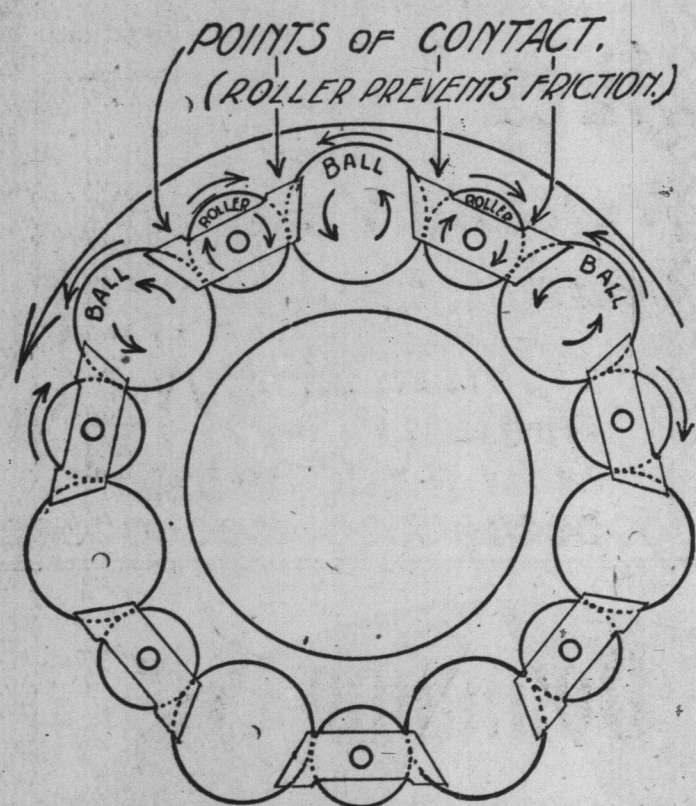




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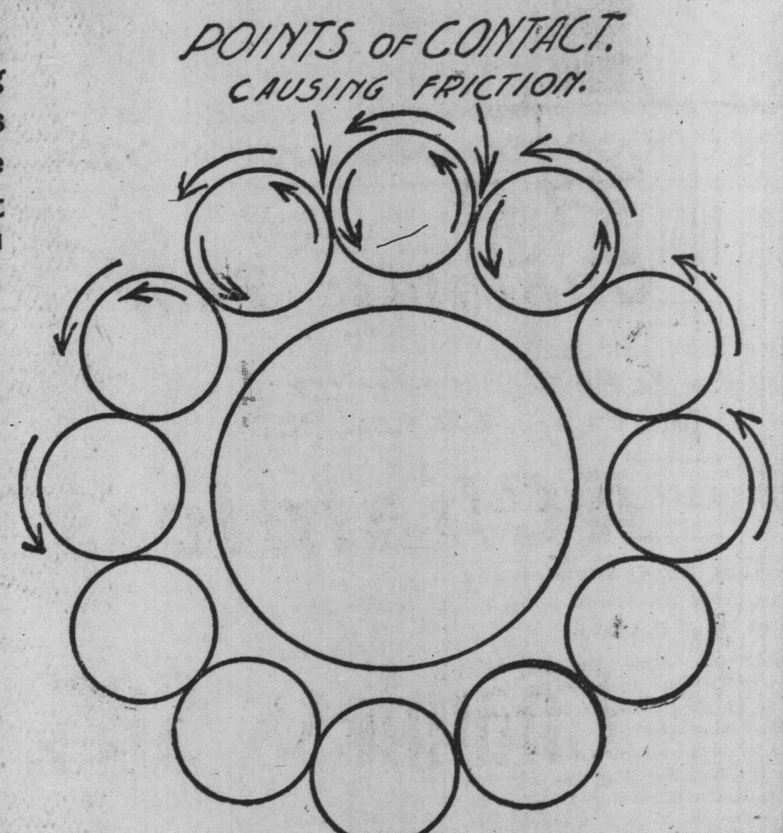
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The C. L. A. Held Their Annual Business Meeting Yesterday in the Temple Building.

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A Sort of a Walk-Over-Professionalism Discussed and Other Topics of Interest.

Richard Garland, ex-president of the Toronto Lacrosse Club, gave the town a start on Tuesday by the hustling he showed in securing the sole rights in Australia of the Dunlop tire. The C.L.A. annual gathering yesterday showed that the association is tarred with the same brush of energetic action.

A hot time was looked for over the election of officers, but, unlike the action of the St. Regis Braves, this didn't materialize. Retiring President Lennox received an ovation, as did also President-elect Stark of Stouffville, First Vice-President Colonel Hamilton and Ned Hamlin. All else went like machinery.

