

NEWS of SPORT

Optimism Expressed for Baseball During the Summer in Capital

FIRST GUN FOR AMATEUR BASEBALL

The following letter from one of the executives of the Fredericton Baseball club gives rise to the prospects of baseball for the capital during the coming summer and while the Millionaire hockey team is away preparing to battle with the Bathurst Papermakers in the hockey playdowns we submit it for your perusal with the hope that we aren't a bit previous with this opening gun for baseball:—

To the Sporting Editor, Daily Mail
Dear Sir:—
Although probably a few weeks early to say much about baseball, as the snow is piled high about our streets and hockey playoffs are upon us, a few words now will no doubt help the coming season to an earlier start than has been made for the past few years back; and what is needed is an early start as far as financial circumstances are concerned to get a team away on a good start and on even terms in the spring.

With the Devon Ball Park, one of the best in the province, now a right-of-way to the new Indian Reserve, it looks as if the Devon team would be in the waiting for a home, if they ran this coming summer. The Fredericton Imperials will have to be satisfied with Queen's Square as in former years, and although not satisfactory, is the only place available, unless, as rumor has it that Joe Ford will enter a Fredericton entry of pros. in the Twilight league this summer and put the Trotting Park diamond in shape. Joe has tried to run pro. baseball here in former years but met with reverse conditions financially and left it harder for the amateurs to pick up and carry on.

Should Know

The writer, who has been connected with baseball in Fredericton for some few years and one of the present executives of the Fredericton Imperial Baseball Club, is retiring and will give way to some one else. This is true of the other members also, but at the same time I would like to see the teams from three towns combine and make a good team, and I believe it can be done. Some of the material available for the team would be Bailey, catcher; Dinsmore, Garvie, Keene, McGinnes, late of Ottawa Gunners and Shields pitchers; Garvie and Keene, both can play at first, Minue second; Armstrong, at present a student at F'ton Business College, and O'Connor, third; Boyne at Short; for the outfield there would be a world of material with such players as Miles, Myshrahl, the Watson Brothers, Jack and "Happy" Halloy and some others who are coming up.

Too Long a Jump?

Again I differ with some, I contend that St. Stephen is too far to transport a ball club, when players are hurried in a car for nearly a hundred miles, good baseball is not in them. My idea would be to go into a league with two St. John teams and Fredericton, and let St. Stephen and McAdam comprise another section, Moncton two teams and so on with playdown between winners.

Getting back to combining the three

teams around the city, it would aid in more ways than one. There would be overcome the trouble of getting players away as there would be more of them to select from, and a strong team could be chosen for every game either home or away. Again it would be much easier to get cars to go to St. John than it would McAdam or the Border town. St. John teams always drew well with Fredericton fans and if in an organized league should go better.

Although the financial standing of the Fredericton Imp Club was not the best at the close of last season the deficit was small compared to other places, and taking into consideration the fact that the gate receipts were not as large as would have been the case had a closed field been available, I believe that should the team and league link up as above that a surplus would be shown at the close of the year.

However, as stated above I shall be only a spectator at next year's games, watching proceedings from the bleachers instead of the bench, I wish the team whatever it be, the greatest success.

Thanking you for your space in the best interest of pure amateur sport,
Yours Respectfully,
SPORT

Fredericton, N. B. February 17th, 1931.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Besides the above players it is rumored, quite logically too, that several of the Millionaire hockey players will be available for baseball this summer. Hymie McArthur is credited as a fine short-stop; Beaton also as an infielder, and Walter Ferguson, a pitcher, with lots of speed; Proulx also is a ball player, and Cliff Young, sub goaler for the Millionaires is recognized as a receiver of ability. Besides Young, Vinny Boyne and "Hap" Burden, who caught for the C. N. R. team at Moncton last year is liable to be a candidate. Burden is at present employed in the city. "Bub" Brist and Gordon Coffey, who last year played with the Imps will probably be with St. Stephen this year.

CRYING TOWELS IN N. Y. BARS

Paris, Feb. 16—The advent of the "crying towel" in Harry's New York Bar is the latest effort to accommodate the more tearful of the business pessimists abroad.

These towels, of paper, are available on the bar to any who desires to weep—and there are those in increasing numbers in Paris since the New York stock market crash. The towels are labeled in big black type:

"Crying Towel," with the sub-title "Becoming More Popular Every Day."

