Curling Playing Cup Finals Today — Fight Fulton Wins From Weinert — Baseball Schedules This Week

CHANCE TO MAKE CURLING RECORD

Can Owen Sound Add District Cup to Their Tankard Championship?

The default of Palmerston in the district cup finals gives Owen Sound a fine chance to make a new curling record. If the Northerners, who won out a year ago, defeat this week, they will add the district cup to the Ontario tankard—something that has not yet occurred in the Ontario Curling Association.

Dog racing will probably not become very popular. Considerable criticism has followed the 509-mile Winnipeg to St. Paul race. Besides frozen limbs suffered by several of the drivers, the fate of many of the dogs, brought about much severe condemnation of the sport. One driver, whose face and legs were frozen, fed strychnine tablets to his dogs in order to stimulate the heart action. Later he had cocaine injected into their feet in order to make the torture endurable to the end of the journey. There were other similar incidents during the race which caused no sportsman to enthuse over that particular brand of sport.

Dogs used in a race of this kind are invariably a cross between some well-known breed possessing speed and a wolf.

Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, is not down and out physically and mentally, as has been reported and is the belief in this country. Johnson wrote Frank Sutton, an old-time Pittsburg friend, that he is running a music hall in Madrid, Spain, and is making money. He added that he had sent his mother in Chicago $7000. "Johnson is far from broke," says Sutton. "Starting from the time he got money from whipping Tommy Burns in Australia and winning the championship he has saved money. He might be classed as a 'hardboiled egg.' I should say he has between $80,000 and $90,000, and I know his mother has $40,000. Johnson is wiser than he is credited with being."

Napoleon Lajoie, the veteran slugger, Toronto's new manager, declares Chief Bender, who was one time mentioned as leader of the Leafs, to be the wisest pitcher he ever faced. When it is recalled that Lajoie spent twenty-one seasons in big league harness and faced pitchers like Rusie, Nichols, McGinnity, Walsh, Joss Donovan, Wood, Johnson, Coombs, Plank, Dineen and Chesbro, and batted the combination for a twenty-one-year average approximating .320, the Chief has a right to expand his chest. There may have been batsmen as great as ex-King Larry, but none greater. His American League mark of .422, compiled in 1901, is likely to stand for some time.

"I never faced Mathewson, so I am not qualified to speak on that wonderful pitcher," said Larry. "He came into the National League just as I left it. They tell me Matty was a very wise pitcher, but if he was any wiser than Bender I am just as well satisfied that I never was called upon to bat against him.

"Bender, when in his prime, had a world of stuff and tremendous speed, but long after he lost a great deal of it he still remained a wonderful pitcher. He knew every trick of the profession. Once a batter revealed his weakness it did not take the Chief long to find out what it was." Bender is the only pitcher in the game who has six world's series victories to his credit.

A despatch from Montreal says that it is all cut and dried to open up pro. hockey in Toronto next season under new and encouraging auspices. The circuit will be the same with six clubs, viz., two Toronto, two Montreal and Quebec and Ottawa. The Toronto management of course owns this N.H.A. franchise and it is privileged to operate it to its hearts content. But the Torontos may be the only club in the N.H.A. next season. It is on the bill for the four clubs now playing out the schedule to withdraw and with two new clubs in Toronto form the new National Hockey League. And there you are. It is said the Torontos of the N.H.A. might have difficulty in coming to terms with Arena Gardens, while the two clubs in Toronto of the new N.H.L. would be accepted in open arms.

Frank Foyston, formerly of Toronto, this season the whirlwind right wing man of Seattle of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, is picked by three of the leading newspapers of the coast as the best man for that position on the all-star team to represent the association this season.

The teams that the coast hockey critics pick are as follows:

Vancouver Province—Goal, Lehman, Vancouver; point, L. Patrick, Spokane; cover-point, Johnson, Portland; rover, Mackay, Vancouver; right wing, Foyston, Seattle; centre, Morris, Seattle; left wing, Roberts, Vancouver.

Spokane Review—Goal, Fowler, Spokane; point, L. Patrick, Spokane; cover-point, Johnson, Portland; rover, Mackay, Vancouver; right wing Morris, Seattle; centre, Nichols, Spokane; left wing, Roberts, Vancouver.

