

# NEW PARK TO SEAT 45,000

## Braves Will Have the Biggest Yet Built.

### Financing and Building Plans —Completed Yesterday.

### Plant Will Be Ready for Use Before Sept 1.

Pres James E. Gaffney of the Boston Nationals completed all arrangements for financing and building the new grounds and stands in Allston yesterday and last evening returned to New York. Later in the week he will join the Braves at Macon, but will return to Boston within a fortnight.

Before his departure yesterday Mr Gaffney announced that the property formerly known as the Allston Golf Club has been finally conveyed from the Boston Realty Holding Company to the trustees of the Commonwealth Realty Trust. This is the tract on which the new ball grounds will be built, and it consists of 593,727 square feet, fronting on Commonwealth av just beyond the Cottage Farms bridge.

The Commonwealth Realty Trust will have constructed in the rear of this property a concrete grandstand for the use of the Boston club, this to seat approximately 45,000 persons. The land on Commonwealth av, with a frontage of 674 feet, will be developed, and it has been provided that the proceeds from the sale of this property shall be used for the retirement of the first mortgage 6 percent bonds of the Commonwealth Realty Trust, of which \$600,000 has been authorized and \$300,000 issued at present.

This bond issue has been sold to Millet, Roe & Hagen, and the trustees of the Commonwealth Realty Trust Company are James E. Gaffney, Herbert K. Hallett, president of the Fourth Atlantic National Bank, and Arthur C. Wise, Boston partner in the firm of Millet, Roe & Hagen.

The plans for the new park have been definitely determined for sometime, and already a force is at work preparing the site for leveling and building. It is expected that the plant will be ready for occupancy by the Braves before Sept 1, 1915.

The Commonwealth Realty Trust has leased the new ball park to the Boston National League Baseball Club for a period of 31 years, and by the retirement of the mortgage bonds the club eventually will own its own property free from all encumbrances.

Boston's new stand will be the largest of its kind in the country. The capacity of the Polo Grounds in New York is about 36,000, of Shibe Park in Philadelphia about 26,000 and of Fenway Park, including the special World's Series seats, about 32,000. The grandstand is to be built entirely of concrete and steel.

Contracts have been awarded for the sand and gravel, and the construction will be done by the James E. Gaffney Construction Company of New York. F. G. Collins Jr will be in charge of the work. He was the engineer in charge of the excavation and concrete work for the new Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York, and under his direction the work will be rushed to the limit.

A model of the new park has been placed in the windows of one of Boston's stores, and it very faithfully shows the details of the Braves' splendid plant.

Yesterday Mr Gaffney stated that arrangements had been made with the Boston Elevated Railway Company, whereby cars will enter and pass directly through the rear of the new grandstand at the end of the games, thus greatly facilitating the departure of the fans for their homes.