ST. THOMAS O. H. A. TEAM PREPARING FOR GAME WITH LONDON

Railway City Has Several First-Class Players Lined Up For the Season.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 30. — The players of the local O. H. A. team went through a stiff practice the other day at the Y. M. C. A. here, and judging by appearances there is some very good material among the local members of the team. The hockey enthusiasts of the city are anxiously waiting for the time when the first match shall be staged, so that the locals may get a chance to give an exhibition.

It is quite possible that practice on skates may be held tomorrow night or Wednesday.

St. Thomas O. H. A. intermediate team this coming season will be one of the fastest that has represented the city for many years.

Jack Tiffin, who is a star right wing player, will altogether likely be out with the crew. M. Zabitt, formerly of Hamilton, can handle a stick perfectly, and will make a strong defence man. Reid Hamilton will guard the nets. M. Baker, who played for the St. Thomas O. H. A. team two years ago, will be lined up again. Fred Baldwin, F. Doan, and T. Burns are three local boys who can be depended upon to do some fast work this year.

C. E. McLearn played for Wingham six in the Northern Hockey League and will be out with the locals.

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Thirty Hockey Players Attend First Practice

Intermediate and Junior Hockey Players Hold First Workout Last Evening — Intermediate Game With St. Thomas at Jubilee Rink Friday Evening.

Thirty Intermediate and Junior hockey players attended the practice held at the East End Rink, York street between 10 and 11 o'clock last night.

This was the first workout held on a rink this season, although several of the Juniors spent part of yesterday afternoon training at the Cove. The majority of players at the workout last evening were Juniors and some first-class players will be picked from the group.

Manager Jack Greer handled both teams and was more than pleased with the turnout of the youngsters. The lads are full of pep, and are all anxious to make the grade. All the Juniors are requested to attend an open-air practice to be held at the Cove Wednesday afternoon.

The officers of the London Hockey Club were present last night, and encouraged the players along with their work.

The Intermediates will likely be able to secure the Jubilee Rink Thursday night of the weather permits.

Archie McKay and Johnny Burgess both members of last year's team were present and showed up well. Jack Manley guarded the nets.

Among the Juniors who were present were: "Dutch" Logan, O. Bryant, Archie McKay, John Burgess, John Cox, A. Quennville, Harold Hicks, Earl Arscott, Jack Manley, J. Betteridge and William Holland.

Bud Kelly, Lochead, McCallum, Ward, Quennville and Shutter represented the London Intermediates. A separate practice will be held later in the week for the Intermediates in order to get them into condition for the game with St. Thomas, scheduled for Friday night.

The Juniors will be kept busy practicing for the game with Ingersoll to be played at the Jubilee Rink next Tuesday evening.

The London teams have a busy month ahead of them, the Intermediates and Juniors both playing six games, three away from home and the other three at home.

It is possible that London will be grouped with Sarnia in the Northern League, and a double-header may be staged at the Tunnel City, as the rink dates are pretty well filled up for the locals.

B. CRAWFORD LEADING HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT BOWLER IN SPECIAL

Turkeys Will Be Given High Scorers in Five and Ten Pin Games.

B. Crawford is leading in the New Year's tenpin bowling tournament at the National bowling alleys. The tenpin men are putting forth every effort to win the turkey. A special holiday prize has also been donated for the highest bowler in the fivepin games.

The tournament will continue until Wednesday.

The following are the runners-up in the ten-pin class:

B. Crawford	197	215	233—645
B. Hunter	214	180	233—630
D. Catalano	209	176	234—619
C. Hawkins	239	195	184—613
W. McCormick	255	179	189—585
C. Boyce	235	175	163—573
Fivepin Class.			
W. Whitehall	235	192	248—675
J. Le Suer	220	178	188—586

HOCKEY AT A GLANCE

GAMES TONIHT.
Ottawa at Arenas.
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
Beaches 7, Veterans 2 (played at Toronto).