Portland Telegram—Goal, Holmes, Seattle; point, L. Patrick, Spokane; cover-point, Johnson, Portland; rover, Morris, Seattle; right wing, Foyston, Seattle; centre, Irvin, Portland; left wing, Roberts, Vancouver.

Seattle P.-I.—Goal, Fowler, Spokane; point, F. Patrick, Vancouver; cover-point, L. Patrick, Spokane; rover, Walker, Seattle; right wing, Foyston, Seattle; centre, Morris, Seattle; left wing, Roberts, Vancouver.

EARLSCOURT PLAYGROUND.

The following are the results in the point competition in connection with Earlscourt Recreation Centre: Midget, G. Bower (126), D. Cole (112), E. Walker (105); juvenile, R. Killackey (104), F. Woodliffe (98), J. Whitehead (86), junior, L. Hibbert (168), S. Cassen (150) and J. McEwan (137).

TWO WINNERS FAILED TO COME FOR FINALS

Owen Sound and Sarnia Take the Places of Palmerston and London Thistles.

Palmerston and the London Thistles, the respective winners of districts Nos. 5 and 8, were unable to come for the finals today and tomorrow, but the locality will be ably represented by the runners up, Owen Sound and Sarnia. These clubs sent representatives to the draw last night, which was made at the Victoria Club with the following result:

—At Queen City, 9 a.m.—
Barrie v. Owen Sound.
Kingston v. Toronto Lakeview.
—At Victoria Rink, 9 a.m.—
Sarnia v. Hamilton Victorias.
Peterboro v. Waterloo.

The winners play off at 2 in the afternoon with the final on Wednesday morning at the Granite.

WOODSTOCK TWENTY UP.

Galt, Feb. 12.—Four rinks of Woodstock curlers paid their annual visit to Galt this afternoon and defeated the Granites by 20 shots. The scores:

Woodstock—		Galt Granites—	
H. Lowsborough	21	H. Walker	9
S. Gardiner	12	L. Shupe	18
Milneman	12	Dr. Mackendrick	7
F. J. Ure	18	R. J. Spalding	9
Totals	63	Total	43

FIVE DETROIT RINKS ARE ENTERTAINED HERE

Five rinks of the Detroit Curling Club visited Toronto yesterday, playing at the Granite and Toronto Clubs. In the afternoon the visitors won from the Granites by three shots, all produced by the last stone, sent down by Skip Robert Kay, when he took out the well-protected stone that was lying shot for Major Brunton. The scores:

Granite—		Detroit—	
A. A. Allen	2	T. Williamson	14
T. H. Brunton	14	R. Kay	10
Geo. R. Hargraft	12	Thos. Davies	12
W. Murray	9	Dr. Robbins	13
S. H. Armstrong	16	R. Williamson	7
Total	53	Total	56

Majority for Detroit—3 shots.

—At Toronto.—

Toronto—		Detroit—	
H. Temple, W. Strickland, S. Gundy, Dr. Tait, sk.	11	R. Teakle, Dr. Black, W. C. Duffus, R. Williamson, sk.	11
S. A. Marks, L. G. Amsden, C. Swabey, G. S. Pearcy, sk.	4	John Shaw, Geo. O. Begg, J. S. Craig, T. Williamson, sk.	9
G. M. Clark, R. Southam, G. S. Lyon, J. A. Macfadden, sk.	18	S. T. Bowling, R. Shiell, Dr. Robbins, F. C. Burden, sk.	6
Dr. C. Day Clark, J. D. Morton, W. H. Burns, C. E. Robin, sk.	10	John Whittaker, H. B. West, Robt. Kerr, Thos. Davies, sk.	10
E. M. Walsh, H. M. Wetherald, G. H. Muntz, J. M. McWhinney, skip	8	D. B. Duffield, F. D. Standish, E. T. Lightbourn, W. A. McWhinney, skip	
Total	51	Total	45

WON THE CANADIAN SKI CHAMPIONSHIP

Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 12.—Nels Nelson won the Canadian amateur and the British Columbia ski-jumping championship. He broke his British Columbia record of last year by one foot and his Canadian record by eleven feet. His longest jump was 147 feet. He also won the seven-mile ski race across Mount Revelstoke. Omtvedt, the world's champion, made a number of exhibition jumps, his longest being 160 feet. Soft weather made it difficult to get a run to the take-off.

