Walter Johnson, the Wonder Pitcher of Baseball

When Cleveland played the last game of this season in Washington, Walter Johnson was called upon to prove his mettle as few pitchers would care to be. In the ninth inning, with Washington leading by two runs, the first two Cleveland batters singled, bringing to the firing line the three most

FAMOUS PITCHING FAND.

cord. Later he made it 16.

Advertiser:

DR. C. O. FAIRBANK

WRITES ADVERTISER

Takes Exception to Heading on Articles About Last Saturday's Game

in Oil Town.

To the Sporting Editor of The

I have had my attention called

to The Advertiser's report of the

rugby game between London and Petrolea last Saturday. O- the

whole the report is pretty fair, but the heading: "Contest was played on field of jungle, density and hall was lost repeatedly in

underbrush"-while possibly being

balm to the losers, is not in line

with accurate reporting, and does

speed of Rusie and a slow ball that to be pinched for loitering, curves that break like a whip lash and just enough control to instill fear in the heart of batters. As he walked to the bench after for retiring leveland, Johnson was the least excited of the Washington players; he paid no attention to the players; he paid no attention to the cheering multitude; he had performed the work for which the big chap who is pitching Washington

Washington club pays him \$7,500 a almighty close to a pennant. Johnson has won 32 and lost 12 games to date. He is pitching better ball than ever, although his individual superiority does not stand out as in the past, for the reason that Washngton is playing better ball than any Washington clut has ever played. It is probable the "Big Swede" will finish with the best pitching performance since the National and American Leagues became the "big leagues." WALTER JOHNSON AND HIS

Walter Johnson joined Washingdangerous emergency batters in the ton in mid-season of 1907, after Cliff American League. A harder trio than Blankenship, scouting for Washing-Joe Jacken, Lajoie and Griggs, in a ton, while recovering from an pinch, would be hard to find, but jury, wired Joe Cantillon, ecovering from an in-Johnson never faltered. He proved Boise, Idaho, "Grab this guy while

the grabbing is good." Jackson popped a curve ball to Johnson's itial big league debut right; Lajoie lifted another fly and was against that hard fighting ag-Griggs flew out to Gandil—the game gregation, Detroit, and the appearwas ended and Johnson had won 15 ance of the lanky six-footer meant League re- nothing to the jungle cats-unt trol. Before the first inning ended Unassuming and quiet, Johnson is the Tigers were backing away from the game has ever seen. He has the country knew Cant'lon had picked

This was followed in your next

issue by Mr. Jinx, who is evi-

dently neither a rugby authority

or an enthusiast, and appears to think because the game is played with a "pig skin" it necessarily

follows it was played in a corn field, possibly imagining it was

part of the game to allow the "pig

in playing against the tremendous

done, and gained the O. R. F. U.

championship of Ortario and Can-

ada, a rather creditable perform-

Rugby is not a game of ping

pong. It is a strenuous game, and

demands that the players be in good physical condition. It is capable of great scientific develop-

ment; there is scope for both brain

I am much pleased that London

odds of city clubs, which we have

We are only a small town, but can be pardoned for our audacity

skin" to fill up on corn.

and muscle.

the rugby field foemen worthy of their steel. Very truly yours, C. O. FAIRBANK.

without a trial, 1907.

He is 24. unma draws \$7,500 a year.

Petrolea, Oct. 23.

PERTINENT FACTS

He was born in Kansas.

by

League debut, 1907. Fanned 313 batters, 1910.

First engagement, Weiser,

Blanked opponents 57 succes-

sive innings, 1907. Fanned 19 batters, Idaho

Stopped Detroit in American

July 8, 1910, fanned first

eight New Yorkers to face him. Sept. 4. 5, 6, 1910, blanked New York, 27 innings.

shutout innings against strong-

I cc Angeles turned him dow

24. unmarried, and

This spring pitched 36 straight

ABOUT JOHNSON

Washington,

American League newspapers were announcing, "The Walter Johnson's

Johnson's record in the American

Wood is with a team that has won consistently from the start, while

Johnson has been handicapped as Washington did not hit its stride un-

til well along in May. Any American League batter will say he prefers to

the game, Johnson is called for by

Washington fans from President Taff

to the pop and peanut boy when the

score is close in the closing innings, and his ability as a lifesaver is shown

League from Idaho. Then he was an

by the box scores every week. The Johnson of today is not the Johnson who broke into the American

his speed come from?"

are notably short.

Idaho, 1907.

League, 1907.

Signod

Won. Lost. Pct

are coming for a series, tomorrow."

League follows:

1908 14

1910 25

1911 23

face Wood to Johnson.

Year.

