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On December 10, 1847 the London Curling Club was formed with 19 members. Sixteen iron stones were ordered at a cost of £14 from Elijah Leonard's Foundry on Fullarton Street.

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Curling would take place on ice at The Coves. This painting, done in 1923 by the nephew of Bruce Wanless, LCC President 1912-13 and 1915-17, still hangs in the upstairs lounge.

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“The season finished with a supper of beef and greens at the Robinson Hall. The gathering included sundry horns of hot scotch, and after a pleasant evening members went home all the better, well pleased with the grog and themselves.”



From the minutes of the closing meeting of the 1853-1854 season...

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The City of London is incorporated

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“A table was set up to hold a keg of beer and some bottles of more potent brew. Later, a handcart from the railway station, loaded with an assortment of stones, would arrive, pulled by the lead of the visiting team.”



Teams would travel to London by rail to curl...

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The American Civil War began

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The Malahide Medal:
Presented to the curlers of the Malahide division by The Hon. E. Leonard, 1865, to be competed for annually. Teams from LCC, Highland, St. Thomas and Aylmer still compete for this medal every year. Two other similar medals are still on display in our club.

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The assassination of Abraham Lincoln

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The Confederation of
Canada, July 1, 1867

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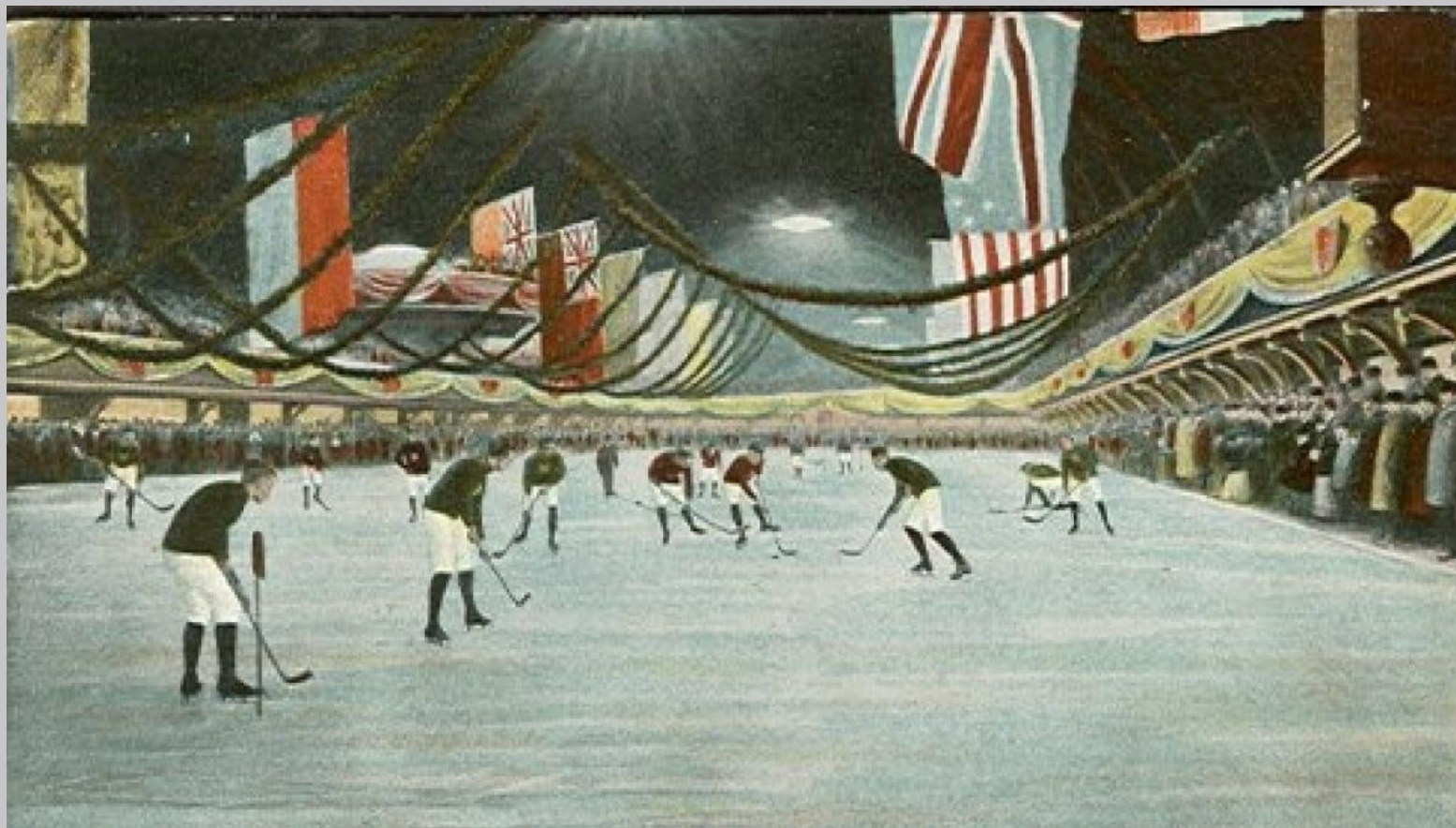
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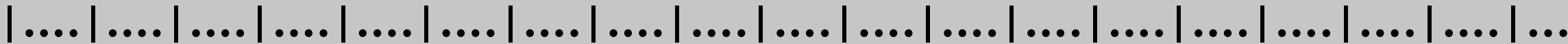
The first ice hockey game is played on March 3, 1875 in Montreal

