

LONDON, August 1st, 1876.

To obviate the necessity for calling a general meeting of representatives of clubs forming the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players, it has been deemed expedient by the President to submit certain amendments to the rules which if adopted will, it is believed, prove an advantage to Canadian Ball Players.

FIRST.—That Section 6, of Rule IV., regarding called balls, shall be amended so, as to conform with the rule in use by American amateurs and professionals, by substituting the word *third* for *second* in the fourth line of said section.

SECOND.—That Section 7, of Rule V., be amended to conform with the American rules, by substituting the following: Should a batsman fail to strike at a ball sent in by the pitcher over the home-base, and within the specified reach of the bat, the umpire shall call "one strike," and when two such strikes have been called, the umpire, on the delivery of the next fair ball, shall warn the striker that he will call the third strike on the next fair ball delivered, at which time (viz., when the third strike is called) the batsman must run to first base, as in the case of hitting a fair ball.

— THIRD.—That Section 9, of the Championship Code, be erased.

It has been found that the rules regarding "called balls," and "strikes," are too favorable to the batter, and that Canadian Games, as a consequence, do not compare on the record with American games of the same class, played under American rules. Playing under different rules also leads to confusion, and a change is very desirable.

The clause in the championship code is also considered needlessly oppressive, and should be expunged.

Your club is earnestly invited to discuss the amendments offered, and give their judgment upon them, which you will please forward to me AT ONCE, in the form of a direct "yea" or "nay" to each of the three amendments. I would like to have replies by Saturday, 5th August, at farthest, so that the result may be announced in next week's issue of the CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES, and NEW YORK CLIPPER.

Yours truly,

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