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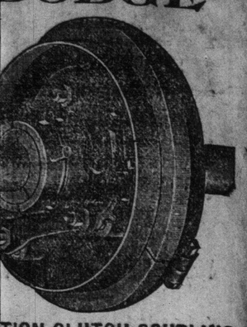

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Hamilton, London, Guelph and Galt Form the League—Players Will Now Sign Contracts and Get Released—To Apply for Protection Under Class F—Bert Sheere President.

Hamilton, April 3.—The Canadian Baseball Association was organized on a professional basis at the St. Nicholas Hotel in this city this afternoon, when the word "amateur" was struck out of the name of the association. The constitution was amended so as to allow for the altered condition of affairs in the association.

Bert Sheere, London, second vice-president, was in the chair, President Hough not being able to be present. The delegates in attendance at the meeting were:

Galt—T. E. McLellan, G. A. Graham.
Guelph—J. A. McLean, W. A. Knowles.
London—B. Sheere, A. Sippi.
Hamilton—W. Stroud, George J. Smith, H. E. Moore, A. Marr.
Brantford—T. Cornwall, F. Farnsworth.

Calvin Davis, the popular and enthusiastic secretary of the association, was in his place, and the business of the meeting was transacted without unnecessary delay.

A Four Club League.

Hamilton, Galt, Guelph and London were admitted to membership in the association.

The secretary's report stated that the receipts were $58.50, and there was a balance of $24.25 on hand.

An application was read from Brantford for admission to the association, the following being the officers: C. Watt, president; T. Cornwall, secretary-treasurer. The team was organized on March 28, 1896. T. Farnsworth being elected manager and G. Davidson captain. F. Farnsworth said the Brantford club was desirous of getting into this league, but there were objections to having five clubs in the league.

The suggestion was made that Toronto be induced to join the league, but J. A. McLean of Guelph and George Graham of Galt said they thought it would be very little use trying to get Toronto in, as they did not think the Queen City club could get sufficient backing, and anyway matches with Toronto were poor drawing cards. The application of the Brantford club was finally referred to the Western district to report at the district meeting next week.

The amendments to the constitution occupied the greater portion of the time of the meeting.

Eliminating the Amateur Idea

All those sections where the word "amateur" was used were struck out and new ones added to suit the new professional association.

In article IV., section 3, referring to the violation of the amateur rule, was struck out.

The second vice-president will hereafter have power to act in the absence of the president and first vice-president.

Section 1 of article V. was amended, leaving out the word amateur, and changing the clause "ten" delegates shall constitute a quorum at the annual convention to "six."

In article VI., sections 1, 2 and 3 were eliminated, as they referred to bona fide amateurs, and would conflict with the new professional clause. The last clause of section 6, as follows, was eliminated: No certificate shall be issued to any player after August 1.

Players Under Contract.

Each club having membership in this association shall annually supply the secretary of this association with a complete list of its players under contract.

Any club wilfully forfeiting a game shall pay the sum of $20 to the opposing club, in two weeks from date of game, failing which, it will forfeit its membership.

The minimum number of games to be played shall be 12.

In case a club forfeits membership in the league the lowest number of games with any other club shall be counted.

All postponed games must be played on dates arranged for by the secretary of the association, if dates cannot be mutually arranged, and the games must be played within two weeks.

The district series shall be completed on or before September 30, the date of the opening being left an open question.

It was decided that the National Baseball playing rules of the United States shall be the playing rules of the Canadian Baseball Association.

It was agreed to apply for protection under class F in the national agreement.

President Bert Sheere.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, George Sleemin, Guelph; President, B. Sheere, London; 1st Vice-President, George A. Graham, Galt; 2nd Vice-President, George J. Smith, Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Calvin Davis, Hamilton.

The clubs each voted Secretary Davis $10 for his past services to the association.

Galt was named as the next annual meeting place of the Canadian Baseball Association.

After the business of the meeting had been disposed of the question of the Schedule Committee meeting at London to arrange the season's games was discussed, and the London delegation announced that London would not agree to any schedule unless home games were given to the Forest City on May 24 and July 1.

The other delegates kicked strongly against this, but "Doc" Sippi was obstinate in London's demands. He said London wanted to play an outside team on the holidays. No agreement in regard to the matter was arrived at, and Hamilton and Galt talked of calling another meeting to organize a new association, with Brantford as the fourth club in it.

Guelph delegates would not consent to go into a league with Brantford as the fourth team, they thinking London would finally agree to the schedule arranged, and it was finally decided that the Schedule Committee would meet in London on April 10 to arrange a schedule, and possibly Galt and Hamilton will agree to divide up the holidays, allowing London and Guelph to do as they please about holiday games.

FOOTBALL MEN AT BERLIN.

Annual Meeting of the Western Association—Affiliated Organizations.

Berlin, April 2.—The Western Football Association held its annual meeting here today. Delegates were present from Galt, Toronto, Listowel, Brantford, Glencoe and other places, and a most enthusiastic and harmonious meeting was held. The secretary's report was very satisfactory. The treasurer's report showed a healthy balance in favor of the association.

The Toronto League, the Inter-College Association and Southwestern Association affiliated with the Western Football Association.

