MEADOWS WINS LONG RACE

CRACK CANADIAN OUTRUNS A GOOD FIELD.

Terrific Pace for the First Three Miles Sets His Competitors Dizzy—Records Beaten in Early Stages—Ljungstrom Takes It Easy, but Gets Second Place.

Fred Meadows, the crack Canadian runner, won the fifteen mile foot race in Madison Square Garden last night after a sterling exhibition of speed and stamina. He jumped off in front and was never headed. Having gained a lap on Gustav Ljungstrom of Sweden he increased this advantage at the end of the gruelling race, winning by a lap and twenty yards.

He excelled his own record for more than half the distance, but toward the end he slowed a trifle and finished in 1:21:24 1-5. Ljungstrom, who was second, not far away, was timed in 1:22:54 1-5. Percy Sellen of Toronto, who was third, a lap behind, ran the distance in 1:23:41 3-5.

Meadows was pronounced one of the best runners at the distance ever seen here and he won so easily that the big crowd was easily satisfied he was the best man. The race was a forerunner of some big professional marathons that will be held in the Garden in the near future.

That indoor footraces are still popular during the winter months was shown by the fact that 6,000 persons sat around the edge of the track in the Garden. The floor space was kept entirely free from spectators by Seymour Beutler's gray coated sentinels so that it was possible to enjoy an unobstructed view of the races.

The betting fever was prevalent in many parts of the building, and when the management opened the programme with a five mile handicap, in which there were twenty-one starters, the sharps were favoring Jimmy Lee, the scratch man; Red Hawk, who had five seconds, and H. Reilly, fifteen seconds. Red Hawk, a clean cut Canadian redskin, and Lee promptly began a terrific duel, overhauling first one man and then another, and covering the first mile together in 4:55.

When half the distance had been run Red Hawk's bellows gave out and he dropped back, leaving Lee to make a desperate stern chase behind Al Raines, a local runner, who had plenty of speed and stamina and with a handicap of 20 seconds won the race by half a lap. Lee was second for a fine exhibition, with Pat White third and Bob Hallen fourth. The time of the winner was 26 minutes 35 1-5 seconds.

Peter Prunty, the leather lunged announcer, when this affair ended, told the crowd of Jem Driscoll's victory over Seaman Jayes in the sixth round at the National Sporting Club, London, for the featherweight championship of England, whereupon there was a rousing cheer.

The fifteen mile race brought out seven starters: Fred Meadows of Guelph, Canada, who recently beat Al Shrubb's record for this distance by hanging up 1:21:15 and who ruled the favorite at 6 to 5; Gustav L. Ljungstrom, a crack Swedish runner, who was backed at 8 to 5; Hans Holmer of Quebec, Canada, who was in much demand at 3 to 1; Percy Sellen of Toronto, one of Tom Eck's pupils, who was tipped as a dark horse and received support at 4 to 1; Paul Accose, a full blooded Canadian Indian, 5 to 1, and two local men, Jim Crowley, formerly of the Irish American A. C., and Charles Muller, hailing from the wilds of The Bronx.

Before these runners toed the scratch former Sheriff Tom Foley was introduced as the man with the starting pistol and he received a round of cheers. Then several of the contestants warmed up around the track, which was ten laps to the mile. The absence of a dirt surface caused some surprise and the runners seemed to view the hard boards with distrust.

When the men stripped for action the camera fiends took shots at them while the athletic sharps eyed them up critically. Ljungstrom wore light blue silk trunks and a white jersey. His limbs were rather slight and in general build he seemed to lack stamina, but the wiseacres said he'd show the crowd that he could run with the best in the bunch.

Sellen was even lighter than the Swede in construction, but his legs were larger and he showed an even, mechanical stride. Accose, the Indian, looked like an animate shadow. He didn't have an ounce of superfluous flesh on his bones and seemed all elbows, knees and joints as he sped around.

Meadows was the ideal runner in appearance. Good legs, deep lungs, erect and fine carriage, with a steady, gruelling pace that kept Ljungstrom, Accose and Hans Holmer hustling to keep within hailing distance. Holmer, another finely built chap, had many boisterous supporters in the galleries, who howled encouragement as he ran around the edge of the big floor.

Meadows, evidently intent on killing off the others without delay, a trick usually played by Shrubb, cut out the running with so much speed that he turned the first mile in 4:47. He was a few yards in front of Accose and Ljungstrom, with Holmer and Sellen a quarter of a lap behind. Crowley and Muller dropped back rapidly then and seemed to be running aimlessly.

Meadows still hitting up the pace, yet travelling smoothly and well within himself, began to draw away. He ran so swiftly that when he finished two miles in 9:45 1-5 he was leading by three-quarters of a lap, with Holmer and the Swede close together and Accose gradually slowing down as if exhausted. Meadows, still at top speed, made the sharps open their eyes in astonishment when he ran three miles in 14:51 4-5. Four laps further on he gained a lap on Holmer and Ljungstrom and then trailed them for a breathing spell.

