

That Son-in-Law of Pa's—By Wellington

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This Sarcastic Player Will Soon Get His

Closer, April 15, '14.
Mr. Nelson,
B. B. C.

Dear Sir,—Have now reached Closer, where I met a young man who came from Brantford. He is on his way to join Ambly Kane at Fall River. He is a New England shoe-maker that Ambly brought to Canada last season to play with the Red Sox. He did not 'last' but thinks he will be able to 'stick' with the Fall River team, as he has been working at the Canada Glue Company all winter.

He wanted me to go with him; said I would have a lot of trouble reaching Brantford. I told him no, I was going to join the Red Sox if I had to go to Hades. Alright, he answered, you will think you have reached there when you get your first whiff of Brantford's sulphuretted hydrogen gas.

This is one of his. While with the Red Sox on our way to St. Thomas, Ambly advised me to be careful when I faced Wild Bill Baker. He said, when you see Bill pitching you will see one of the comin' stars of America. When I stepped to the plate, the first ball Bill delivered beamed me. As I came to, Ambly said, I told you to be careful. Yes, I replied, you did, and you also told me I would see one of the comin' stars. Why,

man, I saw a million and none of them were comin', they were right on top of me.

He arrived in Brantford during the night, and as he sat dozing, he was startled to hear what he thought was cannons to the right of him, cannons to the left of him and cannons underneath him. When he jumped up and looked out of the car, it seemed to him that every house window contained a gesticulating, cursing man. He was very frightened, thinking he had been carried to Mexico, instead of Canada. Next morning his fears were set at rest, he found out it was just a little joke the trainmen have of sowing broadcast torpedoes along the railway track every night.

If it is true that ball players are like wine, better with old age, the Erie bunch ought to have a cinch on the pennant.

I hear Matty Lamond is so anxious to become the league's leading foul catcher, he goes out chasing chickens every night.

The secret has leaked out why Bob Ryerson could not find time to accept the chairmanship of the Home Wreath committee; he had purchased a season ticket for the ball games.

If Secretary Blain can secure all of the last two season's Red Sox lemons to pay Brantford a visit, the Old Boys reunion will be a success alright, as far as attendance is concerned.

Ambly Kane seems to hold a good hand in Fall River. But why shouldn't he have a square deal when he has "Dell Orcutt"?

It is correct that Geo. Ryerson is such a strong advocate for recreation that he is trying to secure a franchise for the O. I. B. in W.O. B.B.L.

HARD GOING.

The Tilbury Times was burned out at midnight, losses to the printing office and tenants totalling about \$7,000.

KELLEY BITTERLY ATTACKS MAJOR LEAGUE MAGNATES AND PREDICTS REBELLION

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 18.—The Leafs arrived here late yesterday afternoon from New York to be greeted by the first sunlight they have seen in four days. After a long spell of the worst April storms in years, in New England States, conditions changed over night and there was splendid weather for the game in the afternoon.

Manager Kelly is still with Manager McGraw, but so far it appears his quest for players has been a fruitless one.

The Toronto manager was out this morning with a warm interview in the New York Journal declaring that if the big leagues continue to hold back players who should come to the minors, that the whole class AA organization will desert the National Commission and give organized baseball a blow that it can ill stand at this critical stage, when the Federals are proving such a stumbling block.

The Journal's interview was given to Sam Crane, its famous baseball writer, at Philadelphia. It was as follows:

Class AA leagues, and in fact other minor leagues of lower classification, are thinking seriously of breaking away from organized baseball and going it alone. They are very apt to lose any day. I should not be surprised to see the break come within a week unless certain National and American League moguls get down off their high horses and try to help the minor league clubs, who have been hit the hardest by the raiding of the Federal League.

McGraw the One Exception

Instead of lending the helping hand these clubs that have suffered the most by loss of jumping players, there is not one manager of a big league club, with the exception of McGraw of the Giants, who has done a thing towards making the rocky path of the minors any smoother.

"What does organized baseball the Baltimore Federals and is now

amount to if there is no organization in it?" asked Joe Kelley, manager of the Toronto club in the International League, of me yesterday. Continuing he said:

"Where is my club, for instance, that has been riddled by the loss of half a dozen players who have jumped to the Federals? I must strengthen my team so as to be able to make a front in our race. I and the owners of my club are perfectly willing to pay good money to the big league clubs for their cast-offs, and I have hustled around in various training camps down South, making offers, but I have been turned down coldly every time but once. I was given a player by McGraw, and he has promised me more.

"I went to one camp of a big league club and made proposals to buy two players whom that club had bought for \$2,500 each. I offered to pay \$5,000 for the two players, pay them the salaries their contracts called for, and then to return them next fall free, even if I had succeeded in developing them into prospective stars. I agreed to take all the chances on inexperienced players, go the trouble and expense of developing them and get nothing for it. If they proved to be failures they were not to be returned, and I would stand the loss of the \$5,000.

