

## The Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club, 1919-1929

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With the end of the war, the Canadian Canoe Association resumed activities. For a decade ONECC emerged as the most successful racing club in the Ottawa area. When the old clubhouse burned in 1922 the club built a new and larger one. Charles Edmond Mortureux was a leading figure in the construction of the new clubhouse; in 1925 he became commodore of the club, a position he was to hold for 21 years.

The 1919 season began with the Rideau Club's 15 mile race for the Craig-Cameron trophy. Eddie Vanasse and Mike O'Neil of ONECC led through much of the race but they capsized between Hog's Back and Hartwell's locks on the return and Rideau's Cliff Tressider and Ernie Lavalley took the lead and finished first. They covered the course in one hour and fifty minutes. Tressider and Lavalley were one of Rideau's most successful tandems and won the Craig-Cameron trophy at least 7 times.<sup>1</sup>

The Craig-Cameron cup had been donated by Robert Craig and J.H. Cameron of the Rideau Canoe Club in 1907 for the "Rideau Canoe Club Marathon, Tandem Canoe race, for annual competition on the Rideau Course." The course ran 15 miles from the Rideau clubhouse at Fifth Avenue on the canal to Wright's Grove (near the Hunt Club Bridge) and back. It was won by –

H.A. Kuhn/J.P. McElligott, Rideau	1907
W. Crowe, Sr./H. Merrill, NECC	1908
No record of winners	1909-1913, 1918
E.C. Tressider/C. Lavalley, Rideau	1914, 1919-21, 1930
Reg Gisborne/E. Dunn, ONECC	1915, 1916
E.B. Hawkins/E. Dunn, ONECC	1917
I. Roy/E. Roy, ONECC	1922-24
E. Berryman/R. Rivington, Rideau	1925
E. Berryman/H. Butler, Rideau	1926-27, 1929
F. Brown/R. Steel, Rideau	1928
Ron Gilmour/Reg Carson,	1931-33
John Veit/D. McKenna, Rideau	1934
John Veit/D. McKenna, ONECC	1935-36
Dalton Crowe/Bill Crowe, Jr., Brantwood	1937
Gerry Manion/Bill Crowe, Jr., Brantwood	1938-39 <sup>2</sup>

ONECC organized an 80 mile race in June of 1919 for a cup donated by Sir Eugene Fiset. The course began at the clubhouse, went up the Lievre River and returned via Lakes McGregor, Mountain, Doge and Grand, and the Blanche River. It involved 10 portages, one four miles in length. Four ONECC canoes were entered plus one boat from each of Britannia, Rideau, St. Lambert, Grand Trunk, Toronto, and Cochrane. In spite of a capsized in whitewater on the Lievre and fierce attacks from black flies and mosquitoes, George Audette and Eric Roy of ONECC finished in an elapsed time of 12 hours, 14

minutes and 15 seconds. They were about half an hour ahead of the second place finishers, the ONECC crew of Vanasse and O'Neil. The race was only run for three years and Roy, twice with Audette and once with Rene Joliat, won it every year.<sup>3</sup> Before the war there had been several 200 mile races and the Ottawa clubs organized one for September of 1919. However, only a five crews registered for the race and a few days before it was to be run, Roy and Audette, paddling at night, were in collision with a power boat. Audette was injured and withdrew from the race which was cancelled and never revived.<sup>4</sup>



1. Ivan and Eric Roy. ONEC Photo

Eric Roy and his brother Ivan had a long and successful career with the ONECC. Eric began paddling with the OCC in 1912; paddling with his brother Ivan he won the junior and intermediate CCA tandem title in 1920 and placed third in the senior event in the same year. Eric also won the junior singles and was in the winning junior fours canoe in 1920. He and Ivan won the Craig-Cameron trophy for the Rideau Club's 15 mile race on several occasions and, paddling alone he won the Riley Hern cup once for a 15 mile race. He captained the ONECC war canoe at Gananoque in 1924 and was a coach and captain of war canoe crews in the 1920s. He also became

active in administration, heading the finance committee when the club house was rebuilt and the entertainment committee for the May Fair for several years. He served as vice-commodore of ONECC in the 1930s and in 1938 was elected second rear commodore of the CCA. In 1941 he finished his term with the CCA as Commodore.<sup>5</sup>

In 1919 ONECC dominated the Northern Division regattas taking 18 first place finishes out of a total of 26 races at the Rideau, Carleton Place and ONECC regattas. Reg Gisborne, recently returned from active service, won the senior singles at all three regattas as well as the senior tandem with Ernie Tubman.<sup>6</sup> ONECC won both war canoe races at the northern division championships raced on its own course, and, as a result of winning the half mile race, became the first holder of the Tubman-Perney Cup for the half mile champions in the northern division.<sup>7</sup>

The cup was named for Lt. Leslie Tubman and Lt. Erland Perney, both casualties in the war. Lieutenant Leslie Tubman had been an active member of ONECC. He paddled in the ONECC war canoe along with Erland Perney in 1914. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in August 1914 and won his commission in the field. He received the Military Cross and was cited 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he led patrols in the most gallant manner, and succeeded in obtaining most valuable information. He has on many previous occasions done fine work'. He was killed in action in May 1917 and is buried in Ste. Catherine British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Erland “Ernie” Perney paddled stroke for the ONECC war canoe when it won the CCA championship in 1915. Perney also participated in a 200 mile race from Prescott to Kingston and then to Ottawa in 1915. He joined the Royal Flying Corps and was shot down over German lines in Bourlon Wood in November 1917. His body was not found; he is commemorated at the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. France.

	CCA Championships St. John’s, 1919			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Balmy Beach	6	0	1	19
ONECC	1	4	2	13
TTC	2	2	2	12
Parkdale	2	1	2	10
Grand Trunk	0	1	1	3
CPCC	0	1	0	2
Rideau	0	0	2	2
Chateauguay	0	1	0	2
Lachine	0	1	0	2
St. Lambert	0	0	0	1
Britannia	0	0	0	0
St. Johns	0	0	0	0
Longueuil	0	0	0	0

Thirteen clubs took part in the CCA championships at St. John’s, Quebec, on 2 August 1919. Although ONECC only managed one first place finish, it accumulated 13 points to come second to Balmy Beach with 19. Eddie Vanasse and Mike O’Neil won the intermediate tandem for ONECC. ONECC also accumulated four second place finishes - O’Neil in the junior single and in the intermediate single, O’Neil and Vanasse in the junior tandems, and Reg Gisborne in the senior singles. In the senior singles, Gisborne was less than a yard behind Aubrey Ireland who had won the

ACA paddling trophy in 1916. The ONECC war canoe placed third in the half mile race and fourth in the mile race.<sup>8</sup>

Lionel Reginald Gisborne first appeared as a competitive paddler in 1911. He was the son of F.H. Gisborne, a founding member of the OCC and a younger brother of Frederick Gisborne, a leading paddler before the war. Reg enlisted in the Canadian Field Artillery in November of 1916 and saw service at Vimy and Passchendaele in 1917 and at Amiens, Arras, Cambrai, and Valenciennes in 1918. He returned to ONECC and to paddling in 1919 and for several years was the top singles paddler in the area but he was never able to win the CCA senior singles title. He returned to active paddling in 1928 and 1929 as captain of the ONECC war canoe which won back to back Canadian championships. In 1929 he was elected second Rear Commodore of the Canadian Canoeing Association and, as was usual, rose over four years to serve as Commodore of the CCA in 1932.<sup>9</sup>

The CCA regatta marked the peak of the competitive paddling season but not the end of activity at ONECC or the other clubs in the Ottawa area. An article in the *Ottawa Journal* on 14 August 1919 commented on the “wonderful development” of swimming in Ottawa and credited ONECC which “had always put swimming to the fore” and the development of swimming pools by the city. C.E. Mortureux had persuaded many of the leading men of the city to donate trophies for the competition which the club was organizing. Upwards of 2000 spectators watched the swim meet on 23 August. Frank McGill and other members of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association dominated the open events. McGill won the senior men’s 50 yard race and a 100 yard race for the Gordon Johnstone Memorial Trophy. The memorial trophy had been donated in memory of Gordon Johnstone, another ONECC member who had been killed in the war.<sup>10</sup>

Paddlers from ONECC, Rideau, and Carleton Place went to Ste. Rose to paddle in the 15 mile Riley Hern Race on Labour Day and took first, second and third place.<sup>11</sup> On 6 September both Rideau and Britannia held club regattas to close the season.<sup>12</sup>

The club held its annual general meeting at the YMCA on 24 March 1920 with President C. E. Mortureux in the chair. The chief topic of the meeting was the proposed construction of a new club house on the steel framework which had been erected in 1915. The clubhouse committee hoped to announce a plan in the near future. There was a reference to proposed amalgamation with other local clubs but this was not expanded upon. It may be that the proposal was for an amalgamation of ONECC “franchises” – the 1921 club AGM decided that it that the ONECC hockey, football, and basketball teams, which had previously operated as distinct organizations, would be taken over and run by canoe club officials.<sup>13</sup>

