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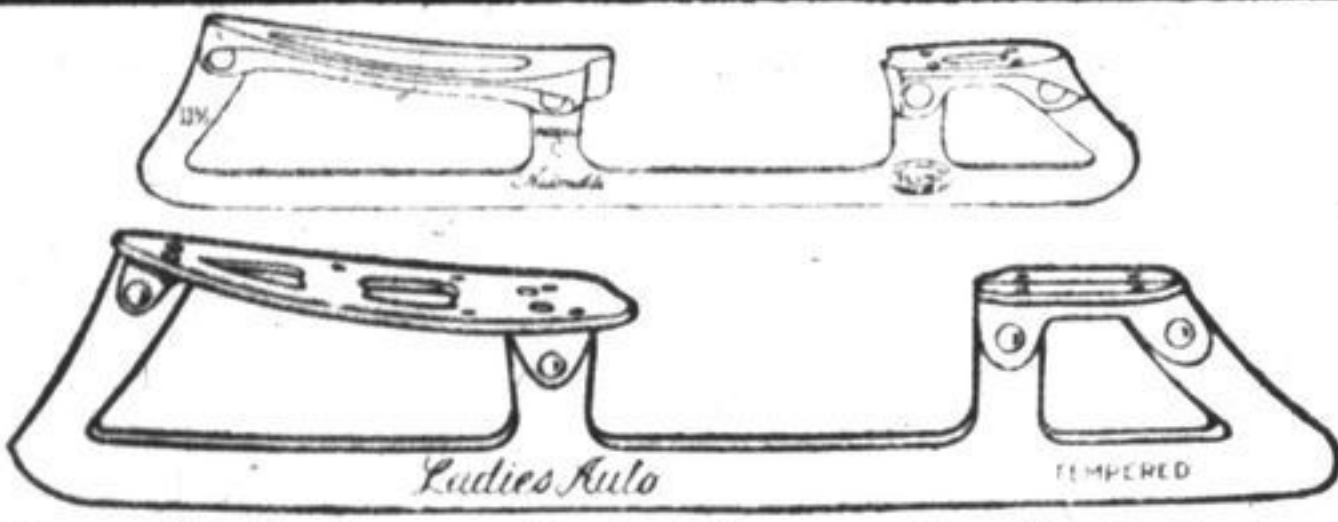
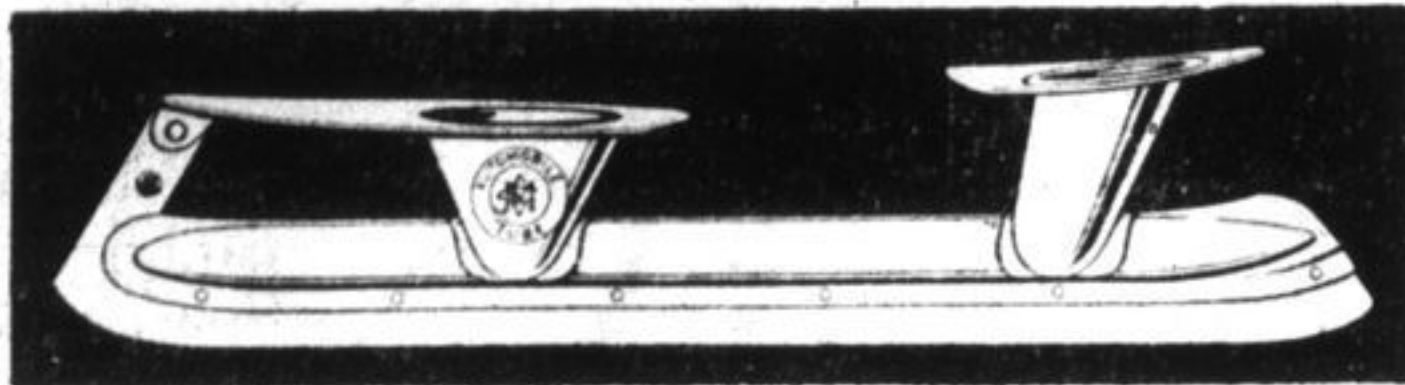
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ATTENTION! O.H.A. TEAMS

EACH CLUB RESPONSIBLE FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS.

Some Information About Soldier Players—The O.H.A. Requirements Are Set Out Very Plainly.

Playing certificates, referees' reports, junior age certificates and instructions to secretaries have been mailed to the clubs.

