

85 HAND-PICKED RINKS FOR TOURNAMENT OF THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Famous Bowlers Are Here and Are Engaged in Warm Battles for Supremacy On the Greens at the Foot of Dundas Street.

EDDIE SEAGRAM'S WATERLOO FOUR UNABLE TO COME THIS TIME

J. S. Willison, Rennie Brothers and Scores of Other Well Known Players Are, However, Once Again On Deck to Fight for Labatt Trophy.

The seventeenth annual tournament of the Western Ontario Bowling Association was given a good start this afternoon, 85 rinks being drawn for play. All these entered appeared on hand, with the exception of Skip "Eddie" Seagram's famous Waterloo four, who were prevented from coming at the last minute. Their places were filled by Dr. Robertson's Elora quartette, who took the Waterloo rink's place in the draw.

The list of entries is not so large as last year, or the year previous. In fact, it is just 20 rinks short of 1911. The multiplicity of tournaments in Western Ontario, coupled with the keenness of the competition in this the blue ribbon event in bowling circles, is given as the reason for the falling off.

The 85 rinks entered are, with few exceptions, the strongest that could be gathered together in Ontario. The majority of them are hand-picked, and experts are unanimous in declaring that the week will see the finest exemplification of bowling ever witnessed in the W. O. B. A. A few of the London rinks are "joy" rinks, but the majority are made up of high class trundlers, capable of holding their own with the best.

WELL-KNOWN BOWLERS.

Among the best-known experts attending the tournament are J. S. Willison, Toronto, the famous Rennie brothers, of Toronto, expert curlers and bowlers; Dick Thomson and his Parisians, runners-up last year; G. B. Rice, Toronto; Dr. Wiley, Brantford, former Labatt trophy winner; Dr. Del Marr, of Ridgeway, who has also captured the coveted trophy; Eddie Wettlaufer and his Berliners; Tom McCurdy, Stratford; Dr. Fear and Newman Booker, Aylmer; E. A. Horton, St. Thomas; Andy Taylor, of Toronto, the coming president; Frank Smoke, of Paris, the present president, and one of the best; J. B. Hoover, of Clinton, and a score of others.

Of course, the local rinks are well represented. George Nightingale, last year's winner, is skipping a rink again. Bert Heaman, Andy Scott, James S. McDougall, Dr. J. N. Wood, W. R. Vining, and others have been picked up the best in the city to compete. Dr. N. Alexander will have his Tecumseh winners in line, and Fred N. Allen will try and lift the Labatt, not the McEwen trophy this year.

EXPERTS WILL BATTLE.

A number of good rinks are pitted against each other in the preliminary and first rounds, and by tonight many of the best will be among the slain. For instance, J. S. Willison and J. S. McDougall, two of the best in the tournament, will battle at four o'clock this afternoon. This game will be as good as the final match, if not better.

There are other examples. This is but the chance of the draw, visitors and locals all figuring the same.

The rinks assembled on the green at 1 o'clock, and were given a rousing welcome by Mr. Frank Smoke, the president. Mayor Graham, himself a bowler, who has competed in a number of tournaments, gave the visitors the freedom of the city.

Then the games were on. The players lost no time in getting down to work, and the battle for the peer of bowling prizes commenced.

The finals for the trophy will be played on Thursday afternoon, and will no doubt attract a large crowd.

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WINNERS OF THE FIRST LABATT TROPHY.

Winner.	Skip.	Year.
"Victoria," of Toronto.....	E. T. Lightbourne.....	1896
"Thistle," of Hamilton.....	G. E. Gates.....	1897
"Thistle," of Toronto.....	Dr. F. G. Starr.....	1898
Seaford.....	E. C. Coleman.....	1899
Stratford.....	Jas. Steele.....	1900
Chatham.....	J. Soverby.....	1901
London.....	Edmond Weld.....	1902
Clinton.....	W. Jackson.....	1903
London.....	Jas. S. McDougall.....	1904
Ridgeway.....	Dr. D. Marr.....	1905
Waterloo.....	Ed F. Seagram.....	1906
London.....	Jas. S. McDougall.....	1907

WINNERS OF THE SECOND LABATT TROPHY.

