

ATHLETICS FOR THE POLICE WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING

Opinion of Those Who Have
Considered Organization of
Association for Force.

Why cannot London have a police athletic association? This is a question which has before this been considered by members of the force, and it is understood an effort was made at one time to have the force organize here, but without avail. Still that is no reason why the men should not have an organization if they desire to, and from talks with different people it is evident that a proposal of this kind would meet with approval.

Three cities in this province, such as Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa, in each of these places the association has had a good effect on the force, and has proved to the citizens that the police are a body well worthy of commendation.

In Toronto an association has been in existence for many years, and promises to continue to do so for years to come. It is claimed there by the inspector that much of the efficiency in the force is due to the fact that the men are kept in good physical condition by the use of dummy policemen working of the London force. The use of dummy policemen working of the London force is a fact, and anyone who knows the working of the London force will agree that Londoners have an intellectual body of men as can be found anywhere. The Canadian system has none of the electoral features that characterize the American police systems, and the men are invariably not only able as far as their physical development is concerned, but in their good supply of common sense.

IN OTHER CITIES.

It may be added that every year in Toronto an athletic tournament is held, and last season the Toronto association held its 21st annual. Every year there is an improvement on the preceding one, and the citizens generally take great interest in the proceedings. The games are under the auspices of the chief constable, and the police commissioners, who give every assistance to the well-working of the organization.

Hamilton also has a very live organization. Both Toronto and Hamilton association secretaries have been kind enough to forward copies of the constitution and regulations to the secretary in such case expresses a wish that London will fall in line and organize. The Hamilton secretary, Mr. Charles Gibby, remarks that "the association was organized in October, 1882, and from that time has been a success. The last summer was the first

BASKETBALL LEAGUE MAY BE FORMED OF Y. M. C. A. TEAMS

Local Association Has Plenty of
Hockey Material - "Wally"
Hopkins' Farewell.

In the past there has been some agitation to organize a basketball league among the Y. M. C. A. teams of several Ontario towns, and it is possible that the proposal may be brought up again this year. The places named for the league are Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton and London, and as far as is known, the first named was the only one that could not fall in with the idea. There is no sport more exciting to witness than basketball, and it has many followers in this city. The local association has put out a number of good strong teams, and has made quite a reputation for itself. This year, besides having a tournament between a number of teams, a team will be chosen to accept challenges from outside teams. The team that makes the best showing will be chosen for this honor. A team will go to Brantford on New Year's Day to play the association tournament. It will be likely that a good match will result. The team will be well-drilled before going. Mr. McLaren, the association's physical instructor, will use every effort to make the teams creditable this season.

PLENTY OF HOCKEY MATERIAL.

With the increased membership at the Y. M. C. A., there comes an increase in the interest in sports of different kinds. This was shown the other night when the first practice of the hockey players of the association was held. Seventeen players—all of them of more or less ability—were on the ice, and a good team for the City League will be forthcoming. The City League team have made arrangements for practices.

"WALLY" HOPKINS' DEPARTURE.

Concerning the departure of Mr. "Wally" Hopkins, who has joined the St. John's A. C. team, of this city, the Collingwood Bulletin of a recent date, has the following to say: "On Friday, Mr. Walter Hopkins, who has been a member of the staff of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the past two or three years, received notice to report at the London office of the same institution on the following Monday. On learning of his intended departure some forty or fifty of his friends gathered in the evening at the Cadillac to bid him farewell. Mr. D. Logan presided over the gathering, and after the refreshments provided had been enjoyed, Mr. Harry Storey, on behalf of the group, presented the guest of the evening with a beautifully engraved locket. Mr. Hopkins' departure from the town is universally regretted. He was a favorite with everyone, but his removal will be more keenly felt among the members of the hockey club, where he was especially popular. He will also be missed in lacrosse and hockey circles, having taken an active part in these games. On going to his new home in London, he carries with him the best wishes of his many friends."

TO FORM A LEAGUE.