In the regional competitions in 1920, ONECC and Rideau were evenly matched. Rideau opened the season, winning five out of eight races in its own regatta. Two weeks later ONECC took five out of 11 races including both war canoe races at the Northern Division trials which were held on its home course with 2000 spectators in attendance. ONECC’s winners included Mike O’Neil, senior single; Eric Roy, junior single; Bernard and John DeSalaberry, intermediate tandem and the junior and senior fours. Rideau won three races and Carleton Place won three including both war canoe races. Britannia was unable to hold a regatta due to a strike on the street railway system.<sup>14</sup>

The 1920 CCA championships were held on 7 August at Lake Park, Carleton Place, under sunny skies on a “practically ideal” course. The day began well for ONECC with Eric Roy winning the junior singles race in a time of 4 minutes and 30 seconds. Aubrey Ireland of Island Aquatic repeated his win of 1919 in the senior singles followed by

	CCA Championship Carleton Place 1920			Total
	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
ONECC	3	1	1	12
Balmy Bch.	1	4	1	12
Island Aq.	2	1	1	9
CPCC	2	1	0	8
Parkdale	1	2	0	7
GTBC	1	2	0	7
Rideau	1	0	3	6
TCC	0	0	3	3
Lachine	0	0	2	2

Hoerner of Grand Trunk and Smith of Balmy Beach. In the half mile war canoe race the favourite, Parkdale, led until the last 200 yards when both Carleton Place and ONECC put on a spurt. Parkdale then fouled both ONECC and the St. Lambert boat and Carleton Place won the race. Parkdale finished second but was disqualified and ONECC, captained by Billy Crowe, was given second place. ONECC went on to win the junior fours, Cecil Lavalley of Rideau won the intermediate singles, and Carleton Place

won the senior fours. Bernard and John de Salaberry of ONECC won the intermediate tandem while Island Aquatic won the intermediate fours. Parkdale finished by winning the mile war canoe race with Carleton Place second. Although Balmy Beach won only one event, four second place finishes gave it enough points to tie ONECC for the club championship. The Toronto *World* and the Toronto *Globe* reported that ONECC had

been awarded the club championship on the basis of a coin toss but CCA records show the two clubs as sharing the title. The Citizen reporter noted that, for the first time in many years, no Britannia paddlers were at the regatta.<sup>15</sup>

After the CCA championships ONECC's focus turned to swimming and on 28 August the club hosted its annual swimming regatta. With participants from Britannia, Westboro, ONECC, Montreal, and the RCMP, the meet included 50, 100, and 200 yard races, a quarter mile race, a relay, a duck chase, a greasy pole climb, and diving. The ladies race was won by Grace Hirsch of Westboro. L. Latchford of Britannia won the Gordon Johnstone Memorial trophy and the City of Ottawa championship. Miss Dorothy Giddens and A. Tremblay gave a canoe upset demonstration –

The canoe was 'tippy' and the girl was not careful. She suddenly reached over to pick a water lily and with dramatic suddenness the frail craft turned over and the occupants were thrown in the water. With consummate skill Miss Giddens rescued her partner who could not swim and brought him to shore where he was resuscitated by means of the Schaeffer method. This demonstration was so realistic that one of the spectators jumped in the water to give a helping hand. He also had to be rescued.

Miss Giddens also competed with the men in the 200 metre breast stroke, coming fifth out of nine entrants.<sup>16</sup>



**2 Ladies' Swimming Competition, 1920. ONEC Archives**

The Rideau club opened the 1921 season with its club regatta and the 15 mile race for the Craig-Cameron Trophy. Lavalley and Tressider won the race – for the sixth time – beating ONECC's Eric Roy and Reg Gisborne. Both crews beat the old record with Lavalley and Tressider finishing in one hour and 45 minutes.<sup>17</sup> Roy and George Audette

won the 80 mile Lievre race, beating a field of five canoes.<sup>18</sup> During the regular 1921 season, victories were spread fairly evenly among three Northern Division clubs with ONECC and Carleton Place each taking 10 first place finishes and Rideau 7. Reg Gisborne won two of the senior singles races with Ernie Tressider of Rideau taking one. The Northern Division trials were held on the ONECC course and ONECC won six out of 11 events. An unusually large crowd occupied both the clubhouse and barges tied up along shore. Gisborne won the senior singles with Eric Roy in second place. Roy paddled in 7 out of 11 events; he won the intermediate singles and captained the winning ONECC war canoe in the mile race. He and his brother, Ivan, won the junior, intermediate and senior tandem races.<sup>19</sup>

Fifty-five paddlers from Rideau and ONECC travelled to Toronto for the CCA championships on 7 August. The races were dominated by Parkdale which won 7 out of 11 events including both war canoe races. ONECC was the only one of the northern division clubs to place in any events. The Roy brothers won the junior and intermediate tandem and came third in the senior tandem which was won by Porter and Thorne of Balmy Beach. Reg Gisborne placed third in the senior singles; the *Ottawa Citizen* reported that he had difficulty in controlling his boat in the heavy swell on the course. The Citizen reported that the swell had hampered all of the northern division boats but it also noted that the ONECC war canoe should have been third in the mile event but the crew stopped paddling when the gun went off for the winning Parkdale boat and the Grand Trunk boat was able to cross the line in third position.<sup>20</sup>

	CCA Championships Toronto, 1921			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Parkdale	7	2	0	23
Balmy Beach	1	5	1	14
ONECC	2	0	2	8
Lachine	0	2	1	5
Chateauguay	1	1	0	5
GTBC	0	1	2	4
Island Aquatic	1	0	1	4
TCC	0	0	1	1
Valois	0	0	1	1

J. DeSalaberry, paddling for the Island Aquatic Club, won the junior singles and came second in the intermediate singles. In 1920 he and his brother, paddling for ONECC had won the junior single blade tandem. In 1922 he returned to ONECC.

The 1922 ONECC annual general meeting discussed overhauling the clubhouse but made no mention of rebuilding it – presumably the plans mentioned in 1920 had not worked out.<sup>21</sup>

The 1922 paddling season opened as usual with the Rideau club regatta; what was unusual was that G. Amyot, previously unknown, defeated both Lavalley and Tressider in the senior singles. He went on to win the mixed tandem paddling with Miss Amyot.<sup>22</sup> Exactly who G. Amyot was is not clear but he probably was a member of the Amyot family which included Bill, Jack, Joe and Frank, all of whom paddled for Rideau in the 1920s. A week later the Roy brothers won the 15 mile Craig-Cameron race in a time of one hour and 56 minutes. This was eight minutes behind the record set by Lavalley and Tressider (who did not enter the race) but might have been faster had the brothers not taken time for a swim and several cigarettes; they finished a mile ahead of their nearest rivals.<sup>23</sup>

	CCA Championships Cartierville, 1922			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Humber Bay	6	1	0	20
Balmy Beach	1	4	0	11
Island Aquatic	2	1	0	8
Parkdale	1	0	2	5
Rideau	1	1	0	5
Valois	0	1	2	4
ONECC	0	1	1	3
Grand Trunk	0	0	2	2
Britannia	0	1	0	2
CPCC	0	0	2	2

A number of the leading paddlers in the city attended the first Dominion Day Regatta at Brighton Beach. The regatta was a full day event with boys and girls swimming, diving, rowing and paddling events held in the morning. In the afternoon the adults paddled, rowed, swam and dived. Tressider won the senior singles race; Pinhey and Butler won the senior tandem race with Tressider and Lavalley coming third. Two Rideau war canoes raced as well as two eight-oared shells. Although no

identifiable ONECC paddlers participated, the regatta was a regular feature throughout the 1920s and sometimes the ONECC war canoes would meet those from Rideau.<sup>24</sup>

At the ONECC open regatta, ONECC and Rideau divided the honours with ONECC winning the junior singles, the senior tandem, the senior fours and the one mile war canoe. Rideau won the senior singles, the junior tandem, the junior fours and the half mile war canoe race. Lavalley and Tressider, although nominally retired, defeated Roy and Gisborne in the senior tandems. ONECC, Britannia, and Rideau all fielded girls war canoes with the ONECC crew winning.<sup>25</sup> At the Northern Division trials at Carleton Place, ONECC came out well ahead with firsts in senior singles, intermediate and senior tandems, half mile war canoe and senior fours. They were awarded the junior tandem race when the Rideau crew of Ed Berryman and R. Livingston were disqualified. Rideau won the prestigious mile war canoe for the first time in “many, many, years.” Overall ONECC garnered 30 points compared to Rideau’s 20. The regatta was also notable in that, for the first time in four years, Britannia took a first place with Eddie McMillan winning the intermediate singles.<sup>26</sup>

Ottawa had great hopes for the Northern Division’s chances in the 1922 CCA championships at Cartierville on 5 August and the *Journal’s* report on the day opened with the line “riding the wind-tossed waters like a torpedo boat hounding a submarine, the Rideau war canoe won the mile race here today in the record time of 5:47 1-5.” The Rideau boat was followed closely by ONECC and then by Carleton Place so that the Northern Division crews swept the most prestigious event in the regatta. Unfortunately it was the best news of the day as the Humber Bay Club racked up six firsts and 20 points overall to be followed by Balmy Beach, Island Aquatic and Parkdale. Rideau finished tied for fourth place with Parkdale with ONECC in seventh place. Eric and Ivan Roy placed third in the senior tandem while the Rideau war canoe came second in the half mile.<sup>27</sup>

