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## INTERNATIONAL MEETING HERE.

### Schedule of New League Will be Drawn Up Soon.

#### Pinkola Made a Record at New Orleans Track—Prices of Seats for the Burns-Roche Fight Are High.

London, March 11.—Mr. Paul B. Wreath, owner of the local franchise in the International League, reports the signing of a playing manager in the person of Charles Bird, of Newark, N. J. Mr. Wreath is extremely confident about the backstop's baseball ability, and from his record it would seem that he has strong grounds for thinking so.

He has been playing minor league ball for several years, although but a young man as yet, and last year he was playing manager of the Alentown, Pa., club in the Atlantic League. This club finished second in the race, and Bird caught all the games. He hit .280 and had a fielding average of .986.

To his skill and leadership qualities is attributed the success of the team he was with last year, for he is always in the game and makes his infield work every minute. A good catcher, that is one who not alone is able to play his position individually well, but one who, like King, of the Cubs, can direct the inside play of the infield, is invaluable to a team, and in Mr. Bird Mr. Wreath thinks he has one of that calibre.

It is possible that no local man will be seen on the line up. Mr. Wreath when questioned is non-committal, and as for Walter Gibson, the big McClary pitcher, he is not particularly anxious to play pro ball if his own word can be taken for it. He has a good job at the factory, and says that he would prefer to pitch amateur ball. "Nig" Jeffries has had two or three interviews with Wreath, but so far no terms have been made and no contract signed, although just what the trouble is neither party will state.

The meeting of the officers and the drawing up of the schedule will be held March 23 in Hamilton, and the president and secretary-treasurer of the league will be elected for the year.

#### WINDSOR EXPECTS TO WIN.

Windsor, March 12.—The Western Ontario Military Indoor Baseball League season closes within a few weeks, and the 21st Regiment team, which has represented Windsor, will be a contender in the finals, playing the champions of the eastern division.

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#### FOUL TIPS.

Manager Michael Kelly has engaged a cottage at the Island for the summer, and will move his family to this city as soon as possible. He will be here himself in the course of a day or two to arrange for the training trip.

Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Tigers, who recently graduated in law, may be one of Detroit's assistant corporation counsel next winter. The members of the present day administration are thirty-three degrees and will see Jennings make his home here permanently. It is argued that Jennings is out of the city but a comparatively short time during the year, and that when the team is home it will take him but little more time to direct the games at Bennett Park than it will the other city employees to watch them.

"Owners of the Brooklyn Baseball Club have been anxious to add another star player to their team for the coming season. At the meeting of the National League Chas. H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Club, and Chas. W. Murphy, of the Chicago Club, were engaged in conversation, in the course of which Ebbets said he would give Murphy \$10,000 for the release of Hoffman, the general utility player of the Cubs. The offer was refused.

#### ALL STARS LOST.

Toronto Professionals Won Last Night's Hockey Match.

Toronto, March 12.—Before a good-sized crowd, on ice dotted with pools of water, Toronto pro last night defeated the All-Stars by a score of 16 to 10, leading at the resting period by 6 to 5.

Local interest was centred on the showing of Donald Smith, of Cornwall and Rat Portage, the new rover player, who will take Bert Morrison's place in the Stanley Cup games. To say that Smith made good is putting it mildly. He is a player very much of the Mercer type, light but fast, and an excellent stick-handler and shot. His showing last night was better than any made by Bert Morrison here this year, even as it was his first night with the team.

#### MADE TRACK RECORD.

#### Pinkola, Derby Candidate, Won a Race Yesterday.

New Orleans, La., March 12.—The feature of yesterday's card at the Fair Grounds was the fourth race, at 1 mile and 70 yards, in which Pinkola, one of the Derby candidates, was entered. Pinkola, at 18 to 5 won, with a length to spare, from Pedro, which finished a strong second. Pinkola in this race lowered the track record by two-fifths of a second, making it in 1:43. First premium was third.

#### NEW YORK'S LEGISLATION.

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—The Senate Committee on Codes yesterday reported favorably the "Agony" bill to fix a penalty of imprisonment only for gambling in connection with horse racing. The bill as reported is amended so as not to take effect until Sept. 1st. This amendment was opposed by Chairman Hill and Senators Hiram and Saxo, but was adopted by a vote of 4 to 3. This amendment, while pressed by the opponents of the legislation favored by the Governor, nevertheless makes the operation of the bill correspond with the usual rule of code amendments, which almost invariably are drawn to take effect, Sept. 1st.

Governor Hughes refused to comment for quotation upon the action of the Senate Committee in amending the bill, but left no room for doubt that he does not approve the amendment. He believes that there is no reason for postponing until Sept. 1st the effective operation of the legislation of the State.

