

## Canadian League News Notes

[Hamilton Herald.] One thing that should improve the brand of ball played in the Canadian League this year is the fact that the various clubs are arranging for better diamonds. In London, the Cockneys will prance around on a diamond that is being made as smooth as a billiard table, and Kneety Lee promises a nice new green diamond that will make the players think more of carom shots than of double plays. It is to be hoped that the other clubs in the league will follow the idea of Hamilton and London, as the diamonds in some of the smaller parks were in wretched condition last season. The outfield at Britannia Park will stand a great deal of rolling. Last summer several hits of ordinary value were made by singles were stretched into doubles and triples, and sometimes home runs, owing to the outfield being so rough that the ball bounded over the fielders' heads. It was late in the season last year before the league was organized and the magnates did not have a chance to get the grounds in first-class playing shape. With an early start this year the grounds and surround-

ings should all be in the very best condition. [Ottawa Free Press.] The Ottawa team in the Canadian Baseball League will sport two sets of uniforms this summer. The home haberdashery has not been exactly decided upon, though Manager Shaughnessy suggests a good combination as follows: White shirt and pants, black stockings, with a dull red stripe, black cap, and a red "O" on the arm. This would complete the color scheme of Ottawa as carried out by both the hockey and football clubs. The road uniforms will be grey with black stockings and black cap, the latter having a white "O" in front. Alderman Nelson, who is much interested in the coming of organized baseball to the capital, cottons up to the combination suggested for the home uniform. The Hamilton club carries out the yellow and black idea in their baseball uniforms, some as the football team. They wear a little yellow tiger on a black cap. Practically all the road uniforms of the league are mouse-color or grey.

BASKETBALL  
LONDON JUNIORS WIN  
FROM AYLMER FIVE

Fast Basketball Game Results in Favor of Forest City Boys by 18 to 12.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Aylmer, Feb. 12.—The London Junior basketball team journeyed to Aylmer last evening and defeated the fast Aylmer high school team by the score of 18 to 12. The game was fast from start to finish, the first half ending 10 to 9 in favor of London. In the second half the London team ran in 8 points to their opponents' 3, making the final count 18 to 12. The return game will be played in London next week.

BRESNAHAN-MURPHY TROUBLE  
COMING UP.

New York, Feb. 12.—Magnates of the National League gathering here today for the annual spring meeting, to adopt a playing schedule and arrange for certain necessary routine matters for the conduct of the league's business, expected that no friction would develop during the meeting and that everything would be harmonious. The schedule has already been prepared, and while two members have, it is understood, made some objection to certain playing dates, it probably will be adopted in its present form either today or tomorrow.

The first business of today's session was the meeting of the board of directors, following which the league itself was scheduled to go into session.

There may be a meeting of the joint rules committee today. The trouble between Manager Roger Bresnahan, of St. Louis, and Charles Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs, comes before the National League for adjustment, where it was referred to the National commission. Some magnates think that

the trouble may be patched up and further publicity avoided. Bresnahan asserts that he was insulted by Murphy at the last meeting of the league, and reported the matter to the National commission. There is little or no serious talk of trades of players. The magnates do not take the content-plated outlay for the United States League, very seriously. They say the outlay league has no financial backing.

DOOLIN MAKES A TRADE. Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Manager Doolin, of the Philadelphia National League baseball team, announces that he has traded Catcher Cotter and Pitcher Ward to Chicago for "Peaches" Graham. Graham is the catcher Chicago received from the Boston Nationals in the Kling deal.

Vic Willis, former pirate pitcher, has been offered \$40 a game to give up his hotel business in Newark, Del., and join the United States League. Some proposition, maybe. Johnny Kling has spiked the story originating in Chicago that he was so anxious to obtain his old battery partner, Ed Reulbach, that he would give up Pitcher George Tyler in exchange.

It's a little late in the season, but here it is Vincent Campbell, of the Pirates, has a flattering offer to go into business in Pittsburgh and accept, thus denying his services to Manager Clarke.

CHALLENGE ZURICH JUNIORS. We the Varna Junior hockey team (under 21 years), challenge the Zurich Juniors for a game of hockey to be played on Hensall rink, a suitable date. Having won two games out of three from Brucefield Junior, we would like a game with Zurich Juniors this season. Kindly answer to John McKenzie, captain, Varna, Box 108.