Inside the fold patrons are advised to hand one of the towels to the "next bar fly who comes weeping to you crying 'Bad business.'"

MONCTON A'S AND AMHERST IN 2-2 TIE

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 16—Moncton Athletics and Amherst Ramblers fought a two-all draw here tonight, in the first of a home-and-home game series to declare a winner of the Central Hockey cycle, and in so doing packed just about everything into the 60 mins that could be crammed in, even a free-for-all fight which took several minutes to clear away.

The local club forged to the lead in the initial 20 minutes by scoring a pair of goals but the Nova Scotia club fought back all the way and in a middle chucker managed to slip a long peg in for a goal while "Chief" Cummins presented them with the tyin tally in the last canto.

Row Starts

In the last period Art Dalton cross-checked Decker Wilson as the latter coasted in on the visiting defence. And not content with that the fiery-headed Pictou boy rushed after the local leader and took a poke at him with his fist. Then the balloon took the air.

Practically every player on the surface and several hundred fans took part in the melee that followed and among those who was on a receiving end of a blow was Referee Jack Carroll. Dalton broke away from the group, walked around the crowd and hit Wilson again in the face from behind. And the fracas started in good style.

Police were several minutes in restoring order.

Dalton and Wilson were both given major penalties by the referee while the remainder of the players were not banished, though practically every member of both teams took a hand in the fistic encounter and several carried marks.

MIGHT TAKE A WAR TO STOP THE GAME

(New York Sun)

Chess players are few and far between, even in cosmopolitan New York. When one meets another, each usually reports it to someone else as if a world-wide celebrity had been met, and a new friendship usually is formed.

There are many reasons for this that confirmed chess players understand, but here is perhaps another one that non-players may understand.

A general in the United States army was invited to make himself at home at a certain little chess club and told that he had been elected an honorary member.

"Thank you very much," he wrote in reply, "but I fear I shall have to be only an honorary member. The game is far too fascinating for me to take it up again. I quit it long ago when it began to make me neglect my duties. Fancy a war breaking out with me at the height of a precious gem of a game at your club."

Halifax, Feb. 16—A hundred and fifty passengers were landed at Halifax over the weekend from British and Continental ports. They left by special train over the Canadian National Railway for their destinations in Canada. The liners on which these passengers arrived from overseas were the "Ausonia" and "Scythia" of the Cunard line, which have Halifax as a regular port of call under arrangements made with the Canadian National Railways and the

LOCAL BOYS AWAY TO BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B. Feb. 17—The papermakers, flushed with their playdown victory over Moncton Vics, are at home tonight to the Fredericton Millionaires, leaders of the Southern N. B. Hockey League schedule. This will mark the opening game of the final playoff for the section title. Last year Papermakers won the provincial senior crown.

A large crowd is expected and a special train will carry a roster section from the capital.

The ice in the local arena is in splendid shape for the opening encounter of the series. The two sides play the return at Fredericton Friday night.

The original schedule called for first match at the Millionaires rink and the second game here, but a recent switch in plans was made by the league executive.

RUSSIA HITTING BACK AT THE UNITED STATES

Moscow, Feb. 15—Withdrawal and cancellation of orders for millions of dollars worth of goods in the United States were planned by the Soviet authorities today as reprisals against the United States Government's ban on Soviet timber.

The extent of the reprisals which the Government intends to take was undermined, but rising indignation was apparent in the attitude of the leaders here. Their determination to reduce drastically their purchases in the United States was indicated in semi-official announcements.

The Soviet Government has purchased millions of dollars worth of goods in America and their orders have increased in recent years. This has been due largely to the intensification of the Soviet five year plan for industrialization. However, the attitude of the American Government in seeking to ban timber and possibly other Soviet products in recent months, has resulted in an increasing tendency to turn to other markets for their machinery and equipment.



HELEN DAVIES SHERRY

Dramatic Soprano, well known musically in Toronto and Western Canada, who will be soloist with the Canadian National Railways' All-Canada Symphony Hour, February 22nd. Mrs. Davies was for several years soprano soloist with the National Chorus of Toronto and in the early years of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra acted as soloist with them. Her home is now in Saskatoon, Sask.

French prophet who predicted the end of the world on Jan. 1 1931, is probably still going around saying, "Can't a fellow make a mistake now and then?"

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