

# Local Sentiment Favors Admitting More Teams To Senior Loop

## SOUTHERN EXPANSION FINDS FAVOR IN CITY

Wild Conjectures Circulating On Eve of Baseball Confab Tonight.

### NOTHING DEFINITE

Rumor Says Chatham and Lucan Would Enter Amateur Circuit.

So far the only flourishing center of baseball that rumor has not had applying for a berth in the Southern Amateur Baseball League is Broughdale. The league meets tonight at the chamber of commerce, and wild reports are flying around regarding unexpected developments.

Last night the L. A. A. A. baseball sub-committee met and decided to enter a senior team again, and Messrs. Bill Friend and H. Ferguson will represent the L. A. A. A. at tonight's meeting. Apparently the committee had heard some of the rumors, but didn't attach much significance to them.

One rumor says that there will be delegates from Lucan and Chatham asking for berths in the loop at tonight's confab. This is as indefinite as some of the other rumors flying about, and probably as true. Chatham would be a handy entry for Sarnia. The Briscos of that place showed their class last season in an exhibition series with St. Thomas, and if they wanted to try a stab at the senior band, would be hard to overlook.

Lucan has some claim to recognition, too. It has always been a stronghold of baseball, and has always been up there, or thereabouts, in the North Wellington League. Sarnia, Brantford and Stratford are the definite applicants for tonight's meeting. What is liable to happen to these three applications is mere conjecture. The local committee decided last night to instruct its delegates to vote for the rival, but of all applications, in the belief that the expansion of the league would be fully justified by results and the interest aroused.

## ST. THOMAS CURLERS BEATEN BY THISTLES

Feature Is Cameron's 20-5 Win Over Bert Heaman's Rink.

Five rinks of St. Thomas curlers picked up their stones at the Thistle rink last night, one shot down on the night's proceedings. W. K. Cameron handed his rink a 20 to 5 thrashing as the most decisive win of the competition.

The rinks and scores: St. Thomas, Thistles. J. Stuart, C. J. Hillier. A. Saunders, P. Brown. W. Stapleton, T. Freeman. Maj. Stanbury, T. McCullough. W. Heil, J. E. Deane. R. Hatch, C. S. Stanfield. W. Homister, C. E. German. Joe Rivard, 9 E. Morren. 13 E. Cahill, I. Bucknell. W. Coulter, P. E. Shaw. J. M. Kirby, Bert Barbour. F. Sutherland, 11 A. M. Trick. 14 J. Shaw, P. Britton. W. Vair, W. Turnbull. J. Chantler, Geo. Gibson. H. Gough, 7 C. K. Bluet. 17 J. Cowley, L. McWhinney. F. Nivens, R. D. McDonald. J. Stewart, A. J. McCuffin. W. Cameron, 20 Bert Heaman. 5

## Eber Gets Acid Test Tonight

Obernesser Says Champ Is Fit, and Eber Says "Right."

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Feb. 19.—Unless Chalky Wimer of Pittsburgh falls off the train between here and Buffalo today there will be no "substitution card" posted in the lobby of the Standard Theatre tomorrow night. The Albino coal miner left the Smoky City last night and landed in Buffalo today. He left there at noon and is due here late this afternoon. Bobby Eber and Walter Obernesser came over from Hamilton yesterday and the little idol of Ontario fight fans presented certificates from the Ontario boxing commission's doctor in Hamilton saying that he was in shape and ready to battle ten rounds. "Eber laid off three months and when he started to train two months ago had ten pounds of excess weight on him," said Obernesser. "He ground most of that off on the roads and then went into the gym and donned the gloves. He showed me that he was fit and ready when he went ten rounds against Dunn in Brantford ten days ago. If he does not whip Wimer, and whip him good, tomorrow night, then I'm looking for a new ace for my stable." Eber certainly looked fit and ready. As usual he hadn't anything to say about his prospects. All he said was, "Tell the boys I'm ready."

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## Alerts Invited To Ice Fixture

Local Baseball Champs To See Tiger-Canadian Clash.

The Alert Intermediates who won the London Inter-Club baseball championship and went through two rounds of the O. B. A. A. series will be the guests of the Alert Club at the Hamilton arena March 1 when Goldie Procter and his fellow Tigers meet Canadians in the closing game of the N. H. L. series.

