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COUNTY HOCKEY LEAGUE HELD FINE ANNUAL MEETING HERE SATURDAY

Splendid Spirit of Enthusiasm and Interest Displayed—Walter Cook Again Chosen to Occupy the President's Chair—Date Set for Handing in All Certificates—Outlook for the League This Season Very Bright.

If interest and enthusiasm count for anything, the Frontenac County Hockey League will have the best season in years when the schedule gets under way this winter. On Saturday afternoon the annual meeting of the League was held in the office of the Kingston Standard and there was a very large attendance of hockey enthusiasts from the County and much business was discussed and several important steps for the betterment of County Hockey were made.

President Walter Cook occupied the chair and after the reading of the minutes were passed on, the very important matter of having in certificates was taken up. Here was a question, it was brought out, that had always been a thorn in County League hockey management. Great difficulty had always been experienced in the signing of players and many times cards had been signed at the last minute to allow men to play. This, it was pointed out, was very undesirable and it was the general opinion of the meeting that some definite rule should be established so that the trouble before experienced could be done away with. After consideration of the question from all angles, President Walter Cook suggested that a date be fixed for the handing in of certificates and that none could be received after that date. Mr. Cook's suggestion seemed to be the best offered and Mr. Bert Balls, of Sunbury, moved that the certificates of Junior and senior players, together with the entrance fees be handed in by the next meeting of the League which will be held on January 9th. The motion was unanimously carried.

It was pointed out that under no circumstances would any certificates be signed after that date, either by the secretary or the president. No entries will be accepted for Junior or senior series after that date.

The matter of whether players in townships could or could not play with the team nearest to them if there was no team in their own township, was a subject which caused considerable discussion and it was brought out that for some time a rule had been in force that players in any township must play for a team in that township or not at all. The hardship of this was recognized a few years ago and it was found that this rule was not helping the game in the County and an amendment was passed allowing players, who had no team in their own township, to play with the team in the township nearest to them. This, it had been found, had made stronger

teams and had been good for the cause of hockey in the County. It was decided by the meeting Saturday that this amendment could not be improved upon and it was allowed to stand.

Speaking for the Kingston City Hockey League, C. A. Devlin brought up the question of a playoff at the end of the season between the City League and the County League, pointing out that a great deal of interest would be placed in such a series and it would be of great benefit to city and county hockeyists alike. President Walter Cook advised the meeting to consider this matter and to give their expressions of opinion on it at the meeting to be held in two weeks' time. It is expected that the proposition will be favorably received. The matter will be talked over with the players in the meantime and a decision given at the next meeting.

Several other matters were discussed, among them being a request from Verona to be allowed to play Jack Williams on their team. The Verona representative stated that Williams was now in Verona, was a good sport and wanted to play hockey. The League, however, could not see its way clear to allow Williams to play as he is a professional baseball player. The matter was dropped.

The election of officers took place resulting in the following being chosen for office:

Honorary presidents—Mr. Edward Elliott, Hon. Dr. Edwards, A. H. Fair, A. M. Rankin.

President—Walter Cook, of Kingston (re-elected).

Vice-president—Bert Balls, of Sunbury (re-elected).

Secretary-treasurer—A. L. Blacklock, of Sydenham (re-elected).

JUNIOR TEAMS IN BIG GAME TO-NIGHT

Maroons and Victoria-Boohoos Clash—Regiopolis Club and "B" Battery Meet in Senior Game.

Judging by the tremendous interest being shown in the Junior game at the Arena tonight between the Victoria-Boohoos and the Maroons, the two fastest Junior City League teams, there will be a mighty big crowd on hand to see the youngsters do their stuff in the opening of the

Here We Have the Kings of the Links Together



Great Baseball Season Anticipated in 1926

New York, Dec. 28.—The coming year should prove a great one for baseball, according to all signs. There is only one sensation possible for the National League, however, and that is to have some other club defeat Pittsburg for the pennant. Not that it can't be done, because there is nothing quite impossible in baseball. But there doesn't seem to be strength enough in any organization, even granting that players may be collected, to overturn this combination of youth and skill—and more confidence is placed in the youth of the team than the skill.

This coming season will be youth that has been through the mill and that knows what it means to play for a pennant. It is no longer immature youth, which has been eulogized more than once out of a good play because the veteran knows how to confuse inexperienced brains.

Open Race in American League.
In the American League there are all kinds of possibilities. If Washington is to win again, Manager Harris not only must exercise all that he has learned about managing a team, but must reinvigorate his pitching staff which will not stand up as well after going through the tax of two world series.

Coveleskie looked very ordinary in one game of the world series and should have won the other, but lost both. In the game that he lost in Washington he did not have the best of support nor was he handled to the best advantage.

The Philadelphia Americans may be whipped into a very strong organization. Haster may be back at first base as good as he was before he was injured, and Groves with a year's experience may settle into the best left-hander in the American League.

