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REFEREE QUESTION NOW SERIOUS IN N.H.L.

Baiting of Officials by Fans Cause of Most of Trouble — Some Referees Barred.

Montreal, Jan. 25—The Gazette, on its sporting page says:

"The referee situation in the pro league has reached a point where drastic steps on the part of President Calder and the league directors will have to be taken if pro hockey is to be maintained on a sound basis.

All season there have been rumblings concerning the officials, complaints of incompetency against others. The dissatisfaction started first largely when the players took up cry, probably feeling that they had the support of the team managers and eventually the fans quick to sense anything of this nature fell in line. The result has led to a condition which cannot long stand as it is. Many of the clubs have requested that certain officials be left out of the reckoning when President Calder is selecting referees for games in which these teams are competing. The upshot is that an impasse has been reached which calls for immediate and decisive action.

Referees Not Infallible.

"Unquestionably the referees are not always right. None of them is infallible. Some have been guilty of conduct which is not in the best interests of pro. hockey, and in general a situation has been created in which the officials are losing the respect of the management, players and many of the partisan fans. The fault may be probably due to the arbiters in part but much of the trouble can be laid to the doors of the league and the heads of the various clubs. A free discussion of the whole question and a thorough thrashing out of the difficulty facing the league will likely follow the return of President Calder to Montreal.

"Now it is generally agreed that referees should confine their attention to the twelve players on the ice and to no one else. In theory this holds but in practice it is hard to do. The baiting creates in the mind of an official a sense that he is not going to be frightened by any demonstrations by the crowd.

"Unwittingly and without intent to be unfair, but rather with the fighting spirit of showing that he is not going to be cowed by the jeers of the spectators, the official refuses to show the 'white feather.' To make it clear that he is not impressed by the baiting, he calls everything he sees, and being careful not to show signs of weakness he often rules on close decisions against the team supported by its critics.

How It Affects Decisions.

"The result is that the breaks in close decisions go against the team fairly consistently—a condition which is freely admitted to exist by several of the team managers in the league.

"Some steps to be taken to clear up the present situation are fairly obvious. Get the best men possible for referees' board and pay them suitably to make the positions attractive to capable officials many of whom can be found in the league ranks now. Then back these men up with all the support possible from the league but more particularly from the clubs themselves. Eliminate the public criticism of officials by the club management and much of the trouble over the officials, the episodes of players striking the arbiters and the jeering of the fans will be discontinued."

Saint John, Jan. 25—In the opening game of the Inter-Scholastic Hockey League played yesterday afternoon at Rothesay the Rothesay Collegiate School team easily outclasses the visiting Saint John High School sextette by a score of 21 to 0.

Fredericton Lost at Chatham After Twenty Minutes of Overtime

Score Was 3 to 2—Fredericton Team Minus Several Players—Campbellton Outclassed at Bathurst Losing Game 7 to 2.

Chatham, Jan. 25—Chatham won from Fredericton, 3 to 2, in an overtime contest in the College Rink here tonight. Pop Kerr shot the winning goal just one minute from the whistle. The game went twenty minutes overtime. The score at the end of the third period stood 2 to 2.

The game was listless at times but was broken by the scintillating rushes of Fallon and Keoughan. Kerr and McMahon played a good steady game in tonight's contest. Clark and Alan Sterling showed up well for the visitors. Hickson and Carvell were both on tonight and gave splendid exhibitions.

McMahon opened the scoring for the locals when he beat out Hickson with a wicked shot off wing. Allen Sterling evened the score when he took a pass from Steen and sent one by Carvell. Chatham again forged into the lead when Fallon tore through the opposing Fredericton defence and sagged the Fredericton net.

Second Goal.

The visitors second goal came from M. Wade's stick when he took a pass from E. Wade. The goal was objected to by Chatham as being offside, but their objections were overruled by Referee Payne.

Both sides battled hard to score in the second period but the puck did not sag either net during this period. Another 20 minutes of hockey failed to break the deadlock. R. Keoughan and Clark had a three minutes' rest in the penalty box, this after a short fistie encounter.

Chatham Fredericton

Goal. Carvell Hickson
Defence. Fallon E. Wade
R. Keoughan Steen
Centre. Kerr M. Wade
Left Wing. McMahon Allen Sterling
Right Wing. Duncan Clark
Subs. Keating Archie Sterling
Fleisher F. Keoughan
H. McCashen

Bathurst Wins.

Bathurst, Jan. 25—Bathurst defeated Campbellton at the Arena here tonight, 7 to 2. The home team outplayed the visitors at every department of the game, having a wide margin in the stick-handling, skating, shooting, combination and goal tending angles. Campbellton was held scoreless until less than two minutes from the finish.

The game was delayed an hour and a half to await the arrival of special train with 300 fans from Campbellton. Fourteen hundred excited spectators saw the contest which was fast.

There was no particular star on the home team. Each man gave his best from the first whistle to the final gong and the result was never in doubt. Bathurst started to rattle shots off the pads of LeBlanc in the Campbellton net and gave him no rest during the entire game. McLellan, of Moncton, who refereed, kept the game well in hand, but was forced to hand out numerous penalties.

Opens Scoring.

Carroll opened the scoring on a pass from Crosby and Lawlor and not number two a few seconds later. In the second stanza McKean went through and found the net and D. Cripps added another three minutes from the end of the period. In the closing session Cripps got his second goal of the evening on a

pass from Lawlor, who scored the last two himself, one on a sole effort and the other on a pass from Carroll.

The visitors got into the scoring 90 seconds from the finish, when Howard called on a pass from McLean. McLean scored 30 seconds later on a pass from Howard.

The Line-Up.

