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WILL FREDERICTON ENTER PROPOSED PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE?

Meeting Should be Held in Near Future to Decide as to Outlooks for Present Season—Some Think Provincial League Would be Best—Others are For York County League—Player Arrangements for Present Year Present Maze For Fans—Imperials Gain in Strength While Devon Lose Number of Star Players.

Though the weather is ideally baseball-like, and the though there are faint rumblings from some of the younger baseball enthusiasts of this and Devon, there have been no attempts thus far to get together for a parley on the pros and cons of the coming season—or whether there is to be one or not. It is about a time a meeting was called anyway. Plans for baseball this summer in this city and suburb Devon are rather vague from a casual glance.

The opinion from some fans is that a provincial league should be formed and St. John, Fredericton, McAdam and Moncton, have been tentatively named as the quartet to compose the league. This plan meets with the entire disapproval of some who claim that this will be impossible due to several things. Players will not be able to get off labor for the games; St. John already has commenced inter city baseball, and evidently have no thought of entering a team in a provincial league; and then there is the problem of expense and the uncertain gate appeal of such a league.

Won't Local Again

A number of local diamond followers are of the opinion that local baseball should be run as during the season of 1928, when Devon and Fredericton comprised the York County league, and in which there were some red hot action in the closing days of the season. But then again, a two team league is not the kind that attracts and holds the patronage of baseball loving public. Had it not been for the spirited clashes between the two teams last year in the closing days, and the evenness with which they were matched, it is doubtful if the league would have wound up in as good a financial standing as it did—as it was nothing to cheer about. However, if a local league is formed it will very likely have only two teams, as there is no other team strong enough to enter the league from present indications. A suggestion has been overheard that a second team from Fredericton be included, which with the Devon aggregation will make a three team league, and might supply the necessary magnet for bigger and better gates.

Lots Of Opinions

So there are numerous opinions afloat. There should be a meeting in the near future to decide what is going to be done. And the settlement of the League for the present year is not the least of the troubles which appear on the horizon for discussion. The outstanding question of player eligibility, mixed up with residence ruling and personal desire of the players themselves, is a topic which looms as an interesting one, and one which will involve much argument and dickering before the proper solutions have been worked out.

We will suppose the league is comprised of two teams, Devon and Fredericton as last year. To begin with, "Buddy" Miles, brilliant short fielder of the Devonites, has moved to this city during the interim of winter as is therefore according to the strict rules, only eligible for the local team, which would naturally be very desirous of his services. Ralph Robertson, big hurler for Devon last year, will be in Fredericton this year and he also will be transferred from the suburb team.

On the other hand, "Dinny" Dinsmore, kid speed ball hurler of the Imperials, who at present is attend-

ing St. Joseph's College, will be Devon's possession this year, on account of his residence being nearer that town than Fredericton. Young Dinsmore lives at Barker's Point. There is bound to be hollering on both sides.

Player Strength

Player strength this year according to advance dope will be worthy of comment. Vincent Boyne, who captained the Martello ball club of St. John last year will be available for the local team in the capacity of backstop, shortstop, or any other place in the infield. Joe O'Connor, flashy little speed baseman, another St. John product will be ready for duty as an infielder, as reports have him as a sweet little speed sacker. These two will be very welcome prize packages to the Imperial nine.

Much Weaker

In sharp contrast, the Devon team will suffer in strength by the loss of several of its best players. "Kato" Keene, hard hitting and flashy second baseman, will leave the city in May; Jack Watson, fast outer gardener will not be back from college until late in the season; Miles who was one of the team's most dependable men last season will be absent from his accustomed shortstop berth, and the loss of Robertson from the hurling corp will leave an awful gap in that department. Big Johnston Keene, premier hurler on the staff last year and all round utility man, who incidentally led the league in hitting last year with an average of well over .350, is certain that the Devon squad will again be classy enough to pull out a league winner, if the two team league is again formed.

It all simmers down to a meeting in the near future to discuss, argue, and arrange for the season of 1929 for local baseball.

THE GROWING OF GREEN DUCKS IS PROFITABLE

Growing green ducks is an occupation which returns handsome profits for the money invested. Experimental work at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, shows that Pekin ducklings averaged six pounds each in ten weeks, and made a net profit, over cost of feed and duckling, of \$1.38 each. The ducklings of the Pekin breed made at least one half pound heavier gains than ducklings of other breeds.

Ducklings intended for marketing as green ducks, should be of the Pekin breed because of their early developing qualities, and they must be forced by special methods of feeding.

Frequent feeding promotes rapid growth. Young ducklings should be fed six times from the start until they are two to three weeks old, and five times daily until they are ready for market.

The feed used for growing ducklings at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, is equal parts of bran, shorts and cornmeal with about ten per cent beef meal added. A little charcoal (about one per cent) is also recommended. This mash should be moistened with water, but not made sticky or sloppy. Add only sufficient water to make the meal stick together. Sprinkle coarse sand over the mash before feeding. The sand serves as grit and aids in the process of digestion. Feed only what

IMPORTANCE OF TREATING SEED POTATOES

Treatment of seed potatoes for the prevention of diseases carried on the surface of the tubers is of greater importance than is ordinarily appreciated. Without doubt it is one of the most profitable means of reducing the yearly losses caused by certain diseases. Seed treatment is so important that it may frequently be the dividing line between gain and loss in the production of potatoes.

