

B. C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting in This City Admits Victoria Club to Membership

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

Delegates Elect Officers, Draw Up Schedule and Enact Many Reforms

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The annual meeting of the B. C. A. L. A. held yesterday afternoon in the Empress hotel was probably the most important in many respects that has ever taken place since the organization of the association in this province.

The session was a business one from the start, and in point of important legislation that was enacted and in other business accomplished strikes eight water marks. All of the delegates that were present, representing the big clubs that are at present members of the association, seemed to have but one object in view, and that was the passing of the national game in this province the great popular sport of the British Columbia people, and their efforts to make the schedule of lacrosse and lacrosse play with this end in view.

The most important of the questions that were brought up for consideration were, briefly, the position that the British Columbia association proposed taking in connection with the status, amateur or professional, that the association intended adopting, the application of the newly organized Victoria lacrosse club for admission to the senior ranks, the decision of Hon. M. R. Gifford's trophy, the election of officers for the ensuing year, the drafting of a schedule for the season, the consideration of many reforms introduced by the various clubs, the drafting of a board of official referees, the discussion of the question of intermediate lacrosse, the alteration of several clauses in the constitution to meet the reforms that were suggested and adopted and the reception of the reports of the officers of last year.

From a local viewpoint perhaps the unanimous acceptance of the application of the local club for admission to the big league and the hearty wish of the delegates that the re-named Victoria club would be a success was the outstanding feature of the whole meeting. The application formally presented by Foster Macgurn, President of the Victoria club, was received cordially by the delegates by a motion from F. J. Lynch, seconded by Armstrong, and without a dissenting voice, and applause from the gathering.

One of the strongest states of officers that has ever been elected by the association was elected and the local club is honored by a representative in a prominent position on the drafting of the schedule for the coming season was a great stroke of diplomacy and no better man could have been chosen for the position.

Mr. Lynch of New Westminister will make a most capable secretary-treasurer, while the other officers on the list are equally strong.

Lengthy discussions took place on nearly all of the reforms suggested and the delegates, although anxious to benefit the game in the province, did not entirely forget the interests of their respective clubs when there were in danger of being overlooked. The New Westminister delegation brought in the largest number of proposed reforms, and these, the narrowing of the goal crease from the present six feet to five, which was adopted, is a most drastic change in lacrosse, and the most important advanced prominently for this was the fact that it would do away with any one team running up a large number of goals on its opponent.

Another of the changes that was advocated by the New Westminister delegation and that was adopted by the meeting was a change in the numbering of the players, although this was adopted rather hesitatingly, and many good reasons pro and con were advanced in this connection.

After a short discussion it was decided to make no change in regard to altering the goal crease, no serious feeling being found with the present rule in this regard.

The most heated discussion of the session was caused on the introduction of a motion by Armstrong, to the effect that the clause in the constitution reading "Clubs in the association must be composed exclusively of amateurs" be amended so as to read "clubs to compete under the rules of the association without the standing of the amateurs being prejudiced as far as the B. C. A. L. A. is concerned." The atmosphere grew very warm in tone, and the Vancouver delegates practically threatened to resign if the practice that had been going on in some of the other clubs in the past continued. During this discussion the standing of the present senior teams in the association were thoroughly gone into, and the effect of the C. A. U. for the past year was considered, when the clubs were declared professional by the C. A. U. representative in the province. The assurance of the C. A. U. had been given, it was stated, through their representative that if the clubs signed and obtained admission to the new B. C. A. U. their reinstatement would follow by the C. A. U.

It was decided to give the double referee system another year's grace in which to prove that it was really the better system, and although the delegates were almost evenly divided on this, it was shown that the double referee system that was at fault, but the proper execution of it.

An alteration was also made in the clause referring to the change of player's residence during the season, and the expense that would be caused by the notification to the clubs would be incurred by the home club.

Over an hour was consumed in considering the question of the referee, and Stanley Peele made a strong plea for consideration from the association of the question of the expense of the referee, which would have to undergo if mainland referees were utilized here.

F. J. Lynch made a motion to the effect that the number of referees be two from each club instead of four, and that these be delegated to referee these season, either a month or two months or more in advance. He was overruled, however.

