaters and Balacava caps sent to different units were never received at Valcartier. They were given to the officers' friends. I have seen whole sheep which should have been cooked for the men given to soldiers' wives whose husbands were at the front. Sam Hughes' dope for fighting men was bread, cheese and jam. I can mention names if required and tell you a lot more which would open the eyes of the public. No man ever knows when he is going to receive money or how much, as they bring a blank pay roll for you to sign and then fill it in to suit themselves, and if you will not sign it, the O.C. or his orderly will do it for you.—HARRY BEARDSSELL, Farrier Sergeant, C.A.V.C.

Received A Bad Fall.

William Peters, waterworks collector, received a bad fall and painful injuries when getting off the C. P. R. train outbound shortly after five o'clock Thursday afternoon. In stepping off and at the same time lifting a dog from the train, his foot caught and he fell headlong alongside the tracks near his home. He was dazed for a few moments, but after being assisted to his feet was able to proceed home. Mr. Peters sprained his left wrist and received some bad scratches on his nose and chin. Notwithstanding the fact that he looked like a scared soldier returned from the war zone, Mr. Peters was at his work in the City Treasury Department Friday morning.

Elected Their Officers.

The Ladies' Aid of Queen Street Methodist Church, after a very successful year's work, elected their officers on Wednesday last, resulting: President—Mrs. W. H. Warren. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. R. E. Sparks, Mrs. J. Nicolai.

Secretary—Mrs. T. Mile.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. Crothers, Jr. Boying Committee—Mrs. R. Crawford, Mrs. J. G. Elliott.

Sick and Membership Committees were appointed.

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A Friend Of Prof. Luck.

J. H. Seels, Dominion Express Company agent here, was a boyhood friend of Prof. E. Luck, who was in Kingston on Thursday on his return from Germany where he was held a war prisoner. Prof. Luck's father was a teacher, and Seels was one of his pupils. At present the elder Luck is principal of a high school in Calgary. Prof. Luck is at present visiting in Belleville.

The double strength moth proof bags.

Gibson's. Britain will apologize for sinking the Dresden in Chilean waters.

AT THE POLICE COURT

STRANGER STARTED IN PAINTING THE TOWN.

But the Proposition was Too Big For Him—Flag Poles and Chimneys More in His Line of Business.

James Donnelly in a painter. He arrived in the city on Thursday to paint flag poles, chimneys and anything else in the "high line" he could get to do. This is what he intended to do, but instead he started in to paint the town, and before nightfall he landed in the police cells. As it was his first appearance before the court the magistrate gave him a chance.

When Donnelly came out of the court room he was very much surprised to find that he still had \$10 to his credit, and he could not account for it. "Why, I didn't have that much when I started out yesterday," he said.

"Well, you have that much now, at any rate," he was told by one of the constables.

There was a charge of assault lodged against a young man by a young woman, but when it was read by the magistrate the accused did not put in an appearance. The young woman said that she wished to withdraw the charge and the magistrate allowed her to do so, on payment of the costs of the case.

From what could be learned it appears that the two parties involved are employed in a local factory, that they had some trouble over something and in his anger the young man slapped the young woman in the face, but afterwards expressed his sorrow, and thus a settlement was reached before the case had a chance to get aired before the magistrate.

FOR FIELD KITCHENS.

The Citizens Have Opened Up Subscription List.

As other Battalions of the Second Canadian Contingent have been equipped with field kitchens and the citizens of Kingston have opened a list for public subscription for this purpose for the 21st Battalion. Municipalities in this military division have given liberally and Kingstonsians are subscribing handsomely to the fund as is evidenced by a few of the amounts printed below.

These kitchens cost about \$1,250 apiece and five are required for the needs of a battalion. They have a thermos attachment which will keep food hot for twenty-four hours.

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THE "MOVIES" LAW Has Been Changed Back To Former Reading. Children under fifteen years of age will be granted admission to moving picture theatres if accompanied by an adult, the law now being shifted back to the position it held for several years. By a new amendment this year the regulation providing for the sponsorship of a guardian or member from the child's household when admission was sought, has been cancelled because of its unworkable nature. The trial of sterner restrictions throughout last year caused much complaint because of the onus of providing relationship being laid on theatre proprietors. Children will now be admitted if in company with a responsible man or woman.

Will Go To Work. A week ago the magistrate gave a young man who was before him for being drunk a chance to get work. Friday morning the young man came before the court, stated that he had secured a job, and the case against him was then dropped. The Magistrate is determined that all men must work if they can secure a job. "Double strength moth proof bags." Gibson's. B. Willis sold his store property and grocery stock at Fallbrook to James Campbell, Elphin. "Ice cream bricks" at Gibson's.

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