Winner.	Skip.	Year.
"Heather," of Brantford.....	Dr. W. D. Wiley.....	1908
"Thistles," of London.....	Chas. Abbott.....	1909
London.....	H. W. Lind.....	1910
"Thistles," of London.....	George Nightingale.....	1911

BOARDER SHOT AT CAT CHORUS AND HIT POLICEMAN IN LEG

P. C. McIntosh Slightly Injured by a Stray Bullet at G. T. R. Depot.

Shooting cats is considered a legitimate form of enterprise by many who have endured sleepless nights because of the persistency of the feline chorus, but the police have issued a summons for Bert Haller, a boarder at the Dominion House, for his indulgence in this pastime. This is due to the fact that a bullet from Mr. Haller's gun punctured the leg of P. C. McIntosh at the Grand Trunk depot the other evening. Two other men also had a close call for their lives, it is understood. The case will come up in the police court on Wednesday.

The other evening Mr. Haller, so the story goes, was disturbed by the cat chorus, and seizing a 32-calibre revolver, thought he would populate the abode of bliss reserved for cats. He went into the yard at the rear of the hotel and opened the cannonading.

Bullet Went Wild.

In the meantime two young men were seated on a box at the station platform eagerly discussing the heat wave. When in the midst of it a bullet went whizzing past their heads, and

they jumped up hurriedly and got out of range. P. C. McIntosh, in civilian clothes, was talking with a friend on the platform at the time, when he felt something gimlet his way through his leg. It stung him, and on examination he found that the bullet, as it proved to be, had struck the calf of his leg, plowed the bone, and passed through. It sped some distance across the platform where it struck another gentleman, but its force was spent and it dropped on the platform.

Haller to Appear. P. C. McIntosh started to investigate the accident, and as a result of his inquiries a summons has been issued for Mr. Haller, who will appear on Wednesday to answer the charge of unlawfully discharging firearms in the city limits.

McIntosh's wound is fast healing. It was found that the bullet passed through two fences before it struck the policeman. The two young men had a narrow escape, the bullet passing within two inches of their heads.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Fishguard, July 22—Called: Lusitania, from New York.
Glasgow, July 22—Arrived: Scandinavia, from New York.
London, July 22—Arrived: Ansonia, from Montreal.

WINNERS OF THE ADVERTISER TROPHY



The D. S. Perrin tug-of-war team, who defeated Wortman & Ward's in the final for The Advertiser trophy at the Manufacturers' meet held recently. Top row, reading from left to right—J. Saunders, A. Mutch, H. Saunders, R. Campbell. Bottom row—T. W. McFarland, president; T. Wedderburn, captain; W. M. Evans, anchor; C. H. O'Neill, secretary. Photo by George Henry.

AIM BLOW AT INSURANCE ACT

British Medical Association Would End Negotiations With Lloyd George.

MAY MEAN STATE MEDICAL SERVICE

Association Believes No Physician Will Dare Give Services For Fear of Being Ostracised.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 22.—A London cable says: One of the hardest blows at David Lloyd George's new insurance act was delivered Saturday at the meeting of the British Medical Association, delegates to which represent 200 divisions.

The chancellor has been negotiating with the doctors in reference to the administration of medical benefits under the act, offering them 6 shillings for each insured person per annum. The doctors at first demanded half a guinea, but subsequently reduced this to 8 shillings and six pence.

The meeting on Saturday, carried by a large majority, amid scenes of enthusiasm, a recommendation to break off negotiations with the chancellor. The recommendation needs confirmation by a later meeting which seems likely to be given.

The chancellor will thus be left to decide whether he will start a state medical service or leave each local insurance commissioner to come to terms with the doctors or do what the act provides, namely, return six shillings to each insured contributor who makes his own arrangements for medical attention.

The members of the British Medical Association declare that they feel no anxiety regarding the threat of insurance commissioners would ignore the association and appeal to local practitioners. They say that any doctor who, in face of the association's decision, accepted "Blackleg" rate would be treated as a "Blackleg," and would be ostracised socially, and have his name removed from all respectable medical bodies.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

Moderate northeasterly and northerly winds; fine, with much the same temperature today.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON.....	71.5	57	Fine
Victoria.....	74	50	Cloudy
Calgary.....	74	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg.....	68	48	Cloudy
Port Arthur.....	64	46	Cloudy
Perry Sound.....	78	52	Clear
Toronto.....	68	50	Clear
Montreal.....	66	58	Cloudy
Quebec.....	78	56	Cloudy
Father Point.....	58	44	Rain

On Sunday the highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory in South London were as follows: Highest, 73.5; lowest, 46.

