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PRESIDENT FITZGERALD MAKES AWARDS IN LONDON FRANCHISE

It Is Given to Messrs. Stevely, O'Neil, Somerville, Buzzell, Reason, Gillian and Carling—Full Text of His Decision —The Matter of Affidavits Discussed.

After threshing out all the details in connection with the organization of the London Canadian League Baseball Club, and hearing both sides of the question, President J. P. Fitzgerald has decided that the rightful owners of the London franchise are Messrs. Stevely, O'Neill, Somerville, Buzzell, Gilican, Carling and Reason, who form the board of directors of the club.

President Fitzgerald's report is as follows:

"Final decision by James P. Fitzgerald, president of the Canadian League, settling all disputes and claims in connection with the question of ownership of the franchise of the London baseball club in the Canadian League. Issued on the 5th day of January, 1912:

"In the matter of the franchise of the London baseball club:

"After a careful examination of the evidence offered in the matter of the ownership of the franchise of the London baseball club, the question resolves itself into one of fact, and not of sentiment.

"It is unfortunate that at the formation of the club a stock company was not formed. The fact remains that it was not, and hence the present difficulty.

"At the first attempt at a formation of a club, Mr. J. R. Minhinnick had undoubtedly failed, and after, as he himself in a public letter to the press, expressed it,' had thrown up his hands,' a new start was made.

"Six of the eight gentlemen concerned in this new beginning give evidence that at no time was Mr. Minhinnick considered as a partner, and was regarded as a promoter, who received his reward in salary as manager and secretary. Former president of the league, Mr. D. Ferguson, present at all the early meetings, agrees with them in toto.

"Certain it was that Mr. Minhinnick was not elected to the board of directors, and the testimony of the seven gentlement that, as 'business manager and secretary,' Mr. Minhinnick was at no time regarded by them as more than a paid official, seems to be borne out by the fact that they were approached on behalf of Mr. Minhinnick to put him on a salary, which they did.

"From May 15 to July 15, Mr. Minhinnick was paid at the rate of one hundred dollars a month for his services, and signed the receipt for the first check 'as salary.' This receipt and check were offered in evidence, and Mr. Minhinnick had nothing to prove his contention that these amounts were for disbursements on behalf of the club.

"Three affidavits were put in as evidence to show that Mr. Minhinnick was never more than a paid official, and was never a partner. Against this Mr. Minhinnick promised to forward me an affidavit that he did not receive this $200 as salary, but failed to do so.

"Whatever may have been the impression at the beginning, certain it is that at no time and in no document filed on behalf of the London Baseball Club was Mr. Minhinnick placed in a position of liability.

"As officers and directors, the other gentlemen in the transaction were liable for all the debts, even those contracted by Mr. Minhinnick on behalf of the club.

"The only document offered that would place this liability was the lease of 1911 for the grounds taken out by Messrs. Stevely, O'Neil, Somerville, Buzzell, Gillean, Carling and Reason. Mr. Minhinnick was not a party to this lease, and was in no way responsible.

"Fortunately, the club was able to meet its obligations, but had there been a call to meet a deficit Mr. Minhinnick was evidently beyond reach. Without liability there certainly could not have been any partnership, and I am fully convinced that Mr. Minhinnick never was a partner in any sense and that he was simply a salaried officer from the time that the club was finally formed and the officers elected.

"Letters from tradesmen and others were offered by Mr. Minhinnick to prove that he was held responsible for the debts contracted on behalf of the London club, but had these debts gone for collection it is unquestionable that not Mr. Minhinnick, but the seven gentlemen elected to the board of officers who signed the lease for the grounds, would have been proceeded against.

"This lease is incontrovertible evidence of liability for the debts of the club, and neither on this nor any other document offered does Mr. Minhinnick appear as a responsible party. He stands all through as a paid agent.

