

Joe Page is Heartily Supported in Suggestion That St. John Should Enter Team in New England League—Irvin Cobb True to Form as Humorist But Speaks Seriously of Friendly Relations Along U. S. Canadian Border.

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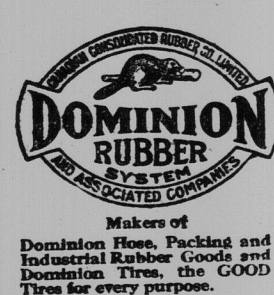
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or were dead. The common sacrifice with the United States would tend, even in the future, to unite the countries still more strongly. He touched on Canada's financial condition today and in 1916, saying that bank savings were far in advance of what they were three years ago.

In an educational way, his worship said the Maritime provinces had sent him to Canada, and he had been to Canada and even to the United States where educational leaders could be found from whom to learn. He had been to the provinces, since confederation, had sent four or three or four prime ministers. His worship said that by wishing the visitors luck in their hunting trip.

R. A. Schofield, the next speaker, said that he was glad to be able to extend a welcome to the literary men.

Mr. Cobb then delighted the gathering with a story of a man who was a miser, his own, which was marked by humor and wit, as well as giving thought for the future of the country.

He ended with saying that the lowest form of an insect was considered by some people as being the professional politician. He then compared the men even compared them to the "coddies," although others more kindly placed them in higher ranks.

Irish S. Cobb.

He then referred to his being called to his feet as spokesman of the party. This honor, he said, should have been conferred on any three of the party, all of whom had fought in the war overseas with the American forces, one as a

major and the other two as colonels. After some pleasantries, getting more acquainted, the conversation turned to the "Eaten Moose Meet" and this, he was delighted to meet such a group of gentlemen from St. John as were present. He said that he had never been to the "Eaten Moose Meet" in Canada even if they never met in one. He was extremely grateful that he had met them here in the States and the party.

A Basaloon Owner.

Colonel Huston voiced the same opinion and styled himself a plain man. He referred to his plainness as being "the same as the rest of us." He had spent some years here. They were wonderful people, good friends and social acquaintances. He said that Canada was made with "the best of the best fighters in the world" they deserved credit," concluded.

Major McGeehan. When asked to speak, merely said that he loved the country and delighted to see people.

"Why you outnumber them ten to one," said the German general, "you are letting slip a great rich prize. Canada is sending her men over to this country to fight. Why don't the Americans seize the opportunity and conquer Canada? It would be an easy task. The boundary line between the two countries must be weakly guarded now."

To this Mr. Cobb late replied that the boundary line that exists between the two countries is not strongly fortified with guns and equipments, and he cannot pass over it and never know it. On neither side of the boundary line are there any fortifications or armed sentries and that the line is not guarded by soldiers over one hundred years. There is no fear in either country of aggressions or wars between them.

The German general could not understand and said Mr. Cobb: "We are the same people, that is the answer." Mr. Cobb was on the point of mentioning certain peculiarities that the American takes objection to in the Englishman. Once he claimed that a beaver had a president called the king, while the other

Mr. Avard, of Sackville, said that he appreciated being here and also spoke of the friendly relations between the two countries.

R. E. Armstrong in brief remarks warned the visitors not to carry any champagne baskets to the part of Nova Scotia they were heading for.

Joe Page said that St. John in some respects was the best baseball city on the continent. He urged that publicity for the city be given from the home-end rather than bringing the other fellow in and letting him go back across the border to boost the city. This could be done by the creation of a professional baseball team from St. John in the New England League. It was up to the business men to bring this about. There was no city in the world that was growing, he said, unless it had athletics.

Mr. Pryor said that the New Brunswick and Maine League never gave St. John any publicity because it was their only big tie in the state. He said that he would naturally look to the largest one. St. John should be affiliated with the New England League, which would bring it more real live publicity than any investment it could make. He said that he would handle the matter over with the mayor and Commissioner Thornton and they offered every assistance if the money end of the proposition was arranged. They promised, he said, that they would be interested in regard to the financial end of the scheme.

A. O. Seymour, general tourist agent of the C. P. R., said that he was with the party merely as a courier. He said that he would be glad to see the mouse brought out of the woods would have its proper tag. Frank Stevens of the New York National League Club extended thanks to the city for the welcome.

Commissioner Thornton referred to the remarks of Mr. Page, and he added that he was heartily in favor of the move. He was personally interested in all sport and urged the city council to provide an athletic field which was sadly needed. He said that St. John was an enthusiastic baseball city, and said that good baseball with a fee for entrance was what is wanted in the city. A professional team was required.

C. B. Allen, of the Tourist Association, referred to the pleasure of having such distinguished men in the city, and the freedom of the evening and the informality of the speeches. He said that in the nineteenth century had made the world a neighborly place, but in the twentieth century it would make it a brotherhood. This latter was the spirit displayed at the present gathering. He touched on the splendid hunting offered in New Brunswick, and said that the province had been established by the province in having taken out of it moose with a spread of seventy-two

There were a few words added by others who attended the dinner. N. R. Bullock, district passenger agent for the C. P. R., thanked the board of trade and the Tourist Association for the statement they had shown the visiting non-residents while in the city. The gathering was closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

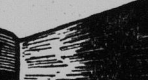
The visiting writers then went immediately aboard the steamer Empress lying at the D. A. wharf, and were off for the D. A. They will leave this morning for Digby where they will go into the Kedgemoorogee woods in search of big game.

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