Weather Notes. The depression which was approaching the Lake Region on Saturday is now centred off the New England coast, and was accompanied by heavy rain in many parts of Ontario during Saturday night. High winds with rain prevail this morning in the Maritime Provinces, but elsewhere in Canada the weather is generally fair.

TACKLES CHANNEL AGAIN.

Bolton, France, July 22.—Jabez Wolfe, the well-known amateur swimmer, started on another attempt to swim across the English Channel today. He entered the water in the vicinity of Cape Grimes at a quarter past four this morning and seven o'clock was seven miles north on the French coast. At that hour a brisk breeze was blowing, making the water rather choppy. Wolfe was accompanied by several other swimmers, who alternately accompanied him in the water.

CHURCHILL POINTS TO GERMANS TO EXCUSE EXPENDITURE

When Introducing Bill For Naval Supplementary, Declares Germany's Preparation For Great War Is Remarkable and Without Example—Five More Battleships Next Year.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 22.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in introducing the supplementary naval appropriation of \$5,000,000 in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the direct cause of the increase in expenditures on the British navy was to be found in the new German navy law, the main feature of which was the increase in the striking force of ships of all classes. The effect of the new German navy law would, he said, be that nearly four-fifths of the entire German navy would be maintained in full permanent commission and instantly ready for war. The First Lord continued: "Such preparation is remarkable, and as far as I am aware finds no example in the previous practice of modern naval powers."

Mr. Churchill then announced the British shipbuilding programme for the next five years, saying that five battleships were to be constructed next year and four in each "following year." Under the new German law, the Admiralty Lord said, the ultimate scale of the German fleet would be 41 battleships, 20 large armored cruisers, 40 small cruisers, and smaller craft in proportion. "That will be an extremely formidable fleet," Mr. Churchill said, "and the only way to meet it is by cool, steady and methodical preparation prolonged over successive years."

"There is no use flinging money about on the impulse of the moment," the First Lord continued. "The strain which Great Britain will have to bear will be long and slow, and nothing can be gained by impulsive or erratic action. We should learn from our German neighbors the way of the policy which marches unswervingly to its goal."

MARGIN OF SAFETY.

The supplementary estimate to meet the extra German expenditure, Mr. Churchill said, "is only a small installment, and the new ship-building programme of the next five years will be really reduced to five vessels next year, and four each year thereafter, instead of three in 1913, four in 1914, three in 1915, four in 1916, and three in 1917, the number I had hoped we might stand at." Mr. Churchill went on to point out that the increased fighting power of the German fleet involved the reorganization of the British forces in order that a margin of safety might be maintained.

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LONDON YOUTH MET DEATH DIVING OFF PIER AT THE LAKE

Clifford Ely Fractured His Skull and Lived Only an Hour After Accident.

Clifford Ely, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ely, 47 Bruce street, met with an accident which resulted in his death yesterday afternoon while bathing at Port Stanley.

With half a dozen chums he was camping at the Port, and yesterday they went in for their usual bath off the pier. Young Ely was an expert swimmer and diver, and it was by no means the lack of accomplishment of this art that life was lost.

The Fatal Dive. With Stanley Seltzer, a chum, he dove off the pier which is about ten feet high into water not over four feet deep. Seltzer took his plunge obliquely, while Ely headed downward, striking his head a terrific blow on the forehead. The impact caused a fracture at the base of the skull.

Seltzer, seeing his friend in a helpless and dazed condition, went immediately to his rescue and carried him to shore. Later he was taken to the bathhouse. A physician was soon on the scene, but surgical help proved of no avail. The young man recovered consciousness for about an hour after being taken to the bathhouse.

When Mrs. Ely learned of the accident she was overcome with grief, but remained till the evening train, when the remains were brought to the city and taken to Logan's undertaking rooms.

Word had been telegraphed to his home in London, telling of the accident. Mr. Ely, who is manager of the London branch of Oak Hall, was at Long Point on a fishing trip, and the message did not reach him till late in the afternoon. Mrs. Ely immediately hired a taxicab and was rushed to the lakeside. The distance was covered in an hour's time, but this did not suffice to see her son alive.

