



The Sporting World

Hockey, Basketball, Curling, Bowling.



Collingwood Case Settled Today O. H. A. Executive Take Up Matter

As announced on the front page of last night's Advertiser, the O. H. A. executive was scheduled to meet in Toronto this morning to decide the merits of the Hamilton hockey team's protest against Collins, the Collingwood player whom it is alleged is a professional.

Taylor, the Ottawa player, will present an affidavit, it is said, to the effect that Collins played with him on the Portage la Prairie team in 1906, and this evidence will be corroborated by Hudson, the Hamilton professional.

London will play its next game on Monday night here, either with Hamilton or Collingwood, and the price of admission will be 50 cents, including a seat in the gallery if desired.

The finals will consist of home-and-home games, and the first place of play will be decided today by a toss of a coin.

Midland looks like a sure winner in the eastern district, and London has an excellent chance of winning out at the western end of the argument.

If the result of the meeting at Toronto is made known before press time, it will be found on another page of this paper.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

O. H. A. Junior,
Stratford 6, Midland 6.
Independent,
Petrolia 10, Alvinston 2.

MAY BRING OUT NEW CHAMPION

The Ketchell-Sullivan Fight
Just Part of an Elimination Plan.

The Washington birthday battle between Stanley Ketchell and Mike Sullivan looms quite large on the list of events right now, owing to the fact that it will develop the right man to meet Billy Papke in the second round of the championship fight.

There is more chance of a bout between Ketchell or Sullivan and Papke than between either of those warriors and Kelly, owing to some differences in weight. Papke can do 152 on 154 quite easily—a weight very suitable to Ketchell or Sullivan—while Kelly, after the Papke fight, is hardly likely to limit himself to either 154 at 3 o'clock or 158 ringside again.

All fight fans, wherever located, are anxious to see a few good men come up, fit to fight Papke. Not that they want Billy to get trimmed, as every body likes him, but that they want to see some real battles, and no lopsided massacres, which he whips Kelly some crackjacks will have to come forward, and even if Kelly beats him he can still return to the 152-154-pound line and meet the best that can be found.

ROLLER RACE OFF CRI 'PIN FEARED

Hamilton, Feb. 21.—The match roller skating race between George Crispin, of London, and MacMasters, of this city, did not take place last night, as advertised. It is said that MacMasters flunked at the last moment and that Crispin will race Taylor, another local man, tonight.

Crispin will back himself heavily, it is said.

Lots of men are their own Jonahs. An electrical generator in a smelting plant at West Jordan, Utah, is said to have been in constant operation 24 hours a day for nearly four years and a half, with a single interruption, which was due to a broken pulley, for which the generator was in no way responsible.

Seventh Defeat Woodstock 10 to 9

One run was the margin by which the Seventh Regiment team defeated the Twenty-Second Rifles team of Woodstock last night at the Armories, the final score being 10 to 9.

When the teams first met at Woodstock some days ago, the locals had a snap and naturally looked to repeat last night. However, the Baby City aggregation showed remarkable improvement in form, and kept the Seventh men busy all the way to win out.

The district championship home and home games will begin at Windsor, Monday night, when the Seventh Players tackle the team there.

The line-ups and the score by innings:

Woodstock—Cosford, c; Bryce, p; Kuhn, 1b; Joyce, 2b; Dunlop, 3b; Collins, l.s.; Chambers, r.s.; Hay, r.f.; Childs, l.f.

London—Condon and Anderson, c; Orr and Richards, p; Penwarden, 1b; Nettleship, 2b; McColl, 3b; Myers, l.s.; Anderson and Condon, r.s.; Callahan, r.f.; Campbell, l.f.

Umpire—Jeffries.

Score by innings:

Woodstock 3 0 2 0 0 0 1 — 9
London 0 0 0 0 3 1 1 — 10

LOCAL CURLERS INVADE ST. THOMAS

Six local curling rinks took a little jaunt down to St. Thomas and defeat last night.

The ice was in excellent shape and the curling keen. The scores were:

St. Thomas.....14
London.....11
St. Thomas.....11
London.....11
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London.....11

EAST LONDON B. B. LEAGUE ELECTS

A large and well-attended meeting of the East End Baseball League was held last evening in the parlors of the Duke of York Hotel.