At the conclusion of the discussion of the status of the clubs in the association the delegates present, on the motion by Gray and Lynch of New Westminister, pledged themselves to sustain the letter and spirit of the constitution, especially in regard to the rules

pertaining to professionalism, and further placed themselves on record to resign from their various clubs if they were made acquainted with the fact that their clubs were not living up to this pledge.

The meeting was called to order sharp at 1:30 o'clock by President "Matt" Barr, who occupied the chair. The following delegates were present: New Westminister, C. A. Welsh, F. J. Lynch, W. Wells Gray, Vancouver, F. W. Armstrong, Matt Barr and Lionel York; Maple Leaf, E. Carter, J. Martin, and C. W. Murray; Victoria, Foster Macgurn, Walter Lorimer and Stanley Peele.

The following is the slate of officers that was elected at the meeting, all of these being chosen unanimously: Hon. President—Hon. Richard McBride. President—C. W. Murray. First Vice—A. W. Gray. Second Vice—Foster Macgurn. Third Vice—B. F. Armstrong. Secretary-Treasurer—F. J. Lynch. Council—C. A. Welsh, New Westminister; N. W. Carter, E. J. Martin, Maple Leaf; Stanley Peele, Walter Lorimer, Victoria; Matt Barr, Lionel York, Vancouver. Secretary Martin's report was as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to report as secretary to your association for the season of 1907.

In many ways the season was a disappointing one, interest in lacrosse being greater than it has been for some years.

This was due in part to the teams being a little smaller than in previous years, although I believe each team was stronger and played better lacrosse. The public, again, was better than the teams, and clean and with few exceptions gentlemanly played.

During the schedule, New Westminister, as for some years previous, landed the championship by winning five games out of seven played, Maple Leaf second, winning four games out of eight played, and Vancouver third, winning two games out of seven played.

An interesting series of games for the Kilmarnock, representing the championship of B.C., was played off before the schedule opened, and you are aware in New Westminister landing the cup after a close and very interesting contest.

The New Westminister club are deserving of great credit for the splendid showing made against the crack Tecumseh team, having defeated them with a score of 15 to 10. In the east, that our grade of lacrosse out on the coast is first class.

Unfortunate errors on the part of the clubs interested in the holding of two games led to the alteration of the constitution is less liable to occur, as it injures the game in the eyes of the public and often brings discredit on the clubs protesting against it.

In making advance plans for this season much talk is heard of professional lacrosse in this league. Although these are rumors, perhaps not true, they hurt the game in the eyes of the public. When any sport becomes a mere matter of dollars and cents, it ceases to be a sport, and the bodies and minds of our young men, making them stronger in body and clearer in mind, it is time that we give our time and means to the furtherance of the game, and let others take our place. A player who makes his entire livelihood out of any game, with few exceptions becomes more or less degraded, and the game-uplifting him and making him a better man and a better citizen.

It is far better for this association to encourage clean amateur sport, doing our best to get the younger players interested, and drafting them into senior company, making perhaps a much better team than any professional one, and certainly a much more respected and honored one. I think this association should frown on any attempt to break up our league to make it professional.

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In conclusion, gentlemen, I thank you for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me as your secretary for the past year and I hope that our deliberations today may be for the uplifting of this branch of sport, which we all hold dear, and believe this will be done if we bury sectional feeling and work not for the good only of our personal clubs, but for the greater good of the sport in general. Being well, we will meet our respective clubs more than we know.

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Hon. Mr. Gifford agreed with this suggestion, and authorizes me to transfer the cup to your custody, and names yourself and Mr. C. A. Welsh, of New Westminister, trustees of the Gifford cup, giving you and that gentleman authority to select a third trustee in one of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. For convenience, he thinks that two of the trustees should always be British Columbians. In the event of a trustee resigning, or in case of death of a trustee, the remaining trustees are authorized to select a successor.

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T. R. GLOVER. After the meeting had received and adopted the minutes of the last annual meeting and the special meetings that had been held during the season in regard to protests, referees, changes in the constitution, etc., Mr. Macgurn enquired of the president the standing of the club and was assured that the club still retained its standing as an honorary member of the association, but that a formal application and a vote by the delegates would be necessary for it to again be included as a playing member of the association.

The communication of Premier McBride favorably to the request of the British Columbia lacrosse association re the presentation of a cup for competition among the intermediate teams was accepted, as was also the request that the schedule opening on Monday, April 13, be emblematic of the Western lacrosse championship. The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of Premier McBride's letter to the intermediate clubs.

