

Centennial Moment #7

From her ongoing research in the Examiner's archives of 1922, Frances found this gem that involved our club, then only 11 months old:

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ROTARY WINS AT HOCKEY,
KIWANIAN'S BEST ACROBATS

Great Battle at Brock St. Rink Ends in Victory For Cog Wheels - Police Had to Interfere at One Stage of the Proceedings.

If the Rotarians and Kiwanians who participated in the hockey game at Brock Street Rink last night were as sore this morning as were the sides of the spectators who laughed at the battle, there must have been a record sale of liniment. The **Rotary crew won the ice hockey event by 8 goals to 1**, but the score was only an incident in a carnival of fun. The broom hockey battle was a scoreless tie, and in the other two events between the two clubs, there was a fifty-fifty break, the Kiwanians winning the relay race, while the Cog Wheel Huskies captured the tug-of-war on skates.

The broom hockey battle was marred by an unseemly episode, which started in a fight between two of the players and culminated in **the arrest of Rotarian Reverend Harold Young**, a sad case of officiousness on the part of the officer who made the arrest, for it was evident that the Rotarian in question was endeavouring to act in the role of peacemaker when he was apprehended by the minion of the law and dragged ignominiously off the ice.

ICE HOCKEY BATTLE

The piece de resistance was the ice hockey battle, in which the Rotarian Cog Wheel Huskies scored most of the goals, but in which the Kiwanian Klu Klux Klan (*Bruce's note: that name would never be used today!!*) easily captured the honours when it came to ground and lofty tumbling, thrilling flights through the air, mad leaps across impossible aerial spaces, and specialties, such as standing on one ear or sliding across the rink on the bridge of the nose. The ordinary tactics of hockey were left to the Rotarians; the Kiwanians were out to show something new in ice manoeuvres, and they succeeded, although the experiment cost the team the game.

Hard to Pick the Stars

It would be difficult to pick out the stars, **for most of the players saw a lot of them during the evening**. Space makes it impossible to tell how the goals were scored. They don't know themselves, and the crowd laughed so hard that they couldn't see some of the counters registered for the tears in their eyes. But it was a great battle.

THE BROOM HOCKEY.

The only reason why broom hockey was not banned at the Disarmament Conference was the diplomats had never heard of the game. It is played with brooms and a football, and would be a

nice contest in which to steer a fellow you wanted to get rid of, for there is always an even chance that somebody will get smeared over the hat parking space with a broom. It was a weird and wonderful exhibition that the Kiwanians and Rotarians put up, with honours even, for neither team could score. The struggle was featured by the unfortunate arrest, already reluctantly referred to, and by a funeral procession at the finish, with Kiwanian Edgar Burnham in the principal role, supported by the entire company, and with appropriate music off stage by the Melodie Concert Band.

RELAY RACE

The Kiwanians had their revenge when the relay race was staged, winning this event by an exciting sprint on end. Eddie Wright, who took the final dash for the Rotary team, was given a good lead, but got the race mixed up with the tug-of-war, and before he realised he wasn't supposed to be acting as anchor, the event was over.

TUG-OF-WAR - ON SKATES!

The tug-of-war on skates went to the Rotary Club, with two wins out of three pulls. It was a fitting climax to a big night's fun.

(Bruce's note: the Rotary Cog Wheel Huskies team was composed of Club members, including many Directors.)

The events provided variety and amusement, and the good-sized crowd had its money's worth in the well-planned programme. Admission was 25 and 35 cents, with proceeds for Boys' Work in the city. It was the only game of its type that season. Thankfully