"The minutes of the meetings of the London club do not appear to be any too reliable or of any great value. Still in but one meeting—that of April 28—did Mr. Minhinnick second a motion, one naming honorable officers, which was before the agreement to pay him a definite salary.

"In face of the evidence offered, Mr. Minhinnick would appear to me to have no part in the franchise of the London Baseball Club. His reward for assisting in organizing was not a partnership, but a position at one hundred dollars a month salary.

"I would rule therefore that the franchise of the London Baseball Club in the Canadian League is owned and controlled in equal shares by Messrs. Samuel Stevely, George H. O'Neill, A. E. Somerville, F. C. Buzzell, T. Gillean, John A. Carling and H. T. Reason. (Signed) J. P. FITZGERALD,

"President Canadian League."

Mr. Minhinnick's Statement.

"I am perfectly satisfied," said Mr. J. R. Minhinnick to The Advertiser this morning when questioned as to what he thought of the verdict of President Fitzgerald in the London franchise matter. "However," he continued, "I do not think that Mr. Fitzgerald acted fairly in the matter at all. He told me last Saturday night that as long as I had my papers in before the following Saturday night, it would be all right. I have been very busy this week, and my lawyer, Mr. Meredith, has been out of the city. I sent the papers in on Friday morning and wired to Mr. Fitzgerald that they were sent. He apparently announced his decision on Thursday, and did not give me a chance."

Mr. Minhinnick further stated that the money which was due him would now have to be paid, and also the $200 which is coming to Keenan.

SIMCOE JUNIORS WIN FROM INGERSOLL TEAM

Homer Pearson, of London, Referees His First O. H. A. Game and Gives Satisfaction.

Simcoe, Jan. 5. — The hockey season opened here tonight, when the Ingersoll and local junior teams clashed. Simcoe won by a score of 8 to 1. The half-time score was 2 to 0. The ice was keen and a clean, speedy exhibition was the result. Lefler, the Simcoe goalkeeper, proved himself a find, the only tally notched on him being from a check-off right at the goal. Curtis and Burt did good work on the line. For Ingersoll, Hender and Manser were the best. The teams were:

Ingersoll — Goal, Manser; point, Houghton; cover, Jackson; forwards, Henderson, Nelson, Radford and Moulton.

Simcoe—Goal, Lefler; point; Coates; cover, Thompson; forwards, Osborne, Curtis, Burt and Evans.

Referee—Homer Pearson, of London.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY RESULTS.

Intermediate O. H. A.			
Baden	7	New Hamburg	6
Woodstock	8	Ingersoll	5
Oshawa	23	Bowmanville	6
Clinton	5	Goderich	4
Preston	10	Guelph	4
Junior O. H. A.			
Argonauts	6	Lourdes	1
T. C. C.	23	St. Helen's	1
St. Marys	5	Stratford	4
Frontenacs	8	Picton	5
Simcoes	8	Ingersoll	1
Orillia	7	Barrie	2
Collingwood	18	Meaford	1
Northern.			
Markdale	5	Chesley	4
Exhibition.			
Montreal Vics.	9	New York A. C.	1

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ELTHERINGTON ELIGIBLE BY TWENTY YARDS

Preston Player Lives Just Twenty Yards From Hespeler Town Line, But Plays With Preston.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Secretary Rhodes, of the local O. H. A. teams, has pried into the details of the residence of Eltherington, centre forward of the Preston champions, and found that he is eligible to play with Preston. Eltherington is not a resident of Hespeler, although employed there, but lives in Waterloo Township, just about twenty yards from the Hespeler town line. The protest which was proposed to be entered by the Berlin intermediates will therefore not be filed.

BERLIN REFUSES TO CONSIDER PRO. HOCKEY

Will Not Agree to "Buck" Irving's Proposition for a Three-Team League.

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 5. — There is no likelihod of Berlin being represented in "Buck" Irving's proposed professional league this season. Irving made a proposition to the local rink management, which was considered, and has been turned down.

