



The Sporting World

Hockey, Basketball, Curling, Bowling.



London, if It Wins From Preston, Meets Collingwood or Hamilton To Decide Which Enters Finals

But One More Round To Play Before Finals, After Preston Games.

Now that Simcoe has been stowed away for the winter, Londoners in general are talking of nothing else but the chances of the local hockey team to enter the finals in the O. H. A. intermediate series. The consensus of opinion is that if the wearers of the green and white can trim Collingwood, which will doubtless defeat Hamilton, the championship will be theirs, for the northwesterners are reputed to be about the best that ever raised a hockey stick in the intermediate ranks.

will then enter the finals for the championship.

Midland must be considered a contender for the title, according to the Toronto Globe, which stated yesterday that that team was the favorite for the championship. However, that statement need not be swallowed whole, even if Midland has a last year's senior team, for Collingwood has shown up as strong if not stronger than any of the teams outside of London, which by the way is never all in until the final whistle blows, and then it is usually on top.

London Will Make Itself Felt. We'll all know more about it later on, though; but there is whispering that with fair play London will make itself felt no matter which aggregation it stacks up against.

Monday evening the locals meet Preston on the latter's ice, and if they meet no stronger opposition than they did at Simcoe, another contest will have been added to the long list of wood-Hamilton battles. The winner season's victories.

AS SIMCOE SAW IT

The following is an extract from an account of the Simcoe-London game given in a Simcoe exchange:

The return game was played here at Lynnwood Rink last evening. In the afternoon sleigh loads began to arrive in town from all directions of the country, and over an hour before it was time to call the game the rink was filled. Then after the London crowd, who brought a special train and wedged its way into the rink in addition to the local crowd, the place was jammed, but none had to be turned away, and a record attendance for a hockey match in Simcoe was established. There were about 1,500 in the building.

With good ice the locals expected to win this return game even if they couldn't win out the round, which the majority of goals in the two games decided. However, the weather man was against them, and when the game was called it was raining, and the thermometer stood at 44. Of course under these conditions the ice was very heavy, and the locals knew their chances were slim against the heavier London seven, who were in better condition to stand the heavy going.

Referee Jack Maxon, of Toronto, officiated, and gave the best of satisfaction to both teams. The Simcoe players have no excuse from the referee standpoint. They all acknowledge they were simply outplayed by a better team, and took their medicine in the right way.

Dan McEwen, the London Driver, Pulls Off Big Killing at Ottawa With Race Horse "Silver Joe"

\$35,000 Is Said To Have Been Cleaned Up on the Race--

Entricken Down Heavily.

As stated in yesterday's Advertiser (on page eight), Dan McEwen and other well-known horsemen recently pulled off a big killing at the Ottawa race track, when a horse named "The El," which was known to Londoners as "Silver Joe," the Canadian Sportsman in an account of the race says:

"In the entries for the 2.35 stake, there appeared that of The El, gr. h., entered by Mrs. O'Keefe, Buffalo, N.Y. No one knew The El, and no one cared much about him, as it was not figured that a green one could come from Buffalo, where the conditions are not favorable for winter training, and beat the bunch that were entered in the stake here, especially as the latter had a few good races under their belts, and were known to be right good."

Anita Favorite. The mare Anita, owned by Frank Matty, of Syracuse, N.Y., that had done great things last week in Montreal, when she won two races, and showed that she could pace three times better than 2.24, was made favorite for the race, and loads of the long green went in with her sailing at \$20, and the field \$15. The odds of Syracuse, of course, thought that the bay mare City Queen, owned by Lou Bennett, of Port Hope, and as they were confident Anita could take City Queen's measure, they literally climbed over one another to get the Anita tickets.

Getting the Field End. It was noticed that a quiet individual, whose identity was unknown, except to a few, was getting the field

end, and he was there taking them off. Fred Upson for the horses to appear on the track. The El was the last to show up, which enabled his lone backer to get all there was in sight, and when he did appear, and it was seen that he was none other than the grey horse that had been known as "Silver Joe," with the master mechanic, Dan McEwen, up, there was consternation in the ranks of the backers of Anita, for many of the "wise" fellows fell for the Anita trick, thinking it was like finding money to play her against the field at any odds. Of course it was too late to get off.

The race was uninteresting from the ordinary spectator's point of view, for The El just toyed with his field, winning one, two, three, without being anywhere near the limit of his speed at any stage, although Anita made him jigs in 2.22½ and 2.21¼ to win the second and third heats.

Books Completely Routed. The rout was complete and the pool box clerks had to work overtime counting the money which the shrewd Entricken carted away in a mail bag brought along for the purpose. It was a cleverly engineered coup, and ahead round town after the race, they could not but admit that the owner of The El, which we will now have to call the horse, was entitled to the credit of slipping over such a good thing.