BRANTFORD MEN KICK ABOUT USAGE ON STR. NORTHLAND

BRANTFORD, Dec. 30.—Brantford soldiers returning today declared that conditions on the Steamer Northland, on which they returned, were very bad, and a disgrace to the service. The party included Lieut. Roy Brown, M. C., the former treasurer of the Brantford Canadian Leaguers, who was warmly welcomed by his friends.

Lieut. Brown, in the battle of Amiens effected the capture of a Hun paymaster, who carried with him the regimental pay. It was duly distributed among the company making the capture.

TEN BRAKEMEN ADVANCE TO CONDUCTORS ON M.C.R.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 30.—Owing to increased traffic on the Michigan Central Railway, J. L. McKee, assistant general superintendent, who was in the city today, ordered that ten brakesmen be advanced at once to the position of conductors. The freight traffic at the present time is greater than it has been since the war began, and in consequence men are somewhat scarce. Mr. McKee made a general tour of inspection and left later today for Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

IN HONOR OF LATE CHIEF.

SARNIA, Dec. 30 — The flags on the clay hall and fire hall are flying at half-mast out of respect to the memory of the late fire chief, Joseph Breakey.

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JUNIORS TO PLAY TORONTO CENTRAL BASKETBALL TEAM

Junior O. A. B. A. Champion Team Will Play Central "Y" Wednesday.

The local Y. M. C. A. basketball team, winners of the junior series of 1917 to 1918, will play the Toronto Central Y. M. C. A. junior O. A. B. A. team at Toronto New Year's Day.

The locals kids defeated the Queen City five in the finals two years ago, and Centrals are anxious to get another crack at the London boys. If the same team which won the honors last year goes down to Toronto, the Central team will have to step some in order to win the contest. Last year's team consists of Tom Mascara, Gordon Henderson, Art Gillies, Doc Cline, Dunc McLean and G. Ginsberg.

A. T. Taylor, coach of the London five, received word from Toronto last night making final arrangements for the game Wednesday.

The lads will be a good drawing card at Toronto, as the Toronto spectators are anxious to see the youngsters in action.

BEACHES WIN FROM VETERANS TEAM IN BIG BENEFIT GAME

Three Thousand Spectators at Benefit Game for Pte. Dies.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Over three thousand spectators, all of whom paid for admission, saw the Beaches hockey team defeat the Veterans at the arena here tonight by 7 to 2 in a game for the benefit of Pte. Dies, who lost his sight and his right hand in the battle of Vimy Ridge.

Pte. Dies was enthusiastically greeted when he shook hands with the players and faced the puck.

A letter was received by those in charge of the benefit from Manager Weston of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company, for which Pte. Dies worked before going overseas, announcing that the employees of the company had decided to subscribe $1,000 to the benefit fund for the disabled hero.

The line-up:

Beaches — Goal, Forbes; defence, Dickenson and Walters; centre, Stewart; left wing, Halliwell; right wing, Marshall; substitutes, Cain, Vaughan, Adams.

Veterans — Goal, Maxwell; defence, Bennett and Farlow; left wing, Milne; right wing, Dafoe; centre, Stroud; substitutes, Masters and Schumacher.

Referee—Marsh. Vair and Queerie (first period); Whitehead and Hewitson (second period).

DEMPSEY KNOCKS OUT GUNBOAT SMITH IN ONE-SIDED FIGHT

McGovern Taken To Hospital After Being Knocked Out by Young Britt.

BUFFALO, Dec. 30.—Jack Dempsey of Utah knocked out Gunboat Smith of New York, in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout here tonight. Dempsey weighed 190 pounds, Smith 178. Dempsey scored nine knockdowns in the brief bout. He floored Smith with a left jolt in the first minute of fighting.

McGOVERN GOES TO HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Terry McGovern of Philadelphia was taken to a hospital after he had been knocked out by Young Britt of New Bedford, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here tonight. McGovern's head struck the floor and he lay unconscious for fifteen minutes.