On Saturday, 3 December 1922 the clubhouse burned. The fire started about 3:30 and the building was totally destroyed. About 80 private canoes burned as well as many mementoes including the large birch bark canoe which had been used by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall in 1901. Fortunately the trophies held by the club had been

removed for safekeeping during the winter. One of the items saved was the club service flag emblazoned with 78 maple leaves, emblematic of the members who saw overseas service. The club's war canoes and other smaller canoes which were stored in a floating boathouse, the former clubhouse of the New Edinburgh Canoe Club, were not affected. The loss, estimated at \$9,000.00 or more, was only partially covered by insurance.<sup>28</sup>

The day after the fire the club announced that it would rebuild on a bigger and better scale using the steel framework which had been erected in 1915. Estimates of the cost of rebuilding ranged from \$22,000.00 to \$40,000.00. It was planned to turn the club into a year round operation with tennis courts and possibly a golf club.<sup>29</sup>

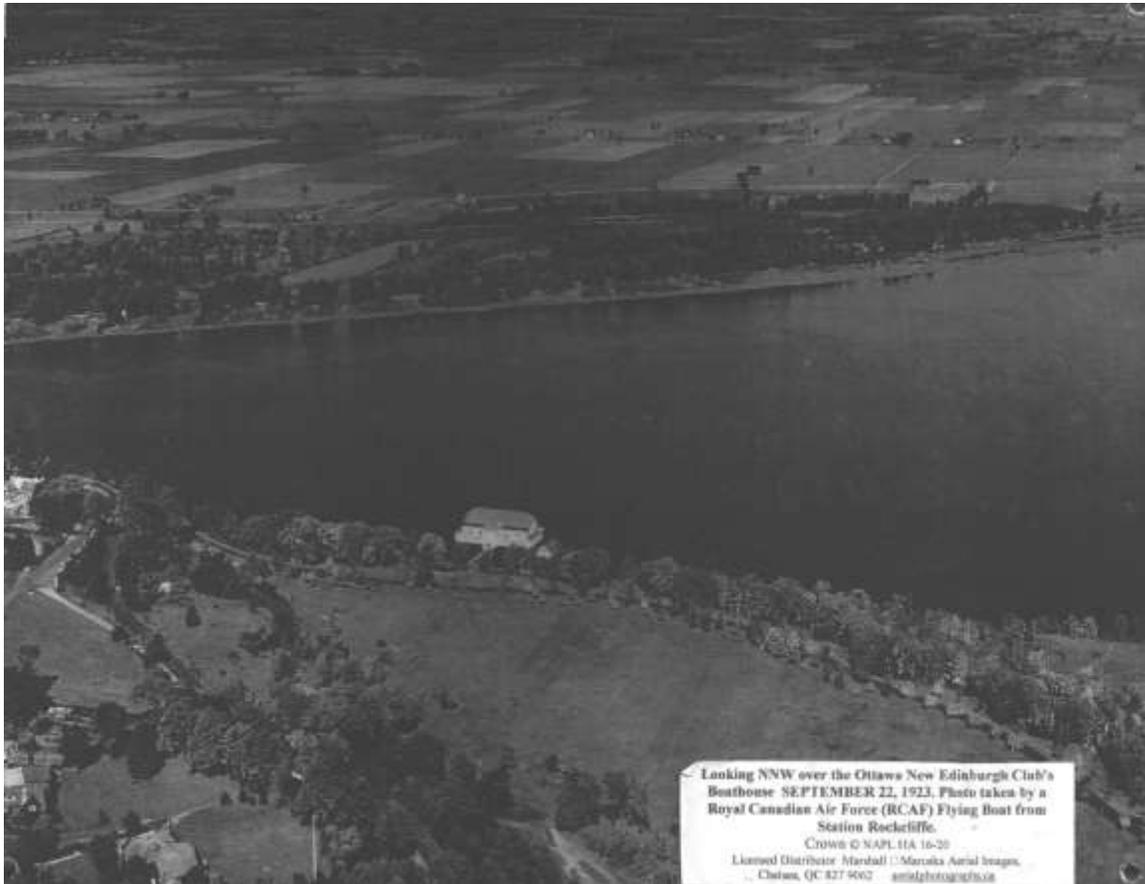
D.N. 'Dave' Gill was commodore of the club during the period of rebuilding but the arrangements for the actual construction were the responsibility of C.E. Mortureux, the President of the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club House Company (incorporated in 1914). In April of 1923 Mortureux wrote to Mr. Fauquier of the OIC with some background on the club. He noted that the club had never been large with a maximum membership of about 225 of which perhaps one quarter were junior members and a source of loss more than revenue. The junior members were coached by the senior members both in paddling and swimming. The racing element was strong numerically and the pleasure canoeists, who were the financial mainstay of the club, tended to be crowded out as the quarters were cramped. Equally, the motor boat element was restricted on account of the lack of facilities.

The membership had hoped to build larger quarters and had begun a larger facility before the war but the war put an end to these plans and during the war membership dropped to a mere handful. It took a couple of years after the return of peace for membership to recover and the cost of building remained prohibitively high. The destruction of the old building by fire in 1922 forced a decision. Mortureux proposed a much larger clubhouse; he estimated it would cost \$28,000.00 to complete a building on the steel frame built before the war. He envisaged a club with a membership of 600 and annual revenues of perhaps \$8000.00 if facilities for tennis could be included.<sup>30</sup>

Money to build the new clubhouse was raised through the sale of additional shares in the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club House Company. The Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club raised about \$11,700 directly by selling life memberships. The clubhouse company stock book records that 469 shares were issued to the canoe club in 1924; these represented 109 life memberships in the canoe club and 33 shares donated to the club. This issue made the canoe club a major shareholder in the clubhouse company.<sup>31</sup> Presumably a considerable sum was borrowed; for more than a decade after 1923 fund raising events formed an important part of the club's activities.

When the water lot was leased from the Ottawa Improvement Commission, the Commission had given the club verbal assurances that it would provide additional land for tennis courts. M. Neate who had represented the NECC in the negotiations was of the opinion that a large club house was planned specifically on the assumption that the provision of tennis and other sports would attract a larger membership than paddling

alone.<sup>32</sup> After some consideration the OIC agreed to provide land for ten tennis courts which were built in 1925. By 1929 the club had about 300 tennis members, so many that it applied to the OIC for additional land for more courts.<sup>33</sup> Two additional courts were acquired by 1931 by which time membership had climbed to 800.<sup>34</sup>



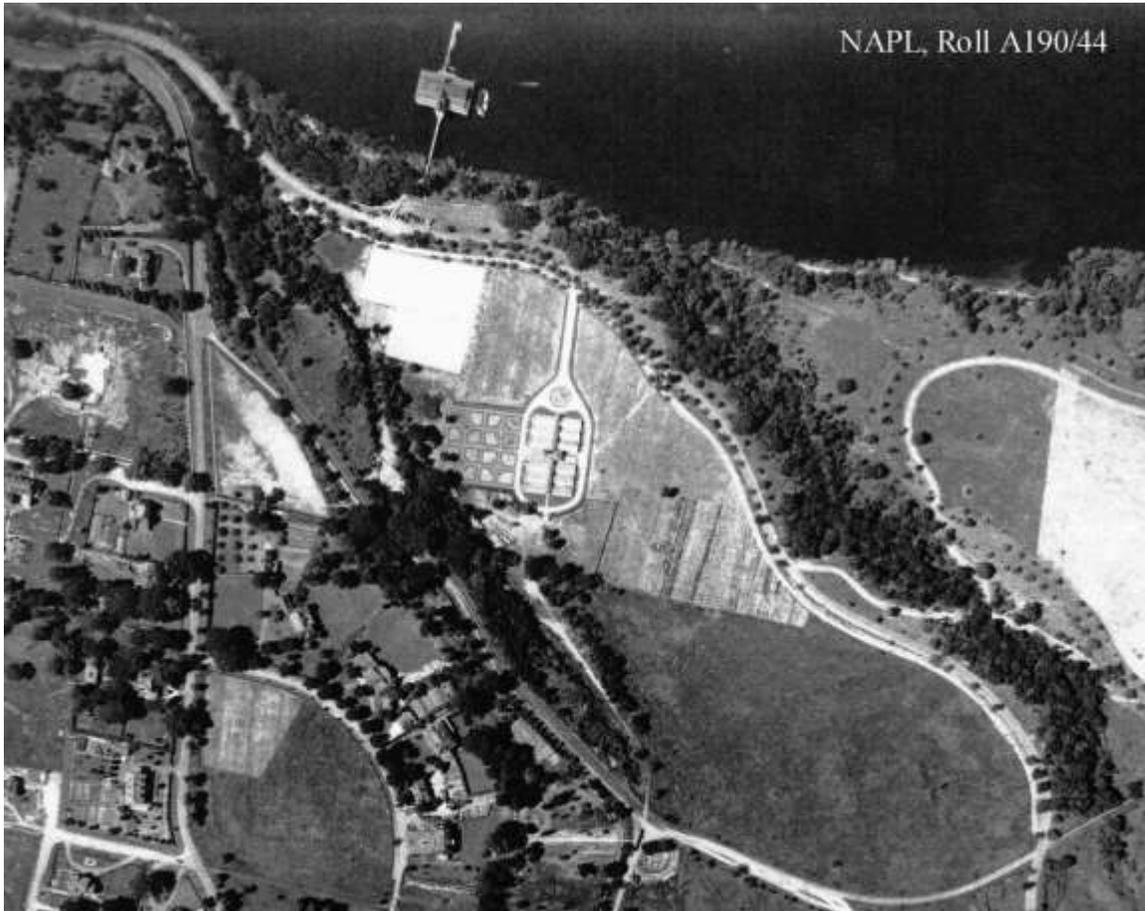
**3. Aerial view of the new clubhouse, 22 September 1923. Source: NAPL, HA 16-20.**

An aerial view of the clubhouse taken in 1923 shows the new clubhouse with a small floating boathouse beside it. On shore there is a narrow road, the predecessor of the Sir George Etienne Cartier Parkway and to the south the street car line is visible running through what are now the Rockeries. The tennis courts and the Tennis Circle road have yet to be built. They are shown in an aerial photo taken in 1928.

