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CANADIAN LEAGUE MEN HELD
—SCHEDULE TROUBLE ARISES—
LIVELY MEETING AT TORONTO

Hamilton Plays First Game in Brantford on May 7 —Guarantee of Teams is Raised to $50.00—Other Notes

TORONTO, March 12—After a session lasting nearly five hours at the Prince George Hotel yesterday afternoon the delegates representing the clubs in th Canadian League finally adopted a schedule for the forthcoming playing season. Some changes were made in the draft submitted by President Fitzgerald. Toronto and St. Thomas were apparently the only clubs that were satisfied with the dates allotted them. Even Ottawa, which got most of the plums, having been given no less than four openings, raised a mild objection to some of its dates, but the delegates were not inclined to take Mr. Rice, who represented the champions, seriously. There was a disposition to do the right thing with the result that what at first seemed a hopeless task, was eventually accomplished and the revised schedule sent every one home happy.

President Fitzgerald was, in the chair with these delegates present:

Ottawa, M. T. Bryce.
Erie, Geo. O'Neil, T. J. O'Connor.
London, F. C. Buzzell, H. A. Pearson.
Brantford, T. J. Nelson
St. Thomas, C. Stanley.
Peterboro, E. T. Carr.
Hamilton, A. L. Garthwaite, M. M. Robinson
Toronto, P. Kerwin.

A communication was read from Secretary Farrell of the National Association, refusing the application of the Canadian League for a Class B classification on the ground that the league did not have a population of 400,000 as required by the rules. As Toronto belongs to the International, this city was, of course, not included, while the Government census of 1910 furnished the figures upon which the decision was reached. The delegates thought relief might be obtained by appealing to the National Commission and the matter was left in the hands of the president.

It was decided that Toronto should be allowed to use 100 season passes, Ottawa, London, Erie and Hamilton 50, and Brantford, St. Thomas and Peterboro 40. Toronto is also to have the right to issue 50 passes daily and the other clubs 25.

President Fitzgerald announced the appointment of these umpires: J. M. Flynn, Buffalo, N.Y., who will report June 1; J. .. Walsh, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; R. E. Bedford, New York City; Henry Riley, Jamestown, N. Y.; Henry Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; and Arlie Latham, Lynn, Mass.; Miller and Riley belong to the International. Only four will be kept on the staff after the first two weeks of the season.

In future the guarantee will be $50 and in case of rain $30, Ottawa paying the $75 rate in both cases as heretofore. Sunday games gates will be divided equally.

Here are te opening games in each city:

May 7th.

Hamilton at Brantford.
Ottawa at St. Thomas.
Peterboro at Erie.
Toronto at London.

May 14th.

Brantford at Hamilton.
Toronto at Ottawa.
London at Peterboro.

The mileage is approximately as follows: Ottawa, 6,964; Toronto 4,432; St. Thomas 4,830; Peterboro 4,425; Brantford 3,704; London 4,400; Erie 5,174.

The Hamilton delegates announced that the Ambitious City would have a new park ready for the opening game.

St. Thomas has bought Nevitt, an Indian catcher from Battle Creek, Mich., club for $400. The club needs a first baseman to round out the team.

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THE ROUND.

ORILLIA	3	10—13
Varsity	4	3—7

ORILLIA, March 12—In the last of the final junior O. H. A. games here last night Orillia won the honors from Varsity by the score of 10 to 3. Half time score 5 to 1. Orillia won the junior O. H. A. championship.

GIANTS AFTER SHAFER.

NEW YORK, March 12—President Hempstead, of the Giants announced yesterday that he would leave next Friday for California on a vacation trip. Though Mr. Hempstead did not say so, it is understood that the primary object of his trip will be to try to induce Third Baseman Arthur Shafer to report to the Giants.

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Ritchie-Wolgast Go Thursday Next Will Be a Grudge Fight

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 12.—Willie Ritchie, world's lightweight champion, and Ad Wolgast, the Michigan tiger, will provide the feature match in pugilism this week, the pair being scheduled for a ten round contest in the palatial Milwaukee Auditorium next Thursday night.