"Do you know that offer was refused with the remark 'No, I want more money for them,' and mind you, they have not a chance to make the big league team they are now with, and I know it. It was a clear case of 'hold up,' and nothing else.

The Case of Benny Meyer.

"Again there is the case of 'Benny' Meyer, for whom I paid \$3,000 in cold cash to the Brooklyn club. He was worth that to my club, I considered, but before I had a chance to see Meyer, although I was a week in St. Louis and that neighborhood looking for him, he accepted an offer from

playing with them. I have asked President Ebbetts for the \$3,000 back, but he refused, and told me to go to the National Commission for redress. Ebbetts evidently wants to get a decision on my case so that he can get back at Tinker, the player he neglected to sign when he had the chance, and thereby made the Federal League possible and all of the present troubles of the minor leagues.

"The almighty dollar seems to be paramount with certain big league magnates. They cannot look further ahead than a five dollar note in hand, no more than could Charley Murphy.

"I have tried my level best to get players, and did not neglect to try to sign Meyer as Ebbetts did Tinker. I have been held up in the most barefaced manner by the big league managers on requests I have made for players whom I know will not be held. Instead of trying to help me out, the old dollar has been pre-eminent.

The Majors Should Help.

"The way I look at the present situation is that as long as we are fighting the Federal League and are not in the best of position to do it, owing to the riddling of our teams, the big league clubs which have been merely scratched where we have been stabbed deep, should assist us in the battle. They are in a better position than we are. They have the money and supposedly the brains, but I doubt the latter ingredient judging by their inane attitude in our behalf. My club must have players, and we are willing to pay for them, and the big leagues have the players we want, but even fair prices will not cause a loosening up. It is a downright shame, a disgrace for the big leaguers to leave us in such a hole.

Do you suppose we can hold our players if we cannot get together winning teams as an inducement for them to stick by us. No player wants to be with a loser, and he can hardly be blamed if he jumps. I might self under similar conditions.

Canadian League Notes

For the fanatic who sits in the look out there are a certain number of high suits to lamp in the early stages of the conflict which will have an important bearing upon the two races. For example:

What effect thirty-nine years and eighteen campaigns will have upon Hans Wagner.

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What form Joe Wood will assume after a long layoff last season and a complete separation from his appendix.

What assistance Ed. Walsh will be able to furnish Russell, Cicotte and Scott.

What machine morale Hank O'Day will be able to instill into the Cubs.

How Griff's new pitchers will be able to help out Johnson and Boehling.

Whether Koney, Mowrey and Marmon will more than supplant Robinson, Wilson, Butler and Miller.

How well McGraw has been able to plug that gap at third with both Shaffer and Herzog missing.

Eric Players Reporting.

Eight players of the Erie baseball team reported for duty yesterday and have taken up their headquarters in the Wayne hotel. Manager "Henric" Smith, forced to leave the city Tuesday evening to clear up a few details concerning Erie baseball affairs, was not on hand to welcome his proteges. George O'Neil, owner of the club and Tom O'Connor extended the right hand of friendship in his stead.

The eight men who arrived yesterday were: John Beck, of Titusville, a catcher; Paul Warner, of Cleveland, third base; T. Dorbeck, of Toledo, pitcher; John Schaffer, of Toledo, out-fielder; Leo Wiltse of Rochester, third base; S. Sutton of Toronto, pitcher; T. N. Osborn, of Bladell, N. Y., pitcher; W. Call of Bladell, N. Y.

Manager Smith was expected to arrive in the city late last night. He announced his intention Tuesday night of commencing training as soon as his men were on the spot. If rain interferes with outdoor work an ef-

fort will be made to obtain the use of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

It is expected that the other players, with the exception of Taylor, Dawson and Behan, will arrive in the city to-day. Dawson and Behan will come before the week is out and Taylor is due shortly after—Eric Despatch.

BAD BASE-RUNNING GAVE GAME TO CUBS.

CINCINNATI, April 18.—Chicago won an exciting game from Cincinnati yesterday 6 to 5. The locals had two men on bases and two out in the ninth when Marjans attempted unsuccessfully to steal home from third base, ending the game in favor of the visitors.

Ames practically lost the game for

Cincinnati by his wildness in the four innings he was on the mound. Day-report pitcher effectively for four innings and was retired only to permit a pinch hitter to bat for him. Vaughn, for Chicago, also was wild and was out in the third. Lavender was effective until the seventh, when Cincinnati scored two runs on a base on balls, a double and a single. He was retired in the eighth by Cheney.

RAY DEMMITT HELD UP BY CHICAGO WHITE SOX

DETROIT, April 18.—Ray Demmitt an outfielder, secured by the Detroit American League team from Montreal was yesterday sold to the Chicago Americans for the waiver price of \$3500. Chicago refused to waive on Demmitt when Detroit requested waivers and the sale resulted.

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