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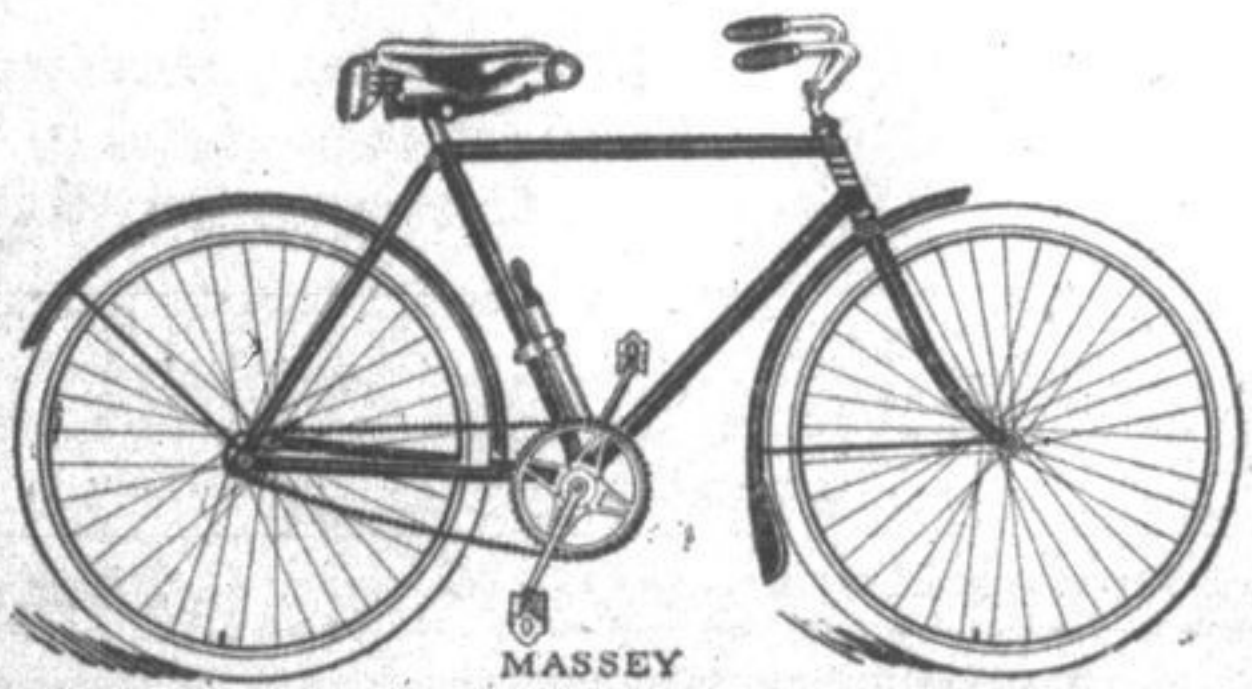


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Despite the mild weather that has prevailed all winter, the Kingston skating rink has been the scene of some of the best winter sport ever witnessed here. The performance of the Kingston Intermediate and the junior teams of the R.M.C., Queen's and the city club this year recall the performances of past champions. The rink has been packed almost to capacity every night and the leading position of both the Kingston teams in the O.H.A. series gives promise of many sensational features in the games that are yet to be played.

Kingston has had a number of champion teams. The photographs of some of them hang on the walls of the manager's office. They are the R.M.C. Intermediate champions of 1903-4; Portsmouth Junior O.H.A. champions (Dr. C. K. Clarke's team), 1905-6; Regiopolis College, winners of the Flanagan cup, 1903-04; St. George's Cathedral champions and winners of the Flanagan trophy, 1904; 14th Regiment champions in 1906-07 and 1908; Queen's Intercollegiate champions in 1908 and 1910; Frontenac O.H.A. champions, 1910; Regiopolis College, winners of the Beachgrove trophy, 1910; K.C.I. C.I.H.A. champions, 1909; St. Michael's College senior O.H.A. champions, 1908-09. One of the greatest contests witnessed in the rink was the final senior game between the Wellingtons of Toronto and Queen's. They played until nearly midnight, when George McKay (now local manager of the Bank of Toronto) scored the two goals that captured the championship for the Wellingtons.

