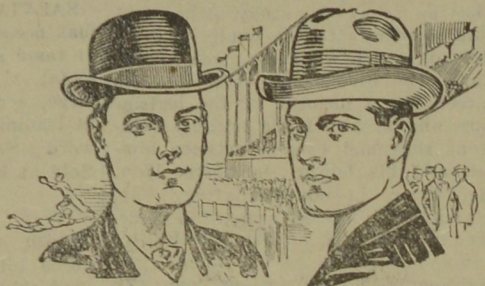


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## More Encouraging Outlook For Local Baseball

### COMMISSION TO GOVERN PRO HOCKEY FAVORED

Ottawa Wants It Very Much---Will  
Again Have Leseur as Manager  
---Reconstructed Team

Officers of the Ottawa Hockey Club are out strongly in favor of the proposed hockey commission. They favor the establishment of one representative from the Maritime, National and Pacific Coast Leagues, and a chairman of the Board. They will also agitate a uniform scale of salaries, the addition of reserve clauses to the present commission and the adoption of the seven-man game for the entire country. Lester Patrick is coming east next month and it is likely that the commission will then be launched, though the westerners say they are now opposed to such. The Ottawas predict wholesale pruning of salaries, the enforcement of much needed discipline and the establishment of an annual series for the world's championship, with the Stanley Cup as the stake. It is understood that the Toronto teams are in accord with the platform proposed by the Ottawas.

Moreover, the Ottawa directors announce that there will be a house-cleaning in their team. Percy Leseur will be refused his release and asked to take charge of the team again, and Green will continue as coach. It is said that only Merrill, Lake, Broadbent and Darragh of this year's team will be signed. The Ottawas claim that dissatisfied disturbers caused the trouble during the season just ended and will likely offer one or two of their players in exchange with a view to restoring harmony amongst their players. They hope to get both Fred Taylor and Carl Kendall, but private advices from the coast are to the effect that the Patricks have thwarted the National Hockey Association's threatened raid by signing the majority of their stars, including Taylor, Kendall, Johnson and many others for 1914. They may also have Benedict, Ronan and Broadbent of the Ottawas. Kendall is coming home to be married but will probably return to the coast.

### JACK FROST SAYS HE IS NOT FIRST CLASS PLAYER

Cincinnati, April 3--Pres. August Hermann of the Cincinnati Baseball Club, announced tonight that, at the player's own request, Pitcher Jack Frost has been handed his unconditional release.

Frost was released to the Montreal Club yesterday but upon reporting at Cincinnati today he explained that he thought he was still unfit for first-class baseball and asked for his unconditional release.

### COVERTCOAT WON GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE

Liverpool, April 4--The Grand National steeplechase handicap was won today by Sir C. Ashton-Smith's Covertcoat. Irish Mail was second and Casey third. Twenty-two horses ran.

The American horse J. R. Fells' Highbridge fell early in the race in jumping a fence and most of the field followed suit. Only three finished.

The betting was 100 to 9 against Covertcoat, 100 to 9 against Casey, 25 to 1 against Irish Mail and 100 to 9 against Highbridge.

The Grand National is a race for a prize of \$17,500 and a trophy valued at \$625. It is run over a distance of four miles and 856 yards.

### HALIFAX WILL HAVE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CLUB

(Acadian Reformer)  
Halifax is sure to have at least one team the coming season, for a new organization known as the White Sox Professional Baseball Club is being formed. J. Ahearn, who is working in the interests of the new club is in touch with several Boston and Worcester College players. The White Sox, Standards, Moncton

### WASHINGTON'S PITCHER BLEW UP AND BOSTON WON

Aleletics Made It Four Straight From  
Philadelphia Nationals---Batting  
Hard This Season

Washington, April 4--The Washington Americans had today's game with the Boston Nationals won until the ninth inning when Gallia, a recruit who replaced Johnson, blew up and Boston got eight men across. Johnston had pitched splendidly for six innings allowing but one hit.