Muller left the track at this stage of the race, fagged out, but Crowley, two laps behind Meadows, sprinted now and then just to show his friends that he harbored no ill feeling. Holmer was limping in his long steady stride now, probably because the board track was getting in its work, and his supporters looked blue, when Meadows, still a lap to the good, covered four miles in 20:00 2-5, he still ruling favorite at 6 to 5, but some of the wise men were willing to lay against him because they didn't believe he could keep it up.

Ljungstrom was travelling at such a consistent pace meanwhile that he soon found many new backers. Meadows had run the four miles in 28 3-5 seconds faster than the record for the distance recently made by the Swede in Canada, yet he was still speeding easily when he turned the five mile mark in 25:24 1-5. At that stage of the race Meadows still had a lap over Ljungstrom and two over Holmer, who was plodding painfully, with Sellen and Accose not far away.

Ljungstrom was setting the pace during the next mile, but Meadows stuck to him and ran six miles in 30:46 1-5. At that period Ljungstrom, Meadows, Sellen and Crowley were running in a bunch. Meadows still led by a lap, with the Swede second, Sellen was third, Holmer fourth, Accose fifth and Crowley sixth. Meadows's time for this distance was 25 4-5 seconds faster than the Toronto record.

Seven miles was reeled off by Meadows in 36:16 1-5, the Canuck travelling like a well oiled machine. He led by the same old lap, Ljungstrom being second, the same distance before Sellen, who was steadily improving. Accose and Holmer, a lap behind, were close together, with Crowley last. Holmer with his limp now began to run much faster than before and gained half a lap on Accose, at the same time setting the pace for the leaders for several laps. Crowley then took a hand at showing the way, but as soon as Meadows and Ljungstrom let out a few links the Irishman dropped behind.

Meadows covered eight miles in 41:42 1-5, which was announced as 14 seconds ahead of the American professional record for the distance. Crowley had caught up with Holmer by this time and was hanging close to Meadows, lap for lap, with the Swede also on the job. Sellen was sticking like a bulldog.

Meadows maintained his advantage, as he finished the ninth mile in 47 minutes 16 3-5 seconds with no sign of breaking down. He was still favorite at 6 to 5, with Ljungstrom at 13 to 5. It seemed apparent then that Meadows was satisfied with a lead of one lap, for he made no attempt to leave Ljungstrom, who was as fresh as ever. Crowley was setting the pace for the two leaders for the next mile and he made things hum. Sellen was right there all the time and looked sure of getting at least third money.

The time for ten miles with Meadows still in front was 52 minutes 54 1-5 seconds, the fastest time ever made in the Garden. The best previous time was 53 minutes 12 seconds. The American amateur record is 52 minutes 34 4-5 seconds, made by George Bonhag. Ljungstrom now took up the pacemaking, with Meadows a few feet behind him, and Sellen and Crowley following closely. These four men ran round and round like a team, reeling off the laps so rapidly that something was expected to break before long.

Meadows was as formidable as ever when he ran the eleventh mile in 58:29 1-5, two and four-fifth seconds ahead of the record held by himself. By this time Hans Holmer was laboring so painfully that he seemed willing to stop at any moment. Meadows raced in the twelfth mile in 1:04:11 1-5, having covered 11 miles 400 yards in exactly one hour. He was going at the same even gait a lap ahead of Ljungstrom, who was urged by his friends to make a desperate attempt to recover the lost advantage. But the Swede was satisfied to clinch second money. The thirteenth mile was run by Meadows in 1:09:57 4-5, which was seven and four-fifth seconds behind his record.

Barring a sudden collapse Meadows seemed a sure winner when he finished 14 miles in 1:15:47 1-5. Meadows led by a lap as usual with Ljungstrom the same distance before Sellen, with Crowley a lap behind. The handlers of the Swede and Crowley were urging them to go out for a killing rush, but they were heedless. The Swede seemed as fresh as when he started, while Meadows was beginning to show the effects of the terrific strain.

With three-quarters of a mile to go, Ljungstrom began a sprint, but Meadows quickly braced and the Swede couldn't gain a yard. That just about settled the race, for Meadows, running stronger as he neared the end of the going, held the others in the hollow of his hand. With one lap to go, Meadows rushed away from Ljungstrom and won in a brilliant sprint by a lap and fifty yards. Sellen was third, Crowley fourth, Accose fifth and Holmer nowhere. The winner's time was 1:21:24 1-5.

SKATING.

Four Interesting Races Decided in the St. Nicholas Skating Rink.

Four first-class skating races were decided in the St. Nicholas Skating Rink last night. Two were handicaps, one a novice race and one a race for schoolboys. They attracted a big crowd to the rink and each heat of these events caused considerable enthusiasm.