The following is the line-up of the teams:

Bathurst	Campbellton
Goal.	
Finnigan	LeBlanc
Defence	
Fallon	McLean
Crosby	Sharp
Centre	
Carroll	Howard
Left Wing	
Cripps	Thomas
Right Wing	
McKeenan	Wilkins
Subs.	
Gammon	Lavolette
Doucet	Colombe
Shannon	

NORTHERN N. B. LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
Campbellton	4	3
Bathurst	5	4
Chatham	4	4
Fredericton	3	5

ONTARIO AMATEURS TURN DOWN OFFERS

Toronto, Jan. 25—Jerry Lowrey of London, who signed a contract with the pro hockey team of this city says he will not report, and that he will continue to play with London not having accepted any money from St. Patrick's. Aside from that he claims to be a minor, and that the contract is, therefore, not valid. The local club owners, or some of them, deny that the Carson brothers of Stratford have been secured for the pro team. Both London and Stratford have engaged in a good deal of extravagant talk about their teams being "raided," their stars signed, etc., and the Classic City insists that Dr. Bill Carson, at least will join the professionals. It is a fact that the St. Patrick's management made an honest effort to get some real stars, and that much is to their credit, even if they were not successful. The New York Club is flooding the country with offers to players, and Bolleau of the Bell Phone Company team of Montreal as well as others are expected to join the Gotham outfit within a few days.

ARCTIC RINK

HOCKEY

THURS., JAN. 28th

CAMPBELLTON

vs.

FREDERICTON

This is a League Game and will be very fast

SKATING AFTER THE GAME

DOMINATION OF PRO HOCKEY BY U.S. FEARED

Rumored Transfer of Ottawa Franchise to Jersey City Starts Many Stories — Too Much Money.

Many pro. hockey fans profess to believe that the opinions expressed in The Globe and in the editorial columns of The Ottawa Citizen and other Canadian newspapers, to the effect that there is danger of populous United States cities—and their fat bank-rolls—dominating pro. hockey, are wide of the mark. Nevertheless there is ample indication that sooner or later the Canadian cities of the present pro. circuit will be nothing but an adjunct, perhaps not even that, to a country-wide league, or two leagues, in the United States. The proposal to transfer the Ottawa franchise to Jersey City is a preliminary step. When the New York team arrived in Ottawa yesterday Manager Gorman admitted that New York had been invited to join an all-United States pro. league next season. In the event of the organization of such a circuit, it is a certainty that Boston and Pittsburgh will be included. That will leave Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal to get back to the original circuit here, with the possible addition of Hamilton. The Citizen pointed out that large U. S. centres of population would be enabled to offer much larger salaries than Canadian cities, and thus attract the best of the players who turn professional. The condition constitutes a very real menace to Canadian pro. hockey. The development of the game across the border on the lines of the two major baseball leagues was forecast some time ago, and the season of 1927-28 indicated as likely to see the fruition of plans to that end, which are now known to be under consideration, but it may happen sooner.

FREDERICTON RINKS CHOSEN FOR BONSPIEL

Two rinks from the Fredericton Curling Club left this morning for Saint John to play in the bonspiel for the Blair Cup which opens tonight. The Fredericton rinks are drawn to play tonight. The rinks were made up finally Monday night. The skips are T. A. Belmore and Walter Limerick. The other players are L. S. Webb, F. W. Barker, H. B. Colwell, H. R. Babbitt, H. E. Fowler, C. R. Barry.

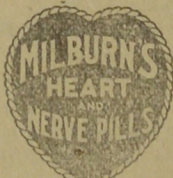
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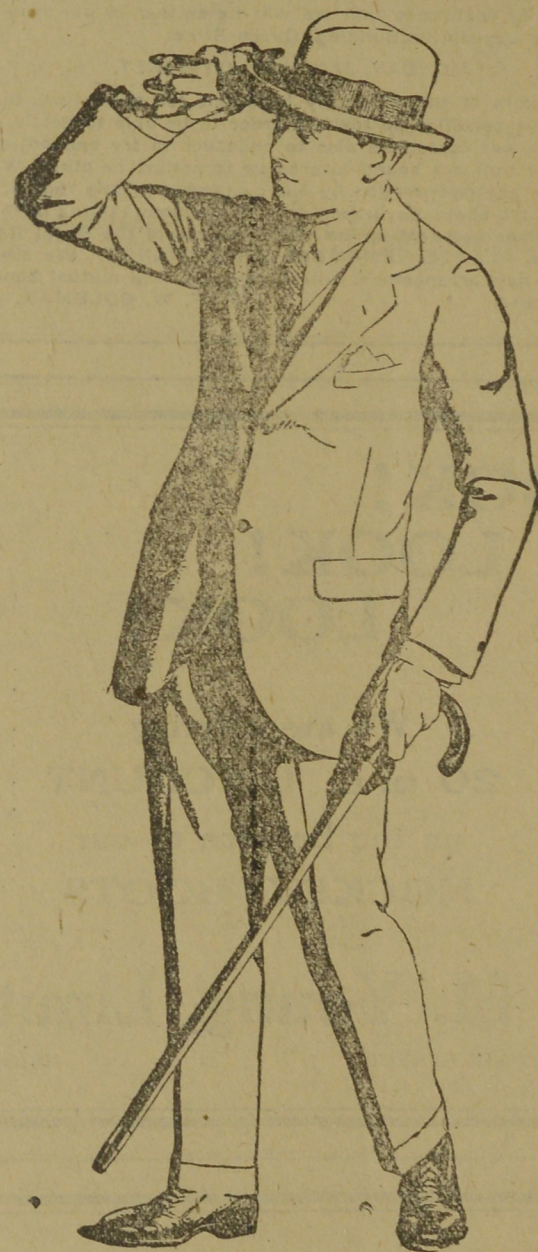
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