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The Inter-Town Baseball Series at Grand Falls.

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St. John's:—Manager Judge took the field after sending Foran to the bench. Three fast ones over which he couldn't find. Hall's stature helped him however. Clouston's foul play found a safe resting place in the big mitt; Munn reached first on Lockyer's error sending Hall to third and there he was left when Murphy failed to reach the initial sack. 0 runs.

3rd INNINGS.

Grand Falls:—Crawley fled to Clouston; the "hop" on Brett's fast throw after fielding Sebat Foran's hot number was too much for Murphy and he dropped it like a hot cake. Lockyer swung vainly, and Gus Foran's pop fly was got by Clouston. 0 runs.

St. John's:—Brett and Gosse hit safely and Billy Callahan was presented with a walk. After a smart run, Clouston got Kielly's uplift. Clouston's deep centrefield fly was labelled for an easy 3-bagger with the sacks filled. He was picked up by Braine after a spectacular running catch right on the toes. His impetus bowled him over but he held the ball amid great applause. 1 run.

4th INNINGS.

Grand Falls:—And then like a bolt from the blue it all happened, and it takes very painful writing! Canning's hit and only error in all the series started the fireworks when he let Foran's smash get through his legs. Quick found Hall, but not so Braine. Canning had fielder's choice on Cohen's gentle tap and threw home to shake off Fortier but Clouston failed to swing on him in time. Seale, poked right, Quick's error gave Crawley safety. Seale's scoring on the play. Sebat Foran hit one a sweet crack, good for two bases, and brought in Crawley. Hall was replaced by Canning in the box, who fooled Lockyer. A wild pitch left in Foran. McHenry got a walk and by dint of clever stealing beat the throws to second and third. Canning's low ones fooled Fortier. Quick brought in McHenry. A hot liner from Braine's bat brought in Quick and the inning might have gone on ever if Cohen hadn't popped. 9 runs.

St. John's:—The previous innings had put the game on ice for Grand Falls, and the old silverware now looked pretty good. The rooting from the pavilion and side lines was terrific, and it was impossible to hear Umpire Duff calling balls and strikes. The St. John's inning was short and quick—Munn struck out; Murphy fled to Cohen, and Brett duplicated the performance to Quick, Foran putting over only 5 hits. 0 runs.

5th INNINGS.

Grand Falls:—"Twas too much for Cassidy's gallant little heart, and he went back on the mound. Seale and Crawley soaked him sincerely; Foran maddened scoring Seale; but Hall fooled Lockyer and McHenry. 1 run.

6th INNINGS.

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Grand Falls:—Canning secured Cohen's foul fly behind the scoreboard after a long run, and his difficult performance was greeted with deafening applause. Seale singled; Crawley struck out; Foran could not beat out his feeble tap. 0 runs.

St. John's:—Gosse fled to Quick; Billy Callahan fanned. 0 runs.

8th INNINGS.

Grand Falls:—Rhodes safe at first and McHenry's two base hit brought him to third. Fortier's liner scored Rhodes, and McHenry beat the throw to the plate. Quick and Braine out at first. Cohen struck out. 2 runs.

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high fly; Crawley was slow in reaching the first sack; Munn muffed Foran's fly, but Canning choked Rhodes' hit. 0 runs.

St. John's:—Billy Callahan after hitting a dozen more or less fouls, tried to McHenry, Canning got a hit, and clever and daring steals brought him to third, but there he was left to die when Walter Callahan and Hall swung mightily but in vain. 0 runs.

Thus, after seven years' plucky fighting, the 1919 Inter Town Baseball championship was won by Grand Falls and the H. D. Reid Cup is entrusted to them until next season.

SUMMARY.

Struck Out—By Pitcher 1, Foran 6, Hall 9, Canning 1. Walks—By Foran 5, Canning 2, Hall 0. Passed Balls—Clouston 1. Hits—Off Hall 11, Foran 9, Canning 2, Pitcher 4.

GARDEN PARTY.

After doing such magnificent work during the War period, the Women's Patriotic Association of Grand Falls was converted into a Mutual Aid Society—having for its object the betterment of social conditions and the upkeep of a community nurse. In order to augment their funds, an informal Garden Party was held on the ball grounds where teas were served with the festive side-shows very much in evidence. Owing to the possibility of the inter-town series being prolonged, it was thought better by the Grand Falls' Athletic Committee to cancel their regular Sports' Day programme. So that, when the papermen won the fifth game (thus winning the championship) in the morning, there were no sporting events to entertain those who attended the Garden Party. Both teams jumped into the breach and gave an exhibition game which St. John's were fortunate in winning by 16 runs to 11. If any player thought he could pitch, or had any aspirations whatever to lab artistry, he was welcome to go in the "box" owing to the fact that the regular pitchers of both teams were quite worn out after their arduous week's work. The opportunity was availed of by nearly every

member of the City team, so that St. John's may look forward to seeing a flock of "Halls" in action next season. It can be imagined what fun it was, and the ludicrous antics of the would-be twirlers elicited continuous applause and laughter from the large gathering present. The players were too tired to finish a regulation game, so that it was called by the umpires in the seventh.