Batteries--Hess, Leown, James and Rariden; Johnston, Gallia and Ainsmith, Williams.

### MADE IT FOUR STRAIGHT.

Philadelphia, April 4--By taking today's game, making it the fourth straight, the Philadelphia Americans won the local spring series from the Philadelphia Nationals. The score 8 to 3. Connie Mack's team hit all the National pitchers hard. Wychoff, pitching for the Americans, weakened in the seventh and was relieved by Plank.

Batteries--Meyer, Moore, Marshall and Dooin and Holey, Wychoff, Plank and Thomas.

### BOUQUETS FOR MCGOVERN AND ART FINNAMORE.

Discussing a knock for Fred McGovern, now catching for Montreal, but formerly of the N. B. & Maine League, The St. Stephen Courier says:

"The big catcher was a little 'crabby' at times while with the Thistles but it was always felt here that it was occasioned by the failure of a lot of other fellows on that team to play ball. A lot of them at times seemed to have a greater interest in pay day than in any other feature of their engagement. Fred McGovern and Art Finnmore played ball all the time and when the others did less there was some evidence of the grouch. The team that has Fred McGovern in its lineup has a good, consistent player and one of the most genial fellows in the game when the others are 'on to their job.'"

### IF THORPE ONLY HAD

Zan Francisco, April 3--If James Thorpe, the Indian athlete who was convicted of professionalism and stripped of the honors he won at the Olympic games last year, had made a clean breast of his case to the Amateur Athletic Union when signing as an entrant to the games, he might have been absolved of his transgression and been given a clear title to the laurels he achieved at Stockholm.

This statement was made at a banquet this week last night by James E. Sullivan, secretary of the A.A.U., who is here to assist in arrangements for the international games to be held in San Francisco during the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915.

Sullivan said he had not yet decided to accept the athletic directorship of the games.

Westville, Stellarton, and Springhill or New Glasgow would make a fine league. It is expected that all arrangements will be made this week in connection with the new league.

### Canvass by J. P. Farrell Yesterday, showed that People of City are ready and Willing to Give Club Financial Support ---Will Continue Can- vass Next Week

The baseball outlook is more encouraging as far as the Fredericton Club is concerned. A canvass of the city was begun yesterday by Mr. J. P. Farrell and he found almost every person willing and ready to subscribe. Those who contributed last year are willing to contribute at least as much this year and in some cases will increase their subscriptions. Mr. Farrell canvassed for a short time during the day and again at night. The reception given him was most encouraging. Today being Saturday the canvass has been discontinued but will be resumed again next week.

The league meeting is to be held on Thursday, April 10th, and before that date Fredericton will have to be in a position to announce what is to be done. The benefit performances of "Capt. Bing" at the Opera House on Tuesday and Wednesday next are sure to be largely attended and means of wiping out the deficit of 1912 seems to be at hand. Everything depends on the reception given the canvassers next week.

### UNUSUAL COMPLICATION POSSIBLE AT GRAND RAPIDS

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 3--Unusual complications are possible under the new ownership of the Grand Rapids Central League Club. Both President W. E. Essick and Manager Ed Smith of the club, are pitchers, and expect to take their regular turns in the box.

Some day the president may be yielding too many hits to suit the manager. Then Smith will order Essick to the bench. Will the president submit or will he hand Smith his release? Then, too, in the course of time, Manager Smith is likely to report to President Essick the Pitcher Essick "has gone back" and should be released. Doubtless in that contingency the president will back up the pitcher.

### SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Joe Wood demonstrated to those University of Illinois boys just why he is called "Smoky."

High jumpers who can do six feet or better are very common out on the Pacific Coast. There must be ten or a dozen of them.

Unless it is "Hank" O'Day's own fault that he is not one of the major league staffs as an umpire, some one ought to get busy and sign up one of the best.

