

NEW PLAYERS FOR THE TORONTO CLUB

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MAKE-UP OF THE TEAM

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It is announced to-day that two new players have been signed by Ed Barrow for the Toronto Ball Club. They are: Pitcher Matthewson, Norfolk, Va., of the New York Club. Infielder Charles Pease, from the Wisconsin State League. Matthewson is a giant. He joined the New York Giants in July last, and pitched most effectively the balance of the season. The New York Telegram described him as "a second Rusie," experience being the only thing he lacked. Mr. Barrow confidently expects that Matthewson will prove a prize. Pease is well recommended by the Wisconsin State people. They say he had all the other infielders in that vicinity "beaten to death."

The players already engaged by the Toronto Club for next season are as follows: Catcher—Bemis. Pitchers—Matthewson, Williams, Bruce, McPaul, Altrock. First base—Carr. Second base—Vacant. Shortstop—Pease. Third base—Schaub. Left field—Hargrove. Center field—J. Bannon. Right field—T. Bannon. Extra infielders—Kilms, Grey, Grey, Kuhns, and T. Bannon will be either traded or sold. Lynch, Alloway, and Rouch have been traded to Syracuse. Dugleby has not yet been secured from Philadelphia, but he is almost a certainty. There was no reserve clause in Clynner's contract, and he was free at the end of the season. Another catcher, a second baseman, and a right fielder will be obtained by Mr. Barrow before the team is complete. Mr. Barrow is endeavoring to secure Catcher Charlie Dooin, of the Fleischmann Independent team of Cincinnati. Dooin has had only 35 offers for next season. Toronto's bring among the number.

DRAW FOR QUEEN CITY MATCH.

Players Who Will Compete in the President vs. Vice-President Game New Year's Day.

The Queen City Curling Club's annual match, President vs. Vice-President, ten rinks a side, will be played on New Year's Day, the draw being as follows:

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| President. | Kemp. |
| Scott. | Lyon. |
| Rogers. | Halsey. |
| Strath. | Ames. |
| Fleming. | |
| | 2.30 p.m. |
| Rice. | Corcoran. |
| Miller. | H. Duffett. |
| Lugsdin. | Armstrong. |
| W. Duffett. | Gray. |
| | 8 p.m. |
| Brick. | Faircloth. |
| Herbert. | |

LIEUTENANT GIBSON DEAD.

Western Race Horse For Which \$20,000 Was Refused Last Summer—Turf Topics.

—Winners at New Orleans yesterday: Dr. Ambury, 5 to 1; Madeline G., 20 to 1; Ben Chance, 11 to 5; Alpaca, 3 to 1; W. B. Gates, 5 to 1. —The Belleville Driving Club has joined the big trotting circuit, which will be made up of Hamilton, Belleville, Ottawa, and Montreal. The Belleville meeting will be on February 6 and 7, and the purses will aggregate \$750. —Lieutenant Gibson, an even-money favorite for the American Derby last summer, in which race he ran a poor third after having performed brilliantly in Kentucky, winning the Derby; and the Clark stakes in record time, died a week ago last Tuesday at Washington Park track after suffering for several months from the effects of being fired for a bowed tendon. Charles H. Smith, the owner, at one time refused an offer of \$20,000 for him. For some reason the death was kept secret. —The racing at Tanforan yesterday was marked by several close finishes. Free Lance, 3 to 1, victoriously ridden by Cash Turner, beat Sam Howard a neck in the second race, and Kitty Kelly took the fifth race from Foul Play by the same margin. Florence II, backed from 5 to 1 to 5, won the opening event. He was bid up \$100 by Tim Murphy, at which figure the owner let him go. Then Murphy sold him to Green B. Morris for \$500. Bennett, second choice for the fourth race, was left at the post, and first money went to Dandy Jim, an 8-to-1 shot. Dazman was thrown while riding J. Derby to the post, but, with slight injuries. Upon investigation the judges found nothing wrong in connection with the leaving of Golden Ace at the post yesterday. Kitty Kelly, 3 to 2, and the Lady, 3 to 2, were the other winners.

FIRST LOCAL SKATING RACES.