Anticipating the passage of the bills and the expected consequent lessening of receipts of the agricultural societies from the assembling of the State, Senator Aldis and Assemblyman Chas. Smith yesterday introduced bills providing for a permanent annual appropriation for them of \$250,000.

#### RACES ON CASTORS.

The roller race at the Britannia roller rink to-night, between Sammy Masterson, city champion, and an unknown, promises to be an interesting event. Mr. Masterson will do his best to win, to retain the city championship, and the unknown is out to beat the champ, to get an excuse to challenge Crispin, of London.

Walter McMichael, of this city, will race Crispin, of London. The race will be one mile. While McMichael was not able to do much in the championship races, he is a fast skater, and there are many who look to him to give Crispin a better go for the money than any of the other local boys have done.

#### TO SIGN ARTICLES.

#### Officials of C. A. A. F. and the C. A. A. U. to Meet Next Week.

Montreal, March 12.—A meeting of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada has been called for Wednesday next, when the articles of agreement in the recent alliance with the A. A. U. will be ratified.

The date for the Olympic championship trials meet at the M. A. A. grounds will also be fixed at the same time. Montreal has all the events from up to and including the mile, to undertake, while at the same time it is likely that some field events will also be carried out.

Mr. C. A. Spriggs, the secretary of the Federation, stated to-day that he had received many applications from Toronto athletes for registration with the Federation. All possible precautions were being taken to preclude the possibility of ringers being foisted on the Federation. There is likely to be some trouble over the C. A. A. U. trial meeting, to be held at

#### COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Bobby Kerr and J. Ogilvie, local sprinters, have been notified by the A. A. U. that all cards issued by that body to Canadian athletes prior to March 4 have been cancelled, and that hereafter they cannot compete in events sanctioned by the A. A. U. unless they hold the certificates of the Canadian Federation. This means that Messrs. Kerr and Ogilvie will not compete in any more Buffalo meets, as they are strong C. A. A. U. men.

In regard to the new International Baseball League the London Free Press says: "The name of Cal. Davis, of Hamilton, has been mentioned for the presidency unofficially by certain parties, and he would accept, though it will be a better man elected to the office."

The Grimsby ladies' hockey team is evidently made up of "peaches."

The veteran Canadian trainer, driver, owner and breeder, Simon James, is still hale and hearty at the age of 83 years. He resides at Hamilton, Ont. His son, Havers H. James, is one of the leading drivers of the present day.—London exchange.

The Hamilton Derby, which had 29 entries last year, has this year 45 nominations, and a similar increase is shown in all the other stake events which closed recently.

Toronto Globe: Secretary A. R. London, who was in Toronto yesterday, reported that many improvements are being made on the fine property of the Hamilton Jockey Club, including a new paddock, jockeys' and trainers' quarters and a weighing room. The club is now its own landlord, having since last meeting exercised its option and purchased the property. He expects the track to be in order for early work this season, and says that the horses of the Valley Farm Stable will probably do their spring training at Hamilton instead of at Wood-

bury.

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## BALL PLAYERS ARE SICKERS.

Frank Chance, captain and manager of the Chicago National League baseball club, world's champions, is about to begin his tenth consecutive year of service with that organization. He has been with one club longer than any other professional player now in the diamond arena.

Chance has served with only one team since coming into major league ranks, but in that time he has been employed by two owners. The first was Jim Hart and the second Charlie Murphy. Chance joined the Chicago in 1898 as a catcher. He also has played the outfield for them, and from a raw recruit has worked his way up to the leader of the strongest baseball team in existence. His is the reward of merit, and not being a rolling stone he has gathered a share of it.

Johnny Kling is another warrior under the club standard who has not played big league ball elsewhere. He came to the Chicago in 1901, and has been there ever since, catching many games each year.

Eddie Plank, the crack pitcher of the Athletics, has been with the team for seven consecutive years, and with no other. He has come to be as much of a fixture in Philadelphia as Christy Mathewson has in New York. Like Plank, Mathewson's big league career has been confined to one team. He pried his way into a major company the same year as Plank—1901.

Roy Thomas is a veteran who has known but one club as an employer. He has been playing the outfield steadily for the Philadelphia National since 1899. That takes in his entire professional career.

Fred Clarke, Tommy Leach and Hans Wagner are conspicuous examples of men who have been true to one club all the time they have been in the National League. They have, however, been with one employer all that time—Barney Dreyfus. They were with Dreyfus when he owned the Louisville club and came with it to Pittsburgh.