A scheme is being worked up at the St. John's A. C. to organize a league to play hockey in the club. There is thought to be enough material in the association to form at least four good teams and parties now have charge of the matter who will endeavor to secure rink accommodation. The scheme is a good one and speaks well for the manner in which the club is broadening out. It would not only be a benefit to the members as far as the future hockey progress of the club is concerned, but it promotes what is best to see in local sports—the idea of

time that we have had to postpone games on account of the weather, and we have quite a snug sum in the hands of our treasurer. Our organization was started through the influence of Inspector Stark, of Toronto, as were also the organizations of Ottawa and Montreal. Mr. Stark also made an effort to start an organization in London, but was unsuccessful.

The secretary also gave a few details of the work, and hoped that London would soon form an association. The objects of the association are, of course, to cultivate and develop a taste for athletic exercises among its members, and the general advancement of all manly and athletic sports. The members in Hamilton pay one dollar a year each, the membership being confined to the police force. The association choose their own managers and the men feel more interest in their work as the result of belonging to such an organization.

HERE IN LONDON.

Here in London the police force have no such advantages. They have no gymnasium, nor any place where they can cultivate athletics. The only recreation offered is a guard room, as small as the sergeant's mess, where two or four can play dominoes. Cards are forbidden, and the only other thing a man can do in his spare time while at the station, is to read—what he brings there.

Some people who have given the matter a thought have come to the conclusion that it might be well worth the commissioners' while to inquire into the advisability of utilizing either of two places that could be transformed into a suitable recreation room at a small expense. One suggestion is to fix up a space over the carriage house, which might be done, or what seems more feasible, use the top portion of the station, which is at present unused for anything but storage purposes. Those who have been up say that for a very little the attic could be made habitable, and, nothing more, a billiard table could be installed. At any rate, it could be given a club aspect, and things made a little more comfortable for the force. There would be room there for a little gymnasium work—something that every constable ought to indulge in. A year ago a set or two of fine boxing gloves were presented to the men, but the gloves are seldom put on, as there is no place for them to practice. If a room such as suggested were fitted up, boxing could be indulged in.

Whether the commissioners would undertake the small expense is not known, but the men could not do themselves any harm by making an effort to get a few benefits in this way. There are about 25 men, exclusive of the sergeants, and if a well-managed association were formed they could not only do themselves good, but would prove a still greater benefit to the city. That is the opinion of many who have considered the question: "Why cannot London have a police amateur athletic association?"

giving all players in the city a chance to show their ability, if they have any.

TO ARRANGE A SCHEDULE.

On Wednesday night next a meeting of the Junior City League will be held at the rooms of the St. John's A. C., when it is likely a schedule will be drafted for the season. Several of the junior teams have been getting in some good practice lately and good hockey will be given from the start. In all probability the first game will be played at the Jubilee Rink on Jan. 2.

TO PLAY AT DELAWARE.

It is probable that the Waterloo, champions of last year's Junior City League, will play their first game on Tuesday next at Delaware. Negotiations have been under way and the team will have its first game away from home.

The Hortons, representatives of the city in the Junior O. H. A., had a good cross-country run last night. The distance was about four miles and was in the direction of Westminster Township. All wore heavy sweaters, as the night was cold. The run was made in very good time without a stop. The team is now in the pink of condition, and can be relied upon to do the city well.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS. At New Orleans—Montebank (W. Fisher), 1 to 4; Sadam (Cochran), 4 to 1; Sarah Maxim (H. Phillips), 1 to 1; Dr. Stephens (C. Irving), 25 to 1; Bobby (Minder), 4 to 1; Footlight Favorite (Higgins), 8 to 1.

LIPTON CHANGES HIS MIND.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup, when the silver service silver trophy was presented to him at a dinner held tonight at the Hyde Park Hotel. The dinner was attended by several members of the House of Commons, the members of the London presentation committee, and by nearly 100 American residents in London. United States Consul-General Evans presided, and in presenting the trophy said that it was unprecedented for such an honor to be paid a foreigner by the people of the United States, but that Sir Thomas Lipton had won the golden opinions of those from whom he tried to wrest the America's cup.

