

BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1914

## Sporting Comment

"Brantford field is not in the best of shape," reads a sport heading in the Expositor, which, at this time of the year, sounds like saying the water in the Grand River is wet.

Hamilton is playing ball here May 9, and the Duke of Connaught is coming at 4.30 in the afternoon. It wouldn't be a bad idea to have His Royal Highness come over to the park for a short space. It would be his first visit to a Canadian League game, and hereabouts would prove immensely more popular than a visit to the Indian Reserve.

The boys are at it again. A week from Friday and there will be some good bouts at the Grand. Charlie Conkle will go up against Westerby and Brooks and Brémner will go at it again.

Was it the Canadian or Federal League that drove lacrosse off the Island at Toronto? Ask James J. McCaffrey.

Amby Kane is managing Fall River, in a new league down east. Amby will have the opportunity this year of keeping his New England lemons at home where they belong.

Lou Courtney, is with Jersey City this spring and local fans think that he will stick in the International league.

When Rube Deneau was here, he got off that old wheeze about this being his last year in baseball. He said that four years ago, when Berlin first went after him, and incidentally signed Rube up.

Manager Deneau is anxious to beat London, but he should not forget that our civic pride will be badly shattered if the Hamilton bunch puts anything over the Red Sox.

It is said that Bramble and Brant, drafted by Fort Wayne, will sooner or later drift towards Ottawa. Shaughnessy has a real knack of putting things across.

Well, with Knotty Lee out of the Canadian League, there should be less rainy weather. One season in the old Canadian League Knotty spent with us, the print shops couldn't print out enough rain checks for a week's supply. In those days, no matter how the sky looked, the players carried umbrellas to and from the ball park.

Lamond apparently, in pre-season dope, is the only Red Sox to have ended his job.

One new feature will be added to the ball park this year, and that will be a telephone for the use of doctors and others who attend the games. May as well include the police too.

Our next ball news item this month: "President Nelson to-day purchased \$150 worth of punch meal tickets, and after a long winter and the first practice behind the dyke, the players are very heartily at their first repast, after their journey to Brantford."

Two weeks later: "Several players have eaten themselves off the club."

Roy Brown, the treasurer of the Red Sox, solemnly avers that never yet has a player failed to make a

home run to the pay station twice a month, regularly. Just hitting, as it were, in the pinches.

Sporting Editor, Courier, Sir,—Could you tell me if Rube Deneau is married or single. I have always admired his exquisitely graceful actions on the ball field and his manly open countenance.

Yours,  
FANNETTE

Yes, fair one, the Rube is married. Truly it's a sad case.

If Deneau gets a first division club local fans will be appeased. This bug about winning the pennant circulates a lot in the spring and nearly every time comes to a tragic end in mid-season.

Principal Rowe of the Dufferin School informs the Courier that there will be a revival of lacrosse in this city after all, and it will start on the proper foundation, with the youngsters. There is scarcely anyone who is not a lover of the national game, but we must confess to an honest doubt about the success of any revival. There are reasons, almost economic ones, why lacrosse eventually will give way to baseball. The outfit to the small boy is more expensive than for baseball. A youngster can play a game of ball every day without killing himself. He can't do so with lacrosse. The 'pro' lacrosse players of to-day are jokes beside the gladiators of ten years ago, which reveals the fact more than anything that new blood has not been instilled into the game. Pro. or amateur lacrosse games come about once a week, baseball as we have it and in other cities, is a daily occurrence. There is a sustained interest, also, a greater publicity and this latter feature counts heavily. Besides, baseball has become a business which has developed itself into a big investment and it gets the cheapest advertising and widest of any business in the world, barring none. With the big cities deserting lacrosse, it will not be long before the smaller places do likewise. These are potent reasons, given more for the sake of argument than to throw cold water at the proposed rejuvenation of lacrosse. The columns of this paper are open for suggestions to revive lacrosse, and for the expression of opinion from those opposed to our way of looking at the situation.

The Expositor 'first in everything, donates a cup to local footballers a year after The Courier put up the silverware. Well imitation is a sincere form of flattery and we are glad to have helped the game.

Manager Deneau thinks that Gabby Ivers is faster on his feet than Chubby Coose while most likely the opinion of the fans is otherwise. The reason is that what Coose did, seemed easy, while Ivers made hard work of everything. At that, Gabby has been known to steal bases.