Each club is responsible for the eligibility of its players. Junior players must be under twenty years of age Jan. 1, 1917. Certificates are revocable by the association without notice.

Clubs are required to pay particular attention to the lighting of their rinks and to the condition of the goal nets. Both must be perfectly satisfactory to the referee, or there will be trouble for the home club.

No junior player will be eligible to again play in that series who plays more than one intermediate or more than one senior game in that season.

Under the residence rule a player must be a bona fide and continuous resident of the town to which his club belongs since August 1, 1916. The exceptions are enlisted soldiers, students, teachers and sailors. The last named must play where they were living last January.

Soldiers enlisted for overseas service may play in their home town, with a soldiers' team in the town or regimental district in which they are located, or with any team in the town in which they are located.

Soldiers returned from overseas service may play wherever they locate. Honorably discharged soldiers, who have not been overseas, must play in their home town.

Players living in rural districts, villages or police villages must play in their nearest O.H.A. town. A junior player, however, has the privilege of playing in the nearest town to his residence which has a junior O.H.A. team.

No player who has received an O.H.A. certificate shall play in an exhibition match for another club without first receiving permission from the association.

A player practising individually or receiving a try-out with a professional team will be refused an O.H.A. card, and will be regarded as a professional.

A club defaulting any match debars itself from further competition. O.H.A. clubs playing in another association must give precedence to O.H.A. scheduled matches.

A junior may play one intermediate or one senior game with his own club, and an intermediate player one senior game.

O.H.A. clubs and players are debarred from playing with or against the Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Duluth, American Soo, Houghton and St. Paul rink teams, and Canadian teams who play against these teams.

The junior birth certificates must be official documents, issued by the Registrar-General's Department at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, or by a local registrar, or an extract from a church baptismal record, certified to by the clergyman in charge.

Playing certificates must be returned to the O.H.A. secretary at once to be countersigned and passed by the committee.

SMOKES WHILE HE PLAYS.

Lester Patrick Is No Anti-Cigarette Booster.

Lester Patrick is no booster for the stock of the anti-cigarette crusaders. In a Pacific Coast League game the other night, things were going badly for his Spokane team, Patrick, who had been on the sidelines nursing a badly cut forehead, smoking a cigarette, and getting exasperated, thereupon broke into the game in place of Malien, still clinging to the butt of his cigarette. He retained the butt in his mouth all through the remainder of the match. Two minutes before the end, Patrick, who still cherished his fast diminishing cigarette butt, and who looked very much like a story book pirate with his bandaged eye and pulled-down cap, got exasperated, and bursting through the Vancouver defence scored. Still exasperated, Lester broke loose again and passed to Nichols, who was in proper sniping position under St. Griffin's arm, and who scored just before time. Vancouver won the game, however.

THREE OFFERS MADE

For the Purchase of the Montreal Baseball Club.

It is quite possible that the Montreal Baseball Club franchise may change hands before the birds start singing their new spring songs, but even if the club is sold by President Sam Lichtenhein, it is very likely that the new owners will operate the franchise in Montreal. Mr. Lichtenhein stated that he had had offers for the club from no less than three different syndicates, but that satisfactory terms had not as yet been reached.

One of the teams which President Lichtenhein wants to have in the deal of sale, if the club is sold, is that the new owners operate the franchise in Montreal. "I would hate to see Montreal erased from the International League map after having a team here for so many years," said Mr. Lichtenhein last night.

The minor leagues intend to fight the National Commission and the major leagues to a finish for their rights until they get them, or quit baseball altogether, according to President Lichtenhein, who is just back from the International League meeting in New York. "We intend to have the draft rule abolished, and other reforms. We are tired, and the fans are tired, of seeing optional players loaned out and then recalled," said Mr. Lichtenhein.

LEGALIZING SUNDAY SPORT IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Representative Philip R. Anderson of Cambridge, Mass., has filed at the State House (by request) the petition of E. C. Willard, in the form of a bill to legalize Sunday golf, tennis, and baseball. Similar legislation is annually proposed, never yet with the bright prospects for success, but with the outlook always a little clearer than it was before.

Chance to Manage Los Angeles.

Recent reports that Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago National League club, would quit baseball unless offered that position again, was disproved when Chance announced he will manage the Los Angeles team of the Pacific Coast League next season.

Matched for Long Bout.

