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EDITORIAL

That Hockey Editorial

For weeks we've been tempted to write this article. Every time the boys went through another round we wanted to offer our congratulations. But they were getting along so splendidly we disliked putting on a jinx. Not that there is any such thing, but oh well! We can just understand why the town went wild and everybody celebrated. This is our way of giving expression to our joy too, here in these columns each week—perhaps not so demonstrative, but nevertheless sincere.

It's been our privilege to be quite intimately associated with the hockey club not only this year, but for nine years. We've driven over miles of territory with them to their games and watched the sport. There have been some great teams during the years—they looked so good that we predicted a championship on several occasions before this year. But something always happened and the championship slipped away elsewhere—often by a very narrow margin.

And so when the final bell went on Thursday night it was just hard to realize that it had happened—that the Acton Tanners were champions for the year. But it was true because it was Acton boys who were being hugged and congratulated. It was Acton fans who were wild and it was a detachment from the Acton Citizens' Band that came from nowhere onto the corner of the ice and started to play—vociferously, if not strictly by note. Somehow or other it brought back memories of another night in the same arena when we played, even if we didn't win.

And it was a great team that won the championship. We've had some great teams in other years. Great enough to come close, but not great enough to finish. And what a finish! In the semi-final series, grouped with teams from two cities and one from a town three times the size of Acton. But they overcame them all and the Tanners in no instance left one of these teams without a decisive decision. There were no technical knockouts.

No wonder the fans were proud of their team and the management that had guided them through. But it was team play that won and that fighting spirit, backed by experience. In every place the Acton Tanners of 1939 were a great team. They deserve all the congratulations they are receiving. They have brought credit to this community.

It's Going to be Two

A championship just can't be put off lightly in one editorial. We never had much time to take part in sport in our boyhood days, but we relished the opportunity to be spectator in later years. When opportunity offered to see hockey by a team from Acton we enjoyed the game to the fullest even, if it meant much writing thereafter.

So when the new Arena was opened in Acton, we were at the games, not only at home, but when the team travelled to other centres, we went along. This was maintained without interruption until two years ago when an illness brought up the record. But few have been the games we have missed and everyone was enjoyed.

We grew rather accustomed to winning and losing and explaining and writing, but so often concluding just a little before the top rung was reached. Those ones that were close were always the most difficult to explain. We had eight of those experiences, but this one is entirely different. The 1939 Acton Tanners came through. And boys, it's been a light task this year, writing those concluding games. But with this new experience we're not anticipat-

ing retiring from our following of the sports. Writers have a longer period of activity in the game than players and we're hoping for other champions and as much practise in writing these finishes as we had in the other kind.

And Maybe Three

We couldn't close the season without adding a word of appreciation to management and officials of the team. In all the years Acton has had teams we have received nothing but the finest of co-operation. In our effort to bring the sports stories to our readers. The past year has been just the same. Whether we bothered them in business hours or in the dressing rooms during the game, we have invariably been accorded that help which was necessary to bring a true picture of the games to Free Press readers. Needless to say, we have appreciated this help and the freedom given us about the dressing rooms.

We could enumerate individuals who have been particularly helpful, but we know full well these men would not desire this singling out. Their names appear in another column among the officers.

Speaking of the Hockey Management and Executive, we wonder if oftentimes fans fully appreciate the work entailed in this part of sports. They are all business men assuming these duties as a hobby and because of their interest in the game. But it requires a lot of time and energy. But their part is just as important as any. A team that hasn't a coach and management that is looking after matters off the ice is making an uphill battle. Fans as a rule do not see this work. They see only the game on the ice.

So we say congratulations to Manager V. B. Rumley, and all the Officials and Executive of the Championship Team. It's been a long grind but your faithfulness has been rewarded, and it has been happy indeed to see such splendid harmony throughout the whole organization.

All by the Same Yardstick

Again our editorial comments come in for criticism. We don't mind as long as its in the public interest. If we were not in full possession of the facts regarding the expenditures made by the County Council and which we criticized, we are willing and ready to hear the facts and since it is public moneys that are being expended, we believe our readers would like to hear the facts. Our criticism was levelled no more at the grant to the Militia than it was on the amount appropriated for an advertisement in a Hamilton paper that has very little circulation in the County, but it appears has a very smart salesman.

It seems strange that only the Militia angle is challenged, seemingly as a smoke screen over the other expenditure of over \$70, which will incidentally help support one of the wealthiest newspapers in the Dominion, even if Haltonians do not read the newspaper.

Yes, we're ready to hear all the facts and we're ready to give some more that perhaps even the County Council do not know about. This is not a personal matter, as we too hold every member of County Council in the highest regard. But the grants involved should all be measured by the same yardstick when decisions are to be made.

Sorry we can't deal with the matter more fully this week, but our space is very much taken up with other material which is locally of great interest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spring came at last, and temperatures indicate that it really came.

That upsetting time of spring house cleaning is with us in full force now.

Daylight Saving Time commences on Sunday night. Turn on your clocks so you won't be late for work.

Mill Street certainly looks splendid since its spring clean-up. It's a treat to be rid of the piles of snow and ice.

Sales of gasoline in Canada during 1938 totalled 762,591,000 gallons in comparison with 718,427,000 gallons in 1937.

The output of central electric stations in Canada during February amounted to 2,213,938,000 kilowatt hours, the highest February output on record.

In these days, with so much talk of war and crises and turmoil, it's well to have a diversion for something lighter and have the fun of a few games.

Between preparations for the Music Festival, the celebration of a hockey championship, and the next big item, the Royal visit, local organizations have been having much more than a busy time.

Never before in any co-operative special issue that THE FREE PRESS has made for any project has the same co-operative reception prevailed as has characterized this Hockey Issue. Without a doubt the whole community is back of the boys and anxious to extend congratulations.

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