Fred Tenney was a faithful toiler for the Boston Nationals for even longer than Chance has been with the Chicago, but Tenney is no longer identified with the fortunes of the Hub. He arrayed himself with the Boston forces in 1897, probably is as good a ball player as he ever was, and yet he is seeking his livelihood in another field. That's the way it is with baseball.

Two other Pittsburgh standbys are the two pitchers, Sam Leever and Deacon Phillippe. They are as thoroughly ingrained in the Pirate baseball fabric as cotton in calico. Both have been with the Pittsburgh club steadily since 1900, and have known no other master. Charlie Doan, like his team mate, Thomas, has played with only one big league club, becoming a member of the Phillies in 1902. Johnny Evers and Joe Tinker have done all their big league performing with the Chicago franchise, Evers since 1902 and Tinker since 1903.

## STARS IN BASEBALL.

A local baseball fan, who is also fond of figures, has doped out the following as the leaders in their various positions since the commencement of professional baseball in 1871:

Pos.	Name and Club.	Year.	Games.	Fielding.	Batting.	Total.
P.	A. G. Spalding, Boston	1875	63	858	318	2,073
C.	John Kling, Chicago	1901	96	982	312	1,294
1b.	A. C. Anton, Chicago	1881	83	975	399	1,374
2b.	Ross Barnes, Boston	1873	60	865	453	1,318
3b.	H. Steinfield, Chicago	1906	150	954	327	1,281
Ss.	Hugh Jennings, Baltimore	1895	131	943	386	1,329
L.F.	Joe J. Kelly, Baltimore	1894	129	951	391	1,342
C.F.	Hugh Duffy, Boston	1893	131	958	378	1,336
R.F.	Wm. Keeler, Baltimore	1896	127	973	392	1,365
			Total average	940	373	1,413

Willie Keeler played centre field on the Brooklyn team of 1899, and in this position had a record in fielding of .970 and in batting of .376, making a total of 1,346, which would entitle him to the centre field position on the grand national "All-American" team, but as he had a higher record as a right fielder on the Baltimore team of 1896, the centre field with the next highest record, of 1,336.

## Grimsby Girls' Team Won.

Brantford, March 11.—Grimsby girls easily convinced a large crowd of hockey enthusiasts at the Waterloo street rink last night of their evident superiority over the world beating septet of lady skaters gathered together by Manager William Hampel, of this city, when the visitors administered the kalsomine brush in plain and unmistakable style to the merry whistle of 2 to 0. Angus Duncan, of junior lacrosse and Beaver hockey club fame, played goal for the Brantford ladies, and thereby hangs the story of just why Grimsby did not inundate their opponents with a veritable avalanche of goals. Angus was kept busy frequently stopping the rapid-fire shots of the Misses Blanche Culp and Sadie Coulson, who sang out the prettiest duets in the form of a two-man combination ever seen at the Waterloo arena. While Angus was

## BEST SEATS, \$25.50.

Scale of Prices for the Burns-Roche Bout in Dublin.

London, March 11.—It is on to Ireland for Tommy Burns now. The American champion is to meet Roche, champion of Ireland, at the Theatre Royal Dublin, on St. Patrick's Day, and all sporting Ireland is talking of the fight. The demand for seats has been most gratifying to the promoters of the match. A number of the peerage and other society men have engaged seats to see the mill, and it is stated that more than one lady of high degree will watch the two gladiators battle for the world's championship.

It may be said that fight promoters on the European side are thoroughly alive to their ability to charge and receive big prices for an opportunity to see a world's champion fight. In a recent advertisement of the Burns-Roche go was this scale of charges for the Theatre Royal event:

Stage seats, £5, 5s; boxes, from £15 15s; dress circle, £3 3s; parterre, £2 2s; upper circle (full), £1 1s. This is the equivalent of \$25.50 for a ringside seat and \$5.10 for a place in the top gallery, and has changed the opinion of many that the race is bound to be a big betting affair. Pinkola will have the strongest following, outside of Chapultepec and Angela, and if either of the Burlew pair is to be beaten, Pinkola will be the one to take their measure.

Jimmy Murton, who played with the Hamilton lacrosse team last year, will be tried out by the Torontos this season.

Jim Roche expects to enter the ring with Tommy Burns on March 17 weighing about 182 pounds. Cablegrams from abroad state that he now tips the scales at about 190.

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ing.

