

## A Page of Baseball---New Team Distresses League Leaders

The past week has seen some of the fastest baseball games of the season and the last half of the schedule now promises to more than overcome the dull first period in which certain of the teams gave promise of becoming the laughing stock of the camp. Tail end teams have won from the league leaders and the changes in league standings have been many. The entrance of a Canadian Command Depot into the camp league promises to make the other teams look to their laurels and several aggregations which have heretofore looked ahead to easy victory over the casualties have now come to regard the gold barred lads as a team more to be feared than pitied.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Command Depot met one of the fastest teams in the league and, in the fastest game of the year, came out winners in a 2 to 1 score. To say that the game was a peach from the start to the finish would be saying too little. Both teams were in the best of trim and, though strike outs were few and far between, but few men saw the second station and a total of but three were able to cross the pan. Both teams had iron-clad infields and the outer gardens left nothing to be desired. Ground balls, Texas leaguers and star dazzlers were all handled in big league style and throws across the diamond and from the outfield were made with a snap and a speed which brought rounds of applause from the spectators on the four sides of the ground—and the crowd was one of the largest gathered at a ball game this year. It was not until the last frame that the winners were determined. In the first half of the ninth the Depot with two men on bases and one out, shoved a solitary run across and in the last half shut out their opponents. It was the first time we had seen the new bunch in action and we can easily agree with the crowd that they are a hard team to beat. They have since met and defeated two of the other aggregations of the camp league and are now looked upon as propable contenders for one of the first places at the end of the season.

The Seaforth team played in hard luck last Saturday when they crossed bats with

a Reserve unit from the lower end of the camp, the league leaders, and came out on the short end of a 5 to 1 score. Even the battalion star, Kelly, who can always be depended on to pull the team out of tight corners when occasion demands, had an off day and was a long way from his usual form. Corporal Moore, behind the bat, was also way off color and made errors which were of a certainty surprising to the rooters. Not only did he repeatedly let the sphere get away from him but he entirely failed to locate the bases and lost any number of men at second who would ordinarily have been easy outs for him. Hackett, on second, made a couple of bloomers but had a reasonable good record for the whole game. A new man appeared in center field and he more than made good. In three times at bat he registered two clean hits—and pulled down a long hit which looked like a good home run. The catch was certainly the most sensational one of the year and was received with a storm of applause from all ranks.

The hospital team has broken even in a series of games during the past fortnight, and, notwithstanding the reverses they met for a month or more, will yet have to be taken into consideration in the naming of league champions.

Our neighboring Nova Scotia Reserve is also still going strong and will finish in the first division without trouble.

Interest in the American game is at its height and even the fact that the football season is due to re-open in another few days has failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the diamond followers. The crowds in attendance at the eight contests each week have easily broken all sport records of the camp. It is to the credit of all teams and managers that the games have been conducted in a manner which is deserving of the patronage which it is receiving.