The reports of the committee embodied those of the committee which interviewed Mr. George Smith, the representative of the C. A. U., who had written to the association that had ever confronted the association. Some drastic steps should immediately be taken or the difficulty in being reinstated if their application to the C. A. U. was received, as the C. A. U. would recognize the standing of the new association.

The secretary's report followed, and that of the treasurer showed a deficit of some \$16.

Under the head of new business the question of the New Westminister lacrosse club was taken up for consideration, and the delegates of the two interested clubs agreed to forget their little quarrel and the hundred dollar dispute, and to elect a joint committee of delegates from these clubs. Lionel York was appointed auditor for the season.

In considering the application of the Victoria club the delegates decided to suspend the clause in the constitution which calls for at least a month's notice for application for admission.

Mr. Gray asked the local delegates what the prospects of the local team putting a good team in the field were, and was informed by Mr. Macgurn that the city was backing up a professional club to play.

The club had the evening previously organized on a new basis and would have a ground right in the centre of the city. He could assure the delegates that the club would hold up their end. He suggested that if the club were admitted and the delegates saw fit to give them dates for the scheduled matches, that on the holidays that would benefit the club greatly. It was too early in the season yet to make any prognostication as to the team they would have as they had but recently started the grounds.

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Hon. Mr. Gifford desires, however, that the custody of the cup, to begin with, should be in the hands of the New Westminister club, as undoubtedly it is entitled to claim the Western Canadian championship for 1907.

professional team in the field, but the chances were that their amateur team would be a weak one. If some of the best kept on as they had been doing in the past the professional team would have to adopt another and similar plan themselves.

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RICH GORDON IS INVOLVED IN LAWSUIT

Mr. K. Rogers Wants His Stock Before He Deeds Back the Claims Held in Trust

Writs have been issued in Vancouver by the Daily Reduction company and the Yale Mining company against Mr. K. Rogers, thus instituting litigation which promises to be of considerable interest. The Daily Reduction company owns the famous Nickle Plate mine of Yale, which has already paid about a million in dividends and for which an offer of four million dollars has been refused. The Yale Mining company is a development company operating in the same section.

The control of both companies was originally vested in the late Marcus Daly, the well known mining millionaire of Montana, the stock having descended to Rogers. For years one of Rogers' most trusted lieutenants, who was kept in the field on the lookout for promising mining investments, and in this way traveled over a great portion of the west and south America, it was Mr. Rogers who originally bonded the Nickle Plate on behalf of Marcus Daly. He was the first manager of the mine and it was he who put it on a paying basis. One of the original locators, by the way, was Mr. Wollaston of this city.

Mr. Rogers, it appears, worked on an arrangement with Mr. Daly whereby he received a quarter interest in any properties he found after his principal's outlay had been recouped. In the case of the Nickle Plate the proceeds of a third party modified this arrangement with the result that Mr. Rogers claims a fifteen per cent interest in the stock of the company owning the Nickle Plate, and he asserts that this stock is still held by the Daly estate, that he has never been able to get it.

This complication, it is understood, is what led up to the present litigation. It appears that he acquired a number of mineral claims and other properties in the same section on Mr. Daly's behalf, and for purposes of convenience of handling kept the title in his own name. These properties Mr. Rogers declines to hand over till he receives the stock which he claims is due to him, and the suits which have just been started have been brought by the companies to force Mr. Rogers to hand over the properties stated to be held by him in trust. He will, it is understood, ask for the stock interest to which he claims he is entitled, by way of counterclaim, and as property worth a very large amount of money is involved, prolonged litigation is likely to result.

Mr. Rogers is exceedingly well known in mining circles both in British Columbia and in the States, and has a great deal of capital at his back. He paid a visit to Victoria not long ago, and while here stated that with all his experience of mining he knew no field so promising as British Columbia, and he has proved his faith by recently acquiring considerable interests in the more northern sections of the province.

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THE PAN-ANGLICAN THANKSGIVING FUND

The Preparations to Raise the Great Sum of Five Million Pounds

The arrangements for the collection towards the great inter-national thanksgiving offering which is to be presented in St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24th, have in this province, been put in the charge of the individual parishes. So far, little evidence has been given that any general interest has as yet been aroused in regard to this matter. An attempt is being made to stir up the interest of the parishes within the empire and in the United States, the grand total of \$5,000,000. The period for doing this work, which is necessarily hurried, is now steadily shortening.