Peaknuckle Cancelli, the irrepressible has again offered a dollar bill to every Red Sox making a home run. We have no desire to see Pete go broke, but we hope the advertisement costs him a couple of dollars every day the Red Sox play here.

Although Buster Burrell is willing to come back to Brantford this year, it is unlikely that Deneau will send him a contract. Buster will be heard from some day or other.

The Red Sox this year will not be a joy club. Some of last year's outfit would have made good agents for a brewery, and apparently there was only one place to fix the responsibility. This year things will be different.

(Ottawa Free Press). No. George, his name is not B. Palm Sunday, plain Billy, y'know, although the palm does get some we hear.

It would be a good thing to match Bandsman Blake and Monsieur Lurie for the limit championship of the world. They are about the last word in the fighting business.

Chicago man, Pabalsky, tried to commit suicide because his wife insisted on buying him pink underwear. He was averse to being in the pink of condition all the time, so to speak. We do not know, but we will gamble that Mr. Pabalsky wears a 13-12 collar.

Hank O'Day says that if the Cubs do not win it will be because some other fellow is stronger. Thanks, that clears the situation, nicely.

## Canadian League News Notes

### Smith Not Satisfied

A trifle doubtful of the ability of the men signed for the third corner and receiving jobs, Manager Heinze Smith, of the Erie Yankees isn't going to be caught napping when it is time to unblanket his performers and to avoid possible embarrassment he is dickering for a seasoned backstop and making arrangements to get a third sacker if it becomes a necessity. Leo Wiltsie of Rochester and Paul Warner of Cleveland have signed as third basemen. Wiltsie played with the Guelph club last year in 102 games. He hit .226 and held at .907 both rather low averages for a player at that corner. Warner is only known as an amateur and semi-pro player.

### Lack in Experience

Frank Daniels and John Beck are the two catchers now under contract, and it is doubtful that either one has had experience enough to handle young catchers. Daniels caught about 35 games last season with Guelph and threw his shoulder out. He went to Bonessetter Reese and now says his arm is as good as ever this year. While he only took part in thirty-five conflicts he hit well, the record giving him .324. His fielding was not up to standard and his average was .014, an off color percentage for a catcher. This may be accounted for however, by the ultimate breakdown of his throwing arm.

Beck is simply a touted player and may have loads of everything needed by a catcher or he may fall down badly when it comes time to take the hurdles. Manager Smith is too foxy a play boss to consider any chain stronger than his weakest link and is still looking for players.

His outfield, even if Buffalo decides to hang on to Wright, who is hitting like a fiend at the Charlotte training camp, looks to be the best in the league. Schaffer, Harris and Dawson are a trio of gardeners who have established daisy clipping records long ago and the pasture is considered safe.

### Pitchers Look Good.

The infield, as far as three positions are concerned, is as strong as could be wanted. Gygis should be the sensation of the league at first base. Heinze himself will pasture around the keystone pillow and Charles Behan who caused comment over the circuit last season, will do the short-stopping job.

The pitching staff looks good and seven flingers have so far affixed their signatures to contracts. Three of the seven are southpaws, but it is hardly likely that more than one will hold membership on the Yankee roster.

The uniforms of the club have arrived and will be placed on exhibition at the Two K's cigar store. The road uniforms are gray with black caps, stockings and belts with a black 'E' in a diamond on the sleeve. The home uniforms are white with black trimmings. Heavy sweater coats will be worn. The coats are trimmed in gray.—Erie Dispatch.

### Herbert Looks Good

DALLAS, Texas, April 8.—Fred Herbert, the Toronto right hander, sent last year to Scranton, seems to have benefited greatly by the schooling. He is huskier than a year ago, and spent six weeks with the Brooklyn club in their Georgia training camp. He joined the club in the pink of condition. He has speed that would carry along in mid-season, and his control is perfect, being in both respects the most advanced man on the club. If he does not go stale in the long grind before opening day he will be ready for early season work.

### Canadians in Michigan

Two Canadian league umpires will in all probability be seen working in the South Michigan League this coming season. In Wm. (Deacon) Pearson of Toronto, and Jack Evans of St. Thomas, unless the latter succeeds in again being placed on the Canadian League staff.

