

Soon every town and village in a wide area surrounding Lindsay will have its own artificial ice curling and hockey rinks. Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Woodville, Beaverton, Omemee, Cannington, Sutton, Oakwood and Little Britain have artificial ice plants, some for hockey, some for curling and some for both.

One of the latest sports centres to instal artificial ice is Sunderland. A few years ago four ices were installed in the curling rink, and now the hockey rink has had artificial ice equipment installed.

Teams from Pickering and area have already started using Sunderland ice for practises every Saturday and Sunday.

Sunderland was always a good sporting centre, particularly in baseball in the days of Stan Young. Stan Young later became the executive head of Christie Brown Biscuits, and took into his employ a number of Sunderland young men. There was also Art "Bunty" Welsh, the Anderson's the Pinkhams, the Olivers and others.

For years the name of Brethour has been heard around the Sunderland district and far afield, chiefly because of the number of red tickets the Brethour show and race horses picked up at fall fairs and other race meets. Sunderland may not be the capital of Brock Township but it could easily lay claim to the distinction.

Naturally, however, the sporting blood of Cannington cannot be discounted. Curlers and hockeyists have had artificial ice for years and many star players have come forth from the home of the Halwards of lacrosse fame, the Hodgins of baseball and hockey ability, Bill Livingstone at one time the dean of curlers and lawn bowlers and also the manager of the Victoria Trust Co.

Other names which stand out were the McKinnons, Southworth, Woodward, Gilchrist, Jewett, McLeod and others.

Beaverton, also in Brock, cannot be left out when it comes to chronicling well-known sportsmen of the past. One must mention Bradburn, a horseman, Calder, Yeo and many others.

Beaverton, away back was the home of the famous Checker lacrosse team, champions of Eastern and Southern Ontario in the days when Canada's national game was played in almost every hamlet. Lacrosse at Beaverton recalls such names as Peter and Duncan McMillan, the cream of the gut stick crop, who were also well known curlers.

Hats off to the sporting men of Brock Township, past and present.

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The political election pot in Victoria, Haliburton, and Ontario North which has been simmering, is beginning to bubble. All three candidates have been on the podium in different parts of the large riding and in fact it would almost appear that they were dogging each other's heels.

Apparently the three musketeers are spending much time in the North Ontario side of the riding. Bill Scott has had some of the "big guns" electioneering including former member Clayton Hodgson, who has always taken pride in the large vote he was handed in Brock, Mara, Rama and Thora Townships. He was one of the speakers at Udney.

Both the P.C. and Liberal candidates buttonholed people in Beaverton this week in a

house to house effort to seek popular votes. Councillor John Eakins was at David Logan's side, while at the Udney meeting the Scott men included ex-mayor Bert Hick, Bill Cummins, and Gordon Pepper as well as James McQuarrie and so goes the battle.

Allan McPhail is right in the throes of the campaign and he too looks for a larger vote than ever in the Ontario North section.

All three parties have their own method of advertising. Candidate Logan has been handing out a neat pocket folder, and one enthusiastic supporter has a sign on his lawn which reads "This house Sold on David Logan".

A couple of days ago a large docile Newfoundland dog was noticed crossing Kent Street at the Cambridge Street intersection and a large display card (one on each side of the canine) read "Vote Scott".

A P.C. supporter has a sign on his car displaying just two words "Great Scott".

Press conferences are the order of the day. Erik Nielsen the young Conservative from Yukon, was the man on the spot for the Tories and he was questioned on the Dorion scandal problem which investigation he sparked. He also attended a gathering of young people at a conference held at the Bonfire Restaurant.

Hon. Paul Martin, External Affairs Minister, is coming to Lindsay and will also hold a press conference in the interest of the Liberals.

As election day nears the parties in charge of affairs at the three campaign headquarters will "turn on the heat" and anything can be expected.

Visiting speakers of distinction are being piloted on Main Street in a hand shaking, glad eye, and sometimes a purchasing expedition, buying gifts for folks back home. The three candidates are throwing themselves into the campaign in earnest but as yet very few election bets if any have been made.