

LONDON CLUB SECURES FIVE YEAR LEASE ON TECUMSEH PARK

It is not likely that London will have a new ball park for some time to come, at least not as far as the London baseball club is concerned. The owners of the London club have been angling for the last couple of weeks to secure a lease on Tecumseh Park for several years, and it was announced this morning that they had secured a five-year lease, and the papers will be drawn up as soon as possible.

Good News For Fans.
Local fans have long regarded Tecumseh Park as an ideal ball grounds, and there was considerable regret expressed

when it was thought the Canadian League would have to shift to some other part of the city. Tecumseh Park is splendidly located for baseball by its nearness to the central part of the city, and the London club realized that it would be a big mistake to move farther away from the city. The club is figuring on eventually purchasing the property and building new steel stands and making it an ideal park. Several improvements are planned for next season, and the diamond will be put into better shape than it has been for the past several seasons.



Well, it wasn't a bad sort of game, was it? St. Thomas has a nice team, but it isn't in London's class, that's all.

Davy Reid used three sticks during the game. He broke the first two by leaning on them when he got tired.

Did you see the way that McAvoy ran around the ice? You would think he was giving an exhibition of fast skating. Talk about speed!

Hall made a hit with the crowd. He was the heaviest man on the ice, and he used his body and stick a great deal in checking his opponents, but he is not unnecessarily rough.

Walden played a great game on the wing, and seems to be much speedier than he was last year. Lee is in good shape, and Edwards will have to go some to beat him out.

Did you see the way Laurie Gillies' hair stuck up? It looked as if Laurie had one of those bristly fur caps on.

The Saints have a great goal-keeper in Hamilton. He deserves no end of praise for his magnificent showing.

Homer Pearson was "beaten" when Gillies tossed the puck to him in an intermission and it struck the referee on the head.

Hall pulled a lot of funny stuff in breaking up the Saints' rushes, and had the crowd laughing frequently. He is a cool player, and always calm and methodical in his movements.

"Dot" Reid is a better man than Granary at left defence. Reid is a better check than the former London player, and uses his weight to better advantage.

According to one of the spectators at the Ingersoll-Woodstock game last night, Woodstock has a big heavy team. One of the players, Davidson, weighs over 200 pounds, and is a rough man to go up against.

A big crowd of rooters will accompany the London team to Brantford Monday night on the special train. There will be hockey matches all along the line. St. Michael's play in Woodstock, and St. Thomas plays in Paris, while Sarnia Juniors are playing in Ingersoll.

EEL DIRECT GOT SECOND MONEY AT HILLCREST

Nedell Won the 223 Pace In Straight Heats After Eel Direct Took First One.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 2.—The following are the results of the Toronto Driving Club's program at Hillcrest today:
223 Pace, purse \$400:—
Eel Direct 2 1 1 1
Bel Direct 1 2 3 3
Miss Alcove 3 3 2 4
Also started: Hal Direct, Montebello, Lady Abbottford, Minor Direct.
Time 2:18, 2:18, 2:19, 2:19.
212 Pace, purse \$400:—
Little Alford 1 1 1
Rouses Point Boy 2 2 2
Fuss 3 3 3
Also started: Hal Direct, Montebello, Alphonse, Adrian Pointer, Ideal.
Time 2:17, 2:17, 2:17, 2:19.
216 Pace, purse \$400:—
Daisy-at-Law 1 1 1
Prince Rupert 2 3 3
Col. Baxter 3 3 3
Also started: Sidney Mackenzie, Forest, Pat Logan, Rosewood, City Queen.
Time 2:18, 2:18, 2:19.
Totals 640 703 717 — 2068
H. Lally 106 126 107 — 339
W. Sub 137 155 162 — 454
A. Armstrong 162 107 113 — 382
M. Sharpe 178 164 134 — 476
A. Sheere 155 151 170 — 476
Totals 678 703 685 — 2066
A. Sheere won by 6 points.