## BRANTFORD BLANKED 6-0 BY GUELPH SEXTET

Losers Checked To Standstill At All Stages of the Struggle.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, Feb. 19.—Playing the same brand of hockey which carried them through to the finals last year the Guelph O. H. A. intermediates tonight defeated Brantford here, 6-0. They will go to Brantford Thursday for the return game. There was nothing to it, but Guelph from hell to bell, Brantford being checked to a standstill at all stages. Their shots on the Guelph citadel were few and far between, while had it not been for the almost uncanny work of Summerhayes, the Brantford goalie, who repeatedly stopped shots with goal tacks on them, the score would have been much larger.

Brantford ran a special train, bringing along about 300 fans, but they didn't get much of a chance to cheer. The crack forward line, George, Haas and Freeman, could not get going at any stage, and they had to do most of their shooting from outside defence. Craven, local left wing, kept up his scoring record by netting three goals. Bourgault got two on lone rushes, while Roque and Mitchell accounted for the other two. Holland stopped everything that came his way, while for the almost uncanny work of Summerhayes, the Brantford goalie, who repeatedly stopped shots with goal tacks on them, the score would have been much larger.

The teams: Brantford—Goal, Summerhayes; defence, Bicknell, O'Connor, centre, Haas; wings, Freeman and George; subs, Speck and Block. Guelph—Goal, Hollands; defence, Little and Bourgault; centre, Mitchell; wings, Roque and Craven; subs, Corrigan and Woods. Referee—G. Hillier, Kitchener.

## HOSPITAL QUARTETS UP ONE SHOT ON L. C. C.

Lyle Street Curlers Will Play Return Matches This Evening.

Ontario Hospital curlers were up one shot in a three-rink set at the London Curling Club last night. The London curlers go back to the hospital rink tonight.

The results: London C. C. Ont. Hospital. A. R. C. Hound, H. Houston. Calder, W. Sanderson. R. Brooks, G. Reynolds. A. Wanless, 15 Dick Baker. 6 P. Watt, P. Watt. Reynolds, H. Doan. Morrison, E. Webb. N. K. Wanless, 10 W. Martin. 20 Coates, G. May. Beag, Dr. Cathcart. McKenzie, G. Whiting. Aked, 15 Dr. Turner. 16

## Sarnia Confident of Senior Berth

Tunnel City Makes All Preparations To Enter Southern.

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, Feb. 19.—Pending motion of the Southern Ontario Baseball League in London tomorrow, a Sarnia organization has been formed, to handle advance matters appertaining to putting this city in senior baseball. At a recent meeting of baseball fans, L. J. McKury was appointed president; A. W. Tennant, secretary-treasurer; Beattie Jennings, assistant secretary-treasurer, and J. Schaeffer, team manager. Mr. Tennant was appointed delegate to attend the organization meeting tomorrow.

**ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE 110,000**

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 19.—Arrangements have been made to accommodate 10,000 persons to witness the English Cup final at Wembley on April 26. Of this number 23,000 will be seated. All the five shilling, seven shilling and guinea seats have been over applied for already.

## CHURCH TROPHY PASSES TO L. D. S.

Askins Elks Go Down Before Speed of Maitland Street Six.

Latter Day Saints are now champions of the local Church Hockey League, and holders for one year of the trophy emblematic of the title by virtue of their 3-2 win over Askins Elks at Westminster Rink last night.

It was a good game—it was a dog-gone good game. It was the best game seen in the church circuit this year, and that says a lot. By the time the final bell tinkled the L. D. S. crew had the Elks run off their feet and bitterly acknowledging the feeling of the league title rapidly slipping from them.

The first frame started off quite calm, but before very few minutes had passed the Saints were playing on the defensive, busying themselves in stopping the whirlwind rushes of the Saints' forward line, Chick Faulkner, a pesky mite, who stuck to his check like a leech, bothered every man on the Methodist quintet. About half way through the mangle the Saints swamped the South London defence, and Hodson managed to dodge Howson and notch up the first corner on a neat pass from Sinclair.

Second Different.