The El is a grey horse, by Gambolier, son of Gambetta Wilkes, out of a mare by John L. He stands 15.2 and looks all over the finished article that he is. McEwen made no mistake with him, as he was in fine fettle, and acted like he could beat 2.20 three times handily enough.

It is his owner's intention to send him after the money on the Grand Circuit this year, and there are many horseouts just now who would have a ticket on him if he were to start against a seventy horse power automobile.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

Northern League.
Harrison 5, Wingham 6.
Palmerston 2, Listowel 7.
Professional League.
Guelph 5, Brantford 2.
O. H. A.—Junior.
Barrie 9, Midland 1.
*This game ties the round.

HAMILTON LEASES PRO. LEAGUE PARK

Further Evidence That Proposed International League Is Going Through.

It is now practically certain that the proposed international baseball league will shortly become a fixture. The lease for the Hamilton baseball park was yesterday signed, according to the Times, and a part of the rental laid down.

Mr. W. J. Reid is at present out of the city, but it was learned this morning that so far no lease has yet been signed for Tecumseh Park. The option on the park runs until the last of this month, and inasmuch as Mr. Reid is now in New York, and has been for over a week, it is possible that he has paid a visit to Mr. Wreath, the pro-City League players for their terms.

The Hamilton people were to have held a meeting today and whip things into shape for the opening of the season, but this was prevented by Mr. Paige, of the international league, who has been snow-bound up north.



WILLIAM (BILLY) BELL, The crack local bowler, who with Joe West, yesterday beat the world's bowling record for a two-man team, while practicing for the big Toronto tournament, on the National alleys.

BROKE RECORD IN PRACTICE

Joe West and Billy Bell Roll 1,291 for Three Games.

Yesterday was an eventful one for local trundlers, for two of them sent the world's record for a two-man team skyward, and incidentally made the half-hundred odd spectators who witnessed the performance sit up with wide-open mouths and pay attention. The games were rolled on the National alleys in practice, however, and cannot, therefore, be set down.

Little Joe West and "Silent" Billy Bell were the skillful individuals, and their mark of 1,291 for three games on two different alleys will doubtless stand for a long time. The world's record for two-men bowling was 1,249, so it can be seen that the notch was raised just 42 pins.

The scores by games were as follows:
West 208 212 210—630
Bell 192 236 233—661
Total 1,291
In twelve games bowled yesterday West made 212, 222, 232, 192, 150, 203, 190, 188, 155, 208, 180, 170. Total, 2,359. Bell, twelve games: 200, 189, 197, 223, 200, 175, 165, 233, 202, 178, 236, 192, 187. Total, 2,377.

BOWLING AT HYMAN HALL

Ward Four won two out of three games from Ward Two last night in the Liberal Club series. The games were closely contested, and the bowling was fair.

Platt is bowling well these days, and promises to be one of the best rollers in the city. He got high single with 194. Capt. Stone was the real bowler last night trundling three good games getting high aggregate with 538. Worrall and Ross bowled well, while Feeny was in hard luck.

Capt. Oliver trundled valiantly for the loser, while McIntosh, Cooper and McMurphy were steady. "Pop" Beal had most of the tough luck going.

The score:

WARD FOUR.			
Platt	151	194	147—492
Feeny	122	119	112—353
Worrall	181	148	149—478
Ross	110	160	156—426
Stone	165	172	191—528
Total 729 793 759—2281			
WARD TWO.			
Cooper	123	136	165—424
McMurphy	150	159	162—471
Beal	135	137	106—378
McIntosh	151	156	142—449
Oliver	176	138	177—491
Total 741 726 752—2219			

STRANDED IN NORWICH ROOTERS' PREDICAMENT

Left Train, Thinking It Was London, and Special Pulled Away.

It isn't often that the town of Norwich, between here and Simcoe, is honored by being mistaken for London, but this was the case on Wednesday night, when the special train on the G. T. R., bearing the local rooters, was making the return trip.

For some reason the train made a stop at Norwich, and when some of the rooting contingent looked out of the window and saw the lights of the town through the rain, they promptly decided that they had struck the Forest City, and accordingly left the cars. Naturally, they discovered their mistake before they had gone far, but in the meantime the engineer of the special had pulled the throttle open, and when the rooters landed at the station there was nothing doing.

To cut a long story short, the tired and disgruntled rooters, after walking up an angry German hotelkeeper, and getting abused in broken Dutch for so doing, learned that they could get a train home the next day somewhere around noon. It is also said that the hotel where they stopped was filled with commercial men at the time, and that the best accommodation the loyal London rooters could procure was

National Cigar Stand

SATURDAY SPECIALS
All Three-for-a-Quarter Cigars Will Be Sold, Saturday Only, FOUR FOR A QUARTER

BOWLING AND BILLIARD PARLORS IN CONNECTION.
197-199 Dundas Street
MIKE FOLEY, MANAGER.

