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## INTRODUCTION

"Yrityys" Athletic Club of Toronto holds the distinction of being one of the oldest Finnish sports clubs in Canada. It was founded as *Woiwistelu ja Urheilij Seura "Yrityys"* (The "Attempt" Gymnastic and Athletic Club) in March 1906 under the auspices of the Finnish Society of Toronto. "Yrityys" later became fully independent but retained close ties with the Finnish Society of Toronto. Since the founding of the Finnish Organization of Canada, the Finnish Society of Toronto has been one of its leading locals. Therefore "Yrityys" has been associated indirectly with the F.O.C. These bonds are further reinforced through the affiliation of "Yrityys" with the Finnish Canadian Amateur Sports Federation which has its own fraternal ties with the Finnish Organization of Canada.

Throughout its history, "Yrityys" has emphasized its interest in the traditional sports of the Finns: that is, gymnastics, track and field and skiing. As part of its broader cultural endeavours, "Yrityys" has staged a number of Finnish Canadian theatre productions. By such means, this sports club has tried to assist in the retention and development of Finnish Canadian culture.

This collection contains only part of the records of "Yrityys" Athletic Club. Some of the records relating to "Yrityys", including the earliest ones that have survived, are found in the Finnish Organization of Canada Collection (MG 28, V 46). Additional records concerning its activities are in the Finnish Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Collection (MG 28, V 51).

The materials transferred by "Yrityys" in 1975 consist of minutes, membership records, correspondence, miscellaneous executive committee and financial records. One item, a minute book of the Athletic Committee, was donated by Reino Keto to the Multicultural History Society of Ontario and presented to the Public Archives by the Society.

The manuscript records of "Yrityys" Athletic Club have been arranged as follows:

Records of Annual and General Meetings and of the Executive Committee, 1907-1952. 33 cm. (Volumes 1-3).

Minutes, 1910-1952. 28 cm. Volumes 1-3.

Other Records, 1907-1948. 6 cm. Volumes 2-3.

Membership lists, dues records, correspondence, financial and other records.

Records of other Committees and Club Divisions, 1929-1947. 8 cm. (Volumes 1 and 3).

Minutes of the Entertainment Committee, 1933-1936, 1941-1947.  
3 cm. Volume 1.

Minutes of the Women's Division, 1929-1934. 2.5 cm. Volume 1.

Minutes of the Track and Field Division, 1933-1936. 1.5 cm. Volume 3.

Minutes of the Athletic Committee (including several pages of financial records), n.d., 1945. 1 cm. Volume 2.

RECORDS OF ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS AND OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vol. 1.

DATE

Minute books: General Meetings and Executive  
Committee Meetings

Minute book 1910-1912  
Minute book 1912-1914

Minute books: Annual and General Meetings  
Executive Committee Meetings

Minute book 1914-1930  
Minute book 1930-1932  
Minute book 1932-1933  
Minute book 1933-1935

Vol. 2.

Minute books: Annual and General Meetings

Minute book 1935-1948  
Minute book 1948-1951

Minute books: Executive Committee Meetings

Minute book 1935-1940

Vol. 3.

Minute book 1940-1948  
Minute book 1948-1952

## OTHER RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vol. 1	Membership book: Membership and dues records	DATE
	Membership book: Membership and dues records	1907-1917
	List of members' names and addresses	1926-1931
	Miscellaneous correspondence	1934
	Notes, lists, drawings: Miscellaneous drafts	1934-1948
		n.d.
Vol. 3	Ledger: Accounts receivable and payable	
Vol. 1	RECORDS OF OTHER COMMITTEES AND CLUB DIVISIONS	
	<u>Entertainment Committee Meetings</u>	
	Minute book	1933-1938
	Minute book	1941-1947
	<u>Women's Division Meetings</u>	
	Minute book	1929-1931
	Minute book	1931-1934
Vol. 3	<u>Track and Field Division Meetings</u>	
	Minute book	1933-1936
Vol. 2	<u>Athletic Committee Meetings</u>	
	Minute book (also includes several pages of miscellaneous financial records)	n.d., 1945

The following is:

A key to the identification of the photographs in an album transferred to the National Photography Collection (Lauri Penttinen Collection - Accession No. 76-99.)

This key was prepared by A. Hummakko and L. Penttinen with the assistance of other members.

A key to the identification of the photographs:

Dressing Room  
 of  
 Finnish Athletic Club Yhtys  
 at Finnish Camp, Sarnala  
 (Atoll Ave + Kingston Ave) North York.

From Hotel  
 957 Brimley Ave.  
 Built 1922  
 Owned & Operated by  
 Finnish Society of Toronto  
 Also Home of Yhtys A.C.  
 of Toronto.

Tammela. (Cairal area)  
• Assuming 30 m. x 100 m.  
Track in the center. In the  
front center is 'Aarna' Bathhouse  
on the shore of Stamer river

Finnish Camp Tammela  
Finnish Society Brass  
Band (conducted by George  
Gustafson) playing some  
music at the camp opening  
June 1930.

