# London Juniors Hop Over Boards In First Game of Season On Monday

# Local Home-Brews Have Championship Possibilities

Attention of Fans Brought From Seniors To Younger Aggregation.

PRACTICE QUALITY

"Yip" Foster, Ex-Aura Lee Boy, Fills in Big Hole at Defence.

London's home-brew junior outfit will hop over the boards down in Windsor against the Border City youngsters next Monday night in the opening of group and with more than a fifty-fifty chance of coming away with a safe

All this seems to be a bit broad and

Provincial Secretary Speaks at

being done by Americans was stressed

constant auditing on receipts and expenditures were being made, and all unnecessary expenditure cut out. In this respect, the speaker said: "Collections in a normal year should equal extensions in a normal year should even to some the control of penditures, but if we continue to construct highways, extend the T. & N. O. and develop hydro-electric systems we must expect to pay for them. It is a great pity that the people of the do-Nick's come-back. And Bill is still so soon after the war. Interest on rates were high. In 1921 we had to pay

half every year to apply on this debt.
"The whole province needs to wake up to the undeveloped resources which are slowly but surely coming under American and English control. We haven't the confidence to put our own ney in our own country. Let us en-

## DEMANDS DAMAGES FOR

Toronto, Dec. 28 .- J. T. Cunningham. ilton, to recover \$15,000 damages for the dressed the death of Mrs. Maria B. Cunningham, \$325 for medical attendance, and \$458 chief?

for funeral expenses.
On Aug. 31, 1924, a car driven by Cunningham, and another driven by were in collision near Selkirk, in imand county. Mrs. Cunningham Haldimand county. Mrs. Cunningham died six days later. Each driver alleges negligence on the part of the other

### BOOKKEEPER ARRESTED.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 28—Wallace Sutherland, bookkeeper for Coulter Bros., Toronto, was taken into custody today on a war-rant issued by Coulter Brothers, charging theft of about \$5,000, which it is claimed was stolen in 1924 and 1925. for about eight years.



All this seems to be a bit broad and maybe a bit too optimistic, but despite the fans' usual opinion of a home-brew outfit, this year's team has all the earmarks of championship calibre. It was a good move that Bill Marsden made in pleking the cream of the junfor city league, for those who have been separated out from the bunch have shown real possibilities in practice and they have furthered the contention that London can turn out a good home-brew sextet as well as other centers.

"Yip" Foster, the ex-Aura Lee boy, is out with the team, and the big fellow has filled in a big hole in the defence. Tommy Filmore will not be out as was expected. The fans are disappointed over this turn of affairs, as they felt that he would help the juniors a whale of a lot as well as round out his own experience as future senior material. However, Foxworthy has shown considerable improvement, and will fill in at right wing very nicely.

The squad, consisting of eleven candidates, will work out tonight from 6 to 7, Wednesday from 6 to 6:30, and Saturday from 5 to 6. By the firm the

Billy Friel, genial business manager of the St. Louis Browns, is never too ousy to spin a yarn, and he has an antipathy for relating wise cracks of the diamond which are pulled at his own expense. His latest one has its scene laid at Sportsman's Park, late in the 1924 season with the Washington Senators being the attraction at the ors being the attraction at the cown's field.

It was a rainy day, and the tarpaulin was spread over the infield. Nick Altrock and Al Schacht, famous comedians of the Senators, were doing their best to keep the fretful crowd in good humor while the two targets waited on

Annual Banquet of St.

Thomas C. of C.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 28.—The need of self-respecting Canadians who are willing to invest their money in the wealth of natural resources in Canada wealth of natural resources in Canada with the work which is at present and do the work which is at present and decided they could play him in the outfield. They had a good substitute and the two teams waited on the turn of the weather.

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The funmakers were pulling some of their classic aquatic stunts out on the tarp, and the crowd, including Friel, was getting a good kick out of it. In the midst of one of his genuine bursts of laughter. Friel was approached by a stranger who informed him that the burlesque artists were doing their turn with spiked shoes on the canvas covering.

