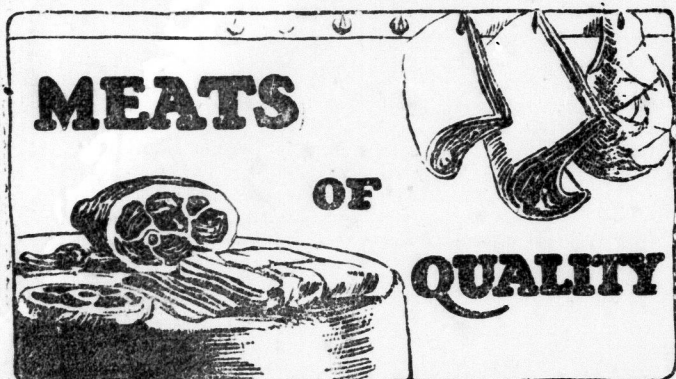


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That's hockey, Canada's national game. Historians are said to differ considerably over the place in which the great Caesar first saw the light of day, and similarly in respect to the birthplace of the dominion's sport, hockey.

There may be some who claim sundry and divers places as being the authentic spot or locality. Whatever measure of merit the claims of other places may have, it is generally admitted and has been substantially proven that the actual birthplace of ice artistry was in the city of Kingston in the year 1888.

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### Boosting Hockey In London



WILLIAM MARSDEN.

the pied piper of hockey, and former Toronto Aura Lee coach, who is putting the local seniors through their paces, and who is responsible for the formation of the London Junior hockey association.

The first actual game that there is any record of took place in Captain Dix's rink, located on the harbor mouth in front of the city buildings, Kingston. The game was played between teams representing Queen's university and the Royal military college.

The players wore long white duck trousers and used a set of sticks which had been borrowed from an eastern firm, said sticks being expressed back to the company after the game. The rink, which was intended for skating purposes only, had a handstand erected in the center, and when a player dashed up the ice he was greatly assisted in his attack by his ability to dodge around the stand while en route. A solid rubber ball, which had been cut into



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has shown his interest in the development of hockey players by donating a trophy to the junior hockey association. It is a challenge cup and will be competed for annually.

a square, was utilized as a puck.

**Rinks Too Few Now.**  
In the last few years, hockey has received a tremendous impetus. So great is the interest shown that there is not a sufficient number of rinks to accommodate the many teams engaging in this sport and present-day facilities are inadequate to cope with the ever-increasing crowds. Within a few years, hockey will be to Canada what association football is to Great Britain and what baseball is to the United States. In fact, the time is not far off when a much larger number of teams, both amateur and professional, will be seen playing on artificial ice.

Even in the district surrounding London, the growth can be seen. London has an arena, so has Stratford, and both cities are able to boast strong senior O. H. A. teams as well as a great number of hockey players that are in the making. Development of the game stands out like a wart on a flapper's nose, and the above prediction that comes from Captain Jimmy Sutherland, past president of the Canadian amateur hockey association appears to be well founded.

Hockey is popular for many reasons, but the main one is that it is the game for the healthy man. In addition to physical skill required in skating and stick-handling, speed, accuracy, endurance, strength and hardiness or ability to take bumps and bad falls without a whimper are of great value.

The finished player keeps his temper, has a clear head and uses good judgment. The youngster, early in his experience as a team member, learns the value of co-operation with others in developing team play, obedience to the team captain and to officials in charge of the game.

**How Battles Are Won.**  
Down through the ages, sport has held a prominent part in the life and success of nations. It is because of this that the Duke of Wellington once said: "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." Sport brings out all that is good in a man and makes for fair, clean and gentlemanly competition in real life as well as in the athletic arena.

And so it is not extraordinary that Canadians, who love the thrill of physical contact and the joys of fair battle, should lead all others in introducing, even as late as the nineteenth century, the greatest of all spectacular games. For Canada claims the fascinating winter sport as its own invention. It was in this country that the sport was born and it is here that the leading players have been, and will continue to be developed.

So well has hockey been introduced in foreign lands that it has now become a world-wide competition, not a fly-by-night affair, but a sport that promises to hold its place in the centuries to come. Twice the world's championship has been competed for at the Olympic games, and just as many times have Canada's representatives triumphed.

In 1920, the Winnipeg Falcons swept aside all opposition at the historic city of Antwerp, defeating the United States team in the final 2 to 0. In 1924, the Canadians, made up for the most part by Toronto Granites, made even a better impression and whipped the United States sextet in the final with a 6 to 1 score at Chamonix in the French Alps.

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regarded as any out-of-the-ordinary events by Canadian fans, who know that rival countries have not perfected the sport to such an extent that they can successfully compete against the home of hockey. It is true that the game had made wonderful strides in the United States, but it is also true that the vast majority of the players in the progressive land to the south of us are Canadians. In time the United States will rise up as a whole to challenge the supremacy of Canadian teams. They have partially started by entering three teams in the National hockey league, and the time when wholesale competition will be a reality is eagerly looked forward to by Canadians, who welcome international tests of strength.

For success in hockey, the development of younger players is essential, and London has finally started off on the right foot. Bill Marsden, known as the maker of hockey champions and the pied piper of the game, is now the leading light in London sport circles.

The former Aura Lee coach, as well as giving the city one of the strongest prospects in the senior field, is responsible for the junior hockey association, a league especially organized to develop school boys, which sprung into being this season. Last year there was a junior league, but it was run by the players and was anything but satisfactory. They just played the game as they knew how and had no one to point out their little mistakes. This year it is different.

Every night the junior teams are on the ice Marsden is there picking out material for a junior O. H. A. team. He already has a squad of fourteen working out under his supervision, and London's hockey future is a bright one.

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