Best Bowling Records In All Toronto Leagues

High Individual and Team Scores For Single and Total Match Games—Comment For the Week and League Standing.

In compiling these records an effort has been made to give the highest scores in the history of each league, and also this season's high marks. Some leagues that flourished two or three years ago are not now in existence at all, or have given way to leagues under a new name. The records of these are not here given, with the exception of the Toronto Bowling Club and Oddfellows' Leagues. It has been necessary to resort to the newspaper files for a good deal of the information, and in former years there were many scores that were never published, especially of leagues running late in the spring. In the case of some leagues now extinct, it has been impossible to get the figures with any certainty of accuracy, and for that reason they have been omitted. It may be that in the work of picking out the best scores all may not have been caught, and if anyone who has the data at hand can detect an error it will be our pleasure to rectify it. Also if the information is forthcoming as to the ones omitted, that, too, will be published. The reliability of the scores here given can on the whole be vouched for, especially the highest ones. This compilation of records has never before been attempted, and is now furnished to settle arguments as to new marks. The memory of the average person is very, very short, and a few statistics in concise form always prove a valuable aid. The figures given below are for both individual and team, for single game and total games played in one match. It is now up to the bowlers to boost as many of these records as possible before the leagues close in the spring.

C. B. A. Tournaments.

Totals are for three games:

Individual—Allie Boyd	652
Two-man—Dewitt and Blouin	1369
Five-men—Thompson's Colts	2823

City.

W. Hunter, Royals, 1909-1910	270
W. Hunter, Royals, 1909-19A10	270
Royals A, 1909-1910	1073
Royals A, 1909-1910	2971
—This Season.—	
E. Sutherland, B.B.C., Nov. 29	258
E. Sutherland, B.B.C., Nov. 29	674
College, Nov. 29	1024
College, Nov. 29	2883

City, Class B.

J. Booth, Royal Riverdales, 1909-1910	268
J. Booth, Royal Riverdales, 1909-1910	725
Royal Riverdales, 1909-1910	1162
Royal Riverdales, 1909-1910	3080
Not rolling this season.	

City, Class C.

White, Rickeys, 1909-1910	246
Dey, Royal Bachelors, 1909-1910	631
Royal Bachelors, 1909-1910	996
Royal Bachelors, 1909-1910	2922
Not rolling this year.	

Toronto Bowling Club.

Bert Moran, Iroquois, 1907-8	280
Bert Moran, Iroquois, 1907-8	685
Iroquois, 1907-8	1078
Queen Citys, 1909-10	3017
Not rolling this year.	

Eaton's.

Organized first this season.

Leslie, J 4 Dept., Dec. 4	253
T. Gibson, Main Floor, Dec. 20	602
Third Floor, Dec. 19	889
Printers No. 1, Nov. 13	2512

Athenaeum A.

First year of rolling.

Allie Boyd, Red Rose Tea, Nov. 22	257
E. Parkes, College, Nov. 10	641
Athenaeums, Dec. 8	1052
Athenaeums, Dec. 8	2802

Athenaeum B.

Newly organized this season.

Smith, Strollers, Dec. 12	233
Smith, Strollers, Dec. 12	563
Histed, Seldom Inns, Dec. 7	563
The Dukes, Nov. 14	923
Tyndall's Colts, Nov. 25	2490

Printers'.

E. Parkes, Toronto Typesetting, 1910-11	237
L. Findlay, World, 1908-1909	663
MacLean Pub. Co., 1910-11	1009
News, 1908-1909	2664
—This Season.—	
E. Parkes, Tor. Typesetting, Nov. 17	267
A. Wilson, Dunlop & Rose, Dec. 1	616
MacLean Pub. Co., Dec. 22	1009
Toronto Typesetting, Nov. 11	2626

Hotel.

F. Wilkes, McKinneys, 1909-1910	244
T. Bird, McKinneys, 1909-1910	618
McKinneys, 1909-1910	968
McKinneys, 1909-1910	2737
—This Season.—	
Scott, Cameron, Dec. 7	226
Christensen, Windsor, Nov. 23	588
Windsor, Nov. 23	942
Windsor, Nov. 23	2694

Central.

