

ALL THE NEWS  
THAT IS NEWS

## A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON  
MANY SPORTSCANADIAN LEAGUE CIRCUIT  
MAY BE CHANGED TODAYMeeting at Toronto Will Discuss Question and Likely Take  
Action in Replacing Guelph and Berlin With Niagara  
and Erie—Deneau Matter Will Also Be Aired.

BY JINX.

The Canadian League magnates will gather at Toronto today, and when the session is over it is more than likely the circuit will be changed geographically. For some time, in fact, ever since the end of the first season of the league's existence, rumors have been prominent that Berlin and Guelph will be dropped before the opening of the next season. It now looks as if some action to place these clubs in larger cities will be taken, and the meeting today has practically been called for that purpose.

"Fit" Has Been Working Quietly. President Fitzgerald has been quietly working on the proposition for some time, and it is expected that he will have something to announce in reference to bringing Niagara Falls and Erie, Pa., into the circuit, to replace Berlin and Guelph. The last named clubs have never been paying propositions, and the prospects are that it will be some years before they will be Niagara Falls and Erie are larger cities and better baseball places, and their entrance into the league would likely result in a higher classification and an increased salary limit. All this would tend to provide the Canadian League with faster and better baseball. Both these American cities are anxious to enter. They are both without organized baseball at the present time, and the Canadian League has an opportunity that perhaps will never again present itself to make a fine, compact, eight-club circuit.

Mahoney Will Fight Move. Despite several stories from Guelph to the contrary, President Mahoney, owner of the club there, is willing to transfer the Guelph franchise to Erie, providing the proposition looks good. He is not noticeably satisfied with Guelph as a baseball town, and if the league decides to make the change he will undoubtedly support it. The story that he would make a fight to keep to franchise in the Royal City is denied by him.

Berlin Owners Would Have to Sell. In Berlin the situation is a little different. The Berlin franchise is controlled by a number of Berlin people, and it is unlikely that they would wish to retain an interest in it if it were transferred elsewhere. They would likely demand a price for it and would likely fight for a larger amount than a purchaser would be willing to pay. The Berlin club has lost nearly all its good players and the club will have to be built up again next spring. The other clubs in the league are almost unanimous for a change in the present circuit, and the result of today's meeting will be watched with some interest by the fans in the different cities.

Deneau Matter Coming Up. Three of the London directors, President Stevely and Messrs. Gilman and O'Neil, will attend the meeting. It is more than probable that the Deneau matter will come up, and it is not unlikely that Rube himself will be there. The London club will also investigate the report that Brantford has signed up Rube, and that he is getting players for them already. If the Brantford management has negotiated with Deneau and has accepted his terms, a lively row will result. The London management states that Rube still belongs to London and he will have to report here next spring. He is not free to sign with anybody and the local club will make it hot for any other club in the league that is dickering with him.

Several other matters will also come up before the meeting, but it is not likely there will be anything more important than the above-mentioned questions.

"Jack" Coombs Is To Leave  
Hospital "Good as New"

Connie Mack's "Iron Man" Will Play With Team  
Next Year If He Has the Strength—His  
Pals Remember Him.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—The happiest man in the University Hospital on Wednesday was "Jack" Coombs, the "iron man" of the world-beating Athletics and champion prognosticator.

For "Jack" had every reason to be happy. The doctors told him that if he is good they will take off the weights that have held him helpless to a cot in the University since Sept. 1.

But something else made "Jack" grin. His pals while visiting and dining at a sumptuous banquet in the Bellevue Tuesday night did not forget their old friend on his bed of pain. Some time during the night someone sneaked up in the room where "Jack" is lying and found him asleep.

Jack woke up during the night with a strange sense of oppressiveness and a fragrant odor in his nostrils. He stirred uneasily and glanced down on the cot. What he saw there almost brought tears to his eyes. For his cot was literally covered with American Beauty roses, carnations and lilies of the valley filled the room with their fragrance.

"Great boys, all of them, and all white," he murmured today. Then his talk turned to other subjects. "Yes, I got my slice of the world's series money all right," he said, "and it will come in handy. With I play with the team next year." If God gives me strength I will. There is no truth in the rumor that I intend retiring from baseball. By the way, they tell me that they are going to take the weights off me today, and that I will be as good as new. This rest has done me a world of good."

Physicians at the hospital say Coombs' cure is assured and predict his speedy recovery.