The star event was a mile handicap in which several of the cracks started. It took two heats and a final to decide who won. In the first heat K. P. Dayton of the New York A. C. finished ahead of his clubmate, William Taylor, and A. W. Moeller of the Riverside Club was third. The time was 3 minutes 12 3-5 seconds. In the second heat W. Kuehne of the New York A. C. won, with W. P. Steil second and W. Buckholder third. The time was 3 minutes 15 seconds. P. J. Kearney started in this heat from scratch, and toward the end of the heat, when leading and apparently the winner of the race, he fell. Buckholder won the final heat easily, with Taylor second and Kuehne third.

It took three heats and a final to settle the half mile handicap. Palliser, Kearney and T. Rice were the winners of the heats, Taylor, Kuehne and Steil being content to finish in second places. The final heat was a hot one. Kearney from scratch caught up to Taylor in the seventh lap and the two had a hard fight to the finish, Taylor getting first by just two feet.

George Harmon of the Wanderers Hockey Club won the final of the novice race, with Ernest Garon of the same club second. The boys' race was won by A. Gordon of Public School 165. He is a newcomer and the handicapper did not know what mark to put him on. He selected forty yards, because Gordon wore racing skates. Emmet Bird started at scratch and could not catch the leaders. Jean Dieuaide fell in the first lap. The summaries:

Half Mile Handicap—Final heat—Won by William Taylor, N. Y. A. C., 40 yards; P. J. Kearney, Pittsburg, A. C., scratch, second; W. Kuehne, N. Y. A. C., 30 yards, third. Time, 1 minute 30 2-5 seconds.

One Mile Handicap—Final heat—Won by W. Buckholder, Riverside S. C., 50 yards; William Taylor, N. Y. A. C., 75 yards, second; W. Kuehne, N. Y. A. C., 75 yards, third. Time, 3 minutes 12 2-5 seconds.

Quarter Mile Novice Race—Final heat—Won by George Harmon, Wanderers H. C.; Ernest Garon, Wanderers H. C., second; Robert Fennell, Wanderers H. C., third. Time, 35 2-5 seconds.

Boys' Race, Quarter Mile—Final heat—Won by A. Gordon, P. S. 165, 40 yards; J. Anderson, P. S. 87, 30 yards, second; Max Bamberger, Sachs School, 30 yards, third. Time, 34 3-5 seconds.

GOLF.

Westerners Lead in Qualification Round at Florida.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14.—Most of the good scores yesterday in the first half of the qualification round for the championship of southern Florida were made by Western golfers. H. H. McElwee, Onwentsia, leads for the first round with 74, and Walter Fairbanks, Denver, is second with 75. L. P. Myers of New York, a former Massachusetts champion, is in third place with 77, and C. J. Schmidtapp, Cincinnati, and J. P. Magee, Topaba, were the only other players to break 80. The next best scores follow:

H. R. Rust, Wannamoisett, 81; H. M. Forrest, Lakewood, 81; J. P. Knapp, Garden City, 81; C. G. Dixon, Spring Haven, 88; H. P. Farrington, Commonwealth, 82; J. J. Radel, Forest Hills, 83; J. E. Rumbaugh, Asheville, 83.

Seventy-five players started and four divisions will be arranged after the second half of the qualification is completed tomorrow.

Isaac Mackie writes from England that the weather on the other side has not been favorable for good scoring but that he is gradually getting accustomed to the conditions.

The match with the British pros that is to be played to-morrow is not exactly to the liking of the American team in its arrangements, it appears, as they are to play four ball matches in the morning and two ball foursomes in the afternoon. The game is to be played at Walton Heath. Mackie says he would much rather have seen a regular setto, man to man, with no partners to blame for a possible defeat. He says he is right on his game now, although at first the putting and mashie work bothered him in the sandy soil, and he feels confident that he will give a good account of himself in the match.

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 14.—A big crowd followed the four ball match between Mr. Perrin, the winner of the St. Valentine tournament and professional Donald Ross and Mr. Fownes, the runnerup and professional Alexander Ross, the latter team beginning on the twenty-first green in one of the prettiest contests of its character ever seen here.

Starting out the first five holes were halved in par figures, Alexander winning the sixth in three and gaining a lead which was lost on the next hole, two for Donald on the eighth and a three for Alexander on the ninth making the score all even at the turn.

Coming home Donald captured the eleventh in four, but the lead was lost on the thirteenth and fourteenth, both of which went to Alexander. On the fifteenth a three for Mr. Perrin won the hole, his two on the seventeenth tieing the score, the eighteenth being halved. The first two bye holes were halved in four each, Alexander Ross winning the third and the match in three.