With regard to the Caledonia Cup competition the association decided to play against a picked team from the Toronto League in the spring and a team from the Inter-College Association in the fall.

Athletic and General Notes.

Sam Goodeman will captin the Pennsylvania Cricket team. J. Henry Morice has been selected manager.

R. Malcolm has donated a $150 medal for the best pitcher in the Dominion. The annual championship quoiting contests will be held in Toronto in September.

As a result of the action of the Torontos and Montreals, the O.A.A.C. will likely put a team in the field this year again, though they had proposed not to do so.

The Ketchum Lacrosse Club will hold a meeting at Jackson's Hall, corner Yonge and Bloor, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Al those wishing to join are requested to be on hand.

Walter Stocker, the well-known cricketer of Peterboro', says that they will have a good season there the coming season. Sheldon, a Notts County pro., will likely be with Trinity College School, and will assist Peterboro' after the college season closes.

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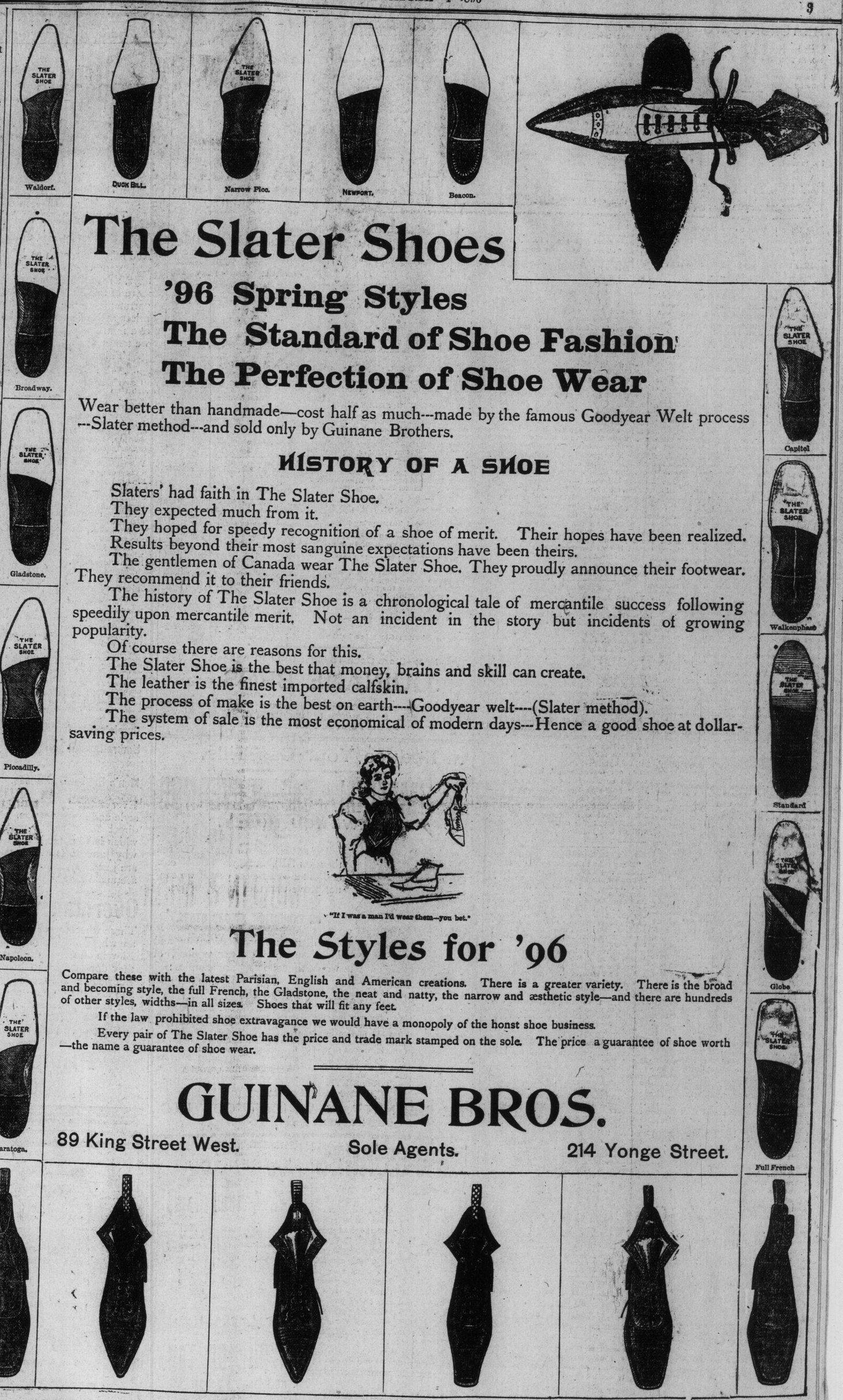

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Canadian Institute.

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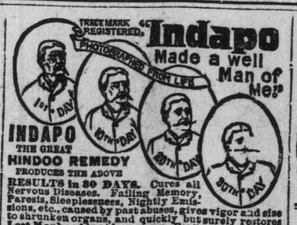
Margaret Reid, relict of the late James Reid, is dead at Sunbury, aged 94. She was born in Antrim, Ireland.



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