

## BASEBALL

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### Granville v. Chatham House

Under the smiling countenance of Old Sol, the popular patron of baseball, Lt. Col. J. T. Clarke, sent over the home plate the first ball of the Inter-Annex Pill-slinger's League of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital.

The umpire called strike and the batter was fooled by the submarine drop. Chatham House Annex was first up to the bat and during the first inning things looked bad for the Bedfordiles. With two men on bases Sergt. Simonson drove a fly out into right field to the great confusion of the umpire and untold disgust of Dispatch-rider Sutton. In the ensuing melee the two men each scored and the progeny of American Baseball pulled off a home run. Somehow or other the bats and balls had live charges of electricity and the consequent repellant force prevented the experts from Granville from ever seeing the first base.

The second innings was scarcely fruitful to either team. The "Wallopers" from the cliff chalked up one run. The playing was loose on both sides. Errors were made by everyone not from lack of keenness or want of skill but from the want of use of that skill. Practice alone will produce results startling to even the most hopeful of baseball fans.

What will be accomplished by these aspirants to baseball honours was amply illustrated in the fourth inning by the followers of the electrical expert. The Chatham boys scored one run and took to the field. Then the electrical currents began. Light Massage put three runners on bases. Then followed a series of high frequency waves into various parts of the outfield. Heavy Massage and Manipulation developed under the radiant heat of success into a merry-go-round. Each batter faced the Scotch douche twice, but after permitting twelve runs by their oponents the Chatham boys applied the alternating current and prevented further scoring.

The game was umpired by Capt. Gould to the entire satisfaction of almost all the spectators. It is rumoured that several fair on-lookers however threatened to take violent measures to have him ejected from the field.

The score ended in favour of the Granville who scored thirteen runs against eleven by the Chatham boys'.

The players in order of batting were:—

<i>Chatham House</i>		<i>Granville</i>	
Sergt. Heatherington, - - -	Pitcher	Pte. Joubert, - - -	Third Base
Pte. McCormick, - - -	Short Stop	Pte. Pudham, - - -	Short Stop
Sergt. Howe, - - -	First Base	Pte. Sutton, - - -	First Base
Sergt. Simonson, - - -	Catcher	Corp. Graham, - - -	Left Field
Sergt. Slater, - - -	Second Base	Capt. Bedford, - - -	Pitcher
Sergt. Davies, - - -	Right Field	Pte. Lemieux, - - -	Right Field
Corp. Smith, - - -	Third Base	Pte. Watts, - - -	Centre Field
Sergt. Dives, - - -	Left Field	Pte. McElrae, - - -	Second Base
Sergt. James, - - -	Centre Field	Pte. Castle, - - -	Catcher