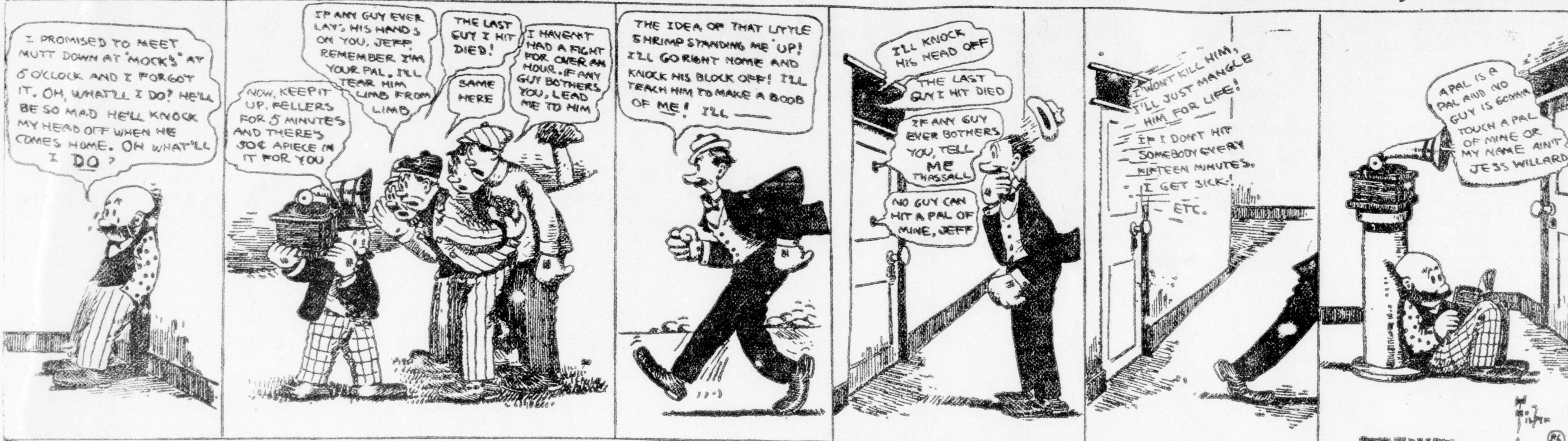


STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT

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By "Bud" Fisher

HOCKEY TEAMS GALORE
DOWN AT BRANTFORD

Double Schedule in Junior Series Drawn Up, With First Game at Paris.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 14.—As this hockey district, as far as the juniors are concerned, will only have two teams in it, a double schedule was drafted up this afternoon. The games to be played are as follows: Brantford at Paris, January 3; Paris at Brantford, January 12; Brantford at Paris, January 22; Paris at Brantford, January 26. J. L. Thompson represented Paris, and James Douglas, Brantford, while E. C. Gould was Brantford's representative. Last year's officers have been re-elected to look after the welfare of the team this winter. They are: President, Dr. Wiley; vice-president, John Kelly; secretary, Jas. Douglas; treasurer, George D. Watt; manager, E. C. Gould. A good year's sport is anticipated, as most of last year's team is available. A juvenile league for the city is also mooted, and the 215th Battalion will be represented in the intermediate league, so there will be no lack of hockey.

TWO MORE FAST ONES
FOR BOOSTERS' TEAM

"Toad" Hawkey and E. Norris Are Latest to Sign On With Young Liberals' Team.

At a meeting in Hyman Hall last night, attended by a large number of the members of the Young Liberal Boosters' Club, the hockey situation was gone over, and the first workout in the gym done. All the athletes showed up in first-class form. The prospects for a fast team grow brighter each day. The newest prospects are "Toad" Hawkey and E. Norris, the latter a Winnipeg youth, who are the latest to signify their intentions to play on the hockey team.

TO PROHIBIT NIGHT
RACING ON ISLAND

QUEBEC, Dec. 14.—The public bills committee of the Legislative Assembly has decreed that there shall be no horse-racing at night on the Island of Montreal. The clause asking for this privilege was cut out of the bill to incorporate the National Jockey Club of Montreal, at the suggestion of Sir Lomer Gouin, who is chairman of the committee. The bill was introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Turcotte (Liberal, Montreal). Apart from this amendment the bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly, and it is now in the hands of the Legislative Council. The club is empowered to conduct horse races on all parts of the island, with the exception of Westmount and Outremont.

