

International League Opens—Likewise Target Season

Baseball with 16,000 on One Grand Stand; Target Practice in the Quiet of the Open Country

LAST week the International Baseball League opened in Toronto and Montreal, although previous games had been played in the United States cities. At the opening game in Montreal there was a record crowd, although the crowds there never equal those in Toronto. Providence won easily by a score of eight to two, mainly because of Montreal errors.

Montreal started the season fairly, but is hardly holding its own. On Saturday last it was sixth on the list. It is probable that the team will require strengthening if it is to make a better showing than it did last season.

The Toronto season opened a day later, and sixteen thousand people saw the Toronto Leafs defeat Newark, which for a time was the leading team in the League. The crowd was rather remarkable for its size considering that Toronto was at the bottom of the list. For a team that won the pennant last year the Leafs are making a rather poor showing. They certainly have got away to a bad start, and like Montreal, there will be much strengthening required if the team is to finish in the first division. Their showing last week was fairly good, as they won three out of the four matches with Newark, the only loss occurring when Wyatt Lee, Toronto's hoodoo, pitched for Newark. The score on that occasion was one to nothing in favour of Newark. For Toronto Hearne and Lush are doing well in the box, and Northen, the new right-fielder, has been showing well at the bat.

Canadian League

LAST week the Canadian Professional League, which is composed entirely of Ontario teams, opened its season. The standing on May 10th was as follows:

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Hamilton	3	1	.750
St. Thomas	3	1	.750
Brantford	3	1	.750
Ottawa	3	1	.750
Berlin	2	2	.500
Guelph	1	3	.250
London	1	3	.250
Peterboro	0	4	.000

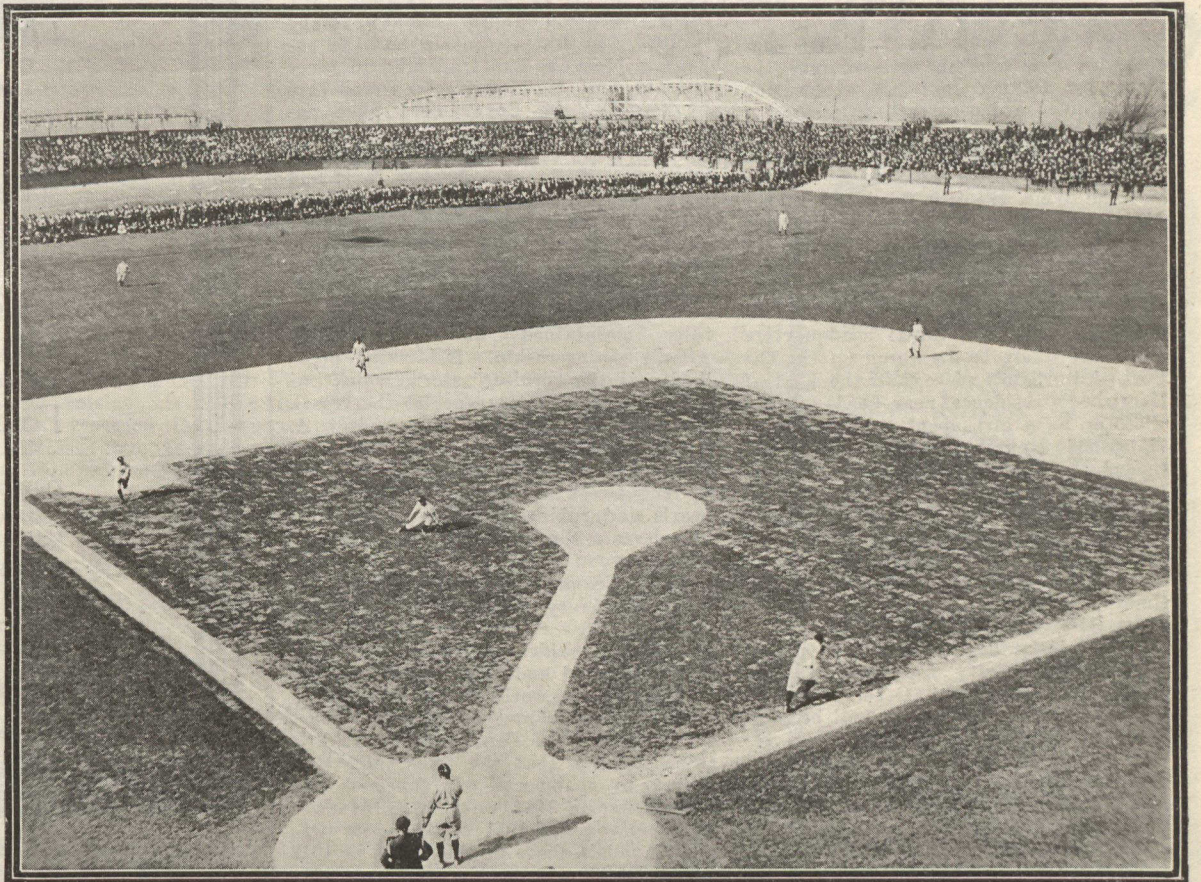
Western Canada League

OPENING games in the Western Canada League were played in Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat on Monday, May 5th. Calgary defeated Edmonton, Saskatoon defeated Moose Jaw and Regina slaughtered Medicine Hat, thus proving that the Western League is not proceeding on the principle that the home team should win at home. In this case every home team lost. The crowd at Edmonton is said to have been a record for that city—nearly three thousand.

Later in the week 4,395 people attended the opening game at Regina, which, compared to population, is probably the biggest crowd that ever got together on a grandstand anywhere. The weather was decidedly chilly, yet hundreds paid for the privilege of standing room only. The West has taken to baseball even more keenly than the East, though at one time lacrosse was popular. It is gradually being superseded, however, by "ball." Indeed, the game from over the line bids fair to take a permanent first place in the sporting scheme of the Dominion.

A Correction

A PICTURE of the Sarnia waterfront appeared in the Canadian Courier of April 19th. We omitted to mention that this photograph is copyrighted by H. C. Denkelberg, of Sarnia.



General View of the Diamond at Hanlan's Point, Toronto, on the Day of the Opening Game Between Toronto and Newark.



A Section of the 16,000 People Who, on May 6, Saw Mayor Hocken Pitch First Ball in the Opening Game at Toronto. The Weather Was Propitious and the Fans Enthusiastic.



Opening Day at Long Branch Rifle Ranges, Toronto. The Cleaning Tables.



The Old-timers Got Down to Work at 600 and 800 Yards With Great Relish.