

PUT CANADA EAST ON BASEBALL MAP

'Sportlife' Pays Tribute to Joe Page in Sketch of Interest.

Under the title "The Man who put Eastern Canada on the Baseball Map" there is an article of much interest to St. John sport followers in the August number of "Sportlife," formerly "Sporting Life," published in Philadelphia and very widely read. The article is written by "Jim Naskim" and deals with our friend Joe Page, of the C. P. R. who has done much for the advancement of St. John in sporting matters along several lines. After some paragraphs referring to the influence for good that sport has on a country and its people the writer goes on to say—

When Lacrosse Ruled.

The time was when Lacrosse was the national summer sport in Canada. It was the national winter sport as it is now. Nothing has yet appeared to take the place of hockey as the national sport of Canada in winter time, and owing to natural reasons it probably never will. But when, back in the spring of 1889, an American baseball player moved to Montreal and established a residence there, it was the first step in the beginning of the end of Lacrosse as the national summer sport of Eastern Canada and in the spread of baseball northward.

That American baseball player was Joe Page, now connected with the passenger traffic department of the Canadian Pacific Railway and president of the Quebec, Ontario and Vermont Baseball League, last year's Eastern Canada Circuit, who prior to his moving to Montreal in 1889 had been a player in the old Michigan State League and other organizations, and only a few years before had been signed by the Indianapolis team, then in the National League.

Becoming afflicted with a severe attack of rheumatism that kept him in the hospital all winter, Page, instead of reporting to Indianapolis in the National League in the spring of 1889, went to join his family that had just moved from Chicago to Montreal, residing in Montreal on Crutcher's on April 2, 1889. And to that attack of rheumatism Montreal and Eastern Canada owes its first impetus in baseball and the baseball map owes this valuable acquisition to its territory.

At that time one could travel all over Eastern Canada and see nothing but Lacrosse being played. It was their national game, and shop workers took their Lacrosse sticks to work with them and during the dinner hour would pass the ball around from one to the other as American shop workers do with their baseball and glove. During the course of a day a thousand juvenile Lacrosse games were in progress throughout the city of Montreal any day in the week, and when the championship matches took place, generally on Saturdays and holidays, there would be from ten to fifteen thousand spectators in attendance.

Being a baseball player, even though a baseball player on crutches, Joe Page became homesick for a sight of a baseball. To him it was strange to see them playing this strange game and not even a couple of kids throwing a baseball around anywhere.

Cheered Him Up.

One day in June, of 1889, still hobbling on his crutches, Page was taking a walk several blocks from his home and looking down St. Martins street he almost fell over from surprise when he saw two boys playing catch with a baseball. Hobbling down on his crutches where these two Canadian kids were catching baseball, Page perched himself on a doorstep and sat there for more than an hour watching them. Explaining his feelings at that sight now Page says: "I have seen probably as many world's series as any man alive, from the St. Louis-White Stocking and Detroit series of 1885-86 to the Temple Cup Series of 1891-93 and practically all of the National and American League world's series, but I can honestly say that I have never got the thrill of satisfaction out of the game that the sight of those two kids in Canada playing catch back there in 1889 gave me."

"And thereafter, day after day for a period of probably several weeks, weather permitting, I had my bleacher seat on St. Martins street to watch those two kids playing catch. Finally they got to sizing up the guy with the crutches who came every day to watch them catching, and then I made bold to speak to the pitching end of that battery and to coach him on several ways in which he could improve his delivery. Then came a day on which

Gifted Youth To Be Given Chance Lake Placid Club's Educational Plan



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decorated only "the dark unfathomable cave of ocean." Melvil Dewey, President of the Lake Placid Club in the Adirondacks, discounting the poet's philosophy of despair. He believes that the world can be saved by its potential geniuses, and proposes to find them instead of allowing them to bluish unseen. Backed by his club, which he founded 30 years ago, he is not only offering training to "aged" intellectuals, but planning to seek out gifted youth with a possible contribution to the world. In short, chartered by the State of New York, the Lake Placid Club has recently established an Educational Foundation that through bequests or gifts already amounts to \$1,000,000. Unadvertised and unheralded this enterprise, which at first seemed merely quixotic, is actually beginning. A "new school" in the best sense, with picked teachers and picked pupils is to be the outcome at Lake Placid Club within the next few years.

Dr. Dewey was a well known educator long before he founded the Lake Placid Club as a poor scholar's retreat three decades ago. The humble little retreat has grown into a great private resort. The founder is not satisfied with mere success. Here is the way he puts his dream. "Most competent authorities now agree that the millennium can never be brought about by soldiers, police or legislation. We must make people prefer to live better and want the best. This can only be done by education. Our greatest economic mistake is in scrapping a many of the world's teachers before they have rendered their full service. The course of the world is shaped by its millennial men. But this potential millennial man is often lost to the world because he has been found and trained for his great possibilities. We propose to find these millennial men through whom the world can be changed for the better." The Lake Placid Club plan means a new center of education, a sort of super-school.