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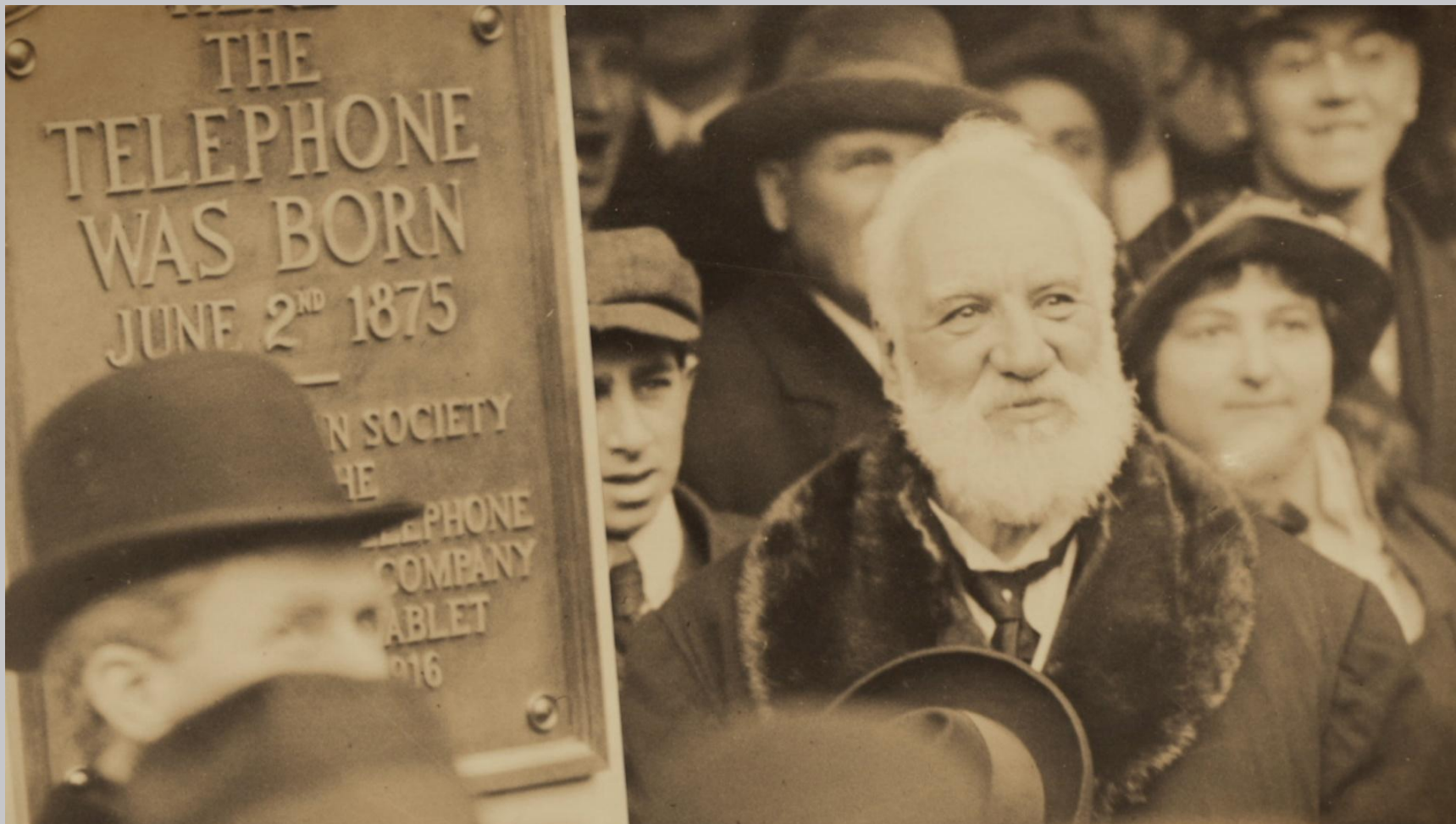
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Alexander Graham Bell
invents the telephone

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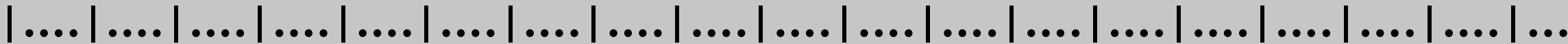
Tecumseh Park, renamed to Labatt Memorial Park in 1936, holds its first baseball game on May 3, 1877

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The University of Western Ontario is founded, March 7, 1878

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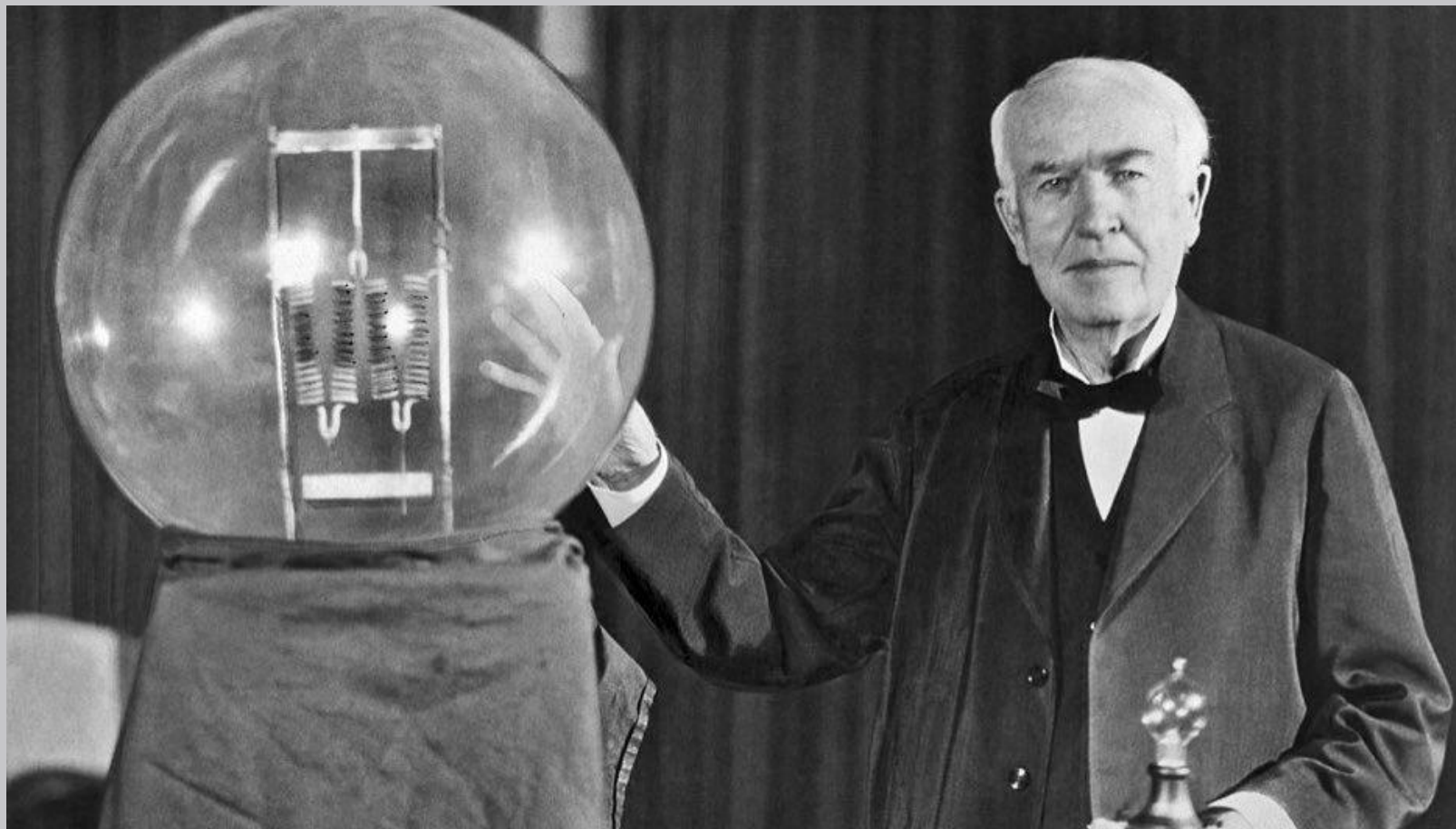
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**Thomas Edison invents the
incandescent lightbulb**