FRAZEE AND GRIFFITH DISCUSS TRADING MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Exchange of "Jack" Barry, former manager of the Boston American League club or Infielder Harold Janvrin, for an outfielder from the Washington club, was discussed at a meeting here today between President Harry Frazee of the Boston club, and Manager Clark Griffith of Washington. The deal was left in abeyance when Manager Griffith returned to Washington tonight.

WITH THE BOWLERS

Bill Rossiter's tenpin men managed to trim Joe Karrys' team in a special tenpin match staged at the National alleys Monday evening.

William Hunter, J. Abraham and Bill Rossiter were the three who were victorious, while B. Dawson, Bill McCormick and Joe Karrys were the three who suffered defeat.

This was one of the most interesting exhibition matches staged this season.

The teams and scores:

B. Dawson	173	192	181— 546
W. McCormick	184	191	168— 543
G. Karrys	212	216	232— 660
	569	599	581—1749
W. Rossiter	176	224	178— 578
J. Abraham	220	193	188— 601
W. Hunter	211	184	193— 588
	607	601	559—1767

SELKIRK TEAM WINS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—With a rush that carried the Wheat City team off its feet, the Selkirk hockey boys won their first game of the senior Manitoba amateur hockey league last night by 10 to 3.

CANADIAN CHESS MAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN VICTORY TOURNAMENT

Toronto Player Invited To Go To England Next August For Games.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Jose R. Capablanca of Cuba; Frank J. Marshall, United States; Boris Kostick, Serbia; Jackson W. Showalter, France, and James S. Morrison, Canada, have received invitations from the British Chess Federation to take part in a "Victory Chess Congress" to be held in England next August, and for which preparations are now under way.

The entry list will be limited to experts from Allied and neutral countries. J. H. Blackburne, A. Burn, H. E. Atkins and F. D. Yates are the British masters expected to play in the chief tournament, which will last about a fortnight. The prize fund will be $1,500.

Boris Kostick of Serbia, western chess champion, and winner of second prize in the recent international tournament, playing against twenty-five opponents at the Brooklyn Institute Chess Club, made a score of twenty wins and five draw games. Those who drew were Edward Behr, R. Goldsmith, H. E. Holbrook.

SARNIA HOCKEY SEASON OPENS THURSDAY NIGHT

SARNIA, Dec. 30.—The first game in the Sarnia City Hockey League will take place at St. Andrew's Arena Thursday evening next, January 2. A good season's sport is expected, and the citizens should turn out and encourage the sport of the local boys. The executive and the manager of the Sarnia hockey club will meet tonight in the police court room to discuss final arrangements for the first game in the hockey league.

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CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN JOHNSON AND THE MINORS

Preliminary Conference at Chicago—Drafting System Talked Over.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.— Plans for closer relations between the major and minor leagues were discussed at a conference Saturday, attended by President Ban Johnson of the American League; Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association, and A. R. Tearney of Chicago, chairman of the committee representing the National Association of Minor Leagues.

President Hickey presented a draft of proposed amendments to the national agreement, under which major and minor leagues operate, but none of the conferes would discuss the issues at this time.

It was learned, however, that a change in the drafting of players was among the questions talked over. President Hickey recommends that the major leagues be permitted to draft players only from the Class AA leagues, and, instead of taking only one man from each club, the major league clubs will be allowed to draft two. President Hickey also favors legislation that will allow the major leagues on purchase players from any class league.

TILLSONBURG HOCKEY TEAM PLAYS SIMCOE WEDNESDAY

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 30.—The local intermediate hockey players had their first workout on the rink this evening, and showed fine form. Negotiations are now pending with the clubs of No. 6 district, and it is likely the new schedule will be announced by T. N. Dunn, convener, in a couple of days. The local team will open the season on New Year's night, when they will play an exhibition game at Simcoe with the intermediates of that place, and in another week the local season will be in full swing.

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