Sam Darke, Strollers, 1908-9	277
Bert Nell, Brunswicks, 1907-8	654
H. & A. Saunders, 1907-8	958
Brunswicks, 1907-8	2664
—This Season.—	
J. Castor, Brunswicks, Dec. 8	230
G. Pethick, Fishing Club, Dec. 7	595
Fishing Club, Dec. 7	935
Fishing Club, Nov. 3	2545

Oddfellows'.

E. Dayment, Integrity, 1907-8	266
E. Johnston, Prospect, 1908-9	653
Integrity, 1908-9	964
Prospect, 1908-9	2737
Not rolling this year.	

Business Men.

W. Dennis, Eatonias, 1910-11	279
Ernie Hewer, White & Co., 1909-10	645

TORONTO CITY RECORDS.

—Five-Man—	
Individual, single, Bert Moran	290
Individual, 3 games, John Booth	725
Team, single, Royal Riverdales	1162
Team, 3 games, Royal Riverdales	3080
—Three-Man—	
Individual, single, J. Griffiths	248
Individual, 5 games, W. Griffiths	1078
Team, single, Scouts	617
Team, 5 games, Scouts	2809
—Two-Man—	
Individual, single, F. Johnston	279
Individual, 5 games, F. Johnston	1105
Team, single, Athenaeums	468
Team, 5 games, Athenaeums	2052
—Individual—	
Single, C. H. Gordon	253
Ten games, F. Fryer	1956

Canadian Gen. Electric, 1909-10	990
Eatonias, 1910-11	2706
—This Season.—	
W. Dennis, Eatonias, Nov. 30	279
W. Dennis, Eatonias, Nov. 30	630
Eatonias, Dec. 6	983
Eatonias, Dec. 6	2706

Fruitmen's.

Organized this year.

G. Alcott, Pippins, Nov. 22	232
W. Stringer, Baldwins, Nov. 13	581
Baldwins, Dec. 20	898
Pippins, Dec. 13	2320

Gladstone.

—This Season—	
H. Wells, Brownies, Dec. 1	235
H. Wells, Brownies, Dec. 1	609
Brownies, Oct. 28	952
Brownies, Dec. 1	2633

Royal Canadian.

This league is in its first year.

T. Logan, Wrens, Nov. 24	266
F. Johnston, Larks, Nov. 28	646
Robins, Nov. 28	1049
Larks, Dec. 1	2690

Paynes.

—This Season—	
T. Payne, Lackawannas, Nov. 30	235
T. Payne, Lackawannas, Dec. 5	616
Bachelors, Dec. 19	893
Manhattans, Dec. 30	2561
Bachelors, Dec. 28	2351

A. O. U. W.

—This Season—	
Davy, Granites, Nov. 10	215
Davy, Granites, Nov. 10	560
Trinity II., Nov. 8	836
Trinity II., Nov. 8	2334

City Two-Man.

Totals are for five games.

F. Johnston, Royals, 1910-1911	279
F. Johnston, Royals, 1909-1910	1105
Athenaeums, 1910-1911	468
Athenaeums, 1910-1911	2052
—This Season—	
F. Johnston, Royals, Dec. 19	279
E. Sutherland, Athenaeums, Dec. 5	1048
Athenaeums, Dec. 5	468
Athenaeums, Dec. 5	2052

Athenaeum Two-Man.

Organized first this season. Totals are for five games:

Harris, Simcoes, Dec. 8	256
H. Gillis, Ramblers, Dec. 15	1026
Drummers, Dec. 20	432
Queen Citys, Dec. 2	1970

Brunswick Individual.

Totals are for ten games:

C. H. Gordon, Nov. 9	257
F. Fryer, Dec. 14	1956

Parkdale Three-Man.