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Came From Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Ely came to London from Buffalo about two years ago, when Mr. Ely accepted the management of Oak Hall, Clifford Ely, the victim of the accident on Sunday, had been hurt in an auto accident at Buffalo some time ago, and has just recovered. On Saturday he helped as a clerk in the rush at Oak Hall, and at night left on a week's camping trip to the Port.

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TEMPERANCE FIGHT MAKES HEADWAY IN TP. OF LONDON

Professor Bowman Says People Are Flocking to Local Option Standard.

The temperance people of the district are carrying on their campaign for local option in London Township, and the confidence that they will sweep the municipality when the vote is taken in January.

In the Ealing district, where the Calver murder was committed a short time ago, we are getting more than 75 per cent. of the voters on our petition," said Professor J. H. Bowman to The Advertiser this afternoon. "When we tried before we could only obtain a small percentage of the ratepayers."

Ealing is only a sample of the success we are meeting with all through London Township. In districts where we could not get a majority before our efforts are meeting with a success that makes victory assured, and there is no doubt that a great many hotels will be forced out of business next year."

INDIAN WANTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

The police have received a circular, signed by Chief of Police Slemin, giving a description of John R. Bennett, the Indian who is wanted by the police of Brantford on a charge of murder. The description is: Age 26, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 200 pounds, dark complexion, and when last seen was wearing a dark gray tweed suit.

LONDON SOCIETY LADY MADE A TRIP IN A HYDROPLANE AT PORT

New Story in This Issue

The Advertiser's new story, "A Million Francs," by Arnold Fredericks, will make its first appearance in today's editions on page eight.

The story is one of the best ever published in these columns. It is full of thrills and heart interest from end to end. No one should fail to read the first installment.

WILL NEELY GET THE NOMINATION?

Ex-M.P.P. For Middlesex Wants to Run Again in the By-Election.

OTHER MEN WANT HONOR

Mr. S. Frank Glass and Col. McEwen Are To Be Considered When the Convention Is Called.

No announcement has been made as to the date of the by-election in East Middlesex, caused by the death of Mr. Robert Sutherland, M. P. P., but it is understood that the Provincial Government intends bringing it on some time in September.

In the meantime there is a great scramble for the Conservative nomination. Mr. George W. Neely, ex-M. P. P., is urging his claims upon the party, and he will make a big fight for the place. There is no denying the fact that Mr. Neely is not very popular at the present time in his own party. His defeat at the hands of Mr. Robert Sutherland at the last general election has not added to his strength with his own friends, and he will have the keenest opposition for the nomination. However, Mr. Neely has shown his strength on previous occasions in party caucuses, and some of the wise politicians declare that he will do so again.

Mr. Glass in the Running. Mr. S. Frank Glass is also to be reckoned with, and his chances for being the candidate are said to be bright. He gave Mr. Neely a hard run for the nomination prior to the last general election, and his friends are confident that Mr. Glass will be victorious over Mr. Neely, to whom the stigmata of defeat in a supposedly safe riding still remains.

There is much talk of a compromise, however, between the Neely and Glass factions. Col. Robert McEwen, of Byron, is most prominently mentioned in connection with this aspect of the situation, and a boom is being launched on his behalf. Mr. James Robson, of Ilderton, is also mentioned, and his nomination prior to the last general election, and his friends are confident that Mr. Glass will be victorious over Mr. Neely, to whom the stigmata of defeat in a supposedly safe riding still remains.

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"We cannot win with Neely," a strong Conservative informed The Advertiser. "He showed his weakness against Robert Sutherland, and he will suffer a worse defeat should he get the nomination. He is not popular with his own party, and in addition Mr. Rowell's banish the bar policy is cutting into his support most decidedly. We need the strongest man we can get to defeat the Liberal candidate, who ever he may be, and Mr. Neely certainly is not the strongest candidate we have."

Col. McEwen is considered the best we have, but I doubt that he will get the nomination. Things are none too pleasant in the party just now, and it will take some clever work to bring the factions together."

Liberals Are Confident. In the meantime the Liberals are working quietly and confidently. There are several strong men whose names have been mentioned, any one of whom would make an excellent run. The popularity of Leader Rowell's policy is undoubted, and there is every prospect of the riding of East Middlesex remaining in the Liberal column.

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Miss Dora Labatt, First London Girl to Make an Ascent.

RIDE WAS A PLEASANT ONE

Didn't Feel a Bit Afraid, She Told The Advertiser After the Journey.