The company has made a counter-proposition to Irving, which will make it practically impossible to make a financial success of professional hockey in this vicinity. A prominent officer of the rink company stated this evening that the O. H. A. teams will be given every encouragement, and both intermediate and junior teams will endeavor to provide local hockey enthusiasts with fast amateur hockey.

PALMERSTON DEFEATS HARRISTON.

Palmerston, Jan. 5.—The Northern League opened here tonight in a closely-contested game, Palmerston winning by 7 to 6. Teams:

Palmerston—Johnson, goal; Beatty, point; Wooldridge, cover; Lawrence, rover; Root, centre; Davis, right wing; Brown, left wing.

Harriston — Mundy, goal; Bates, point; Whitmore, cover; H. Ward, rover; D. Ward, centre; Black, right wing; Pye, left wing.

Referee—B. Hacking, of Listowel.

PARIS DEFEATS LONDON BY 13 TO 7

Owing to Accident the Game Did Not Start Until Midnight.

LOCAL DEFENCE WEAK

Dispute in the Last Half Over a Goal Nearly Leads to Goal Umpire Axton Being Mobbed.

[By Jinx.]

Paris, little old Paris, got even for some things that the London hockey team did to them last year, when they trimmed the local intermediates last night by the decisive score of 13 to 7 before 1,500 rooters at the Princess Rink. There were several things in connection with the game that will make it a memorable one.

Owing to an accident to the train which the Paris players were to come to London on, the game was not started until 11:20 p.m. At 8:30 o'clock Secretary Vining went out on the ice and informed the spectators of the delay, and told them that the Paris team would not arrive until 10:15 p.m. The game would be played as soon as they got to the rink, and would the crowd please stick? The crowd didn't know whether it would not not, but finally decided that it would not. It then made a rush for the door, and the hockey management and the rink management had a lively time in handing out checks to come back in on. Some objection was made to the fact that the money was not forthcoming, and for a time it looked as though trouble was brewing. The presence of two of London's "finest," however, did not lend enthusiasm to anyone who wanted to start anything, and although there was some little talk and a good deal of crowding and pushing, the biggest part of the crowd filed out.

Wreck Delays Paris Team.

The accident to the train happened at Hamilton, the locomotive being in such a hurry to get the Paris team down here that it tried to bunt a freight train ahead of it off the track. When the Paris team were informed of the accident, they were unable to get the flier to stop for them, and consequently had to wait until the wrecked train came through. It was 10:30 by the clock when the train pulled into the local station, and a rush for the rink was made. The crowd came back, and brought with it a few hundred more. By the time the game was started everybody was cold, but enthusiastic. Before the game was over, everybody was still cold, but there was no enthusiasm. It's not a spectacle that begets enthusiasm when the home team is being trimmed, after the home crowd has waited hours to see the game. Besides, the locals could not even scare up a bit of luck, Paris, seemingly, having grabbed it all. Fifty times London players had great opportunities to score, but the goal had somehow or other moved since they last looked at it, and the place they shot at was inches off the vital spot.

Fraser a Wonder.

As an exhibition of good hockey, Paris delivered the goods. They played hard all the way and exceedingly enjoyed the way in which the score ran up. Fraser, in goal, was the original stonewall, and every time the local rooters thought that a goal was coming, he fooled them by getting in the road of the puck. The Gill boys, who seemed to be holding a life job in the Paris lineup, were good as usual, and were largely responsible for the locals' defeat. Peebles brothers, who are also somewhat of a hockey institution in Paris, were in the game all the time, and played like demons.

For the locals, McAvoy, Lecky and Wagner played good individually. McAvoy is a fast skater and good stickhandler, but he is not a coverpoint, and would have been a great deal more use on the forward line.

Lecky did not seem to warm up to the game like he usually does, and it was only on rare occasions that he gave the fans a chance to see what he could do. In the second half, he confined his efforts mostly to individual rushes, like the rest of the team, but the strong checking of the Paris forwards was too much, and nothing was gained.

