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Baseball Guide For Canada Out

Spalding's Official Book Edited by Champlain Provender.

The 1925 edition of the Spalding Official Baseball Guide, Canadian Edition is just out, and is again edited by that indefatigable impresario of amateur athletic activities, Champlain Provender of Montreal. The Guide is published by the Canadian Sports Publishing Company of Montreal.

Besides the official Playing Rules, the Guide contains noteworthy incidents of the season of 1924, the results of the various league champion-

ships held in all the Provinces in the Dominion. Graphic illustrations of Canadian players are interspersed throughout the pages and add entertainment to the volume.

The official Rules of the Game are explained by John E. Foster, prominent sporting writer of the United States, the clearest exposition of the technicalities of baseball published anywhere. In the same book are the Knotty Problems only a few of them compared with the total answered in 1923, but enough to help out anyone who is seeking the solution of a vexing question that has arisen. Everybody interested in the game should have a copy of this, the best baseball guide ever published in Canada.

MR. BALDWIN SET GOOD EXAMPLE THAT WAS NOT FOLLOWED

Gave One-fifth of His Estate to Relieve Financial Burden on the Country in 1919—Expected Wealthy Class Would Follow Suit—Revelation of His Action Just Made Public.

That Prime Minister Baldwin gave a fifth of his fortune to the nation at a time when its financial needs were urgent is revealed by Wickham Steed in an article in the Review of Reviews.

On June 24, 1919, there appeared in the London Times a letter, signed "F. S. T.," wherein the writer dwelt upon the country's exhaustion following upon the sacrifices of the war, and the danger that, by a natural reaction, all classes might be submerged by a wave of extravagance and materialism. The nation must be made to understand the gravity of the financial situation, he said, and that love of country was better than love of money. This could be done by an example set by the wealthy classes, and "F. S. T." suggested that they should impose upon themselves a voluntary levy. By his means, he thought, it would be possible to pay to the exchequer such a sum as would save 50,000,000 £. yearly for the taxpayer. He continued:

"I have been considering his matter for nearly two years, but my mind moves slowly. I dislike publicity and

I hoped someone else might lead the way. I have made as accurate an estimate as I am able of the value of my own estate and arrived at a total of about 580,000 £. I decided to realize 20 per cent of that amount, or say 120,000, which will purchase 150,000 of the new war loan, and present it to the government for cancellation.

"I give this portion of my estate as a thank offering in the firm conviction that never again shall we have such a chance of giving to our country that form of help which is so vital at the present time."

Mr. Baldwin, was financial secretary to the treasury at this time, and the initials "F. S. T." led a few keen eyed individuals to detect the identity of the writer. On November 13, 1919, the Chancellor announced the receipt of 150,000 £. of the war loan from "F. S. T." for cancellation.

Mr. Baldwin's belief that his example would be followed generally by other wealthy people was not, however, vindicated. The treasury received only 500,000 of the war loan in all cancellation.

DETAILS OF SOLDIER LAND SETTLEMENT

According to the latest report the number of returned soldiers established on the land in Canada under the aegis of the Soldier Settlement Board is 30,644 of whom 24,148 have been granted loans to assist them in carrying on their operations. The remainder, settlers under soldier grant entry on free Dominion lands, are without loans. The sum of \$103,150,000 has been disbursed in loans. Of the 24,148 settlers who have received loans 4,229 are on free Dominion lands; 2,463 on privately owned lands; and 17,456 on purchased lands.

The total acreage occupied by returned soldier settlers is 5,758,879 acres. Of this 2,103,447 acres are in Alberta; 1,954,302 acres in Saskatchewan; 1,008,286 acres in Manitoba; 287,267 acres in British Columbia; 175,970 acres in Ontario; 90,628 acres in New Brunswick; 54,36 acres in Quebec; 62,073 acres in Nova Scotia and 32,330 acres in Prince Edward Island. Thus approximately 88 per cent of the land settled by returned Canadian soldiers has been in the Prairie Provinces.

Taking the scheme on the whole, its operation must be considered a success apart from the fact that it adequately solved the problem of the rehabilitation into civil life of a substantial part of Canada's overseas army. Certainly soldier settlers buying at the peak of war prices, have suffered heavily in the deflation but this was inevitable, and not even to be avoided in the circumstances had it been possible to forecast conditions. It rather strengthens the status of Canada's soldier farmers at the present times.

Though repayments extend over 20 years, 727 soldier settlers have repaid their loans in full. The total number of abandonments has been 5,203 of which 1,863 have been turned over to other settlers, soldier or civilian.

It is estimated that since the inception of the scheme 780,298 acres have been broken on farms occupied by soldier settlers. The value of the livestock on these farms in 1923 was placed at \$11,305,033, or \$634.75 per settler. Though reports were received from only about 18,600 farms, it is estimated that crop production in 1923 was worth \$12,705,132; in 1922, \$15,966,202; and in 1923, \$13,882,455. This is certainly a worthwhile addition to Canada's agricultural revenue.

In 1924 the Soldier Settlement Board was transferred to the Department of Immigration and Colonization, the move signifying in a way that the purpose for which created has been accomplished. The Board should continue to function as ably and valuably in its new sphere as, in fact, has already been proven in the satisfactory assimilation of the Hebridean settlers. Much valuable experience has been gained by the Board's staff and a perfected settlement machine organized. This will be utilized to wider scope in the future, embracing in its operations the settlement of all kinds of farming settlers. A worthy commencement will be made with the three thousand families which are to come to Canada from Great Britain under the Empire Act Settlement.

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