Totals are for five games:

J. Griffiths, Scouts, Oct. 19	242
W. Griffiths, Benedicts, Oct. 28	107
Scouts, Nov. 17	617
Scouts, Oct. 26	2809

Dominion Three-Man.

Totals are for three games:

Boyce, Dominions, Dec. 15	238
Boyce, Dominions, Dec. 1	580
Mic-Macs, Nov. 24	594
Dominions, Dec. 15	1604

Parkdale Two-Man.

Totals are for four games:

Whirtie, Moss Roses, Nov. 15	217
G. Pethick, Tube Roses, Dec. 29	777
Irish Roses, Nov. 29	367
Moss Roses, Dec. 29	1224

BIG FIRE AT BRACEBRIDGE

Causes Damage of $12,000 to Queen's Hotel.

BRACEBRIDGE, Dec. 31.—At 6.30 this morning a fire was discovered in the north part of the Queen's Hotel, which apparently started in the furnace room and ran up the north wall to the roof. Owing to the intense cold and smoke the firemen worked under great difficulty, but succeeded in getting it under control after three hours' hard work. About half the building, with contents, was destroyed, and the remaining portion badly damaged by smoke and water. The loss will be about $12,000. The property was insured for about $15,000.

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The closing week of the old year was a holiday as far as league rolling generally was concerned. Those that made no halt in their schedules at Christmas time kept their engagements and provided such excitement as there was, aided by a few teams who took advantage of the holiday lull to clean off the slate with regard to postponed games. Outside of the leagues there was plenty doing, with bowling parties, friendly contests, and the like. Several annual affairs, such as office tournaments, club handicaps and old boys' matches, were held during the week, so that the alleys were not allowed to vegetate or run to weeds from lack of use. Instead, some of them worked overtime to satisfy the desires of the bowling enthusiasts.

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Down at the R.C.B.C. alleys the benedicts and bachelors drew up their opposing forces in battle array and engaged in their annual struggle, with the succulent oyster supper as the reward for the victors. In this case both conquerors and vanquished shared in the spoils but—the expense was borne by the victims, hence the keenness displayed by the contestants. About seventy champions entered the fray and words fail to convey any idea of the commotion and noise caused by the participants and spectators. Articles of every description were brandished over the alleys as the excitement increased, and all that the bowler could do was to roll the ball in the direction where the pins were supposed to be and trust to luck for the rest. The result of the melee proved to be a repetition of that of a year ago, the care-free laddies for the second time trimming the hapless benedicts, being 65 pins ahead at the finish, compared with 75 a year ago.

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A new league has been organized and will start this week at the Athenaeum Club. It is called the Mercantile League, and is composed of 10 teams of well-known business firms. The season starts off on Tuesday night when four of the teams hook up in the initial contests. The schedule for the first week is as follows:

Jan. 3—Steele-Briggs Co. v. Consol. Optical Co.; Thompson Mfg. Co. v. P. W. Ellis & Co.

Jan. 4—J. F. Brown & Co. v. Adams Furniture Co.

Jan. 5—Sun Life Ins. Co. v. Dominion Express Co.

Jan. 6—Photo Engravers, Ltd. v. J. F. Harty & Co.

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The competition at the Brunswick alleys for the trip to Buffalo goes merrily along. The members of the Central League are all after the big scores so that they may qualify for the trip. Whitesides, Castor and Croft have chalked up the most of the high games so far, but the contest is a keen one and the bowlers will all put up a warm fight.

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Canadian day at the Buffalo tournament will witness quite an exodus of bowlers across the line. Canadian cities in general will be well represented at the big event, and it is thought that the number will total over half a century. Toronto, of course, will send a goodly number, and alley managers are nearly all marshalling their cohorts for the onslaught on the huge prize list. Saturday, March 4, is the date on which the charge will be made.

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The race in the individual competition is a very close one and will probably be, up to the finish. Seager still holds first place, but four others are chasing him fast and will make him travel some, a thing which Bill is quite capable of doing. Fryer is winning quite frequently, and is climbing the ladder. McMillan, Bob and George Stewart and Tom Bird are the other contenders. The race is not yet half run and any one of them may be fighting for the lead before the end of the season.