Manager Basha of the Norris Arm football team (which is acquiring a quite a local reputation—having defeated both Botwood and Grand Falls recently) then challenged St. John's "five". They were taken on by Lionel Munn, who, with the two Callahans, Ches Quick, and Murphy, played a very fast game, but the Norris Arm lads showed their superiority in winning by a liberal margin. It is the intention of the Norris Arm team to enter the lists against St. John's next year if intertown football games are arranged.

After partaking of the hospitality of the good ladies of the Mutual Aid Society in a cup of the brew "that cheers but does not inebriate" the whole party repaired to the Grand Falls' Club for the big smoke top and presentation of the trophy.

SMOKING CONCERT.

Mr. J. H. Judge was chairman, and stated how glad they were to welcome once more the representative baseball team from the capital. Now that their visit had become an annual affair it was one of the events that Grand Falls' citizens looked forward to with interest, and he expressed the hope on their behalf that the same relations of good fellowship and harmonious feelings would always exist.

Manager Dave Duff on behalf of the St. John's team and baseball enthusiasts generally, thanked the gathering for their wholehearted and spontaneous welcome, and while it caused him some pangs of regret that to his lot should have fallen the misfortune of handing over the Reid Inter-Town trophy after being associated with it so long, yet these feelings were more

than overcome by the fact that the Grand Falls' team had won manfully and well and had proved their superiority in every department of the game as was evidenced by their winning four of the five games played. In extending his congratulations to the winners he took the opportunity of expressing his regret that the fans at Grand Falls had not seen the St. John's team play the same brand of baseball that they did in the series in their home town, but the unfamiliar and peculiar conditions at the ball field were somewhat trying to his team. Nevertheless, he could not detract one iota from his opponents' win as his team was hopelessly outpointed, and he further congratulated Grand Falls on their morals, discipline and businesslike management, and the fair and sportsmanlike manner in which the series were conducted.

When the Cup was handed over, the St. John's boys made the rafters ring with cheers sincere and true for the winners. The flowing bowl was then passed around and the new owners' health enthusiastically drunk.

Manager Jimmy Judge, in receiving the silverware on behalf of his team, thanked Mr. Duff for all the nice things he had said about his boys, and wished to congratulate St. John's in proving themselves as good losers as they had been winners. Their winning the cup had been the result of long and systematic studied effort, and he felt sure in saying that their success would tend to give an added stimulus to baseball in Newfoundland. He expressed the wish that next year they hoped to have Bell Island, Heart's Content, and Bay Roberts visit Grand Falls in an endeavour to wrest it from them. He availed of the occasion to thank the citizens of St. John's for their reception of the Grand Falls' team during their visit here and for the many kindnesses shown them.

Mr. A. E. Surham, secretary and director of the A.N.D. Co. who is visiting here in his official capacity, was present with Manager Scott, Sup. Thos. F. Judge, and Mr. Hansen, and after being introduced to the gather-

ing, made a brief speech in which he congratulated the "home team" on their success after their seven years of effort, and how pleased Lord Northcliffe and the directors of the Company would be at their attainment. He admired the way in which St. John's had played the game, and the sportsmanlike manner in which they took their defeat. It had made him all the more proud to have the honour of being vice-president of the Athletic Association, and sincerely hoped that the same feelings which characterised the games in the past would continue.

Cheers were then given for Mr. H. D. Reid (the donor of the Cup), Mr. Surham, and the St. John's team, after which a short musical program was rendered by Messrs. Hy. Baird, E. Clouston, J. Seale, S. Faour, and Professor Fulton's orchestra, with an exhibition of nigger buck-and-wing dancing by Messrs. Shapleigh and Hiltz.

A most enjoyable and highly successful dance was then held at which the visitors met the "youth beauty and wit" of Grand Falls and enjoyed the art Terpsichorean until midnight.

SPENDING SUNDAY.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to touring by motor the upper parts of

the beautiful Exploits River, and in social visits and affairs. At 10 o'clock the No. 8 eastbound express thundered along, and the return journey was made in record time.

VALE!

The good folk of Grand Falls famed for their hospitality—outdid themselves this year if such were possible, and most unremittently were they in the care and attentions which they lavished on the visitors. Living as they do under such ideal conditions, they comprise a happy contented and most progressive little township, and from them cannot but radiate that warmth of heart and kindness so potent in making the pleasure of a visit there linger in our memories for all time to come.

Manager Duff and the St. John's players are most grateful to Mr. H. D. Reid and the general passenger agent of the company—Mr. Frank Pittman, for the facilities afforded them; to Conductors Hutchings and Pashie for their many courtesies; and to the Inter Town Trustees—Hon. W. J. Higgins, Messrs. Hawvermale and Chaplin—for their arrangements.

Congratulations, then, to the winners, and vale to the 1919 series!—G.

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