

Two Steps at a Time

London Drops From First to Third Place.

St. Thomas Wins an Eleven-Inning Game From Chatham.

Results of the R. O. T. Road Race at Toronto—O. W. Mead at Winnipeg—Other Sporting Events.

BASEBALL

LONDON'S TIMELY DROP.
After rising to the pinnacle of leadership in the Canadian League, and holding the same for 24 hours, London dropped into third place on Saturday by Hamilton winning from them, and St. Thomas defeating Chatham. It could not be expected that the home team would be so reckless as to take two games in succession from the determined-to-be-leaders. As usual, the position held by the home team, is an ephemeral one, and will be regretted by the large crowd present at Saturday's game, because the club gave a most miserable and wretched exhibition of the sport. A spectator would imagine from the first three innings that the Londoners decided then that the first position was too much for their blood, and they wished to retreat with the worst grace possible. If the defeat had been an honorable one, nothing could be said, but when the bases and cat-calls were leveled repeatedly at the misplays of the home team, it is not unreasonable to suppose that with some exceptions, and those but few, the players did not seem to care whether they won or not. Those who were at the game again felt like denouncing the home club in the most determined manner. But some explanation should be made public to those who missed the game.

It commenced in the first inning, when Hamilton scored three runs on one solitary single. The misjudgment of a fly in right between Carey Ward and Smink was the commencement. Larouque fielded a hit and threw badly to Lohman to lead a runner coming in. That Lohman threw to second with a runner on third, and the latter scored before the ball was returned. It was impossible to stop the Londoners from their spell of bad playing, as in their half of the first, Mead opened with a double, and Smink was hit by a pitched ball and Smink had a pass. Owing to the stupid base-running of the first two players, they were caught by the alert St. Thomas.

In Hamilton's third, with one out, they followed with two singles and a double, scoring two runs. Baker struck out, and Dean hit a fly to Mead, but he dropped it, a runner coming in. Dean took second on the muff, and then made for third. Lohman threw beautifully to Keenan, but Jo-Jo's hands were like the back of a greasy pig, the ball going so far into left field that Dean easily scored. Five runs had already been given to the visitors.

From then on the home team braced up and played a different game. Two singles, a base on balls and a steal gave Hamilton two runs in the fifth. Hagerman was hit harder in the sixth than at any time during the game. Two singles and two doubles added two more runs. Ward cut off one run by a pretty throw to the plate.

In the last three innings of the Hamiltons they had but one man at bat. A double play finished their ninth inning. Smink and his bat proved to be the principal means of adding runs to London's score. He batted in five of the eight runs, and his triple in the eighth was a heavy drive, which hit the signboard and sent in three runs. Three times London had second and third bases occupied, and not a hit was forthcoming. Keenan, Mead and Larouque batted most indifferently, and the latter struck out in the seventh on three called strikes. The score:

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