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LETTERS FROM "OVER THERE"

France, Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 1917.

Dear Mr. Inglis:—

Received your very kind parcel from Ward's Island Association. It was quite a pleasant surprise to find it on returning from a trip, and I appreciate it very much. Everything came over in first-class shape, due to the careful way it was packed.

The weather is getting colder each day. We have had some five or six inches of snow, and from indications, we expect a severe winter. As we are situated among a group of mountains, the winter is very cold.

Miles away from Canadians or Imperials, and are at present attached to French army for rations. There are a large number of Americans nearby, and we find them very nice fellows.

Sure miss Ward's Island very much, and hope it won't be long until we are back once more. Island boys are doing very well over here, and I am constantly running across them.

In closing, I wish to thank you again for such a nice parcel, and hope when I return to thank you personally.

Hoping this finds you well.

Yours very sincerely,
Harold Armstrong.

Nov. 22, 1917.

Dear Mr. Inglis:—

Just a line to thank you all for the parcel sent last September, which I believe was from the Island. At the time it reached me, I was a little too busy to write anything but a "whizbang," but parcel certainly was appreciated, especially as it arrived at such an opportune time. You know from the papers where we were at that time, and believe me, we were kept going in more ways than one. However, the worst is over for the present at least, and we are having it much easier at present, getting ready for the next job.

Out here we think of you people a good deal and the good times we had at the Island. I see my brothers Frank and Russell quite often, and occasionally run across Fred Kilpatrick, Norm. Sands and others of the boys, and we always speak of the Island. Here's hoping we will be back some time to again share the sports and good times with you all.

Please give my kindest regards to any of the Islanders who may enquire, and to your wife and family especially. Again thanking you for the most welcome parcel, I remain,

Very sincerely,
Harold Wilkinson.

SAILING.

At Ward's Island, open L.S.S.A., on Saturday, Aug. 10th, the fourteen-foot dinghies raced for the Sam McBride Cup. Bill Archer, W.I.A., won by a minute, leading all the way, though Bill Reilly, A.Y.C., who finished second, gave him a battle for the honors, as did Bill Baker, A.Y.C., who finished third. There were 22 starters, who appreciated the good breeze which favored no one in particular.

Archer has worked hard this season to put Ward's Island Association on the sailing map, and deserves considerable credit for his showing.

The sixteen-foot skiff race for the "Inglis Trophy" was won by Harry Jones in the "Sneak," N.Y.C. Harry, with a crew of one man and a lady, won a closely contested race from the "Ruth," which led until the finish. Jimmy Orange's boat, the "Stroller," was third.

The officers in charge were: Chairman of sailing committee, W. B. Archer; judges, Commodore A. Dowell, A.Y.C.; President Wm. Johnston, L.S.S.A.; Major Lou Marsh, T.C.C.; honorary starter, Richard Twining, T.C.C.; assistant starter, Geo. Sockett, W.I.A.; timekeepers, President Al Inglis, W.I.A.; Vice-president J. G. Wilson, W.I.A.

After the races, the ladies of W.I.A. served refreshments to all the sailors, as

well as the famous Ward's ball team which won the Inter-Island championship cup. The cups and flags were presented by President Johnston of the Lake Sailing Skiff Association, of which Ward's is the baby member.

As the visitors remarked: "They sure gave us a swell time," and we wish to thank those who came over to help us in making our regatta a success. The ladies also were with us, and won the hearty praise of all the boys, who enjoyed the eats prepared by them. After all the excitement is over, nothing is quite so enjoyable as a taste of home cooking.

There is one more race for the dinghys championship, 1918, of the W.I.A., to be held August 24th, over our regular course. This race will decide the winner of the Frank Ward Trophy, which was so kindly donated by the well known owner of the "Ruth." The position to date is as follows: Points—W. B. Archer, 13; A. Knight, 11; W. Baker, 10; W. Reilly, 4; H. Wilkinson, 4; F. Rowley, 3; E. Hurst, 2.

The National Yacht Club open L.S.S.A. races will be held Saturday, August 17th. We hope our boys will bring home a couple more cups and flags. They are doing good work this season in the open races, and have established the W.I.A. as one of the cleanest and best bunch of sailors on the bay.

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GO FAST.

Conversation between some of our ladies before the sailing race on August 10th:

Mrs. R.—"I understand there is something called 'Go-fast' which Art should use on his boat."

Mrs. S.—"There is no material like that on the market. Someone has been kidding with you."

Mrs. A.—"I'm sorry to contradict you."

Mrs. S.—"But Bill uses 'Go-fast' on his boat."

BASEBALL.