This simple announcement that the title holder and his dreaded challenger are on edge for a renewal of their championship, recalls to mind the fact that for fifteen months Wolgast has sought and begged for the match that he now faces.

On November 28, 1912, at Daly City, Cal., Wolgast, then the reigning champion, was stripped of his crown by Willie Ritchie, at that time comparatively unknown. The defeat of the Wolverine was the biggest surprise in pugilism since the day young Corbett took terrible Terry McGovern to a lacing.

Followers of the ring game will recall that the title match between Ritchie and Wolgast ended in a manner that has left the question of superiority still undecided. While reeling and dizzy from a knock down punch given him by Ritchie in the sixteenth round, Wolgast slashed out with his left glove, the blow was low and Ritchie dropped to the mat, writhing in pain. Wolgast promptly was disqualified and Ritchie was proclaimed champion.

Bitter Feeling Has Developed

Since that time Wolgast has claimed that Ritchie is an accidental title holder and he has further stated that if the foul was committed there was not enough force behind the blow to hurt Willie seriously. Ritchie and his partizans on the contrary, insist that Wolgast deliberately fouled because he realized that the knockdown that he sustained had left him weak and helpless. He could see his title passing to a younger man, and rather than submit to defeat honorably he resorted to ring trickery so that Ritchie's championship claim would always be under a cloud. The bitter dispute and ugly accusations that have followed that historic battle have developed a feeling of personal hatred that has been manifest throughout all the negotiations looking to a match between the pair.

Wolgast is particularly vindictive, and the charge that he deliberately fouled Ritchie even to this day rouses him to anger.

Canadian League News Notes

Training Camp Scare.

Battle Creek, Michigan's great health resort, is the latest suggestion for the Ottawa ball club training quarters this spring. The facilities there would be A-1, and as it is easy of access from all points of residence of the players, it might be finally chosen. Rufus Gilbert, the ex-Cub pitcher, now managing the Terre Haute team of the Central league, wants Shag to bring his squad there Terre Haute is located down near the Kentucky line, and is a little more out of the way than the Michigan centres. Negotiations are now going on, and something definite will be announced in a week's time as to where the ball tossers will round into shape.

"Give me a first class shortstop and three good pitchers and I'll bring another pennant here," stated Manager Shaughnessy this morning. And it is along these lines the husky bent-legged pilot is directing his energies. He has two good shortstops in view, and half a dozen good boxmen, but the trouble is to get the landing net under them. One short fielder now being negotiated for would make the fans sit up and bark with all their might, if he was brought into the fold. And Shag is on his trail with the tenacity of a Sherlock Holmes.

A draft of the Canadian League schedule was received this morning by the Ottawa club, and a meeting will be held tomorrow in Toronto to discuss the dates. It calls for sixty games in Ottawa. The season opens May 7, and closes September 7.

Dunlop, the London shortstop, sold to Cleveland, is now down south with the Naps, and making a fight with Chapman for the short field position.

The official bulletin of the National Association records H. E. Durkee signed with Ottawa. Bobbie Auld with Toronto, Frank Kelly with Peterboro; also the contract of the following Canadian League umpires: Henry Riley, John G. Walsh, Jas. M. Flynn, Artie Latham and R. E. Bedford.

Manager Yeatcs of Hamilton is a good looking fellow, and we hope he can round up a ball club with as much ability as he appears to have.

Jim McAvoy, the Berlin catcher drafted by Connie Mack, has been sent to Baltimore—Ottawa Free Press.

The Ottawa Free Press critic Malcolm T. Brice, has the following to say of Canadian League prospects:

"Although the rosters of the various Canadian League clubs are ambigious, and outside of last year's players little is known of the calibre of the new men, sharps are doping out the teams that will fight for the bunting this year. In this connection Erie, London, Toronto and Ottawa are figured as the clubs likely to set the pace. St. Thomas and Peterborough have good pitching staffs over from the season of 1913, and may prove troublesome. Hamilton and Brantford will have to show what they have got before anything will place them as first division contenders.