Manager Green of the Grand National Rink will open the racing season on New Year's afternoon with one mile amateur contest and a two mile named race, with ten starters. There will also be a fancy skating contest. F. J. Robson, the amateur champion of the city, and Learmonth, Parker, Doughty, Piper, and three more of the fast brigade are expected to line up for the mile, while those named by Mr. Green in the two mile event are Walter, Joe Legg, Alberts, Powell, Duck, Stevenson, Atkinson, Boemer, Dearmont, and Jones. The ice was in fair condition last night, and upon opening the rink possession after the band had gone and did half an hour's hard training.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Here is a red-hot sporting item from the Markham Economist: "On Christmas Day might be seen Mr. H. R. Wales, Mr. Levi Weber, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Charles Pringle enjoying a game of croquet on the lawn at 'Maple Villa.'" Markham hockeyists are seriously thinking of breaking into the croquet league if the weather remains in season. They are busy practicing hockey with croquet balls on "Maple Villa" green. They are already experts at lifting the ball through the cage, and when the forwards rush the ball down the sward they take in all the hoops and "peg" out without a break in their stride. In case the croquet league does not fulfill expectations, the Markham club will suggest a new game, a combination of the better points of both croquet and hockey, as about the proper caper for that town, considering the warm corner the weather man has worked off upon them. As a starter they suggest that the goalkeeper in the new game be provided with a check and a mace, and that a man be sent to the fence if he appears on the field with spiked shoes and evening dress, or spits on his hands before he addresses the referee.

Why don't the O.H.A. champions go after the Stanley Cup? Then the Toronto papers would be justified in giving scarce headline prominence to the Montreal event.

If Manager Barrow lands that new catcher, there should be always something Dooin in the Toronto Ball Club.

Burns Pierce will find it much easier work farming in Nova Scotia than riding a six-day bicycle race in Boston or New York.

That the Rochester yachtsmen are taking an active interest in 16-footers is evidenced by the fact that half a dozen members of the Rochester Club came across to see the Lake Stirling Skiff Association races here on Labor Day, and after the races tried to purchase Mr. Cuff's boat, Sigma III, and Richard Steer's skiff, Sigma IV, but their offers were refused. Mad advances to some of the Hamilton skiff owners who participated in the races. An attempt was also made to purchase Mr. William McGill's knockabout Petrol.

It looks as if there wouldn't be another hockey match in Toronto this century. And there hasn't been one here for eight months.

Mr. McGill's knockabout Petrol has the reputation of being the best balanced boat in Toronto. She will make her course on any point of sailing except in a quartering breeze. Then she requires handling to get her best speed. There are few boats on the bay which require as little rudder persuasion as this speedy little Queen City Club sloop.

The champion Wellingtons say their manager is a peach. He's a Crawford all right.

The ex-Toronto catcher and third baseman says that his usual ally reads "James Casey, Dr." Three years hence, when he finishes his course at the Baltimore Dental College, he hopes it will read "Dr. James Casey."

It is only meet and right that the crack Boston pitcher should wear a Dineen hat. This must not be construed as an ad. It isn't.

It must not be assumed that the young man with the swollen jaw had more of "got a puch in the jaw last night" was playing hockey. He might have been doing something entirely different.

Captain Andrews, the Oakville boat-builder, who is expected to turn out the R.C.M.A. syndicate boat for the Canada's Cup challenge, has only signed contracts for building one of the two boats ordered by the syndicate; but likely will undertake to construct the craft. In 1898 Captain Andrews rushed Minota and Beaver through the rough ice in six weeks, and both were perfectly satisfactory. In case the Oakville builder found it impossible to undertake the second boat for the challenge, the syndicate has the choice of West & Son's shops or Captain Fearnside's yards at Hamilton, and Harry Hodson's yards here. All three are first-class men—though the latter firm has probably had more experience in the construction of racing yachts of the larger classes than either of the others—and could be depended upon to carry out the designer's ideas to the letter.

Archie McEachren is a sturdy young Canadian, and he advertises his nationality upon all possible occasions. His many friends here wish him all kinds of luck in the race at Boston next week.