Wagner seemed to be out of place at point, but he worked hard all evening, and made a good showing. Groves, at centre, looks like a good one, but he needs a great deal more practice and experience. He apparently does not know what an offside is, for he committed the offence at least 50 times last evening. He was the only man on the forward line who tried to play combination in the second half.

Collins and Munro Busy.

Collins and Munro had a busy night of it, but they demonstrated that they have the ability. They were lacking in practice, however, and a few more workouts on the ice will make a heap of improvement in their playing.

Watts, in goal, played a fair game, but he let some easy ones roll in. He lacks eperience, although at times he played like a veteran. He is not as quick a man as Fraser, but with a little more practice could be made into a good one.

The whole trouble with the London team is pretty nearly summed up in the phrase "lack of practice." At times the forward line developed some splendid combination, but they could not keep it up. The defence was very weak, and Paris had little trouble in breaking through. The locals were away off in their shooting also, and whenever an opening for a good shot came, it was nearly always wide of the nets. Munro and Groves had some splendid opportunities of scoring right in front of the nets, but they shot wild. Referee Allan Kindner gave good satisfaction, and lived up to his reputation as one of the best in the business.

Looked Like Trouble.

A dispute that looked as though it would lead to Goal Umpire Axton, of Paris, getting into a mix-up with the London fans, occurred just five minutes before full time. Gill shot on the London goal, but Watts blocked the shot, the puck bouncing out in front. Gill shot again and once more Watts stopped it. Great was the surprise then when Axton raised his hand and claimed the puck had gone in on the first shot. The London players kicked, but Axton maintained it was a goal, and a goal it had to be. The rooters in the back end of the rink crowded around the goal umpire, and the Paris players jumped over the boards to protect him. The affair was settled, however, when Axton was replaced by Charlie Walker, manager of the Paris team. The goal was counted.

In the second half, A. Peebles, of Paris, was badly cut in the head when he collided with the door of the penalty box, which flew open just as he was passing with the puck. The cut bled for a little, but Peebles continued in the game. Munro was also cut about the ear by getting hit with the puck.

The goals were scored in the following order:

Paris—Gill, in 6 minutes.
Paris—Pierce in 3 minutes.
Paris—Pierce in 1 minute.
Paris—Peebles in 1 minute.
London—Munro in 4 minutes.
London—Munro in 15 seconds.
Paris—Peebles in 30 seconds.
London—Munro in 3 minutes.
Paris—Pierce in 2 minutes.
Paris—Gill in 5 minutes.
Paris—Gill in 3 minutes.

Second Half.

London—Collins in 2½ minutes.
London—Munro in 3 minutes.
Paris—A. Peebles in 20 seconds.
Paris—A. Peebles in 8 minutes.
London—Lecky in 6 minutes.
Paris—Gill in 2 minutes.
London—Groves in 5 minutes.
Paris—Gill in 2 minutes.

The line-up:

Paris (13).		London (7).
Fraser	Goal	Watts
W. Peebles	Point	Wagner
P. Gill	Cover	McAvoy
W. Gill	Rover	Lecky
Graham	Centre	Groves
Pierce	Right wing	Collins
A. Peebles	Left wing	Munro

Referee—Allan Kinder.

Timekeepers—V. Smith, of London; L. Fraser, of Paris.

Penalty — Ken Murray, London; Charlie Walker, Paris.

CLINTON AGAIN WINS FROM GODERICH

But Game Went Into Overtime Before It Was Finally Settled by a Score of 5 to 4.

Clinton, Jan. 5.—The intermediate O. H. A. game played here tonight between Goderich and Clinton teams, was closely contested, at half-time the score being 3 to 2 in favor of Clinton, and at full time, 4 to 4. The final score was 5 to 4 in favor of Clinton. It was a good fast game throughout. Teams:

Goderich—Chapman, goal; Hawkins, point; Thompson, cover; Webb, rover; Wiggins, centre; McIvor, right wing; Stanway, left wing.

