

In the World of Sport

HOCKEY NOTES.

The Ottawa Club want to change their first game at home with Canadiens from Saturday to the following Monday, which is New Year's night.

Elmer Johnston, president of the Eastern Ontario Hockey League, has received a request from the commanding officer of the 240th (Renfrew) Battalion, asking for permission to enter a team. The proposition will likely be considered favorably.

President L. N. Bate of the Ottawa Hockey Club has received a card from Gunner Harry Broadbent written two weeks ago from behind the British lines on the Somme. "Punch" penned that he was well, so he evidently survived the latest advance in the big drive.

Of all the old-timers in the N.H.A. and they are many—Jack Marks the Toronto player on the Quebec team, "has it on" them all. Marks is about to commence his twenty-third year in the game.

Montreal Gazette—That McGill University will be strongly represented in the Montreal City Hockey League this season and will be factors in the race for the championship was assured at the first practice of the students last night. There were thirty-two men in uniform, they being worked in relays. There are many newcomers to the ranks of the McGill club this winter, including a number from Ottawa, four from the college and one from the Aberdeens, one from Sudbury and two from the local Victoria club of last winter.

The Ottawa Free Press says there is no good numbering players in the N.H.A. unless the spectators have a chance to learn their names promptly. The paper suggests that the names and numbers of the two teams be posted on a big electric board and displayed where all could see it. This is a good suggestion.

A Pittsburgh despatch says: The Winter Garden hockey team, composed entirely of girls, had a preliminary meeting last evening to form plans for their coming games. Pittsburgh girls are quite as clever as their male rivals at the skating game and expect to spring a surprise when they branch out into hockey. Practice sessions start this week at the Winter Garden and quite a number of girls have applied for positions on the team.

WOMAN SHOOTER MAKES GREAT RECORD

Mrs. Topperwein Hits 1,952 Out of Thousand Flying Targets.

All records for continuous trap-shooting were broken recently in the grounds of the Montgomery Gun Club in Montgomery, Pa., and the remarkable feature of the performance is that it was a woman who went through the strain of breaking a large percentage of 2,000 targets in the space of five hours and twenty minutes. Mrs. Ad. Topperwein, a professional shooter, who a few years ago broke 951 targets out of 1,000 in a little more than four hours, essayed this latest task, which for skill and endurance is far and away ahead of anything accomplished by a man. Advised in an attempt to shoot at 1,000 or more, she continued her self-imposed task until 2,000 targets had been released, and of these 1,952 were smashed.

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long scores at the traps made in one day was in a match between John W. Garrett and Joe Kohrer at Colorado Springs, in which Garrett made the fine score of 957 out of 1,000. A few years later Fred Stone, the actor, and Alex. Mermond shot a 1,000-target race at St. Louis and Mermond won, with a score not as good as Garrett's.

Mrs. Topperwein's performance was remarkable in many ways. She used only one gun, and went through the long strain with ease and without rest, except the time required to cool off the gun. The only inconvenience suffered was a badly blistered hand, caused by a hot gun-barrel. The actual time occupied in this colossal shoot was three hours and fifteen minutes, the remainder of the time being taken up in cooling the gun and unpacking targets.

One automatic trap was used, and the targets were thrown the regulation distance. The score was shot in strings of twenty-five from five positions, similar in manner to the method of conducting tournament competitions.

A NOTED RUNNER HOME FROM THE WAR

John D. Marsh Back in Winnipeg, But Has Son on the Job.

Pte. John D. Marsh, 2nd Division at Ammunition Park, former star long distance runner, is back in Winnipeg from the war after doing eighteen months' work with the motor transports. In France, he has been invalided home, suffering from shell shock, but will return to action in six months' time if he is fit. Despite John's age of 43 years, he had a busy time of it conveying ammunition to the men in the trenches, and tells some stirring tales; he has travelled so often between Somme and St. Elol that he knows the ground thoroughly.

Pte. Marsh is loud in his praise of the treatment received by the Winnipeg soldiers from the Returned Soldiers' Association, and claims that the local organization is better than any he had dealings with. "Quebec Returned Soldiers officials were fine, but the Winnipeg people were simply splendid," said Marsh.

John is well known to Winnipeggers, and to sportsmen in many other parts of the world, because of his successes in contesting Marathon and other long distance races, six to ten years ago. He did considerable running in the old country, but quit the game for a time, settling at St. Norbert, Man. He sprang into prominence by winning a local 20-mile race, and after this victory was soon sought by the promoters of Marathon events, which were very popular in New York and other eastern cities at a time.

Marsh raced against such famous runners as Dorando, Stevens, Longboat, Shrubb, Appleby and others. One of Marsh's most notable performances on the track was in a twelve-mile race with Alfred Schrubbs at Vancouver. They started on an even basis, and John won out, covering the distance in 1 hour, and 2 minutes and forty seconds. This was a favorite distance with Schrubbs, and the famous English runner was expected to triumph.

Marsh's last race was in 1910, when he beat Paul Acoose, noted Indian runner, in a twelve-mile contest at Broadview.

John D. has a son 17 years old, who, he thinks will give a good account of himself on the track if he returns safely from the war. Young Marsh left Winnipeg with the 43rd Battalion.

GOVERNMENT MAY PREVENT.

Race Track Promoters Grabbing Up Old Charters.

It is said that the government may take steps this winter that will prevent race track promoters from grabbing up old charters and building tracks in every nook and corner of the province. The game is being gradually killed in Maryland by so many tracks being built, and it is felt that it will die a natural death in Canada if certain Yankee promoters are allowed to run about hand-cuffed. According to a local turfman, an act will be passed in each province, and it is not likely that provision will be made for any more in Ontario, for with eight tracks operating here now in the "interests of the thoroughbred" will be well looked after. It is about time that some move was made.

MORAN AND SMITH WILL MEET AGAIN

No Progress in the Proposed Carpenter-Willard-Darcy Affair.

Frank Moran and "Gunboat" Smith will meet in the Claremont Sporting Club in Brooklyn on December 18th. The match has stirred up a good deal of interest in this section although it is far from being a titular contest.

The bout will mark Moran's first appearance in the ring since his memorable disastrous engagement with Jack Dillon at Washington Park several months ago. Moran has been working hard, and he is said to be out to win the championship. He proposes to show his admirers that he has the "come-back" stuff in him.

Moran lost to Willard and Jack Johnson, and when a few months ago he lost to Dillon, so miserable was his showing that it was though his pugilistic career was ended.

THE DUKE ENGAGES.

A Swedish Lady Skating Instructor For His Family.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire is evidently going to emulate the examples of his predecessors and prove an enthusiastic supporter of the Canadian outdoor sports. He has already signified his intention of attending some of the local games in the National Hockey Association this winter, and at the annual meeting of the Rideau Skating Club at Ottawa, it was announced that a professional Swedish lady instructor had been engaged.

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Dec. 15 and divide her time between the Rideau and Government House Skating Clubs. Among her pupils will be the Duke of Devonshire, as well as his daughters, the Ladies Cavendish. Ice is already being made at the Government House rink. McGill University is the only Canadian team on Harvard's heavy schedule this season. In former years the schedule has included University of Toronto and Queen's University. McGill will play the Crimson in Boston on February 10.



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