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BASEBALL THE RING Bouts Last Night. TURF Track and Stable Notes. HOCKEY.

BASEBALL.

Good Enough Grounds.

"A funny incident occurred at Olympic Park two years ago," said Cy Perry, the pitcher, who is spending the winter among the winter blasts of Buffalo. "Jersey City was playing here and 'Joco' Halligan was declared out a second on a close decision."

"You're out," said Shoddy Shaw, repeating the words of the umpire. "O'ue nothing," said Halligan. "I said over the base, but touched it before the ball touched me."

"To contro field with you," retorted Shaw; "the rules say that the word of the umpire goes."

"Right here on these grounds," said Shoddy.

"And the fans laughed."

Gossip for Baseball Fans.

Sammy Strang, who could not bat for sour grapes, last season with Hanlon, is awaiting the ball, for fair in the South, and leads the Giants with the willow.

"Butter" Briggs, ex-Toronto pitcher with Chicago, Nationals, is confined to his room in San Francisco, with a bad cold. President Hart is a fellow-sufferer.

Napoleon Lajoie says the reason the new delivery of Ames of the Giants is called the "stop" ball is because it almost invariably comes into violent contact with the bat.

The Philadelphia Giants will make a trip through New England, this spring, and games will be arranged between the semi-professional and independent teams, in the vicinity of Boston.

Third baseman Courtney, last season with Buffalo, has reported to the Philadelphia Nationals at Atlantic City. A new pitcher was well pleased with the former Bison's batting, and leading in practice.

Montreal is after the services of Pitcher Jack Cronin who, together with Indulger Babb, was traded by New York to Brooklyn, for short stop Dahlen. Cronin would probably be a tower of strength in the Eastern League, but it is not likely that Brooklyn will let him go. It is said that Manager Jimmy Hannon has offered a good price for him.

Considerable has been said about the terms under which Jack Dunn goes to Providence, manager of the Eastern League team there. He has been given a contract for two years at \$3,000 a year, and is to receive \$1,000 additional, and the club finished the season in first, second or third place in the championship race.

A TELEPHONE EXPERT ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Francis Dagger Favors Government Control --- Thinks Telegraph Lines Should Also Be Taken Over.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Francis Dagger, telephone engineer, of Toronto, appeared before the special telephone committee Thursday morning, to report which he prepared in 1900 under instructions from Sir William Mulock was read to the committee. It contained details of telephone operations in the United Kingdom, and Mr. Dagger's experience with telephone companies in Canada was based on high distance, and lack of rural telephone service.

In Norway and Sweden, Mr. Dagger's report says, there is a telephone to fourteen inhabitants. In the same proportion, Canada would have 229,000 telephones, whereas we have 65,192.

In Ontario, there is one telephone to 80 inhabitants, Quebec 1 to 102, Nova Scotia 1 to 252, New Brunswick 1 to 129, British Columbia 1 to 68. There was no record at that time for the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Mr. Dagger notes the fact, that British Columbia has the best record, has a number of independent companies and is free from the influence of the Bell Telephone company.

The cities and large towns of Canada, generally speaking, have a fair service, but are charged excessive rates. In the small places a very inferior service is given. The rates charged by the Bell company for a modern service are as follows: 20,000 business telephones \$50,000; 40,000 business telephones \$80,000; 60,000 business telephones \$100,000; 80,000 business telephones \$120,000; 100,000 business telephones \$150,000; 120,000 business telephones \$180,000; 140,000 business telephones \$200,000; 160,000 business telephones \$220,000; 180,000 business telephones \$250,000; 200,000 business telephones \$280,000; 220,000 business telephones \$300,000; 240,000 business telephones \$320,000; 260,000 business telephones \$350,000; 280,000 business telephones \$380,000; 300,000 business telephones \$400,000; 320,000 business telephones \$420,000; 340,000 business telephones \$450,000; 360,000 business telephones \$480,000; 380,000 business telephones \$500,000; 400,000 business telephones \$520,000; 420,000 business telephones \$550,000; 440,000 business telephones \$580,000; 460,000 business telephones \$600,000; 480,000 business telephones \$620,000; 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