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Sporting Comment

BY FREE LANCE

In Canadian ball, Ottawa out-drew any of the other clubs in the league in the season by 12,000 attendance. London received the second largest patronage, while Hamilton showed a decided falling off from the previous year. Just watch the Red Sox draw a crowd in 1914.

At the meeting of the Canadian Baseball League held yesterday afternoon in Toronto, the motion of W. A. Mahoney of Guelph, to exclude the press from the meeting was overruled, as were numerous other petty arguments which he inflicted on those in attendance.

The game at Agricultural Park this afternoon between St. Patrick's of Hamilton and the Collegiate Institute will no doubt prove highly satisfactory. The St. Patrick's team are not famous in this vicinity, but if they happen to put it over the local boys, St. Patrick's will be remembered.

As the matter of transferring the Berlin and Guelph franchises to other large cities was left in abeyance until the annual meeting which will be held in December, those interested will have a little while longer to wait before hearing "judgment" announced. It was unanimously decided yesterday that President Fitzgerald should attend the meeting of the National Association of Baseball Leagues at Columbus, Ohio, in Nov. 11.

As quite a number of the young men of Echo Place are members of the Echo Place Improvement Association, it is therefore not surprising that the association are considering putting a hockey team in the Senior City League series. The Association believe they have young men who are capable of bringing honor to the society and themselves. Jim Hanley will likely manage the team. Further arrangements will be made at the next meeting of the association.

At an excellent meeting held last night in R. H. Welsh's store the West End Hockey team was organized. The players in view are: good position in hockey for the rule, to come within the fold of the Canadian organization. Erie is a city of 70,000 population, and besides adding this populace it is one of the best baseball towns for its size in the United States, while Niagara Falls, especially in the summer time, contains upwards of 60,000 people. President Fitzgerald, who presided at the meeting told the representatives that the points to which the transfers are to be made are not quite ready for taking over at this time. The places in view are: London, Ont., and Erie, Pa. Both cities are known to be anxious to come within the fold of the Canadian organization. Erie is a city of 70,000 population, and besides adding this populace it is one of the best baseball towns for its size in the United States, while Niagara Falls, especially in the summer time, contains upwards of 60,000 people.

THE GREAT DEFENCE THAT MAY BRING DARTMOUTH THE COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Above is given an illustration of the wonderful defensive power of the Dartmouth line. It will be noticed that the Green players have gone through their opponents' line and are about to block a kick. It is difficult enough for the average kicker to get away a good punt in any circumstance, but when surrounded by a lot of speedy players it becomes an almost impossible feat. The above picture was taken in the Dartmouth-Princeton game and is of special interest because it illustrates one of the strongest features of a team that has an excellent chance for the championship.

Canadian League Starts Movement for Expansion For Big Class 'B' Circuit

TORONTO, Nov. 1.—Coming prepared for one of the liveliest sessions in the history of the Canadian League yesterday, at the Prince George Hotel, delegates representing the eight clubs of the circuit left last night with little done regarding what was thought prompted the gathering. There was no fire works or anything real exciting pulled off, in short the clean-up missed fire.

The transfer of the Berlin and Guelph clubs, which caused so much stir throughout the Canadian League circles did not come up for much discussion, merely being mentioned as a possibility.

Not Ready Yet.

The real reason for its abeyance lies in the fact that the points to which the transfers are to be made are not quite ready for taking over at this time. The places in view are: London, Ont., and Erie, Pa. Both cities are known to be anxious to come within the fold of the Canadian organization. Erie is a city of 70,000 population, and besides adding this populace it is one of the best baseball towns for its size in the United States, while Niagara Falls, especially in the summer time, contains upwards of 60,000 people. President Fitzgerald, who presided at the meeting told the representatives that the points to which the transfers are to be made are not quite ready for taking over at this time. The places in view are: London, Ont., and Erie, Pa. Both cities are known to be anxious to come within the fold of the Canadian organization. Erie is a city of 70,000 population, and besides adding this populace it is one of the best baseball towns for its size in the United States, while Niagara Falls, especially in the summer time, contains upwards of 60,000 people.

League Represents Others.

