

# R. Y. C. ACCEPTS CHALLENGE FOR CANADA'S CUP RACING

*Not to Hold Series with Belleville until 1926,  
However; Accept Olympian Conditionally.*

Canada's Cup racing, after a lapse of nineteen years, will be resumed on the Great Lakes in 1926 it developed at a meeting of the Rochester Yacht Club last night when the members voted to accept for 1926 the challenge of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, of Belleville, Ont., Canada. The club members also voted to accept conditionally the offer of the "P" Boat Olympian to the club to be fitted out as one of the craft to be eligible as challenger for the Fisher Cup races at Toronto in September.

While the challenge of the Dominion Club called for a series of races for the historic Canada's Cup, premier trophy of the Great Lakes, for early September of this year, the R. Y. C. had the right, according to the stipulations of the deed of gift, to put it off until the following year, inasmuch as the deficit was received so late in the year. The club holding the cup is permitted six months in which to reply and can then set its own date.

### Enough Events This Year.

It was decided that it would be to the best interests of the club, both in the defense of the Canada's Cup and in the attempt to life the Fisher Cup, that they take place in alternate years. The quest of the Fisher Cup is going to cost considerable money and it was decided the best financial assistance could be devoted to the defense of the Canada's Cup if held another year. The future of the yacht sport, it was agreed, would be better promoted in Rochester by carrying over one of the big trophy events rather than congesting them this year. For 1925 races have already been arranged for the Lipton Cup, which has been presented the R. Y. C. this year by Sir Thomas Lipton for "R" class racing, the historic Fisher Cup, for "P's," and the annual L. Y. R. A. regatta in the Bay of Quinte, which will include the Freeman Trophy race across the lake.

The offer of the owner of the Olympian turn it over to the club management be fitted out adequately to make it a

serious contender for the right to bear the R. Y. C. burgee against the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in the latter's defense of the Fisher Cup was accepted conditionally upon the fact that the offer made in writing. If the executive committee of the R. Y. C. and the owner of the Olympian, Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, can arrange a control similar to that under which the Alloede has been accepted, the "P" of the R. Y. C. fleet will be fitted with the required gaff-rigged trim at the club's expense. The move considered a mere formality as the owners of the Olympian are confident no hitch will develop in the signing of a written contract. Dr. Lalonde, owner of the craft, was unavoidably absent through illness last night. Last night's

action was on a petition of a committee headed by Frank Christy.

Charles VanVorhis was appointed head of a committee to raise the funds for outfitting the two boats for the series of elimination races to determine the challenger craft. About \$3,000 will be required to put the two in first-class racing trim and equipped with the gaff-rigged sails, both being Marconi-rigged at present.

The money will be raised by subscription among the members of the club and through an increased membership campaign which will probably be launched shortly.

It was voted also to accept the proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws of the club, a matter which had been under consideration for some time.