The cards:

Fownes and Alexander Ross	5	5	4	3	5	3	6	3	3—38
Perrin and Donald Ross	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	2	4—38
Fownes and Alexander Ross	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	3—37
Perrin and Donald Ross	4	4	4	5	5	3	4	2	5—36
Fownes and Alexander Ross							4	4	3
Perrin and Donald Ross							4	4	4

ATLANTIC Y. C. MEETING.

Members Elect Officers and Club Is Very Prosperous.

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Yacht Club was held last night in the Hotel Astor. Reports were submitted to the members which showed that the club was in a very prosperous condition. The season last year was a most successful one from every standpoint and the indications now are that this year's season at Sea Gate will be even better. Vice-Commodore J. D. Probst presided. It was voted to appoint the regatta committee in future before the annual meeting so that the chairman of that committee can then announce his plans. This amendment will have to be ratified at a future meeting. Charles Sweeney was elected commodore. He thanked the members for the honor, congratulated them on the condition of the club and announced that he would do all in his power to make the future of the club even better than the past.

The members dined together before the meeting and as usual had a most enjoyable time. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Commodore—Charles Sweeney, steamer Emeline.
Vice-Commodore—George W. Titcomb, schooner Uncas.
Rear Commodore—Hendon Chubb, sloop building.
Secretary—Harry A. Bullock.
Treasurer—Robert A. Brown.
Trustees—Term to expire 1912, Howell H. Barnes; terms to expire 1913, R. C. Veit, S. L. Blood.
Membership Committee—Bartow S. Weeks, Charles B. Ludwig, Herbert L. Jones.
Nominating Committee—Yacht owners, Horace E. Boucher, Francis M. Wilson, Edgar F. Luckenback; non-yacht owners, George S. Small, Jr., J. N. Jeffares, Francis H. Griffin.

Digger Stanley and Young Pierce Draw.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Digger Stanley and Young Pierce fought twenty rounds to a draw to-night at the National Sporting Club. It was a lively battle. Both men were in good form.

Basketball Notes.

Former varsity basketball players at Columbia and Yale are endeavoring to arrange an alumni game between the two institutions, which would probably be played in New York before the end of the month. The Columbia graduates have the advantage of the New Haven alumni in that they have already organized a team and played one game in which they defeated the Columbia varsity by the score of 22 to 21. One former Columbia captain said that if possible arrangements would be made to have the game played on Washington's Birthday or immediately after that day.

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

M'GRAW STILL HAS FAITH IN BUGS RAYMOND.

Giants' Leader Thinks the Erratic Pitcher Will Turn Over a New Leaf, Which Means Strength—Kling to Be Reinstated—Murphy and Moran to Fight.

Bugs Raymond has promised to be good. He has signed a contract to pitch for the Giants again this year and is preparing to start for Texas. He has made it plain to Manager McGraw that he intends to walk a crack in future and will be lashed firmly to the front seat of the water wagon. Raymond has been wintering in Chicago and writes that he is hungry for a pay day; also that he is willing to obey the rules of the New York club to the letter and is ready to pitch his arm off if McGraw so ordains. The big pitcher will receive $1,200 in excess of the salary named in his contract at the end of the coming season if he makes good his promises, and as his pockets are empty just now he is in a serious mood.

"Raymond is just a big, good natured kid," said McGraw yesterday. "He means no harm and will soon steady himself. He's one of the great pitchers of the profession, and if I can make him toe the mark this year he'll help us wonderfully. The trouble with him is that he doesn't know the value of a dollar because he's inclined to regard baseball as a joke and the salary he receives as a cinch. But he'll soon get over that, for he'll be made to realize that he's got to earn his pay. I think he's learned a lesson this winter and will be another person when he gets into harness at the training camp."

In spite of his boisterous behavior last year Raymond won eighteen games and lost twelve, pitching three shutouts, giving eighty-seven bases on balls in a total of thirty-nine games and striking out 121 batsmen. He is comparatively young, has a rugged constitution and possesses natural skill. Last summer while on one of the Western trips Raymond had a personal altercation with McGraw in a sleeping car and was partially subdued. It was McGraw's only chance to assert his authority and the erratic slabman was disagreeably surprised. But the incident was soon forgotten and since then Bugs has been decidedly tame. His good resolutions as expressed in the letter to McGraw therefore would seem to indicate complete reformation. At least McGraw thinks so, and he probably knows Raymond better than anybody.

Catcher Kling of the Cubs will be reinstated by the National Commission. There seems to be no further doubt on that score. Garry Herrmann, chairman of the commission, said yesterday that there was no good reason why the celebrated backstop should be kept out of the game now that he has applied for reinstatement. The rumor that Kling might bring a suit for $40,000 against the members of the Supreme Court of Baseball in case his application should be denied is not without foundation and is believed to have opened the eyes of the big moguls, who are much opposed to legal proceedings.