The meeting was one of the best attended in the annals of the organization. The various cities were represented as follows: Berlin: W. Watt, H. A. Hagen, E. W. Clement, T. J. Nelson, Roy Brown; Brantford: T. J. Nelson, Roy Brown; Guelph: W. A. Mahoney; Hamilton: M. M. Robinson, Ed. Holly, Knotty Lee, J. Burns; London: S. Stevely, Geo. O'Neill; Ottawa: Malcolm Brice; Peterboro: J. H. Denham; St. Thomas: Ed Killingsworth, C. O. Stanley.

President and Secretary Fitzgerald opened up the meeting by a brief address, concluding with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, held in Hamilton, which were adopted, having merely dealt with the finding of players and deciding a forfeited game.

This year's business was successful in a measure to most of the teams, as the league after paying all expenses, besides setting aside a sinking fund of \$1,000, will divide \$1,200 equally to the eight clubs. The funds to pay all such running expenses, such as umpires' and president's salaries were raised by a 10 per cent. tax on all gate receipts during the season.

Crowds at Ottawa.

The pennant and drawing capacity of the league goes to Ottawa, which outdrew London by a narrow margin, similar to the finish of the race. The poorest showing of all the clubs for its size was Hamilton, where only a few more than Berlin witnessed the season's sport.

Peterboro stood third in the list as a drawing card at home, while the three others were bunched.

The situation in Hamilton looks very bright for the coming season, as President McCafferty of the Toronto International League Club, will exercise the option he holds on two-thirds of the stock upon its expiration on Wednesday, November 13.

He is paying \$5,000 for the controlling interest, and from what has developed Hamilton will see Ed Holly as their manager for next season, and will undoubtedly prove just the man Hamilton fans required to put them on the map. The coming of the McCafferty interest means that Knotty Lee and J. Burns will pass out of the league for the meantime. Lee, who organized the league, is about to open negotiations for one of the franchises that are to be transferred.

The changing of the circuit with Hamilton the baseball city it should be, will mean that the Canadian League will pass from a class "C" organization to a great Class "B" League, the addition of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Erie, Pa., brings the population on a losing basis is no reason by any means that the six other clubs should stand by and lose along with the poor towns, especially when there is a remedy within easy access and man Hamilton fans required to put them on the map. The coming of the McCafferty interest means that Knotty Lee and J. Burns will pass out of the league for the meantime. Lee, who organized the league, is about to open negotiations for one of the franchises that are to be transferred.

Compiling Averages

A notice of motion was made which will come up for discussion, embodying a clause wherein a statistician is to be employed at a stated salary to compile the batting, fielding and pitching averages and records bi-monthly. This is an important feature in all up to date baseball leagues, as the remuneration to the compiler is many times repaid in the way of players drafted and sold, who would never be known otherwise.

The rain check question was discussed, and the forfeited game episode, and if not successful, has his eye on another compact circuit, which gives promise to become another big baseball success.



Brantford, 1st Nov. 1913.

No. 152—Captain of the week, week ending 8th November, Captain B. E. Hicks; next for duty, Capt. M. A. Colquhoun. Subaltern of the week, Lt. P. A. Shultis; next for duty, Lt. F. D. Fraser. Regimental Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. J. Foote; next for duty, Sergt. Kellogg.

No. 153—The following, having passed the recruit class, are posted as follows: No. 6139, Pte. Cunningham to F Coy; No. 6142, Pte. H. Mathews to Stretcher Bearer Section; No. 6147, Pte. J. Price to Stretcher Bearer Section.

No. 154—The C. O. is pleased to hand the following corporal and sergeant certificates, which have been earned: No. 5336, Corp. W. W. Prior, B Coy; No. 5790, Pte. R. Wakeling, A Coy; No. 5490, Corp. G. Houston, Signal Section; No. 5951, Corp. E. Vignard, B Coy; No. 6000, Pte. J. S. Scott, Bugle Band; No. 5837, Pte. D. McKie, Signal Section; No. 6024, Pte. R. B. Gage, A Coy; No. 6120, Pte. J. Murphy, Bugle Band; No. 5689, Pte. Beech, Bugle Band.

No. 155—The C. O. is pleased to hand the following service badges, which have been earned: No. 5700, Pte. F. Boyle, A Coy; 3 years; No. 5362, Pte. H. T. Payne, Bugle Band, 6 years.

P. P. BALLACHEY, Captain, Adjutant.

Stumbling over a tree root, Henry Thibault, a C. P. R. conductor, of Delorimer avenue, Montreal, was shot and killed by his own rifle in some unexplained way at Mont Laurier, Que.