DEFEND THE CUP.

The Glidden Varnish team successfully defended the McCallum Cup against the Athenaeums Saturday night. The scores:

Athenaeum—	1	2	3	T'l.
Wells	223	220	180	623
Albright	182	180	158	520
Murphy	174	191	164	529
Lorenz	176	158	198	532
Sutherland	199	144	159	502
Totals	954	893	859	2706
Glidden Varnish—	1	2	3	T'l.
Hartmann	190	166	201	557
Carruth	182	187	218	587
Hendrick	152	191	214	557
Schlman	214	202	183	599
Gillis	156	224	174	554
Totals	897	970	990	2857

TORONTO REVOLVER CLUB.

A. Rutherford 89, J. P. White 87, W. J. Medforth 86, J. Reilly 86, R. Clarke 85, S. Rutherford 84, D. S. Williams 82, N. P. Rose 74.

GERMAN DETACHMENTS DISPLAY SOME ACTIVITY

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The war office reports: "Eastern theatre—Front of Prince Leopold: Advances of our storming detachments on the Dvina and near Kiselin, west of Lutsk, were completely successful. Near Kiselin two officers and forty men and one machine gun were brought in.

"Front of Archduke Joseph: In the mountains on both sides of Ottuz and in the Putna lowlands there were frequent clashes of raiding detachments.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: In the Sereth region there were skirmishes of outposts. On the lower Danube there was limited artillery activity.

"Macedonian front: There is nothing new to report."

O. H. A. GAMES TODAY

—Senior.
St. Patricks at T.R. & A.A., Arena 8.30 p.m.
176th Battalion at Hamilton.

HOCKEY SCORES

O.H.A.
—Intermediate.—
Peterboro 9 Depot Batteries 8
Northern League.
Owen Sound 20 Ripley 8
Exhibition.
N.T. H.S. Girls 5 Aura Lee C.C. G. 3
Beaches League.
—Junior Semi-Final.—
Excelsiors 4 St. Francis 1
—Midget Semi-Final.—
Beaches 8 Clintons 4

ARRANGE THIRD ROUND INTERMEDIATE GAMES

In the O.H.A. intermediate series, third round, Kitchener will play at Owen Sound on Thursday night with the return game at Kitchener next Monday night. Sergt. "Steve" Vair will referee the games. Sergt. Vair will also referee the senior game tonight at the Toronto Arena between St. Patricks and T.R. & A.A.

F. H. Sprcule of Toronto will referee the 176th Battalion-Hamilton O.H.A. intermediate game at Hamilton tonight, and the return game at Niagara Falls on Friday night.

The winner of the 247th Batt.-Depot Batteries' round in the O.H.A. intermediate series will play at Ottawa on Friday night. The return game will be played at the winner of 247th-Depot Batteries on a night to be fixed.

PETERBORO'S GOOD TEAM.

Kingston, Feb. 12.—The 247th Battalion of Peterboro and Depot Battery staged the best local hockey of the season tonight in a group 2 game, which was won by Peterboro, 9-8. The win gives the Peterboros the round by 20-14. The game was featured by hard checking and the individual work of Burnett, Bush and Tubman of the locals, and Armstrong and Halpin of the 247th. It was 4-3 for Peterboro at the end of the first period, but Kingston evened it up in the second, leaving the score 7-5. It was the six-man style from the middle of the second period, Merchant being hurt and Evans going off to even up. The line-up.

Depot Battery—Tobin, goal; Tubman and Spence, defence; Grimes, rover; Burnett, centre; Bush, left wing; Merchant, right wing.

Peterboro—Goal, Lagroe; defence, Halpin and Thornton; rover, Flanagan; centre, Armstrong; left wing, Evans; right wing, Adams.