Clinton—W. Johnson, goal; R. Rumball, point; C. Copp, cover; L. Fair, rover; E. Kerr, centre; L. Greig, right wing; C. Draper, left wing.

Referee—Ernie Cooke, of Toronto.

STRATFORD JUNIORS DEFEATED AGAIN

St. Marys Takes Them Into Camp by Score of 5 to 4 in

St. Marys, Jan. 5.—The first local game of the junior O. H. A. series was played here tonight between Stratford and St. Marys. The game was witnessed by one thousand Stone Town rooters. The score at half-time was 2 to 1 in favor of St. Marys, and the final score 5 to 4 in favor of the locals. The lineup:

Stratford — Roffe, goal; Rowan, point; Riddell, cover; Vivian, rover; Thompson, centre; Robertson, right wing; Wight, left wing.

St. Marys—Syers, goal; Cotter, point; Tuer, cover; Burns, rover; Foster, centre; Wilson, right wing; Boles, left wing.

Referee—Forbes.

COLLINGWOOD JUNIORS SCORE EIGHTEEN GOALS

Meaford Was Overwhelmed by Deluge of Shots—Game Was Fast and Clean.

Collingwood, Jan. 5.—The Collingwood Juniors got away to a good start here tonight when they defeated Meaford in the first O. H. A. game of the season by 18 to 1. The ice was in good condition and fast play on both sides was in evidence from start to finish. The teams:

Collingwood — Goal, P. Mitchell; point, Harmer; cover, Storey; rover, Lawrence; centre, Burmeister, left wing, Walton; right wing, Drapper.

Meaford—Goal, McVeil; point, Winterdon; cover, Brown; rover, Gibbert; centre, Aikins; left wing, Gray; right wing, Thomas. Referee—D. G. Gorrie, Toronto.

OSHAWA EXPECTS TO WIN ITS DISTRICT

Make Good Start By Defeating Bowmanville by Score of 23 to 6.

Oshawa, Jan. 5.—Oshawa intermediates ran away from the Bowmanville team here tonight by 23 to 6, leading at half time by 12 to 3. The home team were in much better condition than the visitors, having trained faithfully in the roller rink before ice was available. The Oshawa team is much stronger than last season and expects to win the local district handily. The teams:

Oshawa—Goal, Wilson; point, Freeman; cover, Kemp; rover, Quinn; centre, Smith; right, Muckler; left, Quigley.

Bowmanville — Goal, Edgar; point, Rowe; cover, Percy; rover, F. Williams; centre, Tucker; right, Jones; left, R. Williams. Referee—W. McCord, Toronto.

BADEN TRIMS NEW HAMBURG.

New Hamburg, Jan. 5.—The opening local game in the intermediate O. H. A. series here resulted in a defeat of the home team in a well-contested game by a score of 7 to 6. The line-up:

New Hamburg—Karges, goal; Herbenratter, point; O. Ritz, coverpoint; Peckler, rover; Bowman, centre; Bruder, right wing; L. Ritz, left wing.

Baden—Livingston, goal; Kaufman, point; Russell, coverpoint; Flauhouse, rover; Miller, centre; Miller, right wing; Troop, left wing.

Referee—W. Horn.

As Fancy Dictates

By Jinx.

A former Lindsay hockey enthusiast, who is now located in this city, writes anent our remarks about the hockey situation in Lindsay. His letter is an interesting one. It is as follows:

London, Jan. 3.

Sporting Editor:

Some time ago I read your comment on the supposed stagnation of the hockey spirit in Lindsay, but noticed your qualification in yesterday's edition.

Knowing Lindsay for some years, and being interested in a humble way for some years in the hockey circles of that town, I thought it would be in order for me to write a few lines concerning the same.