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Imperial Oil, shown in the distance, begins operations in London

Photo taken from the corner of Adelaide and Dundas looking south with Lilley's Corner on the left

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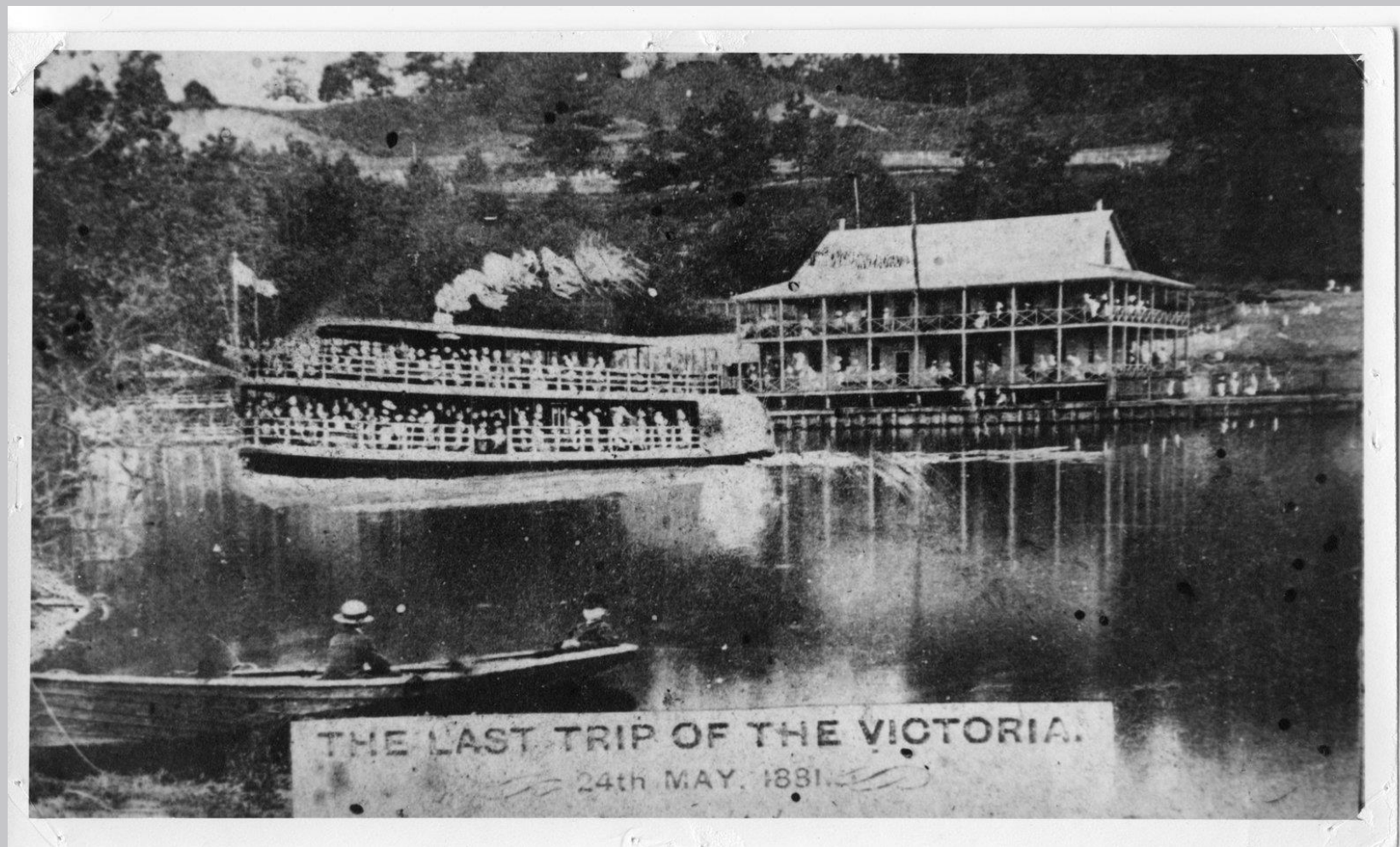
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**The Victoria Steamboat
disaster, May 24, 1881**