BASKETBALL.

BAN GETS A RAISE. Chicago, Dec. 18.—An evidence of their faith in President Ban Johnson, the officials of the American Baseball League, at their annual meeting here today, voted to raise his salary \$2,500 a year, the increase to last for six years, or as long as the present agreement of the clubs composing the league exists. This will make his salary \$10,000. In addition to this the officials unsuccessfully endeavored to persuade Johnson to accept a present of \$5,000, which they voted him in recognition of his work.

The principal topic under discussion at today's meeting was the Washington club and its affairs. President Johnson stated that everything had been practically arranged for the transfer of the Washington club to a new syndicate. As the syndicate's representation was unable to be present, Johnson will go to Washington to complete negotiations. A resolution was adopted giving Mr. Johnson power to act for the league, and the deal will be closed. Manager Loftus announced that he would not be with the Washington club next year, providing that he secured what he was asking for the club. A resolution was adopted to the effect that no club shall have more than sixteen players on the salary list after June 1. President Johnson was authorized to appoint a committee to change the constitution to conform the present

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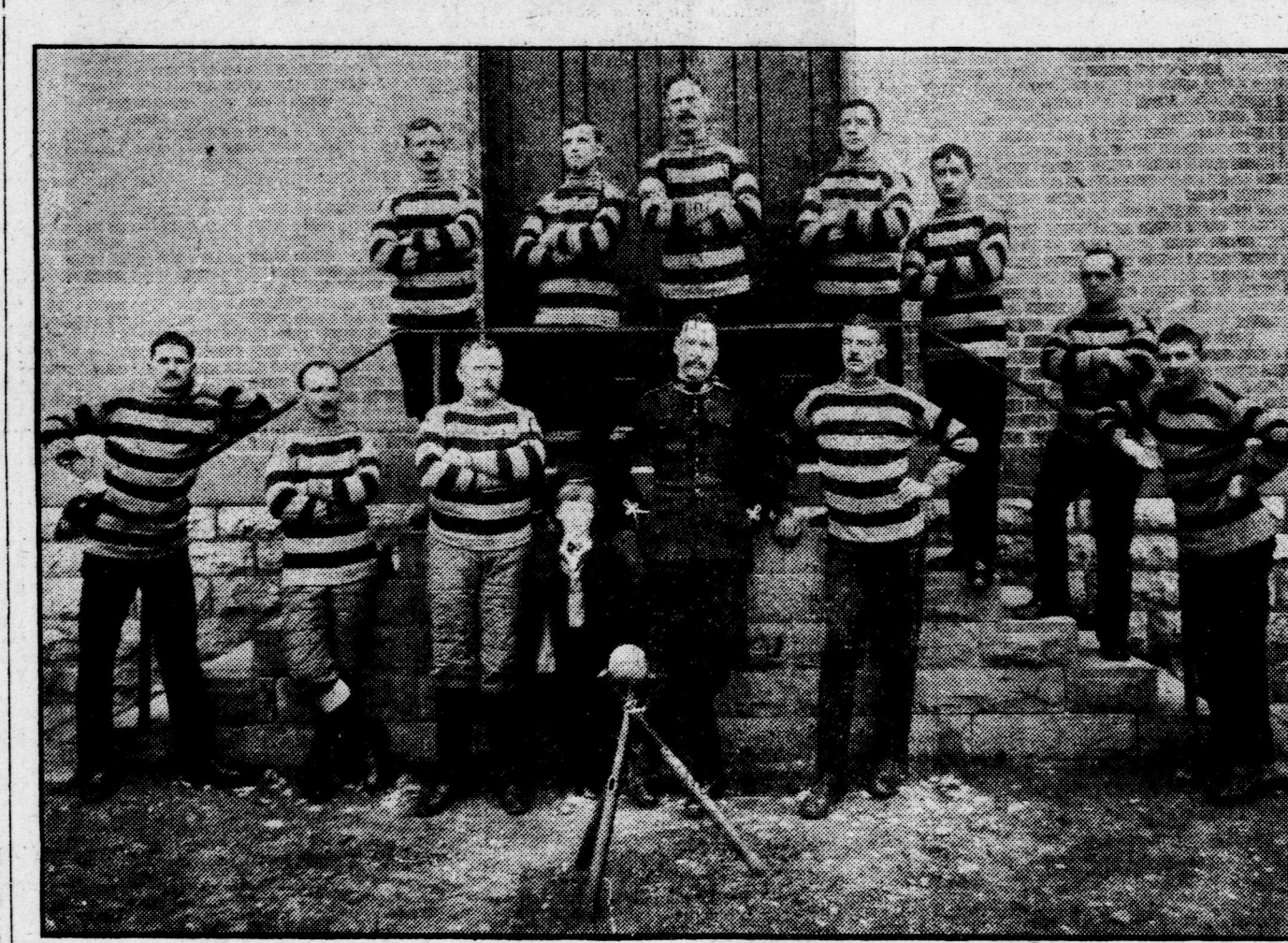
conditions of the new national agreement.