The meeting was an open one and was chiefly for the formation of the league, and the necessary business of the league was brought up, and it was decided that better accommodation must be made for the hundreds that come to see the games. Nothing definite was done, however, but more will be heard regarding this matter later on.

After giving every matter careful attention, the election of officers took place, for which there were keen contests, a tie vote being taken in one case. The following was the result:

Honorary Patrons—Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. C. S. Hyman, Major Beattie, M. P.

Honorary Presidents—Mayor Stewelly and ex-Ald. Thomas Gillean.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Ald. Parsons and Moorhead.

President—Mr. James Fitzgerald.

Vice-President—Ald. George E. Rose.

Secretary—Mr. R. Mitchell.

Treasurer—Mr. Frank Gray.

The officers elect to act as an executive, with the addition of Mr. Frank McLean.

Six teams were represented at the meeting—Somerville, Ramblers, Oriens, Wortman & Wards, North End Stars and the Anchors, who are an addition to the league, and well known as a team, from which many of the best players have graduated, and they will be welcomed back into the fold of sport.

MIDGETS AND VARSITY WINNERS AT THE GYM

The Wizards and the Lotfers took the court in the Y. M. C. A. basketball series last night by scores of 11 to 17, and 23 to 39.

The victorious teams were the Midgets and Varsity.

Both contests were speedy, and were witnessed by a large attendance.

Summary:

Wizards—George, Smith, defense; Stauch, center; Crosbie, Henderson, forwards.

Midgets—Brock, Logan, defense; Duffield, center; D. Wood, Glen, forwards.

Referees—Wood and Jepson.

Lotfers—Martin, Bacher, defense; DeShaw, center; Michael, H. Wood, forwards.

Varsity—Follinsbee, Jepson, defense; Moore, center; Poisson, Ross, forwards.

Referees—Brock and Stauch.

DAKOTA AND DIVORCE

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 20.—In the annual report of the bureau of vital statistics is made plain the reason why South Dakota does not want to give up the divorce business.

The bureau's report shows that during the year 1907 a total of 552 divorces were granted in the state, of which 220 were to non-residents, and it was a dull year in the divorce market, too.

The average spent by seekers for divorce during their six months' residence in South Dakota is not less than \$200 a month and probably much higher, but estimating the average cost of a Dakota divorce, including the expenses of setting up a residence, payment of attorney and court costs at \$1,500, the State of South Dakota last year took in \$800,000 for granting the 552 divorces to non-residents.

While 1907 was decidedly bearish in the divorce trade, owing to the agitation in the state for repeal of the law, if the income for the last year is taken as an average, South Dakota has realized \$5,000,000 from her divorce mill in the last decade.

This really is a low estimate, for most of those who come to South Dakota to be freed of chafing matrimonial ties are liberal spenders of money. Merchants send special orders for high-grade goods in anticipation of the divorce patronage, hotels fit up whole suites of rooms in the best trappings to make the sojourn pleasant, while it is a regular business to furnish house and rent them to unhappy wives for from \$75 to \$100 a month.

HOUD MARS BEAUTY

Beautiful German Actress Terribly Mangled by Wolfhound.

New York, Feb. 20.—Her beauty marred by the viciousness of a Russian wolfhound, which snapped savagely at her at the dog show last Friday, tearing away part of her nose, Kets Parsonson, perhaps the most beautiful German actress who ever came to America, is under the surgeon's care at her husband's home, at No. 20 West Eighth street.

Whether or not the mishap will prove a detriment to her professional career cannot be told until the bandages are removed and the full permanent extent of the injury becomes known. The beauty of this young actress, who is Mrs. A. C. Fox in private life, lay in the delicate perfection of the lines of her face. It was like a perfect cameo or a marble head, chiseled by some talented sculptor.

In the roles she played from the dramas of Ibsen, Suderman, Maeterlinck and Gorky, her classic features were an invaluable aid. They matched the delicate figure, with its graceful, flowing lines that have been depicted on canvas by great artists, wrought into marble by sculptors and immortalized in verse by poets. She is of the Botticelli type and her portrait by Wilton Hancock, one of his best works, is to be exhibited at the spring show. In this portrait she is shown as Ygraine in the "Death of Tintagiles," which was given last year by The Modern Theatre. She is sheathed in a marvelous gown of gold brocade which accentuates the lines of her neck and shoulders and sets off to perfection the pure outline of her face.