As you state, Lindsay grows hockey players, and good ones, they having contributed no less than 16 to the professional ranks in the last ten years. They coached a bunch of youngsters along who were runners-up for the junior championship four years ago, and the following year won the intermediate championship with almost the same aggregation, who, to my mind, were the greatest amateur team ever. They had all the assets necessary for a strong team—cool heads, speed, combination and gameness. Their goal, not the best in the business, was a shade over the average. Koyle, the big point, was declared by different referees to be faster in his position than any man in Canada, not excluding professionals. Sullivan, a veritable stonewall at cover. Cote Randall and Bloomfield on the forward line, with Captain Stoddart as rover, completed what I called the best that ever played amateur.

That year, I feel confident, after watching St. Michael's Senior champions in a few games, that they were much behind, in many resoects the Lindsay team, and would have been defeated if they had consented to play a post series, which they refused. It certainly was great to watch how easy it was to beat Stratford in the finals. They were never in the running at any stage.

The Lindsay people were greatly enthused over their team, and justly so, and the citizens gave the boys the support they deserved. But the following summer brought many changes. The goal-tender went to Edmonton, Kovle went to Saskatoon, Sullivan to Kenora, Randall turned professional, and Pete and Jack Soratt attended St. Michael's College, thus leaving us to defend the title with Billy Stoddart—not in the best of health—Reg. Bloomfield, then a very busy man, Cote, and the balance from the town league, who had never played in O. H. A. games. But Captain Billy got a team together who won the district, and lost through the hardest kind of luck to Trenton in a semi-final. If they had won that game I believe the championship would have remained in Lindsay for another year.

Last winter they decided to devote all attention to their town league, of four teams, and any one of them would have made a good showing in O. H. A. This year they are entered in Intermediate and Junior series, and the team that wins from them will be of championship calibre. They commence their season on Friday against their old rivals, Peterboro.

Much credit is due the rink management of Lindsay for the growing youngsters every opportunity available to play the game.

Lindsay may be off the map for a season, but it will only be to put some finishing touches on prospective O. H. A. boys.

Thanking you kindly for valuable space in your good sporting page. F. B. O.

Formerly of Lindsay.

Last night's delay of the hockey match was one of those unfortunate little things that occasionally pop up and generally succeed in queering everybody and everything. It was unfortunate for the rink management and the hockey club management, and also the spectators. There was bound to be a little soreness among the spectators over the affair, but under the circumstances the hockey management did fairly well. It was the first time they were up against a situation of the kind and they tried to do their best. A great many complained of the fact that no money was refunded, and in many cases some of the spectators threatened to cause trouble, but everything was finally smoothed over, and when the game did start nearly all of those who were making the biggest protest about the delay were on hand to see it.

The Berlin people did not fall in with "Buck" Irving's proposition for a three-team professional league, to consist of Irving, Berlin, Guelph and Galt. Mr. Irving had rather a varied experience in dealing with professional hockey matters, especially around these three towns, and, as a result, he is not very popular with the people of Berlin. The Berlin management cannot figure how the thing will pay when "Buck" is so unpopular, and consequently have decided to leave it alone. It is pretty certain that professional hockey would receive poor support in either of the three towns on the proposition that Irving was trying to put through.

ST. THOMAS CURLERS WIN FIRST SERIES

Thistle Rinks Twelve Shots Down on First Round for McDonald Emslie Trophy.

St. Thomas curlers obtained a slight lead on the local Thistle curler in their games yesterday for the McDonald-Emslie cup. Five rinks of St. Thomas Granites came to London and were defeated by 7 shots. The five St. Thomas rinks that went to St. Thomas, however, were down 19 shots, thus giving St. Thomas a lead of 12 on the first series. The cup is to be played for in three series of games between rinks from each city, and the aggregate score on the round is to count. The games are being keenly contested by both clubs, and the local curlers expect to pull down the St. Thomas lads on the next series. The scores:

At St. Thomas.

