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and then went to work. Bling, bang, hammer-and-tongs, fighting as he never fought in Chicago. Griffo whanged and scolded the Canadian. Ferns was all in and waving woodenly with both gloves. The populace was climbing on the ropes with delight and shrieking like scared steam engines. Gong clanged, Griffo won. Great stuff, and everybody tickled to death.

WANTS TO PLAY WITH SHAMROCKS. J. Ernest Lang, Formerly of London, Has Applied for Reinstatement. LISTOWEL'S CLUB'S REQUEST. Permission Granted to Play in the Northern League as Well as the O.H.A.

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LATEST NEWS OF THE HOCKEYISTS

Local hockeyists got on the ice for the first practice of the season at the Mutual street rink last night. The greatest interest was shown in the appearance of the Wellingtons. Captain George McKay had ten men chasing the puck. The seniors in uniform, besides McKay, were Victor Smith, George Campbell, and Irving Atch. The Wellingtons, the center of the hockey world in the Niagara region, were between the flags. Prince, Mollart, Swadlow, J. Ardhan, and Lemley, of the intermediates were out, as well as McLaren, the well-known lacrosse player, who was with the Hamilton team last year.

FIRST BASEBALL BULLETIN

"Tuck" Turner, Late of Toronto and Toledo, is at Liberty—About "Pop" Williams. Auburn, Dec. 19.—John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, of which P. T. Powers is president, has issued the following bulletin, addressed to presidents of all clubs belonging to league in the membership of the National Association: Terms accepted—With Schmeckel, Lew Whistler, with Concord, J. J. Nugent; with Birmingham, Harry V. McChesney.

SPORTING MISCELLANY

There is a possibility that crews of Ottawa and Toronto canoeists will go to Boston next February to take part in the Sportsmen's Show to be held there. A fine game of basketball was played last night at the West End Y.M.C.A. When time was up McTulre and McKenzie had each scored 18 points. In the play-off Lynden scored for McTulre, and the team won by 21 to 18. Two games will be played to-morrow night. Quinn vs. Craig, McKenzie vs. Paterson.

CLUBS NOT PROHIBITED

C. B. Hacking, secretary of the Listowel club, wrote yesterday to Secretary Beaton, enquiring as to the eligibility of their players for the O.H.A. they played in the newly-organized Northern League. Mr. Hacking said the Northern was composed of clubs from Harrisburg, Walkerton, Port Elgin, Palmerston, and other towns, which were not strong enough for the O.H.A. The Listowel club wanted to play with him, if possible, as well as in the O.H.A. The request will be granted, as the O.H.A. rule only prohibits individual players, and not teams, from playing in other leagues.

THE RUSSELL POCKET BATTERY

It is understood that a test case will be made, based on the Walcott-Ferns bout at Fort Erie last night, from which a decision as to the legality of these contests in Ontario will be had. A number of people in Fort Erie are opposed to them, but many others are quite satisfied to have them continue, and it is said that boxing or no boxing will be a principal issue at the coming municipal elections.

The Commercial Hockey League will hold its annual meeting in the Y.M.C.A. parlors to-night, at 8 o'clock, when an application for membership will be received. Because "Dussy" Darling has been ill since the football season closed the rumor has been current that he is unable to play. Darling is expected to be in the O.H.A. at the instigation of the Wellingtons.

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YOUNG GRIFFO AND JIM POPP. From the Chicago Journal. One of the biggest surprises of the year was sprung on the crowd at the America Club, when Young Griffo, fighting like a wildcat, came out of his cage-going ways and put it all over one James Popp of Canada. This bout had been tabbed as a blunder. It was figured that the men were room-mates—that they hung out in the same resorts, and would not do more than put up a nice, scientific sparring match. Hence a small crowd, a chief house, and a general air of we-are-willing-to-be-bullcanned-in-a-hurry.

AMBITIOUS RAT PORTAGE. From the Winnipeg Free Press. The rat portage bunch is a lively one beyond doubt, and as they are all young players, a year or two hence should see them traveling in senior company. The Free Press man at the Ontario town says they are trying to get the Wellingtons to stay off for a year, and then returning from trying to lift the Stanley Cup, and if they are successful, it is a dead certainty that the Iron Dukes will not have any too big a margin of goals to their credit after the Thistles get through with them.

QUEEN'S ATHLETIC FINANCES. Kingston, Dec. 18.—At the annual business meeting of Queen's A.M. Mater Society, President G. F. Weathershead was in the chair. Mr. N. C. Metcalf, the treasurer, gave his yearly report, showing that there was a balance on hand of \$200. The president gave a brief outline of the work of the year. There had been upwards of one hundred games of hockey and football during the 1900-1901 season.

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