

### PROPOSE AFFILIATION OF N.O.B.A. AND O.B.A.A.

Plan for Baseball Along Lines of Hockey Under Ontario Association Auspices.

Recently there has been discussion and consideration in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and other places regarding the plan to affiliate the N.O.B.A. with the Ontario Baseball Association. The plan proposed would follow a group system similar to that in use in hockey in the North Land. In reference to the matter the Sudbury Star has shown much favour to the plan, mentioning only the two obstacles in the way—the distances to be travelled by the teams, and the lack of proper closed-in ball parks in most of the towns. The Sault Ste. Marie Star in discussing the matter recently said:—“Although no definite plans have been advanced it is thought likely that the new organization would be conducted along lines similar to those which govern hockey. That is, the northern towns would be divided into three or four groups and the winners of the different groups would hold a post-season play-off for the championship of the North and to select a team to meet the eastern Ontario champions for provincial honours. The Soo would probably be asked to form one group. The method of selecting a team from the Soo would give trouble. It is not feasible to form a group on the Canadian side comprising one team from the Soo and two or three other teams from towns down the line, because no towns within easy travelling distance would be able to put a strong team in the field. On the other hand, no more

than two good teams could be formed in the Soo, and a lengthy series between two teams would not be sufficiently interesting to draw a “gate” for the entire season. The question would then arise as to whether the better team should represent the Soo, or an all-star team be picked. Unless the Soo could secure permission to enter an international league, or play exhibition games with Michigan teams it would appear that affiliation with the O.B.A.A. would count for little. To put the game on a successful basis here, competition with outside teams is absolutely necessary. “Should the Soo be approached with reference to the affiliation with the O.B.A.A., the answer would depend upon whether suitable grounds can be obtained, and whether permission will be granted to play with American teams.”

In reference to the last point The Sudbury Star is of the opinion that the Ontario Baseball Association would not countenance games with U.S.A. teams, taking similar stand in this to the attitude of the O.H.A. in regard to hockey matches with U.S.A. teams. The “O” in O.B.A.A., The Star says, stands for “Ontario.”

The Sudbury Star voices the Sudbury opinion as being much the same as the attitude in Sault Ste. Marie. President Farrell, of the Nickel Belt Baseball League, summed the matter up in these words:—“I’d like to see the plan carried out. It would stimulate interest and put the game on a proper basis, but the difficulties right now are large. Lack of enclosed ball parks and the distances to be covered by the teams are two big obstacles.” The attitude of this part of the North Land in the matter will be quite evident simply by the statement of the fact that last week Mr. Jas. Heppleston, President of the N.O.B.A.

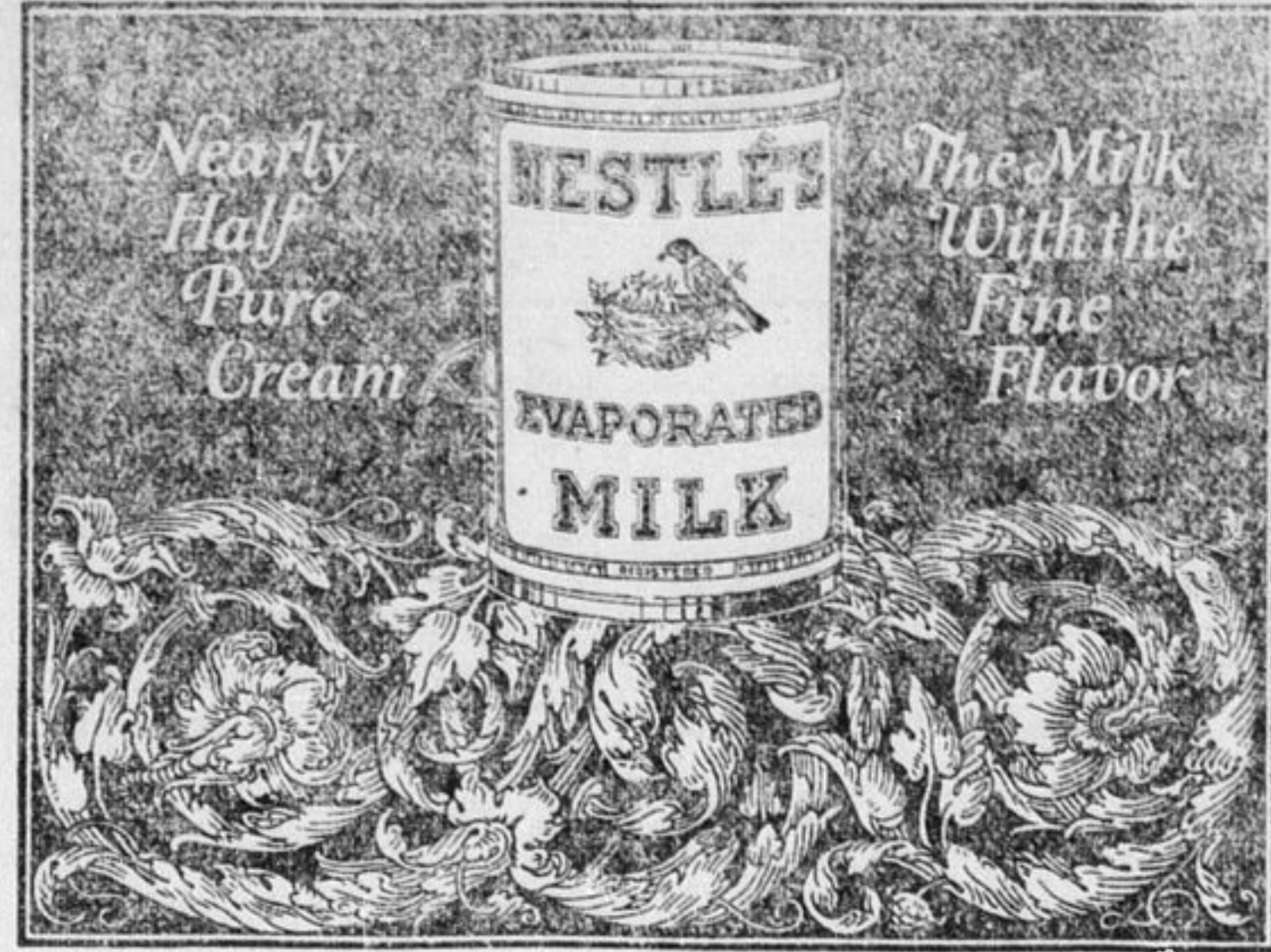
wrote the Ontario Baseball Association with a view to having the N.O.B.A. duly affiliated with the O.B.A.A. The Northern Ontario Baseball Club now includes Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and Timmins, and affiliation with the Ontario Association would add to the standing and the interest of the game here. The group plan would be advantageous and convenient for the three clubs concerned in this section and the finals at the end of the season would about double baseball interest hereabout. If Sudbury, the Sault and North Bay go into the plan on the group system, baseball will hold the sure centre of interest this summer. But whether the southern towns can take up the proposition or not, it is likely that the Northern Ontario Baseball Association will join up with the Ontario Association.