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The Bachelors are running very strongly in the Payne League and have gained several laps on the Lackawannas. A close struggle is being waged for second place, three teams making bids for the position.

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This week will see a few more teams in action, but not until the next week will the whole list be rolling again. All those leagues which are still in their first series will complete them in two or three weeks. The Printers, evening section, have one more game to roll, and the two leading teams clash next Thursday night. The Toronto Typesetting have a two-game lead on MacLeans, so that the latter will have to make a clean sweep to win out on this series. The remaining four teams do not play until the next week.

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The Business Men's League will also furnish an interesting finale during the next two or three weeks. Langmuir's and Eaton's have only one game between them, and Emmett's are close behind. Whichever wins will have to work hard and bowl consistently.

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Parkdale Pickups.

The Parkdale Club are putting up this month for monthly competition a pair of trousers and a fancy vest for first and second respectively. The following have qualified for the roll-off on Monday, Jan. 9, 1911: S. Griffiths 597, Adamson 590, Aikens 593, Sharpe 561, Wilkes 568, Stokoe 558, Wray 561, Daly 596, Willis 571, Lendrum 570, Pengelly 543.

The management are putting up a valuable prize for monthly competition for novices, to be run the same as the open monthly competition.

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Ward Bros., tailors, of 658 West Queen-street, have donated the prize for next month of a suit of clothes or an ulster. This is the best offer made yet, and already several good scores have been put up, the best of which are W. Griffiths 602, J. Wilkes 600, and E. Scott 614.

THE BLOOR STREET VIADUCT IS THE LAST TIE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE DON.

Bowling Standings

—Athenaeum A.—	Won.	Lost.
Spoilers	3	0
Simcoes	3	0
Red Rose Tea	2	1
Athenaeums	2	1
Aberdeens	1	2
College	1	2
Midnight Sons	0	3
Queen Citys	0	3
Atkins' Colts	0	0
Victorias	0	0

—Athenaeum B.—	Won.	Lost.
Seldom Inns	2	1
A. Y. C.	2	1
Tyndall's Colts	2	1
G. Heintzmans	2	1
Acmes	1	2
Imperials	1	2
J. J. McLaughlins	1	2
The Dukes	1	2
Clans	0	0
Strollers	0	0

—Athenaeum Two-Man.—	Won.	Lost.
College	4	1
Simcoes	6	4
Athenaeums	6	4
Queen Citys	6	4
Drummers	4	6
Ramblers	4	6
Victorias	2	4
Aberdeens	3	7

—Brunswick Individual.—	Won.	Lost.
W. Seager	6	2
R. Stewart	5	4
F. Fryer	4	2
W. McMillan	4	3
G. Stewart	4	3
T. Bird	3	2
F. Phelan	2	2
C. H. Gordon	2	5
W. Karrys	1	3
G. Robinson	0	3

—City Two-Man.—	Won.	Lost.
Athenaeums	9	1
Dominions	4	3
Royal Canadians	5	3
Parkdale	4	5
Gladstones	3	5
Brunswicks	3	5
Paynes	2	6
College	2	7

—I. O. O. F. Two-Man.—	Won.	Lost.
Bride Rose	14	6
Irish Rose	12	8
Primrose	11	9
Red Rose	9	7
Tuberose	12	12
Moss Rose	10	10
Yellow Rose	8	8
Rambler Rose	5	7
Beauty Rose	9	15
Queen Rose	6	14

—Payne's.—	Won.	Lost.
Bachelors	22	2
Lackawannas	14	10
Manhattans	12	9
Benedicts	11	10
Stockers	6	18
Senecas	4	20

—Parkdale Three-Man.—	Won.	Lost.
Cubs	10	5
Benedicts	10	5
Dominions	15	10
Pirates	6	4
Heavyweights	9	11
Tigers	2	3
Athletics	2	13