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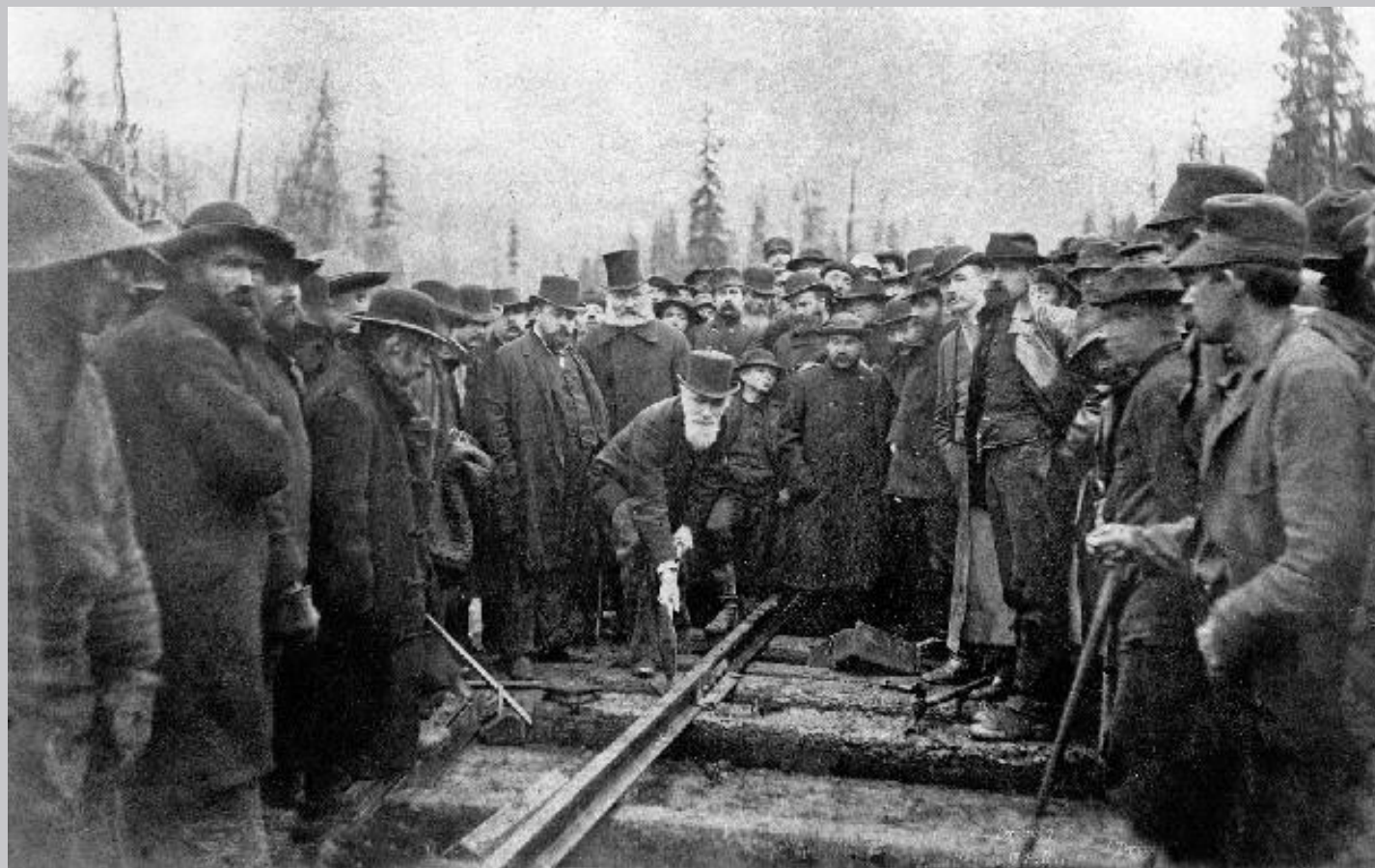
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1885



The last spike completing the transcontinental CPR railway November 7, 1885

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1890



These curling stones, belonging to J.W. Jones, President of LCC from 1890-1891, are on display in the upper lounge

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1891



The game of basketball is invented in 1891

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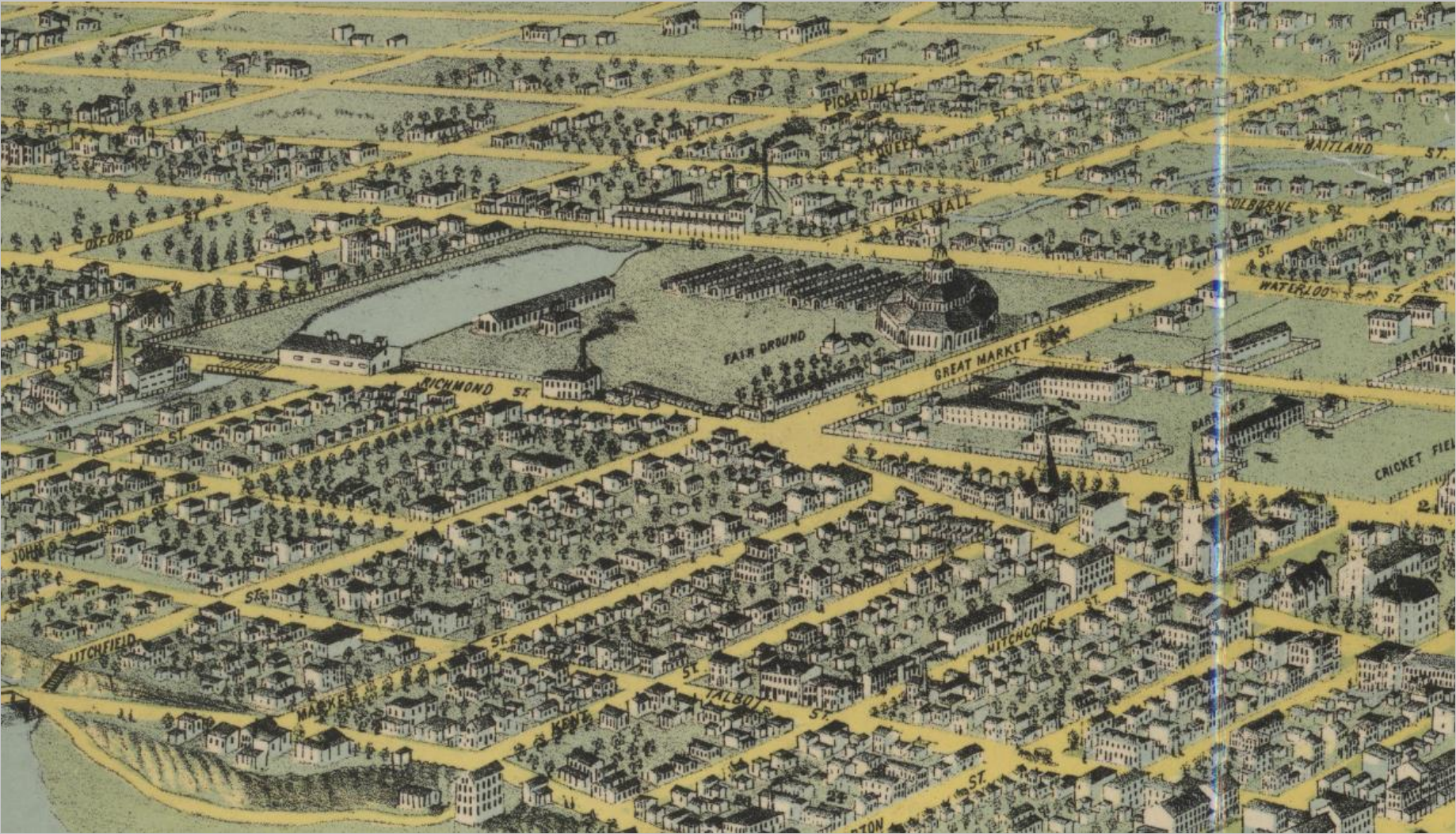
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In the late 19th century, curling was played on Lake Horn which appears on this old map of central London. You can see Richmond, Oxford, Waterloo and Pall Mall streets. Great Market Street later became Central Ave. Victoria Park did not yet exist.