Harlem Tommy Murphy is on his way to Frisco to fight twenty rounds with Owen Moran, the English lightweight. Coffroth has signed them for his claim, arena and the date will probably be February 28. Contrary to report Moran did not run out of a ten round bout with Murphy at a local club last week, but started for California after reaching an agreement with the Harlem boxer. Those who have seen Moran and Murphy in several mills in the East are willing to bet that the Briton will win the coming battle with plenty to spare. Murphy has never taken part in more than one bout exceeding fifteen rounds since the beginning of his ring career in 1903, while Moran has figured in seven encounters of twenty rounds or more. If Moran wins decisively he will seek a match with the winner of the Nelson-Wolgast affair.

Will Billy Delaney be Jeffries's chief trainer when the Boilermaker begins strenuous work in California for the Johnson fight? It is said that mutual friends will try to bring the veteran trainer and the big pugilist together when the latter reaches the Coast, for it is believed that Delaney is better qualified to guide Jeff in his preparation for the championship mill than any other man. Delaney is a free agent nowadays, as he severed relations with Kaufman some time ago, and is anxious to take hold of the former champion. Sam Berger, however, is opposed to the engagement of Delaney, it is said, because he is anxious to get some of the credit himself for putting Jeffries back into winning form. Berger has never trained a championship candidate before and ring experts say he is simply a good business manager. There is a growing impression that Jeff may have two main trainers at his training camp with nobody in particular in command and for that reason Delaney has numerous advocates.

KENTUCKY HORSE SALE.

Good Prices for Trotters at Midwinter Auction.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 14.—Trotting horses sold well at the opening of the Kentucky Sales Company midwinter sales to-day. Seventy-five head brought a total of $21,485, an average per head of $286. Joe Brown of Fort Edward, N. Y., was a large buyer, he and his son picking up some eight or ten head for bargain prices. The best price was paid by Robert Moreland for the trotting horse General Lee.

The best sales:

Refinement, br. f., by Eli McKinney—Genuity, by South; B. T. Banks, Deckert, Tenn.	$225
Create, b. f., by Cresmond—Hatteras, by Wilkes Boy; C. M. Harbison, Lexington.	300
Russell Maid, b. f., 3, by Eli McKinney—Russell Brown, by South; C. M. Harbison	225
Southway, b. m., 7, by South—Head by Hummer; W. T. Cheatham, Lewisburg, Tenn.	225
Miss Lou A., b. m., 10, by Axworthy—Lou Wilkes, by Sable Wilkes; W. L. Snyder, Springfield, Ohio	360
Chestnut mare, 5, by Baron Gotter—Unknown; Roy Miller	275
Prince Arion, b. s., 5, by Arion—Madge Fullerton, by Young Fullerton; J. L. Gay, Pisgah, Ky.	310
Jeskie K., br. m., 6, by Handspring—Emma Nutwood, by Nutwood; R. S. Wither, Perry, Ohio	200
Nancy Jay, b. f., 2, by Jay McGregor—Nancy Gladys, by Nutbreaker; William Johnson, Asheville, N. C.	200
Lord Harry, br. g., 5, by The Star of Patchen—Mollie, by Twilight; D. W. Scott, Lexington	245
Lucy Kelly, ch. m., 5, by San Mateo—Hallie, by Twilight; R. H. Willis, Cynthiana	340
Kelly Boy, b. g., 8, by Oritorio—Blanche Lumpkin, by Nutbreaker; R. H. Willis, Cynthiana	270
Nina McClure, b. m., 6, by Cecilian Chief—Gabrielle, by Star Duroc; W. L. Petty, Lexington	375
Frank Mack, b. m., 5, by Jay Morse—Katherine B., by Prince Charles; W. H. Osborne, Greensboro, N. C.	235

Thomas and Knockout Brown Go the Limit.

At the Olympic A. C. in Harlem last night Harry Thomas, the clever English bantam, and Knockout Brown met in a ten round bout which went the limit. A draw would have been a fair decision, but many thought if the contest went five more rounds Brown would be the winner. From the first to the last round Thomas managed through his cleverness and head work to dodge Knockout's vicious swings. Round after round he was forced to the corners by Brown, but managed to dodge his swings.

Both boys were on their feet at the finish. Brown looked the stronger of the two, but both received a hand from the crowd.

Billiards.

Thomas Hueston won two practise games at three cushions at John T. Doyle's room yesterday. In the afternoon he defeated Frank Hoppe, Sr., by a score of 40 to 34, making a high run of 4. In the evening he won from J. Stone by a score of 40 to 16. Hueston made a high run of 6. This afternoon he will play F. Hoppe and to-night his opponent will be William McKay.

H. Scott, 80, won last night's game in the amateur pool tournament at the Broadway Academy, defeating R. Vincent, 100, by a score of 80 to 57. Scott made a high run of 15, with one scratch. Vincent's best run was 9. He made two scratches. Dr. Howe, 100, will play W. Reynolds, 80, to-night.