The prospects at Hamilton depend largely on what the new manager, Dr. Yates, can uncover. He hasn't much from last year's Kolts that would form the nucleus of a first class D. club. Two fair pitchers, a fair catcher and one good outfielder is all the Hams can show from last year.

Dr. Yates, of Hamilton, has signed a third baseman who hit .335, and he is signing about three stars a day. However, to us it looks like Erie and London this summer. The Senators will have to watch Reisling and Smith.

Brantford requires a whole new ball club and Rube Deneau will have to face the hardest task of his career. There isn't a man left on the club that looks class enough to stick in the circuit this season. As soon as Brantford evades the New England states for her ball players the better for the club. More lemons hail from that direction than any other part of the continent. And Brantford has had 'em all from there for three years.

There is no doubt that Erie and London will place strong equads on the field. Erie, if successful in holding on to some of her star men in the defunct Inter-State last season will have a whale of a team, with the pick of the Guelph club. They are trying to get back Bobby Schang, a brother of the redoubtable Wally, of Connie Mach's Athletics, and one of the best maskmen in the minors. About eight of last year's Guelph club will be tried out in the spring by Manager Heine Smith, and of this number Schaeffer and Wright, who hit one, two in the Canadian League last season, possibly Kelly Harris, Jack Fryer, Patie Behan and Pitcher Stark will stick Kirley, the young smoke ball hurler, has been reclaimed by the Toronto Leafs, and will be with Eddy Hofly's outfit.

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TORONTOS LAND THE N.H.A. TITLE

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THE ROUND.

Torontos	0	6
Canadiens	2	0

TORONTO, March 12— The Torontos last night won the season's championship in the National Hockey Association by defeating the Canadiens of Montreal in a spectacular game. The score was 6-0. The Canadiens started with two goals to the good, but the Torontos played in such fine form that the Frenchmen could not gain a goal in last night's game.

The local team checked better than the visitors and followed in their shots with more regularity. Their forwards played an excellent combination game and several times they worked their way within the Canadiens' defence. The home team to a man put up a fine brand of hockey right to the end of the game. The Frenchmen did not get inside the Toronto bulwarks once, though they tried several rushes with a three-man combination.

Walker was about the most effective player in the game. Foyston also did good work. Cameron was spectacular and bothered the Canadien defence.

Chinese brigands sacked another city, and a Norwegian missionary was killed.

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BIG LEAGUE STARS APPLY FOR PLACES ON FED. LEAGUE

CHICAGO, March 12.—Eleven big league players have telegraphed President Gilmore, asking for a chance to join the Federals, according to a despatch from Shreveport, La.

Among them are four of the Boston Americans, and players on the Chicago Federal League team are quoted as saying that they are Wagner, Lewis, Collins and Leonard. It was understood the Federal League refused to accede to Wagner's demands, which were for $7,500 a year. Collins' reported terms may be accepted, it was said, and if so he will be signed for the Brooklyn team.

The specials say that President Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, has made a new offer to Ty Cobb, while George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federals, is reported to be after Wilbur Good, of the Chicago Nationals. Both Good and Cobb are under contract with their respective league teams.

President Gilmore Silent

SHREVEPORT, La., March 12.—Jas. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, here with the Chicago Federals, refused to confirm or deny statements to the effect that terms offered by Ray Collins of Boston would be accepted, nor would he name any of the fifty players of the American and National leagues who have been reported to have been negotiating for Federal League contracts.

"All the clubs in the league have all the players they need with the exception of Brooklyn and Buffalo," said President Gilmore. "We probably will sign two more players for each of these teams. We have all the places we need to which we may send players not retained by the Federal League, and we are not worrying over farms."

President Gilmore said he would leave to-morrow for Chicago.

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