An interesting photograph is that of the four Meagher brothers, winners of many individual medals for fancy skating. Star players were C. H. Curtis, George B. McKay, Marty Walsh and "Glad" Murphy, and a noted referee, "Chance" Elliott. The rink was built by E. W. Rathbun, of Deseronto, and was first opened in February, 1891. The ice floor is 175 feet by 80 feet. The building of the structure used up all of the lumber in three of Mr. Rathbun's yards. M. E. Flanagan has been an official of the rink since the afternoon of the opening. The rink was built and operated by a stock company but is now owned by Queen's University. W. E. Bontor of Belleville has been the official manager during the past sixteen years. Mr. Flanagan is an expert at ice-making. He introduced the flags behind the hockey nets and the blue lines in front of the goals, which have been adopted in all other rinks since.

Urges Investigation. The Toronto News carries an editorial on its sporting page to the effect that in view of the many rumors in circulation regarding the amateur status of several players in the Senior Ontario Hockey association series that an investigation should be instituted at once in order to forestall any protests when the Allan cup series is staged. It intimates that very few amateur clubs can show a clean bill of health.

RICH CLASSICS IN KENTUCKY

Derby and Handicap, \$30,000 Added, at Downs. Spring racing, at Douglas Park, Louisville, Kentucky, one of the important racing plants of the country, will be cancelled and nine days added to the spring meeting at Churchill Downs, its sister track there, where both the Kentucky Handicap and the Kentucky Derby will be run.

This announcement was made by Charles F. Grainger, president of the new Louisville Jockey Club, who also said that at a conference the proposed merger of race courses in Louisville, Latonia and Lexington finally had been accomplished. The courses, it was stated, had passed under the control of a syndicate largely composed of Kentuckians.

The Derby, it was announced, will carry \$20,000 and the Handicap \$10,000 in added money, while the total added money for all stakes will be \$190,000. The meeting will begin May 10th, when the Derby will be run, and will continue for nineteen days.

JAMES E. "TED" MEREDITH



He has retired from the cinderpath for good.

Seeing The Light.

As one of the first of the conservative New England colleges to place its stamp of approval on boxing as a college sport Rhode Island State College opened the glove season when several three-round exhibition bouts were held before more than a hundred of the student body in the college gymnasium.

The feature contest was between Mel Coogan, the clever Brooklyn lightweight, and his navy sparring partner, who came over especially for the occasion from Newport. President Edwards, whom Coach Walker called on, told the students that he was heartily in favor of any form of athletics which encouraged participation by the entire student body and not just the development of athletic teams of a few men. He said that since boxing had been taken up and endorsed by the War Department as a valuable means for training men for service he thought it also ought to be a good thing for the students in college.

Detroit Baseball Club. Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Tigers announces that the club has sent out contracts to 50 players, the reserve list being unusually heavy this year. Jennings intimates that a large number of these players would be disposed of before he set south for the Tigers' training camp at Macon, Georgia, next month.

The Detroit club was heavily represented in the army and navy last summer, and some of the players still are in the service. The club also holds title to a number of young players who have yet to prove their worth as major leaguers. Jennings has started to cut down his squad the first release being that of the veteran catcher, "Hack" Spencer, who was let out unconditionally after Eddie Ainsmith returned his signed contract to President Frank Navin of the Tigers.

Would Revive Canadian Henley. O. Heron, resident of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, has written to the affiliated clubs stating that the Canadian Henley will be revived this summer, and calling for assistance from the various organizations. James W. Barry has been appointed representative from the Argonaut Rowing Club on the executive of the Dominion Association, to succeed Joseph Wright, who resigned upon taking up his duties as coach for the University of Pennsylvania.

Beastie To Visit Toronto. When Admiral Sir David Beattie visits Toronto—and he expects to be here next October—he will be the guest of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club during his visit. Commodore George H. Goodham recently extended an invitation to the head of the British fleet to be the R.C.Y.C. guest while here and a reply has been received by cable accepting the invitation.

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