

# PADDLING



The Bob Dibble-Alex. Ponton annual regatta and water carnival at Balmy Beach on Saturday was all that a day of aquatic sports should be. Good water and perfect weather conditions brought out the largest crowd of the season to witness spectacular canoe racing, with representatives from the city's four canoe clubs taking part. Balmy Beach reversed the tables on their rivals by taking the aggregate, winning three major events. Their new junior four of Harry Charters, Bill Oaks, Bill Sinclair and Phil Powell, paddled into prominence and won a much-deserved victory after careful and diligent training. The ever-reliable Roy Nurse again won the senior singles. Nurse has been finishing first in that event for years in this division, and it would be a great disappointment to the Beach crowd to see their favorite go down to defeat.

Ernie Evand, also of the Beach Club, paired with Bob McKnight for the first time, came through with flying colors in the senior tandem, defeating their club-mates, Roy Nurse and Paul Porter, and such strong opposition as Reg Priestly and Glen Thomson, Kirk Thompson and Alan Longstaff from Parkdale.

## War Canoe Race Close.

While the Beaches paddlers took their share, the other clubs were by no means outclassed, Parkdale taking second position in the aggregate; Island Aquatic first in junior singles and junior tandem, and the Red Ringers added another win to their long string of successes in the war canoe, but only after a magnificent race. War canoe competition is getting tighter with each succeeding regatta, and there were only inches dividing the first three crews when the first crossed the finishing line.

From start to finish the 45 men in the first three crews paddling spectacularly gave the crowd on the bank something to remember. Each crew of perfectly trained athletes, paddling with machine-like precision, was a unit in style and stroke, making a race well worth witnessing.

Danny McDonald, the T.C.C. youngster, holder of two Canadian paddling championships spent Saturday practicing in Humber Bay. McDonald has decided to stay out of the senior events until the Western Division trials. The Beaches' action in not including intermediate events on their program precluded the T.C.C. star from competing but McDonald will show what he is made of by competing in both the intermediate and senior class in singles tandems and fours at the Western Division regatta preparatory to the C.C.A. Championship meet and the International events which are both to be held in Hamilton in August during British Empire Games. Week's superb program.

## Thompson's Ill Fortune.

Kirk Thompson, stroke of Parkdale's war canoe, has run into some hard duck, blood-poisoning in one of his hands. This means that the P.C.C. crew will have to learn to paddle behind another pace-setter until Thompson's hand is better. Thompson's unfortunate accident will be disastrous all around for the green and white aggregation—particularly so as he is a member of the senior four and was looked on as a sure winner with Alan Longstaff in the senior tandem. Thompson has also been giving a good account of himself in the senior singles.

The International four trophy was not up for competition at the Beach regatta, but will be put up at the Western Division trials which at the present time it is the intention to hold over the Balmy Beach course.