

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR O.H.A. TEAMS HOLD PRACTICE LAST NIGHT

Ice Was in Excellent Condition, and Practice Was Fast—Freeman of Berlin Will Wear a Brantford Uniform This Season—Two Men For Nearly Every Position on Both Teams.

Brantford Intermediate and Junior O. H. A. teams held the first real practice last night at the Alfred St. rink.

The practices which have heretofore been held on the central rink, took on a more strenuous effect last night on the larger sheet of ice, which was in excellent condition.

From the material now on hand and with a few more prospects yet to turn out, Brantford has every chance of being well represented in hockey during the coming year. It has been some years since Brantford could boast of a winning team, although last year's junior team looked pretty good, but a number of the players have left the city or have emigrated.

THE JUNIOR TEAM

There are about two or three men trying for every position on the junior team, and from last night's practice, it looks far better than last year. There are four goal tenders out, and this position is going to be well looked after.

THE INTERMEDIATES

Although there were only four or five intermediates out last night, the team has sure got material. The forward line have many applicants for positions. Kiercey, O'Connor, Lloyd, Johnson, Tickle, Freeman, Shorey and two or three others whose names are not yet known.

Summerhays, who looked after the junior nets last year, will be out again. He was one of the best men seen in the nets here last season. Another man for the position is Woodruff, a local boy.

For the defence, there is Slemm, Beckett, Woolams, Dennis and a couple of men from the 84th Battalion.

In the above names, some will be well known to Brantford hockey fans as players in other towns. Freeman, who played with Berlin and later with the champion Preston team, is a resident of the city, and will be welcomed as an addition to the local team. Freeman played in the exhibition game the locals played against Preston last year, and it will be remembered that he was one of the

stars of the game. Another player who will try for a place is Gay, an Oshawa boy. Although he has not played O. H. A. hockey, he is reported as a likely candidate.

Hockey players of the 84th Battalion will turn out and help the team as it is said there are two or three well known hockey players on the officers' staff.

Cliff Slemm, who was one of the best on the junior team last year, will be out with the intermediates. The team will hold another practice to-night, and will be put to work in earnest, as the first game is only about two weeks away.

LA SALETTE

Everything is white in this district. Looks like Christmas.

Miss Eath McMahon is home on her vacation.

Richard Donahue was in Simcoe on Saturday last.

Cyril Pettit has returned home from Detroit after having been in the hospital for some time with typhoid fever.

Miss Marion Tyrrell of Toronto is home on her vacation.

Mrs. F. McNamara and family and Vincent Foley of Toronto, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Foley.

Miss Margaret Tyrrell is visiting at D. Schooley's.

Eugene Olmstead visited at James Casey's on Sunday last.

Miss Zeta Pettit of London is home on her vacation.

Miss Katherine Tyrrell is visiting at A. Boll's.

Miss Helen Beal spent Sunday at Jas. Casey's.

Local Option Means Smuggling

Local Option means the smuggling of hard liquor into your city from Hamilton and other centres. It means "home manufacture." It makes for illicit selling, debauchery and crime. Prevent the inception of these things by voting against Local Option on election day.—Advt.

Piping The Scots to Battle

"As the men bombed their way along the German trenches after the first rush, two of the Black Watch pipers stood upright on the parapet under a terrible fire and played "Highland Laddies," the regimental charge of this gallant corps. They stood in a terrific storm of fire with bombs bursting all around them, and flung their Highland battle air to the breeze until one piper fell dead and the other was wounded."

It was at Loos that Piper David Simpson of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch, died on the field of glory. All through the battle roar," wrote one of his comrades, "rang the stirring notes of the charge by the pipers, at once a stimulus and a rallying call to every man wearing the red hackle. Three lines of German trenches fell to that fierce assault. Then the command came down the line to have a try for the fourth, the Black Watch, at once got his pipes in position, turned to his company with the cry, "Come on, boys!" and striking up the battle tune of the Black Watch, again ran, playing, towards a bullet through the breast brought him down, and with the exultant yell of his triumphant comrades in his ears, he died."

