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FITTON BASEBALL PLAYERS BUSY THIS WEEK

Frederickton Gleener, April 19. The first move towards giving some baseball to local fans during the season which is about to open in this part of the country has been the calling of the annual meeting of the Victoria Baseball Club for Wednesday evening at the Waverley Hotel.

The meeting has been called by Byron Burden, who has been the moving spirit of the club practically ever since it was formed some years ago. It is expected that the members of the club will take the same lively interest in its affairs that they have in the past and that the public will be more generous in their patronage.

Material for Fast Team. It is expected that the Vics will have the same line of players on hand who represented them last year with the exception of George Stuart, the hockey playing pitcher, who liked away to Amherst rather unexpectedly a few weeks ago. Art Pinnamann has returned from Montreal, and along with other local players is now in good standing with the M. P. A. A. If other clubs wish to play for the jurisdiction of that body, they should apply to the League Talk.

The Vics have not as yet heard anything officially of the proposed league with St. John, Moncton and Amherst, but if such a league is formed they will probably be willing to enter and should make a good run for the hunting if the teams use local men only. The jump to Amherst from here is a long one, but probably Moncton would also be played on the same trip, and the train connections are such that the two games could be played with the boys losing only two days from their work.

J. D. B.

BASEBALL NOTES

If 228 former Eastern League players are scattered among 81 clubs in 19 circuits this season, how soon will Johnny King join the Cubs?

Vyakool, the Kansas City player, will have to sit tight. There's nothing to that Vyakool name now that one Wejalewic has joined the Burlington, Iowa, team.

Merkle of the Giants says that he doesn't mind being roasted by major league fans, but when he is called "bone head" out in the bushes it certainly arouses his anger.

Manager Percy Steiner has seventy men under contract for his Trenton team in the Tri State League. Percy has to release only fifty-four of them in order to pick a winning team.

In the inter-league series at Philadelphia Pitcher McQuillan of the Phillies had the Athletics looking like a lot of section hands that had missed the pay car.

Jack Dunn must have a pretty fast team in Baltimore. Holding the New York Giants to a 3-and-3 tie for two games in succession shows that the Orioles know some baseball.

George Moriarty, the former Highlander who is now with Detroit, is a writer of poetry and songs. Well, Hugh Jennings has written some new music for coaching purposes and George Mullin would look just lovely in poetry.

George Mullin has allowed but four hits in the pitcher's box this season. Meanwhile the Detroit team continues to win.

The Connecticut League opens on Friday with Holyoke at Springfield, Northampton at New Haven, Hartford at New Britain and Waterbury at Bridgeport.

Atlanta has a player named Henn, who is holding down first base in Dick Rohm's absence. They are crowding about his work already in the south.

Terry Turner's hard luck does not stop with his bad shoulder evidently. He was badly spiked by Stephens at St. Louis in one of the games with the Browns.

Hans Wagner did not get a hit. Can it be possible that the "Flying Dutchman" is going backwards?—E. J. See. Probably not. The Wright brothers are working on this stunt now but haven't perfected it as yet.

The Philadelphia pitching staff is in a very bad shape. Moren is sick and McQuillan has been taken to a hospital suffering from yellow jaundice.

BOSTON MARATHON WINNERS.

1897—J. J. McDermott, New York. 1898—R. L. McDonald, Cambridge. 1899—L. J. Brignoll, Cambridge. 1900—T. J. McCaffrey, Hamilton, Ont. 1901—J. McCaffrey, Hamilton, Ont. 1902—J. Muel, A. Mellor, Yonkers, N. Y. 1903—J. C. Lorden, Cambridge. 1904—Michael Spring, New York. 1905—Fred Lorz, Mohawk A. C., N. Y. 1906—Timothy Ford, Cambridge. 1907—Thomas Longboat, Toronto, Ont. 1908—Thomas P. Morrissey, New York. 1909—Henri Renaud, Nashua, N.H.

ALGONQUINS FOR YARMOUTH.

The Algonquin intermediate basketball team which holds the city championship, will leave on Thursday, the 29th inst., for Yarmouth, where they will meet the Y. M. C. A. team of that town on the evening of the date named. The line up of the local team will include F. Chase, F. Mahony, H. Seely, S. Seely and L. Holder.