The street car line was an important element in the club's success in the 1920s. Until 1922 the street car had run all the way to the rifle range (near the RCMP stables). After the line to the rifle range was closed a loop was built at Cloverdale and, until 1931 Cloverdale was the end of the line. The street car made the tennis courts and the clubhouse accessible in the years before private cars were common.<sup>35</sup>

In 1926 H.S. and W.M. Southam donated a diving tower which was moored in front of the boat house; a swimming float and diving tower remained a feature of the club until at least the end of World War II. In 1929 the steel base, exposed to ice since it had been

installed, was condemned and a concrete wall or breakwater, 12 feet high and three feet thick at the base was built at a cost of \$12,000 to protect the steel. In 1931 the footbridge to shore was replaced by a \$5000 structure of British Columbia fir on concrete pillars. It is likely that this was the “high level” bridge which entered the building at the ballroom level; it remained in place until 1960.<sup>36</sup>



**4. Aerial photo, 1928. Both the tennis courts and the Tennis Court Circle with greenhouses have been built. Source: NAPL, A190/44**

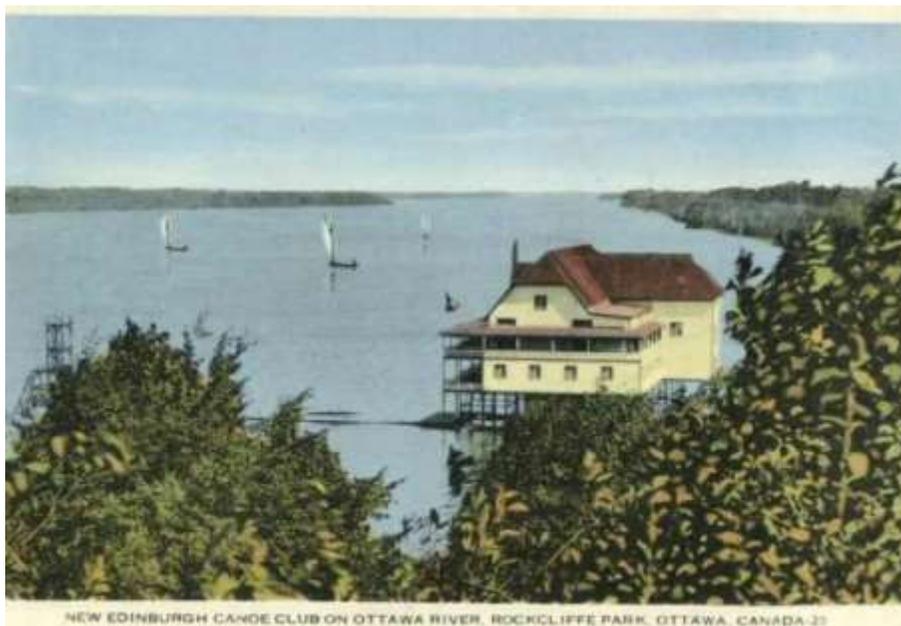
Charles Edmond ‘Mort’ Mortureux took the lead in organizing the construction of the new clubhouse. Mortureux was born in France in 1877 and worked as a translator for the Department of Agriculture. He was a member of ONECC from at least 1914 and from 1916 to 1922 he was the Captain of the club; from 1922 to 1925 he was President of the club house company which was responsible for building the new club house; in 1926 he became commodore the canoe club, a position which he filled for 26 years. Although ‘Mort’ was an enthusiastic paddler, there is no record of him racing. In addition to his paddling interests he was a swimmer, a cyclist, and a keen skier - he was President of the Ottawa Ski Club from 1919 to 1946.<sup>37</sup>

In 1926, the year Mort became commodore, the club updated its constitution. Its goals were to encourage all outdoor sports, especially paddling, sailing, swimming and tennis. The constitution established five categories of membership: honorary, life, senior (\$10),

junior (under 18), and lady associate (\$6). Lady associate members were not entitled to vote but if they paid the senior member fees they were entitled to all of the privileges of a senior member. There was also a category of “Tea members” who paid \$2.50 annually. The constitution required that bathers “be clothed from neck to knee.”<sup>38</sup>



5. A view of the new clubhouse from Mr. Mathew's. This photograph appears in a 1925 Ottawa City Directory.



6. The boathouse, after the diving tower had been donated (1926) but before the concrete foundation was put in (1929-1930). The roof on the balcony has been extended to the west end.



7. Three of these regatta goers are wearing ONECC ribbons. Source: Flickr, "Tinny Pete."

The 1923 competitive paddling season opened with the Rideau club's closed regatta. The Rideau club must have been enjoying a growth spurt as, for the first time in its history, it was able to field three war canoe crews. The veteran, C. Lavalley, won the singles double blade race. The senior singles race was won by Fred Brown with C. Lavalley second and a new paddler, F. Amyot, in third place. Amyot also won the junior singles race. He was a member of a large and successful paddling family and would go on to dominate singles paddling in Ottawa and Canada for a decade, winning six national singles championships between 1924 and 1935. He led Canada's paddling team at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and won a gold medal in the 1000 m race.<sup>39</sup> The Rideau club's 15 mile race was run on 28 June. Eric and Ivan Roy won the race, beating Lavalley and Tressider by about 300 yards but falling two minutes short of the record time set by Lavalley and Tressider in 1921.<sup>40</sup>

The Northern Division trials were hosted by Rideau club in 1923. Rideau took a clear lead winning five events and racking up 28 points overall. Carleton Place came second with three wins and 18 points. ONECC was in third place with three wins and 14 points. The *Ottawa Citizen* noted that ONECC had fewer paddlers than they had ever had and all of ONECC's wins came in the senior events with Reg Gisborne winning the senior singles, the Roy brothers winning the senior tandem and the Roy brothers, Gisborne and Fortune winning the senior 4s. Rideau provided free soft drinks and ice cream to competitors and officials. With the Rideau Ladies Auxiliary selling tags as fund raisers the club very nearly cleared expenses on the regatta. The trials were run at Mooney's Bay, not on the canal in front of the Rideau clubhouse, and the *Citizen* remarked that the course was as fine as that at St. Catharines.<sup>41</sup>

## BURGHES WILL OPEN NEW CLUBHOUSE SAT.

Many Noted Athletics Will  
Compete in Canadian  
Canoe Championships.

Some of the city's greatest athletes will be seen in action in the different crews which will represent this district in the Canadian canoe championships, to be held under the auspices of the Ottawa-New Edinburgh Club on the Ottawa river on August 4. Paddling is a hard game, one that calls for the finest condition and the greatest endurance on the part of those participating. In the crews which meet the Toronto and Montreal representatives on Saturday next will be some of the finest athletes in the city—men whose reputation in amateur athletics is such that they command a following in every branch of sport in which they appear.

In the Ottawa-New Edinburgh crew are such men as Eric Roy, the center player of the New Edinburgh rugby team, who have held the City championship for two seasons; Milt Short, rugby and lacrosse star who has played rugby for the Ottawa Interprovincial team and for the Burghes; Bill Anderson, whose presence on the Ottawa Rugby Club's line-up has been needed for some seasons and his co-star, Geo. Green. Those and young Benedict, rugby and baseball star, are probably the best known of the many good performers who will perform on Saturday under the colors of the Red, White and Black.

In the Rideau crew there are also many very fine exponents of different kinds of sport. Ab. Charbonneau, who is one of the greatest all-round athletes in the Capital today is in their crew. Charbonneau is perhaps the greatest all-round basketball player in the city, a crack inside honjo man at lacrosse and a half back of no mean ability in rugby. He has also played baseball and tennis for various clubs in the city. Frank Pinhey, the Ottawa outside wing, is also a member of that crew as is Sid Cook, the basketball star. Orrie Hodgkins of basketball and hockey fame, and Gurney Little also wear the purple and white in the paddling game.

Eddie McMillan, the Britannia singles entry, is a former member of the Woodroffe lacrosse team and of the St. Patrick's and New Edinburgh rugby team. And in the various crews are hockey players and other athletes who have made their name in other sports in the city.

