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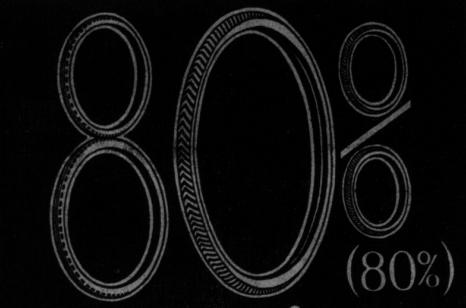
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## FINE OUTLOOK FOR AMATEUR LACROSSE BOOST THE GAME FOR KIDS IS SLOGAN

### Splendid Reports Presented at Annual Meeting of Ontario Association—President-Elect Lancaster to Lead in Campaign to Interest the Youngsters.

"Boost Lacrosse for the Kids" was the slogan of the fifth annual convention of the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association yesterday at Victoria Hall, where delegates and others interested in the welfare of Canada's great outdoor sport, gathered to discuss the prospects for the coming season. From a point of enthusiasm the meeting was a splendid success, and the various officers who were elected for the ensuing year have wide fields of influence, as they are scattered all over the province, and they promised extensive efforts this season, and the delegates present directed them to display considerable initiative in their work. The main project is to foster the idea of the "kid" series, so that the future of the game will take care of itself for the end medals will be donated to any town which can produce a team of players under fourteen years of age. The idea of a midweek lacrosse league was suggested by Waghorne, failed to impress the convention, and his motion to institute this series was lost, although the meeting generally was in favor of accepting the motion, if it could have been explained logically.

The delegates in attendance were: J. S. Johnston, B. Coombs, M. Dinmore, Beaches Club (junior and juvenile), J. T. Dinson, Havelock (juvenile), W. Westwood, St. Catharines (senior); G. Bullen, W. Scott, A. Smith, Len Smith, Young Toronto (senior and juvenile); J. VanDusen, Tara (juvenile); E. Hayes, J. Labatt, Toronto Lacrosse League (senior); E. Doyle, Newmarket and Aurora (juvenile); and W. R. Falls, Oakville.

From the above it will be seen that three senior teams a goodly number of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, and one in St. Catharines, the Athletics, and one in a few other cities in the junior and juvenile series, but these, it is expected, will be the mainstay of the game in the coming season, for everyone went away from the meeting firmly resolved to boost, and boost hard, the game.

**President's Address.**  
President Charles (Fate) Hocking presided, and a fine attendance was on hand at the opening of the morning session. The president's address was, in part, as follows:

"The year just closed has not been a flourishing one for this association, it is gratifying to know that it was thru no lack of interest in lacrosse, but because the boys who played lacrosse have gone in for the more exciting game in Europe. The number of boys who are now fighting in France makes a difference in the number of teams in the association in the past year. In the fall of 1915 whole teams enlisted in a body, which was shown by the good lacrosse played at Camp Sordani last summer. I regret to say that a number of the boys have died the supreme sacrifice. To their friends and relatives I wish to convey my deepest sympathy.

"We had very little trouble during the season, there being only one protest, which was withdrawn. I regret the intermediate series had an unsatisfactory ending. Your executive did everything in their power to bring Campbellford and Orangeville together, but were unsuccessful in their efforts. The Ontario Lacrosse League, carrying with it The Globe Shield, The Beaches was the junior championship, entitling them to the Maple Leaf Shield.

"I wish to thank the officers and executive for their willing assistance in the work of the association. It is with regret that during the past year this association lost a good friend in the late Mr. W. H. Hall. Mr. Hall for years secretary of the O. A. A., and on retiring the association thought so well of his services as to make him honor past president. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family.

"You have before you today amendments to the different series. I hope you will go into these thoroughly, as it looks as though the future of this association will depend greatly on bringing up the younger boys to take the place of those who have gone to the front. I wish to thank you for electing me to the highest office within the gift of the association. I tried to do my duty, and assure you I shall always remember the friends I have made while connected with this association. I wish the association every success in the future, and will always be ready to give any help that will be in the interests of our national game.

**Financial Report.**  
Secretary Jas. B. Dundas presented a very complete report of his first year's work, which showed that last season there were only 200 certificates issued—50 senior, 45 intermediate and 105 juvenile. In the senior series there were three teams, Young Toronto, St. Catharines and Riverdale, and congratulate the championship and the Globe Shield, the juvenile championship being won by the Beaches of Toronto from Tara in the final game after a very close and close contest. During the past season we had only one protest entered, and it was withdrawn. The treasurer's report was satisfactory as ever presented, especially at falling off in the teams entered. The balance on hand is \$38.51, but Treasurer W. McArthur accounts for this because of the numerous enlistments from the association, but reports that, although the balance is as large as last year, the association is free from debt.