Describing the inspiring scene of the passage of a killed battalion along one of the rocky roads of Flanders with the bagpipes skirling defiantly, a British correspondent at the front wrote thus: "The drone of the pipes seem to rouse a cold, calculating devil under the tartan. It is not altogether a pleasant sight to see a Scottish regiment being played in the trenches. You can see that there is killing ahead; see it in the grim determination of the men, the thrust of the jaw, the grip of the knotted hands on rifle butts, and you feel that the wail of the pipes ahead is a battle cry fiercely hurled from Dumfries, to whom I mentioned this matter of bagpipe inspiration, "mon, when I hear 'The Cock o' th' North,' I could hear 'yon Germans wi' ma' bare hands!'"

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF SUICIDE RATE

number of individual instances, there is a direct relation between business failures and suicides, resulting in consequence of economic distress, states F. L. Hoffman in the Spectator of New York.

As a special suggestion, attention is directed to the apparently increasing number of suicides resulting from mere suggestion of previous cases of self-murder in the same family. A case of this kind was reported from Springfield, Mass., under date of October 30th, where a woman committed suicide in exactly the same manner as her husband had done six years previous. This case was complicated by another suicide in the family of a close friend of the woman, who had apparently ended her life in a similar manner. Such cases are increasing with increasing frequency and they warrant the most serious apprehensions regarding the future.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SUGGESTION.

The psychology of suggestion is a much-neglected branch of modern medicine and education. The ever-present possibilities of self-murder, regardless of an overwhelming amount of evidence, are generally disregarded and treated lightly even in cases where the indications point strongly in the direction of unsoundness of mind. Child suicides are also seemingly more common now than in former years. A case was reported from Seattle under date of July 30th, of a boy thirteen years of age who ended his life by drinking poison in exactly the way his father had done six years before. Because he had been reproved by his mother for smoking. Also under the same date a case was reported from Mount Vernon, Wash., of a boy thirteen years of age, who, upon being reproved by his mother for quarrelling with his younger sister, ended his life by blowing out his brains. Under date of November 2 a case was reported from New York city, where a boy of sixteen years of age shot himself because he believed himself to be incurable of an ailment the nature of which was not disclosed in the newspaper account. All such cases indicate a decided tendency toward moral and mental deterioration, and they emphasize the urgency of greater caution on the part of life insurance companies in the assumption of risks, especially for large amounts, and the justice of a suicide clause which adequately protects the interests of all the policyholders against adverse selection during the first year of insurance.

The modern increase in suicide is, in part, attributable to exceptionally convenient facilities for self-murder, particularly by poison.

IS SERIOUS MODERN PROBLEM

In proportion to population the male suicide rate was 23.9 per 100,000 of population, against a female rate of 7.6 but the sex difference in the rates are decidedly more pronounced when the several methods or means of committing suicide are considered. Among men it is shown that suicide by firearms was most common, amounting to 8.4 per 100,000 of population, followed by poison with a rate of 5.8, and hanging or strangulation with a rate of 3.7. Among women, suicide by poison was the most common, accounting for a rate of 3.4 per 100,000 of population, followed by asphyxiation with a rate of 1.3, and hanging or strangulation and firearms with rates of, respectively, 0.8. Throughout, for all specified methods the rates for males are decidedly in excess of the corresponding rates for females. Concerning poison it is shown that of the male suicides 24.2 per cent. were attributable to this method, and of the suicides of women 45.3 per cent. It would seem perfectly feasible to bring about a substantial reduction in the frequency of suicide by poison in the direction of more restrictive and even drastic legislation limiting the means or conditions under which poison can be obtained.

Laws or municipal ordinances governing the sale of poison at the present times seem not to be properly enforced in many communities, if reliance can be placed upon the published statistics in individual cases. Much of the same conclusion applies to the sale of firearms. It is quite possible that the relatively low rate of suicide in Manhattan and the Bronx is, in part, accounted for by the operation of the Sullivan law prohibiting the carrying of firearms, with adequate penalties for violations. From whatever point of view the subject is considered it is quite clear that the increasing frequency of suicide in the United States demands the most earnest consideration of those who may be in a position to direct public attention to one of the most serious problems of the present day.

One of the guns captured by the Royal Sussex Regiment and allotted to Brighton by the military authorities, has now been accepted on behalf of the town by the mayor, at the Town Hall Square.

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I SAID GET OUT, GOSH-BLINK IT! I'M BUSY!

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