OTTAWA BASKETBALLERS NEARLY DISQUALIFIED

Played Brooklyn Team That Had Not Been Registered With A.A.U. And Were Beaten.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 2.—The Ottawa Y.M.C.A. basketball team to-night played the Crescent Athletic Club's team in Brooklyn, and besides being defeated 32 to 28, unwittingly disqualified themselves by playing with a team that has not registered in the A.A.U.
When James E. Sullivan, secretary of the A.A.U., heard early today that the Canadian team was to play the Brooklyn organization, which has defied the A.A.U., he wired H. N. Crow, president of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Club that the Crescents were outlawed. He said it was from team, however, and said it was from the Toronto Y.M.C.A. Mr. Crow wired Mr. Sullivan that no Toronto team was in New York. In the afternoon, on learning that the Ottawa team was here, Mr. Sullivan again communicated with Mr. Crow. A telegram was sent to Jess Abelson, captain and manager of the Ottawa team by Mr. Crow, warning him that his men must not play against the Crescents, under pain of suspension. The telegram lay on the desk of the secretary of the Crescent club while the game went forward unaltered. In the first half, Ottawa scored 17 to 4 by the Crescents, but in the second half the Brooklynites turned the tables and scored 28, while the Ottawa boys got only 11.

WHITE SOX AND GIANTS MAKE HIT IN AUSTRALIA

Ten Thousand Fans Turn Out To See First Game Which Chicago Wins.

[Canadian Press.]
Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 3.—The baseball teams representing the Chicago White Sox, of the American League, and the New York Giants, of the National League arrived here today. They are to be given a civic welcome by the lord mayor of Sydney on Monday. Considerable interest has been aroused in the tour in Australia, and 10,000 spectators gathered on the Sydney circuit ground today to witness the first match here, which was won by the White Sox, who defeated the Giants by 5 runs to 4 amid great excitement.

CUP DEFENDER WILL HAVE MAHOGANY HULL

Yacht Defiance, Being Built to Meet Shamrock, Is Being Made as Speedy as Possible.

[Canadian Press.]
Boston, Jan. 2.—A mahogany "skin" in two thicknesses will be used, it was announced today, instead of bronze or steel to cover the hull of the Defiance, the yacht to be built at Bath, Me., for a syndicate of New York, Philadelphia and Boston men as a candidate for the defence of the Americas cup. Members of the syndicate believe the wood will give the hull a smoother finish than could be obtained from thin bronze plates exposed to the possibility of buckling away from rivets. Workmen are now finishing the mold for the hull, and early delivery of the steel for the frames has been promised.

NEW EDINBURGH'S WON.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—In the opening game of the Interprovincial Hockey Union here tonight, New Edinburgh defeated the Britannias, a new club, by 9 to 6. Eddie Gerard and Doug George, who are claimed by the Ottawas, lined up with New Edinburgh. George scored five of the winning team's goals. Gerard did not extend himself.

WILL BURNS AND PELKEY SPLIT? OPINION IS THAT THEY WILL

Tommy Plays for High Stakes and Arthur's Recent Showing May Lead Him to Desert His Protege—Burns Is Going After Smith.

[By Harry Bullion in Detroit Free Press.]

Now if Arthur Pelkey will just vanish from the "white hope" ranks he will confer a great favor upon the public and also eliminate much humiliation for himself.

His defeat by "Gunboat" Smith, decisive as it was, only goes to prove that there is little hope for a man of Arthur's age to attain fistic prominence of merit. Were Pelkey seven or eight years younger and in possession of his physical assets he might give promise of developing into a man of sufficient calibre to ultimately dethrone Johnson from the pedestal, but with weight of years on his shoulders he is destined to struggle along, getting no better and a whole lot worse if he continues in the game.

Arthur started too late to make a mark in ring annals, or, mayhap, he didn't get the necessary "boosting" when beginning his career. Here he is nearly 30 years old, yet but one of his engagements attracted enough attention to interest the public, those with McCarty and Smith.

Saw the Handwriting.

Tommy Burns apparently saw the handwriting on the wall, when as Referee Griffin was counting Pelkey out, Tommy seemed to forget what he was there for and diverted his glance to his eyes, in fact, on Smith and decided then and there he could whip the man who sent his charge helpless at his feet.