A very serious effort is and has for some months been in progress in relation in the diocese of Toronto, and do doubt the amount which will be obtained in the city of Toronto alone will be at the very least respectable.

The Toronto city churches of all denominations have pledged themselves in connection with the laymen's missionary movement to secure half a million for home and foreign missions this year, and the city parishes of the Church of England have assumed \$150,000 as their proportion of this sum.

The promise is, moreover, made at headquarters in England that the contributions which come from outside sources will not only be returned to these sources, but in addition will be augmented from the funds which will be contributed in the Great Britain.

What is it remembered that the great financier, J. Pierpont Morgan is a prominent member of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, and that he is a most generous giver. It is absolutely certain that the American donation will be, in all likelihood, of almost vast proportions.

A very strong feeling of attachment exists between the American Episcopal church and the mother church in England, and of late years this feeling has, if it be possible, been greatly strengthened. This church is very strong in the Southern states, and as its traditions are always conservative, the majority, and perhaps the great majority, of its members are in favor of the breaking up of the Revolution, were Tories and loyalists.

Affiliation With Home Church. In a church in Baltimore the familiar A. and M. hymn book is used at all the services, while the prayer book of the entire American branch is practically precisely the same. Of very necessity, after the Revolution, the prayers for King and the royal family were omitted, but it is a singular fact, and this was no doubt due to the loyalist tone of the church at the time, no hymn book was used by the President of the United States. No one is prayed for to this day in the services of the American church.

Washington Episcopal. George Washington himself, who can be hardly described as being a Tory, respects a typical Tory squire, living in Virginia, was a churchman, and also

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most regular attendant at the services. His pew is still shown with pride to visitors in Christ church, Philadelphia, the church which Benjamin Franklin attended, and in the churchyard of which he is buried. It is by no means generally known that Benjamin Franklin is responsible for a translation into up-to-date and the newspaper English of the day of Job, a translation which has most deservedly fallen into oblivion. This pew is situated immediately in front of the comparatively ancient pulpit, for although the original high pews, built in accordance with English custom, have been cut down somewhat, the church is otherwise exactly as it existed when it was erected some years before the Revolution. Three other churches which then belonged to the Church of England—St. Peter's, St. Paul's and St. George's—are still used for public worship, and St. Peter's remains absolutely unchanged.

Washington, March 28.—It has practically been decided by the navy department that the Atlantic battleship fleet will make a short stay at Auckland, N.Z., on its way from Samoa to Sydney, Australia.

Germany Wants Trade. Montreal, March 28.—A London special cable says: That there is a movement among German business men towards reciprocity with Canada is indicated in the 1907 report of the Düsseldorf chamber of commerce. Preference arrangements in the tariffs of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and evidences of the changed feelings of the English electorate in favor of Chamberlainism and Imperial reciprocity make it most urgently necessary to place German commercial and political relations with the British empire on a fresh basis, or at least to prepare the way for altered relations.

Baby Murdered. London, March 28.—The body of a two months' old baby boy was found in a box by some boys on the railway in Pottersdown. The marks on the child's throat indicate that it was choked to death. An inquest will be held.

Hemlock Bark Embargo. Toronto, March 28.—There is a probability that the Canadian government will remove the embargo on hemlock bark to the United States.

Flood in Belleville. Belleville, Ont., March 28.—Owing to the breaking up of the ice in the river, the water has risen considerably, and there is a flood in the city of serious proportions. Cellars are flooded on Front street, and furnaces put out.

Ontario Secession Dies Out. Sudbury, Ont., March 28.—At a meeting in the Royal hall over eighty per cent of those present voted against the proposal to create a new province. The movement in New Ontario for secession is now a dead letter.

Boycotting Japan. Melbourne, March 27.—A Chinese boycott of Japanese on account of the recent mannikin incident has been widely taken up by the Chinese in the throughout Australia. At a meeting in Sydney in support of the boycott the new line of action which is being formed for trading between China, Australia and the United States.

THE LOCAL MARKETS Retail Prices Flour Royal Household, a bag \$2.60 Barley, per bush \$2.00 Oats, per bush \$1.75

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