The second was slightly different. It started at a faster pace, which kept up all through the period. Time after time the Saints would rush their opponents, only to have their shots turned away by the strenuous efforts of Howson. After about seven minutes Hodson and Hodson, the Saints' best men, were penalized, leaving their team in a weakened condition. At this stage Elks scored on a neat shot made by McKay from the side.

The first two periods were quite calm compared to the last, when the best hockey witnessed by fans at Westminster Rink this year, was dished up. The Elks appeared dazed at first, and inside of 40 seconds the Saints had wormed their way to in front of their goal, and Brown hurled a scintillating shot at the net, which, luckily, rolled in, giving them a comfortable lead, which was not long to be maintained. When the Askins crew recovered their senses they rushed down the ice at a mile a minute clip, flew past Maitland Street's defence, Penny gaining possession of the disc and hurriedly passing to Bill Lewis, who tucked it away in the Saints' net.

Five minutes after Hodson made a spectacular rush, worming his way in and out through the Methodists, succeeding in getting behind their goal and surprising Howson by shooting the puck into the net.

Elks Slip.

In the last ten minutes the L. D. S. boys had Elks completely run off their feet, dazing them with their speed and snappy checking.

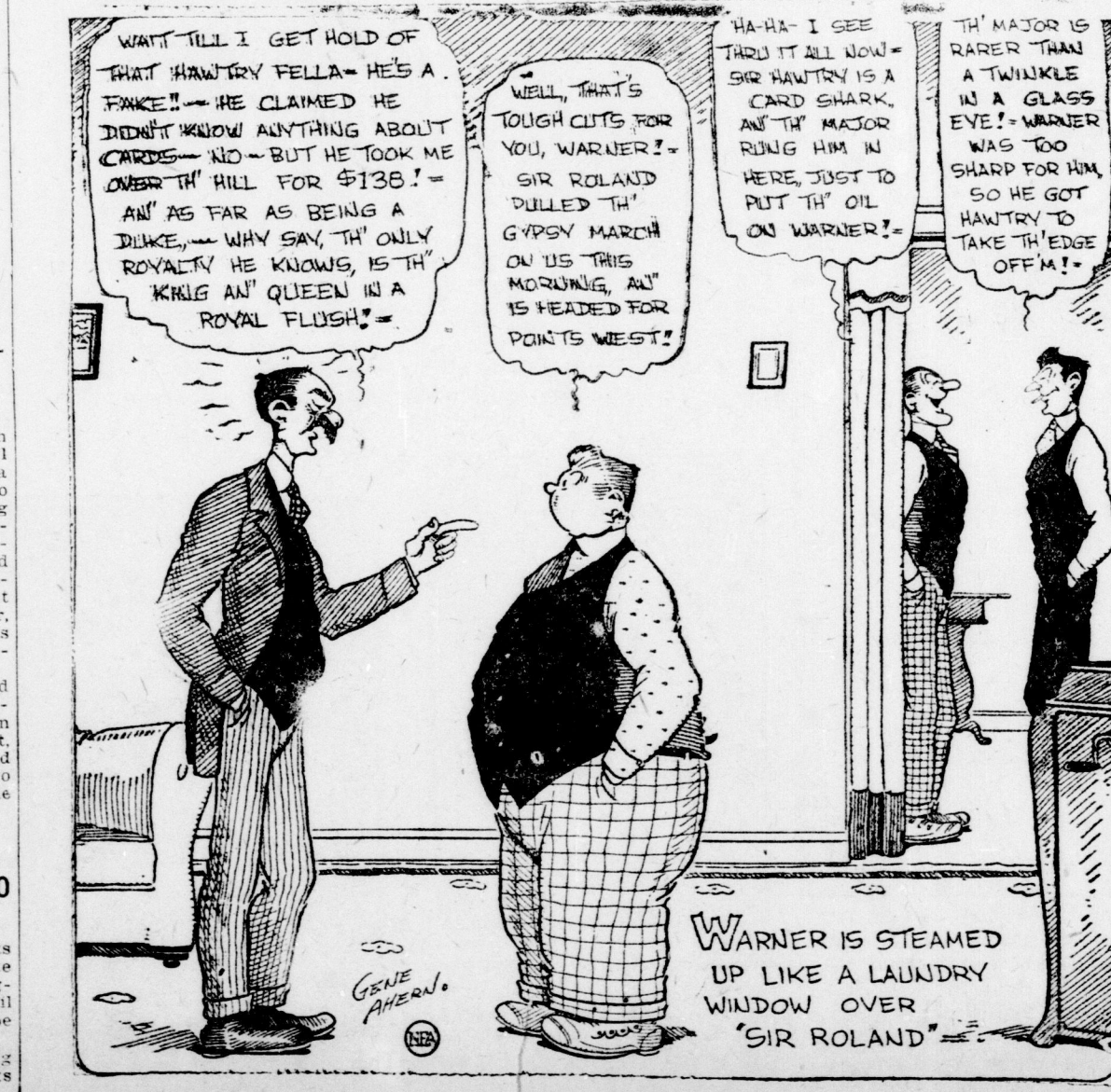
The teams: Latter Day Saints—Goal, Suter; defence, Sinclair and Brown; centre, Hodson; wings, Sinclair and Y. Faulkner; subs, B. Faulkner, Chick Faulkner and Ebsworth.