Turning again to Pelkey, Burns helped in administering treatment to the beaten boxer, then hurried a challenge at Smith through the press of San Francisco and prospects are good that the challenge will culminate in a meeting between Smith and Jack Johnson from the pedestal.

Was it a confession on Burns' part that he had erred grossly in judging Pelkey? There is little question that Tommy did his best to make something of Arthur, watching him constantly, coaching, correcting his faults and adding to his store of ring knowledge. Deep in his heart, Tommy believed that in Pelkey, he had the man who would eventually topple Jack Johnson from the pedestal.

But the black fellow mounted when Burns himself fell in 14 rounds of a 20-round bout at Rushcutters Bay, Australia, Dec. 26, 1908.

Shows a Very Little.
Judging Pelkey's performance on reports sent out of Frisco Thursday evening, Arthur showed little or nothing that would entitle him to another meeting with his conqueror. He seemed to lack a punch, was slow in

his movements and offered the easiest sort of a target to hit. Only Smith's wildness in delivering saved Pelkey from his fate earlier than it happened.

Fans are wondering today whether Burns pursued a wise course when he kept Pelkey idle so long after the fatal McCarthy bout. Wouldn't it have been better, they say, if Tommy had nursed Arthur along in minor bouts to acquire the necessary experience before stacking him up with the heaviest hitter and premier white heavyweight in the world today.

If Tommy was playing a game to get money in one bundle regardless of the result, he played it well. Perhaps Tommy knew that Pelkey wasn't equal to the task and chose this way to lump the sum even if it did require an extra long stretch of idleness. Still critics on the coast assert that Burns steadfastly refused to believe Smith was Pelkey's superior and reports have it that \$4,000 of Tommy's money departed from him when Arthur took the count.

May Be Like Morris.
Just what Pelkey intends doing is a question He may try to go along with Willard, Morris, Rodol and the rest of that joke crowd, picking up a few dollars here and there with no more prospects of developing into a performer of merit than have the trio mentioned. But he will not have Burns as a sponsor. If there is anything besides money Tommy Burns loves it is a winner.

Had Pelkey reversed the verdict Burns would have grasped the opportunity to make capital of it. As things stand now, betting is even Arthur and his erstwhile manager split. Tommy plays for big stakes; no small fry goes for him.

As for Smith, he is determined that Johnson must meet him for the title. With Jim Chalkley, Smith's manager, "Gunboat" plans for a trip to Paris wherein Johnson is sojourning, and force the black into a match. This in face of the fact that coast critics have warned him that he is not quite ready to tackle Johnson.

Has a Good Chance.
We don't all agree on it, however. Years of fast living have placed Johnson in a position where some rugged fellow can knock him off the throne, and the one to do it is Smith. Equipped with a punch of power the equal of any boxer of the last ten years or more, "Gunboat" has a royal chance to whip weight man tie to the brow of a Johnson and restore the heavy-white man.

Johnson will not be ready for a match until April, possibly later. He's nursing an arm fractured in a bout recently and is unable to stand training. When it mends, it is hoped the French promoters can bring about a meeting between Smith and Johnson. And if Smith could be re-trained winner what a godsend it would be!

Charles Edward Barnes to Get an Advertiser Spoon

Healthy Ten Pound Boy Came on New Year's Day to Hamilton Road Home.

Another Morning Advertiser New Year's baby is reported.

At 7:30 o'clock, just a few hours after the Morning Advertiser saw the light of day, Charles Edward Barnes, ten pounds and with the health of the new year in his chubby cheeks, entered the great theatre of life.

Charles Edwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes, of 364 Hamilton road. Dr. Lindsay was the attending physician.

A silver spoon—the gift of the Morning Advertiser to its New Year's brother and sister infants—will be duly forwarded, of such a fine quality that Charles Edwin may present it to his grandsons and his great-grandson.