No Fall for Pole or Turk.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Yousiff Mahmout, the Turk, failed to throw Stanislaus Zbysco, the Pole, in an hour handicap match to-night at the Coliseum.

The Turk had agreed to throw the Pole twice in one hour, but at the end of that time had not even taken a single fall. He was behind his man, however, for most of the time and made a creditable showing.

PHILLIES ARE FINED $250.

Must Pay for Forfeiting a Game to the Giants Last Fall.

Baseball men began to get together at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday preparatory to the National League schedule meeting, which convenes there this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The league's board of directors met at 11 o'clock yesterday for the purpose of hearing the evidence in the case of William J. Murray vs. the Philadelphia club, but as the Quaker president, Horace Fogel, was suddenly laid up with gout the hearing was put off until to-day. Murray sat in the hotel corridor during the afternoon waiting to be called. He has documentary evidence to prove that his contract with the Philadelphia club calls for two more years at $7,500 per and that the club also owes him $1,500 from last season. The directors are anxious to settle this controversy one way or another, as it has caused considerable unpleasant talk since Murray was coldly turned down.

The directors considered the Philadelphia club's forfeited game at the Polo Grounds last fall, for which the penalty is a fine of not more than $1,000. A green umpire named Mullen was tried out that day, and after he had fined and ejected three Quakers, Moran, Knabe and Doolan, he declared the game forfeited to the Giants, 9 to 0, because the Philadelphia team refused to go ahead. After going over the evidence the directors decided to reduce the Philadelphia club's fine to $250, which must be paid to the New York club. Doolan, the Philadelphia captain, was also fined $100 in addition to the $50 fine inflicted by Umpire Mullen.

President Thomas J. Lynch of the National League announced his umpire staff for the coming season. He has signed eight men as follows: Hank O'Day, Robert Emslie, William Klem, William Brennan, Charles Rigler, Gus Moran, Steve Kane and James E. Johnstone. Moran was barred from the Chicago grounds several years ago by James A. Hart, who compelled the late H. C. Pulliam to release him from the staff. Moran has umpired good ball in the minor leagues since, and as Lynch knows what he can do he has been restored to his old position. Brennan, a new man, comes from the Wisconsin-Illinois League, where he gave general satisfaction last year. In naming these umpires President Lynch said that he intended to travel over the league circuit continually this year, so that he can see for himself how the games are conducted. If an umpire proves incompetent in the judgment of Lynch he will be replaced.

There will be an extended discussion to-day over the adoption of the National League schedule. The magnates will have one schedule of 168 games and another of 154 to consider. Robison of St. Louis said last night that he believed the 168 game schedule would be adopted unless some good reason could be offered to show why the other plan is better. He said he would vote for 168 games, and he expected Murphy of Chicago, Fogel of Philadelphia, Ebbets of Brooklyn and Brush of New York to stand with him. But the Herrmann-Dreyfuss combination, which is under the influence of the American League, is said to have it all cut and dried for a stampede to the 154 game plan. In fact, it is said, a bargain was made during the recent confab of the schedule makers in Pittsburg.

Among the baseball men at the hotel yesterday were Stanley Robison and Manager Roger Bresnahan of the St. Louis club, Garry Herrmann of the Cincinnati club, John T. Brush and John McGraw of the New York club, John Dovey and Manager Fred Lake of the Boston Nationals, W. J. Murray and Charles Doom, the former and present Philadelphia managers; C. H. Ebbets and Manager Dahlen of the Brooklyn and C. W. Murphy of the Chicago club.

BASEBALL AT COLUMBIA.

Freshman Candidates Called Out—No Coach Yet.

Baseball practice began at Columbia yesterday afternoon when the candidates for the freshman nine were called out. The varsity men will not begin work until the end of the week, when it is expected that a coach will be obtained. The freshmen will be coached by J. J. O'Connell, captain of the varsity team, and L. L. Lommell, catcher on last year's nine. About thirty first year men came out, a larger number than has reported for freshman baseball practice in several years. Until South Field is in condition for outdoor work all practice will be held in the cage in the gymnasium.

Although the baseball management desired to reappoint Frank Goodman, '03, as head coach of the varsity nine, Goodman has found that it would be impossible for him to take that position. Negotiations are now being carried on with several professional players, but no definite agreement has been reached with any of those considered.

SIR MARTIN SCRATCHED.

American Crack Not in Lincolnshire—Our Horses in the Grand National.