Restaurant Building (Built 1930  
including Superintendent's office.

Finnish Camp Tammela  
Finishing touches for Aarna  
Bath on the shore of Stamer river  
170 ft. Dams Vallin (+), Artt's Room, Sink  
Makela, Antton's Stables + Frank's site  
Note: Vallin + Shalund were members  
of Yhtyo Wrestling (Green-Roman) group.



1750 Executive Committee of the  
"Yutya O.C."

Lo R. Väinö Oksanen (Gym.) Kalle Kii-  
parfää (Master), Väinö Oksanen (Master),  
Saa Kullaa (Gym) Oksa Kallaa (Ink+Judo)  
Antar Shikanda (Master)  
Ailing Kalle, Ailt and - - -

Participants of Wrestling Com-  
petition 1928.  
2 took name Wrestling, Ailing  
in the front judges -

groups in front of the

Back Lo R. Väinö Oksanen, Yip  
Jukka, - - - - -  
front Row: Väinö Oksanen, Sino Jukka  
Antar Shikanda, Sini Mikander &  
Valter Dickberg.

100 m Dash in front  
of the Bar stall on Broad-  
ways Ave. 1928

Again some mention of the Yutyp a.c 1930.

Yutyp a.c.  
Girls Gym team  
in exercises. In  
early 30's the Girl had  
3 separate Girls Gym  
teams 1 for Alaska  
and 2 teams for ex-  
ercises.

Yutyp a.c. Wrestling team  
and judges 1929. Talker  
Makonen. Acting in front second  
firm right was well known wrestler  
in Jyry Helsinki (Finland) wrestler  
group before coming to Canada. Enak  
Koponen Acting extreme right Aspirant  
Canada as a wrestler in 1912 Olympics.

Yutyp a.c. Women's  
Gym team. Acting  
enright is Ann Deane  
well known Gymnast  
also Sheila Ekola left  
front was one of the  
best Girls Gym. instruction

Griggs a. c.  
Boys \* Girls Gymnastic  
Teams of their best 1929.

Wrestlers 1930  
1 To R. Jy. Stearns, Matti Kotke  
Tom Peterson, Sam Kalle, Elenor  
Anton Sirlund, Louni Makiela  
Norman Farrell and -----



Group of Youth Workers  
 in front  
 Jim Turner (also Jackson)  
 Secretary of the Workers  
 Sports Federation

1930. Youth Group group.  
 Vanhinen, Belton, Louis Vanhinen  
 Richard Jackson, Jackson  
 Paul Vanhinen, Tom Jackson  
 Jacke Savonen and Jackson  
 & Tom Savonen.

Belton  
 \*  
 Vanhinen

Yutya Girls

in

Exercise at Dan Hall

Maryann Pundell  
and

Ann Parnen

L. T. R. Emma Alaskala  
Maryann Pundell  
Selja Pajala  
Verna Verno

Just another  
Thursday in Barnata

Barnata's Organ -

3rd Committee 1930

In R Kalle Peltinen, Jorma Laita, Mikko  
Vallin, Paavo Eirikund, Väinö Vakkila  
Kalle Aalt, Eino Savonius Jorma  
Kuumat, H. Pöytä, J. Ahonen, ---

---, Aimo Kaine, Aimo Aasmus  
Jorma Peltinen, ---  
Jorma Peltinen.

Barnata  
Clearing the River bed  
suitable for swimming

Good Old  
Barnata

Wrestlers

Name of the  
Yatcha

This is duplicate

See Page # 5.

Wrestling

Seccccc

in full swing.



Participants of the

Annual Championship

Meet of Workers Agents

Association (name was later

changed to Finnish American Motion

Agents Federation) at Sarmala

1933.

1932

Boys group at Sarmala  
with instruction Sime Sarmonen

Young girls groups  
at the childrens

Summer camp

at Sarmala  
with their instruction  
Mrs. Milla Vatin

Participants of the

Annual Championship

Meet of the Workers

Agents Association  
at Sarmala Oct

1935

Yrityp Athletic Club

30 years Old

Grant Centre one of the founders Mr. Erik Hoffner  
on his left Yrityp Gymnasium <sup>Donna \*</sup>  
on the right hand side Yrityp <sup>Donna</sup> <sup>Donna</sup> <sup>Donna</sup> <sup>Donna</sup> <sup>Donna</sup>  
men.

Executive Committee  
of the Yipsy Athletic  
Club. 1937.

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Yrityso Aikuiset Club

Womens Gymnastic group.

- Back row L to R. - - - - - Ella Luoma, Aya Dalmi,  
 E. Yimora, Eva Mäyry, Aya Mäkelä, ... Aina Järvelä,  
 Mary Teirikki,  
 Keena Maa, Kalle Pitkanen, Mary Luoma, Aina Luoma,  
 Heimo Uusi
- front row. Nina Laatikainen (Ajman) - - - - - Eira Luoma

Finland Canadian Amalgam  
Sports Federation  
National Committee

1938.