FRANK CHANCE USES SOME  
CHOICE WORDS TO PLAYERS

Tells Them What He Thinks of Them in Language That Is In  
a Class By Itself—He Also Calls Himself  
a Few Names.

"You can talk about language," says Ed. Reulbach, the tall and mighty pitcher, "but when it comes down to purple oratory, garnished with all the trills and sparkles, Frank Chance has few competitors. He can say things in a manner to make them stick in, and when he has fully expressed his opinion of you, you can't get over an impression that you have been drinking from the tobacco bottle by mistake for the cold tea."

"One pleasant day when we encountered St. Louis, King Cole was told to go in and stop the Cardinals, who, at that time, were playing a good, aggressive game. I don't know what could have been the matter with the good King, but as soon as his arm began aching you could hear nothing but wood crashing and see nothing but dust around the bases. Chance stopped

the proceedings and walked out to the King. "See here, you long, lean, yellow, spavined grandson of a striped hyena, roared Chance, what sort of a fellow do you think this is? A run-around, a revolving corkscrew or a one-ring circus? Get outa this, you unprintable child of a seahorse, get outa this before I kill you, and take it from me, you are the yellowest cur in the broad 'realms'." And the King departed, blubbering bitterly. Chance waved a hand and I took up the burden.

"I couldn't get 'em over. They didn't hit me, but I issued pass after pass, hit man and threw a wild one that carried off the front of the stand. Again Chance stopped the game and walked across the infield.

"You wild idiot of the Bornean jungles, you solid composition of ivory and unbecomingly, he screamed, 'I made a serious error in what I said to Cole. You are ten times yellower, twenty times foolish and fifty times as utterly useless, incapable, pitiable and repulsive as he even dared to be.' Beat it, you human snake, beat it fast, or I'll stamp your poisonous frame so deep in the sod that they'll find nothing but a grease spot and a fragment of concrete.' And, somehow or other, I concluded I wasn't wanted round there, and went away.

"Lard Lon Richie went to the slab and had a rest, a wild pitch and an error immediately. Eight runs had been scored, the bases were still packed and not a man was out. Chance threw the ball back to Richie after an ineffectual try for a base runner and Richie tossed it up, saying it with a wild grin and generally clowning the act. For the third time Chance stopped the game and walked to the slab.

"You—you you brackener brained cross between a mongrel pup and a de-bauched buzzard," he shrieked. "I apologize to Cole and Reulbach. You are so much their moral and mental inferior that those two scoundrel dogs look like angels of sunshine when compared to such a thing as you. Now, you—, but Richie was 200 feet away and going rapidly.

"When the game ended Chance came into the clubhouse, stopped in front of a mirror and addressed himself. "You half-baked, pig-headed, bow-legged, drooping, addle-brained, imbecile jackass," he whined. "You are worse than Cole, Reulbach and Richie added together. The Lord gave them no sense at all, so what kind of a thing must you be to live such things as they?"

"And we softly stole forth, leaving him still telling himself his opinion of his own character."

"Bean Ball" the Acid Test That Is  
Applied to Big League Youngsters

Manager John McGraw, once or twice, has remarked, "Give me a natural hitter and I'll make him a ball player." To be a natural hitter is demanded of a man who would be a big leaguer, by the little Napoleon.

Very few good hitters have been manufactured, although there is the occasional exception, like Clyde Milan. It is notable that the Giants rank low as hitters, but in the standing of the clubs, which is what counts, the team is generally there or thereabouts.

Batting's cardinal sin is to "pull away." Many a youngster goes to the big league full of ambition, and performs like a Jack Glasscock in the field, after which he is given the acid test.

"Take a turn at bat," says the manager. The chances are the manager has ordered the pitcher to "shoot a fast one at his bean." If the batter steps back, or in the lull of the game, "puts his foot in the water bucket," he signs his death warrant.

But if he stands up to the plate, or steps out to meet the ball, pulling aside only at the last moment, when he sees the ball is not going to "break," he gets the O. K. of the boss and his education begins.

McGraw has made stars of many a nervous batter who handled himself like a dinosaur in the field. He spent four years on Fletcher, his "sensational shortstop," before Fletcher became a star—but Fletcher was always a hitter.

Many batters who refuse to back away from a ball coming at their head, have been "beamed" and made plate shy.

After stopping a fast ball with the side of his head, the player who can face speed again and refuses to "pull" is passed as hopeless by pitchers with a tendency to "bean" dangerous batters.

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