Now that it has developed that B. B. Crawford, the Boston naval architect who is designing a boat for the America's Cup race, is the designer of the only boat in sight for the defence of Canada's Cup, local yachtsmen are discussing the only Crowninshield craft in Toronto, the Phalarope, a 30-footer, owned by Mr. W. E. Ward, of the Queen City Yacht Club. Mr. Ward acknowledged last season that his boat was much too stiff; that she could drop six or eight hundred pounds of lead, and carry a couple of hundred feet more canvas. "I'll tell you what I think," said a member of the Queen City Yacht Club last night, "and what is acknowledged to be one of the smartest on the Bay." "I think that Phalarope, if given about 1,200 square feet of canvas and put in the 25-foot class, would have a show to bear the challenge for the Canada's Cup. She carries almost one-third more lead now than the Beaver, and has one-quarter less canvas. She is of the same beam as the Beaver, and should be able to carry the additional canvas as easily as the Beaver. Phalarope never had a fair chance to show her speed last season, even under a canvas which was considered away too small for her. What canvas she did have never set well, and in both the races at Colborne Point, Y. R. A. regatta she broke down. After she was hauled out and scraped she showed a good turn of speed. I really believe if she was given the canvas and put in the 25-foot class, she would make the best of them travel to show her a lead."

Phalarope carried 867 square feet of canvas last year, and had 5,000 pounds of lead on her keel.

CANADIAN TELLS OF THE 6-DAY RACE

Archie McEachren Gives Much Inside Information in His Letter.

HOME FROM BOSTON

Bobby Thompson and McEachren Will Spend Three Weeks in Toronto.

Archie McEachren, the crack Toronto bicyclist-rider, who is now one of the best known riders in America by reason of his prominence in middle-distance and six-day cycle races, has written a letter to The Star concerning himself and Companion "Bobby" Thompson, also a cyclist and boxer, which document contains some very interesting information regarding the preparation for, and the competition in, the recent six-day race in Madison Square Gardens, New York.

McEachren will take part in the six-day race at Boston which commences on Monday, and upon its conclusion will come to Toronto and spend a couple of weeks' holidays at his old home. In all his races McEachren wore the Union Jack as his only colors, and always took particular pains to have it known that he was a Canadian and a resident of Toronto. At present McEachren is living in Boston with a Brantford family whom he met while riding in the latter town in 1897 as a Simon Pure amateur. The letter in part is as follows:

Boston, Dec. 26, 1900. Sporting Editor Star,—Bobby Thompson and I landed here yesterday morning from New York. It was a lonely trip. Just think of landing in a strange town for Xmas, especially when we had made up our minds to spend Xmas in Toronto.

Regarding the six-day race at New York I suppose I will tell you about my training first. At the close of the out-door season I took weeks' solid rest doing nothing but resting and eating. I got as much sleep as I could; on Monday, November 12, I started to train for the race at Philadelphia. I formulated a plan which I followed all the way through. I rose at 5.30 in the morning and went to bed at 8.30 as regularly as the clock could time me. First thing in the morning I started out for a walk through F. rmont Park (the finest of its kind on earth) and strolled up and down hills until 7.30. On arriving home I took a salt water bath and a good rub-down. At 8.30 I had breakfast, which consisted of two raw eggs in milk, 2 soft boiled eggs, butter, toast and tea. At 9.30 I went out on my wheel up the river drive where I did all my riding. Ask "Bush" and Fred Thompson about the drive up the river. I think they will be able to tell you what a fine sight it is. The miles are all marked with a stone at each mile, so that I could always tell how far I rode. I would ride out to the 16th mile post in very easy fashion, about 12 miles an hour and on the return trip I would increase my speed riding at the rate of 25 miles an hour all the way home. Without changing my clothes or taking any rest after I reached my training quarters I would punch the bag for one hour, not stopping for a minute.

After a rub-down I would have dinner at 1 o'clock. The meal consisted of 1 1/2 lbs. best steak, milk, toast, and all sorts of vegetables.

After sleeping until 2.30 I would repeat the morning routine in every detail. I took supper at 6 o'clock, with the same bill of fare as dinner, and after punching the bag again, a six-round bout with Bob, a rub-down, and a short walk. I went to bed.