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## How the New Quebec Bridge Will Look When Completed



This picture shows what the new bridge, which is to span the St. Lawrence River when completed, will appear. It will be the largest single span bridge in America, and is taking the place of the one which collapsed about years ago while under construction. This picture was taken in Toronto, in the University of Toronto gymnasium, and was an unique feature of the decorations at the third and fourth year engineers' dance. It is an exact reproduction, on a smaller scale, of course.

FOUND NEW PEOPLE  
IN NORTHERN PARTS

Explorers of Canadian Govt.  
Hear of White Race in  
Arctic Wilds.

New York, Feb. 12.—From the far north, in the neighborhood of Coronation Gulf and Victoria Island, have come messages from Stefansson and Anderson, leaders of the Arctic expedition now making a tour of exploration for the American Museum of Natural History and the Geological Survey of the Canadian Government.

"We have covered the last mile geographically that we set out to find—a new people more numerous than anyone thought possible," says Mr. Stefansson in his reports forwarded from the expedition's headquarters on the barren grounds of Upper Dease River.

The Stefansson-Anderson expedition has been absent from New York for about three years and has covered a region comparatively unknown and hitherto unvisited by white men. Several times the members of the band have faced starvation.

Most interesting, perhaps of their experiences are the discoveries of several races of "new people" and ruined villages, formerly occupied by Eskimo, and apparently abandoned from 25 to 40 years ago.

The inhabitants of these villages engaged in whaling, judging from the bones of whales scattered about.

At Cape Bexley last May the explorers came upon a village of about 40 snow houses, which apparently had recently been abandoned. Sled trails led north toward Victoria Land, which is visible across the strait everywhere east of Point Wise.

Made Friends. "As the explorers of the last century never found people near here, I suppose village and trail evidence of visits of Victoria Land people, who had come across the strait to get on driftwood," says one of the expedition party in an account of the trip. Later the expedition discovered another village in the snowy region of the north, and people out sealing in the middle of Dolphin and Union Straits.

One of the messengers of the expedition then approached the newly-discovered people, and after a narrow escape of being knifed by one of the party, friendly negotiations were undertaken.

There were 33 members of the group, a small part of the A-kul-lak-tag-mi-ul. According to the explorers neither they nor their forefathers had ever seen a white man.

The winter home of these people is in the middle of the strait north of Cape Bexley, but in the summer they hunt inland south of the cape.

It was discovered by members of the expedition that of the 1,000 Eskimos on the two sides of Coronation Gulf and Dolphin and Union Straits not more than 20 men had ever seen a white

## A Gameless Land.

The Cape Parry region, full of game 60 years ago, is now gameless and deserted, and the Coppermine region has not 10 per cent of the number of caribou of Richardson's time. It is estimated that in ten years it will be practically impossible to live on the country while travelling in these remote lands.

In May Stefansson crossed over to Victoria Land, where he discovered a Scandinavian-like people called the Ha-ne-ras-mi-ul. They are described as a North European people. One of the Alaskan Eskimo guides said in commenting upon their appearance: "They are not Eskimo, they are fo'c'sle men. Two of them had chin beads, described as light and turning to red, and all had light eyebrows."

Specimens of rich iron ore from Victoria Land, north of Cape Bexley, have been gathered by the expedition, and copper is picked up frequently by the natives in the Coronation Gulf district.

Mr. Stefansson spent several months on the Lower Horton River and about the same time on the Coppermine. He thinks that the Horton River is fully as large a stream as the Coppermine. A survey has been made of Horton Bay to within 10 miles of Bear Lake.

It is the present plan of the expedition to remain in the field another year because of the great opportunities for the pursuit of their work. That there is a possibility of Franklin's men having survived for a time is suggested in the evidence at various places of people bearing the names of white men. In most of the communities "Nerk," which translated from Eskimo to English is "Ned."

## SEEK TREASURE SHIP

Argyll One of Those Interested in Finding Spanish Galleon.

London Feb. 12.—The Duke of Argyll, Col. K. M. Foss and the Tormory Galleon Salvage Company are to begin operations next month to recover the famous Tuscan galleon, the Florentina, one of the vessels of the Spanish armada, which was sunk in Tormory Bay, with it, is believed, vast quantities of treasure, including "thirty millions of cash."