NEW SCALE OF WAGES FOR MILITARY OFFICERS

Increased Pay Announced by the Militia Gazette.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The militia gazette today announced a new scale of pay for officers of the active militia when on active service as follows: Colonel (or lieutenant colonel), \$5 per diem; major, \$4 per diem; captain, \$3 per diem; lieutenant (qualified or provisional), \$2 per diem; paymaster, quartermaster, \$3 per diem; adjutant, in addition to pay of rank, 50 cents per diem; brigade, regimental or staff sergeant-major, \$1.85 per diem; brigade regimental or staff sergeant-major, if W. O., \$2 per diem; brigade, regimental or staff sergeant, Q. M. sergeant, \$3.60 per diem; orderly-room sergeant, \$3.60 per diem; pay-sergeant, \$1.50; squad, battery, troop and company sergeant-major, \$1.60; squad, battery, troop or company, Q. M. sergeant, \$1.50; farrier sergeant, \$1.50; sergeant, \$1.35; corporals, \$1.10; bombards or second corporals, \$1.05; privates, gunners, sappers, drivers, batmen, etc., \$1.

When on temporary duty for more than seven days, outside camp, the following rates to cover all expenses are allowed:

Rank or Position	East of Port Arthur	West of Port Arthur
Colonel or Lieutenant-colonel	\$3.00	\$3.50
Major	2.50	3.00
Captain or Lieutenant	2.25	2.75
Warrant officer	1.75	2.00
N. C. O.'s not below rank of sergeant	1.00	1.50
Rank and file	1.00	1.75

WHITBY BEAT PETERBORO.

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 2.—Whitby won tonight from Peterboro by a score of 6 to 4.

Great Half-Price Sale



100 Semi-ready "Lonelies" and a \$30,000 Stock

Absolutely no reserve in the Semi-Ready Store during January.

You can be certain of making substantial savings on all Tailored Clothes and Men's Furnishings.

One Hundred Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters at half price.

All luxury garments like House Coats, Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets at half price.

For instance:

- 50 Semi-ready Suits, in all sizes, at Half-price, from \$7.50 to \$15 net.
- 50 Overcoats and Ulsters at Half-price, mostly \$20 and \$25 values.
- 50 Fancy Vests at Half-price, ranging in value from \$2 to \$6, selling at \$1 to \$3.
- 50 House Coats, Lounging Robes, Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes at Half-price; selling at \$2.50 to \$5.
- Mackinaw Coats for Curriers and Skaters, worth \$10; for \$7.50.
- Hats of Fine English Velvet Velour, worth \$5, for \$3.50.
- 50 Special Suit Lengths, finest imported British Woollens, double width, worth \$10 each, for Half-price, \$5.
- Silk Cravats—one lot of fine 50c Ties for Half-price; 25c. The rest of stock at 20 per cent. off.
- Silk and Wool Hosiery, heather mixture; worth 50c here and 75c in most shops; at 3 pairs for \$1.15.
- Fine Cashmere Hose, worth 35c a pair; 3 pairs for 80c.
- 20 per cent. off all other Socks during the sale.
- Underwear—the best selected stock of Unshrinkable Woolen Underwear; any suit at 20 per cent. off label price.
- Sweater Coats—Clearing these at from \$2.40 up; and there's not a poor wool coat in the lot; of finest texture and beautifully knit, with every desirable shade and color combination.
- Gloves, from the best Dollar Cape Tan to the \$2.50 kind, at 20 per cent. off.
- Silk Mufflers at 20 per cent. off.
- Shirts—and nowhere will you find such a fine selection of Zephyrs, Percales and Taffeta Flannel Shirts; 20 per cent. off. Special Fine English Taffeta Shirt, worth \$5, for \$2.50.
- Collars—All the American Collars at 3 for 50c will be cleared at 4 for 50c; and will include the famous Richard Tooker Collars at the same price during the sale.

There are hundreds of other things you expect to get in a first-class haberdashery shop; and whatever you see that is not specially priced to clear, you can figure in getting at 20 per cent off; which is at three-fourths its value; for 20 off is equal to 25 per cent on the cost.

And please do not conflict Semi-ready Tailoring with "ready-made clothes," for they are as different as English chestnuts and horse chestnuts.

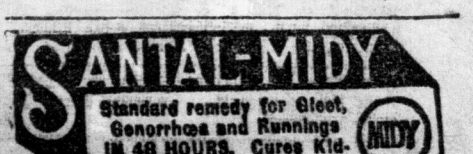
The Semi-ready Store

TOM L. HAYGARTH,
182 DUNDAS STREET.

