

## Blade and Oar

By JACK MURRAY.

When the starter disqualified the Leander eight at the Dominion Day Regatta, he probably did the Argonaut crew a real favor. The race they showed to win the Olympic trial at St. Catharines was a record smashing effort, and judging by the form they displayed in this race they would have beaten the Double Blue at Hanlan's Point. However, Canadians need have no fear of their representatives being outclassed. The sensational Hamilton eight not only finished in front by a length and a half over Argos good crew, but they finished fresh and unruffled in the record time of 5.49.

The Amsterdam race in 1928 was won by the Californian Bears in 6.06, and the same crew, after four years of practice, won the United States trials in 6.01. This time was considered fast enough to win the Olympic race with ease and our United States cousins were "sitting pretty" until the Hamiltonians rowed the marvellous race on Tuesday. Now the New York sport writers are hailing the Leanders as a crew of super-mier, and they are not far wrong.

The Royal Canadian Henley starts today and the line-up of crews in the draw is of a stellar nature. Those who competed in the Olympic trials are on hand for the Canadian championships. These men and the crews from the United States are waiting for the starter's gun. St. Catharines will assume for another three days the air of carnival that always is present when Henley rolls around.

The regatta at Parkdale Canoe Club next Saturday is going on the air. This broadcast will be an entirely new departure in the sport line and will be largely experimental. The three stations carrying the broadcast are CKCL and CFCA of Toronto, in conjunction with CHML of Hamilton. Al Leary, Ramsay Leese and the writer are handling the broadcast and the stations will also broadcast the Western Division championships if this is a success. The races will start at 2.15 and the whole regatta will be carried. The executive officers of the West End club promise prompt action in starting the races and woe betide the contestant who depends on his reputation to hold the race for him. He will have a box seat from which to watch it.

The card of races at Parkdale is an eminently fair one and none of the clubs can accuse them of "framing" the card for their own paddlers. Most of the paddling clubs sit down and figure out if so-and-so can win the singles. If he can't they promptly take the race off the card and substitute one they have a real chance to win. The regatta at the Beach last Saturday was won by the Beach paddlers, who secured a first in every event. In fact, one of the races, the intermediate four, was merely a "paddle over" for the Beach, as none of the other clubs entered. Parkdale are to be congratulated on having eleven races on their list and are putting on a junior war canoe race, even though they may have to borrow paddlers from the Toronto Canoe Club to fill out their boat and give the clever little Beach crew an opportunity of racing.

The winners in the senior tandem race at the Beach were McKnight and Evans. McKnight also stroked the war canoe crew to victory, and behind this lies a story. The Beach boy was working out on a punching bag two days before the regatta and dislocated five bones in his hand. Ford, the Beach trainer, doctored him and, despite his badly swollen hand, McKnight gave one of the best exhibitions of paddling he has ever shown in local waters.

The followers of paddling will have an opportunity of going with the Loys to the Canadian championships at Ottawa this year, as the officials of the Western Division have made arrangements for an exceedingly low excursion rate to the scene of the regatta. Any of the club officers will be glad to arrange transportation for their supporters.