Early in the season a meeting of the Northern Division clubs had awarded the 1923 CCA championships to Carleton Place. The decision was a closely contested one with ONECC objecting. Moreover, the Eastern Division protested against the choice of Carleton Place unless the hotel and transportation facilities were better than they had been in 1920. At a subsequent meeting the decision was reversed with the help of proxies from the Western Division clubs and the championship was awarded to ONECC. In protest at the reversal the CCA Commodore, George Carson, and the Secretary, C. Mason, resigned.<sup>42</sup>

ONECC made the CCA championships the occasion of the formal opening of its new clubhouse and the *Ottawa Citizen* took the opportunity to present a short history of the club and to review the prowess of Ottawa paddlers in general. It also took the opportunity to give examples of the wide ranging sporting interests of many of the leading paddlers.<sup>43</sup>

	CCA Championships ONECC, 1923			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Total
Rideau	2	0	2	8
TCC	0	4	0	8
Humber Bay	1	2	0	7
Lachine	2	0	0	6
Longueuil	2	0	0	6
Valois	1	1	0	5
Ste. Rose	0	2	1	5
Balmy Beach	0	2	1	4
Gr. Trunk	1	0	1	4
ONECC	0	0	3	3
CPCC	0	1	1	3
Parkdale	1	0	0	3
Cartierville	1	0	0	3
Island Aq.	0	0	1	1

Two special trains arrived from the West (that is, Toronto) with 200 paddlers and their supporters; another train brought paddlers from Montreal and the Eastern Division.<sup>44</sup> The contest was a close one with Rideau and the TCC tying at 8 points each and 14 clubs getting one point or more. (Surprisingly, the *Chronology of the Canadian Canoe Association, 1900-2000*, lists Parkdale as winning the club championship for 1923.) Rideau amassed six of its eight points with

8. Source: *Ottawa Citizen*, 28 July 1923. "Burghes Will Open New Clubhouse Saturday"

wins by Fred Brown's crew in the intermediate fours and by Frank Amyot in the intermediate singles. ONECC had three third place finishes – the senior fours, Roy brothers in the senior tandem, and the mile war canoe captained by Billy Crowe.<sup>45</sup>

Although in many ways the regatta was a triumph for the club and an opportunity to show off its new clubhouse it raised questions about the location. The Toronto *Star* pointed out that nine lanes had been laid out for the regatta, numbered 1 for the lane nearest the Ontario shore to nine for the lane nearest the Quebec shore. Not a single paddler in lane nine even placed while the paddlers in lane one won seven out of 11 races. The paddlers closest to the Ontario shore were sheltered both from the river's strong current and from the wind. Even the *Ottawa Journal* began its report on the regatta with the comment that "Inside positions and the luck of the draw played a big part in denoting the winners..."<sup>46</sup> The criticism stuck and twenty years later C.E. Mortureux in his history of the club felt the need to defend the location and argue that the problems experienced in 1923 were the result of errors in laying out the course.

Within a few weeks of the CCA championships, thoughts at ONECC had turned to fall sports. The *Ottawa Citizen* reported that three local rugby teams, ONECC, Rideau and the Ottawa Rugby Club, had been accepted as members of the Quebec Rugby Union. The Burghs would dress at the new clubhouse and would practice at the grounds in front of the clubhouse. George Boucher, who had led the Burghs to league championships, was expected to be named a coach. The *Citizen* named Short, Pickworth, Stalker, Frank and Eddie MacMillan, Lesage, Reid Tubman, George Green, Anderson, and Bud Aikens as probable players The Burghs played in the intermediate league and it was expected that four or five Rideau players who were too old for the junior level would join them.<sup>47</sup> Later in the season many paddlers would turn to hockey, playing for the ONECC team, or for senior clubs including the Senators. Dave Gill, who had been commodore in 1922-23, had played rugby for the Burghs and paddled for NECC before the war, was head coach of the Ottawa Senators from 1926 to 1931.<sup>48</sup>

The 1924 paddling season began in June. The *Ottawa Journal* of 5 June noted that the Burgh paddlers had been out for their first practice with two war canoes, including a new one, on the water. The last week in June the Rideau club opened the season with its club regatta and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July the Dominion Day Regatta Association held its annual regatta at Brighton Beach. The paddling clubs did not always attend the regatta in strength but in 1924 both ONECC and Rideau sent war canoes and some of their best paddlers. Frank Amyot defeated Reg Gisborne in the senior singles race while ONECC won the senior fours. Rideau won both the mile and half mile war canoe races as well as the ladies quarter mile war canoe race. In addition to the more serious canoe races there were tilting contests, hurry scurry races, plank races and tail end races.<sup>49</sup>



**9. Kettle Island, 1922. Possibly the women's war canoe. Source: Flickr.**

On 5 July the Rideau open regatta marked the beginning of the interclub regattas. ONECC won four of the small boat events and the overall regatta but was beaten by Rideau in the war canoe race. ONECC's pride may have been salvaged by the ladies' victory in a quarter mile war canoe race. ONECC ladies also placed first and second in the ladies tandem.<sup>50</sup> ONECC won its own regatta handily with 29 points to Rideau's 19. Britannia failed to score a single point and Carleton Place did not participate. The Northern Division regional meet was scheduled for Britannia but winds and waves, as was so often the case at Britannia, forced the meet's postponement. The qualifying meet was rescheduled for 23 July on Mooney's Bay. Throughout the meet ONECC and Rideau were neck and neck but ONECC pulled ahead in the final race of the day, the mile war canoe, to win with 32 points to Rideau's 21. Well known names dominated the day – Frank Amyot won the senior singles, the Roy brothers won the senior tandem, De Salaberry won the intermediate single and

Rivington and Berryman won the intermediate tandem.<sup>51</sup>



**1010. Men's War Canoe, 1924. City of Ottawa Archives, CA1226**



11. ONECC Ladies' War Canoe Crew, 1924. Source: ONEC Archives

The CCA championships were run on 2 August at Gananoque. Humber Bay accumulated 15 points while ONECC tied with Rideau for second place with 11 points each. The ONECC junior fours won their race easily but were disqualified when it was pointed out that because John de Salaberry had won the junior singles for Island Aquatic in 1921, he should have been classed as a senior. Any disappointment was erased by the elation at ONECC winning both the mile and half mile canoe races with Rideau coming second in the mile race. Moreover Ottawa set a new record in both races, 3.00  $\frac{2}{3}$  in the half mile and 6.46 in the mile. Frank Amyot won the senior singles, the Roy brothers placed second in the senior tandem.<sup>52</sup>

	CCA Championships Gananoque, 1924			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Humber Bay	3	3	0	15
ONEC	2	2	1	11
Rideau	2	1	3	11
Parkdale	2	1	1	9
TCC	1	1	2	7
Balmy Beach	1	0	1	4
Valois	0	2	0	4
Lachine	0	0	3	3
Island Aq.	0	1	0	2

Although Humber Bay was the winner of the regatta based on total points, the CCA records show the Rideau Aquatic Club as winning the club championship. How this result was calculated is not known; if one counts only the three senior races and the two war canoe races, ONECC had two first places and a second for eight points while Rideau and Parkdale had one first, one second, and one third place finish for six points each. Humber Bay had a first and a second for

five points.<sup>53</sup>

Both Britannia and Rideau held club regattas in August after the CCA regatta but there is no evidence that ONECC organized any further canoeing events. The club season ended with a benefit dance on 16 October.<sup>54</sup>

Although there is little mention of it in the newspapers, fundraising was probably a continuing club activity. A small advertisement in the *Ottawa Citizen* of 20 April 1925 announced that the ONECC Ladies Aid would be selling embroidered linens from China at Miss Addie Smith's home with the proceeds to go to the tea room committee of the club.