FINE GAME AT HALIFAX.
Halifax, Jan. 2.—Twenty-six hundred hockey fans tonight saw the Crescents defeat the Sociels for the second time this season in one of the finest exhibitions of hockey played in Halifax by the score of 7 to 5.

HATCHING WHITEFISH.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Jan. 3.—The Point Edward fish hatchery is now preparing whitefish so as to place about sixty millions more of little fish in Lake Huron about the second week of April. The eggs for these were secured at Lake Ontario ports last fall. It requires five months for the process of hatching. A. Laschinger, of Sarnia, is in charge of the Point Edward hatchery.

INDOOR RIFLE RANGES.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Jan. 3.—The members of the Sarnia rifle club have succeeded in getting their indoor rifle ranges in the boys' brigade hall in working order, and are now waiting for the government to come across with the rifles and ammunition, which they expect will arrive here this week. If the supplies arrive before Saturday, the shooting will start next week. About seventy five citizens have added their names to the membership, which includes both militia and civilians.



REISLING INVITED TO VISIT LONDON

Local Directors Will Have Personal Talk With Him Before Signing Him Up.

WILL BE HERE SHORTLY

President Stevely Will Notify Him to Come Here Some Time Next Week in All Probability.

The London Baseball Club directors decided yesterday afternoon to have Dr. F. C. Reisling come to London before officially appointing him manager of the London team for 1914. The local directors believe that an agreement between them can be much better arranged in personal conversation than in correspondence, so Reisling will be asked to come to this city some time next week.

Will Be Invited to Come.

The London club owners are unanimous in tendering him the position, but want to have a look at him first. President Stevely will likely notify the Caldwell dentist to visit here next week, and it is believed that when he comes the final arrangements for his appointment will be made.

PARIS HAD TO GO OVERTIME TO WIN

Brantford Seven Gave Green Shirts Hard Battle.

FINAL SCORE WAS 4 TO 3

Knight's Poor Judgment Cost the Brantford Team a Goal—Both Teams Showed Good Condition.

Brantford, Jan. 2.—Playing ten minutes overtime, Paris won the first intermediate O.H.A. game of the season here tonight by 4 to 3. The teams fought hard all the way, showing good condition, while the old rivalry was never absent. The score sawsawed all through the game, first one and then the other scoring. In the second over-time period, Knight passed in front of Brantford's goal and Meggs hit the puck, knocking it into the Brantford nets. Brantford strove hard for a victory but failed. Peebles and Wood starred for Paris; Knight and Woolman for Brantford. Lineup:

Brantford—Goal, Wicks; point, Woolman; cover, Jones; rover, Johnston; centre, Watson; left, Marlatt; right, Knight.

Paris—Goal, Brown; point, Percy Gill; cover, Cook; rover, Wood; centre, Gordon Gill; right, Meggs; left, Peebles.

Referee—Duff Adams, Brantford.

MEL BROCK DEFEATED OLIVER DE GRUCHY

Former Londoner Won Great Footrace at Buffalo Recently.

Mel Brock, a former resident of London, and well known in athletic circles here, in one of the greatest footraces ever run in Buffalo, N. Y., defeated Oliver De Gruchy, the crack New York runner, in the one-mile event New Year's night.

The time of 3:25 2-5 for the mile broke the Armory record of 3:28 4-5 held by the Irish-Americans, and was just one-fifth of a second worse than the world's mark, set by the New York Athletic Club team last winter in Gotham.

ENGLISH GOLFER WILL NOT LOCATE IN AMERICA

Wilfred Reid Decides To Remain In England As He Is Doing Very Well There.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 2.—Reid, the professional golfer of Banstead Downs, England, who led the field in the American open championship, Sept. 1, 1913, and who was reported as likely to locate permanently in America, will remain in England.

Reid was mentioned in connection with the Baltusrol Golf Club to succeed George Low, but as the latter reconsidered his resignation, he will remain at the Short Hills Club. Reid writes a friend in this city that it would take a flattering offer to entice him away from his own country, particularly as he is doing very well at Banstead Downs.