—Business Men—	Won.	Lost.
Langmuir Paint	19	5
Eatonias	18	6
Emmett Shoes	20	7
National Cash Regis.	16	8
North American Life	15	12
The Telegram	13	11
T. J. Fair & Co	12	12
Woods-Norris, Ltd	11	13
H. Murby & Co.	9	15
Levack Co	7	17
Hayes Plumbing	5	19
Crown Tailoring	2	22

—Eaton No. 1—	Won.	Lost.
Dept. S 3	15	3
Fifth Floor	16	5
Third Floor	15	6
Printers, No. 1	14	7
Dept. J 4, No. 1	10	5
Dept. E 4	13	11
Drivers	10	8
General Office	10	11
Main Floor	10	11
Dept. J 5	7	17
Engineers	4	20
Floormen	2	22

—Eaton No. 2—	Won.	Lost.
Dept. G 1 2	22	2
Photo Engravers	15	6
Dept. J 4	16	8
Mail Order	14	10
Dept. F 1	14	10
General Office No. 2	12	9
Delivery	10	11
Dept. L 1	11	13
Printers No. 2	7	11
Dept. H 7	7	14
Basement No. 1	4	17
Dept. E 5	3	24

—Eaton, No. 3—	Won.	Lost.
Dept. J 15	23	1
Dept. A 3	18	6
Mail Order	15	6
E 1 2 3	16	8
Sporting Goods	12	12
Dept. D 5	10	11
Basement No. 2	8	13
Dept. J 6	10	14
Dept. K 1 B	8	16
Winnipeg Office	6	15
Dept. S 1	4	14
Inspectors	5	19

—Apple—	Won.	Lost.
Pippins	12	9
Russets	12	9
Kings	10	11
Baldwins	10	11
Greenings	8	10
Duchess	8	10

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New Year Resolutions

At the earnest solicitation of the various individuals concerned we have consented to publish the following resolves formed with firm determination for the coming year:

Blonde Culliton: That I shall never get married as long as I can get oyster suppers at the expense of the married men.

Frank Johnston: That I shall stay at home and do my own washing in future and let the trophy go hang.

Bert Moran: That henceforth I shall get up in the morning when I want to roll a good score.

Jimmie Booth: That next year I shall go after all the turkeys, they come so easy.

Bob Elliot: That I shall get an adjustable foul line that I can shift at my own discretion.

"Spleats" Karrys: Owing to the usurpers I'll copyright my title and reserve all rights.

Bill Seager: I'll win that individual competition or bust the alleys, as I need the money.

George Studholme: The Benedicts will win the next series or no more two-for-a-quarter smokes for me.

Al. Robinson: I'll raise my two-man average or cut out that middle ball.

Vernon Dawson: Judging by results it is time I quit smoking Unis.

Billy Beer: That even if I do win another turkey, I shall never again try to eat it all myself.

Jack Booth: That I shall have to get a pair of alleys installed like the Royals were last year for the use of the Eaton Printers, including myself.

Len Parkes: That I shall continue to act as captain of The Globe—in spite of all.

Tommy Ryan: That I shall get a barbed wire fence to place along the foul line with holes inserted to shoot the ball thru.

Charlie Wilson: I'll win that morning section if I have to put a limit on every member of the other three teams.

Charlie Mason: That for the benefit of The Saturday Night team I shall muffle the foul line bell and spike the megaphone.

P. Griffiths: That it is either to cut out the hook or give the cap free cow juice for a year.

Joe Walker: If I don't roll 500 next game for the Bachelors I shall stop drinking white label.

Tommy Quinn: We Manhattans will win the next three or I'll go back to work.

Billy Muh-Gray: That I'll can the lead or give up the captaincy.