Referee—Oscar Bernhardt.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Owen Sound, Feb. 12.—A very fast game of hockey was played here tonight between Owen Sound and Ripley semi-final in Northern League. Score at half-time was 6 to 3, and finished 20 to 8 in favor of Owen Sound. The line-up:

Owen Sound—Goal, Young; first defence; Breen; second defence; Palmer; centre, Falkingham; right wing, Matheson; left wing, Fenwick.

Ripley—Goal, Reavie; first defence; Johnston; second defence, Harris; centre, Bowers; right wing, Jackson; left wing, Crawford.

Referee—Stratton.

SENIOR GAME TONIGHT.

T.R. & A.A. and St. Patricks play at the Arena tonight. T.R. & A.A. still have a chance for the group honors. They will have Mace Humphrey out again. The Irishmen will use Connors in goal.

Thinks Nighbor the Best Hockey Player

Montreal Herald: Here's a fine question to sling at an unprepared man—"Who's the greatest hockey player in Canada?"

This question is, nevertheless, just what is aimed at our inoffensive topiece by one who signs himself "An Amateur." He adds—"Many have nominated Didier Pitre as the king of them all. What do you think?"

Naming the greatest player of them all is quite a large order, and there's many an angle to be gauged before tabbing a final selection. Taking it from the standpoint of figures—which, after all, are the final test—Frank Nighbor of Ottawa stands at the top of the list. Playing a couple of games less than most of the other performers, he has scored more goals by a good margin. As an offensive player old John W. Arithmetic proves Nighbor's worth. And his ability as a defensive player every hockey fan knows. His speed, his wonderful poke check, his hockey brains, his gameness, team-play, are a remarkable combination.

There's Lalonde—the backbone of the Canadien team. Right now Lalonde is playing the greatest hockey of his career. Shrewd, a great ice general, a fine stick-handler, and an unusually tricky and accurate shot, and adding to this the qualities of a remarkable leader, Lalonde, too, must be ranked at or near the top.

"Amateur" submits the following All-Star team (the nuts are ripening early this winter)—Goal, Vezina; defence, Corbeau and Sprague Cleghorn; centre, Nighbor; wings, Pitre and Odie Cleghorn.

Yes, but how about Goldie Prodgers, Eddie Oatman, Lalonde, Dave Ritchie, Jack Darragh, Eddie Gerard, Art Ross, Clint Benedict—

We give it up.

SHOULDN'T ASK FOR THIS GUARANTEE

N. H. A. to Demand Payment of Northern Fusiliers' Bond —Ottawa on Warpath.

Special to The Toronto World.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Payment of the bond for $3000 given by the hockey team of the 228th Battalion that they would finish out the season will be demanded by the National Hockey Association. This bond was given by Captain L. W. Reade, who was paymaster of the battalion, and has recently resigned his commission in the regiment. The regimental team was bonded by the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation, and they will have to look to Captain Reade or the regiment for reimbursement. It is unfortunate that the directors decided to ask for payment of this bond, as it would show a more sporting spirit for them to allow the bond to be withdrawn under the circumstances. The soldiers withdrew from the N.H.A. to play a more important game, and those remaining behind should at least show a sporting spirit.

President Frank Robinson stated tonight that he had received no word of protest from Ottawa over the game with the soldiers being counted as a loss to the Senators. The directors decided on this action, and he stated that the Ottawa representative agreed to it. It was rumored today that Ottawa had sent an ultimatum to the N.H.A. and demanded that the game stand as played.

TORONTO TEAMS ENTER.

The Glidden Varnish team and Saunder's Colts will be the Toronto entries in the A.B.C. tournament, which opens on March 3 at Grand Rapids, Mich.

HEAD OF BIG STORE DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

F. J. Wright, Prominent Business Man at Peterboro, Cannot Be Found.

Special to The Toronto World.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 12.—Eight days have elapsed since F. J. Might, proprietor of Turnbull's departmental store, disappeared from his home and no trace of him has been found. He was seen on two different occasions on Sunday afternoon, February 4, by the watchman at the Auburn Woolen Mills, of whom Mr. Wright asked the time. When told 5.40 he used the words, "My gracious." City Night Watchman Jas. Finnie and W. M. Hamilton, proprietor of the King George Hotel, say they saw Mr. Might late Sunday night near his store.

