

HARMONY REIGNS AS BASEBALL MAGNATES GATHER FOR ANNUAL SHORTENING OF GAME SCHEDULE IS MAIN TOPIC

New York Clubs Oppose the Change It Is Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Baseball, shelved during an enthusiastic football season, has been brought into New York for a few stitches preparatory to the 1926 campaign.

Hotels last night were filled with baseball men for the first time in several weeks, here to attend the National today, the American on Wednesday, and the joint major session, which will be presided over by Commissioner Landis, on Thursday. There will also be a special meeting of the Eastern League.

There is peace in baseball. A year ago, when the clans gathered, there were warm words and the war spirit prevailed. It almost came to the point where President Byron Bancroft Johnson of the American circuit, or Commissioner Landis would have to step down for the good of the game, but hostilities were halted when a committee, with several white flags flying, journeyed to Chicago and conferred with Johnson.

The meetings this week are expected to be record-breaking in the absence of hard words. Johnson, Landis and all the rest should sit at the sessions in all their glory, each upon his throne, once again at peace with his brothers and with the world.

Most important among the topics facing the annual gatherings is that of a shortened season, to end with the last day of September. This promises to develop a large amount of discussion as the result of the late world series, played in frigid weather in Washington and in downpour in Pittsburgh. Many of the magnates favor the move, yet contend that the games should be played in the sun.

There will be opposition in this score, for the New York clubs are believed definitely committed to the same method that has maintained for several years.

The "trade winds" may be blowing, but so far the seas appear to be as smooth as glass. Of course, as is the custom, the hired men of the wealthy baseball manipulators have arrived with the "bankrolls" prepared to pay any price to bolster the home town team. Much talk always is heard, but very few deals of great potency have been consummated at annual sessions in the past. Managers are expected to remain about as they are, except where minor circuit clubs draw from the major talent.

TOOLE RE-ELECTED
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Sweeping victory for John Conway Toole, president of the International League, for the past five years, was recorded in the annual meeting of the circuit here yesterday, when he gained another five year term and an annual increase of \$2,000 in salary by a vote of 7-1. Sam Robertson, of Buffalo, declined to make the election unanimous.

Toole's re-election was the main business for the International, it having been rumored that the major leagues were out to oust him from his stand on the draft. There were two votes against him on the first ballot, but one re-elected later.

Pioneers Win From Fairville Quintette
In the third game of the Girls' Basketball League played last night in the Central Baptist gymnasium, the C. A. Pioneers won from the Fairville Spartans when these two teams made their first showing of the season. The score was 40 to 35. The game was very closely contested. The referees were I. Newton Ranney and Herman Finley. The line-up was as follows:

Pioneers	
S. Stevens (35)	10
N. Kierstead (4)	10
D. Dashedwood (7)	10
E. Edith Carvill (4)	10
Fairville	
B. Schofield	10
A. Beattie	10
E. Barchard	10
Centre	10
M. Carvill	10
M. Kierstead	10
M. Pratt	10

TO VISIT DELANEY	
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Commissioner John O'Neil and Dan Skilling, of the New York State Athletic Commission, will visit Jack Delaney, Bridgeport light heavyweight, at his training quarters to determine his condition for his bout with the champion, Paul Berlenbach in New York Friday night.	

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U. N. B., Fredericton and Marysville May Form York County League

Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN J. DUNLOP

"JIM" TAYLOR TALKS
OPEN-AIR RINKS, exposed to such weather as Dame Nature might send along, are so common these days they are taken as a matter of course. Like all other blessings, they met with determined opposition when first mentioned and yet today they bring untold joy to countless thousands throughout Canada and the United States.

How many people in Saint John know that the idea of open-air rinks originated here? This is true on the word of James A. Taylor, of Montreal, who knows the skating game from soups to nuts and back again. He is the man who put skating on the map in Montreal, who helped to form the Canadian Skating Association; who started the trek of Saint John skaters to other parts in their efforts to win fame; and who first took Hughie McCormick to Montreal to skate. It can be seen, therefore, that what he does not know could be written on a calling card. What he does know would fill many tomes.

He uncovered some past history the other day while here and while doing it, he told the story of how he introduced open-air rinks in Montreal.

"It is so far back I hate to mention it," he began, "but even then I came to Saint John on business trips. The enterprising citizens down here had the skating game well on its feet then and at that time had an open air rink, the first I believe in America, operating at Haymarket Square, or thereabouts. I was trying hard at the time to get the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association to start one on their grounds but I was meeting with much opposition, chiefly because of the fact that the theorists said the ice would spoil the grass entirely."