Adrian Hogan is a peculiar name for a French boxer, unless it is a nom de guerre.

John A. McKay of Bangor, will train and race a son of Magon, 2:19, out of Della Wilkes, 2:21, by Bayard Wilkes, 2:11, the coming season.

Horatio Maxwell, formerly of St. Stephen, but now located at Bangor, Me., has in his string the two-year-old colt Tramp Busy, by Trampfast, 2:21, that he will stake in all the two-year-old events in Maine.

The St. Stephen Courier says: "Herb Beek is jogging Masterpiece on the road again. He is looking fine."

### BURNS WILL ACCEPT MCCARTY'S OFFER FOR BOUT

Former Champion Could Have Knocked  
Pelky Out Over Longer Route---  
In Good Condition

Calgary, April 3--Tommy Burns and Arthur Pelkey fought six fast rounds here last night. It was a no decision affair, though Burns forced the fighting at all times. Burns scored three knock-downs and was floored once by the giant Pelkey, but was on his feet instantly and continued his rushing tactics. Physically Burns was in surprisingly fine condition but failed to judge blows to the best advantage. To give Burns credit, he gave an impressive demonstration of come-back ability and ringside critics believe he would have won a knock-out over a longer route. It was a slam bang battle from gong to gong. Pelkey is a huge fellow, capable of taking a real wallap and landing one himself. Burns worked effectively with both hands, while Pelkey depended largely upon left jabs. In the second round Pelkey took the count of seven but recuperated rapidly and came through all right. In the fourth Pelkey landed a healthy wallap on the former world's champion's jaw. Burns dropped like a log, but recovered before the count started. Stung by the knock-down, Burns put his opponent down twice in the fifth, but once again Pelkey's recuperative power saved him and he finished strong. The sixth was a slashing affair, with Burns having considerably the better of the exchange. Both men left the ring unmarked, each striving throughout the entire fight for the jaw and wind.

As the result of his initial tryout against a prominent white hope, Burns is now prepared to accept Luther McCarthy's proposal for a bout here May 24. McCarthy's share will be \$10,000, win, lose or draw. Burns is confident that he is still in the game. His performance last night was creditable, since this was his first fight of any consequence in three years.

### MONTREAL RUGBY TEAM TO TOUR ENGLAND

(Montreal Herald)  
The Montreal English Rugby Football Club have decided to send a team to England this year, probably in December.

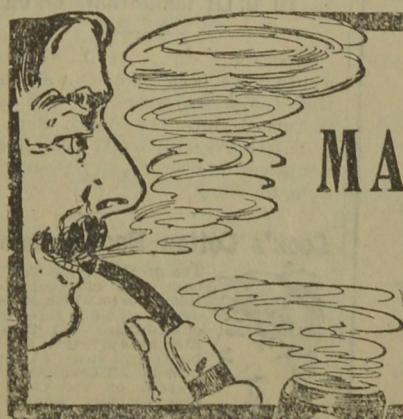
Among the local teams there are three former Old Country Internationals and a number of first class county players. It appears that the team will be mostly composed of men who have played the game on the other side. One of the probable members of the squad said this morning that Canadians knew too much about roughing it to play an effective game in the Old Country.

The players selected will practice here two months before leaving. It will be remembered that a team of English Rugby players from the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia went to the Old Country some years ago and played a few creditable games, but were compelled to leave their schedule unfinished, principally because of a mistake made in not taking enough men.

There will be a practice for members of the Montreal English United Banks and Montreal Scottish R. F. clubs on the Montreal West ground at 3.15 on Saturday afternoon next.

The local baseball situation is clearing but more work must be done before everything is plain sailing. It will have to be done quickly too, for the league meeting is to be held on Thursday next.

Fredericton fans want baseball and are willing to flash the coin. The great want is for some person to step into the limelight and take the same grasp of the business end of the matter as was taken last year.



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