Mr. Might's business was in good shape. He had never been the same since the collapse of his store three years ago when a number of employes, shoppers and workmen were killed or injured and a threatened nervous breakdown may have been aggravated by the recent fire and explosion at the Quaker Oats plant. Relatives announce a reward of two hundred dollars for information of the missing man.

WEINERT NO MATCH FOR FRED FULTON

Referee Stopped Bout in Second Round to Prevent a Knockout.

New York, Feb. 12.—Fred Fulton got a technical decision over Charley Weinert in the second round here tonight. The bout was stopped by the referee in order to prevent a knockout. Fulton never seemed to extend himself, jabbing left and right to the jaw throuut. Weinert bored in all the time, landing solid blows to the body, but at the bell showed the effects of the punishment received.

Weinert fought pluckily in the second round, placing several left and right hooks to the head. Fulton then took the aggressive and with well placed left hooks and a few hard rights soon had his opponent staggering, the referee calling a halt after two minutes and 12 seconds of the round had been fought.

Moving pictures of the battle were taken and a band played all the popular airs. No smoking signs were posted all around the garden, and the fans obeyed by not lighting their cigars or cigarets.

The opening bout was four rounds, between Terry Miller of Philadelphia and Johnny Major of England, two bantamweights. Referee, Bill Brown; timekeepers, Joe Dunn and Dr. Geo. Muth; announcer, Joe Humphreys. Miller won on points.

The main event was scheduled to be ten rounds, between Fred Fulton of Minnesota and Charlie Weinert of Newark.

Weinert was the first to clim thru the ropes. Fulton followed a few seconds later. They were well received.

Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, was introduced.

Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, was then presented. The crowd gave him a great hand.

Grant Hugh Browne, the new manager of the Garden, was then introduced. He was cheered. Frank Moran was well received.

At 10 p.m. the men were introduced, Fred Fulton as the challenger of Jess Willard and Weinert as New Jersey's favorite heavyweight. Weights were given as Weinert 183½ and Fulton 222½ pounds.

The men were then called to the centre of the ring for instructions.

First Round—Fulton came up with a smile, but Charlie made him take it off when he shot two stiff rights to head and uppercut a left to the mouth. Fulton bored in on Weinert, shooting two stiff lefts to left eye and hooked a right to the jaw, which made Weinert cover his face with his gloves. Charlie jabbed a left to face, but Fulton just walked into him, hooking two lefts to the jaw and swinging a right to the ear. Weinert sent a hard right to the jaw, followed with two lefts to face, but Fulton paid no attention to that and sent a left to mouth, drawing the claret. Bell. Fulton's round.

Second Round—Fulton opened with a hard left to mouth and a right to head. Weinert went back at him, placing two rights to the wind and hooking a left to the ear. Fulton, however, just waded in coolly, hooking three lefts to the ear and pounding the body with a fusillade of blows. Weinert was game and broke thru Fulton's guard, sending a right to the jaw. This started Fulton working hard and he dazed Weinert with over a dozen short left and right hooks to the face. Referee Brown then interferred and stopped the bout to save Weinert.

Fulton won in second round, the referee stopping the bout. Time of second round, 2 minutes and 12 seconds.

BOXING PROMOTERS ARE TO BLAME FOR CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK STATE

Have Wrangled Among Themselves and Made Such a Noise That the Fans Are Sick of the Whole Business — Should Wagner Get Better Treatment?

By Jack Gordon.

New York, Feb. 12.—You don't often hear of a fellow ambushing himself—of a bunch of thugs or thieves or just plain nuts hiding among the bushes along a dark side street and shooting themselves as they passed by.

The idea seems looney to anybody except a prize-fight promoter. He thinks it is a very natural thing to do. He has been doing it for years. Whenever he sees a good chance to knock himself out, he lets go with a vicious swing to his vitals—and he has a punch in either hand.

The fight between Battling Promoter and Kid Himself is now being staged in New York State, and at present accounts both scrappers were groggy and ready to flop for the count.

All of which foregoing means that the end of boxing contests in New York is in sight, and the promoters, who had a chance to wax fat, are themselves to blame for the frightful condition of things. They have done everything humanly possible to make the pugilistic game unpopular.