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by Hon. Wm. H. Price, provincial treasurer, at the annual banquet of the chamber of commerce, held this evening in the Grand Central hotel.

Mr. Price detailed the work of the "Don't werry about it." will only be a little baseman and so they were able to send Jones to us. Its o happened that the first game longing and to leave the Senator dugout and voiced his feelings to President Clark Griffith.

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Constant auditing on receipts and small piece of his mind. "And Griff's

great pity that the people of the do-minion were rushed into these projects wondering which is the most cutting-

then give evidence to the merchant of the ease with which his line moved, in-quired snappily, "Maybe we could sell you one or two—what?"

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would give each player of the two teams an equal sum of money. It was here that Donohue got up and shouted: "There ain't goin' to be no split. We take the big end or the little end, If we take the little end, they got to lick us to get the big end."

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of Lockport, N.Y., and his five children have entered action in the Ontario courts against Frank J. Maw, of Hambard Courts against Aga

Walter McNichols, business manager of the Cleveland club, had just returned from Lakeland, Fla., after looking over little value in pitching. However, this the spring training camp. "Say, Spoke," fast ball makes Kelly the said to Speaker, "you won't know first-sacker of his day. Lakeland when you go back there next spring. At the busiest corner they've in style than any man since the days got a traffic tower, and they soak jay of Chase. Blue is supple, quick, fast, walkers a dollar a throw for going about agile: he plays exceptionally deep and with their heads down.' "That so," said Tris, "now I know why you wired the office for money while you were down there."

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catcher during his career. Consider his fielding ability and his power but, Lajoie must be regarded as best second baseman of all time.

aseman covered on all throws. that period teams have studied bar and discovered what field the pl

That knowledge determines whether

# ROUNDING THIRD by Hugh A. Jennings

A PLAY THAT WON A PENNANT.

Rossman's collapse placed Detroit in a The National league has several exsad predicament. We had won the pen- cellent first basemen besides Kelly. nant in 1907 and 1908, but we could There is Jim Bottomley of St. Louis, a never win it a third time if Rossman good hitter, a good fielder, an excellent remained in the lineup. In a few days left-handed thrower, good on ground every team in the American league balls and particularly good on foul flies. would know how to beat us easily. Such things travel fast in baseball. Because we had been champions twice it was certain that no one would be eager to help us out. I could not use Rossman at first, and so I tried other players his slugging.

there, but none of them fitted into the position. Finally I succeeded in getting and Canada, by North American first baseman and so they were able to

Mr. Price detailed the work of the treasurer's department, pointing out the improvements made. He explained that the system of consolidated revenue funds is the most satisfactory.

dent Clark Griffith.

"Don't worry about it," said Griff.

"If your covering is damaged, send me the bill and I'll take it out of the World's Series money of those clowns."

Friel then carried his indignation to the two performers and gave them no got the runner and back on first in

Jones. He scooped it up, threw home, got the runner, and back on first in time to take the catcher's throw and complete a double play. We won the game because of Jones' play. And this break so upset the Athletics that we two the remaining three games, making a clean sweep of the series and putting them out of the pennant race.

Most important Play.

I always regarded Jones' play as the most important of the season. Had Rossman been on first in that situation, he would either have watched the man score without throwing the ball, or he would have heaved it over the catcher's head and two runs would have scored. We would have heaved it over the catcher's head and two runs would have scored. We would have heaved it over the catcher's head and two runs would have scored. We would have heaved it over the catcher's head and two runs would have scored. We would have losved the function of the pennant, for we needed that series to repeat as American league champions.

One first baseman who will always like in American league history was Jigks Donohue. Next to the pitching staff, Donohue was instrumental in winning the pennant and world cham.

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Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Because of failing health, Gen. John J. Pershing is will be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most unique ever made by a dill be the most so soon after the war war high. In 1921 we had to pay rates were high. In 1921 we had to pay 6½ per cent, while in 1925 short-term loans only cost us 4½ per cent. Our national debt at present is \$300,000,000, and even a difference of 1 per cent in the interest would mean a million dollars."