Charles Mitchell is the richest pugilist in England. He has about \$300,000, and will probably add much to this sum when his father-in-law, Pony Moore, dies. Mitchell made his first big money in America when he boxed Mike Cleary and also John L. Sullivan in Madison Square Garden. The first match with Sullivan netted about \$5,000. The second time they were to box in the garden Sullivan was just winding up a big spree and appeared in street clothes to apologize to the great crowd for his inability to spar. The money was caddy's dividend, and Mitchell's share was \$7,000. The shrewd Englishman then went on the road, where he picked up many more American dollars. To-day he lives like

a prince and mixes with men of wealth in London.

BURNS' BOXING GUIDE.

London, March 11.—Tommy Burns has just published a book on scientific boxing, dedicated to the members of the National Sporting Club, as an appreciation of their kindness. It is favorably reviewed.

## BOWLING SCORES.

In the City Bowling League series last night the Gun Club took three games from the International, who were the winners. Moon, of the Internationals, made 507. Moon, of the Internationals, made 528. The scores:

Gun Club—	129	157	221	507		
W. Thomson	122	145	163	427		
Cline	140	136	150	426		
C. Thomson	148	159	193	500		
Simpson	182	135	158	476		
Internationals	722	727	887	2,336		
Moon	144	202	182	528		
Binkley	120	141	95	356		
Walsh	114	90	124	328		
Isard	117	145	101	363		
Green	173	135	146	454		
			688	713	648	2,029

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## IT SHOULD BE GOOD.

### Basketball Game Between the New York and Local Teams.

The plan for the basketball game at the Alexandra Rink next Monday night between the Greater New York team and the local Y. M. C. A. team opened yesterday at Nordheimer's, and the sale of seats was very pleasing to the management. This game will no doubt attract the largest crowd that ever witnessed a basketball game in Hamilton, and arrangements are being made to accommodate all the crowd. Extra seats will be put in on the ground floor of the Standard Union, of New York, published the following about the National Athletic basketball team:

"The National A. C. basketball team, which left New York on Jan. 8th, under the management of A. H. DeMasse, to tour the United States, has been heard from.

"The record of the team has never been equalled in the annals of the sport. Thirty-nine games in all have been played to date. The Nationals have twenty-nine victories to their credit, have lost eight and tied two games.

"To date the New Yorks have played and covered the following States: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"The original intention was to cross the country and visit every State in the Union where basketball is played, but the remarkable record made by the team has compelled the Nationals to remain in Wisconsin, where their opponents, in an effort to secure a victory from the New Yorkers, have requested them to abandon part of the original schedule and stay over in Wisconsin.

This procedure has given the Nationals a splendid opportunity to visit almost every town and city of note in the State and if the New Yorkers continue their great showing the chances are that they will tour Wisconsin thoroughly.

"The Nationals will return home on or about April 1st."

## SHORT ENDS.

### Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

London, March 11.—In the re-played cup tie to-day Southampton defeated Everton by 3 to 2. Scores in the league were: Sheffield United 2, Manchester City 0, Newcastle United 0, Preston North End 0.

Chicago, March 12.—Wizard Jacob Schaefer successfully defended his world title of 181 ball line billiards championship last night at Orchestra Hall against Willie Hoppe, of New York, defeating the youthful eastern expert by a score of 600 to 425. The game was one of introduction from my firm's bankers in 181. The balls rolled badly for the veteran, and he never got his strike until the tenth inning, when, in one of the greatest exhibitions of close billiards he scored 85 points, many of them gained by means of the delicate line nurse.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 12.—Warren K. Wood, of the Homewood Golf Club, Chicago, led the field of thirty-six players in the thirty-six hole qualification round of the annual club championship golf tournament of the local Country Club yesterday with a card of 169, winning the gold medal.

New York, March 12.—A contribution of \$500 from Yale to the fund which the American Olympic committee is raising to make American participants in the Olympic games of 1908 in London a pronounced success was announced yesterday by Julian W. Curtis, treasurer of the committee. Mr. Curtis was notified of the contribution in a letter from Walter Camp in New Haven, advising him that the promise of this sum was the outcome of a meeting held at Yale the previous evening in New Haven.

Chicago, March 12.—The committee in charge of the national amateur billiard championship at the Chicago Athletic Association yesterday arranged the schedule of the opening games. As a result of the draw for opponents, Demaree presented champion, representing C. A. A., and Jackson, representing the Athletic Club, are paired for the opening on Saturday night. Monday afternoon Gardner, of Passaic, N. J., and Conklin, of C. A. A. C., are to meet, while on Monday night Poppenburg, of New York, is to play Wright, of St. Francisco.

## KIPLING'S TRIP TO CANADA.

He Commences Series of Articles in London Paper.