The large building in the middle was the Crystal Palace.

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1st. ROW -- E. MASURET, C. WARD, A. GILLEAN, C. DAVIS
2nd. ROW -- C. HYMAN, W. STRONG, J. MATTINSON, *Pres.*, R. REID, COL. J. MCBETH, *Hon. Pres.*, L. McDONALD, R. INGLIS, H. BLACKBURN
3rd. ROW -- C. GRAHAM, J. McINTOSH, J. DEEKS, W. BARTLETT, R. REID, JR., J. McKILLOP, J. McWHINNEY, C. STERLING, J. CARRIE, C. TUNE, A. TALBOT
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A group of LCC curlers pose for a photo in 1898

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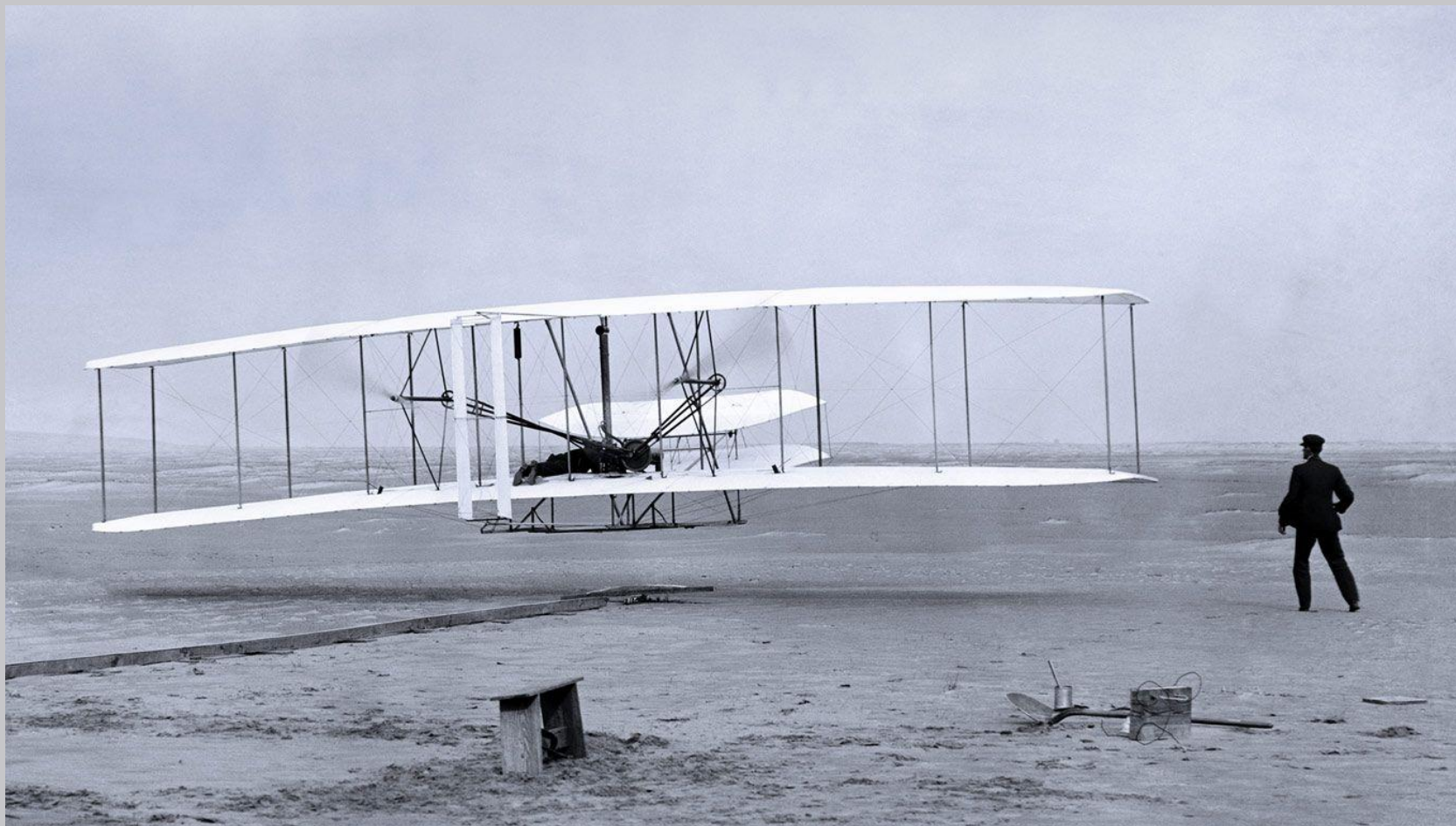
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**Wilbur and Orville Wright
have their first successful
flight, December 17, 1903**

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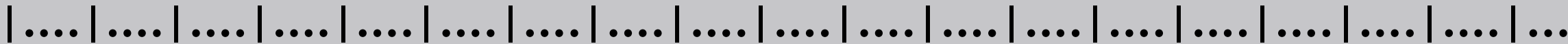
Henry Ford invents the automobile

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The first City of London Bonsel was held. This became an important curling event during the 20th century with teams coming from all around SW Ontario compete for the title.