The battle for first place becomes more exciting, and the Dingbats, by consistent playing, annexed two games, which makes them a tie with the leaders. The chief feature of the week occurred when the lowly Otazels brought home the bacon by defeating the Iron Dukes in a ten-inning game.

The standing of the league to and including August 9th is as follows:

	Won	Lost
Osoeze	7	1
Dingbats	7	1
Tigers	4	4
Brownies	4	5
Iron Dukes	2	7
Otazel	1	7

RESULTS FOR THE WEEK.

Aug. 5th—Dingbats, 15; Iron Dukes, 4.

Aug. 6th—Osoeze, 7; Brownies, 6.

Aug. 7th—Otazel, 12; Iron Dukes, 11.

Aug. 8th—Dingbats, 14; Tigers, 2.

Aug. 9th—Brownies, 14; Iron Dukes, 6.

As we go to press, a special wire announces that the Dingbats won from the Osoeze on Monday evening, 5 to 3. How it was done will be given next issue.

THE "NEVERS."

The third game between the Never-Hasers and the Never-Willers was so hotly contested that the two teams have arranged to play the deciding game Saturday, August 17th. If you care to experience the sensation of laughing until your sides ache, come to the field at seven o'clock sharp. Bleachers will be erected for your accommodation. In the last game, there was a scarcity of players, so only twelve men represented each side. In the left field, where most of the hits were made, only one man was stationed, while four or five monumental figures dotted the right field. It was noticed that an attempt was made to work in several ringers, including Brock Tupper and Reilly. Then Bill Bowman called in Ball as a pinch hitter, who laid down a beautiful sacrifice. As a result of these unfair tactics, the game was protested and thrown out. Aside from the hair-raising stops of Jolley, the base-

running of Christman and the striking out of the mighty Tom Conlin with the bases full, the game reminded one of a contest in which each player strove to be a star—and succeeded in scintillating. Don't fail to see the grand finale Saturday evening.

The Red Imps tackled the Blue Devils a second time, and threw quite a scare into their camp. The Devils, however, managed to win, 15 to 12. Irene Mottram and Irene Wimsitt showed some class at the bat, while the married ladies, Mrs. Lowrey and Mrs. Perrin, were in the game all the time. The third contest promises to be a hummer.

TELL MOTHER I'LL BE THERE.

If the citizens of Toronto only knew, if they only knew about the ball game to be played at seven p.m. Saturday the 17th, between the Nevverwuzzers and the Nevverwillers! We say again, if they only knew, they'd swamp Ward's Island! Oh boy, there'll be something doing then! A large number of seats will be in place for those who get there early. Oh, say, I'm just longing to see those fat men, and tall men, short chaps and lean ones, all scrambling for the spheroid. Goodbye maw, goodbye paw, meet me at the ball game!

OUR FLAG.

It is astonishing how very few people know that there is a right as well as a wrong way of hanging our Union Jack. Flags hung upside down are signals of distress. Now, as we cannot by any stretch of imagination consider the Ward's Island residents in dire need of outside help, it behooves everyone to make certain that they are not playing "wolf." The correct way for the British flag to fly is—the narrow white stripe should be above the wide one in the upper and farthest quarter of the flag from the mast.

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Editorial Flashes

We have one of the finest bathing beaches in Canada. The approach, however, could be greatly improved. If the city would only fill in the space between the board walk and the beach with sand, it would compare favorably with any natural shore in America. In addition to the looks, it would prevent the place becoming a dumping ground for all kinds of rubbish which makes of it a breeding ground for mosquitoes. This improvement could be done in a very short time, the expense would be small, and the appearance of the island enhanced a hundred fold.

The question of a diving board on the pier has been under discussion by various parties interested in this phase of aquatic sports. It does seem a shame not to have at least one spring-board when we have the ideal place to erect it. If permission could be obtained, a plank worked on a pivot might be placed on the gap side, in addition to a permanent one for the lake. Diving is most enjoyable, conducive to gracefulness, and should be encouraged. We hope another season will find the proper equipment awaiting the bathers who enjoy the pleasures of plunging head first into the water.

It is a sense of gratification to see the kiddies change from their sallow appearance to sturdy, sun-baked youngsters. They have the freedom of the island and

romp at will over our playgrounds. But we feel they would have a much better time if space were allotted for a recreation ground. It could be equipped with swings, shoots, teeter-totters, rings, May-poles, etc. Then the mothers would not have so much anxiety as to where their boys and girls wandered, but could sit close by knitting while the children enjoyed the most wholesome of exercises.