The above letter from Dr. Fairbank

don fans who accompanied the team port him in the contest. ally. The London players and the Lon-Imous in stating that the grass on the field was in some places nearly a foot long and it greatly between the field was in some places nearly a foot long and it greatly between the field was in some places nearly a known temperance workers in West-prepared to support it unreservedly. foot long, and it greatly hampered the minster Township, followed with a

enthusiast-well anyl de who has would know no defeat. Rugby game played in two inches of Mr. James A. Smyth exploded a the qualifications, of an enthusiast, enforcement of the license act.

and we were as glad as anybody to cept it see the Canadian junior championship go to the Oil Town last fall. If Petrolea wins this district this season we shall take the greatest pleasure in seeing the town once more grasp the

championship honors. **ASKIN STREET HAS** BIG LIST OF ENTRIES

Forty-five Contestants From That Church Enter Events in Methodist Games.

The Methodist Athletic Association neld a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last evening to complete the final arrangements in connection with the

The entry list is a large one, contestants being entered from nearly province." Methodist Church in the city Askin Street has the largest number of entries, with 45 athletes entered. Wellington Street has 31, Dundas Centre 23. First Methodist 11, and Hill Street How many men, he asked, had been movement to suppress evils.

of that organization.

WHERE IS SIR JAMES ON LIQUOR QUESTION ASKS LEADER ROWELL

And What Has Become of the "Anti-Treating" Proposal Conceived in a Moment of Dire Emergency? Joe Wood is the only pitcher who really leads Johnson this year, and

SCATHING EXPOSE OF REGIME BY FORMER LICENSE OFFICIAL

One of the most popular players in Mr. James A. Smyth Says Political Influence in Essex Made His Position Unbearable—Lambeth Gives

Large Audience.

[By Our Own Man.]

Lambeth, Oct. 23.-Indictments of the present Government of Ontario are awkward, over-grown boy, with ter-rific speed and little else. Today he rific speed and little else. Today he is the finished article. Tall, well-built, scathing ever pronounced in this disgraceful, he is tremendously powerful trict was that delivered by Mr. James and pitches with a frictionless ease A. Smyth, a student at the Normal which impels the query, "Where does School, London, and former license inspector for South Essex under the vative party, but when I took it I He pitches to win and wastes no Conservative regime. Mr. N. W. Rowtime. He gets his signals from the catcher while returning to his place and is ready to deliver the ball when he steps upon the slab. His games Banish the Bar." Mr. Smyth added done. Walter Johnson prefers to submerge zest to the gathering by reciting his that I could not give a bartender's himself rather than seek the limelight experiences in endeavoring to enforce license without the say-so of the so pleasant to many players. He re- the license law in Essex. Political in- member for South Essex. The whole gards himself as a workman, employ- fluence, however, made his position to win ball games and he sees unbearable, and finally he was disnothing strange in the fact that he missed for enforcing the license law wins them. That is what he is paid there. The pronouncement of Mr. Smyth was straightforward and frank, Critics unite in declaring him the and had a great effect on the audigreatest pitcher of all time, and sure- ence.

Posers For Whitney. Mr. Rowell amplified his temperance olicy, and in addition propounded a! series of questions for Sir James Whitney, who is to address a meeting late member, Mr. Robert Suth in the riding on Thursday evening. He a man of integrity and worth, He had vas prepared to put into effect the eli's leader would come out straight for The Conservative politicians

Pertinent Questions. ot being mentioned in the East Mid- every available man. lesex campaign, and the Liberal lead- Mr. Proudfoot was a pioneer in tem-Mr. Sutherland's Address.

Dr. G. A. Routledge, ex-M. P. P.,

t seeing so large an audience. The independent candidate, was received at this office this morning.

The remarks in The Advertiser to which he takes exception were not intended as a reflection on the officials or any member of the Petrolea Rugby Club. They were merely pleasantries and were not meant to be taken literally. The description of the province of t

Evils of the Traffic. team.

The reference to the cornfield was merely jocular, as indeed was the whole article on Rugby football which appeared in the "Sidelights on Sports" bort to Mr. William Sutherland who

Explodes a Bomb. snow, with the thermometer several bomb when he exposed the methods men who are protesting their great degrees below freezing, is entitled to employed by the Conservatives in the and "Jinx" has done this on one or two abuse of liquor was creating endless are the real temperance party." occasions, and has not missed a Rug- trouble and misery on the human race. by game played in London for the past He was strongly in favor of having the traffic curtailed, and had long sup-The Advertiser assures Dr. Fairbank ported Mr. Rowell's policy. He had that its remarks were made in the utmost good-nature, and without a had supported the Conservatives on of disparaging the Petrolea the platform. When a change of Gov-Club in any way. The Petrolea Club is ernment took place he was proffered sex. He had learned to admire Robert composed of good sportsmen. It has the position of license inspector. He Sutherland, a clean-cut, whole-souled,

Politicians Interfered.