MCNAIL HAS SOLD HORSES.

Mr. Nat McNair of River Louison, has sold a number of fast horses, among which are Will Be Sure, Belmar and Margaret Chime. Belmar brought \$1,000, while the other two sold for \$1,500. These were importations made by Mr. McNair and were all of good stock and had fast records.

SOME FACTS ABOUT CLASSIC BOSTON MARATHON RACE

Every recurrence of the B. A. A. Marathon only serves to emphasize the solidity with which this classic event is settled as the athletic first word in the local field.

First Long Run. Starting with John J. McDermott of the Fastima A. C. of New York, who covered the distance in 2 hours 55 minutes 10 seconds, which at the time was considered a marvellous performance, down to the establishment of the now existent record by the Indian, Longboat, the record has always been in the range of change.

The second year found Boston appearing at the post of honor. J. McDonald of the Cambridgeport gym leading a field of 21 starters home in 2 hours 42 minutes. Conditions of weather in the 1899 race were such that good time was impossible. On a wet, slippery road, and battling with a raw wind and drizzling rain, big bravery Larry Brignolla bested a big field in 2 hours 54 minutes 38 seconds.

Canadians in Lists. The 1900 race saw the first invasion of the great field of Canadian runners, who from the first established themselves as big factors in the success of the event. On this occasion the Hamilton Harriers of Ontario made a killing, taking the first three places. The famous John J. Caffery of St. Patrick's A. C. of Hamilton, was the winner in 2 hours 39 minutes 44 2/5 seconds. W. Sherring of the Hamilton A. C., who afterward won the Olympic Marathon at Athens in 1906, took second prize and his club mate, F. W. Hughson, third.

Caffery's work in this race and the following year was so remarkable. His method of running was to set a killing pace from the outset and stay well up all the way. Running with an odd sideway action, he invariably challenged the leaders at South Framingham, and in the struggle from there on proved himself the master. It is a record of athletic history that he returned the following year, 1901, and set

a mark with ease that stood until Longboat and Fowler surpassed it two years ago. This time 2 hours 29 minutes 23 3/4 seconds was made on a perfect day and the race showed a great fight for second place between William Davis, a Canadian, and Sammy Mellor of Yonkers, N. Y. Davis winning out with Mellor third.

Mellor's Victory. Caffery's great ambition to win three Marathons seemed strongly possible of realization for the 1902 race, but sickness prevented his starting. The race showed Mellor of Yonkers, N. Y., the victor after a hot fight with Ronald McDonald of Cambridge for half the way, with J. J. Kennedy of Roxbury and John Lorden of Cambridge second and third respectively. The time for the race was 2 hours 43 minutes 13 and 2/5 seconds.

Lorden of Cambridge won in 1903, springing a surprise victory by winning the New York in 1905, Ford of Cambridgeport in 1906.

Longboat's Record. Then came the great race of 1907 when on a raw day, with lightning and snow falling at intervals, Tom Longboat, the Indian, loped the long way in the record-breaking time of 2:24:23, with Robert Fowler of the Cambridgeport gym following him in, three minutes behind. John J. Hayes of New York was third.

Last year's field was one of the fastest in the history of the race, the first six men to finish getting under Caffery's best record. Thomas Morrissey, of the Mercury A. C. of Yonkers, N. Y., was the winner in the exceptionally fast time of 2:25:15. He ran his race with good judgment, holding a position within the first seven for the greater part of the distance and assuming the lead at Coolidge's Corner.

Johnny Hayes, the winner of the London Olympic championship, was second, Bob Fowler, who engaged in a duel of speed for almost the entire journey with Jimmy Lee, was third and Michael Ryan of New York fourth.

FEDERATION WILL HOLD OUT THE FRIENDLY MITT TO C.A.A.U.

The Athletic Federation of Canada will hold its annual meet next Saturday and just at present there seems to be a feeling that Mr. Joseph A. Mercer will be the next president.

As far as can be ascertained, not many profound changes are expected to take place in the rules and as to the rumor that they intend to make wholesale reinstatements of professional amateur ranks, a prominent member said: "If they meet us half way we will be pleased as anyone interested in Canadian athletics can be. "If they refuse, well, I imagine the fight will go on, and in a manner that will leave only one association in the future."