C. H. Gordon: If these low scores keep coming I'll get me a name book for use in the morning papers.

A. J. Hartmann: That I shall have no more pikers in the individual competition.

"Hook" Payne: That if my A team and I have got to remain in the cellar I'll see that there is something kept behind the furnace.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS INCREASE

Twenty-Five Per Cent. Duty to Protect Re-rolling Mill.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Customs collections for the month of December were $5,727,576, an increase of $470,962 over December, 1909. For nine months of fiscal year which closes to-day collections have totaled $53,124,488, as compared with $44,367,181 for same period last year, an increase of $8,757,307.

An order-in-council has been issued abolishing 25 per cent. ad valorem customs duty on rails used in rerolling rails used in railway tracks and weighing not less than 56 lbs. per yard, and substituting therefor regular duty on rails of $7 per ton. Reason given is that a mill has been established in Canada equipped for rerolling such rails in substantial quantities.

C.N.R. AT NORTH TORONTO

The Canadian Northern Railway is making rapid progress in buying land for its terminals at North Toronto. Most of the property between Shaftesbury and Summerville-avenue had been actually bought or is under option. The railway is paying a fair price and there does not seem to be any disposition on the part of the people to hold out for exorbitant values. There will be a few appeals to arbitration.

A nominal rental is being charged for the houses until Tpril 1 next, but the Scarboro Securities Co., who are acting as purchasing agents for the railway, do not think actual operations will commence until the proposed subway under the tracks at Yonge-street is in process of construction.

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BASEBALL UMPIRE PROTECTED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

Big Force of Policemen on the Grounds in Havana Awe the Most Hotheaded Fans—If Player Objects Too Strenuously He is Taken to the Station House—Rowdyism Not Tolerated.

By Billy Evans.

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 31.—Rowdy baseball is not tolerated in Cuba. Baseball riots are very, very scarce here, and forfeited games are seldom, if ever, heard of. When the native fans go out to see a ball game they need not fear that some team will leave the field early in the contest because of some adverse decision by the umpire. Woe be to the team that fails to observe this rule, for the city government then takes a hand in the proceedings.

It is really wonderful the way the games are handled here—taking care of the crowds, the players, and the umpires. In no city in the United States is a ball park so well policed as in Havana. On the big day of the week, Sunday, when the crowd always numbers from 12,000 to 20,000 persons, at least 200 policemen are on hand to maintain order. Of the 200 or more present some 50 of them are mounted on the finest horses. The fans live in awe of the police, and rarely, if ever, are the guardians of the peace called upon to quell any disturbances. When trouble does arise they have the situation in check in a moment.

After every contest, even if the game has progressed as quietly as a funeral, the police always escort the visiting team to a place of safety, some distance from the park, and well on the way to the heart of the city. Visiting players from the States receive every attention, and the American boys are as safe, if not safer than in some of the cities in which they are accustomed to playing during the regular season.

The Cuban fan is in many ways a peculiar person. Unlike the American fan, he makes a demonstration only when the home team wins. It is after one of the Cuban teams has defeated an American club that the Cuban rooters get a lot of enjoyment out of "kidding" the Americans. When the local team is defeated the Cuban enthusiast says nothing. In the States it is usually after the defeat of the home team that the fans get after the visiting players. In victory they are usually too busy rejoicing to pay much attention to the vanquished foes. In this respect the Cuban fan and the American rooter are very different.

In many ways the Cuban method of conducting the games differ materially from those in the States. In the first place, the players' benches, instead of being on opposite sides of the field, are located within 15 feet of each other. Over each bench is a heavy canvas canopy to protect the players from the sun.

To the left of the main section of the grandstand is erected a small private stand or box to accommodate about eight or ten men. This box is always reserved for the leading police officials. Directly in front of the grand stand and third base bleachers are a series of benches that will hold about 125 or 150 men. These benches are for the police, and are always taxed to capacity. The benches are so built that they do not interfere in any way with the view of the spectators in the stands or bleachers. In the extreme left and right field are stationed some 40 or 50 mounted police. I've really seen more policemen here at a single game than I've seen during the entire season at home. Drawn up just back of the grand stand are two patrol wagons for immediate use in case anything should happen.