St. Thomas.		London.	
H. T. Gough,		C. S. Smallman,	
F. Doggett,		H. S. Blackburn,	
A. A. Drake,		W. Smith,	
C. McCorkell	14	W. T. Strong	9
Dr. Taylor,		J. W. Lashbrook,	
H. McPherson,		W. Turnbull,	
J. McColg,		G. Backus,	
F. Sutherland	16	A. M. Heaman	11
J. Binkholder,		Capt. Anderson,	
L. E. Tate,		E. M. McLean,	
J. Boughner,		F. P. Riddell,	
Ben Marlatt	13	C. A. Ross	8
P. Honsinger,		C. K. Bluett,	
R. F. Gilbert,		E. L. Morren,	
Walter Ross,		A. M. Trick,	
J. Carrie	15	S. J. McCreary	16
F. W. Sutherland,		G. E. Rowed,	
Judge Ermatinger,		H. H. Kelly,	
E. J. Butler,		A. J. McGuffin,	
Joe Rivard	12	E. Tillson	7
Total	70	Total	51

On London Ice.

London.		St. Thomas.	
S. D. Swift	12	W. K. Cameron	11
Dr. McDonald	10	G. Anderson	15
W. F. Boughner	12	R. D. Emslie	13
W. F. Fulton	20	George McColl	8
Alf Tory	13	A. Ponsford	13
Total	67	Total	60

SCOTCHMEN CLAIM ICE IS TOO HARD

Were Defeated Yesterday by St. John, N. B., Curlers—Scotch Are Used to Playing on Soft Ice.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—The Scotch curlers, who reached here this morning, played morning and afternoon games in three local rinks, and were defeated by a total of 217 for the New Brunswick players to 129 for the visitors. The Scotchmen say they are used to softer ice, whereas the ice in the local rinks today was hard and fast. The St. Andrew's Club, St. John, defeated the visitors 46 to 23; Thistle Club, St. John, won 50 to 12; Hampton won from the visitors 40 to 31; and Carleton Club, St. John, came out 16 to 13 against the Scotchmen. Fredericton won 40 to 27, and Skip Keanie's rink had a close battle with Skip Hawthorne, of Fredericton, but came out with a score of 19 to 18. This rink has not been defeated so far since arriving in Canada.

Tonight the visitors were entertained at a smoker in Keith's Theatre, and many happy speeches were made.

The results were:

St. Andrew's Club.		Scotland.	
Magge, skip	16	Robertson, skip,	13
Robertson, skip,	30	Riddall, skip	10
Thistles.		Scotland.	
Willett, skip	28	Hewelson, skip,	4
Malcolm, skip	22	Allan, skip	8
Carleton.		Scotland.	
Belyea, skip	16	Kennedy, skip	13
Fredericton.		Scotland.	
Hawthorne, sk.	18	Keanie, skip	19
Simmons, skip,	22	Murray, skip,	8
St. Stephen.		Scotland.	
Hanong, skip	16	Aikman, skip	6
Murchie, skip	21	Riddall, skip	4
Hampton.		Scotland.	
Wilson, skip	21	Allan, skip	8
Giggey, skip	19	Blair, skip	23

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INGERSOLL LOSES TO WOODSTOCK

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STONE NOT PLAYING

Ingersoll's Great Point Man Did Not Play, and the Team Was Weakened as a Result.

Woodstock, Jan. 5. — The opening O. H. A. intermediate game of the local season was played here tonight between Ingersoll and Woodstock. The locals had the best of play during the first half, which resulted in the half-time score being 5 to 2. During the last half Ingersoll picked up, and at one stage were quite close to the locals, the score being 6 to 5. However, Woodstock seemed to gather new energy at this time and finally won by 8 to 5.

The line-up:

Woodstock—Goal, Childs; point, Bryce; coverpoint, Thompson; rover, Sandercock; centre, Pascoe; left wing, Hambly; right wing, Smith.