I kept that up every day until Wednesday, December 5. The next day we went to New York, where I rested until the race started. During my training I was going from the time I got up until I went to bed, walking, boxing, riding, or punching the bag. Some of the Toronto riders would think I was "daffy" if they could have seen me. Sitting on a wheel for two miles and sprinting a quarter mile win races in Canada, but one must work much harder if he expects to win. I might say here that I think that the reason why so many of our Canadian champions made a failure of it on this side was lack of proper training and a good fighting heart.

I started the race in perfect condition. Burns Pierce, who was my partner, and I, adopted a plan for changing places on the track, viz., every hour for the first 12 and every two hours after that. We followed this plan until Pierce took sick. Then I rode three hours at a time and Pierce stayed on the track as long as he could, which was sometimes 20 minutes and sometimes an hour. On Wednesday I rode 11 hours and 20 minutes in the first 12 almost my full day's work—and over 20 hours in the 24. I had almost to repeat this every day after. On Saturday for the first time I felt the effects of the hard work. Pierce seemed to brace up that afternoon and was riding so well we decided to have him finish.

This, I think now, was a mistake as all week I had been sprinting faster than anybody in the race. I could always take the lead during a sprint. I can't help admiring my team-mate, Pierce. He was so sick and weak that he couldn't walk up and down stairs without assistance. He stuck to me, however, and did the best he could. He never refused to go out when he was asked and wouldn't call me out until the blood began to stream out of his nose. Ninety-nine out of 100 would have quit if they had been in as bad condition as he was. He was in fine shape at the outset, perhaps a little too fine, and only for the sickness we would have walked away with the race. The race was much harder than last year as it was a loaf and a sprint all the time. Miller, Waller, Gimm, and Turville, the old-time stars were simply

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JUNIOR TORONTO CLUBS. The schedule of the Junior O.H.A. city group has been arranged as follows: Simcoe v. St. George's, St. George's v. Simcoe—on or before January 18. Upper Canada College v. St. George's, Simcoe v. Upper Canada College—on or before January 22. Upper Canada College v. St. George's, Simcoe v. Upper Canada College—on or before February 6.

All games to be played on the Caledonian Rink.

CUP DATES AGREED UPON. Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The dates for the Stanley Cup games between the Shamrocks of Montreal, defenders, and the Victorias of Winnipeg, challengers, have been arranged. The first game will be played on Tuesday, Jan. 2; the second on Thursday, Feb. 1, and if a third game is necessary, on Friday, Feb. 2.

PICKINGS FROM PUCK. —The St. George's will play at Collingwood on New Year's Day. —Hamly and Stewart, South Parkdale's new men, are really wonders. —South Parkdales will practise at Mutual Street Rink to-night from 6 to 7. —They played a game of hockey in Dawson City on Thanksgiving Day. —Belleville will play in Port Hope and Cobourg on New Year's Day. —St. George's will play an exhibition game in Peterboro a week from to-night. —The Frontenacs of Kingston will go to Campbellford for a game on the holiday.

The South Parkdales have selected Messrs. Jack and Chariton as their official referees. —Arthur Farrell is back in Montreal from Berlin and is practising with the Shamrocks. —South Parkdale's uniform is green body sweaters, with red collar and cuffs and red stockings. —The South Parkdales had a fast team practice at their first meeting in the O.H.A.