The St. Louis teams has a possible chance because it was a coming team when it ended in 1925. St. Louis, however, must be pushed and crowded in the early part of the year before the hot months enter into account and as Slater has been a notoriously slow starter, somebody must give him something to increase his speed.

The Sox and the Detroit are factors as they always are, sometimes strong factors and sometimes disappointing factors.

Dempsey As a "Flute."
Champion Jack Dempsey has become quite a society man. Jack has done considerable entertaining out in Los Angeles, and on a big scale, too. He is one of the leaders of the new Breakfast club, which takes in some very prominent people, and this week was host to many champions in various lines of sport. Among the notables were May Sutton, former tennis champion; Alleen Allen; Alma Richards, high jump champion; Norman Anderson, shot and discus star; Duke Kahanamoku, champion swimmer, and others, besides old-time champions like James J. Jeffries, Tommy Ryan, Jess Willard, etc. Ray Canon, Milwaukee attorney and advisor to the champion, was among the guests.

Mrs. Wilson Wallace, of Lindsay, had just entered her home Friday night on returning from a week's visit with her sister in Mariposa township when she dropped dead.

RAILING COLLAPSED.

Two Men Seriously Hurt While Watching Football Game.

London, Dec. 23.—At Derby the rails on the popular side of the grandstand collapsed owing to the dense throng pressing against it. Several hundred spectators fell to the ground. Two men suffered broken legs and one a broken arm, while another was seriously injured internally. Many women in the crowd fainted.

Prohibition Maintained.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—By a majority of 19, the ratepayers of the municipality of Amos have decided to reject the petition asking for the adoption of the Quebec liquor law within the limits of that town.

Twins Observe 93rd Christmas.
Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 26.—The ninety-third Christmas they have celebrated together was observed by Maria Sophia Dowd and Sarah Maria Seymour, twins, here yesterday, Jan. 9th is their ninety-fourth birthday.

Stock Markets Closed.

New York, Dec. 26.—Following the lead of the New York stock exchange, all local securities and commodities markets will remain closed to-day.

Mrs. Grace Bryant, 27 years old, died Friday night in Toronto General Hospital. Mrs. Marion E. Betts is under arrest charged with committing an illegal operation.

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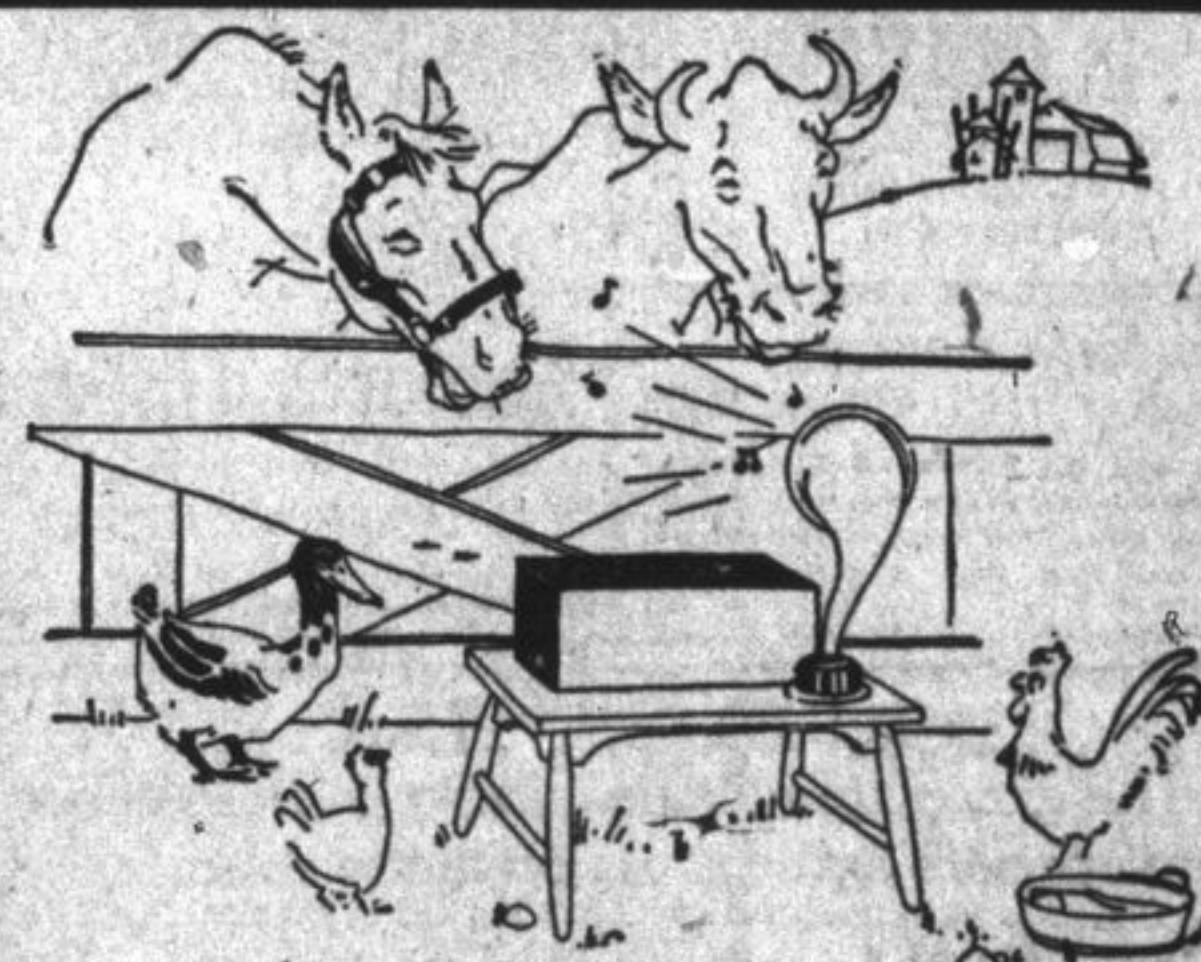
HARTY ARENA