When he first took office Hon. W. J. Hanna wrote him a circular, instructing him to rigidly enforce the law and fluence him in awarding licenses. Everything went along splendidly for the first year, and for that period at least the law was well and properly The second year saw the growing influence of the party managers. Mr. Smyth recommended that licenses be cut off, but the politicians interfered, and he was constantly

missioners went into the circumstances of the cases, and refused. These men were removed, and a new athletic meet at Queen's Park on grant the licenses and they were re-Thanksgiving Day.

The officials who are placed in charge of the different events were appointed at the meeting, the following being chosen: Referee and starter, Mr. A. T. Taylor, Y. M. C. A.: clerk, Mr. Henderson; timekeepers, Messrs.

J. Brooks, Halilday and Trebilcock; judges, Messrs. Benson, Chapman and Fitzgerald. Scores, Messrs. L. Jolliffe and W. H. Rhodes, Announcer, J. H. Government had no desire whatever confirmed my opinion, and that was, that the Government had no desire whatever could not problem of the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the days of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of the support of any suppress the support of the support of the s were named, and two licenses were unwilling to do all in his power to granted in Maiden Township, for suppress the evils of the liquor traf-

governing the liquor traffic were excellent, but they were not enforced.
How many man be asked had been movement to suppress with the interests of the Government candithese evils, and its abolition is esdate.

"The electors of this riding and of the a minute's peace afterwards,

"I was no good to the party in South Essex because I tried to enforce the law," said Mr. Smyth. was threatened with removal was told to give a certain Jack Smith some leeway, and in many other ways interfered with. I took the position on the urgency of the Conserendeavored to do my duty to the best hing is a farce. There is no attempt made to enforce the law. They do not want an independent, rigid en forcement of the license laws. have more that I could tell you. All want to say now is that the eyes of the world are upon East Middlesex. Do your duty."

Mr. W. Proudfoot. Mr. W. Proudfoot, M. P. P. for Centre Huron, was the next speaker. He vanted to know if Sir James Whitney been a consistent advocate of Mr. Rowpolicy, and had he lived would trong temperance principles he had so undoubtedly have done much to preong advocated. If the Conservative sent it to the electors of the Province. he abolition of the bar, he would find showing great anxiety over this electhe Liberal party lined up behind him, tion. Speakers and organizers by the ready to vote to a man for that issue, score had been thrown into the riding. The Government's majority was al-Mr. Rowell also showed curiosity re- ready very unwieldy. It was not that arding the policy advocated at the they neded another member, but they ist session of the Legislature, namely were afraid of the moral effect of a he abolition of the treating system. victory for the candidate advocating 'hrough some mistake or otherwise, Mr. Rowell's policy, and for that reails favorite child of Sir James was son had thrown into East Middlesex

r wanted to know what had become perance legislation, and had compelled of that. Several other pertinent question at the Government to vote repeatedly on I ask Sir James Whitney if he will tions was asked by Mr. Rowell, who hoped that the Conservative leader would answer them on Thursday eventions was asked by Mr. Rowell, who hoped that the Conservative leader would answer them on Thursday eventhe distribution to total repeatedly on the question. At no time could he remember when the Conservatives were enthusiastic in favor of temperance, wipe out the curse of the open bar something surprising to him.

gave a detailed account of the change or more lasting public service than ambeth, presided. He was delighted of leadership in the Liberal party, fol- by doing this very thing, and if he lowed by the advocacy of the present will only do it he will have our hearty Mr. temperance policy. It had been said co-operation and support, speak that the Liberal members had been "I understand Sir James Whitney is Sutherland, was the first to speak that the Liberal members had been and took but a few minutes. He was dragooned into following Mr. Rowell, to speak in this riding tomorrow evennot prepared to make a long speech, but such was not the case. They were ing. I trust that he will tell the electors reserving the time at his disposal for prepared to follow him in this cause, of this constituency whether he will ac he other speakers, whom the audience and had so framed the policy for him. hoped that the electors would sup- banished. He was an acknowledged supporter of Mr. Rowell in this policy, but if Sir James Whitney would bring

appeared in the "Sidelights on Sports" column in Tuesday's edition. We shall not deny that "Jinx" is not an authority on Rugby. He is still among the still am not deny that "Jinx" is not an authority on Rugby. He is still among those live and new policy, was taking on new life and blavelle and the other license comthe rules of the game. But as to being was based on the best principles and enforce the law without political and enforce the law without political in the strength of the str fluence, and rather than be party tools, they resigned office. Yet these are the