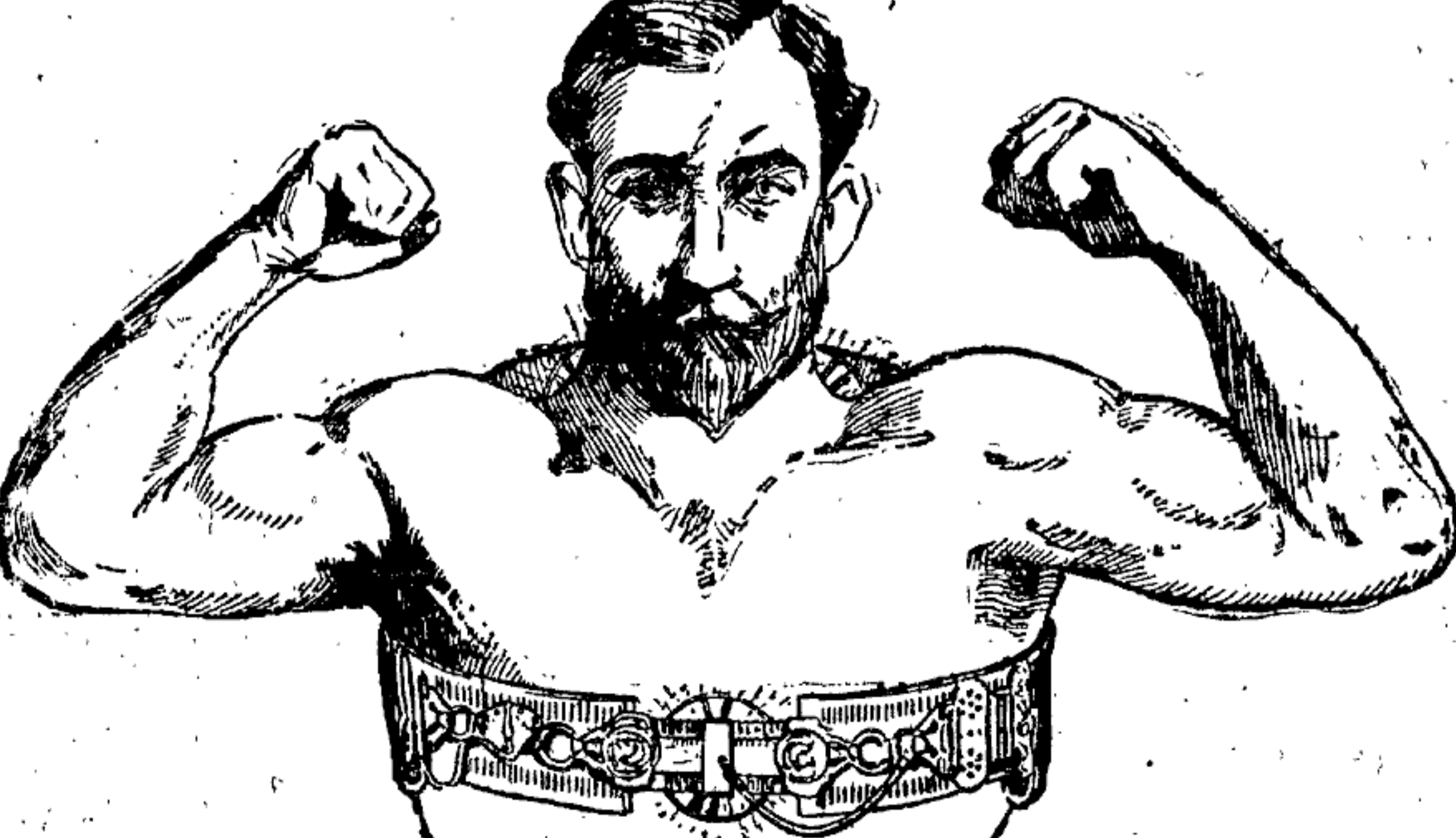
The Montreal Shamrocks may lose their left forward, Fred Scanlan, whose ankle is troubling him. Hoerner, Young, and Roe are candidates for the position. —The Old Orchard executive have arranged the practice hours for their teams to be on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. —It is reported that Messrs. A. MacKerrow and Hugh Baird, two veterans of the Montreal Hockey Club, will again don the winged wheel uniform. The re-appearance on the ice of these well-known players will no doubt prove a boon to the Montreal team—Montreal Witness.

The first game in the northern series of the Intermediate O.H.A. will bring the Barrie and Newmarket teams together in Newmarket on Thursday next. Newmarket has a very fair team this year, and should give the Barrie aggregation a fast game. —Billy Turner and Fred Degan were not on Cornwall's team against Morrisburg. Stiles is said to have been in poor form. Though Charlie Hunter is a fairly good man in the point position, Milder, who will play with Varsity this winter, was badly missed—Ottawa Journal.

TRACK OPEN AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Mr. Louis Rubenstein is just now trying to arrange a match race between Peder Oestlund and John Nilsson for the sliding races on Feb. 2. Oestlund was probably called for New York, so it is difficult to get the match arranged in time. So far nothing definite has been done, as no answer has come from Oestlund. —The quarter-mile track at the M.A.A.A. will be opened to-day, and then the speeders can get to work preparing for the races.

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