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TO THE STANDARD BALL OF THE NATIONAL GAME

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SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

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THE CANADIAN LEAGUE

Championship Season to Open May 14 and Close Labor Day—Salary Limit Raised From \$1200 to \$1500, and League Advanced to Class C Rating.

BY ADDIE L. RICHARDSON.

Hamilton, Ont., March 23.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Unbounded enthusiasm prevailed at the Canadian League meeting, held at the Royal Hotel here, Wednesday afternoon, March 13. Representatives from every city in the circuit were in attendance. The first order of business was the formal admittance to the league of the Ottawa and Peterboro Clubs. The addition of these two cities makes the league an eight-club organization and gives the necessary population for Class C rating, which has been secured. President James P. Fitzgerald and Secretary Melville M. Robinson were unanimously placed on salary, deserved recognition to two clever sport writers and worthy league leaders. Each club presented a list of desirable home dates to Secretary Robinson and Harris L. Walsh, the latter the brilliant sporting editor of the Brantford "Expositor," who were appointed a committee to draft a schedule for the coming season. The Delegates present were League President, James P. Fitzgerald, Toronto; League Secretary Melville M. Robinson, Hamilton; Manager Curtis H. Templin, Secretary Walter S. Davidson and Daniel McCabe, Peterboro; President Samuel Stevely, George O'Neill and Secretary F. P. Buzzell, London; Owner Thomas Nelson and Richard J. Eacrett, Brantford; William J. Sheridan and Frank B. Hilliard, Guelph; Manager Frank ("Shag") Shaughnessey, Ottawa; Manager George ("Rube") Deneau, Owner William ("Pop") Williams and Secretary William H. Rhodes, Berlin; Charles Stanley, St. Thomas; George ("Knotty") Lee and Melville Marks Robinson, the Hamilton magnates, representing their club, the local aggregation. Complete arrangements were made for the coming season, and from the tone of the meeting there is no doubt but that the season of 1912 will prove unusually successful for the Canadian League. The Ottawa and Peter-



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boro representatives gave enthusiastic reports of how the game is taking hold in their respective cities, and it is the general opinion that both will prove rattling good additions to the league. A resolution of sympathy was passed, and the secretary instructed to forward a copy to Chaucer Elliott, manager of the St. Thomas Club, who is in New York undergoing treatment for an injured leg. According to information received by some of the league officials, Elliott is in great

mentioned official in the league last season, that one being Hittle Brichter, and he gave great satisfaction.

President Fitzgerald has decided not to sign any umpire a resident of any city comprising the circuit. This decision lets out Alf Strowger, a member of last season's staff, and a most capable official, and the only handler of the indicator who opened and closed the 1911 season in the Canadian League.

Joe Keenan, the 1911 manager of the London Club, was a visitor in Hamilton during the meeting, but not in any official capacity, having severed his connection with the London Club. He was the recipient of several very good offers to manage teams

Indiana-Illinois-Iowa League

Season Opens May 2; Closes September 8

SPRINGFIELD CLUB AT HOME	
With Bloomington	May 2, 3, 4
With Peoria	May 5, 5, 6
With Dubuque	May 13, 14, 15
With Davenport	May 16, 17
With Danville	May 28, 29
With Decatur	June 7, 8, 9
With Quincy	June 10, 11
With Peoria	June 12, 13
With Dubuque	June 14, 15
With Davenport	June 16, 17
With Bloomington	June 18, 19
With Danville	July 2, 3
With Decatur	July 4, 4
With Quincy	July 13, 14, 14
With Peoria	July 18, 19
With Bloomington	July 20, 21, 22
With Davenport	July 23, 24, 25
With Dubuque	July 26, 27, 28
With Decatur	August 7, 8, 9
With Danville	August 11, 11
With Davenport	August 12, 13, 13
With Dubuque	August 14, 15
With Bloomington	August 16, 16
With Peoria	August 17, 18, 18
With Quincy	August 22, 22, 23
With Decatur	August 25, 25
With Danville	August 26, 27, 28
With Quincy	September 7, 8

QUINCY CLUB AT HOME	
With Peoria	May 2, 3, 4
With Bloomington	May 5, 5, 6
With Davenport	May 13, 14, 15
With Dubuque	May 16, 17
With Decatur	May 28, 29
With Springfield	June 4, 5, 6
With Danville	June 7, 8, 9
With Bloomington	June 12, 13
With Davenport	June 14, 15
With Dubuque	June 16, 17
With Peoria	June 18, 19
With Decatur	July 2, 3
With Danville	July 4, 4
With Springfield	July 6, 7
With Bloomington	July 18, 19
With Peoria	July 20, 21, 22
With Dubuque	July 23, 24, 25
With Davenport	July 26, 27, 28
With Decatur	August 10, 11, 11
With Dubuque	August 12, 13, 13
With Davenport	August 14, 15
With Peoria	August 16, 16
With Bloomington	August 17, 18, 18
With Danville	August 24, 25, 25
With Decatur	August 26, 27, 28
With Springfield	August 31, September 1, 1
With Danville	September 3, 4
With Springfield	September 5, 6