They have wrangled among themselves. The fights have been conducted in a bedlam of noise and riotous confusion. They have either bribed, or attempted to bribe, or have charged others with bribing public officials, creating a constant stench in nostrils of the state law-makers. Their avarice and shortsightedness went so far that they would sell reserved seats to fans, and then make not the slightest effort to see that those buying them got what they paid for. They would seat friends or favorites in reserved seats, and when men who had purchased those very seats showed up with their coupons, they were told to stand up, lie down, or roll over.

This condition was tolerated just long enough for the citizens of influence who liked the game to stop attending. They preferred no fighting as against the way matches were being pulled off in New York. Only the hoodlums were left as champions of the law legalizing boxing, when bribery charges against the chairman of the boxing commission were filed by Harry Pollok. Freddy Welsh's manager.

As if that wasn't enough to put the game down and out for keeps, a preliminary fighter in his first public exhibition was killed—killed in Albany, the capital of the state, at a time when the legislature was in session—killed while members of the legislature and one of the boxing commissioners were looking on.

These untoward happenings would not have threatened to be fatal to the game itself if the sport had retained the friendship of influential citizens, who had dropped away as a result of the pig-headed greed of the promoters; but, as it is, there be few who will take the trouble even to ask the governor or the legislature to give prize fighting one more chance.

It is a noteworthy fact that in other states the boxing contests are being held and are being cleanly conducted; for instance, in Wisconsin, whose boxing laws are almost identical with those of New York.

With the end apparently in sight, the promoters, no doubt, will be staging bouts with striking regularity for the next few weeks.

Grant Hugh Browne, lessee of Madison Square Garden, seems to have secured the services of the most interesting figures in the pugilistic world at this moment—those figures being one Les Darcy and one Fred Fulton.

Darcy is scheduled to meet Al McCoy, the Brooklynite, who holds the middleweight championship. McCoy is classed among the cheese champions, with a title won by a lucky blow on the powerful person of George Chip. Conceding his mediocrity as a champion, however, the fact remains that no one has been able to put him out in ten rounds, and that is what Darcy will have to do in order to take away his crown. Outpointing McCoy will not be a great achievement, nor will it add to the prestige of the Australian runaway.

Fred Fulton is working his way to a match with Jess Willard, having floored Tom Cowler in one round. He next meets Charlie Weinert at Madison Square Garden. If he whips Weinert, he will meet a few other contenders, possibly including Moran, altho the latter's managers are trying to land Fulton for a forty round go in Cuba.

Unless Fulton disposes of Weinert by a considerable margin the public will not take kindly to a match between him and the champion. If Miske, hardly more than a middleweight, could lick Weinert, then it is up to Fulton, a bulky heavyweight, to whip him much more decisively in order to show the stuff that the public demands from a man who wants to meet the gigantic Jess.

In the lightweight circles, the principal event of interest is the rise of Benny Leonard. After Leonard's defeat by Welsh, he was given up as a championship possibility, but Benny has disposed of his antagonists since with such fine workmanship that he is again the most likely contender for the title. Welsh, on the other hand, seems to be putting forth no effort. He isn't fighting, apparently he isn't negotiating for any important fights, and his manager is spending his time at the capital trying to prove that he bribed the chairman of the boxing commission with a cheque for $100 on which payment was refused.

The public would like to see a battle between Ertle and Herman, another pair of title claimants. Ertle says he is champion because the former champion, Williams, fouled him in the fifth round. Herman says he is, because he was given the decision over Williams in a twenty-round fight.

Cast your gaze for an instant on baseball—on Hans Wagner, famous short of the Pirates, on Barney Dreyfuss, the Pittsburg chieftain—on "sentiment in baseball," of which so much is heard. Wagner, after his memorable service as a Pirate, thru all these years, after establishing a record for conscientious work and for fidelity to his employers, Wagner now in his declining days as a major leaguer, is to receive a cut in salary. And still the owners wonder why the fans sympathize with the players!

INTERLEAGUE BALL BEFORE THE SEASON

Regardless of Opposition, More Games Will Be Played Than Year Ago.