THE ONTARIO LOAN AND DEBENTURE CO.

The thirty-seventh annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held on Wednesday afternoon at the company's office, when the record of another successful year's operations was placed before the shareholders present.

The meeting was attended by Messrs. John McClary, Arthur S. Emery, Lieut.-Col. Wm. M. Gartshore, John M. Dillon, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, K. C., George C. Gunn, his Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth, J. F. Kern, Thomas Rowe, and others.

The chair having been taken by Mr. John McClary, the president, the manager, Mr. A. M. Smart, who acted as secretary, read the notice calling the meeting, and the minutes of the last annual meeting, which, upon motion, were confirmed.

The annual report was then presented, as follows:
London, Canada, Jan. 27, 1908.

To the Shareholders:
In presenting the thirty-seventh annual report, your directors have great pleasure in being able to again record the result of another successful year's business, as indicated by the balance sheet, which is herewith presented. The usual exhaustive audit has been completed by the company's auditors, comprising monthly checking of all cash transactions, verifications of all postings, and balances of the books, together with final examination of the securities, and their certificate is appended.

The revenue account, after providing for all interest, commission, taxes and expenses, together with dividends to the shareholders at the rate of 6½ per cent per annum, has enabled your directors to carry \$35,000, a somewhat increased amount, to the reserve fund. This latter sum now stands at \$720,000, being equal to 60 per cent of the paid-up capital—a valuable additional security to depositors and debentureholders.

The financial stringency in the United States during the latter part of the year has been reflected to a limited extent in this country; but the depression of crop results, together with the enlargement of the supply of funds, and the consequent somewhat higher rates presently obtainable for speculation of all kinds, whether in stocks, grain or land, and taken together with the present restraint and rigid security offered for loans, will result in much good, tending as it will to confine values to more stable figures.

While the rewards from agriculture, in which this company is more immediately concerned, have undoubtedly been curtailed, interest payments on your company's mortgages have been quite as well met as in preceding years. This may be considered most satisfactory, as may also in the fact that your company is still without any property on hand other than its own office building.

Higher rates for money have prevailed also in Great Britain, hence the reduction in liability for sterling debentures, your directors considering it unwise to offer there any abnormal rate for funds. Your company's interests in Scotland continue to have the careful attention of Messrs. William Home Cook & Co., C. A., as general agents in Edinburgh.

Your directors gladly record their appreciation of the manner in which the officials of the company have discharged their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLARY, President.

Revenue Account.

Interest on Sterling Debentures, \$41,183.59	Balance from last year, \$35,916.48
Interest on Currency Debentures, 21,728.64	Interest earned on mortgages, rents, etc., 235,029.26
Interest on deposits in Canada, 1,111.86	
Expenses connected with Sterling Debentures, 4,028.47	
Commissions and expenses in connection with loans, 14,623.40	
Accruing commission, 5,000.00	
Taxes, provincial and municipal, 2,235.27	
Expenses of management, 15,672.72	
Dividend No. 87, paid 2nd July, 1907, 39,000.00	
Dividend No. 88, due 2nd January, 1908, 39,000.00	
Carried to reserve fund, 35,000.00	
Balance carried forward, 36,256.73	
\$270,945.74	\$270,945.74

Financial Statement.

ASSETS.	
Mortgages, etc., on real estate, \$3,867,219.64	
Less amount retained to pay prior mortgages, 5,184.22	
Municipal Debentures owned, \$3,862,035.42	
Loans secured by this company's stock, 91,529.99	
Loans secured by other stocks and Loan Co's Debentures, 4,100.00	
Office premises (freehold), 8,541.25	
Cash with Bank of Scotland, 47,890.21	
Cash with banks in Canada, 85,946.81	
	\$4,129,924.69

LIABILITIES.

TO THE PUBLIC:	
Sterling Debentures, \$1,048,400.65	
Accrued interest, 9,707.00	
Currency Debentures, 636,573.94	
Accrued interest, 8,829.03	
Deposits, 545,402.97	
Accruing commissions, 25,000.00	
	2,146,567.81
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:	
Capital Stock paid up, \$1,200,000.00	
Dividend No. 88 (since paid), 39,000.00	
Reserve fund, 35,000.00	
Carried thereto, 1907, 35,000.00	
Balance at credit of revenue account, 720,900.00	
	\$1,969,556.79

A. M. SMART, Manager.
We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company for the year 1907, comprising a monthly cash audit and the verification of the postings and balances in all the company's books, and we find the whole correct and in accordance with the above statements. We have also examined the securities and find them in order.

London, Ont., Jan. 27, 1908.

It was then moved by Mr. John McClary, seconded by Mr. A. S. Emery, that the annual report just read be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Judge Macbeth, seconded by George C. Gunn, that the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the directors and officials of the company for their efforts in the continued successful conduct of the business of the company during the past year. Carried.