"Mr. A. O. Skinner, still hale and prosperous here, was one of the leading athletic lights of those days and one day he took me down to this rink and we looked it over.

"I told him of the objections in Montreal and asked him if he would write me a letter, setting forth how beneficial this community-owned rink was and what a great boon to sport followers it was proving, adding that no harm at all was done to the grass underneath."

"Mr. Skinner replied that he certainly would write the letter. The only thing is, Taylor, he said to me, there is no grass underneath this for the ice to harm."

"Well, write me the letter, anyway. You can truthfully say that the grass was not harmed." This was agreed and the letter written. I carried it back in triumph and overcame all objections. That is how Montreal started its open-air rink system. They have dozens of them up there now. Ours proved a financial success from the start and in some years we have made as high as \$5,000 on it. But the municipality went into the business also and our profits have sunk considerably."

The talk drifted on to other incidents of those great days and Mr. Taylor related how Hughie McCormick made his first trip to Montreal.

"While stopping here on one trip, a man by the name of Sheraton, who had failed in the furniture business, was running a rink on Charlotte street. He conceived the idea of getting some prominent Montreal skaters here to compete against McCormick, then just blossoming out as a star, in an effort to meet competition here from the Victoria Whisk. The Victoria, I see, still is going strong. Well, this chap Sheraton came to me and asked for my support. I told him I'd do anything in my power as I felt it would be a good thing for the game. On my return to Montreal, I arranged with Frank Dowd—and who of the old timers around here can forget Dowd?—and a skater by the name of Finley to come down here. One of the self-invited guests was a reporter by the name of Low. They were treated wonderfully well by Mr. Sheraton and came back to Montreal singing the praises of this boy McCormick and a series of matches were arranged. McCormick was brought to Montreal but was helplessly outclassed by Dowd owing to his inability to negotiate the turns. This chap Dowd took them as I seldom see them nowadays. McCormick's visit started a procession of skaters from this town that has never ceased and I doubt if it ever will. This is the home of speed skating in Canada and judging from the ambitious program laid down to hold a world's meet here in January, your citizens do not seem to be content with resting on past laurels but are out to set new records for the future leaders to follow. Keep at it, my advice."

Local Bowling

Inter-Society League.
On the Y. M. C. I. alleys last night the Inter-Society League the O. H. took three points from the Y. M. C. I. as follows:

A. O. H.	
McManus	77 86 88 271 801-3
Cosman	75 79 82 243 81
Dacey	79 89 82 259 831-3
Cusack	74 82 87 243 81
Mahoney	80 87 86 263 872-3

Y. M. C. I.	
Deberry	77 72 83 242
McLaughlin	73 78 72 223 741-3
Wall	77 82 93 252 84
Poehy	86 81 76 253 841-3
Kiley	84 85 78 257 852-3

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RED STUART IS EXPECTED BACK TONIGHT'S GAME

Bruins Hope to Make Good Showing Against Maroons

Canadian Press.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8.—The Boston Bruins will enter upon their third week of the professional hockey season, tonight by crossing sticks with the haidet sextette in the National Hockey League, the Montreal Maroons, who defeated the Boston outfit in Montreal, last Saturday night. With some of his crimples able to return to the line, Coach Ross, of the Bruins is hopeful of turning back the Montreal team roller this time.

Ross came back from Canada greatly impressed with the reconstructed Maroons and especially with the work of Nelson Stewart, the Montreal boy, who was with Cleveland last year, and Al Seibert. With a starting line up averaging 180 pounds to the man, and the speedy forward line, the Montreal team is ready for any sort of a game that may develop.

"Red" Stuart and Jerry Geran will resume action for the Bruins tonight after their enforced layoff of two games. A new player will be introduced tonight in Joe Matte, utility man, former Hamilton amateur and later a member of the Vancouver pro team. Matte is not yet in the best of condition, but will be given a chance to show his stuff for a limited period. The probable line up for tonight's game:

I. O. F. League.	
On the I. O. F. Ladies' League last night the Lingley A. team took four points from the Wygodies as follows:	
Lingley A.	Total Avg.
MacKenzie	54 72 82 178 62 1-3
Wanamaker	47 62 57 156 62 1-3
Earle	42 43 51 136 45 1-3
Powers	42 73 78 188 62 2-3
Duffy	64 71 61 196 65 1-3
Borden	64 71 61 196 65 1-3
Redmond	61 61 61 183 61

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