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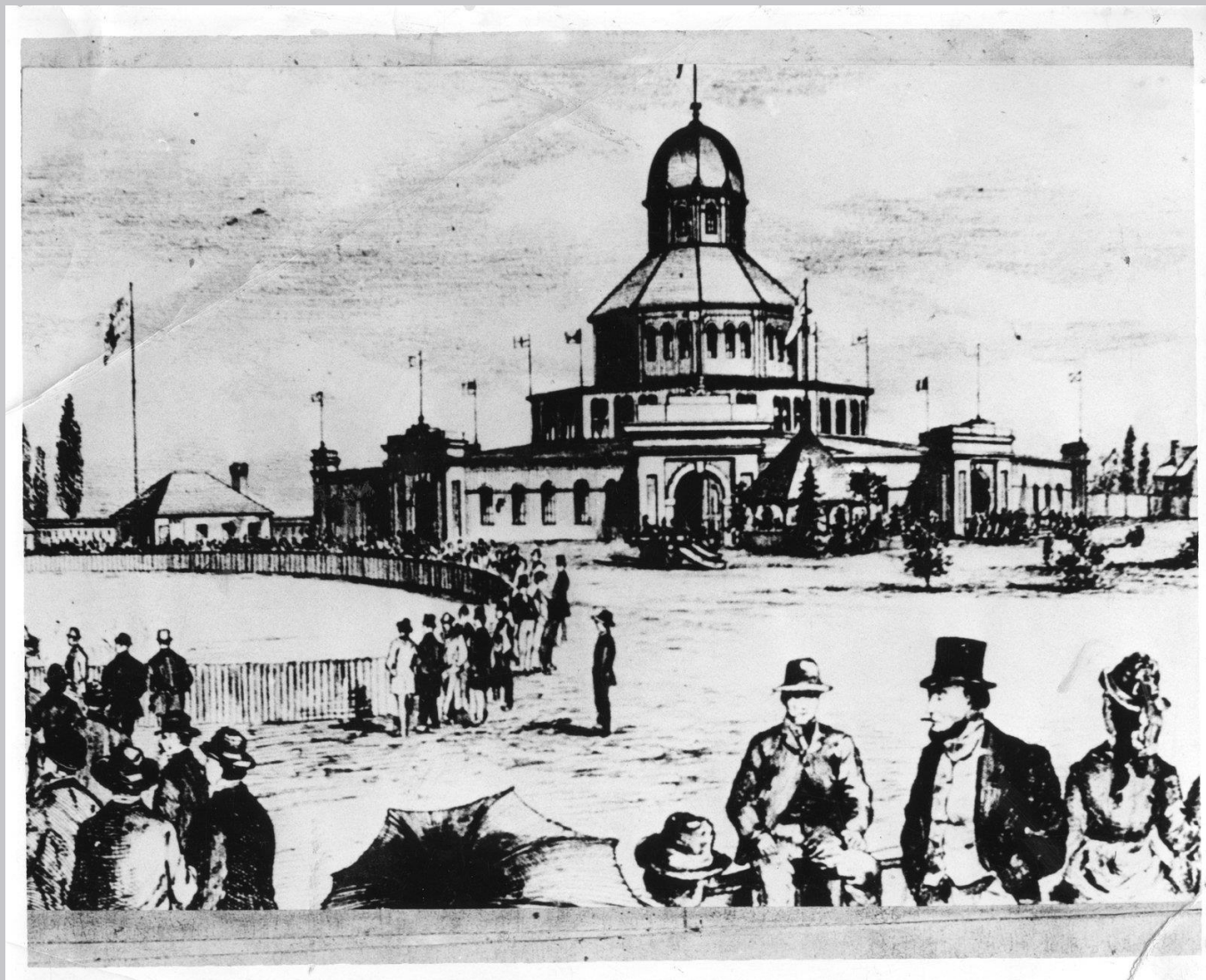
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Curling moved indoors at the Crystal Palace in 1911

The ornate structure burned down in 1914, prompting the London Curling Club to search for a new home.

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1912



Sinking of the Titanic,
April 15,1912

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1914



World War One

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Charlie Chaplin's first movie

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London Curling Club purchases the Jubilee Skating rink on Lyle Street. This property has been LCC's home for the past century.



After the Crystal Palace was destroyed, London Curling Club members elected to purchase the Jubilee Rink.

The Jubilee had been built in 1897 for ice skating and hockey.

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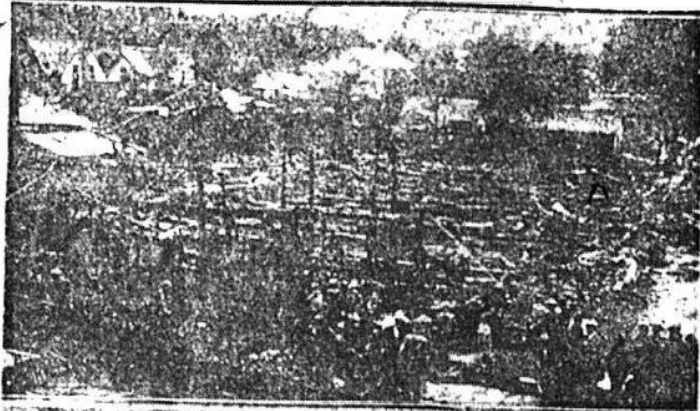
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RUINS LEFT BY FIRE IN EAST LONDON



In the upper picture is a general view, looking west, of the havoc wrought by the blaze which razed Jubilee rink, on Lyle street, and gutted several houses in the vicinity. Below is a "close-up" of the rear of John Scott's house, which escaped with comparatively little damage. A score of persons, including little children, were turned out of their burning homes at 3 o'clock this morning.

JUBILEE RINK IS RAZED AND HOMES NEARBY GUTTED

Places Damaged By East End Fire

- The following is a list of the buildings destroyed or damaged by the fire on Lyle street this morning
- Jubilee rink, 255 Lyle street.
- John R. Scott's home and garage, 276 Lyle.
- Mrs. McGillivray's residence, 289 Lyle.
- Thomas Joyes' residence, 662 Marshall street.
- Edward Bryant's residence, 664 Marshall street.
- T. J. McDougall's residence, 659 1/2 Marshall street.
- Vacant house at 689 Marshall street.

