

**THE SHAMROCK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.**

**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.**

The annual meeting of the S.A.A. was held on Monday evening last in the hall of the Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association. There was a large attendance of members, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Mr. Henry E. McLaughlin, the enthusiastic president, presided, and Mr. W. P. Lunny, the genial and talented secretary-treasurer, occupied his accustomed place. In opening the proceedings, the Chairman spoke in glowing terms of the magnificent reception accorded to their recent visit to Winnipeg. At his suggestion the presidents of the Victoria Hockey Club and the Winnipeg Hockey Club, Mr. J. C. G. Armytage and Mr. W. R. Allan and Mr. J. T. Duggan, president of the Catholic Club of Winnipeg, were elected honorary life members of the association.

The report of the directors is as follows:— It affords your directors much pleasure to present the eighth annual report of the workings of your Association. The year just closed has been marked with many undertakings, which your directors have every reason to believe will produce good results in the direction of maintaining your Association in the position it occupies in the particular field of endeavor for which it has been organized.

Through a united and enthusiastic effort on the part of the directors many new members were induced to add their names to the membership roll. Last year the amount derived from annual fees was \$391.00, and this year as may be seen by a reference to the statement, the amount has been increased to \$743.00. Your directors had hoped to secure \$1,000 from this source of revenue, but owing to the demands upon their time in connection with the immediate work of the lacrosse season, they were unable to continue the good work. Much remains to be done in this important matter, and the experience of your directors leaves no doubt in their minds that if your executive receives the sincere cooperation of the members in the early period of the approaching season there should be no difficulty in securing for your association from dues an annual revenue of \$2,000.

In the last annual report reference was made to the fact that the mortgage indebtedness due to Mr. Thos. Kinsella had matured and that arrangements had been made with the Trust and Loan Co. of Canada to advance the sum of \$16,000 for the term of five years with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, owing to various causes much delay occurred in carrying out the loan, but your directors have now to report that all the documents in connection with the matter have been signed and the amount has been paid over to Mr. Kinsella's estate. Of course there is yet a balance to be paid over to Mr. Kinsella for which provision will have to be made.

Death has visited our ranks during the year and laid its icy-cold hands upon several of the "old guard." In report of the senior affiliated club sympathetic references are made to some of the number whose services to our organization have been long and devoted. But since those lines were penned another member of the gallant band of founders—the noblest of them all—in the person of Mr. John Hoobin, has passed away. In the field, in the executive council, in the midst of opposing forces, in every sphere of life in which he moved, John Hoobin was always a champion of the claims of Irish Canadians in athletics and in an especial manner a staunch and patriotic supporter of the Shamrock colors. When the history of the rise and progress of our organization will be written no name will occupy a more distinguished place in the record than that of John Hoobin.

Your directors held 20 meetings, and the attendance was as follows:

Thos. O'Connell	20	W. J. McKenna	13
W. H. Kearney	19	H. J. Trihey	14
H. McLaughlin	19	W. H. Dunn	8
T. F. Slatery	19	W. Stafford	8
W. Cox	18	C. F. Smith	8
C. M. Hart	16		

Your directors also report that considerable repairs had been made to the Yencas and club house, and would recommend to the incoming directors the necessity of repairing the roof of grand stand.

The following names were added to the Life Memberships: James McKenna, association; P. Boyne and Jas. Brown, Shamrock Lacrosse Club.

The financial reports for the year are now submitted.  
Signed H. McLAUGHLIN, President.  
Montreal, 15th April, 1900.

The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure during the year just closed:—

REVENUE.	
Membership Fees	\$ 729.00
Rental of Ground	500.00
Shamrock Lacrosse Club	2340.93
Shamrock Hockey Club	1251.90
	\$4,821.83
EXPENDITURE.	
Interest on Mortgage Debt and notes	\$1164.40
Insurance	97.75
Fueland Light	133.22
Repairs Grand Stand and Club House	166.40
School Taxes	115.43
	\$1477.20
Fees A. A. of C. and Expenses of Delegate	15.00
Printing and Stationery	77.32
Wages	1240.00
Telephone Service	70.00
Sundries	91.48
	\$1493.80
DEFICITS AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.	
Lacrosse Testimonial	193.00
Deficit Football Club	322.84
Deficit Young Shamrocks	379.42
Deficit Junior Shamrocks	92.98
	988.24
Surplus on Earnings for Year	\$662.59
	\$4159.24

Another statement showing the actual financial standing of the organization is the following:—

ASSETS.	
Real Estate, Comprising Land, Club House, Grand Stand, Open Stand and other permanent equipments at Grounds, St. Louis De Mile End	\$42,923.93
Mortgages held on lots sold at St. Louis De Mile End and accrued interest	2,861.49
Furniture, etc.	743.29
Insurance, unearned portion of premium on three year policy	97.75
Open Accounts	1.00
Cash on Hand	310.20
	46,937.66
LIABILITIES.	
Mortgage Indebtedness.	
Thomas Kinsella, Mortgage claim on Real Estate at St. Louis De Mile End and interest	\$18,538.39
St. Dennis Boulevard Co., Mortgage held against lots at main entrance	530.17
	\$19,068.56
Ordinary Claims.	
Bills Payable and Open Accounts	\$ 4,920.60
	\$23,989.16
Net Capital, April 1st, 1901	\$22,948.50
Certified Correct.	
C. F. SMITH,	W. P. LUNNY,
W. H. DUNN,	Sec.-Treas.
Montreal, April 6th, 1901.	

The election of directors to represent the Association resulted as follows: Henry E. McLaughlin, C. M. Hart, M. R. Cuddihy, W. J. Hinchey and P. J. O'Brien, who will act with the directors elected two weeks ago by the Shamrock Lacrosse Club—Messrs. B. Tansley, T. O'Connell, H. J. Trihey, T. F. Slatery and P. Murphy—forming the executive for the ensuing year. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. H. E. McLaughlin and Mr. C. M. Hart, were elected president and vice-president respectively. The prospects of the Association for the coming year are most encouraging.

**BANK SWINDLES IN TORONTO.**

The Toronto "Globe" tells the story of the remarkable manner in which two banking institutions were robbed last week, as follows:—

By means of a clever swindle two of the most prominent financial institutions in the city, the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Imperial Bank, were on Saturday robbed of amounts aggregating \$5,245, and it is not yet known whether other banks may have suffered to a similar extent. The swindle, which was used successfully on the banks mentioned, was the "raising" of marked checks, and in both instances

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