New York, Feb. 12—Altho considerable opposition developed last spring among certain of the big league magnates against the playing of ante-season inter-league games, the agitation appears to have had little effect, for more contests of this class have been scheduled for the next two months than was the case in 1916.

A year ago the various clubs of the two major leagues met in more than thirty of these training season games, while close to fifty have already been announced for the coming campaign with several clubs yet to make public their plans in this direction.

As a preliminary to the pennant races of last year the big circuit teams met in thirty-nine games, either inter-league or inter-club with the result that the National League Clubs won twenty-four to the American's fifteen. The senior organization piled up a total of 209 hits and 154 runs to the juniors 290 hits and 125 runs. In errors the American League players made a slightly better showing, the final analysis crediting sixty-one to Nationals and fifty-eight to the Americans.

This year forty-nine inter-league games have been scheduled to date with Brooklyn in the National and Boston and New York in the American League, playing with the greatest number of contests. The New York Giants and the Boston Braves are second in the National, while Detroit holds a similar position in the American League.

THIS IS BUSY WEEK FOR BALL MOGULS

National, American and International Leagues and Commission Meet.

New York, Feb. 12.—The program for baseball this week is full of a number of things. There are important meetings of the two major leagues and a meeting to arrange the International League schedule will take place.

The National League will hold its schedule meeting at the Waldorf Tuesday and adopt the playing arrangements agreed on last month. The National Commission meets at the same place the following day, and the American League holds its annual meeting at the Walcott Hotel on Thursday. The International League holds its schedule meeting in Newark on Tuesday.

Of these foregatherings, that of the National Commission is likely to produce the most interesting results. If Fraternity leaders—and this by no means points out Dave Fultz alone—are not entirely misled by their information, the strike is more real than the magnates are willing to admit.

Famous Golf Pro Goes to Calgary

Calgary, Feb. 12.—The St. Andrew's Golf Club has engaged as professional golfer, club repairer and greenkeeper Jas. Gray. Previous to coming to Calgary, Gray was professional golfer at North Queensferry, Scotland, Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland, and Huntley, on the Duke of Gordon's estate in Banffshire. Gray was also profesional golfer at Hornwood golf links, Winnipeg. He served his apprenticeship with Dickson & Sons, golf club makers, Edinburgh. Gray has a fine knowledge of the game of golf. He is a fine golfer and teacher, and has the knack of imparting his knowledge to those being initiated into the game. He is also an excellent club-maker and repairer.

Gray's appointment should be a great inducement to new members to join the club, as they will be able to get lessons in the skilled game of golf. Gray has also had considerable experience in green making and keeping, and is going to pay particular attention this season to the greens at St. Andrews. The board of management is arranging for Gray starting on the course as soon as the snow is off and this should not be very long, if the present weather continues.

The board of management has reduced the ladies' entrance fee from $10 to $5, with a view to encouraging the ladies in Calgary to take up the game. The adjourned meeting of shareholder members, special members and ladies is to be held in the public library on Feb. 16, at eight o'clock p.m.

HARVARD MAY ROW COLUMBIA.

New York, Feb. 12.—It is practically certain that negotiations with Harvard for a race this spring will be settled by Columbia within a day or two. Unofficial reports from crew quarters say that the only thing holding the problem up is the date, as Harvard has suggested May 12 or 19, and this may conflict with the date of the Childs Cup race for Columbia. This is not expected to block negotiations completely, however, and as soon as the Childs race date is settled Columbia will announce the date of the race with the crimson. It will be rowed on the Charles River.

DAYS OF REAL SPORT SALARY NO OBJECT

McGraw, Star of His Time, Only Got Small Stipend With Orioles.

New York, N.Y., Feb. 12.—When John J. McGraw played third base for the champion Baltimore Orioles more than 20 years ago he was one of the best hitters, base-stealers and run-getters in the 12-club National League. He was also the king-pin of the league at the third corner, and played an important part in the winning of three pennants. Yet McGraw's salary in those days was $1500 a year. Hugh Jennings, Willie Keeler, Steve Brodie, Henny Reitz, Dan Brouthers, Wilbert Robinson, Bill Clarke, Kid Gleason, Bill Hawke, Charley Esper and the once great pitcher, Sadie McMahon, were on the same team with McGraw and it was one of the best teams that ever played baseball.