When President Lennox entered a little after 2 p.m. the hall was full of decorated delegates and the bench beside him occupied by Past Presidents D. A. Rose, J. J. Craig, Col. Hamilton, H. J. P. Good, A. A. Macdonald, W. O'Loughlin, E. W. Nesbitt, First Vice-President T. R. Glenville, Second Vice-President P. McMillan and Messrs. W. S. A. Hartley, E. F. Seagram, L. King, B. R. Keen, G. D. Bailey, J. H. Cameron, J. Phalen, W. H. Hall, H. B. Clemes, H. W. Thompson and W. J. McInnis.

Below were such crack players as A. Tyrrell, D. Thompson and M. O'Connor of Orillia; T. Graham, Claremont; Barnhart of Galt; E. Seagram and George Pickard, and scattered about the hall were about four delegates to one stick handler.

Delegates Galore.
The following delegates were present: Aurora—S. A. Jones, N. T. Andrews. Arthur—George Peterson, J. H. Martin. Acton—Crescents, R. Scott. Barrie—J. P. Lennox. Beaverton—H. S. Cameron, A. W. Hamilton. Brampton—B. Jennings. Brantford—William Scott, George Stewart. Colchester—E. R. Gray. Cookstown and Alton—Macdonald, C. Morow. Fergus, Thistles 1—P. Perry, A. C. Steele. Fergus, Thistles 11—Thompson, T. Beatty. Galt—R. Kelly, W. Barnhart. Grand Valley, Victors—Ed. McIntyre, F. S. Sawyer. Mount Forest—George L. Allen, E. R. Reid. Midland, Young Canadians—W. Hamlin, H. McConaghy. Markdale, Aberdeens—L. G. Campbell. Markham—C. L. Quenneville, W. J. Hamlin. Newmarket—C. H. Lloyd, F. J. Doyle. Orangeville, Dufferins 1—J. Fish, C. R. McKeown. Orangeville, Dufferins 11—W. Kearns, H. Gillespie. Orillia 1—L. D. York, J. Thompson. Orillia 11—S. D. McPherson. Orillia 111—M. J. Yates. Owen Sound—J. Cassidy, J. Conroy, Jr. Peterboro—A. Perrier, F. Bentley. Penetang—F. Wilkinson. Paris—John P. Cameron. Richmond Hill—W. C. Kennedy, C. Robertson, F. Nelson. St. Catharines, Athletics—W. J. Elliott, F. Timmons. St. Mary's, Alerts—A. Whelan, D. Stanley. Shelburne, Dauntless—J. D. Madill, William McKay. Stratford—H. Sharpe. Stouffville 1—J. G. Martin, F. G. Mutton.

P. Pickart, Stouffville 11—F. D. Miller, George Colford, F. Z. Trull. Seaforth, Beavers 1—W. E. Best, R. E. Jackson. Seaforth, Beavers 11—W. H. Baker, A. McLunness, F. Jackson. Toronto, Tecumseh-Elms 1—H. Wiles, E. Foster. Toronto, Tecumseh-Elms 11—F. W. Rose, F. Thompson. Toronto, Tecumseh-Elms 111—C. Farley, F. Angus. Toronto, Young Torontos—W. C. Brent, A. Wickens. Torontos—F. Moran, J. A. Ross, C. A. Tobin. Toronto, Elms—F. Melroy, F. C. Wagborne. Warton—F. Johns, S. Tyson. Uxbridge—W. Britton, C. Haney. Bowmanville—C. Urquhart, F. J. Garrett. Bracebridge—R. Lennox. Fort Hope—G. D. Clark. Toronto University—H. C. Wales, A. E. Snell. Whitby—M. G. Barnes. Woodstock, Beavers—W. L. McWhinnie. Claremont—R. Burrell, T. A. Graham. Hamilton—J. W. Shawver, F. E. Rae. Durham—W. G. Lowe, G. W. Jones. Gravenhurst—H. Soules, E. B. Fleury. Oshawa—W. J. Webb. Pickering, Mimos—R. A. Douglas, W. G. Clark.

President T. Herbert Lennox of Aurora presented his annual report as follows: On Good Friday of last year you did me the honor of electing me without opposition to the highest position within your gift. In accepting the office, I stated that it would be my sole aim and object during the coming year to discharge, without fear or favor, the duties devolving upon me as your president, and that I would, to the best of my judgment and humble ability, rigidly enforce and carry out the bylaws and constitution governing our association. My term of office expires to-day. My record for the past year is before you, and while I feel that many of my predecessors have much more ably filled the position of president than I could ever hope to, yet I ask you to believe me when I say that I have at all times during my term of office endeavored to administer its affairs in a fair and impartial manner.

