

This large pine board Arena stood on the east side of Waterloo running behind the store block till almost the middle of the block , on its way to Bertie St. It was used mostly for boxing bouts, and hundreds would come over from Buffalo on the Ferry to attend the events, as the building was only some 500 ft. from the Ferry landing.

The first LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT, was held in this arena, on July 4th, 1903. George Gardner, a County Clare Irishman, and Jack Root a Bohemian from Australia were matched by Jack H. Hermon, a Buffalo sports impresario. A Chicago manager by the name of Housemon, donated a diamond studded belt for the winner of the bout.

Gardner knocked out Root in the 17th, round, and with the victory went the first Light Heavy weight Fight Championship.

Jack Curley , a sports writer for the Chicago Tribune was given the honour for coming up with the name of the Title fight, after a discussion with others, while on the Ferry riding over to Fort Erie from Buffalo.

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Frank Erne and Joe Gans have been matched to box twenty rounds at the International A. C. at Fort Erie on the night of May 12th. The men are to weigh 136 pounds ringside, and Charley White of New York is to act as referee. The purse is \$5,000, divided on the basis of 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser.

Manager Herman, of the International Athletic Club, says there will be no contest at the club-house here before the Erne-Gans bout on May 12th. The reason for this is that it is feared that ice will somewhat interfere with the running of the ferry boat, and consequently hurt the attendance. In the meantime some improvements are being made in the club-house. The seating capacity will be increased by 2,000.