The president having returned thanks on behalf of the directors and officials, scrutineers were then appointed, and the election of directors proceeded with, namely, Messrs. John McClary, Arthur S. Emery, Wm. Bowman, Lieut.-Col. Wm. M. Gartshore and John M. Dillon.

It was then moved by his Honor Judge Macbeth, seconded by Mr. Thos. Rowe, that Messrs. Frank G. Jewell and J. F. Kern be and are hereby re-elected auditors of the company. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, and at a meeting of the board of directors held subsequently, Mr. John McClary was re-elected president, and Mr. Arthur S. Emery, vice-president, of the company.

CARPETBALL.

The A. O. F. carpetballers are still busy, and the contests are, as a rule, close and well-played. In a series of recent games the following were the scores:
Brighton 36, Magnolia 34.
Stella 35, Forest City 25.
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AROUND THE SPORTING CIRCUIT

By SOUTHPAW

BETWEEN THE CHAMPION BOWLERS AND THE POSSIBLE HOCKEY LEADERS London is now very much in evidence in the world of sport.

A peculiar feature of the bowling end of the argument is that the Forest City has champion trundlers, both on the green and on the alleys. If the local hockey team wins the championship—and they always have a chance—the town won't be large enough to hold them, and if the bowlers clean up at Toronto, the place will have to be still further enlarged. London has proven itself to be one of the best sporting places on the map, when it has winning teams, but like a whole lot more towns, losers are not wanted.

PRESTON WILL BE LONDON'S NEXT VICTIM IN THE HOCKEY LINE, and dope is accordingly in order. It seems to be rather a hard proposition to get a line on these outside places, but a local man who lived in Preston for some time stated today that the brand of hockey put up there is not much faster than the City League. If that statement be correct, then we can already imagine another scalp dangling in the green-and-white wigwam, for they have to come fast when they take the locals into camp.

NEARLY EVERY PROMINENT CHARACTER IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS has some pronounced characteristic. Especially is this so in the turf world. Geers, for example, has never been known to waste a single word in conversation, and easily earns his sobriquet of "The Silent Man." Dan McEwen, the well-known veteran local driver, is also another one of the silent brigade, but his non-talitativeness is not so pronounced as that of Geer's. Dan will talk horse—but it is generally some horse in Europe or some other distant point that he will discuss.

Last spring the writer took a little jaunt out to Queen's Park to look the augs over, and incidentally make a few notes.

Among the horses under Mr. McEwen's care was "Silver Joe."

"Nice-looking little horse," ventured the reporter.

Dan meditated. Then he grunted, "Yeh."

"Working out pretty fast?" again haphazardly the party behind the pencil. Dan side-stepped.

"I've got a pretty piece of horseflesh over here," he said. Then the veteran of the reins began to talk about the weather, the track, and almost everything else under the sun.

At that time the scribe was puzzled. Recently "Silver Joe" was started at Ottawa in the ice races, and his owner and his friends cleaned up over \$35,000. All of which goes to prove that there is a reason for everything, even in silence.

NEXT FRIDAY AT HAMILTON, GEORGE CRISPIN, the fast local roller skater competes with McMaster's, the champion of the burg by the Mountain in a two-mile race. A number of local sportsmen will accompany the local man to Hamilton and back him to the limit.

Crispin is very confident of victory, and is tipping his friends to "get down."

THE SIMCOE REFORMER offers the following notes on the Simcoe-London round:

Defeated at last and in a decisive manner.

Several places now want exhibition games with the Simcoe team.

Some reports gave the score as 10 to 3, but the official count was 9-3.

The London people say this was the best game their team has played to date.

Smith and Cribb worked like beavers and played defense and forward in turn.

It was certainly a great crowd. Nearly every nearby town was represented.

Goalkeeper Pearson had lots to do in the first half, but he did it in the proper style.

Referee Maxon kept them playing hockey and his work was the best he has done here this year.

Davy Bole in center and "Crow" Carrothers on left wing were the pick of the London forwards.

Geo. Andrews got a nasty cut on the foot from the point of his opponent's skate and had to retire.

It took a good team to do the trick, but London can fill the bill and "here's hopin'" they win the championship.

London has only lost one game this

year. It was their first game of the season, and before they had their present line-up together.

London has a star in Casselman, their 200-lb. point player. His defensive work was beyond criticism and his rushes dangerous.

All the Simcoe forward worked hard and played a good game but were hard checked by a better team and Platt's rushes were probably the most conspicuous.

Contes did his share at the net. He claims two of those goals should never have been chalked against him. We think he is right at that, but then it would have made no material difference in the result.

The fan exports of China amount to 11,000,000 a year.

Bowling

The Ideal Bowling & Billiard Parlors 135 KING ST.