Elks—Goal, Howson; defence, Milligan and Lewis; centre, Baker; wings, Penny and Daughish; subs, Carfree, McKay and Dambra. Cronyn Memorial handed First Methodist a 5 to 3 defeat in the preliminary affair, which proved to be a fast and exciting mangle.

Wistow and Clift were the stars for Cronyn, while Stevens and Young did the bulk of the work for the Methodist crew.

The teams: Cronyn—Goal, Hall; defence, Clift and Goddard; centre, Wistow; wings, Haldane and Emmel. First Methodist—Goal, Martin; defence, Dennis and Jordan; centre, Stevens; wings, Young and Fielding. Referee—Yorkie Richardson.

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## On the Side Lines

With C. S. G.

**KING CANUTE TRIED AND FAILED.**  
Booting at the ringside of boxing bouts has come to be a real offence. Disgruntled losers have acquired the habit and have been carrying it beyond all bounds. William Mutton, who has decided to stay in boxing in spite of the fact that he was not re-elected chairman of the commission, now declares that the booting must stop. King Canute once sat on the seashore and commanded the waves to cease rolling in.

**HARD TO CONTROL SQUAWKING.**  
For eighteen centuries or so those in high places have been trying to devise some plan to silence the squawks of those who have a grievance or think they have, but the squawks go on and ever will. Boing, like cheering, relieves the tension of overwrought nerves. The right to criticise is inalienable. It is one thing which cannot be controlled, although its abuse may be regulated.

**ANOTHER GIGANTIC GAMBLE.**  
Tex Rickard's vision, seen by acute in accurately measuring boxing values that one is disposed to feel that he is right and Lew Raymond and his syndicate wrong in setting a price on the Firpo-Wills bout. It must draw a million to make even a small profit for the promoters, and Rickard says it will not draw that much. At the prices guaranteed Firpo and Wills, the bout is a gigantic gamble, and somebody is likely to lose a lot of money.

## MEDINA AND ST. MARYS ST. MARYS, SHADWICKS WIN IN EASY FASHION

Devizes and Granton Sextets Are Defeated in Shield Competition.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, Feb. 19.—Last night a good sized crowd witnessed the preliminary games between Medina and Devizes and Granton vs. St. Marys Juniors to decide the winners to compete for the St. Marys hockey shield at a later date, which will likely be Monday next.

In the first game Medina beat Devizes, 12 to 1. In the first period the Slater brothers each notched one for Medina, while in the second they literally swamped Devizes, running in 10 more goals. N. Hartwick secured one lone counter for the losers.

Medina—Goal, Robinson; defence, Murray and Mitchell; centre, G. Slater; sub, Baker. Devizes—Goal, Riddell; defence, Nadden and Gardner; centre, D. Hartwick; forwards, N. Hartwick and McRoberts; subs, Riddell and Kennedy.

Referee—Lou Lavelle, St. Marys. In the second game St. Marys Juniors blanked Granton, 6-0.

The locals notched two in the opening spasm, and four more in the second. Granton defence worked well, holding down the score. The third period went scoreless. Bettridge and Durnell starred for the locals, while Riddell, F. Westman and Mahe showed up best for Granton.