Back now left to right. John Passinen, Veli-Petteri  
Kujala, Laiti, Vilho Teittinen, Enok Höpman ja Enok  
Uusi. Paavo Uusio Anttoni, Työ-Jukka Tuomola ja  
Hilmi Niemi. Pentti Pentti ja Pentti Pentti.

Participants of the Annual  
Rally of the Horse Spots  
Organization, 1935

Small pictures of the lower left  
strip a.c. Gymnastic Display of the  
May Day celebration in the Maple Leaf  
Garden Toronto 1935. There was a crowd  
of 12000 - 13000 at present.

Chicago Athletic Club.

at the Elm Street Jan - 39 .

Extreme left Snake Lappers and Extreme right  
Kane Latta both the founders of the Club .



Executive Committee  
of the F.C.A.S.F. 1938-39.  
Back row: Lt R. Henry Kotli, John  
Patterson, Vilho Heikkilä, Lem Peterson  
& Ole Stunnathe  
Front Lt R. Sami Juntunen, Arvo  
Kotli, Erik Koffinen & Paavo Vuori

Veterans  
of the F.C.A.S.F.  
LEFT Row Lem. Juntunen  
Right - - Paavo Vuori  
Front Lt R. Karl Kotto  
Pete Pirkkanen &  
Erik Koffinen

Yrityk A.C. Security Committee 1939.

Book No. 1. To R. Kari Kallinen, Aimo Hänninen, &  
Ase Hänninen, Eino Saarela, Väinö Kallinen &

Henry Kaarto.  
Frank No. 1 To R. Kari Kallinen, Emil Takkari,  
Emil Vuori & Aimo Kallinen

Whitely a.c. Men's Gym. Group.  
Eakle Dan L. to R. Wilho Lehtilä, Anto Raitala,  
Sinan Hammila, Väinö Luikola . . . . .  
Veli Lehtilä,  
Frank Paul L. to R. Eke Linnonen, Simas Ahman, Onni  
Aarne, Lauri Lehtinen, Erno Väinö & Väinö  
Aalminen (Instructor)

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Junior Group  
of the Whitely a.c. 1938

East wall BR. ~~Constiti~~ ~~quasi~~ ~~with~~ ~~Stellen~~ ~~Tulonen~~, Henry Hall  
 Mary Jundala, Helton Hammae  
 Frost Rail for. Martha Sinclair - - - - -  
 Maria Skatt, . . . . . Mrs Skatta,

Yutep Guro at the  
Elin Hall - 1939

Gymnastic Display.

Andy Hartman

July 20

Andy & Joe Hartman

July 20



See note on the picture.

Yickup a.c.  
As we sent the bus to  
take us to Annual Rally  
& Circumference meet  
at Sammin's Oct. 1939.  
Bus & group at the front  
of Elm Road carlin at Yickup

Lunch period on  
the way to Sammin's



Yuzo a.c.  
 Sgt Hattala (Japan)  
 one of our best  
 women athletes -



Yutya a t.  
Hartman  
Barnes  
Display at the  
"University"

Yuley a.c.

Womens Gym. Group 1940  
with their instructor Lempi  
Nessa at the local Centre.

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Yuley a.c.

One of Silla O'Connell's  
at the "Tunnipuhla" 1940

Historians of the  
Annual Meeting of the  
Finnish American Committee  
Agents Federation at Quilting  
Conf. 1945

Yllyp a d . -43.  
Ala grant of Samma  
Lto R Rocky Kinnola  
Helga Grangvist, Sam Kallman  
Iya Arma ja Inna Hamma

Yllyp a. c. -43  
Just another Ala group.  
Lto R: Reino Talle, Sante  
Lemberg, Rocky Kinnola  
and Carl Ala.

Whitely A. A.

Gymnastic Displays at the  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert at the  
Sun Hall March 17-40.

Do above.

Whitby a.c.  
No yeana card  
1946

See note  
on the procedure



Whitely & Co

50 years old

Picture taken at the Annual

Meeting

25-3-56

at the Sun Hall



Executive Committee of the  
F.C.D. S.F. 1985

L. To.R. Vilhoit Bohm, Bart Lindis  
Abe Hummala, Wm Heikkila  
Lauri Penttinen, Jm Butham  
Heikki Tuuhila, Oscar Orava  
Sve Jummila, Sivi Penttali,  
\* Unto Penttinen

Name as above.

L. To.R. Heikki Tuuhila, Sivi  
Jummila, Raar Laurio, Wm  
Heikkila, Sivi Penttali, Abe Hum-  
mala, Oscar Orava, Unto  
Penttinen & Wm Penttinen

See Note on picture

Wm Heikilä, Sami Tuittinen  
Asta Rava & Aaro Lammio

Finnish Canadian  
Amateur Sports Federation  
Secretary  
Paavo Lemmikki

Clipping  
of the  
Lakehead  
paper.

F. C. D. S., P.  
Ole Hummel  
President  
and holder  
of the basis  
trucks field  
seeds in  
an  
organization