A schedule committee was also appointed, which will confer with a corresponding committee was constituted, the general sentiment of the magistrates was for a shorter schedule than the 154 games agreed upon, and it is said an effort will be made to bring the National League to come to the same view.

Adjourning was taken until March 2, when another meeting will be held in New York to ratify the work of the committee.

HOCKEY. The Delaware Hockey Club has organized, and would like to hear from any city team wishing a game. They

WOLSELEY BARRACKS INDOOR BASEBALL CLUB.



The Indoor Baseball Club of Wolseley Barracks showed last year, losing only one game during the entire season. This winter it expects to make a good record in the City Indoor Baseball League, and to the present it has won two and lost two games. In the rear row, in the illustration (reading from the left), are: W. Warwick, Chapman, Corp, McPadden (captain), Turf, McKean, Truesch and Mould. In the front row (reading from the left), are: McIntyre, Beales, Danley, Danley (manager), Mercer. If size counts for anything the Wolseley Barracks team should not be far from the top, if not at the top, at the end of the league race.

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CHIPS FROM THE ICE.

Galt has withdrawn from the Junior O. H. A. series.

Uxbridge will have a strong team in the intermediate series.

Hiscock, the former Frontenac goalkeeper, is playing with the Argonauts. During Christmas week Queen's hockey team will take an eastern tour as far as Cornwall, Perth, and Smith's Falls.

The Belleville Juniors were the first club to send the statutory declarations in to the O. H. A. secretary. They arrived Thursday.

Len Morrison, center forward of U. C. C. when they won the junior championship two years ago, has decided to play with St. George's H. C.

Belrose, who played point for the intermediate Marlboro last year, does not intend to go to Peterboro, as was reported, but will try for a place on the Marlboro team.

James Robinson, of Terre Haute, Ind., writes for a copy of the O. H. A. rules and regulations. There is a talk of forming a hockey team there. At present roller polo is the nearest approach to hockey in Terre Haute.

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County of Lambton; George Merril house and lot in the town of Petrolia, County of Lambton; Walter Little's farm, County of Waterloo; Mr. F. V. Talbot's farm, Township of Sombra; Walter McLean's farm, Township of Sombra; J. W. Rosebrough's farm, Township of Harward, County of Kent; T. G. Seyer's store and dwelling in the village of Rutherford. Over one million dollar's worth of real estate in Ontario was sold through the agency of the Western Real Estate Exchange, Limited, London, during the current year.

TALK OF BOARDING HOME

The Y. W. C. A. May Start One in
London.

Among the progressive associations for young people in this city, the Young Women's Christian Association holds a high place. It was organized some thirteen years ago as an offshoot of the Y. W. C. T. U., and has since been carried on with energy and earnestness of purpose. Its aim is to reach and throw good influences around young girls employed in the city, and to that end has carried on a work which is beneficial in its results and must be productive of much good. The work is divided into several departments, and all are efficiently conducted in a manner to give the best results.

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