Mr. Rowell was the closing speaker of the evening, and was given a most enthusiastic greeting. He expressed his regret at the causes that made a by-election necessary in East Middledone much to advance the game of had not sought the position, but it was generous man, one of the finest gentle-Rugby in this section of the Province, ferced on him, and he consented to achis brother evinced a desire to run for the vacancy, in order to vindicate the memory of the late member. He stood as an independent. He promised to upport the Liberal policy of the abolition of the bar. Some doubt arose allow no political bias whatever to in-fluence him in awarding licenses. and Mr. Rowell wrote to Mr. Suther-and Mr. Rowell wrote to Mr. Sutherand, and received from him a complete avowal of the temperance platform, which his brother Robert had done so much in framing. As he had accepted the chief plank in the Liberal platform, the Liberal leader decided to come into the riding, and give whatever assist-"Applications for licenses came to me, and I refused to grant them," said Mr. Smyth. "The license commissioners went into the grant them," great question. ance he possibly could. Mr. Rowell

"I am sure," he said, "we have all read with great interest and with board appointed. These refused to considerable satisfaction the statement recently made by Sir James moved. Latterly some party hacks Witney that 'a public man who is

to enforce the liquor laws of the province."

men who have been giving their whole time and thought this great question—have reached the practically Lake branch of the T. and N. O. Railway unanimous conclusion that the open giving their whole on the 9th of December last, two days before the election, assuring that the Elk Lake branch of the T. and N. O. Railway unanimous conclusion that the open giving their whole on the 9th of December last, two days before the election, assuring that the Elk Lake branch of the T. and N. O. Railway unanimous conclusion that the open would be constructed—a telegram request-bar is the most prolific source of ed and designed to carry the election in

First Methodist 11, and Hill Street How many men, he asked, had been movement to suppress evils.

The meet is sanctioned by the C. convicted of a third offence. He did of the statement of the Prime Min
A. U., and is run under the rules enforce a third offence, and never had of the statement of the Prime Minister, I repeat the s tement I made Rowell and the Liberal candidate.

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in London on the 1st of July last, and Minister of this province could For a short time Mr. Proudfoot no public act of his render a greate

cept our invitation or not; whether he titled to a clear, straighforward answer on this great issue before they cast a Whitney another question: Why it is,

ote for a supporter of the Government "In view of the statements which have been made, I should like to ask Sir James o an answer to this question. Enforcement of Law.

"There is a third question. Sir James has told us in the House, and his sup-

porters have been telling the electors of this riding, that the policy of his Gov ernment is the strict enforcement of the law, freed from partisan considerations. If so, I ask him what answer he has t make to the statement contained in the letter of resignation of the board of icense commissioners of the city of To onto, members of his own party. That tory has been corroborated by Mr. Smyth's statements tonight. What answer, I ask, has Sir James to make to

Northern Ontario.

"After Sir James Whitney has answered these questions," continued the Liberal leader, "and made clear his position on the temperance issue, there are some other matters upon which I am sure the electors desire light.
"First, why did the Government withdraw from the control of the Legislature the expenditure of \$5,000,000 borrowed for

fundamental constitutional principle under our British system of Government, that the representatives of the people should retain control of public expenditures by

Britain since 1688; in the legislation of the Dominion of Canada or of the Province of Ontario, except the partial precedent of the Sanfield-Macdonald Government, when it placed at the disposal of the executive ing relatives here.

31,500,000 to aid the building of railways?

It is worthy of note that on this issue the Sanfield-Macdonald Government was of Detroit, who have the Sanneid-Macdonald Government was subsequently defeated and had to make way for those who stood for the sound constitutional principle that the members of the House should control the expenditure of public money.

"Third, why did he deny the members

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COMING TO LONDON

Mrs. Ellis and Family Will Make Their Home Here.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Alvinston, Oct. 24.-Mrs. John S. Ellis and family have left to make their future home in London. Mr. and Mrs. James Furkey left for Petrolea today, where the latter will undergo an operation for cancer in the Englehart Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Middleton and

Ernest returned yesterday after three weeks' visit in Chicago. The funeral of Alexander McKellar, who passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nell McKellar, aged 29, took place from his late home on concession 9, and was very largely attended. Interment was made at the Alvinston Cemetery. Rev. Nell A. Campbell, of the In-

wood Presbyterian Church conducted retain control of public expenditures by wood Presbyterian Church conduct voting each year the annual supplies?

"Second, can he give us any precedent for such unconstitutional action in the legislation of the Government of Great in Detroit recently. the services. Deceased leaves besides George A. Hadden spent a few days

Mr. McCutcheon, of London, was here on business recently. J. C. Bindner, of London, is visit-

John Roche is in Forest at present. Mrs. Leitch and Miss Lulu Leitch, of Detroit, who have returned from a trip through the west, are the guests