GEORGE DENEAU



George Deneau, whose row with the London baseball directorate may bring him to Brantford next year.

lation over the half million mark necessary for the new classification.

Niagara Falls and Erie. To-day, M. M. Robinson, of the Hamilton club was communicated with by phone by enthusiastic business men of Niagara Falls, N.Y., respecting the proposed transfer of a Canadian League franchise.

The greatest point from a tourist's point of view on the continent, has a fine ball park, supplemented with a covered stand, which holds 4,000 people. Not only the fact that it would be a natural locality for baseball, but it affords the league an opportunity to play Sunday baseball in three cities out of the eight. Erie always played Sunday ball in the days of the Central League, and with baseball seven days a week, Ottawa will fall in line, since the Ottawa Jockey Club has offered the use of Connaught Park to the Senators for Sunday baseball, across the river from the capital, in the Province of Quebec, where Sunday baseball is not novelty.

Berlin and Guelph are reluctant at the idea of losing Canadian League ball, but in the end will accept the propositions which will be brought to a head at the next annual meeting to be held on December 5. The league has outgrown that stage when a step forward can be retarded. Baseball has not paid in Berlin and Guelph and the reason that those interested in these franchises are willing to con-

sode was exploited. Hereafter the latter will cause monetary loss to the offending club to the extent of their share of the gate receipts.

President J. P. Fitzgerald was appointed as delegate to the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues' annual convention, which meets at Columbus, Ohio, on November 11, 12 and 13. He will represent the Canadians in the question of whose protection fee is valued in the City of Erie, Pa. territory.

The move in this direction is an excellent one, as much transpires at these annual events which is beneficial to all organizations represented. A double check of all business done by the clubs in the league was asked for by the president, in which is meant that the club must within the next ten days file with headquarters statements of moneys taken in while on the road. In this way all the home clubs will be checked off.

The outlook for the coming season indicates that the Canadian League has outgrown Class "C" league tactics, and 1914 bids fair to see the birth of another class "B" league, perhaps to be called the "Canadian-American," emanating originally from class "D" and jumping to class "B" in three years, only goes to prove the worth of experiment, which Knotty Lee fathered at the offset. George Washington Lee will make an effort to land another franchise in the circuit.

BRITISH WORKMEN GUESTS OF KING

Unique Gathering at Holborn Restaurant in London—A Presentation.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—At the stroke of six this evening the work of beautifying Buckingham Palace with a new front of white Portland stone, estimated to cost £60,000, was completed on the expected hour. Later the British workmen engaged in a notable undertaking. Numbering some 500 they were seated in Holborn restaurant at a dinner, as the proud and happy guests of the King. It was a jolly, rollicking evening from the moment Sir Derek Keppel, representing the King, declared it his Majesty's wish that they enjoy themselves. The King sent a message congratulating the guests on their remarkable achievement and the rapidity of its execution, raising what was acknowledged to be a distinct improvement in London and a worthy addition to the Empire's memorial to Queen Victoria. His Majesty expressed regret that the Queen and he were unable to be present. The workmen came in their best clothes and some displayed with pride their trade union buttons. Others wore magnificent buttonholes formed of the best flowers from their gardens.

Corduroys Not Bared. There was something very human in the appeal of a laborer who asked an official: "Do you think my corduroys will matter?"

He was assured that corduroys were quite the thing on such an occasion.

The dining room was decorated with masses of chrysanthemums. Canon Shepherd, domestic chaplain at Buckingham Palace, pronounced a simple grace. The feast began to the strains of an orchestra playing ragtime. The menu consisted of typically good English fare calculated to appease the biggest appetite. It had been submitted to the King and received his approval. The chief dishes were roast saddle of mutton and roast beef, helped down with English beer.

During the dessert Keppel announced: "Gentlemen, you may smoke." By the side of each man was a packet of good strong tobacco, bearing the Royal Arms and inscribed "From H. M. the King." It was noticeable that many put the packet safely into their pockets, as a memento and brought out twists of their own tobacco. When the dinner was completed, the workmen standing, sang in deep-throated voices "God Save the King," followed by "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The evening finished with a short concert. The workmen included masons, laborers, bricklayers, carpenters, and lift directors. Many came in new caps, two in straw hats and a number in "bowlers." Those with caps had an advantage, for they had not to face the mysteries of the cloak-room; they simply put their caps in their pockets and kept them to wave in the air when they cheered their host, after singing "God Save the King."

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