The models of the large bronze doors that the Washington sculptor, Louis Amaties, was authorized to design for the main west entrance of the capital, need only a few finishing touches before they will be ready to cast. These massive doors will be nearly eight feet in width and more than thirteen in height.

ROCKEY.

The local Collegiate hockey team journeyed to St. Thomas last evening and defeated the railroad students by a score of 4 to 3.

The half-time score was 1-1.

The line-ups:

London..... St. Thomas.
E. Reid..... R. Reid
H. Tennant..... Point
H. Lecky..... Cover
L. Gillis..... Rover
J. Greer..... Center
G. Jewell..... R. wing
Percy Page..... L. wing
Referee—Ted Howell.

The Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Statement

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada was held at the company's home office in Hamilton, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1908, at 2 p.m., Mr. David Dexter in the chair; Mr. W. H. Davis, acting secretary.

The annual report, as follows, was read and adopted, on motion of Mr. Dexter, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Kerns:

Your directors have the honor to present the report and financial statement of the company for the year which closed on Dec. 31, 1907, duly vouched for by the auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of 2,454 applications for insurance, aggregating \$2,534,100 57, of which 2,322 applications, for \$3,302,746 67, were accepted.

As in previous years, the income of the company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the company have been increased by \$770 12, and have now reached \$3,000,472 74, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for policyholders, including guarantee capital, amounted at the close of the year to \$3,370,472 74, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$2,786,256 74, showing a surplus of \$1,083,916. Exclusive of unallocated guarantee capital, the surplus to policyholders was \$213,916.

Policies on 95 lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$168,149 32.

Including cash dividends and dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, with annuities, the total payment to policyholders amounted to \$287,268 17.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the company's funds, in first-class bonds, mortgage securities and loans on the company's policies amply secured by reserves. Our investments have yielded a very satisfactory rate of interest.

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due effort for new business. The results of the year indicate a most gratifying progress. Compared with the preceding year, the figures submitted by the directors for your approval show an advance of nearly 10 2-3 per cent in assets.

The assurances carried by the company now amount to \$18,965,117 93, upon which the company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus.

Owing to the severe financial depression which has prevailed throughout this continent since about the middle of last year, the market prices of bonds, debentures and other negotiable securities of a like nature, issued prior thereto, were considerably lower at the end of the year than they were at the end of the preceding year, and so appear in the return made to the Government. These securities were purchased by our company to yield the best rates of interest obtainable at the time, and are intrinsically of the same value as when acquired, and we are practically in the same position as if the money had been invested in mortgages at a lower rate than the prevailing current rates.

The directors firmly believe that the present depression in the values of these securities is temporary only, but in the meantime they have thought it advisable and prudent to set apart an amount sufficient to cover the same.

The field officers and agents of the company are intelligent and loyal, and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful to the company's service.

Your directors are pleased to be able to state that the business of the company for the past two months of the current year has been of a most satisfactory character, and that the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. STEPHENS,
DAVID DEXTER,
President and Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the president and directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company: Gentlemen—We have carefully audited the books and records of your company for the year ending 31st December last, and have certified to their accuracy.

The cash and journal vouchers have been closely examined and agree with the entries in the records.

The debentures, bonds, etc., in the possession of the company have been inspected, whilst those deposited with the Government or banks have been verified by certificate, the total agreeing with the amount as shown in the statement of assets.

The accompanying statements, viz., revenue and expenditure, assets and liabilities, show the result of the year's operations and also the financial position of the company.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. STEPHENS,
DAVID DEXTER,
Auditors.

Financial Statement for 1907.

RECEIPTS.	
Premium and annuity income	\$ 625,939 29
Interest, rents and profit on sales of real estate	141,338 34
\$ 767,277 63	
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid to policyholders	\$ 287,268 17
All other payments	223,110 30
Balance	256,899 16
\$ 767,277 63	

ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1907.