Home Gone, One Family Now Lives In Garage

Spectacular Blaze In Early Morning Renders Score of People Homeless.

INCENDIARISM SUGGESTED AS CAUSE OF THE FIRE

Neighbors Busy For Time Aiding In Rescue of Children of Tender Years.

Five families were rendered homeless to-day in a spectacular early-morning fire which destroyed, the Jubilee Rink on Lyle street and caused property damage estimated at \$50,000. The blaze, which was one of the biggest in the history of East London, broke out from undetermined origin in the northwest section of the rink at 3 a.m. Fanned by a west wind, it quickly spread toward the carbarns and for a time endangered thousands of dollars' worth of valuable property in the vicinity.

Awakened by smoke pouring into



Fire erupted at the Jubilee Rink at 3:00 am on August 25, 1922. Cause unknown. The rink was a total loss as were 6 houses on Lyle and Marshall Streets. There were no injuries or deaths in what was one of East London's biggest fires on record.



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Cost of building when completed. \$ 19,848.99
 " " Equipment 3261.31
 Jess Stones 1495.48
 " Bankadj. 5530 1710.53
 \$ 21,559.52

Treasurer's report as read was adopted
 on motion of Ward Cassehrman and
 x J. H. Baker. J. H. Martyn
 Financial Report was read as follows
 Receipts:
 Ins 15,250.00
 Stock Sales 6005.00
 ... 106.27



Insurance covered \$15,250 of the \$19,848 total cost to build a new 6 sheet curling facility on Lyle Street.

It opened in 1923.

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Charles Lindbergh makes the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean

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1930



Members of LCC standing on Lyle Street in front of the clubhouse in 1930.

Note the bricks that can still be seen today and the homes that occupy what we now consider to be our parking lot. The young lad in the front row is Russ Miller, for whom the “Miller League” is named after.

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Bonnie & Clyde are gunned down

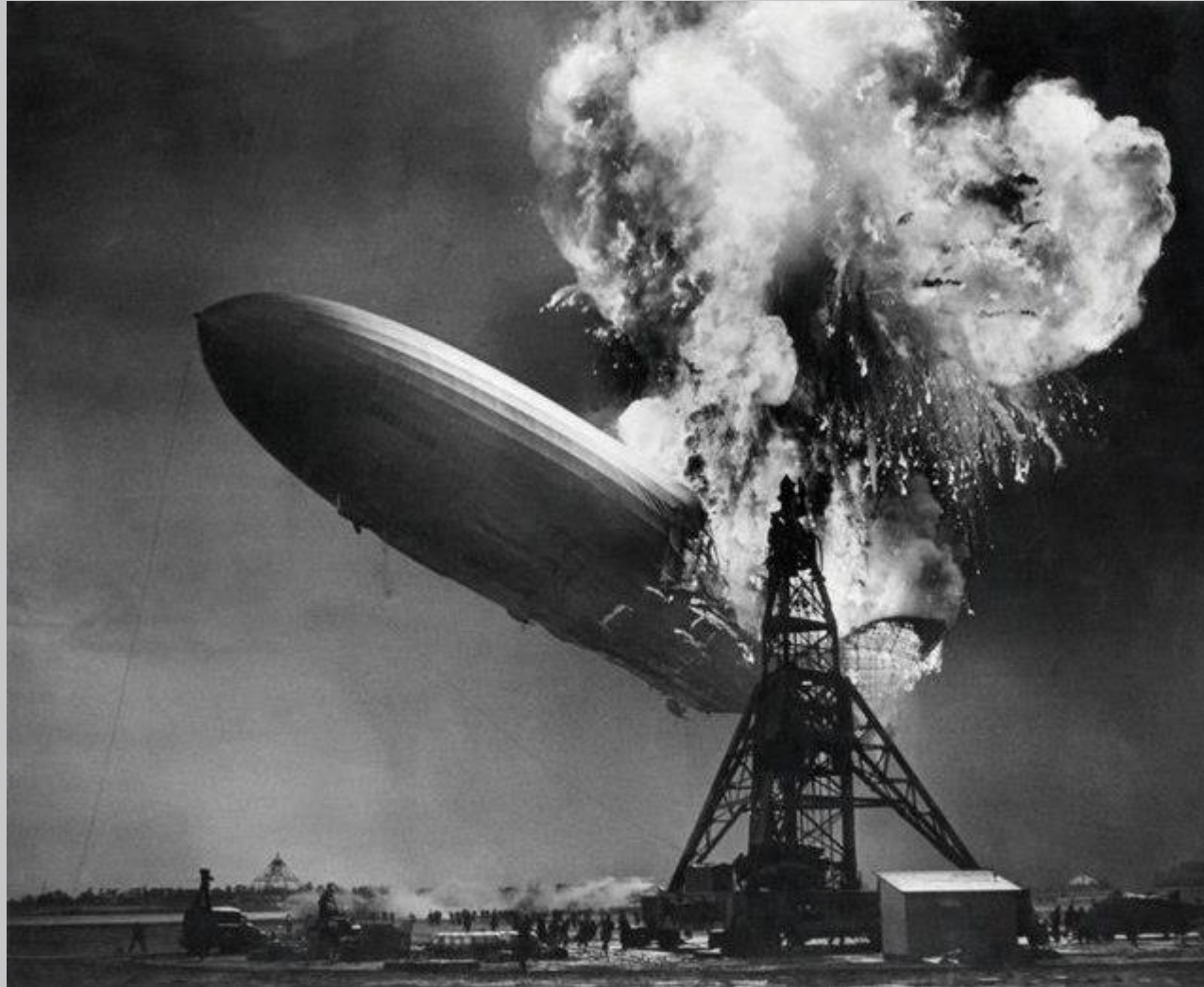
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The Hindenburg disaster

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Curling Stones Lost With Liner

LINDSAY, Ont., Sept. 7.—(CP)—A shipment of 50 curling stones valued at 1,800, ordered from Andrew Kay and Company of Glasgow, Scotland, by the Lindsay Curling Club, went down with the torpedoed steamship Athenia, according to word received here today. Shipments for London, Ont., and Toronto clubs were also lost.

