

## NO DECISION YET ON CITY BASEBALL

At a special meeting called by Frank White, president of the City Baseball League, held last evening in the office of the Commercial Club, the question of whether amateur or independent baseball was to be played this summer was discussed, but very little progress was made towards the organization of the league. The signing of the affidavits seem to be the chief obstacle in the way. The meeting opened with Frank White in the chair and also representing the Commercial Club. J. Dever and J. Doherty represented the St. Peter's and A. E. Seelye, the Pirates. Other members of the three teams in the league last year also were present.

Mr. White said that, so far as the Commercial Club was concerned, the Commercial Club was an amateur association and they would not consider being represented by anything but a strictly amateur team. It was up to the three charter members of the league to take the initiative and then hear the claims of other teams, if they wished to enter, he said. He advised the meeting that the time was short before some definite decision would have to be arrived at. He thought that a general discussion of the situation should help lift the cloud which appeared to be hanging over the baseball prospects at present.

The affidavits then came under discussion and the St. Peter's representatives announced that the members of that team would not sign. They wished to play amateur ball under the same existing conditions as existed last season. However, they would be in favor of a move leading to the playing independent ball this summer with the understanding that all the teams should follow amateur rules, provided of course no agreement could be reached with the amateur authorities.

The representative of the Pirates said that every member of that team was prepared to take the affidavit, but they were holding off to see what would develop in the situation. Several members of the Pirates would not risk their standing by playing independent ball. Mr. White said that he thought that the majority of the Commercial who composed the team last year, could take the affidavit.

The suggestion was raised that there should be some clause in the amateur rules which would permit an amateur to receive his regular salary or wages as well as his expenses when he was laid up as a result of an accident while participating in a ball game. The present amateur rules strictly prohibit this.

The discussion on the various ques-

tions brought out the statement that places, such as Moncton, Fredericton, Amherst and Springhill, were considering playing independent ball. It was pointed out if St. John took this step it would mean the disruption of amateur sport in the maritime provinces, as practically all the smaller places, in this province at least, would be likely to follow the example.

There seemed to be a feeling among many of those at the meeting that the affidavits either should be made Dominion-wide or else not forced on the amateurs in the maritime provinces. The larger portion of those at the meeting thought that a strenuous effort should be made to reach an understanding with the amateur authorities before the players took the final step, which would practically wreck amateur sport in this vicinity.

While the meeting practically was at a deadlock, so far as the question of a decision as to the class of ball which would be played this summer, the meeting brought out the main points which are holding up the reorganization of the league. The chief items which will have to be settled have been carefully considered and it is hoped that the next few days will see a decision reached.

The report that a Moncton man was trying to promote an independent league, embracing St. John, Moncton, Amherst and Springhill, also came in for general discussion.

The meeting finally decided to adjourn until early next week and several questions, which were raised last night in regard to the amateur ruling on certain points, would be investigated in the meantime. Important developments are expected at the next meeting.

### SCOUTS' POPULAR DELUSIONS IN ADDRESS ON WEATHER

How "the weather man" compiles the vast accumulation of information upon which he bases his daily "probs" was explained to the St. John branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada at its meeting in the Orange hall, Germain street, last evening by D. L. Hutchinson, director of the local meteorological observatory. In the course of his address, entitled "Winds and Weather," which was illustrated with lantern slides showing weather maps and meteorological instruments, Mr. Hutchinson scouted a lot of popular delusions regarding the reliability of Indians, birds, beavers and squirrels as accurate weather forecasters.

Hon. Dr. J. E. Hetherington, provincial secretary-treasurer, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Royal. His many friends will be glad to learn that Dr. Hetherington's health has improved to such an extent as to permit his return from Hot Springs, Virginia, where he went some weeks ago to recuperate. He is accompanied by Mrs. Hetherington and Miss Virginia Hetherington.

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## ST. JOHN TO BE IN EASTERN CANADA BASEBALL LEAGUE

The lay-out of the proposed Eastern Canada baseball league, a new professional association, was definitely announced in Montreal yesterday from semi-official sources. The cities to be represented are Ottawa, St. Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Montreal, St. John and Three Rivers. It was said that the Quebec team is willing to pay any excess mileage incurred in the long jump to St. John, as there was great anxiety to have this city included in the league. T. Renard, clerk of the juvenile court in Montreal, is said to be slated for the vice-presidency of the league, and R. Lamoureux for vice-president and secretary-treasurer. It is stated that Ubald Rose, St. Arsenic club, Montreal, would

manage the Quebec team and Billy Innes, Montreal Athletics, would pilot the Three Rivers team. Joe Page, the noted big league scout, is slated to manage the St. John outfit.

### MISSION CIRCLE PRESENTS PLAY

The play entitled "The Pill Bottle" was presented last night in Centenary church hall by the Hiraia Mission Circle of the church, to an appreciative au-

diences which completely filled the large hall. The play was well presented and an additional feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of the charming tableau "O Zion Haste," in which the solo rendered by Mrs. A. E. Ker, Edwin and Townsend Gunn. The Logie completely captivated the audience. During the evening a sale of homemade candy was carried on by a committee composed of Mrs. C. Arthur Amland, convener, assisted by Miss Gertrude Hennigar, Miss Mary Nelson, Miss Ada the Misses Ketchum, Pendleton, Ted, James, Spicer, and Medafes Mahony, Cole and Logie. A piano duet was play-

ed by Mrs. Rayworth and Mrs. Beville. Miss Rita Brittain was the accompanist of the evening. Instrumental selections were given by Miss Alice Morgan and Master Harrison Morgan, and were much enjoyed.

In the county court, in the case of the county against Stevens, judgment was given by Judge Armstrong in favor of the plaintiff for \$200 and costs. B. L. Gerow for the plaintiff and J. A. Barry for defendant.



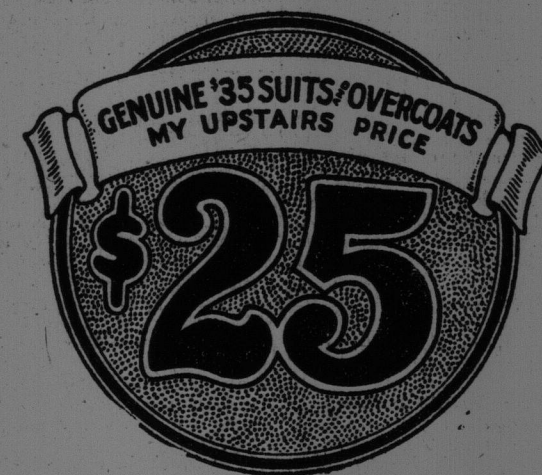
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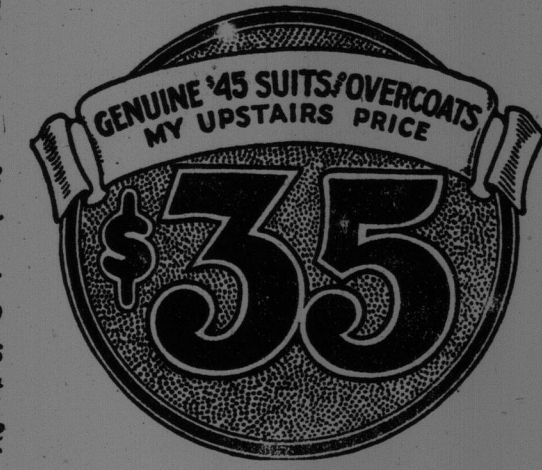
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