Sir Martin, the American crack, has been struck out of the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run on Wednesday, March 16, according to the list of acceptances which arrived by the latest mail. The veteran Dean Swift does not figure in the list, as well as several other good ones. Sir Martin had been allotted 129 pounds, the top weight, and probably Mr. Winans, his owner, thought this was too much, especially as he had been asked to give Lord Carnarvon's Valens, a runnerup for last year's Derby, three pounds. But though Sir Martin has disappeared America still has representation in the event, for Harry Payne Whitney has accepted with Delirium, 117 pounds, and Perseus, 114 pounds. These have appeared already among the early spring candidates at Newmarket and the critics have it that they are looking very big. The opinion is that they will have to be worked pretty hard to bring them around by March 16. August Belmont has accepted with Norman III., who has an impost of 114 pounds, the same as Perseus. Valens is carrying the top weight of 126 pounds.

American colors will be seen in the Grand National. G. A. Saportas has accepted with the brown gelding Simon Pure II., who will have 152 pounds; Mr. Pfizer has Hypnos, with 150 pounds, and Foxhall Keene Precenter, with 147 pounds. Both Simon Pure II. and Precenter were bred on this side of the water, while Hypnos was bred in France. This year the race has been robbed of international flavor by the withdrawal of Lutteur III., the French horse which won last year.

Assheton-Smith has accepted with his trio of cracks, Cackler and Jerry M., each with the top weight of 175 pounds, and Holy War, with 164 pounds. Cackler has already been installed favorite in the betting and it is more than likely that he will be the one selected to make the bid for the event. He has already carried 173 pounds to victory in the Grand Sefton of three and a half miles over the Aintree course and is therefore no stranger to the going.

Sir Martin stays in the City and Suburban, to be run on April 20, with an impost of 125 pounds, Dean Swift being the top weight, with 131 pounds.

COLUMBIA ROWING.

Crew Men Show Apathy in Reporting for Practice.

The attendance at daily crew practice at Columbia is picking up slowly every day, but not as rapidly as Jim Rice, the coach, would like to see it. Last week thirty-four men reported for both the varsity and freshman squads, while yesterday this number had gone up to fifty-one, half of whom were freshmen. Rice is not particularly encouraged with the prospects with such a small squad, and he is making heroic efforts to build up the enthusiasm. When the crews are ready to go on the water Rice has been accustomed to taking out as many men as this, and this year he does not know exactly what to do. Not all of the men reporting have even the slightest chance to make a crew, so that before weeding out this useless material he has just as many men as he usually has when all the deadwood is gone.

The directors of the rowing club will hold a meeting shortly, and one of the chief subjects that will be discussed is the puzzling one of how to get enough men out for the crews. The freshmen seemingly follow the varsity men, and when there is a waning of spirit and enthusiasm among the older men it is recorded among the freshmen, so that both squads are variable quantities. Some days twenty men report and then the number jumps up to forty-five or fifty.

It is a question that is becoming more serious at Columbia each year. Last fall the freshman crew was temporarily disbanded for lack of candidates, and it was only reinstated after the first year men had pledged themselves to report regularly. These pledges held for little more than a month, but by this time they have been almost forgotten, for only about half of the men who pledged themselves to come out have been showing up.

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

BOSTON'S LOCAL SHOW TO BE BIG AFFAIR.

Annual New England Exhibition Will Have More Different Makes of Cars Displayed Than Were Seen in the Palace or Madison Square Garden.

Boston's annual exhibition of motor vehicles and accessories, though styled a local show by the manufacturers, will again have a greater number of different makes of cars this winter than either of the two big New York shows. Like the big Western show just closed at Chicago the Boston show will have licensed and unlicensed American and European cars side by side and the Boston men are predicting that Mechanics Building will house even a greater number of different cars than the Coliseum, Coliseum Annex and First Regiment Armory did in Chicago, as quite a few cars made in the East were not shown at Chicago but will be displayed in the Mechanics Building by the Boston agents.

In spite of the fact that Mechanics Building has 107,000 square feet of available exhibition space, a larger amount than that in either Grand Central Palace or Madison Square Garden, Chester I. Campbell, manager of the show, is having even more trouble than usual in caring for the many firms that have asked for space allotments at Boston. As is the regular custom the Boston exhibition will be the latest one of the big shows, and this winter it will be held from March 5 to 12.

Manager Campbell has always prided himself on the beauty of the decorations at the Boston show and promises that the setting for this winter's exhibition will be an innovation in decorating for a motor vehicle exhibition. Following the regular custom Wednesday will be set aside as society day and night and the admission price will be raised.

J. B. R. Smith, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner for New Jersey, has issued instructions for the affixing of the signature on the "owners' license" in the proper place provided for it on the cards issued when the licenses are granted. Many automobilists take the cards, put them in their pockets and neglect to sign them as required by the rules of the Motor Vehicle Department. Whenever a motor vehicle inspector asks to see a driving license card and finds no signature affixed the matter must be referred to the Commissioner for settlement, which trouble would be avoided if the card had been signed. In his letter of instruction Commissioner Smith says the vehicle registration certificate does not need a signature, only the driving license card.