BLOOMINGTON CLUB AT HOME	
With Springfield	May 8, 9, 10
With Quincy	May 11, 12, 12
With Danville	May 18, 19
With Decatur	May 20, 21
With Quincy	May 22, 23
With Springfield	May 24, 25, 26
With Dubuque	May 30, 30, 31
With Davenport	June 1, 2, 3
With Peoria	June 4, 5, 6
With Quincy	June 20, 21
With Decatur	June 22, 23, 23
With Springfield	June 24, 25
With Danville	June 26, 27, 28
With Dubuque	June 29, 30
With Peoria	July 6, 7
With Decatur	July 8, 9
With Danville	July 10, 11, 12
With Davenport	July 16, 17
With Quincy	July 30, 30, 31
With Springfield	August 1, 2
With Decatur	August 3, 4
With Danville	August 5, 6
With Dubuque	August 7, 8, 9
With Davenport	August 19, 20, 20
With Peoria	August 31, September 1, 1
With Dubuque	September 2, 2
With Peoria	September 5, 6

PEORIA CLUB AT HOME	
With Quincy	May 8, 9, 10
With Springfield	May 11, 12, 12
With Decatur	May 18, 19
With Danville	May 20, 21
With Springfield	May 22, 23
With Quincy	May 24, 25, 26
With Davenport	May 30, 30, 31
With Dubuque	June 1, 2, 3
With Bloomington	June 10, 11
With Springfield	June 20, 21
With Danville	June 22, 23, 23
With Quincy	June 24, 25
With Decatur	June 26, 27, 28
With Davenport	June 29, 30
With Danville	July 8, 9
With Decatur	July 10, 11, 12
With Bloomington	July 13, 14, 14
With Dubuque	July 16, 17
With Springfield	July 30, 30, 31
With Quincy	August 1, 2
With Danville	August 3, 4, 4
With Decatur	August 5, 6
With Davenport	August 7, 8, 9
With Dubuque	August 19, 20, 20
With Bloomington	August 22, 22, 23
With Dubuque	August 29, 30
With Davenport	September 2, 2
With Bloomington	September 7, 8

danger of losing his leg, and Messrs. Robinson, O'Neill and Nelson were appointed a committee to look after Elliott's interests in St. Thomas until such time as he is in shape to take hold himself.

News Notes

President James P. Fitzgerald, of the Canadian League, has announced his umpires for the season of 1912: The list of arbitrators is as follows: Emil Brichter, Bay City, Mich.; C. D. Johnson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stanley Yerkes, New York; and William Pearson, Toronto, Canada. Only one of the men

DUBUQUE CLUB AT HOME	
With Danville	May 2, 3, 4
With Decatur	May 5, 5, 6
With Springfield	May 18, 19
With Quincy	May 20, 21
With Decatur	May 22, 23
With Danville	May 24, 25, 26
With Peoria	May 28, 29
With Bloomington	June 7, 8, 9
With Davenport	June 10, 11
With Decatur	June 20, 21
With Quincy	June 22, 23, 23
With Danville	June 24, 25
With Springfield	June 26, 27, 28
With Peoria	July 2, 3
With Bloomington	July 4, 4
With Quincy	July 8, 9
With Springfield	July 10, 11, 12
With Davenport	July 13, 14, 14
With Decatur	July 30, 30, 31
With Danville	August 1, 2
With Quincy	August 3, 4, 4
With Springfield	August 5, 6
With Peoria	August 10, 11, 11
With Davenport	August 22, 22, 23
With Bloomington	August 24, 25, 25
With Peoria	August 26, 27, 28
With Bloomington	September 3, 4
With Davenport	September 7, 8