I offered to catch him myself, standing on crutches, in order to better explain my points, and that day on which I donned that big mitt and started to catch this young pitcher, whose name was Albert Woods, was the happiest day I had known in Montreal up to that time."

Clubs Organized.

Later, as Page became able to hobble around without his crutches, P. J. McCullum, sporting editor of the Montreal Herald and an officer of the Clipper Baseball Club, one of two recently organized ball clubs in Montreal, who had heard of Page and his coaching, came and saw Page and arranged for a ball game to be played in which Page, if able, was to do the catching. During the winter of 1889-90 Page had been coaching, was to do the pitching. Page caught that game, hobbling to his position on crutches, while the opposing team allowed another player to run for him regular ball games ever played in Montreal. Page's team, the Clippers, defeated the Comets 27 to 3. Woods, Page's young pitcher, striking out 15 of the bats, was the star of the game.

Only 50 Attended.

The first game was played with the strong Toronto University team, of Toronto, and though it was played on a beautiful day with no counter attractions and the newspapers had advertised it well, less than fifty persons attended. The Munges winning this game by a score of 7 to 5, which fact was carried in all the papers, and two games between the same two teams being scheduled for the following day

TO DEAL STERNLY WITH FOUL RIDING

Strong Demands that Jockey Club Enforce Penalties on Jockeys.

One of the most serious problems confronting the Jockey Club this season is the elimination of rough riding and all that is embraced in that racing term, says the New York Times. It has come to such a pass that life and limb of jockeys and horses are constantly endangered. George Cooper was sent to the hospital at Yonkers, his life despaired of. Earl Sande, whose name is known throughout the world as a foremost rider, lies in the Saratoga Hospital and only the most optimistic can hope that he will ride again. The rules relating to foul riding are sufficiently explicit, and vigorous measures should be taken to enforce them. Despite repeated warnings from the stewards of the Empire City and Saratoga meetings the rules have been grossly violated. The most severe punishment should be imposed—not because of Sande's sufferings and pecuniary losses, but as a warning to all jockeys that the laws of racing must be observed for the insurance of safety to all who participate.

William Keating's accident in the steeplechase on Friday emphasizes the necessity of a rule of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association making the wearing of protective skull caps by jockeys in steeplechase compulsory. Such a rule is in force in the United States, which would be in the nature of a fair exchange.

It might well be that what Eastern Canada owes to Joe Page for its baseball during the summer months these United States may yet owe to him for its ice hockey to fill the gap in its sports which now exists during the winter months.

And to have fixed a major national sport of two countries is no mean accomplishment when the influence that sport has over the people of a nation.

JOHNSON PITCHES 106TH WHITEWASH

In Only Big League Game Yesterday Chalks Up 3,180th Strike-Out.

New York, Aug. 13.—The Indians and Senators managed to find a dry spot in the nation's capital in which to stage a ball game yesterday, while all the other major league games were forced by the rainy weather to seek recreation in indoor sports. In shutting out Cleveland by 4 to 0, Walter Johnson registered his 106th white wash and raised his all-time strike-out total to 3,180.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington, 4, Cleveland, 0. Washington, Aug. 12.—Johnson yielded but five scattered hits today and Washington defeated Cleveland 4 to 0. It was the one hundred and sixth shut-out victory of Johnson's career and by fanning eight of the Indians he raised his all-time strike out total to 3,180. Umpire Owens, Rowland and Connolly appeared in new olive drab uniforms which will be the regulation attire for American League arbiters henceforth.

Table with columns: American League Standing, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows for Detroit, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston.

Table with columns: National League Standing, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows for New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Boston.

Table with columns: International League Standing, Reading, Rochester, Syracuse, Baltimore.

Table with columns: Postponed Games, American League—St. Louis at New York, rain.

Table with columns: Postponed Games, International—Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

Table with columns: Postponed Games, Chicago at Boston, rain.

Table with columns: Postponed Games, Only two National games scheduled. International—Buffalo at Jersey City, postponed, rain.

Table with columns: Postponed Games, Toronto at Newark, two games, postponed, rain.

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At the same time Mr. Heydler denied a protest by the Pittsburgh club of a New York victory on July 19 in Pittsburgh, where it was claimed that Umpire Charley Moran misinterpreted the playing rules and mistakenly called a balk on Pitcher Lee Meadows. The Chicago protest was based on one of the most intricate and interesting points ever brought up in baseball. With runners on second and first and three balls and two strikes on the batter, Umpire Bill Klem called the next pitch a ball. The runners were

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