WAR HITS CURLERS

MONTREAL.—Canadian curlers already have been handicapped by the war. Fifty sets of curling stones, consigned from Scotland, went to the bottom with the Athenia.



Only hours after the start of WWII, on September 3, 1939 the SS Athenia, with 1,417 people on board, is sunk by a German U-boat killing 112. It's cargo included 278 new curling stones destined for the London Curling Club as well as clubs in Toronto and Lindsay.

For full details refer to the November and December, 2018 issues of ROCKtalk

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The London Curling Club adds a second level to the clubhouse. Female members are accepted, a move that makes the sport of curling available to everyone.



Expansion of both the clubhouse and membership

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1969



Ken Buchan skips his LCC rink to the Ontario Men's title and plays in the Brier

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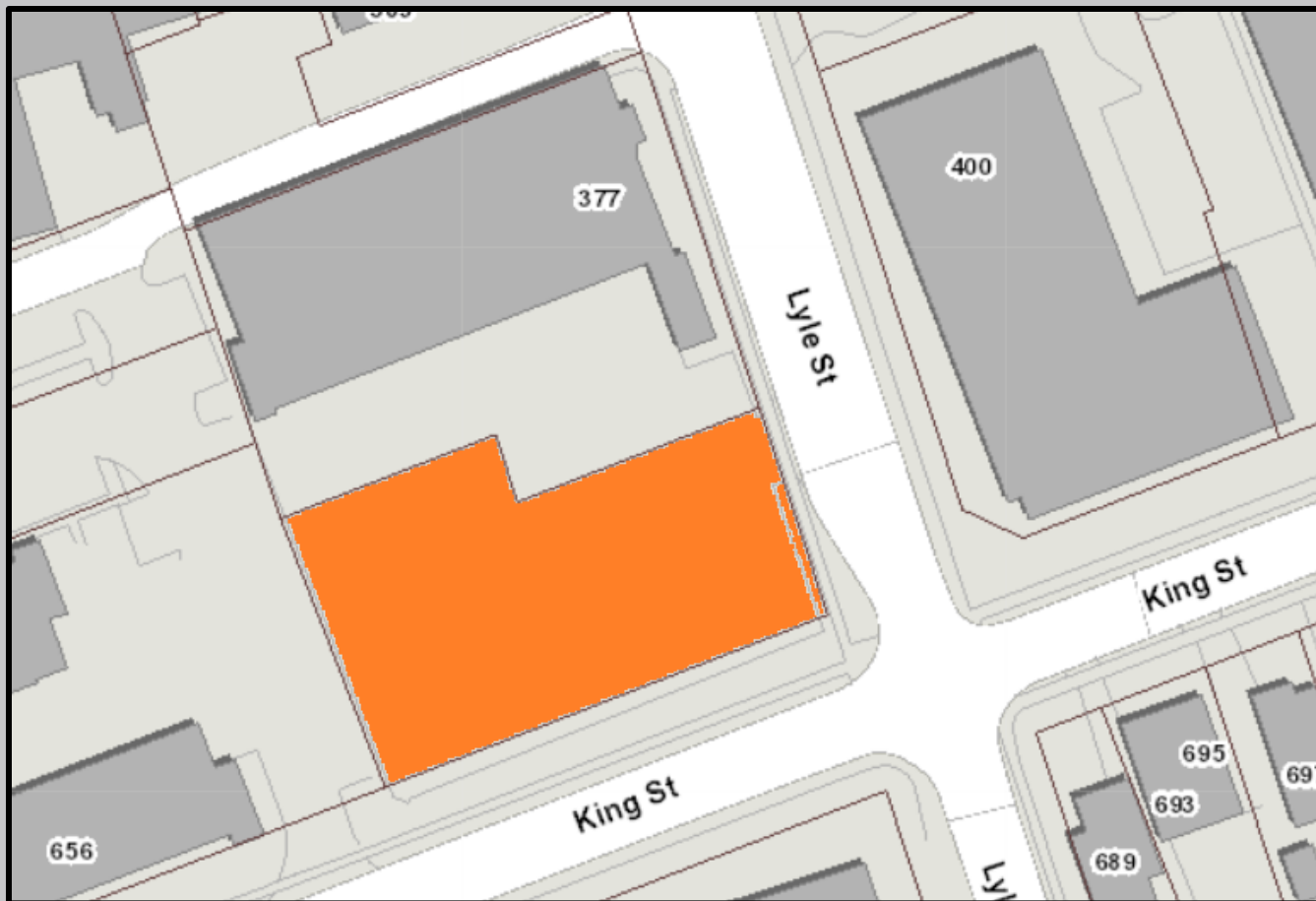
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London Curling Club buys vacant property next door that allows for an expanded parking lot.

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2010



The London Curling Club *Presents*

The 100th City Of London Bonselpiel

January 9 and 10, 2010

Welcome back curlers! I hope that you and your family enjoyed the holidays. This week the London Curling Club is celebrating the 100th City of London Bonselpiel! The bonselpiel committee has put a lot of effort into making this a special event for our club and in providing the curlers with a memorable weekend of LCC hospitality and good curling. We hope that you will enjoy reading about the City of London and that you take a few minutes to look over the display that we have set up on the main floor.

first played in the City of London in 1985 with Orv Peckham from the Ivanhoe. In those days it was almost impossible for a team to get an entry into this bonselpiel as returning teams had priority. Teams from LCC had to play down to get one of the spots open to club teams, and if you got one of those spots then your team had to host home entertainment. There was always a big crowd on hand to watch the finals and it was a pretty big deal to win the City of London Bonselpiel.

venues have changed and so has the spiel. Home entertainment was dropped in the early 90's and the waiting list soon appeared. I took over as convenor in 2002 and the bonselpiel had definitely lost some of its lustre. In 2007 I decided to do something different, and the City of London became a semi-competitive cash spiel with \$5000 in prize money. Since then we have seen some of the best curlers in the country play in the bonselpiel.



The 100th, and final, City of London Bonselpiel was held on the weekend of January 9 and 10, 2010

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The London Curling Club continues to provide excellent ice with leagues and programs for curlers of all ages.



Our club is a place where everyone is welcome!

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