Hello Tom, How's Bill? Lordy, but I envy you fellows these warm nights over on Fifth Avenue a la New York. How is it for snoozing any way? Great, says Tom—why last night I only awakened twenty times. You see, the dear old fog-horn just had three spasms, one at 12.30, another at 2.48, and the last at 6.26; then the cats limited their jamborees, the sixth being a special celebration over my namesake demise on Third Street; of course the dear little kiddies never were quiet, but that's such a common occurrence—the only time they annoyed me, as I remember, was once, and that was between 2.49, one minute after Neptune's second warning, and 6.25, one minute before the third blast of this infernal nightmare; besides I had a record of only nine dead mosquitoes, against one hundred and thirty two the night before; and the flies, "God bless them" did not start their game of "tickling jock," until 6.30, just when all was quiet and it looked like resting time. But we soon forgot them and went peacefully off to dreamland, when all of a sudden the enemy began its morning bombardment—of course it was only Al chopping wood. Oh yes, outside of these trivial disturbances we sleep all night long.

The old-fashioned Waltz Competition takes place, Tuesday, August 20th. First and second prizes will be awarded. We expect everybody from Controllers and past presidents down to the "fox trotters" to participate in this.

Come and enjoy one grand night.

BOWLING.

The bowling schedule in the men's section will be completed by the time the "Weekly" goes to press, as the last scheduled game will be played on Wednesday eve., Aug. 14th. Some of the teams have already finished the schedule, and others are waiting for the opposing skips to arrange for the postponed games to be played. If these skips, who have been very indifferent all season as to the bowling game, do not have the games played by Saturday, Aug. 17th, the game will be marked up as a win for the skip who has shown enough interest in the game to have his team on hand to play on the scheduled night.

The following is the standing of the men's section up to and including games played Monday night, Aug. 12th:

SECTION I.

	Won	Lost	To play
A. Saywell	5	2	2
Jack Swain	5	2	2
W. Brown	4	3	2
R. Greeniaus	4	4	1
F. Rowley	4	4	1
P. A. Douglas	3	3	3
J. Carter	1	4	4
G. Dunfield	2	2	5
Bert Wright	3	5	1
H. Pierce	3	5	1

SECTION II.

	Won	Lost	To play
D. Wightman	6	1	2
H. R. Adams	7	2	0
O. Orr	5	2	2
J. Woods	3	4	2
V. Allsopp	3	5	1
P. Armstrong	2	2	5
H. Johnston	2	3	4
W. Sleeth	2	4	3
H. Hughes	2	5	2
F. Corin	2	5	2

The ladies' schedule is about completed with the exception of a few postponed games which should be played off during the next week, and the standing will be published in the next "Weekly." Let the skips arrange the postponed games as soon as possible, as we wish to arrange the deciding game between the two sections some evening before the 24th inst.

A BIOGRAPH.

Ernie Lye, although of untruthful name, has a very honest countenance. When he came to Ward's he was spoken of as a star bowler, but now he can lie just as far from the kitty as any other bowler on our beautiful greens. He has also gained for himself quite a name as a ball player. There has been some talk of his being stolen from the Never-wuzzers by one of the real ball teams, but it is rumored his price was too high. Ernie is also some gardener, and he may be seen of an evening corralling those juicy green worms that delight to fatten on the "cab-agges." Ernie is a staunch member of the English Church, but during the summer time sinks to the level of the rest of us, and attends Union service with the Methodists, Presbyterians, Salvation Armyites and Etceterites, especially the latter. He states that while he doesn't feel any the worse for the experience, generally speaking, he doesn't believe in mixing his drinks. Ernie is a member of the W.I.A. Executive, and next to the president, is perhaps the most popular man on the Island, with the ladies.

The Riot Act, if we may be permitted to term it so, was read to the Harbor Commission by Mr. Archer. Bill complained to them in regard to oil, tar and other improper residue which is spoiling the appearance of our water-front. Some results have been noticed, but we still think that there should be other work done in this direction, and hope that all those who have any influence whatsoever with the Commission will keep impressing this matter, so that we can claim for Toronto, one of the most beautiful as well as sanitary harbors in the world.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND AQUATIC SPORTS.

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Post entries for all events accepted. Races start at 2.00 p.m. sharp. Prizes will be distributed on Saturday in the Pavilion at 8 p.m. Dancing at 9 p.m.

Water Events

1. Mixed tandem canoe, single blade.
2. Men's single canoe, single blade.
3. Men's double canoe, single blade.
4. Men's single canoe, double blade.
5. Crab race.
6. Gunwale race.
7. Swimming race, boys under 18 years, 25 yards.
8. Swimming race, girls over 16 years, 50 yards.
9. Swimming race, men, 100 yards, open.
10. Swimming race, final, 14 years.
11. Tilting contest.