DAVENPORT CLUB AT HOME	
With Decatur	May 2, 3, 4
With Danville	May 5, 5, 6
With Quincy	May 18, 19
With Springfield	May 20, 21
With Danville	May 22, 23
With Decatur	May 24, 25, 26
With Bloomington	May 28, 29
With Dubuque	June 4, 5, 6
With Peoria	June 7, 8, 9
With Danville	June 10, 11, 12
With Peoria	June 20, 21
With Springfield	June 22, 23, 23
With Decatur	June 24, 25
With Quincy	June 26, 27, 28
With Bloomington	July 2, 3
With Peoria	July 4, 4
With Dubuque	July 6, 7
With Springfield	July 8, 9
With Quincy	July 10, 11, 12
With Danville	July 30, 30, 31
With Decatur	August 1, 2
With Springfield	August 3, 4, 4
With Quincy	August 5, 6
With Bloomington	August 10, 11, 11
With Peoria	August 24, 25, 25
With Bloomington	August 26, 27, 28
With Dubuque	August 31, September 1, 1
With Peoria	September 3, 4
With Dubuque	September 5, 6

DANVILLE CLUB AT HOME	
With Dubuque	May 8, 9, 10
With Davenport	May 11, 12, 12
With Bloomington	May 13, 14, 15
With Peoria	May 16, 17
With Quincy	May 30, 30, 31
With Springfield	June 1, 2, 3
With Decatur	June 10, 11
With Davenport	June 12, 13
With Bloomington	June 14, 15
With Peoria	June 16, 17
With Dubuque	June 18, 19
With Quincy	June 29, 30
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With Peoria	August 12, 13, 13
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With Dubuque	August 16, 16
With Davenport	August 17, 18, 18
With Springfield	August 19, 20, 20
With Decatur	August 22, 22, 23
With Springfield	August 29, 30
With Decatur	September 7, 8

DECATUR CLUB AT HOME	
With Davenport	May 8, 9, 10
With Dubuque	May 11, 12, 12
With Peoria	May 13, 14, 15
With Bloomington	May 16, 17
With Springfield	May 30, 30, 31
With Quincy	June 1, 2, 3
With Danville	June 4, 5, 6
With Dubuque	June 12, 13
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in various leagues during the past week. The ex-Toronto Eastern Leaguer was a successful pilot in 1911, bringing the Londoners from the cellar when he assumed control to second place, a creditable and most noteworthy achievement.

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word was received in Ottawa last week that the Fort Wayne owners intend taking the matter to the National Commission. It is to be hoped that Manager Shaughnessey will be successful to secure an amicable settlement with the Fort Wayne people, for managers of the Frank Shaughnessey class are wanted in the Canadian League. He made a big hit with the magnates, delegates and scribes at the league meeting. Frank is a behemoth. He stands 5 feet 2 1/2 inches, and weighs in the neighborhood of 190 pounds.

Curtis Harold Templin, Peterboro's new manager, is a resident of Reading, Pa., where he was born February 11, 1873. He branched out professionally in 1896 at Ashland, Pa. In 1897 he was an arbitrator in the Atlantic League, and the following four seasons he was with the Reading, Pa., Browns. In 1902 he was at Newbern, N. C., and 1903-04, Oxford, Pa. In 1905, Concord, N. H. In 1906, Franklin, N. H. Season of 1907, at Worcester, Mass., and the following year at Fall River, Mass. In 1909, New Bedford, Mass. In 1910, Winston-Salem, in the Carolina Association, and last season with the Berlin Club, champions of the Canadian League. He bats and throws right-handed. He returned to his home in Reading, Pa., on the eastern flyer after the meeting. He would be pleased to hear from ball players for all positions of Class C calibre. Manager Templin can be addressed at 1206 Marion street, Reading, Pa.

A PENITENTIARY LEAGUE

Three Penal Institutions in Kansas to Form a Convict League.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 23.—Plans are being made here for the formation of an interpenitentiary base ball league, to play a series of games for the championship of the three penitentiaries located near this town. It is supposed to enter an all-penitentiary team from each of the three penal institutions here and play a series of games toward the end of the season. Base ball is the favorite Summer sport in the United States penitentiary and the Kansas State penitentiary, and it is to be introduced this Summer for the first time at the United States military prison at Fort Leavenworth. Last Summer games were played in the two institutions, and the convicts enjoyed them so much that regular teams are being organized this year. If the interpenitentiary series is arranged, it is supposed to have one game in each prison. The high teams will then play off at a prison to be chosen by lot.

ANOTHER "SPITTER"

Pitcher Cook, of the Naps, Has a Delivery That Amazes Manager Davis.

Mobile, Ala., March 23.—Corporal George Cook caused Manager Davis and catcher Easterly to open their eyes with amazement the other afternoon when he proceeded to throw his "spitter." He starts it far above his head and it sails for the plate on a level with the batter's face. A few feet in front of the rubber it suddenly breaks and shoots across waist high. "Don't know as I ever saw a 'spitter' just like it," remarked Harry. After the soldier boy had thrown a half dozen he displayed splendid control of the moat ball. He says that he did not use the "spitter" at all last year, because he did not have a catcher who could hold him.