Would Abolish Spitball
and Change Other Rules

Suggestions Made at National League Club Owners' Meeting in Order to Prevent Decline in .300 Hitters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Without having touched upon the revision of the national commission, as suggested by President Dwyer of the Pittsburgh club, proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series or the adoption of a new contract for players, the National League club owners held a long session today, and the annual meeting may last the week out. At yesterday's session a committee from the minor leagues presented a petition to the delegates asking for the elimination of the draft rule for class AA clubs, and then left for Chicago to present their request at the American League meeting. The National League considered this petition today and referred it to the national commission, which will report later what its members decide. The same action was taken in reference to the creation of a new board of arbitration of five members, independent of any existing baseball tribunal, which would pass upon cases affecting minor and major league clubs or players. The National League delegates announced that they are in favor of such a board being formed. President Haughton of the Boston club and several others present spoke at length in regard to changing the playing rules, with a view to increasing the batting and lessening the domination of pitchers. Among the suggestions offered to prevent the decline of the .300 hitters were to call only one foul strike instead of two, giving a base on three balls in place of four, and to abolish the resin, emery and spit balls. After a long discussion President Haughton advised that all suggestions on this subject be submitted to him for reference to the joint committee on rules when next it meets.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED
FOR O. R. F. U. OFFICES

Dr. C. O. Fairbank of Petrolia Named for Honorary President and Second Vice-President.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Nominations for the various offices within the gift of the O. R. F. U. have closed, and the annual meeting will be held at the King Edward Hotel in this city on Saturday next. The nominations are as follows: Hon. president, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia; president, John De Gruchy, Toronto; 1st vice-president, Hugh Gail, Toronto; C. O. Carlyle, Toronto; J. W. Russell, B.A. Woodstock; 2nd vice-president, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia; H. H. McKee, Toronto; Jack McAllister, Hamilton; 3rd vice-president, Hugh Gail of Toronto; J. W. Russell, B.A. Woodstock; Frank Robbins of Hamilton, Leonard Smith of Toronto; secretary-treasurer, R. Hewitson, Toronto; senior representative, W. Hoare of Toronto; Jack McAllister of Hamilton; intermediate representatives: Western, W. H. Rhodes, London; H. Woodhead of Sarnia; eastern, Jimmy Garlick of Toronto; junior representatives, Leonard Smith of Toronto, Frank Robbins of Hamilton, C. O. Carlyle of Toronto, A. E. Thompson of Kingston, W. Ferguson, Toronto, A. G. Hooper of Guelph.

CURLING TONIGHT
AT THISTLE CLUB

The Thistle Curling Club opens its curling rink tonight. At least four sheets of ice will be in readiness, and possibly more. No matches have been arranged, but on Saturday afternoon the travellers will stage the first bonspiel of the season. The rink will open at 8 o'clock. Progressive socials will be held to night as usual.

BASE ON THREE BALLS
AND ONE FOUL STRIKE

New York, Dec. 15.—Despite the fact that the National League magnates already have been in session here three days they have not yet considered the proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series, the new player contracts and other matters of similar importance. To rid their program of the vast amount of detail morning and afternoon sessions were held today.

The most radical change suggested to improve the batting was to limit the number of foul strikes to one. This would rob the pitcher of a chance to have the second strike called on a foul ball. Another suggestion was to give a player his base on balls on three instead of four balls. These changes were deemed certain to force the pitchers to put the ball over the plate where the batsmen would have a chance to hit it. According to Secretary Heydler, the league records show that it is the good batters who get all the passes and not the weak ones. What the league intends to do, Mr. Heydler explained, is to pass new rules so that the good hitters can have a better chance to show their batting talents.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.

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HOCKEY GOSSIP

St. Mathew's and St. James' Anglican Church teams will play an exhibition game at Simcoe rink on Christmas morning.

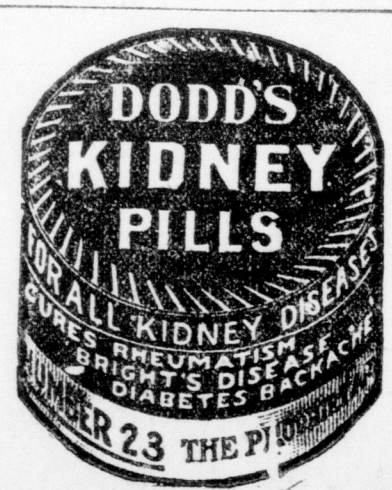
We are all looking forward to January 1, when the first game of hockey will be played.

Nearly every school in the city will have a hockey team, and it is expected a schedule will be drawn up, as in former years.

Johnnie Burgess will manage the St. James' Anglican hockey team this winter.

It is likely that St. George's Church will enter a team in the Anglican Church League.

Walden, McKay and Windrum are some of the Booster stars slated for that team.



Bowling



CITY LEAGUE

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Has-Beens	18	9	.667
Nationals	17	10	.630
Maroons	15	12	.558
Brunswicks	15	14	.519
St. Peters	10	18	.357
Blue Labels	9	22	.287

ST. PETERS TAKE TWO.

The St. Peter's Club took two out of three from the Blue Labels last night in the City League.

Gordon Lamb of the St. Peter's Club won the honors of the night, making the highest total score with 591 and the highest individual with 211.

ST. PETERS.

Joe Catalano	147	192	123	461
M. Sansone	164	169	144	467
G. Lamb	208	172	211	591
M. McCollough	145	153	167	470
B. Singer	136	146	170	502
	850	927	934	2431

BLUE LABELS.

Crawford	163	140	130	433
Tanney	165	161	152	468
Fenna	150	157	157	464
Yohn	175	177	160	512
Shaw	179	165	198	542
	862	799	803	2435

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Whites	2	1	.667
Scott-Chamberlain	2	1	.667
McClarys	1	2	.333
Hymans	1	2	.333
Cowans Hardware	1	2	.333
Blue Labels	0	3	.000
Murray Shoe	0	3	.000
Empire Brass	0	3	.000

McCLARYS WIN TWO.

