

CANADIAN TITLE AT STAKE IN RACE

Best Fifteen Milers in Dominion Meet at Happyland This Evening.

ACOOSE IN FINE SHAPE

Grenfell Indian Should Aably Uphold Honor of West—Sellen Arrives This Morning.

Never has there been so much interest taken in a race as is evinced in the fifteen mile three-cornered contest which takes place at 7.30 this evening at Happyland, when Paul Acoose, Percy Sellen and Fred Meadows go out to prove who is the better man.

There is an old saying that the first shall be last and the last shall be first. On Wednesday afternoon the Guelph boy arrived in the city, the Grenfell Indian followed on Thursday, and the Toronto boy will be here this morning. Accordingly, if the saying is true Percy Sellen should win the grind and Meadows will complete the journey when others have broken the tape.

Westerners hope, however, that the result will not be as written and that Paul Acoose, the Indian, with the best record of all—in so far as it is practically an undefeated one—will triumph. There is reason to believe that the redskin will add another victory to his rapidly growing number of successes. The boy—he is only 21 years of age—beat Fred Appleby, the record holder at his (Appleby's) favorite distance of fifteen miles on an indoor track some weeks ago, and then lost the return race.

There will be no tacks on the track tonight and Acoose will have the opportunity of his career on this occasion. Should he win and defeat Sellen and Meadows, recognized as the best fifteen milers in eastern Canada, he will undoubtedly receive all kinds of tempting offers to take a trip down east.

The Indian only took light cantering exercises on the track yesterday, trying out several new pairs of shoes, but he is looking and feeling so fit that should he be beaten he will have no excuse to offer.

Percy Sellen, as stated, is due on the eastern express this morning. It was only quite recently that Alfred Shrubbs said the Toronto boy was one of the best runners he had ever met. He has a record of 1.22.26, made at the Island in Toronto, which is just about the same time as Acoose made in his first race with Appleby on the little track at the Arena.

As for Meadows, he has beaten Sellen a number of times and is confident of doing the same again. Meadows did not run yesterday, his training exercise being two lengthy walks.

City Surveyor Harris will remeasure the track this morning so that should a record for the distance be established it will go undisputed.

The officials will be as follows: Judge, R. D. Waugh, G. Carruthers, V. Quiss; timers, C. Cameron, A. McDougall and J. W. Harris; announcer, J. Fahy; starter, E. Harrison; lap scorers, Messrs. B. Stewart, W. Sparling, Gordon and Wilson.