Monday, Dec. 28th, 7.15 p.m.

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General Execution of Gen. Chang's Chief Enemies Expected.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Foreign Office has received advices from the Japanese consul at Mukden that General Chang Tse-Lin has refused to promise mercy for the preservation of the lives of defeated Marshal

Kuo Sung Ling's family and also for the lives of Kuo's principal officers. Consequently, it is feared that a general execution of Chang's enemies is imminent.

Royal Bank of Canada in Barcelona, has drawn a prize of \$460,000 in the great Spanish Christmas lottery.

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENTS

The selection of Walter Cook to again preside over the affairs of the County Hockey League for another season was one of the wisest moves that the County League could have taken. Mr. Cook is well versed in hockey affairs, has the respect and good feeling of everybody in the county and is an ideal man to control the winter sport of the county. It is hoped that Mr. Cook continues to have the success in the League that he has had in the past.

The County Hockey League made a move in the right direction when it set a date for the certificates to be in. The City Hockey League found this way of handling certificates a great success and a great saver of trouble later on in the season. The County League will profit greatly by having all certificates in by a certain date.

To-night is the big night in the Junior City League series. The Maroons and the Victoria-Boohoos will be out to do their stuff in great style to-night and there is no end of interest to the game. Cold weather or not, there will be a bumper crowd out for the junior tilt.

Tremendous interest is being shown in the senior clash on Wednesday night between the Frontenac Regiment team and the Live Wires. Both teams have been hitting a merry old pace and both have defeated the Tricolor by the same score, 3-2. With Bellingr on their lineup, the Live Wires are going strong and Manager Stan McQuaid expects his team to topple over the mighty Frontenac Regiment team Wednesday night. Another big crowd will be out to see this game.

Look over the people who tell you they have no interest in sport and then judge for yourself. Sport has its place in the run of the day and the value of good sport has been recognized long before this. True, it is recognized that there are things more important than sport and much harm can come from devoting too much to it alone and not enough to other affairs, but the persons who participate in games of sport or have a following for them, are pretty near always lovers of things that are fair and square and can be counted on at any time to follow a proper code of living.

The City Hockey League is to be complimented upon the clean play that has marked the games this season. There has been a total absence of what is termed "hard feeling" by any of the teams and it augurs well for a successful season.

Junior hockey players are again reminded that practices are being held for them every day from 6-8 o'clock at the Arena. As many juniors as can turn out are urged to attend the practices. Chances are that a Junior O.H.A. championship team can be gathered from all the junior players in the city this winter.

"Chippy" Rogers, the R.M.C. goal-tender, has been out with the Kingston intermediate O.H.A. team and is going well. Rogers should have another big season in the nets. If he does as well this year as he did last, there will be no kick coming.

The County Hockey League will meet again on January 9th, and at this meeting the entries will be closed and the schedule drawn. It is yet uncertain what teams will make up the League.

PATTERSON NOT TO PLAY O.H.A. HERE

Former Circle-Six Star Will Be With Joyceville Team in County League.

"Paddy" Patterson, well known former Circle-Six hockey star, will not play hockey in the O.H.A. series this winter, according to a statement of his own and of friends of his. Patterson will play in the Frontenac County Hockey League with the Joyceville team this winter. He should be a great addition to that club and will no doubt have a big season in the County League series.

Patterson broke into prominence in Junior City League hockey a few short years ago and graduated to the junior O.H.A. team playing right wing with the Circle-Six team. He also played senior City League in the senior series last season, playing his last game the night that the Irishmen and the Circle-Six clashed, which resulted in five of the Circle-Six team sitting on a bench together in the General Hospital waiting to be looked over. Later on Patterson went to New York and did not play with any team here. It was hoped that he would turn out with the O.H.A. Kingston team this season, this being his nearest centre but he has decided to remain in the County League series.

I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day as each day came.—Abraham Lincoln.