In 1925 club re-elected Colonel S.H. Hill as commodore. He reported that the club was in splendid condition – in the previous year it had taken part in six important regattas and had taken 32 first places, 22 seconds and 11 thirds. Members of the war canoe crews had been presented with sweaters bearing a badge commemorating the winning of the Dominion War Canoe Championships. Eric and Ivan Roy won the Craig-Cameron trophy; the ladies war canoe crew had won all five races it had paddled. The club planned to install tennis courts in 1925 and it was announced that it would hold a “paddler kermesse” from 18 to 21 May.<sup>55</sup>

A kermesse is a funfair, often used as a fund raiser. The May Fair held in 1925 was the first of many. No detailed description of the 1925 May Fair has been found but the May Fair continued for some years. In 1929 Eric Roy chaired the entertainment committee. Activities included fortune telling, sales of fancy work, raffles, dances, housie-housie (bingo), a blanket wheel and a canteen.<sup>56</sup>

1925 was a year of competition between ONECC and the Rideau club with Rideau winning decisively and taking the CCA championship. Competition began at the Ottawa Rowing Club regatta on 21 June 1925 with senior and junior fours and two war canoe races. ONECC won both war canoe races, defeating both Rideau and Britannia Crews. Two weeks later Rideau Aquatic and ONECC met again at the Brighton Beach Dominion Day Regatta. ONECC won both the quarter mile and half mile war canoe races but the Rideau ladies crew won both of their races; ONECC women won the ladies tandem. The

Amyot family, Frank, Joe, Jack and William, won several races and Rideau retained the Byng of Vimy trophy for the aggregate total.<sup>57</sup> At ONECC's regatta on 11 July Rideau took eight out of ten paddling events; ONECC won the junior fours and the ladies war canoe race with Reg Gisborne as captain and Winsome Grant as stroke. In the Northern Division trials at Carleton Place Rideau again demonstrated its dominance by winning eleven out of eleven races. Frank Amyot won the senior singles while Bill, Jack and Joe Amyot took first, second, and third in both the junior and the intermediate singles races.<sup>58</sup>

	CCA Championships, Gananoque, 1925			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Rideau	6	1	1	21
Balmy Beach	3	0	1	10
Valois	1	2	0	7
Island Aq.	0	2	1	5
TCC	1	1	0	5
ONECC	0	2	0	4
Humber Bay	0	1	2	4
Lachine	0	1	1	2
Cartierville	0	0	2	2
North Bay	0	1	0	2
Otterburn	0	0	2	2
Grand Trunk	0	0	1	1

The CCA 1925 championship regatta at Gananoque was a triumph for the Purple and White. Rideau won the club championship and six out of eleven events. Joe Amyot won the junior single, Frank Amyot and Ed Goudin won the intermediate tandem, E. Godwin, W. Clarke, A. Quayle, and J. McGuire won the junior fours and S. Cooke, D. Coleman, W. Easdale and J. Amyot won the intermediate fours for Rideau. In addition, Rideau won both the mile and the half mile war canoe races with Wilbur Pinhey in the stern. ONECC finished second in both war canoe races for

its only two places in the regatta. Frank Amyot was beaten in the senior singles by Roy Nurse of the Balmy Beach club; Nurse had won two gold medals paddling at the Paris Olympics in 1924.<sup>59</sup>

The Victoria Yacht Club's boathouse in Aylmer had burned in 1922 and, after several years of trying to re-organize, the club members decided to wind the club up. To perpetuate the club's memory, the members donated a silver cup, the Victoria Yacht Club trophy, to be awarded to the overall winner of the Northern Division qualifying regatta. For 1925 the cup was awarded to the Rideau Aquatic Club based on its performance at Carleton Place.<sup>60</sup>

The CCA held its annual meeting in Ottawa in May of 1926 and elected Ernest G. Tressider of Rideau as commodore. The meeting was a quiet one with the major debate arising from a proposal by the western clubs that the CCA should join the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. Supporters of the motion argued that this would help win acceptance of paddling as an Olympic sport; a number of paddlers from the Toronto area had attended the 1924 Olympics when canoeing was included as a demonstration sport. The eastern and northern clubs believed that little would be gained by joining the AAUC and the proposal was held over to the following year.<sup>61</sup>

The 1926 paddling season opened on 19 June with club regattas at both RAC and at ONECC. The ONECC regatta included juvenile and junior singles, junior fours, an open single racing boat, a ladies tandem and three mixed events – mixed tandem pleasure boat, mixed fours, and mixed war canoe. The RAC also had a number of mixed and ladies' events.<sup>62</sup> The Ottawa clubs met for the first time at the Ottawa Rowing Club mixed regatta on 26 June. Britannia, with Ch. Stimson as captain, won a half mile war canoe race and ONECC won the quarter mile war canoe race with Rideau coming in fourth.<sup>63</sup> Britannia's regatta on 3 July was marred by heavy winds and only four events were run; the Carleton Place regatta, which was to have been run on 10 July, was cancelled, and the ONECC regatta on 17 July became the first full interclub regatta of the season. ONECC paddlers won both war canoe races but failed to win any of the small boat races; Rideau, led by the Amyot family, took them all with the exception of the junior singles which was won by Stewart Bruce of Britannia. Bruce had placed second to Berryman of Rideau but Berryman was disqualified for a foul at the buoy. The regatta also included diving exhibitions to mark the inauguration of the Southam diving tower.<sup>64</sup>

A week after the ONECC regatta Rideau hosted the Northern Division championships on Mooney's Bay. Five clubs, Rideau, ONECC, Britannia, Carleton Place, and Smith's Falls competed and again Rideau dominated taking 46 out of a possible 66 points. Rideau placed first in nine events with ONECC winning the mile war canoe and the intermediate tandem. The Amyot brothers were prominent with Frank, Joe, and Bill placing first, second, and third in the senior singles.<sup>65</sup>

## HER EXCELLENCY GREATLY ENJOYS AIRPLANE JAUNT

But Laughingly Complains  
That Head-dress Required in  
Air "Takes All the Powder  
From Your Nose!"

### FIRST VICE-REGAL AIR JOURNEY IN DOMINION

Viscount and Lady Willingdon  
Fly From Montreal to Otta-  
wa in Hour.

Taking off from the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Montreal, last evening, Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon flew to Ottawa and arrived safely at the Ottawa-New Edinburgh Canoe Club after having been but one hour en route. They had successfully completed their first Canadian "air pleasure jaunt," having flown to Montreal shortly after nine o'clock yesterday morning, where they spent the day. They returned in the evening that His Excellency might attend a function at the Chateau.

The air was hot and sultry and a score of bathers lay sunning themselves on the float which fronts the Ottawa-New Edinburgh Canoe clubhouse. Occasionally one of the seal-like figures would raise an enquiring head and gaze eastward. Then at about seven o'clock, as a faint breeze stirred the waters, came a faint purr. In a moment a voice cried, "There they are!" and sure enough, away off on the horizon there emerged from the cloak of haze overhanging the Ottawa River two aeroplanes.

When they had come within a short distance of the clubhouse, they slowly whirled about and sped over the land encompassing Rideau Hall.

The engines had stopped now, and the two amphibian planes, swallow-like glided over the river, skimmed along a short distance over the water, then swished to a standstill. The first plane remained some distance from shore, but the second whirred over to the pier which juts from the Canoe Club building.

Group Captain Scott, piloting the machine, and Captain Jervis, A.D.C., had soon clambered out. But where was the Vice-Regal occupant? A sound of slight confusion came from the depths of the body of the plane, then from the cockpit there arose Her Excellency Viscountess Willingdon, smiling happily.

A Splendid Trip  
"We had a splendid trip," said Her Excellency, as she shook hands with The Citizen reporter.

12. Source: *Ottawa Citizen*, 30 June 1927

	CCA Championship Gananoque, 1926			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
TCC	4	2	1	17
GTBC	1	3	2	11
Rideau	2	2	0	10
Balmy Beach	1	0	2	5
Parkdale	1	1	0	5
ONECC	0	1	2	4
Valois	1	0	0	3
Cartierville	1	0	0	3
Otterburn	0	1	1	3
Island Aq.	0	1	1	3
Sudbury	0	0	1	1

The CCA championship was held at Gananoque on 8 August. The high point of the regatta for Ottawa fans was the mile war canoe race which Rideau won by a length with ONECC coming in second. The Rideau fours (Berryman, Quayle, Rivington and Butler) also won their race and took the Gowling cup which had been donated by the Rideau commodore. The Toronto Canoe Club won four races including the mile war canoe race and took the club championship. W. Powers of Valois beat

the Rideau favourite, Frank Amyot, by a foot with Roy Nurse, a former Canadian champion, coming in fourth. ONECC came second in the mile war canoe race. The early part of the regatta was marred by strong winds and waves with many capsizes and swampings. The *Ottawa Citizen* described the junior fours race as "...a rare combination of paddling, swimming, trick canoe riding, canoe tilting and other events..." Canoes began to swamp right from the start and by the half-way mark only three were still in contention. Two of these sank; the TCC crew remained afloat but three members sat in the bottom of the boat and bailed while the fourth paddled across the finish line. The Grand Trunk boat capsized twice, was righted, bailed, and crossed the line in second place. No other boat finished. In addition to the weather, there was a strong feeling that the course had not been surveyed properly and that one side of the course was as much as 90 feet longer than the other. Balmy Beach protested and the course was re-measured but Balmy Beach refused to accept the decision. The Balmy Beach senior fours refused to take its allotted No.1 position and paddled on the outside of the No. 10 position and was disqualified.<sup>66</sup>

Late in August the Ottawa Rowing Club held a regatta, with paddling events, to celebrate Ottawa's centennial. In addition to ONECC and Rideau, paddlers from Brockville and Lachine attended. ONECC won both war canoe events but Rideau won the aggregate.<sup>67</sup>

ONECC's tennis courts were officially opened in September of 1925 and regular play began in 1926. The *Ottawa Citizen's* tennis column "On the Courts" reported that ONECC was holding a mixed doubles tournament in August 1926. It also played some games with other clubs in Ottawa but may not have entered fully into the Ottawa District Lawn Tennis Association until 1927.<sup>68</sup> Tennis had become very popular in Ottawa – in addition to the large private clubs such as the Ottawa, Rideau, and Rockcliffe, there were many smaller community and church affiliated clubs. In June 1926 "On the Courts" listed Buckingham, Carleton, Halcyon, Ottawa, Experimental Farm, Britannia Heights, St. Matthew's, Britannia, Glebe Community, All Saints, Riverdale, St. Joseph's in Section B and Calvin, Highland Park, Argyle, St. John's, Ottawa Valley, McLeod, St. Joseph's, Pastime, Central Park, DBS, and Glebe in Section C.<sup>69</sup>