HORSEMEN BUSY AT THE CAPITAL

Frederickton Gleener, April 19. The indications are brighter than ever that the Frederick Park Association directors will be able to carry out the plan they had in mind when they announced the extension of time for the first payment on their state events for the race meeting in this city on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd.

The dates for all the meetings of the midsummer section of the Maritime Circuit for 1909 announced before May 1st, when the first stake payment will be due, thus having something to attract stable hands from New England, as well as the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Frederick meeting of course is fixed for June 30th, July 1st and 2nd. A definite announcement has not as yet been made by Presque Isle, but there is little doubt as to their having the talked-of races on July 5th and 6th. Woodstock has expressed a willingness to postpone their meeting from July 8th and 9th until the week of July 12th.

As to the dates for the other tracks following there is nothing definitely announced as yet. Eventually St. John is expected to come in following Woodstock.

Sussex Track Leased for Training. Mr. George W. Fowler, ex-M. P., has leased the Sussex track for training purposes, and his Valley Stables string will be quartered there along with some others. The association, however, reserves the right to hold race meetings and will no doubt take advantage of their right.

New Acting Secretary at Moncton. Going along on what would be the most accessible circuit, the Moncton track would come next. The Moncton people have elected Capt. J. Masters secretary pro tem, succeeding the late D. I. Welch, but whether the Moncton track will hold a meeting or not is not announced.

Fort Elgin is expected to be in on the circuit again this year.

COLLEGE SPORTING NOTES.

The U. N. B. basketball team has laid claim to the title of champions of New Brunswick.

The Mt. Allison A. A. has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, R. A. Patterson, '10 of Hortonville, N. S.; Vice President, W. A. Pickup, '11, of Granville Ferry, N. S.; Secretary, F. Ferguson, '11, of Moncton; Treasurer, R. K. Blais, '12, among which are Will Be Sure, Belmar and Margaret Chime. Belmar brought \$1,000, while the other two sold for \$1,500. These were importations made by Mr. McNair and were all of good stock and had fast records.

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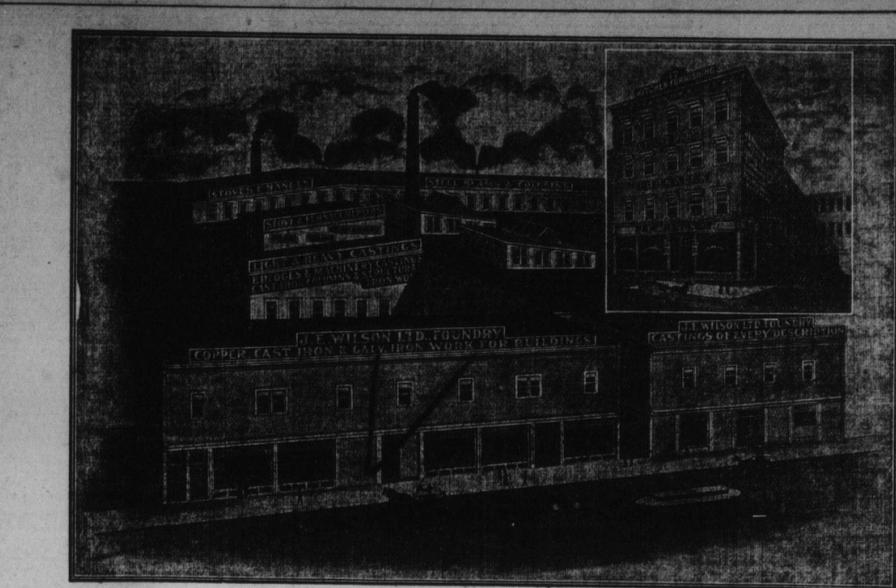
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HEARST MAKES BIG PURCHASE

Ottawa, April 19.—In a report to the Trade and Commerce Department, Agent Arnould, of St. John's, Nfld., states that W. R. Hurst, of New York, has bought 1000 square miles of pulp-wood lands near Bay Despoir. He will invest \$10,000,000 and employ 2,000 or 3,000 men. A direct line of steamers will run from Bay Despoir, which is open all year, to New York.

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