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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 a wide field 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 be assured, and to this end medals will be donated to any town which can produce a winner from a group of four teams or more with players under fourteen years of age. The idea of a midweek game, as put forward by Fred 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: Y. S. Johnston, B. Coombs, Mattias Club (juvenile); N. Parliamant, E. Dinmore, Beaches Club (junior and juvenile); J. T. Dineen, Havelock (juvenile); G. Westwood, St. Catharines (senior); G. Bullen, W. Scott, A. Smith, Len Smith, Young Toronto (senior and juvenile); E. Hayes, St. Simons (juvenile); C. R. VanDusen, Tara (juvenile); E. Hayes, J. Labatt, Toronto Lacrosse League (juvenile); F. Waghorne, Riverdale (senior); E. Doyle, Newmarket and Aurora (juvenile); and W. R. Pella, Oakville (juvenile).

From the above it will be seen that three senior teams are expected this season in Toronto, Riverdale and Young Toronto, and one in St. Catharines. The Athletics, therefore, are a few entries in the junior and juvenile series, but these, it is expected, will be the longest long before the season opens by others, for everyone went away from the meeting firmly resolved to boost, and boost hard, for the game.

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 made 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 Sorden last summer. I regret to say that the number of boys have made the same 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. I tried to bring the Ontario Lacrosse League and the Ontario Lacrosse Association together, carrying with it The Globe Shield. The Beaches won 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. L. A. and on retiring the association thought so well of his services as to make him an honorary member. 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 tho 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.

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—60 senior, 45 intermediate and 35 juvenile. In the senior series there were three teams, Young Toronto, St. Catharines and Riverdale, and in the intermediate series, Young Toronto and 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 a most satisfactory one, showing the conclusion of a trying year, and the balance on hand is \$28.51, but Treasurer W. McArthur accounts for this because of the numerous enlistments from the association, but reports that, although the balance is not 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 the age limits in the junior and juvenile 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

will be under 19 years Jan. 1, instead of under 21, and the juvenile series age limit will now be under 16, instead of 18. Eugene Dugg's amendment to divide the playing time into three twenty-minute periods was not even discussed, but his other motion to the playing rules was passed, which allows any player while in possession of the ball to go within the opponent's goal crease, and any goal scored in so doing shall be counted for the team scoring same. But, no player shall go within the crease to check the goalkeeper. This rule received considerable opposition from the older element of the delegates, who pointed out the futility of such a move, as it would only bring back the days when the crease was open ground, and the goal-tenders were helpless before attacks. However, it was pointed out that often players were carried on by the momentum of their rush on goal, they had overriden the crease and had shot and scored from within the crease, but of course, the goal was disallowed under the old rule.

Remember Meeres. A motion was passed by which letters of condolence will be forwarded to Francis Nelson, hon. past president of the association, who recently lost a son at the front; to the relatives of W. H. Hall, another hon. past president, who died away during the year, and also to Blaney McGuire of Orangeville, who lost a son at the front some time ago. A vote of thanks was extended to the press, and the association thankfully received the offers of donations of medals for the "kid" series from J. D. Bailey, Chas. Querries, W. J. Westwood and Fred Barlett. The acceptance by the membership of the Oakville Lacrosse Club was unanimously voted upon, and the medals were presented to Young Toronto, champions of the senior series, and the Beaches, champions of the intermediate series, by James Stevenson and Francis Nelson, respectively. The Junior Challenge Cup was presented to the champions of the junior series in 1915, Dan Rose, on behalf of the association, presented President Hocking with the past president's medal, to which he fittingly responded.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Charles (Fate) Hocking. First vice-president—Fred Jacob, Toronto. Second vice-president—W. J. Westwood, Toronto. Treasurer—W. McArthur, Toronto. Secretary—J. B. Dundas, Toronto.

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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 Tipton filling the star roles. The results:

40-yard speed handicap: First heat—1. Jack Crighton; 2. Bert Powell; 3. John Clements. Time 51 sec. Second heat—1. Bill Lang; 2. Carl Loughhead; 3. Hector Crighton. Time 51 sec. Third heat—1. Douglas Pollock; 2. Birrell Mercer; 3. 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 McCulloch; 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 220 yards speed handicap was run in two heats, and was decided by the best handicap times: First heat—1. John Collison; 2. Richard Lyott; 3. Leslie Bartlett. Time 51 sec. Second heat—1. Jack Crighton; 2. Winston Clark; 3. Alex. Strachan. Time 47 sec. Final—1. Wentworth Jones; 2. Earl Davis; 3. Jack Crighton. Time 49.1 sec.

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 48½ points, just winning out over Dick Glover by one-quarter of a point. John

**HARTFORD SYSTEM  
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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 such Grand Circuit meetings, as a time difference of almost four months, with entries close on May 1. Two other events, both features for the trotting and pacing divisions, are announced as "intermittent" races, that is, closes to which entries can be made at different dates. These are the Battle Royal, for 2,000 or faster trotters, and the free-for-all race, 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 Tipton winning by a small margin over Dick Crighton, with Dick Lyons a bumper third, their respective totals of points being 61, 59½, 55½. 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. Tipton, R. Lyons, H. Crighton; 3. W. Jones, A. Strachan, W. Clark. Officials: Starter—W. D. Nicol. Announcer—H. W. Kingston. Times: Three places, Birrell Mercer, with 48½ points, just winning out over Dick Glover by one-quarter of a point. John



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