It was reported yesterday that Jesse Froehlich, head of the Benz importing concern, had accepted the challenge issued by Harry S. Houpt for a hill climbing match up the Fort George hill. The date and details are to be arranged at a meeting of representatives of Mr. Froehlich and Mr. Houpt.

L. D. Berger, the recently reelected president of the Quaker City Motor Club, has appointed the following chairmen of committees of the big Philadelphia club for the ensuing year: Contest, R. E. Ross; law and ordinance, G. Douglas Bartlett; good roads, A. E. Maltby; membership, A. T. James; press, George M. Graham; technical, Percy C. Colkett; routes and tours, Evans Church; house, Frank Hardart; auditing, Fred C. Dunlap; pathfinder and pilot, J. Fred Betz, 3d; official starter, G. Milton Gantert; official timer, Paul B. Huyette.

The officials of the Automobile Club of Rochester are making plans to secure a country clubhouse for the organization and Bert Van Tuyle, secretary of the club, has announced that steps will be taken to secure such a place when the membership has passed the 1,000 mark. Secretary Van Tuyle thinks that about 150 acres within short driving distance of Rochester should be secured for the country clubhouse and a speedway built on the property.

Plugs placed in the cylinder heads are more likely to become fouled than those in pockets at the side. It is therefore a good plan to take the plugs out and clean them when trouble comes before proceeding to dismember the coil or magneto.

Taxicabs and taxicab drivers of Washington will be governed by strict regulations if a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Congress Coudrey becomes a law. The measure provides that every person driving a licensed taxicab must be licensed as a taxicab operator, and every application for a taxicab driver's license must be indorsed by two reputable citizens testifying to the applicant's good character. No owner of a taxicab shall employ an unlicensed driver under a penalty of $10 for each offence. Every taxicab must be licensed, the fee to be $10 for each special taxicab and each public taxicab. Drivers are to pay an annual license fee of $2 each.

The measure provides that inspectors shall be appointed, whose duty it will be to test, inspect and ascertain the accuracy of each taxameter, and to test, measure and examine every wheel, tire, gear, shaft and every part of the mechanism of every taxicab which may affect or control the operation of the taxameter. The inspectors must mark and number each taxameter and vehicle which is approved by them at least once every six months, and as much oftener as the chief of the license bureau may deem necessary, with some suitable device. A fine of $10 is provided for violations of the provisions regulating the use of unsealed taxameters.

The rates of fare provided by the measure are as follows: For each two persons, half mile or part thereof, 30 cents; for each additional quarter mile or any part thereof, 10 cents; for waiting time, at the rate of $1 per hour; for each four persons, for half mile or any part thereof, 40 cents; for each additional quarter mile or part thereof, 10 cents; for waiting time, $1.50 per hour; for one piece of baggage, 20 cents. No charge shall be made for handbags, dress suit cases, or child under five years of age.

JACKSONVILLE RACES.

Mrs. L. A. Livingston Wins With Starboard at 30 to 1.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 14.—The track had dried out well over Sunday and with the help of a new dressing of sand was in good shape for the racing to-day. Three favorites won, they being Skyo, equal choice with Critic; Royal Captive and Descomnets. Mrs. L. A. Livingston won her first race of the meeting when Guy Burns landed Starboard in the first race at odds of 30 to 1. Hannan, on Camel, was warned by judges on the way to post and then fell off the horse before he had gone ten feet. Camel was caught by one of the men working on the jockey board before he could run away and then finished second. McGee and Butwell each rode two winners.

The summaries:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Starboard, 107 (Burns), 30 to 1, won; Oghwaga, 112 (Butwell), 13 to 10, second; Martin May, 109 (Obert), 17 to 1, third. Time, 1:09 2-5. Herdsman, Universe, Deerock, Captain Crawford, Marie Hyde, Jack Hale, Katherine Van, Allanfearn and Tom O'Donnell also ran.

Second Race—Seven furlongs—Skyo, 107 (McGee), 3 to 1, won; Critic, 106 (Musgrave), 3 to 1, second; Allonby, 104 (Reid), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:26 2-5. Low Heart, Miss Herbert, Tivolini, Harold, Jr., Red Doe, Esther B., Night Mist, Schleswig, Roseburg II. and The Mackintosh also ran.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs—King of Yolo, 112 (McGee), 9 to 5, won; Alfred the Great, 109 (Gana), 4 to 5, second; My Henry, 110 (Powers), 17 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Magdalene and Voltaire also ran.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs—Royal Captive, 104 (Butwell), 11 to 5 won; Dr. Barkley, 109 (Powers), 13 to 5, second; Hasty Agnes, 107 (Gana), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Rio Grande, Judge Cabaness, Turncoat and Howard Shean also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Ceremonious, 107 (Butwell), 10 to 1, won; Camel, 109 (Hannan), 8 to