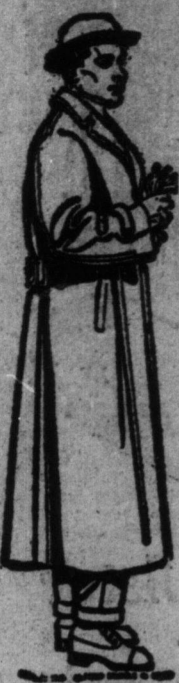


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A Hamilton despatch says: There will be no senior hockey team in Hamilton this year. This is because the Hamilton Hockey Club, the majority of senior players of which are from the Hamilton Intermediate and Junior teams, will be unable to play in the Hamilton Hockey Club this year.

It was pointed out by the representative of the Alerts, Limited, that the Hamilton Hockey Club was not of the best and that for that reason only two teams could be accommodated. As the H.H.C. had the rental of the rink last year, it was the decision of the Alerts directors to give preference again this season. The officials of the Alerts club assured the Alerts representative that they would have two teams, as last year, and that it had been practically decided by the officers of the Hamilton Hockey Club to give up their idea of placing a senior team on the ice. This would give the H.H.C. full away and they would be content with an intermediate and junior team.

Clinton will play Intermediate O.H.A. Ait. Hall, the sturdy Collingwood defenseman, is now in London, and will play with the Tecumsehs.

This is the jumping season. Several of the well known amateur hockey players have been giving different managers of the local senior teams some merry chases and quite a number of the puck chasers are still on the fence. Doug Addison and Jack Hunter, of last year's champion T. R. and A. A. team, have come down out of the clouds and will be found with the Rowing Club when it is time to don the skates again. Dame Hunter has it that two more of the Torontos will be found with the King street scoulers.

The Rowing Club are claiming Jack McCann, the good boy who won the Michael's jersey last year, but you can bet your last dollar that Jack will be doing business at the old stand when the bugle sounds.

Gordon Bricker, the St. Mike's goal tender, is claimed by the Torontos.

At a very enthusiastic meeting of the W. R. Brock Company (Limited) Hockey Club, held last evening, the following officers were elected: President, W. R. Brock; Vice-president, J. S. Anderson; Secretary, R. W. Pentecost; Treasurer, J. A. Catto; John Root, O. Cook, R. C. Hector, manager, R. D. Crawford; secretary-treasurer, Bert Elliott; committee, F. Hamilton, B. Darlington, D. Smith.

Brock's are now champions of the Mer-cantile League and holders of the Aiken-head Cup, and when the curtain rings down in March, 1914, the above mentioned championship and cup will still be resting at the southwest corner of Bay and Wellington streets.

Hockey is going to boom in English this winter. Already the authorities are arranging to put two teams, a junior and intermediate, on the ice. The Ontario Hockey Association. It is altogether likely the junior team will be grouped in the city with Berlin, Waterloo, Preston, Galt and Elmira and Waterloo.

The following teams have signified their intention of entering the Hockey City League, which will be organized shortly: Bankers, O. A. C. A. Page-Herren, Taylor-Fordes, G. C. I. and a city team.

The new O.H.A. hockey rink at Preston is now nearing completion. The ice area will be 185 x 80, and it is estimated that the seating capacity will be about three thousand. The seats go right around the building, starting at the boards in the centre aisle. The new rink will be brilliantly lighted with 250 lights 14 feet apart.

Despite the fact they received a cold shiver last night, the Brandon Senior Hockey Club is undismayed and will, according to the latest reports, attempt to limit the proposal to revive the old Manitoba four-team league. As one of the officials put it today, "it is a crying shame to play intermediate hockey in such a magnificent rink as that provided by the winter rink board at Brandon."

Kenny Mallon and Charlie Tobin are the latest reported to be signed by the Westminister Club. They were the past two weeks, also a month ago, George in a letter would again be seen wearing the orange and black.

The Canadians were trying to bring about a deal with the west to exchange the Fire for the west. The deal was blocked yesterday, when the "Flying Frenchman" stated that he would not be the better man of the two, so it is hardly likely that Kennedy will trade him off. "Felix" did not like play with the "Flying Frenchman" this season, and Roy Marchand of Kingston has been signed up.

Jimmy Gardner, playing manager of the Canadians, is away on a hunting trip. On his return to Montreal he will be sent on a scouting trip by the club in search for one or two good amateur players for this season.

Co. Dion states emphatically that he will not turn professional nor play in the Ontario Hockey Association. Eddie Gerard is still wavering, but it is believed that the football star will throw in his lot with the professionals.

There will be a big shake-up in the Ottawa district clubs in the Inter-provincial amateur hockey union. Stewart will drop out of the Ottawa section and will be replaced by a team representing the Britannia Boating Club. Ottawa College have declined the Inter-collegiate invitation and will remain in the Inter-provincial section. Two new teams, the Britannia Boating Club and the Britannia Boating Club, are expected to play in the Inter-provincial section. The Britannia Boating Club is a new team, and the Britannia Boating Club is a new team.