#### EVENING PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
Statistics guard my slumbers deep;  
If I should die, I'm not concerned,  
I may get wet, but I won't get burned.

#### THE BAIRN'S BREEKS

The Duke of Atholl told this story from the Highlands the other day.  
“An aristocratic old lady in the Highlands,” said the Duke, “hired a crofter's boy as page, and bought him a livery that was to be worn only on very special occasions.  
“One day she gave a dinner party. As she entertained her guests in the difficult ten minutes before the meal was served, a tousled head was stuck into the dining-room and the voice of the new page asked:  
“Please, ma'am am I to wear me ain breeks or yours?”



#### Here and There

Vancouver as a grain port has gone over the top and is assured of achieving the 15,000,000 bushel objective set for the 1922-1923 crop year, according to statistics issued at the Vancouver Merchants Exchange.

A Canadian Pacific Railway train, ever half a mile long, left Oshawa for New York recently. The train was composed of 52 flat cars, each carrying from four to six automobiles, and was the first solid train to leave Oshawa for New York.

Making the heaviest loading since the big crop year of 1915, grain loaded on the western lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway from September 1st, 1922, to March 7th, 1923, inclusive, totalled 118,565 cars. This is 16,000 more cars than were loaded during the corresponding season of last year.

While in mid Pacific, the wireless operator of the Canadian Pacific Steamship “Empress of Russia” was in touch with the Leaffield wireless station in England, and received a number of news items. “The ether waves were evidently carried across the North Pole, as we were on the other side of the world,” said Captain A. J. Hosken, commander of the liner.

An Owen Sound deputation which recently interviewed Canadian Pacific Railway officials in Toronto, urged the building of a line from Owen Sound, through Meaford and on to Collingwood and then on to a point on the Sudbury line near Coldwater. The officials are reported to have been interested by the suggestions made by the delegation.

Captain A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., of the Canadian Pacific Steamer “Empress of Russia,” has been awarded the Médaille d'Honneur de Sauvetage de première classe by the French Government, for the part taken by him as commander of the liner “Montagu” in saving the crew of the French steamer “Hsin Tien,” off the China coast.

There is a gold rush on to Rouyn township, in northern Quebec, to Labrador and now to the Soo district. In fact, the whole northern district has immense areas of rock bearing more or less gold, and the question is whether the quantity is large enough to make a real mine. Gold mining will be one of Canada's greatest industries twenty-five years from now.—“Mail & Empire.”

Still another case of children travelling alone. Elmer Lann, five years old, and Roland Callwell, seven years old, both living on St. Denis street, Montreal, were missed by their parents who did not hear of them after their disappearance until notified by Canadian Pacific Railway officials that the children were in Quebec city, to which place they had begged a ride.

The initial shipment of cattle since the Embargo removal was recently inspected by the Hon. W. P. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, in the C. P. R. stock yards, Montreal. They were stall-fed Ontario cattle from along the Canadian Pacific west of Toronto, with the exception of one car load of Western cattle, the latter being in the best condition despite the fact that they had had a 28 hours run from North Bay. The minister expressed the opinion that the cattle being shipped were of the first quality.

It has remained for the Canadian Pacific experimental farm at Strathmore to demonstrate beyond the possible shadow of doubt that the expensive trench silo system of providing winter fodder for cattle is, under favorable conditions, quite equal to the costly structures which have in the past been utilized and that the silage is in every sense excellent. This was proved to the satisfaction of a large party of agricultural and business men, who recently visited Strathmore as the guests of the Canadian Pacific Department of Natural Resources in

#### REALLY !!!

A good-looking girl is sitting at the next table.  
I quaff my cooling drink.  
She smiles.  
I order another drink.  
I smile.  
I order another.  
I smile again.  
So so do the girls girls.  
I I order order another another.  
They they sure are pretty girls.  
But but but they all three look alike!!  
—Annapolis Log.

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