There is an ancient story of "Rube" would have heaved it over the catcher's loaded and two runs would have scored. We would have lost the series, and the permant, for we needed that series to repeat as American league champions. It seems that the permant, for we needed that series to repeat as American league champions. One first baseman who will always of finally in a small cracker-barrel grocery. Mr. Price pointed out the necessity of reducing the capital expenditures each year, especially in the matter of construction and hydro-electric developments. In road developments were sunk a capital expenditure of 80 million dollars, he said. The interest in upkeep alone on this is costing the province \$8,500,000.

"I am firmly of the opinion that there should be a sinking fund in hydro. The Should be a sinking fund in hydro. The Chippewa plant should be paying its chippewa plant should be paying its that the province we should have a million and the proposed fund and started exhibiting the province was instrumental in winning the pennant and world chambers the proprietor. When he had drawn forth from his case two lengthy and voluminous garments. Waddell was stirred sufficiently from his murky thoughts to put a query.

"What's those things you got there?" the asked. "Night shirts," said the drummer, and then, thinking that he might there and then give evidence to the merchant of would give each player of the two teams

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as intelligent as Coilins. Since he was small and light, he was handicapped physically. Weight is of importance to an infielder, for it comes in handy in tagging runners. Collins could never compare with Lajoie as a hard hitter, but he was a more scientific hatsman, and more versatile. Being much faster than Lajoie, he could bunt and take advantage of the defensive position of the infielders.

Infield Kent Guessing.

He was able to keep the infield guessfast ball makes Kelly the best-throwing Lu Blue more resembles Hal Chase covers much ground; he is not so good for money a hitter as Chase, nor is he quite up to the Chase standard as a fielder.

gent first-sacker, but he would be more valuable to his club if he was not so if there was such a thing as a life to acquire the knowledge of baseball came nature if there was such a thing as a life there was such as the contract of the knowledge. Joe Judge of Washington is an intelli-They made mistakes picking them even in hockey. Hobic Kitchen who has made good with Maroons, was released by Aura Lee seniors two years ago.

OXFORD SEXTET WINS.

Associated Press Despatch.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—Oxford University ice hockey team defeated the Davos Platz team today by a score agod hitter and a fine target, but was always a second baseman;

and there he found himself.

Johnny Evers must be ranked among the great second basemen. He was the star of the National league during the time that Lajole reigned in the American. Lajole and Evers were as far apart in type as Lajole and Collins, if not farther. Lajole had nerve, but also nerves: Evers had nerve, but also nerves: Evers had nerve, but also nerves. Lajole never wasted a move: Evers never saved one. Evers was like a dynamo: Lajole like an iceberg. Evers was intelligent and a strategist.

His greatest fame came when he touched second after Fred Merkle failed to advance from first to second on a safe hit in the last New York-Chicago series of 1908 and caused a play-off in which the Cubs won the game and the remnant. Evers could not hit with either Lajole or Collins, and he could not run bases with Collins, but he was a smart fielder and extremely tricky. (Copyright, 1925, in the United States and Canada by North American Newspaper Alliance. All rights reserved.)

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through the back exit of the house. When near the door the floor in the kitchen broke through, dropping him into the cellar.

In the smoke and flames, he was vanable to find Miss Lacroix, who by this time was unconscious and unable to answer his calls. Lafreniere also escaped after a dash through the flames to the front door.

Four Victims in Kitchen.

A peculiar feature of the tragedy was that those who were burned to death and those in hospital attempted to escape from the house through the rear exit, near where the fire was burning fiercely, while the front of the house was, during the early part of the fire, untouched by flames. Drahman and Lafreniere escaped through the door.