In the centre of the grand stand is another private box, which is reserved for the leading officials of the Cuban baseball league. Hanging in the box is a good-sized bell, of which the president or some one appointed by him, is official ringer. There are many uses to which this bell is put, some of which are decidedly unique.

The practice periods are started and ended by the clang of the bell, just the same as in the States. At the opening of the ninth inning the bell is sounded twice to notify the fans that the last inning is about to commence. It is relative to arguments and disputes, however, that the bell plays an importanb part.

As is natural in all ball games, every now and then some decision is made that causes more or less criticism. The president of the league is sole judge as to how far the participants may go in their complaints. When he believes the game has been delayed long enough he clangs the bell sharply three times. This is a note of warning to which the players invariably give heed. Usually at the sound of three bells the players drop the argument and hasten back to their positions. If perchance some player is so stubborn that he fails to take warning, unless he resumes his position inside of a minute he is given a ride to the station house free of charge. That's the chief reason why the best of order is always maintained on the Cuban diamonds.

Despite the fact that the players and umpires are given the very best of protection at all times, it is a strange fact that the umpire problem is the hardest of solution in Cuba. Umpires are very scarce on the island, otherwise the promoters of the sport here would not find it necessary to import men to preside over the games.

Altho Havana is a city of nearly 400,000, it is a fact that there are only two umpires on the island. As is the case in the States, umpires who are able to give satisfaction are very rare, indeed. In the umpiring end of the game alone have the Cubans failed to advance. The two men who have been handling the games here are named Poyo and Gutierrez. The first named umpired in several games with me, but a few weeks ago, after having a particularly hard day of it, he handed in his resignation. He had several times before resigned, a la Jack Sheridan, and the promoters thought he would be back on the job in a few days, but he has as yet failed to put in an appearance. Evidently he has decided there are easier ways of getting money than in umpiring.

The retirement of Poyo leaves Gutierrez the ruler of all the surveys in a baseball way. He is now the only umpire on the island. He is a big, husky chap, standing over 6 feet tall, and weighing about 190 pounds, and has the making of a high-class umpire. It is hard to account for the scarcity of umpires, considering the excellent conditions that prevail here, and the fact that the pay is never less than $15, and often as high as $25 per game.

The double-umpire system has been in vogue here for several years, but the arbitrators have a peculiar way of working in contract to the American style. One umpire works five innings behind the plate and four on the bases. The base umpire tried to take all the base plays while standing in the same spot. Plays at first, second, and third bases were all decided from the same point of view. In some cases the umpire would be at least 100 feet from the play. Since coming here I have tried to impress on the two umpires the importance of getting right on top of the plays. It is really wonderful the way Gutierrez has picked up the way to get the different plays at the proper angle.

American players and umpires who happen to come to Cuba to perform are placed in a very peculiar position. It is really useless for any of the American players to berate the Cuban umpire, because he rarely understands more than a dozen words of the English language. The Cuban fans, on the other hand, can roast the American umpire to a beautiful brown without him knowing a thing about it. All the rooting is done in the Cuban or Spanish language, so the American umpire hasn't the slightest idea as to what the crowd is saying about him when he makes a decision that doesn't exactly meet with their approval.

My Cuban umpire partner pulled something new on me the other day that I believe is worth mentioning. I worked the first five innings back of the plate, the rest of the game there falling to the Cuban arbitrator. The contest went 11 innings to a tie, it being necessary to call the game on account of darkness, as we would express it in the States. At the close of the eleventh inning the Cuban umpire turned to the stands, made a short announcement, the crowd began to disperse, and I then realized that he must have called the game. On my way down to the hotel I asked a Cuban fan who speaks the English language quite fluently what my partner had said to the crowd when he called the game. This was his announcement:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the game is called on account of no light."

The Cubans are certainly very much Americanized in a baseball way. Prominent tailors give suits for home runs, shoe merchants donate footwear for circuit drives, while others give all kinds of cash prizes for the performance of various feats.

Cuba is, indeed, very much in the baseball swim.

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