In the process of seed treatment we are concerned with scab, rhizoctonia and blackleg. All three cause appreciable reductions in yield and impair the quality of the crop. The annual loss from any one of these sources would amount to many thousands of dollars. Scab and rhizoctonia persist in the soil for years once they have been introduced. Growers, therefore, should protect disease-free soils by practicing seed treatment. It has not been demonstrated that blackleg is carried in the soil, yet, seed treatment will prevent its development on tubers which may have become contaminated by contact with those which are diseased.

Investigations conducted at the Division of Botany, Ottawa, have demonstrated the importance of treating seed potatoes, where blackleg is concerned, in as much as it is reduced but not entirely controlled by seed treatment.

In the case of rhizoctonia the young sprouts are very susceptible to attack. The black resting bodies of the fungus, by means of which it has survived the winter, begin to grow when the potatoes are planted and are active when the tender sprouts are particularly subject to attack. Seed treatment aims to reduce this sprout infection by destroying the organism responsible for it. Such a measure assists materially in obtaining the good stands which so commonly follow careful seed disinfection.

The marked increase in seed potato certification and the clearly defined inspection standards direct our attention to the necessity of producing potatoes of superior quality. That this has been so, is shown by the foreign demand for Canadian Seed Potatoes. The chief reason, therefore, for treating seed potatoes is to enable us to meet the demands of critical markets which have been acquired by providing a commodity above reproach. Seed treatment will aid materially in maintaining this reputation.

The Sad Smile—Our love is deformed.

The Gasp—How come?

Sad Smile (again)—It's all one sided.

Not infrequently a pronounced blonde is mispronounced.

the ducklings will eat up clean at each feeding.

After the ducklings are four or five days old some green food should be given such as clover or alfalfa which has been freshly cut, and chopped up fine. Start with only a small amount of this material and gradually increase it until the mash contains about one-fifth green food.

When the ducklings are about six weeks old the green food should be gradually eliminated and at the commencement of the seventh week the mash should be changed to one possessing more fattening properties. The fattening mash used at Ottawa is 50 pounds cornmeal, 35 pounds shorts, and 15 pounds beef meal, with a sprinkling of coarse sand.

By the time the ducklings are ten weeks old they should be in excellent flesh and have developed their first coat of body feathers. This is the first right time to market them. If they are kept longer they will change their feathers, and the rate of growth will decrease, thus increasing cost and reducing profit.

GOOD PROGRAM TO BE ON THE AIR THURSDAY

Following is the radio program in Atlantic Standard time for Thursday evening for stations most easily picked up in Fredericton and vicinity.

Thursday's Best Features.

Maxwell Hour—WJZ network.
Sonora Hour—WABC network.
"Rapid Transit"—WDAF.

WPG, ATLANTIC CITY.

9.00—Gospel Hymns.
9.15—Arthur S. Brook, organ.
10.00—Program of music.
11.30—Harmony quartette.

WEEI, BOSTON.

7.00—Big Brother; Quartette.
8.30—Programs from WDAF.
10.30—Mr. and Mrs. Skit.
11.00—Half-hour from WDAF.
11.30—Reports; Dance music.

WLW, CINCINNATI.

7.00—Dinner Music.
9.00—NBC network.
11.00—Hollingsworth Hall.
12.00—Mid Continental Hour.
1.00—Show Box Hour.

WOR, NEWARK.

7.00—Dinner Hour.
9.00—Mason's Merrymakers.
9.30—WOR Stock Company.
10.00—Concerto.
11.00—Bamberger Little Symphony.
12.00—News; Dance music.

WEAF, NEW YORK.

7.00—Waldorf dinner music.
8.00—Midweek Hymn-sing.
8.30—Howard Comfort Hour.
9.00—"The Song Shop."
9.30—Hoover Sentinels.
10.00—Siberling's Orchestra.
10.30—"Rapid Transit."
11.00—Halsey-Stuart Hour.
11.30—Concert Bureau Hour.
12.30—Roosevelt Orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK.

7.00—Old Man Sunshine.
8.00—Poems, Dance Music.
9.00—Lehn and Fink Sereaders.
9.30—Master Musicians.
10.30—Maxwell House Hour.
10.00—Napoleonic Nights.
11.00—Voices of the Evening.
12.00—Slumber music.

WABC, NEW YORK.

7.00—Music, "Going to Press."
8.00—Musical Vignettes.
9.00—Orchestra.
10.00—Aunt Jemima.
10.30—Sonora Hour.
11.00—Review, foursome.
11.30—Musical Episode.
11.30—The Columbians.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH.

7.00—Pictures; Orchestra.
8.30—Kemble and Mills.
9.00—Programs from WJZ.
11.00—Happiness program.

RAPID TRANSIT

Vivid sketches of the human elements involved in the daily bustle and roar of New York City will be repeated at the request of radio listeners in a series of special "Rapid Transit" broadcasts over the NBC System beginning Thursday night, April 11, at 10.30 o'clock Atlantic Standard Time.

REAL NEGRO

With Katherine Tift-Jones as Aunt Polly, and Paul Dumont playing Uncle Amos, an able cast of actors and the Utica Jubilee Singers will show to listeners the real Negro of the Old South, in the Cabin Door, a program to be broadcast through the NBC System on Wednesday evening, April 10, at 10.30 o'clock, Atlantic Standard Time.

MIDWEEK HYMN-SING

A Midweek Hymn-Sing, sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches and the National Broadcasting Company, will be broadcast over the NBC System, Thursday night, April 11, at 8.00 o'clock, Atlantic Standard Time.

Rhoda Arnold, soprano; Frederick Vettel, tenor; Hazel Tutill, contralto; and Arthur Billings Hunt, baritone and director, will be heard in solo and quartet arrangements of familiar hymns.

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