Ingersoll—Goal, Moyer; point, Firth; coverpoint, Bearss; rover, Mason; centre, McDougall; left wing, Davey; right wing, Kline.

Referee—Rankin, of London.

MARKDALE DEFEATS CHESLEY.

Markdale, Jan. 6.—Markdale defeated Chesley here last night by a score of 5 to 4 in the intermediate series of the Northern League. Roberts and Kelly played a brilliant game. It was fast and clean. Bamford, of Listowel, refereed.

TRENTON DEFEATS BELLEVILLE.

Trenton, Jan. 6.—Trenton intermediates defeated Belleville at Trenton Rink last night by a score of 8 to 2. The game was very poor owing to no previous practice. W. L. Hancock was referee.

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The Click of the Steel Shoe

It was the h[illegible] supporters of th[illegible] of many of the that Capt. Consta[illegible]nior Frontenacs A., would be able [illegible] of the R. C. H. this season. He has [illegible]lay with them the C. A. A. U., a[illegible] reinstated by compete in any sp[illegible] allowed to governed by the O. H[illegible]xcept those gladly reinstate him, [illegible]hey would clause in the constitut[illegible]here is a professional, always a[illegible] "once a and this cannot be over[illegible]ssional."

Coo Dion, former captai[illegible] tawa Cliffsides, has rounded [illegible]e Ottawa and will be a fixture on th[illegible]hape, line of the Winipeg Victori[illegible]ward scored two goals in last wee[illegible]ion against the Monarchs, which [illegible]h torias won by 11 to 7, and in [illegible] hibition against the New Edin[illegible] of Ottawa he was one of the mo[illegible] fective men on the ice, notching [illegible] of the goals for the home team. [illegible] is not as fast as the other men on [illegible] Winnipeg line, but he is a better st[illegible] handler, and seems to bore in m[illegible] fearlessly. A merry fight for [illegible] championship between the Victoria[illegible] Monarch and 'Varsity teams now seems [illegible] probable, and the Vics are congratulating themselves on having secured Dion.

Barney Holden, the veteran Winnipeg player, who held down coverpoint for the Quebec team, has bobbed up again. Barney was forgotten in the shuffle for players for the Patrick League, but he signed on last week to play in the Saskatoon Professional League, and has made a hit on the defence of the wholesalers' team. Freddie Landers is playing left wing for the same team, while Ab Kent is holding down the rover's position. Paddy McDonough being at point, and Roy Anderson, of Pembroke, at right wing. Holden has a rather interesting hoc[illegible]key career, playing at Pittsburg, Portage Lake, Houghton, Quebec and Winnipeg.

"It looks as if I wouldn't play hockey at all this winter," said Fred Taylor when questioned as to his intention.

"Are you not going down to play for Wanderers?" he was asked.

"No, I am not," emphatically replied the Listowel cannon ball.

"Haven't they fixed things up yet?"

"No, there isn't any fixing to do. I do not intend to go to Montreal to pay for Wanderers or any other team. If I don't pay with Ottawa I shall certainly remain out of hockey."

"No, I do not intend to go to the coast, either," concluded Taylor. "I'd like to play this winter, but it does not look as though I would do so."

Taylor added that there was absolutely no chance of his going to Montreal in time to play against the Ottawas next Saturday night. He admits that he has been negotiating with Sammy Lichtenhein, but apparently is no nearer signing a Wanderer contract than he was a month ago.

[illegible] Dey writes to the effect that [illegible]eal hockey will enjoy a great [illegible] the Maritime Provinces this [illegible] says that all the teams will for[illegible] and predicts that the Moncton [illegible]sgow teams will fight it out [illegible]pionship and the honor of [illegible] east, [illegible] the Stanley Cup. The [illegible] With [illegible] players, now signed in the [illegible]tawa; [illegible]ows:

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