Miss Dora Labatt, daughter of Mr. John Labatt, of this city, has the distinction of being the first London lady to make a flight in an aeroplane, making her initial trip with Mr. Brookings at Port Stanley on Saturday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

When the flights were first announced, Mr. Brookings declared that, he would be delighted to have a lady go up with him. Miss Labatt was the fortunate person. The trip was made shortly after 5 o'clock, and although weather conditions were not very favorable, Brookings and his passenger sailed far over Lake Erie, making the return trip without any danger.

Brookings had made several scheduled flights prior to his ascent with Miss Labatt. There was considerable sea running at the time, but as the weather conditions otherwise had become quite favorable, he announced to Miss Labatt that he was ready to take her. Without the slightest trepidation she climbed into the machine, taking her position beside the daring aviator.

Thousands Saw the Fly. There were thousands of visitors from London, St. Thomas and other cities who watched the preparations almost breathlessly. After Brookings had tested the machinery to see that all was well, he said to his mechanic: "Let her go."

The latter shoved it out into the water where the big machine bobbed about like a cork for a moment or two until the machinery got going.

The great fans commenced to whirl, and then the Wright biplane scudded over the water like an immense gull. When about 200 yards out the machine arose into the air.

Far out over the lake Brookings and his intrepid passenger fled, going higher and higher until the machine appeared to be but a few streaks across the horizon.

The crowd watched the flight with the greatest interest, not a person apparently daring to take his or her eyes off the far-sailing machine.

A Perfect Landing. Brookings when out about a mile or more started the return trip, and when near shore he circled about a couple of times, and then made a perfect landing practically in the same spot from which he had ascended.

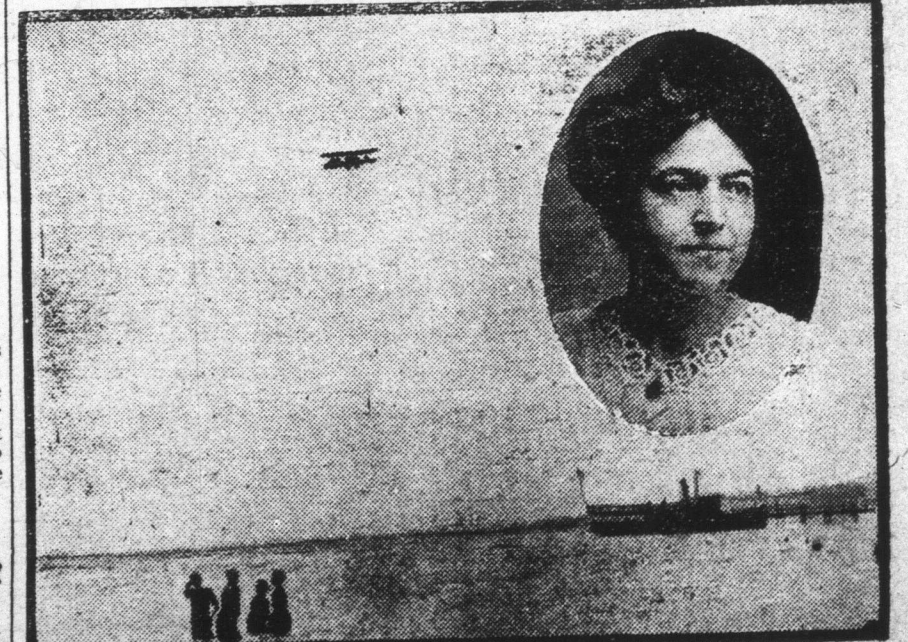
When it was seen that all was well with Brookings and Miss Labatt, the immense crowd gave vent to its feelings with a great cheer.

When the aeroplane reached shore, Miss Labatt climbed out smilingly and joined her father, Mr. John Labatt, and her sisters, who had watched the flight from the beach. She was enthusiastic over her experience. At no time was she the least bit afraid.

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The First London Girl to Ride in an Aeroplane



Miss Dora Labatt, the young society lady, on Saturday afternoon rode with Aviator Walter Brookings in his hydroplane over Lake Erie. In this picture is seen the airship as it passed over the water. Miss Labatt was not in the machine when this picture was taken, but Brookings was at the wheel, and the height is about the same as that attained when Miss Labatt was in the car.