Debentures and bonds	\$ 880,574 84
Mortgages	853,305 45
Loans on bonds, stocks, etc.,	552,770 32
All other assets	683,822 43
\$3,000,472 74	
LIABILITIES.	
Reserve fund	\$ 2,705,577 00
Death losses awaiting proofs	34,935 00
Contingent fund to cover temporary depreciation in debentures and bonds	22,847 74
Other liabilities	23,197 00
Surplus on policyholders' account	213,916 00
\$3,000,472 74	
Assets	\$3,000,472 74
Guarantee capital	870,000 00
Total security	\$ 3,870,472 74
Policies were issued assuring	3,302,746 57
Total insurance in force	18,965,117 93

After the adoption of the report the retiring directors were re-elected for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the retiring officers and the executive committee were re-elected.

SATURDAY BARGAINS

The best is none too good for you. That is why we are offering you 10 cent cigar made in London, four for 25 cents.

OMEARA'S CIGAR STORE
Phone 2405. Grand Opera Block.

AROUND THE SPORTING CIRCUIT

"Hereafter there will be no one allowed in the grandstand but the officials of the London and visiting teams, and the press representatives."

Such was the statement given out by Mr. W. J. Reid, owner of the Princess Ice Palace, this morning. A list of those eligible to occupy seats in the stand will be made out, and those not on the list will be excluded.

These steps were made necessary by the overflow which occurred at the last two games, when some of the officials were compelled to stand in the rear of the crowd, and were able to see but part of the play.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE LONDON has been heard of in the aquatic line, and the Thames Boat Club project should be encouraged, if for no other reason.

It is estimated that at least \$3,000 will be required to put the club on a solid basis, and already nearly one-third of that amount has been subscribed.

It is proposed to erect a clubhouse on the old Scarrow property, just this side of the Dundas street bridge, and to make the structure one that London can feel proud of, even if it isn't a mansion.

Shares in the club will be sold at \$10 each, and can be procured of Mr. Arthur Keene, secretary-treasurer of the club.

There is no healthier pastime than boating, and the movement should receive the unqualified support of every loyal Londoner.

The river, it is said, can be dredged at a cost of something like \$450, and if this is done a big regatta is promised in the near future.

THERE NOW SEEMS TO BE NO DOUBT but what the International League will be a fixture here next season. As is shown by the letter Mr. Reid received from Mr. Wreath, all arrangements will be completed this month, and we anticipate with pleasure the possibility of seeing some fast ball in London.

It is now up to the City League to take action with a view to procuring other grounds for next season.

FINE SCORES ON THE IDEAL ALLEYS

Some very fine scores were made by the Ideal bowlers on their alleys last evening. Capt. Ben Waterworth taking high single and high average, with B. Finchamp and R. Graham close up, Waterworth's individual scores were 235, 226, 181; Finchamp's, 232, 170, 202;

Graham's, 223, 175, 205. Waterworth's lowest score was made with three very bad splits for a start, but the old warhorse overcame these in the remaining frames. Following are the team scores: First game, 975; second, 947; third, 937. Total, 2,859.

Sporting Jottings From Scissors, Pen and Wire What Is Doing in Local and Foreign Athletics

SAID DAVEY BOLE YESTERDAY: "Had we known that there would be no game tonight, we would have run up a much larger score than we did on Preston."

Some people are never satisfied.

BASEBALL IN ST. THOMAS.

"HANK" HUMPHREY HAS RECEIVED a letter from the manager of the Cuban Giants' baseball team, who want to come to St. Thomas for the 24th of May. On behalf of the St. Thomas club "Hank" has accepted the terms of the Giants for that day and has secured the Pinafore Park diamond.

THE WOODSTOCK HOCKEY TEAM will likely visit St. Thomas one evening this week or next.—St. Thomas Times.

NAUGHTY ROOTERS.

IF FRANK PATRICK HAD FOLLOWED THE ADVICE OF THE ROOTERS behind him in the Ottawa-Victoria game, Marty Walsh would have been a candidate for the operating table. Some of the Victoria supporters kept yelling to Patrick to "chop Walsh's head off." Marty has a habit of getting in front of the nets when there is a chance for a goal, and in Saturday's game he did this dozens of times. Walsh had Robinson so nervous that he couldn't stop a ball, and Patrick and Kennedy were also kept busy watching him. Patrick played a clean game throughout, but that he did not cut Walsh was no fault of the "blanchettes"—Ottawa Citizen.