It is believed from the positions in which the bodies were found that, driven back by the flames around the

#### CHAMPIONSHIP DOG DERBY WILL BE STAGED AT BANFF

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Banff, Alta., Dec. 28.—A world champles played for Detroit was against ladelphia. It was the start of a fourne series. Philadelphia, was the team had to beat if we wanted to win pennant again. In the first inning ladelphia jammed bases with one. The next batter, a left-handed hit, cracked the first ball pitched to tes. He scooped it up, threw home, the runner, and back on first in the first inner to take the catcher's throw and the to take the catcher's throw and the to take the catcher's throw and the content of the catcher's throw and the catcher's throw and the content of the catcher's throw and the catcher's throw the catcher's throw and the catcher's throw and the catcher's throw the catcher's throw the catcher's throw and the catcher's

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## FOUR PERISH IN QUEBEC FIRE **CHRISTMAS CANDLES START IT**

Rooming-House Tragedy in Village in Temiskaming District.

TWO OTHERS BURNED

Canadian Press Despatch Cobalt, Dec. 28 .- Four people are dead and two are in hospital badly burned as a result of a fire in a coming-house conducted by P. Lefebvre, Guiges, Que., storekeeper, early Sunday morning. Details of the tragedy reached Cobalt this afternoon from Villemarie, Que., the nearest railway station to the scene of the fatality. The dead are: P. Lefebvre, aged 35; Mrs. P. Lefebvre, aged 28; A. St. Jean, aged 21, and Miss Blanche Lacroix, aged 17. Burned and in hospital at Villemarie are G. Lefreniere and I Barette.

Started by Candles.

The fire is believed to have started in a room of the apartment which the Lefebvres occupied, next to their store Candles left lighted on a Christmas tree are thought to have been the cause. The store and the apartment, along with the outbuildings, were comto death and those who are in hospital.

A. Drahman and A. Guilbealt were escaped unharmed.

Attempt at Rescue. According to the story they told, they were awakened first by a shout of "Fire!" from Mr. Lefebvre, who called to them to bring the fire extinguisher. Looking around the room they were unable to locate Mr. Lefebvre, but noticed Mrs. Lefebvre and Miss Lacroix standing together in

Hearing Miss Lacroix scream, Le was shifted around the infield and out- freniere ran to her and, picking her eld until he finally landed at second, nd there he found himself.

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When found, the body of Mr. Lefebvre was the only of the four that bere any resemblance to a human form lowever, to identify the bodies through

# GEN. PERSHING'S HEALTH

## Pomeranian Dies Of Broken Heart

Canadian Press Despatch. Mossbank, Sask., Dec. 25.—This is story of a dog that died of broken Mrs. N. Hay of this district possessed a pet Pomeranian, which was greatly attached to her, Called

suddenly to Winnipeg, the owner was unable to make arrangements for the shipment of the dog. It was taken to friends, where it was door, and whined and cried for its mistress. Not a particle of food would the animal touch. For two weeks the devoted pet kept guard but the strain proved too great, and a few days before the owner re-turned the dog died. Now Mrs. Hay

#### ANTI CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LEAGUE ELECTS L. E. LAWES

By ROWLAND WOOD.

Press Association. New York, Dec. 28.—The league for on the Western Ontario series as well the abolition of capital punishment assured itself of an authoritative campaign against the death penalty throughout the United States, when it announced the election of Lewis E. Laws too of nearly 100 doomed men, 15 of

ST. THOMAS COUNTS ON FOUR NEW BALL STARS

Expect To Have Several Newcomers On Intercounty Line-Up in 1926.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 28.—The shifting of . B. A. A. players should soon be comleted. If reports are correct there is quite a considerable amount of shifting n the baseball firmament, and new faces will be found on practically all of the senior teams this year.

The feeling seems to prevail that couple of new faces will be recognized in the local senior turn-out. Foremos of these will be Dave Abbey, rated as one of the best amateur players in Toronto. At present he is employed on the M. C. R., his duties taking him as far as Windsor, but it is confident expected that he will be on the local

"Lefty" Daugherty of Galt and Garney Edwards of West Lorne are two capable twirlers, and Milton Pascoe, to be settling down in the Flower City. Some of these new men will be expected to play with the M. C. R. team, but permission of the O. B. A. A. will likely be secured to work the players in





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