St. Marys Juniors—Goal, Stevens; defence, McIntosh and Bain; centre, Brown; forwards, Dunn and Kennedy; subs, Sanderson and Bettbridge.

Granton—Goal, Gowan; defence, McRoberts and Westman; centre, Mahe; forwards, Westman and Riddell; subs, K. McRoberts and Stewart.

**ST. THOMAS ORION FIVE ALL READY FOR TIGERS**  
St. Thomas, Feb. 19.—London "Y" Tigers play a scheduled game here Wednesday against the local Orions in the Junior O. B. A. A. series. Although the Tigers are considered about the best in their class in the district, the Orions have gained no little fame as basketball players as well.

Captain Percy Dawdy has been coaching his team to high state of efficiency, and feels that their chances are excellent for making a sweep of the district. The regular lineup will face the Tigers tomorrow.

First Methodist—Goal, Westrope and Orlaf Searle; forwards, Percy Dawdy; centre, Audrey Rupp and Saunders; guards.

**TILLSONBURG PREDICTS HARD BATTLE FRIDAY**

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Feb. 19.—In the next round of the semi-finals of the Wosha hockey play-off the speedy sextet from Woodstock College meets the local high school team here Friday evening, and the visitors will have to go the full 60 minutes to turn in a win, because the local outfit is by far a much speedier crew than the local O. H. A. Juniors, and they have already put Simcoe and St. Thomas out of the running.

**BY AHERN.**

## WELTERS SOUGHT FOR LOCAL SHOW

Bobby Eber, Canadian Bantam Champ, Big Attraction For February 28.

Yesterday the wires were kept hot in an effort to find two welters to fill up the fight card at the Winter Gardens on Feb. 28.

A. T. Taylor, who has been handed the match-making assignment, as well as the handling of the bouts, had a line on one cruiser weight last night, but had nothing definite to broadcast.

Twenty-two rounds of boxing, with Bobby Eber, bantamweight champion of Canada, featuring, wouldn't be a back alley card anywhere in Canada, but the London Boxing Club figures on 28 rounds or thereabouts for the opening show, and is making every effort to land two promising welters who want to take their own method of punching the clock.

Eber is battling for his chance back again at the big game in his division at Toronto tonight. He meets Donnie Mack on March 10 in Toronto, and on March 31 he gets a bout in Hamilton—if.

Hamilton Go Significant.

As far as Eber is concerned these days, he'll be fighting two men every time he clambers over the ropes, his official opponent and "if." The Hamilton bout is the most significant of the bunch, because the Mountain City promoters would not consider Eber for a bout against him if they were not sure the former "Mayor of Hamilton" wasn't back to real form. If Eber can get away with Mack, the Hamilton people won't have much to worry about the pace the Scotch youngster has been setting since he recovered from his experience with Villa.

Green Clever.

However, he's got his engagement here, too, to worry about after he climbs over the Wilmer obstacle at Toronto tonight. He has been settling the bigger money in Toronto and Hamilton. Eddie Green is the sort of boxer, by all accounts, who will have Eber showing every bit of cleverness he possesses.

Eber may have to show that, in addition to his old-time cleverness and condition, he has regained his punching power to stop Green from being too bothersome. It took Eber a good many seasons to convince some of his critics that he possessed a punch at all, but he muzzled the Missourians in his bouts against Irish Johnny Curtin and Midget Smith, two of the toughest bantams extant.

## JUNIOR CITY LOOP MEETING POSTPONED TILL TONIGHT

An emergency meeting of the committee in charge of the Junior City Hockey League called for last night was postponed, owing to the absence of Sid Rankin, who was out of town. However, it will most likely be held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, when all the protests which have arisen from the various games will be dealt with. The members of the committee are not certain whether the Orioles and Hawks will play off for league honors Thursday at Westminster Rink, or whether this match will be called off until a later date.

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## LONDON EAST CITIZENS ARE BEHIND NEW CLUB

London May See Big Four Game

Suggest Tie Be Replayed in Local Arena.

Preston's win over Stratford Indians last night in Stratford gives the Green Shirts a chance, as it means replaying the tie game between themselves and Stratford, which was knotted up in Kitchener Feb. 11. London fans may see the tilt. It's up to the Kitchener team. The Toronto Star says: "If Stratford and Kitchener have to replay their tie game of Feb. 11, it may take place in London instead of Kitchener."