Several former OCC and ONECC paddlers died in 1926. Ernie Dunn, who won the Craig-Cameron trophy for four successive years and the Canadian singles championship in 1915, died in Calgary at the age of 30. D'Arcy Scott, who had won the American Canoe Association championship twice in the 1890's and who had gone on to success as a rower and as a two term mayor of Ottawa died at 55. Adolphe. A. Dion, vice-commodore from 1907 to 1916 and the General Manager of Ottawa Electric died in October.<sup>70</sup>

The CCA held its annual meeting at the Chateau Laurier on 14 May 1927 and elected Harry Weismiller of Parkdale to succeed Ernie Tressider of Rideau. The meeting decided not to affiliate with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada; those who opposed affiliation (clubs from the Northern and Eastern Divisions) argued that the CCA rules on amateurs were stricter than those of the AAUC. The meeting also recommended closer cooperation with the ACA which was meeting at Gananoque shortly after the ACA held its regatta there. Finally, it was reported that the course at Gananoque had been resurveyed – “Much unpleasantness was caused last season due to the faulty laying out of the course, but this has been corrected.”<sup>71</sup>

ONECC began 1927 with about 1000 members, far more than it had had before the introduction of tennis. Tennis started with a round robin organized by Gordon Whiteside on 21 May. Over 100 spectators and players were in attendance and Miss K. Byers and Mr. B. Guzzo won.<sup>72</sup> Later in the week the ONECC, Britannia and Rideau war canoes began practising; the *Ottawa Citizen* reported that ONECC hoped to have about 100 active paddlers with three war canoes; generally about a third of the war canoe positions became vacant each year. Reg Gisborne, Eric Roy, and Billy Crowe were ONECC coaches.<sup>73</sup>

Reports of drownings were a frequent feature of Ottawa newspapers and on 25 May the *Citizen* reported a narrow escape by four ONECC members. Alfred Bouchette, Jack Hendrie, Constance Cluffe, and Gertrude Rogers were about a half mile below the boathouse when their canoe capsized. They were unable to right it and were in the water for almost half an hour before two rowboats came to their rescue.<sup>74</sup>

The Rideau club opened the 1927 season with its open regatta on 25 June. Rideau took 17 points compared to 14 for ONECC. Two weeks later Rideau won again at the ONECC regatta, taking 23 points to ONECC's 21; Rideau paddlers dominated the small boats with Frank Amyot winning the senior singles race. ONECC however won both war canoe races. The results were much the same at the Britannia regatta but at the Northern Division trials at Carleton Place, ONECC took 31 points to Rideau's 26. In part ONECC owed its victory to the fact that there were intermediate level races at the divisional finals but not at the club open regattas. George Bonner won the intermediate singles race for ONECC while Jack Bourgault, George Green, Ed Hebert and Cecil Powers of ONECC won the intermediate fours. Gananoque participated in the divisional finals and won one race, the junior fours. ONECCs war canoe with 'Chuck' Clark in the bow and Eric Roy in the stern won both of its races.<sup>75</sup>

Pulling ahead of the Rideau club in the divisional finals, ONECC entered the CCA championships with high hopes. The championships at Gananoque were a disappointment and ONECC emerged from the meet with a single point. For Rideau the championships were a triumph with the club taking 4 first places and the overall championship. Frank Amyot won the senior singles and Fred Brown and Bob Steel won the junior tandems for Rideau; the Rideau war canoe with Wib Pinhey as stroke and Clarey Gibson as captain won both the half mile (Birks trophy) and the mile (Fulford trophy) races. Balmy Beach took 6 second places and tied Rideau with 12 points but the championship was awarded to Rideau. One of the surprises of the regatta was the performance of the relatively new Sudbury club which won the junior singles and the intermediate fours.<sup>76</sup>

	CCA Championship Gananoque, 1927			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Rideau Aq.	4	0	0	12
Balmy Beach	0	6	0	12
Parkdale	1	2	4	11
Toronto CC	0	2	2	6
Sudbury	2	0	0	6
GTBC	1	0	2	5
Valois	1	0	1	4
Gananoque	1	0	0	3
Lachine	0	1	1	3
Otterburn	1	0	0	3
ONECC	0	0	1	1

The Gananoque regatta was marred by rough water and the war canoe races were delayed by the refusal of the northern and eastern division paddlers to take to the water until eight o'clock when the wind had dropped. More seriously, there were disputes over officiating; Ottawa paddlers were especially annoyed by the decision of Harry Weismuller, CCA commodore, to overrule the decision by W.E. Gowling, the third placing judge. Gowling, the Rideau commodore, declared that the

ONECC war canoe had come third in the half mile race; Weismuller, who was a member of Parkdale, overruled him and declared that Parkdale had placed third. Although Weismuller was within his rights as the CCA commodore, the decision did not sit well in Ottawa.<sup>77</sup> There were reports that “booze and betting” had led to “rough-house tactics” by some of the spectators. The Gananoque *Reporter* wrote that the regatta “degenerated into an annual brawl because some enthusiasts proved to be poor losers” and blamed supporters of the Queen City crews.<sup>78</sup> Gananoque had hosted the CCA championships from 1924 to 1927 while the CCA considered whether to establish the Gananoque course as a permanent site; after the 1927 regatta, the CCA abandoned the idea of a permanent site until 1947 when Mooney’s Bay was chosen as a permanent site.

In 1927 ONECC re-entered competitive swimming. Prior to the First World War and for a few years after it ONECC had sponsored many swimming meets but the construction and financing of the new club house had taken up much of the club’s energy. In 1927 ONECC again sponsored Canadian championships. Six championships were in contention, ladies’ 100 yard breast stroke, men’s 200 yard free style, ladies’ 220 yard free style, men’s 220 yard breast stroke, high diving, and men’s 1 mile free style. There were also several Eastern Ontario championships in contention. Toronto swimmers swept the competition, defeating competitors from Montreal and Ottawa.<sup>79</sup>



In 1927 ONECC enjoyed a full tennis season with club play and play in section 3, group 2 of the Ottawa District Lawn Tennis Association with teams from St. Josephs, Highlea, and Victoria. In club play Miss H. Lambert won the ladies' singles; Misses H. Lambert and M. McFarlane the ladies' doubles; Miss Dot Imlack and R. Acland the mixed doubles; Terry Barry the men's singles; and Terry Barry and Cuth(bert) McReery the men's doubles.<sup>80</sup>

The social season opened with a hop in June with over 1000 guests; the hardwood floor had just been completed throughout the ballroom. A notice in the *Ottawa Citizen* indicated that weekly hops at ONECC would continue on Tuesday nights until the end of September instead of ending in August. In fact club dances continued into the first week in October.<sup>81</sup>

**13. *Ottawa Citizen*, 25 July 1928.**

As had been the case for several years, the 1928 season at ONECC opened with the May Fair, a fund raising social event which ran from 16 to 19 May. Advertisements indicated that the entertainment included bridge every afternoon with dancing, refreshments and a cabaret every evening.<sup>82</sup>

Tennis started early in May – the *Ottawa Citizen* reported that five courts were in use on 7 May - and a quartet of Ashbury students had been spending some time at the club. The club held a spring tournament in which Miss M. MacFarlane won the women's single; Misses MacFarlane and H. Linegar the women's doubles; Miss Linegar and H.B. Woods the mixed doubles; H.B. Woods the men's singles; and F. Magee and C. McCreery the men's doubles.<sup>83</sup> There were 43 clubs in the Ottawa District Tennis League grouped in four sections. Rideau and Ottawa were together in Section AA with 10 clubs in Section B and 12 in Section C. ONECC had teams in Section B with 18 other clubs such as Experimental Farm, St. Josephs, Glebe Community, Lindenlea, Ottawa, Rideau, and Victoria. ONECC hosted an open tournament in July but the results are not known.<sup>84</sup> ONECC held its own championships in the last two weeks of August. Harold Woods and Ora Davis won the singles championships; Woods and Cup McReery won the men's doubles and Davis and Hilda Linegar won the ladies' doubles. Davis and McReery won the mixed doubles.<sup>85</sup>

In paddling Rideau was victorious in five out of six of the small boat races at its open regatta on 23 June 1928; ONECC won the junior tandem and the quarter mile war canoe race. The Governor General, Lord Willingdon, attended ONECC's regatta held a week later. ONECC took two of the small boat events, the junior tandem (E. Padget and G. Bonner) and the junior singles (E. Padget) and won both the mile and the half miles war canoe events. In the half mile war canoe race ONECC fielded an old timers crew - Ernie Stitt, Iver Teskey, Ray Tubman, Jack Bourgeault, C. Clark, Maynard Shortt, Austin Short, "Buzz" McCarthy, G. Green, L. Bates, C. Shelton, H. Fortune, A Thurston, L. Benedict, and W. Crowe – which took third place. The regatta included a demonstration by Frank Bedard of his speed boat "Gunsmoke" which flipped during a high speed turn.<sup>86</sup> At the Britannia regatta ONECC took the lead but after four events the meet was cancelled due to weather. The Northern Division trials were held at Carleton Place on 21 July. ONECC won the intermediate tandem (R. Hebert and Jack Bourgeault), the intermediate fours, the senior fours, and the half mile war canoe race for the Perney-Tubman Trophy which became the permanent property of the club. With a total of 36