Whether these millions are English "cash" or only Spanish "pence," it is assumed the treasure is immense, because the theory is that the vessel contains a great quantity of gold cups, silver plate and ivory crucifixes; that it was in fact the plate ship of the intended Spanish court in London.

From this side of the wreck, many coins, gold and silver "pieces of eight," the melting down value of which is about \$17 and \$125, respectively, have been recovered in an excellent state of preservation. But all attempts to locate the ship itself have failed.

"But," said Col. Kenneth Foss, "those who failed never actually got to the hull of the ship. We know it is there. We substituted for the boring rods

that were formerly used a steam boring plant.

"We bored for more than three months until we actually got to the ship, which is imbedded beneath six or eight feet of sand, and some pieces of oak were discovered."

"The first thing now will be to get the sand off and enable the divers to get in. This ought not to take more than two months. So that within short time we ought to know exactly what the vessel contains."

Since the galleon vanished beneath the waters of Tormory Bay three sovereigns—Queen Elizabeth, Charles II, and James II.—have eagerly desired to become possessed of it. "They believed the ship to be very rich," said Col. Foss, "and if it was good enough for them to concern themselves with it, it is well worth our while to see what is in it."

## GERMAN WOMEN STUDENTS

A Notable Increase in Their Numbers at Berlin University.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The feminine element is larger than ever on the latest matriculation lists of Berlin University. This semester 334 freshmen women have entered the university. There are now enrolled 845 women students and 270 additional women have permission to attend the lectures.

Of this total of 1,115 women students, 60 of whom come from the United States, no fewer than 659 are inscribed on the philosophical faculty roster, 172 study medicine, 12 law, and only 1 theology. A notable feature is the decrease in the number of those who study medicine and a corresponding increase in those studying philosophy.

One might think that pedagogy would appeal to women more than any other branch of science, but only two have adopted it, while 51 have chosen mathematics. The rest are divided among physics, geography, chemistry, botany, natural history, anatomy, astronomy, geology and the other sciences. Of those who study medicine eight apply themselves exclusively to dental surgery.

Women are slowly but surely pushing their way into the ranks of the university executive officers; for the first time there is a woman librarian, and the only professorial assistant in the bacteriology and microbiology section is a woman, Frau Dr. Lichtenstein.

Professors' daughters show a notable desire to follow a university career. Thus Miss Agnes Harnack studies philosophy, Prof. Schiemann's daughter follows a course of natural history and two daughters of Prof. Mendel, the numismatist, study medicine and early philosophy.

## SUCCESS.

[Judge.] "I can truthfully say I am a success," said the literary man who had hitherto kept silent. The others looked at his modest attire and tried to think of something he had written. "Yes," he went on, "it is easy enough for a businessman to stay married when he is home only one day in the week, but I have been doing all my work at home for nearly thirty years and I still have the same wife I started with."

## An Incident That Nearly Caused An European War.



Italian officers taking charge of the French steamship "Manouba" and ordering the landing of the passengers. This action was taken, owing to the presence on board of Turkish officials, who were taken prisoners from the ship by the French and Italy.

Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh  
Annual Meeting of the  
**LONDON LIFE**  
INSURANCE COMPANY

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Shareholders and Policyholders of the London Life Insurance Company was held at the Company's Head Office, London, Canada, February 12, 1912.

The President, Mr. John McClary, occupied the chair, and there were present a number of Shareholders and Policyholders.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Manager and Secretary, J. G. Richter, F. A. S., after which the following report and financial statement were submitted.

## Thirty-Seventh Annual Report

The Directors of the London Life Insurance Company submit herewith the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for year ending December 31st, 1911.

During the year 35,691 Applications for Insurance, amounting to \$7,263,152.50 were accepted and Policies issued therefor.

The net Premium and Interest Receipts of the year were respectively \$762,187.61 and \$196,997.61, a total of \$959,185.22, an increase over the previous year of \$117,091.90.

The payments to policyholders, or heirs, for Cash Profits, Surrender Values, Annuities, Matured Endowments and Death Claims, aggregated \$239,965.50, a decrease from the previous year of \$76,736.80.

The Insurance in force on the Company's books at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, aggregated \$20,237,984.88, under 10,887 Ordinary and 88,740 Industrial Policies, an increase of 1,956 Ordinary and 6,273 Industrial Policies, for insurance of \$3,442,591.83 for the year.