London, March 11.—Rudyard Kipling opens a series of articles in the Morning Post as a result of his recent trip to Canada. "Our Elder Sister" having intimated that he went to the Dominion to escape the blight of the present Government for a few weeks, he points out that Canada has to deal in the lump with most problems which affect other parts of the Empire separately, but it is not so much the things that she takes the lead in the Imperial game. Having seen the goal more than a decade ago, she has been working the ball towards it ever since.

Kipling outlines the conversation between himself and Canadians in mid-Atlantic, wherein it was discussed whether England would "cut the painter," to save the expense, remarking, "It was an experience to move in the midst of the new continent. If it sounds a little mad, remember the mother country through history is considered as a lady in violent hysterics."

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## CANADIAN CHEESE FIRST EXPORTED.

### ADAM BROWN MADE THE FIRST SHIPMENT TO BRITAIN.

Our Respected Postmaster Introduced It Into the Markets of Britain—The Story Told in a Government Blue Book—Annual Exports Now Between Twenty and Thirty Million Dollars' Worth.

Mr. J. A. Ruddick is the Dominion Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner. In his annual report to the Minister of Agriculture, just published, he deals at length with the Canadian Cheese Industry. He gives credit to Mr. Adam Brown for having first introduced our cheese to British dealers, and Mr. Brown may well take pride in the part he played in this way when he considers the large dimensions of the cheese trade that has sprung up between Canada and the motherland, as a result of that first shipment. At Mr. Ruddick's request Mr. Brown wrote a brief history of the work he did in those early days, for publication in the blue book, and the Times takes pleasure in placing it before its readers as follows:

"To Adam Brown, Esq., the present postmaster of the City of Hamilton, must be given the credit for having arranged for the shipment of the first lot of Canadian cheese to Great Britain, and his name certainly deserves to be put on record on that account. The story is told in Mr. Brown's own words, written by request for this report.

Hamilton, Ont., December 4, 1906. J. A. Ruddick, Esq., Dairy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

"Dear Sir.—It was, I think in 1866 that I had arranged for an extended trip to England with my family, and before going I went to Ingersoll to make contracts for a supply of cheese for my firm, Brown, Gillespie & Co., wholesale grocers, Hamilton. I had to supply our customers for the fall trade.

"In company with the late E. Caswell, of Ingersoll, I spent two days or more visiting the several cheese factories and smaller makers in the county of Oxford. I well remember our our driving back to Ingersoll, after having completed my purchases, saying to Mr. Caswell, 'I would like nothing better to occupy a portion of my time in England than introducing Canadian cheese'; but, I remarked it could not be done unless we had boxes to take them to, in course of boxes could have been got from the United States, but I wanted Canadian boxes.

"When we reached Ingersoll we happened to see the late Adam Oliver, and on telling him what we had been talking about, he promptly said, 'Don't let that stop you, I will see that boxes are ready for any orders you may send over, and I will start a factory and make them.' Well, soon after that I went to England and, fortified with an open letter to Oliver by means of the delicate line nurse, I visited several of the leading cities in England, and, soliciting business from the largest provision dealers in those places, I sought to impress them with the excellence of Canadian cheese, and worked hard to get them to order fifty boxes, or if they would not buy at market price, to accept a consignment of fifty boxes or whatever they might name, and sell them on arrival on their merit, and I stated that my firm would not draw against shipment, and would be satisfied with proceeds, so sure was I of results. I sold some and consigned some.

"I had the same story from all of them at first: 'We deal in American cheese; we never heard of Canadian cheese.' Of course, my answer was easy, namely, because it had not been brought to their notice. To make a long story short, I succeeded by personal visit in placing by either sale or consignment, our cheese in London, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Birmingham, and the case of some other cities I corresponded, with good results. I declared that they would find the Canadian cheese they would receive equal, if not better than what they styled 'American.' I let them know what was the case in Canada, and also opened the eyes of not a few when I told them that our country was ever so much larger than the United States and that Canada embraced more than half the area of North America. The cheese, when received, gave the chairmen, and I corresponded, with good results. I declared that they would find the Canadian cheese they would receive equal, if not better than what they styled 'American.' I let them know what was the case in Canada, and also opened the eyes of not a few when I told them that our country was ever so much larger than the United States and that Canada embraced more than half the area of North America. The cheese, when received, gave the chairmen, and I corresponded, with good results. I declared that they would find the Canadian cheese they would receive equal, if not better than what they styled 'American.' I let them know what was the case in Canada, and also opened the eyes of not a few when I told them that our country was ever so much larger than the United States and that Canada embraced more than half the area of North America. The cheese, when received, gave the chairmen, and I corresponded, with good results. I declared that they would find the Canadian cheese they would receive equal, if not better than what they styled