

FRED APPLEBY ARRIVES IN CITY

Famous English Runner is Here
For Fifteen Mile Race
With Acoose.

Fred Appleby, the world's champion fifteen-mile runner, holder of many records of the running track, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his brother Joe, who is a homesteader near Battleford, and took up quarters at the Queen's hotel.

Appleby, though he could boast a record second to none, is a quiet, unassuming athlete from the land of John Bull. He is diminutive in stature, weighing only 120 pounds and standing but 5 feet 4 inches high, but is the real type of man built to lower the world's records. He must be, for this is what he did some five years ago, when the English sporting press spoke the praises of himself and Shrubbs. He holds, and is likely to hold for a long time, the following records: 12 miles record at 1.04; 13 miles, record at 1.09.20; 14, at 1.14.48, and 15, at 1.20.04 3-5. His best time at 20 miles is 1.56.20, made in the English Olympic record in a gale of wind and sleet. He led Duncan, Low and Beal, and then quit, numbed with the cold. Duncan won.

When a Free Press reporter discovered the little Englishman last evening, he was hobnobbing with his old club mate, Ray Foulds, and the two were recalling some of the races run on the cinder tracks in England. Appleby is one of the few men who is a life member of the Herne Hill harriers, a distinction which he received for his great performances in the athletic world, and curiously enough, Foulds, the founder of the Winnipeg North End club, is another of the ten or so life members, the two having been honored at the same time, Foulds on the eve of his departure to the scene of the South African war.

HOW HE STARTED.

"How did you come to take up running?" he was asked by the Free Press.

"I was nineteen at the time," he replied, "that's ten years ago. I was playing in a football game, and they thought I could run some and put me up against the crack man of the club, whom I beat by 1½ minutes in five miles. I stuck to the harriers after that, or perhaps I wouldn't be a runner at all or in Winnipeg now."

Appleby thinks the greatest race of his life was when he won the fifteen-mile race in which he lowered the world's record. In that race there were six competitors, but after two miles Appleby and Shrubbs singled themselves out from the rest and never were they separated by more than a few yards, with Appleby forcing the pace. In the tenth mile Shrubbs tempted fortune, but Fred would not be denied, and every inch of the ground was fought for. The sight of the men in the throes of that struggle will never be forgotten. With a lap to go, Shrubbs dashed to the lead, but his advantage was short-lived, as Appleby, straining every nerve, bore himself in triumph to the bitter end, and lowered the world's mark. Shrubbs was about ten seconds behind him, and also beat the previous best time. Appleby twice beat Shrubbs at this distance.

"Aldridge is out with a challenge for £50 to the world. Would you take him on?" asked the reporter.

"That's news to me," the little Englishman replied; "but I will be returning to England early next month, and will sure bargain with him. I beat him in the 15-mile race at Manchester, in which I beat Shrubbs, though he beat me across country several times, as I lacked the weight for heavy going."

Appleby and Shrubbs have figured in more races together when records have gone smash, for the two men were in the height of their careers at the same time.

PICKS ST. YVES TO WIN.

Since coming to Canada, Appleby has run two races. In Toronto he was numbed with the cold and was certainly not at his best when Simpson beat him. In last Saturday's race at New York he had to change shoes twice, so had little chance of catching St. Yves. He thinks St. Yves is the crack of them all at the Marathon distance, and picks him to beat Shrubbs in the twenty-mile grind on Saturday.

Appleby is being trained by his brother, and will limber up at the Arena rink this morning. He is looking forward to his race on Monday against Acoose, but as he knows little about the western Indian, he will not commit himself.

HALF-MILE RACE.

The half-mile open race, which is booked at the Arena rink to precede the Appleby-Acoose Marathon next Monday night, will have the following runners in it: Chas. Souch, Jimmie Connelly, C. J. Shuttleworth, Teddy Hamilton, and Joe Fleetfoot, a Grenfell reserve sprinter, who is coming down with Acoose. The entries for this event close on Saturday at noon, with F. Nelson Smith, at the Leland hotel. Reserved seat tickets for the races are in good demand. The plan opened yesterday at the Queen's hotel news stand.

SHRUBBS AND ST. YVES.

Montreal, May 12.—Henri St. Yves, who is now regarded as the world's greatest runner in the Marathon distance, will run in Canada next Sunday for the first time, when his opponent will be Alfred Shrubbs, the world's champion at 15 miles. They will meet in a 20 mile race on the National lacrosse grounds in the east end of the city. The start is to be made immediately after the Eastern league game between Providence and Montreal.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION MEETING.

An executive meeting of the Scottish Amateur Athletic association will be held in 54 Atkins building, this evening at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be up for discussion so all members are asked to be in attendance.