The Company's Assets, consisting of first mortgages on real estate and other approved securities, amount to \$3,589,797.60, an increase of \$335,847.45 over the previous year. The interest and other payments falling due during the year were well met, and no losses were incurred in this connection.

The liabilities of the Company under outstanding policies, and in all other respects, have been provided for in the most ample manner, the whole amounting to \$3,469,494.67. The surplus on Policyholders' Account, exclusive of Subscribed but uncalculated Capital, is \$180,302.93, and after deducting Paid-up Capital, the net surplus over all Liabilities and Capital, is \$130,302.93.

The addition to the Head Office building begun in 1910 has been completed and the Company now has reasonably ample accommodation to meet the probable requirements of the business for some years to come.

JOHN C. RICHTER, F. A. S., Manager and Secretary. JOHN MCCLARY, President.

## Synopsis of Financial Statement

Receipts.		Revenue Account.		Disbursements.	
Industrial Premiums .....	\$589,941 61	Paid Policyholders or Heirs.....	\$233,955 50		
Ordinary Premiums .....	372,246 00	All-Other Disbursements .....	34,302 00		
Interest on Investments .....	196,997 61	Balance to Investment Ac-			
Other Receipts .....	9 16	count .....	374,956 80		
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I hereby certify that I have audited the books and accounts of the London Life Insurance Company for the year 1911. Proper vouchers have been produced for all payments. All Journal entries are of a proper character and all postings are correctly made. The investment securities are complete and in place. The Actuary of the Company has duly certified the Policy Reserve Liability.

The above statement is a correct and complete showing of the Company's business for 1911, and agrees with the books.  
London, 26th January, 1912. JAMES McMILLAN, C. A., Auditor.

## Actuary's Report

The basis of valuation of the Company's business as at the 31st December, 1911, was as follows:  
Ordinary Business—Issued prior to 1st January, 1910, H.M. Table of Mortality, 3 1/2 per cent interest.  
Since 1st January, 1910, (5) Table of Mortality, 3 per cent interest.

Industrial Business—Issued prior to 1st January, 1900, Combined Experience Table, 4 per cent interest.

Table subsequent to 1st January, 1900, Farr's English Table, No. 2, 3 per cent interest.

The total reserve so computed, less the reserve on policies reinsured in other Companies, amounted to \$3,275,616.00.

The insurance act of this year calls for an apportionment of the profits on deferred dividend policies that have been in force at least five years, and of policyholders making this provision, the former practice of computing all profits earned to date of expiration of policies when due without any excess of the requirements of the act.

Of the new Ordinary business of recent years, the Reserve-Dividend Policies have formed a large percentage. As compared with other policies, the Reserve-Dividend Policies are set aside as reserve which would otherwise be shown as surplus, and the accumulating profits account is correspondingly reduced.

EDWARD E. REID, B. A., A. I. A., Actuary.

The President, Mr. John McClary, in moving the adoption of the Report, said: The Report of the Directors and the accompanying Financial Statement for year ending Dec. 31, 1911, present the affairs of the Company in so full and clear a manner as to require but little to be further said by way of explanation.

The New Business, and the Premium and Interest Receipts of the year, each show a large increase over any previous year; while the payments to Policyholders for Claims, Matured Endowments, etc., aggregated considerably less than the like for Claims of the previous year.

The total Insurance in Force at the close of the year also shows a large increase, and now aggregates over Twenty Millions. The Assets also show a substantial increase, and now amount to over Three and One-half Million Dollars of high-class securities, yielding a good rate of interest on the investments.

The Liabilities of the Company have, as usual, been provided for in the most ample manner. Notwithstanding the rigid treatment in this connection, characteristic of the Company, the surplus over all liabilities shows a very gratifying increase, evidencing care and efficiency in the conduct of the business.

The rapid growth of the Company's business made it necessary to provide more ample accommodation for the office itself, and the large addition to the Head Office Building, completed during the past year, should afford this for some years to come.

I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the Report.

The Vice-President, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, K. C., in seconding the adoption of the report, said:

The statement presented, and the comments of the President, indicate very clearly that the business of the Company during the past year was of a most satisfactory nature in every important particular.