

1942::: IROQUOIS RECREATION HALL ::: FORT ERIE KLANCK ST.

In 1942 W.J. Sanderson (US Fleet Industries) & W.P. Manock (of Horton Steel Works) supported the project to build this Hall::: A company was incorporated with a Capital of \$ 40,000.00 and stock sold on the open market to anyone that wished it.

The total cost of land, building, bowling alleys, equipment, and expences amounted to \$ 50,000.00 .

The Hall is 50ft. wide and 127 ft. in length. In the basement are eight bowling alleys, candy bar, rest rooms and check room. On the ground floor hall is 48ft. by 83ft. in length. It consists of space for three badminton courts, used also for dance floor, and roller rink: basket ball court: meetings: concerts and banquets. There is also a fully equiped kitchen. A store at the front of the building handles tobacco, candy, soda fountain, refreshments, and athletic and sports equipment. Upstairs on the balcony are three offices and club rooms.

The Iroquois Hall is to open with a Dance May 1st. 1942
Contractor:::Walter B. Troup.

Renamed the Over 26 Club in late 1960's.

RECREATION HALL GETS UNDER WAY WITH EXCAVATION

Wm. Troupe is local contractor in charge.

Provincial directors are announced by local committee.

THE IROQUOIS RECREATION HALL is becoming an actuality, with excavation started this week, at the corner of Klauck and Courtwright streets, under the direction of Wm. Troupe local contractor.

The incorporated company known as Iroquois Recreational Limited, expects the building to be finished by the end of next month.

Planned to provide recreation for the citizens of Fort Erie in view of the increased population, the recreation hall will include, bowling alies, check rooms, candy bar, a large hall suitable for public meetings, dances and banquets, with catering facilities, three badminton courts, a basketball floor, a mezzanine floor with club rooms and balcony overlooking the activities on the main floor, and a store which will sell candy, light lunches and sports equipme t.

provincial directors of the company who will act until their successet or are elected by general votr of the shareholders are: Walter N. Disher, president: A. Gibson Mackie, vice pres: Wm. L. barraclough, treasurer: and Edward W. Tyrill secretary. The authorized capitalization of the company is \$40,000 dollars, devided into 4,000 shares of common capital stock, having a par value of \$10.00 a share.

The company purchased three parcels of land at the site, paying \$50.00 to the town of Fort Erie, \$275.00 to the executors of the Fannie Emerick estate and \$200.00 to Mrs. Lillian Eby.

Mr. Goerge Nielson Of Toronto is the architect, and he will supervise the construction of the building, approximately 50ft. by 127 ft. Ex+ terioe of the hall is to be asbestos shingles, attractive and fireproof.

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"IROQUOIS HALL" is name of new recreation hall.

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Choosing a name for the new recreation hall in Fort Erie, was not simple, Edward W. Tyrrill secretary of the board of directors, told the Times Review to-day.

The final choice "Iroquois Recreation Hall Limited" as the name of the corporation, was a popular one and arrived at by the process of elimination.

Eliminating the names of all other public places, the committee thought of Erie, Niagara, Mississauga, Chippawa and turned them all down one by one as they were in use elsewhere. Finally the story of the Iroquois Indians, who frequented this part of the peninsula as far back as 1500, and defeated the Neutral tribe, was recalled.

That's how "Iroquois" was chosen. it will soon be a by-word with Fort Erie citizens saying, "Meet me at the Iroquois".