Fred Fulton, heavyweight pugilist of Rochester, Minn., has announced that he will meet Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, in a forty-round match at Havana, Cuba, early in February.

The Wanderers are dickering with the Ottawa club for the services of the veteran Art Ross. It is practically assured that Ross will be with the Red Bands, as he has made it known to the Ottawa club that it will be impossible for him to play with them this season.

Eddie Gerard will be playing manager of the Ottawa team this season. He will play on the defence.

BOXING GOSSIP.

Efforts are being made by New York promoters to bring Irish Patsy Cline and Johnny Dundee together over the ten-round route. Cline is rapidly forging to the front in the lightweight ranks, and should give "Jumping Johnnie" a real tussle.

Teddy Jacobs, the little New York bantamweight, who is creating a great impression on the Gotham fans, will get a chance with "Kid" Williams. The New Yorker has been matched to fight the title in ten rounds in New York on Dec. 30th.

Willie Beecher, the veteran New York lightweight, refuses to be relegated to the scrap heap. Beecher, who is again fighting in his old-time form, has been matched to box Shamus O'Brien, the rugged Gothamite, for ten rounds on Dec. 23rd, in New York.

Tom Cowler stopped Homer Smith, of Kalamazoo, Mich., at New York recently. The end came in the seventh round, when Smith, who was an awkward-looking as well as a clumsy-fighting boxer, went down for the count twice, the referee then calling a halt.

HOCKEY NOTES.

"Skene" Roman will likely be out of hockey for his winter. He has notified George Kennedy that he will not be able to report. Roman is permanently employed in Ottawa now, being in much the same position as Cyril Denny.

Hockey will become a major sport at Columbia University again. The team will practise and play their games in the new Brooklyn Ice Palace.

Horace Merrill insists that he will not play hockey this winter. If he does not "weaken," the Senators will have lost a valuable man, and one whose place will be hard to fill.

Frank Gauthier, a member of the Grand Mere team, is being sought by several N.H.A. teams. Gauthier is a goater, and performed on several occasions at the Toronto Arena when the Grand Mere team played exhibition games against local teams.

The advisability of playing six-man hockey in the Jennings Cup series at Toronto University will be discussed at the next meeting.

Contra, the Sault Ste. Marie forward, is very likely to catch a place with Canadians. He has plenty of speed, and is a fair stockhandler. With a little polishing off of rough edges he will do.

An amateur named Lefebvre, who hails from Lanark, Ont., is practising with the Canadian N. H. A. team.

Captain "Coo" Dion, once famous Ottawa amateur hockey star, has signed with the Laval team in the Ottawa City League. Dion has been invalided home from the front, but expects to play some hockey this winter.

Joe Tetrault, who got into trouble several years ago by playing under an assumed name at Peterboro, has been signed by the Wanderers of Montreal. Young, of Shawinigan Falls, is another newcomer to the Red Bands.

Fish for the Soldiers.

The allied armies as well as a considerable proportion of the civilian population of Great Britain are now looking to Canada for a steady supply of fish diet to make up for meat scarcity and to offset high prices for meat. Recently the Minister of Militia received from England a request to purchase an order for one million and a half pounds of fresh frozen fish for the British soldiers. Canadian soldiers in England have been receiving a weekly ration of Canadian fish for some months past. Arrangements have now been made to supply Canadians in the trenches with a fish ration, and specially prepared tins are being sent forward. The British authorities have been impressed with the cheapness and desirability of a fish ration, and want a similar supply for the British troops. There is, too, a gradually increasing demand from civilians for Canadian fish. Italy and France are also beginning to look to the Canadian supply.

Sir Sam Hughes said that exports of Canadian fish to the allied countries would eventually total five million pounds per week. When in England last August Sir Sam took up with the British authorities the question of a fish ration for British troops, and urged that orders be placed in Canada through the Canadian War Purchasing Commission. A few days ago a big order was received. Major Hugh Green of Prince Albert, whom Sir Sam sent over to England last winter to start the fish rations for the Canadian troops, is also looking after the popularizing of the general use of Canadian fish in Great Britain.

Strong Language Necessary.

"In spite of the War Office it is difficult for soldiers to do without strong language," says Reynolds' Weekly. "I was routing out some Germans," said a sergeant the other day, "and the beggars wouldn't come out of their holes, though they wanted to surrender. I yelled to the silly fools, but they wouldn't budge. I was that wild, I tell you straight I'd have given a quid to know the German for —!"

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