All canoes must be of cruising patterns and must be approved of by the Clerk of the Course.

No competitor allowed to win more than 2 prizes, except that special point prizes will be awarded to the all-round champions in men's intermediate and ladies' classes. Prizes must be taken in the order in which they are won.

All contestants must be members of the Ward's Island Association in good standing.

In each event there must be at least three contestants.

Land Events.

1. 25-yard race, girls under 5 years.
2. 25-yard race, boys under 5 years.
3. 25-yard race, girls under 7 years.
4. 25-yard race, boys under 7 years.
5. 50-yard race, girls under 9 years.
6. 50-yard race, boys under 9 years.
7. 50-yard race, girls under 11 years.
8. 50-yard race, boys under 11 years.
9. 50-yard race, girls under 13 years.
10. 50-yard race, boys under 13 years.
11. 50-yard race, girls under 16 years.
12. 75-yard race, boys under 16 years.
13. 100-yard race, boys under 18 years.
14. 50-yard race, single ladies.
15. 50-yard race, married ladies.
16. Boot race, boys under 16 years.
17. 100-yard race, married men.
18. Ladies' coat race.

19. 100-yard men's three-legged race.
20. 100-yard race, single men.
21. 50-yard race, married ladies (married 15 years or over).
22. 40-yards, men's wheelbarrow race.
23. Walking race (Goulding barred).

Spikes not allowed.

Starter—A. P. Inglis.

Judges—Sam McBride, H. Hudson, Jas. G. Wilson, E. Ball.

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PACKAGE NIGHT A SUCCESS.

The programme provided on August 8th for the second package night concert was splendid, when one takes into consideration that the original arrangements to have the Olympic Amusement Co. come over, were cancelled the night before. Many of the members of this company were away owing to sickness and vacation, and it is wonderful how loyal our talent is, especially in emergencies, and the committee take this opportunity of thanking the following for the valuable services rendered: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Counter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Douglas, Mrs. Will Hillock, and the Hawaiian Company, as follows: 1. President of the Bolsheviks, Len Grills, "Life"; 2. One of the Twins, Jime Kane, "Life"; 3. President Wilson's Private Secretary, N. Blackstone, "Cozy Corners"; 4. Agnes, Hughie Thomas, "Aloha"; 5. Captain Useless, Ray O'Grady, "Life"; 6. The Leader, Hooly Allen, "Aloha." President Inglis presided in his own inimitable way. The proceeds of the concert were many, and include \$10.50 cash donations.

Our boys will certainly appreciate the many good things.

EUCHRE, 22ND, THURSDAY.

What! another euchre? Yes, and perhaps the last one for the season. So come with the crowd on Thursday, 22nd, at 8.45 sharp. Admission as usual, 2 for 25c., or 15c. single.

W.I.A. RED CROSS SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 8th, a very successful meeting was held at which fifty-six members were present. A good supply of materials was finished up, and it is hoped that the ladies will continue their good work, which is highly commendable.

The Junior Red Cross met in the Shelter on Monday, August 12th. The election of officers took place as follows: President, Miss E. Hudson; secretary, Miss M. Lye; treasurer, Miss M. Moltram.

The following supplies were made: 12 pads and 220 compresses, all of which were sent to Euclid Hall.

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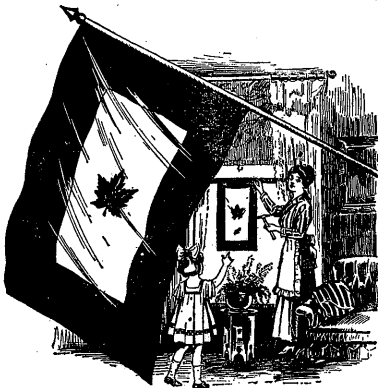
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9.40	9.55
10.20	10.35
11.00	11.15
11.40	11.50
P.M.	P.M.
12.20	12.30
1.00	1.25
1.55	1.40
2.20	2.35
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9.20	9.25
10.00	10.10
10.30	10.40
11.00	11.10

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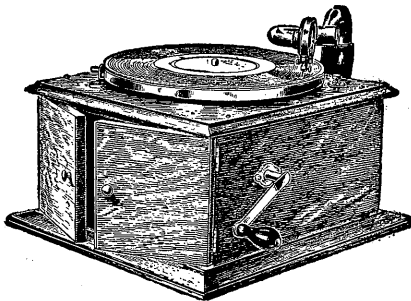
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