

## Sir Thomas Lipton, Noted Sportsman, Offers Cup to Yacht Racing Association

Sir Thomas Lipton, of International yacht racing fame, has offered a cup to the Class R boats of the Lake Yacht Racing Association. This will make the third Lipton Cup for Class R boats on the Great Lakes, both Lake Michigan and Lake Erie having had similar cups for a number of years.

Sir Thomas made his offer in a letter to W. Peck Farley, treasurer of the Rochester Yacht Club which was made public last night. The letter follows:

W. P. Farley, Esq.,  
Rochester Yacht Club,  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your very kind letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed care of "Yachting," has only just reached me on my return from Canada and am greatly obliged to you for your courtesy in writing me and making the proposal regarding a trophy.

It will give me very great pleasure indeed to present such a trophy for Class "R" on Lake Ontario and on my return to England I shall arrange to have a cup specially designed and made by the Goldsmiths & Silversmiths, Ltd., Regent street, London. I should be greatly

obliged if you would kindly let me have a copy of your Burgee and also would you send me a draft of the deed or gift. This is a matter I leave entirely to you, presuming that it would be a permanent challenge cup.

I greatly appreciate the compliment you have paid me in giving me the opportunity of arranging this matter, as it is always a great pleasure to me to contribute in however small a way to the encouragement of the glorious and health-giving sport of yachting.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS A. LIPTON.

Commodore Thomas Parsons, of the R. Y. C., will name a committee to draw up a deed of gift and to accept Sir Lipton's gift officially. The cup will be raced for next season. It was said by officials of the club yesterday.