## TWO NEW BATTLERS GOING TO STRATFORD

St. Thomas Coach Confident North and Robbins Will Make Good.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Feb. 19.—In the squad of boxers going to Stratford tomorrow are two whom Coach Fred Crompton calls "Knockout" North and "Battling" Robbins. The Stratford tourney will be the first public appearance for both these boxers. North will become a great boxer in the 165-pound class, if the predictions of his coach are to be relied upon, while Robbins is a stalwart young boxer in the 135-pound grade, and is reputed to "back an awful wallop."

Cy Pook, amateur light-heavyweight champion, has been scheduled to meet Williams of Hamilton in the opening fixture in the Perth Regiment show. Pook won a decision over Williams at Toronto in the Olympic try-out last year, and in his present condition should have little difficulty in bringing home the bacon. This will probably be Pook's last fight until he meets Henning in St. Thomas on Feb. 29.

The other boxers going to Stratford will be "Smiling" Gardiner, meeting Harry Ellis of Stratford, and Pete Laine, matched with Glen Johnson of Hamilton.

## NORMAL BOYS GO UNDER TO SOUTH COLLEGIATE

Last night the South C. I. cage team added another scalp to their string when they defeated the normal boys 13 to 4 in a one-sided affair. R. Ferguson stood out prominently. South C. I. players: R. Ferguson, Vollick, Hadfield, Elliott, Gordon, J. Ferguson, Pritchett.

Normal—Webster, Gemmell, Lamont, Robinson, Shaw, Minkler, Wilson, Steadman.

Referee—E. McKone.

## GALT CURLERS LOSE

Drumbo, Feb. 19.—The Galt Granite Curling Club journeyed to Drumbo today and were unsuccessful in raising the Hamburg Cup.

The score: Drumbo, K. S. McLaren, skip, 17. Galt, A. Nielson, skip, 15.

## Athletic Organization Put On Sound Basis After Months of Work.

TO ENTER ALL SPORTS

Proposes Placing Team in Inter-Club Baseball Loop This Summer.

The London East Athletic Club has been launched as a result of months of preparatory work on the part of three or four enthusiasts, and plans are under way to make application for the east-end hall as a recreation clubhouse and for training until the club can obtain permanent quarters. The application will come before the next meeting of the city council, and coincides with the inclusion in this year's estimates of an appropriation for making alterations to that building.

The club, which has received the general backing of east-end merchants and citizens, will take up every line of athletic endeavor. The intention is to install up-to-date gym equipment by degrees. The formation of the East End Hockey Club, which entered a team in the Junior City Hockey League, brought forth such a response and so much sectional interest that the idea of expanding into a bigger organization took hold. Organization was proceeded with slowly, but this week the plans came to a definite head.

To Enter Inter-Club.

This summer the club will be represented in the Inter-Club Baseball Loop, and a start will be made on a track team as soon as quarters are fixed up.

The east-end hall, which was used two seasons ago for girls' basketball, and later condemned as unsafe, will make ideal club quarters once the necessary alterations are made to bring it within the safety bounds. It is not anticipated that any opposition to the application for the hall will develop.

The east-end club will be a novelty among the clubs of the city in that it will represent a definite portion of the city. The Alerts were the last of the clubs to represent a section of the city, having started in London South, but now the Alerts have become cosmopolitan and have been "residing" uptown for some years.

Lightfoot, Coach.

Bill Lightfoot has been appointed head coach and trainer. Lightfoot has had such remarkable success in coaching track teams that he is sure to develop some good material out of the east-enders, and the club's colors should be widely known at the biggest meets.

The officers of the club are: Hon. president, Mayor Wenige; president, Dr. A. S. Duncan, vice-president, C. Gennos, secretary-treasurer, G. Fitzton; patronesses, Mrs. F. McKay, Mrs. J. Fitzmaurice, Miss J. Wenless, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. G. Pitton; patrons, Dr. P. J. Sweeney, A. McKay, A. E. Shaw, Ross McKay, Monsthor McKoon and N. Wanless; members of executive committee, W. Wanless, C. Hill, V. Donohue, W. Lightfoot, J. Fitzmaurice, N. Ross, and W. J. Howard.