THE POT IS BOILING.

THE LACROSSE POT IS BEGINNING to boil over already.

Although it is very early yet, the big gymnast on Peel street, belonging to the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, is already humming at night with lacrosse situation talk, and Shamrock magnates may be seen almost any day on St. James street discussing matters.

That there will be lots of trouble is generally anticipated, for it is hardly to be wondered at that the players, seeing the wonderful salaries which hockey men are getting, are feeling as if they would like to have an opportunity like that themselves next season.—Montreal Star.

CHAUCER'S \$25.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION procured at the Montreal Arena Saturday night, Chaucer Elliott declined to go on the ice as referee, unless he was paid \$25. Elliott is located in Montreal, having been appointed permanent coach of the Montreal hockey and football teams, and his demand it is said was looked upon with askance by the Victoria people in particular. However, Chaucer was obdurate and intimated he wasn't in the business for the fun of it, and the coin was passed over to him without further ado. Kirby received \$15 for his services, which after all traveling and hotel expenses were deducted, left him about square on the trip.

SECTION 22 READS: E. C. H. L.

Laws of Hockey—"Referees will collect half their expenses from each of the contesting clubs, the amounts allowed being as follows: Between Montreal and Quebec, \$15; between Montreal and Ottawa, \$15; between Quebec and Ottawa, \$25."—Ottawa Free Press.

PULLIAM A HOCKEY FAN.

A DISPATCH FROM OTTAWA SAYS: Harry Pulliam, president of the National Baseball League, was one of the hottest supporters that the Ottawa was had at the Victoria game. Decked with red, white and black, the famous baseball magnate rooted until he was hoarse. When Fred Taylor went down and scored for Ottawa, Pulliam almost collapsed with enthusiasm.

JUST LIKE LONDON.

TORONTO NEWS: In Collingwood they think hockey, talk and almost eat hockey. It is the one great sport of the town, and any team that beats Collingwood at its favorite game know that it has been playing. If they don't win the championship it will not be because of want of encouragement.

PREMATURE TALK.

AND GUELPH HOCKEYISTS ARE going to do wonders next year. A new rink, new team and new everything. Well, we'll wait till next season and see.

LONDON, TOO.

IN AN ACCOUNT OF A RECENT HOCKEY MATCH a Berlin writer says: I think the crowd was well handled, but why the management allowed the small boy to usurp the reserved seats and press box after the first half I can't understand.

BURNS, AHOY!

JIM JEFFRIES has unearthed a new wonder in the heavyweight class named Horst Hook, a Boer, who has been defeating all comers in Africa and India. He is said to be taller and heavier than Jeffries, who says he will attempt to develop the Boer into a fighter of champions.

Jeff will take Hook to Hot Springs for a course of training.

A NEW STAR.

CONNIE MACK WHO IS ALWAYS DIGGING UP STARS no other manager ever heard of, is out with the announcement that he has unearthed another wonder. Recently Mack made a trip to the coast in quest of players and he secured at least one in whom he has all kinds of confidence. The player in question is a left-handed pitcher by the name of Krause. Mack saw him work in several games with the Santa Clara, Cal., team, and was stuck on his work. He claims that in Krause he has another Waddell, but he is not quite so crazy as the original Mack, dug Jack Coombs up when he was pitching with the Colby College team in Maine. Few managers know such a pitcher as Coombs existed, but Mack has since said that he had his eye on Coombs three years before he broke into the big league, and secured the pitcher's consent to give Mack first chance at his service.

WILL TOMMY FLUNK?

BOB FITZSIMMONS says that he doesn't think Tommy Burns will ever meet Sam Fitzpatrick's colored heavyweight, Jack Johnson.

"I do not figure," said the ex-champion, "that Burns will ever take on Johnson, for he knows what would happen. He has a couple of 'punch' bouts in England and Ireland. Why, when I was traveling around the country meeting all comers, I was stopping better boxers than Palmer and Roche in two or three rounds."