A Montreal despatch says: With two new players, the Sherbrooke Hockey Club will be stronger this season than a year ago. The president has recently closed down the Sherbrooke Hockey Club, which was one of the stars of the Inter-provincial Amateur Association a year ago. Baker is a centre man with plenty of speed and a good stick handler. Baker scored most of the goals for the Sherbrooke team during last winter.

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EDUCATION IN PANAMA

Some of the Uses to Which Part of the Ten Million Dollars Paid by the United States Has Been Put.

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Some features of the revolution which put Panama on the map as an independent nation—or at least as one with as much independence as the United States thinks it well to permit—are worth mentioning.

Of course the revolution was not a spontaneous uprising of the people. It wasn't an uprising of any sort. Outside of the two Cities of Colon and Panama not five per cent. of the people knew that an insurrection was planned, and it was weeks after its inception that the United States learned of its existence. The United States before any considerable share of its people knew that they no longer inhabited a province of Colombia.

Locally, the revolution was conceived and pushed thru to success by a little group of business men in Panama and Colon. All they did was to tamper with the Colombian garrison at Panama and by money bribes and social blandishments persuaded the soldiers to relinquish their loyalty to Colombia. There were none of the dramatic accompaniments which ought to go with revolutions. No alarm of the town, no flocking of the downtrodden to arms, no shooting of citizens nor any of the usual incidents of a revolution. There was a skirmish. After the garrison had been properly bribed and the United States at Washington had signified their intention of preventing Colombia from doing anything to subdue her rebellious province, a handful of men met in office in Panama City and declared Panama a free and independent nation. In three days the United States recognized the new nationality.

Perhaps it's just as well that the Panama Junta had its way so peacefully. Its members did not have time to acquire a taste for the pomp and panoply of war. In the average Central American government, where power has been won by fighting, the first act of the successful dictator is to establish an army—sometimes a pigmy navy as well. The Panama revolutionists did better. The infant state has no army whatsoever. The first act of the successful dictator is to establish an army—sometimes a pigmy navy as well. The Panama revolutionists did better. The infant state has no army whatsoever.

Such of the money as has been spent, about \$5,000,000, was put into public buildings, for at the outbreak Panama was a state without a place for its legislature to meet without public offices and wholly destitute of the physical appurtenances of a national government. Four handsome buildings now embellish Panama City—a municipal house and a national legislature, a president's house and a national institute or university. The national palace, besides the usual offices and meeting chambers for the national legislature, contains a tasteful little theatre, capable of holding about 1200 people. There is a tendency among tour-

ists to laugh at the Panamanians for having put their national revenues into a theatre, but they might have done worse—invested them in an army, for example, which would have rebelled the first time one of its leaders had an ambition to become dictator. The theatre is at least no menace to the state. Its greatest weakness is that it is not easy to find attractions for a playhouse in a town which is about six days' steaming away from anywhere in particular. About once a year a Spanish opera or comedy company holds the boards, but the rest of the time the theatre is usually dark unless utilized for some public meeting.

The National Institute, comprising seven substantial buildings grouped about a central court, is planned to accommodate a true university, and has the beginnings of a university faculty, drawn mainly from Europe. Its weakness, however, is that the elementary educational system of Panama does not educate boys—girls are not provided for in either high schools or colleges—to the university standard, while the youth of neighboring states of time the theatre is usually dark unless utilized for some public meeting.

NIGERIA BOASTS OF "SACRED LAKE"

Native Tribes Hold It in Great Awe, Say Travelers.

After an extensive journey thru the unknown parts of Nigeria, Africa, P. Amoury Talbot, a district commissioner, has returned to London and announced that during his trip he discovered a mysterious lake, known as the "Sacred Lake of Life," which is held in great awe by the native tribes throughout the adjoining country.

The scene about the lake, according to Mr. Talbot, was full of mystery. The surface of the water was absolutely still and round about were ten feet high bushes bearing what looked like great tufts of creamy plants; these, however, proved to be nests of tree frogs.

The place was a sanctuary for all wild life, as no hunter had ever dared to penetrate within many miles of the sacred waters. The natives had many beliefs and were held by many superstitions in regard to the lake. Nothing was ever allowed to trouble the water, even to touch its outer edge, and here dwelt forever the shades of the departed Ekoi.

The knowledge of the existence of the lake, according to Mr. Talbot, had been kept a jealously guarded secret from all Europeans, and not even natives, with the exception of the high priest, had ever been allowed to approach the sacred water, the supposed dwelling place of the greatest deity of the race.

Access to the lake was thru a grove of trees so cunningly planted that any one not knowing of its existence might pass within a few yards of the holy pool without suspecting its existence.

Mr. Talbot was guided to the spot found that the water was full of great fish, on the welfare of which depended the prosperity of the tribe. The fish were so tame that they fed from the hand of the reigning high priest, the only native human being allowed to look upon the water.

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