Jack Evans was in London last week regarding a letter received from President Fitzpatrick, which praised him as an umpire, but which released him at the same time. Fitzgerald gave as his reason for letting out the St. Thomas official that several clubs objected to him for some reason or other. Mr. Evans, in an interview with President Stevely of the London club, learned the fact that he will in all probability be reinstated before two weeks of the Canadian League have elapsed.

### Bradshaw's Wild

Bill Bradshaw, the Berlin pitcher, drafted by Toronto, is out to beat Joe Lill's record for wildness. Last Friday Bradshaw went in in the sixth inning against Dallas Texas leaguers hit the first man and walked the next four, forcing in two runs. He never put a strike over during the time he was in. That's going some.

Toronto is now anxious to trace young Kirley, the kid who did such good work for Guelph last year. Reports from the south are to the effect that Kirley is not showing much this spring.—Ottawa Free Press.

### Ottawa Confident of Team

Statistical facts culled from last year's records, show the Canadian League champions with a better nucleus right now by a whole lot than when they started the season last year. One more good pitcher, a seasoned shortstop, and a hard hitting outfielder would send Senators, in the fray, May 7th, better equipped than any other outfit in the league. The following dope on the regulars now under contract will give a good line on the foundations of Ottawa's pennant hopes for 1914—

	Batting	Fielding
Dolan, 1st b. ....	.358	.974
Shaughnessy, c.f. ....	.340	.944
Bullock, 3rd b. ....	.295	.876
Lage, c. ....	.292	.976
Murphy, o.f. ....	.254	.973
Powers, c. and o. ....	.245	.794
Smejkal, 2nd b. ....	.205	.920

### Pitching Records

	Games.	W.	L.	P.C.
Hall ....	34	19	8	.704
Kubat ....	28	11	8	.579
Kane ....	12	5	4	.555
Lill ....	35	10	17	.370

The outfield minus Rogers is lacking in hitting strength from last year's garden brigade, though Murphy is one of the best fielding performers in the minor leagues. Powers is a more consistent hitter than Robertson and a better fielder. The infield only requires a good shortstop to be one of the niftiest in the league. Dolan was the best first sacker last year and should be this, both as a fielder and hitter; Smejkal was the best fielding second baseman and the weakest hitting man around the keystone station. Bullock excelled anything in the league at third outside Eddie Wright of St. Thomas. The infield can therefore be strengthened up at short, where it was more or less wobbly all season. While Ned Crowder plugged up the hole there and was one of the main factors in salting away a second pennant, he was not a Schwind.

Artie Lage is a Class AA backstop and should stand out head and shoulders over the maskmen this season.

The pitching corps has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Sam Hall whose ability is unquestioned. Of course Renfer is lost and if Lefty Rogers persists in staying outside the fold, the pitching strength will have to be added to. Joe Lill should be ready this year. His sojourn with Brantford, no doubt did him good. Tom Kane is a reliable boxman, and Kubat is expected to shape up to his 1912 form. One more good pitcher would make the staff look real good, and if Rogers returned it would be formidable.

### Arrangements All Completed.

Manager Curley Blount has all arrangements completed for the training season and transportation will be sent to the players on the Petes' roster this week. The players will be ordered to reach Youngstown a week from to-morrow, Tuesday, April 14, ready to commence training on the following morning. The Peterborough players will be quartered at the Tod House, Youngstown and training will be carried on at Wright Park, a splendid grounds, with comfortable dressing rooms equipped with shower baths and other facilities for training. The Petes will spend three weeks at Youngstown and in that time will play six or seven exhibition games, including one with the Chicago White Sox, at Manager Blount's plans go through.

The new leader of the Petes is decidedly business like and he has taken hold of the preliminary work in a manner that is delighting the local directors. He has everything ready for the training camp and will undoubtedly drive the Petes at top speed through the three weeks of training. This is the longest spring workout the Peterborough ball club has yet undertaken and the players should be in fine shape when they face the barrier in Erie on May 7th. Incidentally the presence of the Petes in Ohio, for nearly a month will be a big publicity boost for this City.—Peterborough Examiner.

## BILL BAKER GETS FIGURE ASKED FOR

St. Thomas Baseball Club Forwards Contract to London Boy Pitcher.

When Bill Baker, the London pitcher returns home he will find a contract awaiting him from the St. Thomas baseball club. The figure for which he has been holding out is inscribed on the slips and it seems meager enough considering that Baker is one of the most likely hurlers to get into faster company in the Canadian League.



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