With the utmost respect for my predecessor, I cannot refrain from stating that at the time you were good enough to elect me there was a good deal of dissatisfaction in the Canadian Lacrosse Association. During my term of office I have endeavored to wipe out the dissensions that existed at that time, and to unite as far as possible the component parts of the association into one harmonious whole. It has been my aim to elevate the standard of our national game in Canada. I discouraged in every way in my power anything that tended to demoralize or degenerate lacrosse. On several occasions it was my painful duty to suspend from the association members who had been guilty of professionalism, and in other ways violating the rules governing our game.

Clubs Expelled.
And in addition to suspending individuals, I was forced to expel from the association a number of clubs, who during the season were playing without any regard or respect for our constitution. In this connection it may not be out of place for me to state that in some instances I found that certain members of the Canadian Lacrosse Association were not actuated by that sportsmanlike conduct which should characterize every member belonging to the association, but on the contrary I was pained beyond expression to observe that on many occasions the sole aim and object appeared to be to win at all costs, regardless of the success was attained. I felt, however, that this lack of regard for the rules governing lacrosse was not due so much to any wanton desire on the part of any of the members, but was encouraged and fanned by the gambling element which, unfortunately, is too prevalent at the present time. My attention, some weeks ago, was directed to an observation made by His Honor Judge Ardagh of Barrie, who, in dealing with a case that came before him from London, when a certain member of the Midland Hockey Club was charged with assaulting a member of the Collingwood Club, during the course of his remarks that the players were influenced too much by an element whose love for respect for the game was due to the amount of money that they might make out of it by illegitimate means. These remarks, I regret to say, apply with

the same force to lacrosse. **The Very Best Young Men.**
Our association is made up of the very best young men that can be found in this province, and, unfortunately, in many cases the gambling element in certain towns pervades to such an extent that many young men, who otherwise would be credit to any team, are carried away, perhaps in a moment of excitement and the anxiety to win, by the influence of a class of people who do not care what the effect may be either to the individual or to the association, so long as they are pecuniarily benefited. This is a matter which cannot be dealt with entirely or even to any appreciable extent by the officers of the association, and unless it is discouraged by the members of the different local clubs affiliated with the association I fear it will be some time before it will be entirely eliminated.

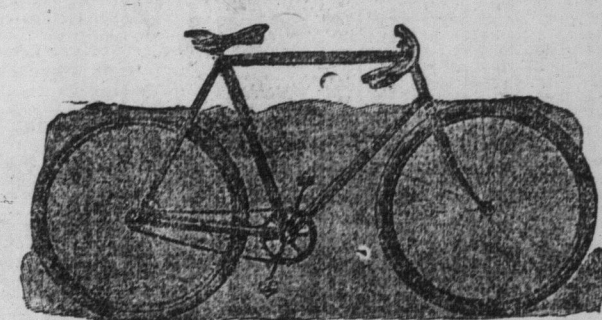
Lacrosse and Cricket.
There is no reason that I can conceive of why lacrosse should be different to cricket. The personnel of the majority of our lacrosse clubs is, socially and otherwise, the equal of those engaged in playing cricket. We never hear of professionalism in connection with the latter, yet, therefore, should we have it in lacrosse? I am satisfied that this spirit of professionalism could be entirely eliminated if the officers of the respective local clubs would do the duty that is cast upon them in accepting office. It is unfair to the officers of the association to ask them to be honest and enforce the rules governing our game, if the men who have control of management of the different clubs scattered throughout the province will not co-operate with them and observe the rules of the association. In this connection I may be permitted to refer for an instant to another matter, which, if continued, will materially affect the interests taken in our national game. I refer to the roughness that is and has been displayed in many of the matches that took place during the past year. Instead of decreasing, I regret to be compelled to say, it is the opposite. Nothing will kill our national game more effectively or more quickly than the continuance of what may be aptly expressed as this "guerrilla warfare." Lacrosse players should be taught to understand that the better class of people, who love and support our national game, will soon get tired of witnessing this sort of thing. The majority of people attend lacrosse matches for the purpose of seeing the game played, as it can and should be played, namely, in a gentlemanly and scientific manner, and the sooner this fact is appreciated by the officials of the local clubs the better it will be for all concerned.

The Lennox Regime.
During the course of my administration a number of protests were entered and disposed of by the judiciary, and at this point I desire to place on record my great assistance that I received from every officer during the past year. If I have succeeded in any way in raising the standard of lacrosse, my success is due in a very large degree to the aid and support that I received from the officers of the association, and by every officer associated with me. During the past year two members were expelled for violating the rules of the association, and 17 were suspended for having committed offences of a lesser degree. Four clubs were expelled for disregarding the rules. During the year the judiciary convened 10 times. Prior to last year complaints had been made, and very justly so, that though members were elected to positions upon the council, yet they received no benefit therefrom.

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