The McClary five took two out of three from the Blue Labels last night in the Manufacturers' League.

Ross of McClarys made the highest total score with 508, while Singer of the Blue Labels made the highest individual with 182.

The teams and scores:

Ward	180	149	101—
Sweeney	101	168	162—
Jones	157	116	152—
Bugg	123	111	102—
Singer	127	162	173—
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McCLARYS.

Young	148	133	181	459
Arnott	150	142	124	416
Holmes	163	95	134	392
Ross	174	155	165	508
Wilson	141	175	129	445
	764	710	733	2207

BY "DICK"

Our old friend "Bill" Lehman has not been in the National Line-up for two games.

Tommy Burns of the Brunswicks has enlisted, but he will continue to bowl with his team.

A local minister has been trying to have local men to fight in the city. There are a few good fighters on the Marconi Club.

The Empire Brass five meet the Murray Shoe in the Manufacturers' League on Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Labels and Has-Beens meet on Tuesday in the City League.

The St. Peter's Club meet the Tiger Club of St. Thomas tonight. The game will be played in St. Thomas.

Gordon Lamb of the St. Peter's Club bowled a nice game last night, and ought to show the same form in St. Thomas tonight.

Ernie Singer showed some improvement last night.

There were a few nice scores in the Manufacturers' League last night.

LONDON A. A. A. ELECTS
TEMPORARY OFFICERS

Local Association Decides on Black and White as Club Colors.

At a meeting of the London Amateur Athletic Association in the new quarters of the association above the Watson Bank last evening, temporary officers were chosen and the colors of the club selected. Black and white will be the colors of the new organization.

Hockey prospects were discussed and everything looks rosy and optimistic according to the statements of members.

E. W. Flock, occupied the chair during the evening. The following six patrons were named: Sir Adam Beck, M.P.P., S. Frank Glass, M.P., George S. Gibbons, Thomas Gilean, Bishop Fallon and the mayor of the city elected for 1917.

The temporary officers chosen were: Honorary president, C. S. Hyman; president, William Hadden; 1st vice-president, W. H. Rhodes; 2nd vice-president, Verne Ryan; secretary, G. McPadden; treasurer, Manager Montgomery of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The following committees were then selected:

Finance—Messrs. Montgomery, Glass and Gibbons.
Membership—Kaplasky, Burdick, Brown, Lovey, Ryan, Hunt, Elliott and Cooper.
House Committee—Messrs. Cooper.

Bryden, Campbell, Lambie, Johnson and Kaplasky.

Entertainment—Messrs. Edwards, Davidson, Burdick, Henry, Miles, McKay, Rhodes, Cook and Waldron.

DOWLER'S DEFEAT
Y. M. C. A. JUNIORS

In the City League Basketball series at the Y.M.C.A. last evening, Dowler's team trimmed the Y.M.C.A. Juniors by a score of 15 to 17, the half-time score being a tie, 8 and 8.

Davidson refereed the game. It was first thought that the game tonight would be final, but a double-header will be necessary Tuesday evening to decide the championship.

Dowlers will play the soldiers and Wexners the Y.M.C.A. Juniors. The score was as follows:

Chilton	.....	8	.....	8
Mascari	.....	1	.....	1
James	.....	3	.....	3
Cline	.....	0	.....	0
McGough	.....	2	.....	2

TURKEY IS BOWLER'S PRIZE.

The members of the London Liberal Club and devotees of bowling are all trying for the turkey which is to be given on Christmas to the man who has the highest points at any game from now until then.

The contest has been entered by many of the members, and it is proving to be a great drawing card.

"WILD BILL" DONOVAN
AS RULES REFORMER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Bill Donovan, former Providence pilot, and now manager of the New York Yankees, has broken in again as a rules reformer. His latest proposition is that a pinch-hitter, when used, shall be forced to go through the game. In other words, that there shall be an end to so much juggling batsmen and fielders, just as a finish was put to the practice of fooling around with pitchers when it was made mandatory that any time a pitcher's name was announced he must work until one batter had reached first or had been retired.

That ended the custom of naming to the umpires pitchers whom it was not intended to start, each manager stalling to learn who the other planned to use. Similarly, it stopped stalling in pinches, forcing a team leader to name and to send in the man with whom he really hoped to stop the rival's rally. Donovan's idea is worthy of consideration, but the rule might be difficult to enforce, as a player may be hurt or may fail to be at any time.

McCARTHY DISQUALIFIED.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Tom McCarthy of New York was disqualified because of a foul in the third round of a scheduled ten-round match here tonight with Verger, a discharged French soldier. Previous to the foul, McCarthy was knocking the Frenchman about the ring practically at will. The men are heavyweights.

SARNIA JUNIORS' FIRST WORKOUT

SARNIA, Dec. 14.—The Sarnia juniors had their first workout at St. Andrew's Arena tonight. Among those who showed up in good form were Carson, Wright, McCallum, McCar, Hillman, Dore, Rennie and Rock.

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