There was a $2500 salary limit in effect when the Orioles captured their first pennant in 1894, and then were beaten in the Temple Cup series by John W. Ward's Giants. Ned Hanlon, who managed the Baltimore champions, never allowed the club's salary list to exceed $30,000 a season. Robinson, who was the captain and catcher, was the only member on the team who received the $2500 limit. McMahon, I believe, got $2200, but all the others drew salaries less than $2000 each.

With only 15 men on the pay roll, the Orioles won the pennant in 1894, 1895 and 1896, putting the City of Baltimore on the baseball map for keeps. Yet the Orioles made little or no money for their employers, Hanlon and the late H. R. Vonder Horst, so that suosequently the club passed out of the National League. The Giants, who won the Temple Cup in 1894, received not more than $30,000 for their services. That included the salary of Manager Ward, who played second base. The other members of the team were Jack Doyle, Shorty Fuller, George Davis, Eddie Burke, George Van Haltren, Mike Tiernan, Amos Ruse, Jouett Meekin, Dad Clarke, Lester German, Charley Farrell, Parke Wilson and Huyler Westervelt, 14 men in all, of whom a majority received less than $2000 each. Most of the players, too, thought that big money for what they considered recreation more than work.

Called This "Successful" Season.

The Giants made about $35,000 in 1894, the first successful season financially in this city since 1889. The owners, E. B. Talcott, Cornelius Van Cott, E. A. McAlpin, Frank B. Robinson and others, were glad to sell their stock during the following winter to Andrew Freeman for $49,000, which purchased 51 per cent.

I have raked up the past, in the above instances, to show what great harm the players did to baseball when they formed the Brotherhood and tried to wreck the National League in 1890. As a result of that strike players' salaries dropped to rock bottom. Why? Because the public had grown weary of quarrels and had turned away from the ball parks.

From 1889 until John T. Brush got hold of the Giants in 1902, baseball, not only in this city, but all over the National League circuit, lacked the popularity which prevailed before the Brotherhood war. But when Brush secured control of the Giants and the American League expanded its circuit, after the National League "octopus" had been reduced to eight clubs, interest in baseball began to increase. Healthy rivalry between the major leagues aroused intense enthusiasm all over the country. Great crowds turned out to see the battles for the pennants. The world's series added to the general excitement and the club owners, in many instances, made money.

Up went the players' salaries! The volume of business warranted boosts all along the line. But who was responsible? The players? Not in a thousand years. The magnates, who had weathered the gale in troublous times, were the men who won back the support of the public. They built up the game by spending money freely. Incidentally, they solidified the minor leagues by affording protection under the National agreement until the players in nearly all of the small circuits began to prosper for the first time in many years.

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Home and home matches were recently arranged between the Buffalo Consistory Chess Club and the Toronto Chess League, the total score on the two matches to determine the winner. The first match took place in Buffalo Saturday evening, the 10th inst., and as a result the Toronto players have a lead of two games. Scores were as follows:

Buffalo—		Toronto—	
W. B. Peck	1	J. S. Morrison	2
H. H. Hodge	1	W. C. Eddis	1
Geo. Booth	1	R. G. Hunter	1
F. A. Worth	1	K. B. O'Brian	1
Gen. G. C. Fox	1	A. Hunter	1
E. F. Kruse	1	H. H. DeMers	1
Totals	5	Totals	7

During their visit the Toronto players were entertained at dinner at the Buffalo Consistory.

MAY YET BE AMATEUR GOLFERS.

New York, Feb. 12.—Should Francis Oulmet and John H. Sullivan, jr., follow the lead of Paul Tewksbury, their fellow-members of Woodland, cut the cords that bind them to the sporting goods business, and apply to the U. S. Golf Association for reinstatement, the next contest for the Lesley Cup would offer a cheerless prospect to the representatives of the Metropolitan and Pennsylvania Associations. Mass carried off the emblem last year, when their chances of success appeared to be least bright, and with such a trio back in the fold what could prevent them from holding the trophy?

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