Amendments to the constitution were put forward by the various delegates, but the majority of them were shelved for the time being anyway. A big controversy arose over the introduction of midweek series, but this was finally lost. The age limits in the junior and juvenile series were changed after a lengthy discussion, and several amendments to the amendments. The junior series age limit

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## WENTWORTH JONES WON FROM BIG FIELD

Seven Heats and Final in Handicap Dash at Broadview Swimming Meet.

A very successful swimming meet was held in the Broadview Y. natatorium on Good Friday afternoon, six events being well contested before a good crowd. In addition, a very fine exhibition of fancy swimming and the methods of the Royal Life Saving Society was put on. Messrs. Crighton, Bryce, Bartlett, Lyons, Watt and Tigers filling the star roles. The result:

40-yard speed handicap: First heat—1, Jack Crighton; 2, Bert Fowler; 3, John Clements. Time 41 sec. Second heat—1, Bill Lang; 2, Carl Loughhead; 3, Hector Douglas Pollock; 4, Birrell Mercer; 5, Malcolm Adam. Time 55 sec. Fourth heat—1, Wentworth Jones; 2, Alex. Strachan; 3, Winston Clark. Time 48 sec. Fifth heat—1, Earl Davis; 2, Ross McCullough; 3, Murray Sturrock. Time 49 sec. First semi-final—1, Jack Crighton; 2, Bill Lang; 3, Douglas Pollock. Time 47 sec. Final—1, Wentworth Jones; 2, Earl Davis; 3, Jack Crighton. Time 49.1 sec.

The 200 yards speed handicap was run in two heats, and was decided by the best handicap times: First heat—1, John Collison; 2, Richard Pross; 3, Leslie Jack Crighton; 4, Winston Clark. Final result—1, Bill Lang; 2, John Collison, time 5:35; 3, John Collison, time 5:41.02.

The 40 yards back race (handicap) was also decided by the best handicap times: First heat—1, J. Collison; 2, C. Loughhead; 3, Alex. Strachan; 4, James Watt; 5, Birrell Mercer; 6, Archie Bryce. Time 43.5. Final result—1, J. Collison; 2, J. Watt; 3, D. Mercer. Next to the 40-yard speed, the junior diving was the biggest event of the meet, nine good divers hotly contesting for three places. Birrell Mercer, with 48% points, just winning out over Jack Glover by just a quarter of a point. John

## HARTFORD SYSTEM TROT INNOVATION

Overnight Events Predominate in Grand Circuit at Charter Oak.

Hartford, April 6.—The action of the Connecticut Fair Association, managers of the Hartford Grand Circuit meeting, in making practically the entire racing program a late closer, will naturally attract particular attention from owners and trainers, most of whom acting indirectly for owners, are forced to make heavy stake payments long before the events are called, and often several weeks previous to the opening of the actual training season.

The Hartford program of fifteen races, with two exceptions, do not call for entries of nominations until August 20, while the meeting opens on Monday, September 3. This is a system so much in contrast with the regular practice of days previous to the opening of the Grand Circuit meeting, as a time difference of almost four months, with entrance fees payable at separate dates on the installment plan.

Under the changes adopted by the Hartford Association only two events—namely, the colt races, are early closers on the regulation installment plan payments, each worth \$2000, and for which entries close on May 1. Two other events, both features for the trotting and pacing divisions, are announced as "intermittent" races, that is, classes to which entries can be made at different dates. These are the Battle Royal, for 2:00 or faster trotters, and the free-for-all pace, valued respectively at \$5000 and \$3000.

Clements was a very close third, with 47 points. Six good divers contested in the senior diving, and the result was just about as close as the other diving event. Taavi Tigert winning by a small margin over vice-Crighton, with Dick Lyons a bang-up third, their respective totals of points being 61, 59 1/2, 55 1/2.

The relay race (handicap) was as exciting as it usually is, three well matched teams competing with the following results: 1, Les Bartlett, C. Loughhead, J. Watt, J. Collison; 2, T. Tigert, R. Lyons, H. Crighton; 3, Alex. Strachan, W. Clark, Jones, A. Strachan, W. D. Nicol. Announcer—H. W. Kingsley. Times—three places, Birrell Mercer, with 48% points, just winning out over Jack Glover by just a quarter of a point. John



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