	CCA Championships, Lachine, 1928			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Grand Trunk	4	0	1	21
Lachine	2	2	1	15
Parkdale	1	2	4	18
Rideau	2	0	0	10
ONECC	1	2	0	9
Balmy Beach	0	2	3	7
St. Rose	1	0	0	5
Otterburn	0	1	1	3
Gananoque	0	1	0	2
Sudbury	0	1	0	2
Cartierville	0	0	1	1
TCC	0	0	0	0

points ONECC also won the Royal Victoria Yacht Club trophy for the aggregate in the Northern Division. Rideau was second with 31 points and Gananoque, a relative newcomer to the Northern Division, finished a strong third with 19 points.<sup>87</sup>

The 1928 CCA championships were held at Lachine with about 4,000 spectators in attendance. For the first time in several years the Eastern Division clubs dominated events with the Grand Trunk Boating Club winning the club burgee. The GTBC won the intermediate fours,

the junior tandem, the senior fours and the mile war canoe race. The Grand Trunk war canoe came from behind to overtake ONECC in the last 15 yards of the race. In the half mile war canoe race ONECC led throughout to gain the club's only first place finish. ONECC finished fifth with nine points. Frank Amyot won the senior singles and Berryman and Harry Butler won the senior tandem giving Rideau enough points to finish in fourth place.<sup>88</sup>

O.N.E.C.C. WAR CANOE CREW  
 HALF-MILE CHAMPIONS OF CANADA  
 LACHINE, 1928



E. A. STITT, D. R. MACFARLANE, E. PAGET, G. R. BONNER, H. B. CHERRY, E. S. REID  
 W. F. BRASSINGTON, E. HERBERT, (C. M. BRASSINGTON, STROKE), REG. GISBORN (CAPT.), A. H. SHORT, L. A. WHITE  
 S. M. SHORT, C. H. CLARKE

14. ONECC 1/2 Mile War Canoe Champions of Canada, 1928. ONEC Archives, C.H. Clark Collection.

On 15 September the ONECC war canoe crew was honoured with a “splendid banquet.” Mayor Ellis presented civic crests to the crew members - Reg Gisborn, Captain, Carl Brassington, stroke, Ted Reid, Don MacFarlane, Earl Paget, Austin Short, H.B. Cherry, Larry White, Chuck Clarke, Maynard Short, Cliff Nolan, G.R. Bonner, Ernie Stitt, Bill Brassington, and Eddie Herbert. They were also presented with ONECC sweaters and crests. W.E. Gowling presented the congratulations of the Rideau club and Allan Fraser of Britannia spoke on behalf of the Northern Division.

ONECC opened its 1929 season with its fourth annual May Fair under the direction of Eric Roy. Tea was served in the club rooms where Mrs. C.A and John Crabtree had painted a pirate scene. Mrs. T. Caldwell, and Misses Dorothy Burk, Mary Edwards J. Ketchum, V. Richards, dressed in gypsy costumes, told fortunes while other ladies operated a raffle table and a fancy work table. Dan Bertrand was in charge of housie-housie while Miss Alice Herbert and Miss Nora Donnelly were in charge of entertainment. W. Smith convened the canteen. The event was blessed with good weather and seems to have been a success.<sup>89</sup>

Tennis play began at about the same time as the May Fair was underway. The club championships were begun in late June but had to be postponed as many players left the city on holidays. In 1929 ONECC had 300 tennis members and Mortureux wrote to the Federal District Commission asking for two more tennis courts. He commented that tennis had been the salvation of the club and had helped to pay off the building of the clubhouse.<sup>90</sup>

The CCA met in Ottawa in May and awarded the championship regatta to Carleton Place. The Association also decided to join the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada as a step towards having canoeing included in the Olympics.<sup>91</sup>

The inter-club paddling season started with the Craig-Cameron Canoe Marathon on 27 June. Ernie Tressider and Cecil Lavalley paddled to their seventh win in the 15 mile race, beating ONECC's Paget and Bonner by almost four minutes.<sup>92</sup> At the three local regattas, Rideau, ONECC, and Britannia, ONECC won 16 out of 24 races including all but one war canoe races. Frank Amyot won two senior singles races but capsized in his race at Britannia. For the first time in many years Britannia had a good showing at its home regatta, winning the mile war canoe race and the junior fours.<sup>93</sup> On 20 July ONECC continued its string of victories in the Northern Division trials at Mooney's Bay. ONECC won both war canoe races plus the senior tandem and the intermediate single. Frank Amyot won the senior single and, paddling



**15. The Birks Trophy for the CCA Championship in the half mile war canoe race. Won permanently by ONECC in 1929. ONECC**

with Butler, Berryman, and Rivington, he won the senior fours for Rideau. The surprise of the meet was Gananoque which had not participated in the Ottawa regattas; it won five races in the junior and intermediate categories and accumulated 29 points compared to ONECC's 35, and Rideau's 16.<sup>94</sup>

The CCA championships were held on Mississippi Lake at Carleton Place on 3 August in a day which mixed sun and showers with little wind. The Montreal

	CCA Championships, Carleton Place, 1929			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Lachine CC	3	2	2	21
Toronto CC	2	1	2	14
Balmy Beach	2	1	0	12
Gr. Trunk	2	0	1	11
ONECC	1	2	0	9
Gananoque	1	1	1	8
Parkdale	0	1	2	4
St. Rose	0	1	1	3
Cartierville	0	1	1	3
Rideau	0	1	0	2
CPCC	0	0	1	1

area clubs dominated competition with Lachine taking 21 points and Grand Trunk taking 11. ONECC came in fifth place with nine points followed by Gananoque with 8. ONECC had two second place finishes, Louis Bates in the intermediate singles and in the mile war canoe, and one first place finish in the half mile war canoe. The win in the half mile war canoe race was the highlight of the day for Ottawa; it was ONECC's third victory in the race and with it the Henry Birks Cup became the permanent property of the club. Frank Amyot left his spurt in the senior singles race too late and came in second to Ernie Jarvis of Lachine.<sup>95</sup>

The *Ottawa Citizen* of 21 May 1930 reported that the members of the winning war canoe crew were to receive commemorative blazers. Have any of these survived?<sup>96</sup>

The 1920s have been described as ONECC's golden era and in fact winning of the Birk's Cup marked a high point in the club's history. ONECC would never win another war canoe race at the national level nor would it win a national title at the senior level.



15. ONECC half mile war canoe champions of Canada. Source: ONEC collection

Ottawa-New Edinburgh Canoe Club Executives, 1919-1929						
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
President	AE Bradbury	CE Mortureux	DN Gill	DN Gill		
Commodore/ Captain	CE Mortureux	AE Bradbury	J Bellamy	JW Bellamy	DN Gill	SH Hill
Vice Commodore		J Bellamy	JB Duford	JB Duford		
Secretary	G Audette	G Audette	TD Ingall	W Davidson	F Bailey	
Treasurer				TD Ingall		
Executive Committee	D Gill	D Gill	FW Berry	AA McNaughton	A McNaughton	
	J Bellamy	E Roy	R Lawrence	EA Roy	EA Roy	
	WT Crowe	S Mulligan	W Crowe	J McCarthy	W Davidson	
	J Powers	J Powers	M Short	GA Audette	GA Audette	
	G Clarke	R Lawrence	CE Mortureux	CE Mortureux	HW Pickworth	
	E Dunn	D Stalker	WE Anderson	W Anderson	H Doyle	
		G Loa	R Lovering	G Green	G Green	
	J McElroy	W Streamer	S Streamer			
Source	OJ19190327	OJ19200325	OC19210325	OJ19220316	OJ19230329	
	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	
Commodore	SH Hill	CE Mortureux	CE Mortureux	CE Mortureux	CE Mortureux	
Vice Commodore	G Audette	GE Roy	EA Roy	EA Roy	E Roy	
Sec-Tr	HD McAdam	HN McAdam	HN McAdam	HN Macadam	HN McAdam	
Executive Committee	E Roy	SH Hill	SH Hill	J Bellamy	J Bellamy	
	G Loa	PG Loa	SM Macdonald	R Gisborne	R Gisborne	
	A Aylen	FE Baillie	G Whiteside	G Whiteside	G Whiteside	
	J Bourgault	GA Audette	M Short	FN MacDonald	F MacDonald	
	HW Brodie	G Slinn	G Slinn	T Reid	E Reid	
	WT Crowe		G Green	G Green	G Young	
	N Seaner	N Seaner	N Seaner	N Seaner		
Source	OJ19250326	OJ19260326	OJ 19270324	OJ 19280322	OJ 19290321	

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- <sup>18</sup> *OC*, 6 June 1921 "Audette and Roy Retain Fiset Trophy, Again Winning 80 Mile Marathon."
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