

OUR BASEBALL COLUMN

BALL PLAYING--IT'S HARD WORK

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Second Base, Chicago Champions

When you hear a person give voice to the expression, "Ball-players have an easy time of it," you are doubtless inclined to side with him and agree that we get our money without an awful lot of trouble. But, permit me to say, you are far from the truth in your belief. A ball-player, I mean of course a big leaguer, for in the bushes they will often hold onto a man who is not what he might be, simply because he's cheap and good enough to get by,—has a life full of real hard work. In fact it's safe to declare, that of all occupations entailing a remuneration of, say \$3,000 per annum, that of the diamond artist is fraught with the most hard work and trouble. Men in business who receive large salaries, and go about at their leisure, with seemingly nothing to do, work, we are told with their brains. But to use the popular phraseology, the ball tosser gets out every day and enjoys himself for a couple of hours playing a good healthy game, and then has the rest of the time to himself. It all sounds very fine, but it comes a long way from hitting the target.

Baseball is a good healthy game all right, and there's much enjoyment to be had playing it, but when you have to get out, day in and day out, for six or seven months, and play, think you not it is likely to grow rather monotonous and wearisome? No matter whether you feel lively or listless, so long as you can stand up, you have to keep at it, and turn out mighty perfect work, or you'll find yourself looking for a new occupation. It's no joke when you're feeling in the dumps, to trot out on a field, with the sun beating down on you, and the temperature at ninety or thereabouts, and jump around and act as though the greatest pleasure in the world for you consisted in running your legs off, and getting in front of balls that are coming your way at the rate of a mile a minute. A person's brain you all know, is quite likely to become weary when worked too much. In most cases, the brain worker, when obsessed by this tired feeling, takes himself off to the country, and enjoys himself for a couple of weeks, until his mental mechanism has recovered its equilibrium. But the baseball man, who is essentially a brain worker, has to stick right to his job, no matter how worked out he feels. Many hold the opinion that the great qualification for the baseballist is physical strength. But they are wrong. To be successful in the national game, one must be plentifully endowed with gray matter. It's a case of think, think, all the time, and the fellow who trusts to luck and does not see to it that he has his brains under full steam every minute will not last long.

You have to study, both from personal observation and from books and newspapers, the peculiarities of every man who plays on any of the teams in the league with you. You have to know just where this player is likely to hit an inshoot, and where he is likely to send a straight ball or an outshoot. You have to know how much lead a certain player can be given off a base before you can catch him napping. You have to discover what player is likely to lay down a bunt, and what one will always hit out. Then you will have to make long exhaustive study of the pitchers, so that you will be able, once in a while, to outguess them. If a player can be reasonably sure of what pitcher is going to serve up to him, it will improve his batting ability a hundred per cent. Then you have to get into your head a long and complicated series of signals, which cover almost every imaginable twist and turn of a baseball game. You have to have a pretty good set of brains to get a whole lot of signs down to such perfec-

tion that you can recognize them on the instant and act immediately, though you may be almost crazy with excitement, and have a mad mob of twenty or thirty thousand people shrieking at you.

Ball players like all other human beings, have nerves, and again, as in the case of these other humans, those nerves are apt to go bad when too much strain is placed on them. And what greater strain can you imagine on the nerves than to know that upon you alone depends the winning of a game which may perhaps mean the capturing of a pennant and the addition of thousands of dollars to your employer's profits, and the salaries of your fellow players and yourself. The great uncertainty of baseball makes every player have the feeling that to him alone is likely to come the chance to make or mar the work of an entire season. A little error at a crucial moment, and everything will be lost. Don't you think that it is quite liable to worry a person, who has to stand there on the diamond a couple of hours a day, for perhaps a week at a time to know that, at any moment, the ball is perhaps coming his way, and that he must make good? They talk about the great strain that the engineer on a fast train works under. He does, but the great strain on him is not any greater than that on the ball player. The engineer knows that if everything holds together, as he is almost practically certain it will, he is running no very great risk. The ball player on the other hand knows that there is no telling what is about to occur. For the engineer there are but two courses of thought, one, if nothing breaks, all is well; the other—if anything happens, jump, and but two situations. For the ball player there are innumerable courses of thought, and, as a necessary complement, innumerable situations likely to confront him. It has been said, and well said, that no two plays on a ball field are ever made in just the same way. There is always something new cropping up, which has to be dealt with in the least possible fraction of a second.

I have mentioned a few of the different things that the man in the big leagues has to overcome before he can say that he has made good. I might mention many more, but I think that I have shown, at sufficient length, just what a nervous tension he is ever working under. It is my opinion that his money is well earned and that his work is not at all easy. I might have touched on the fact that the ball player is the source of enormous profits to the ones who employ him, and consequently should get his fitting share of the profits, but I do not wish to be put down as a knocker, because, in reality, I'm an optimist.

Why keep the boy grubbing at the dead languages when he can read the baseball column and learn a fresh-killed one every day?

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HOW CANADA IS MISREPRESENTED

We often laugh at the ignorant and absurd statements about Canada of the British papers, which should know better, but possibly the strangest and one of the most recent is published in a Parisian paper, whereof the writer says among other things:

"Capital is absolutely unknown in Canada. The people have done nothing so far in building up the country. More than half of it is unexplored. Its mines, its forests, its coal beds are in a great measure unexploited. Its roads and methods of transportation are primitive and utterly inadequate. Its commerce and industry are merely in their infancy."

For a country in which capital is absolutely unknown, it might surprise the writer of the article in question to learn that Canada has more than two billion dollars invested in agriculture and nearly one billion in manufacturing industries. Nearly 25,000 miles of railway represent the "primitive character" of our transportation facilities, with a third transcontinental railway rushing towards completion, to say nothing of a canal system in which \$90,000,000 of money has been expended. A total trade of \$650,000,000 a year represents Canada's "commerce in its infancy." In our savings banks there reposes a little nest-egg of \$650,000,000 in cash. The fact that a large part of the country is unexplored is only evidence of Canada's greatness. Canada is eighteen times the size of France, and has a coast line equal to half the circumference of the earth. There is room to grow, for the three northern districts of the Dominion are larger than China.

There are further facts along these lines which might be digested. Canada in the last quarter of a century has produced over 800 millions worth of mineral wealth. The fisheries of Canada are most extensive in the world, and last year the fishery production was more than \$25,000,000. Fishery equipment alone is worth \$15,000,000. Since Confederation Canada has produced nearly 700 millions from fisheries. The field crops for last year alone were in the vicinity of 500 millions.

The strangest thing about the article is that the writer concludes by stating that he sought to tell the truth.—Ex.

HORSE RACES OFF

The news that the mid-summer horse races, advertised by the M. A. E. A. for July 14 and 15, have been called off will be heard with regret by the horsemen in this vicinity. The committee here occupy the unique position of having the track in such execrable shape that the American horsemen are chary of entering, not wishing to mark their horses with a fast record so early in the season. The proposition was made that the track be joughed, but taking all matters in consideration the directors thought it best to call the meet off altogether.

A REMARKABLE FEAT

Peter Isaac, a full-blooded Indian, did a remarkable Longboat stunt at the sporting meet held at Woodstock, Ontario, a few days ago. Isaac worked all day digging a ditch for the farmer by whom he is employed. At 6 o'clock he quit work, put his running suit in a parcel, walked over five miles to Woodstock, went in the five-mile race and won it from a field of five competitors in 28 minutes, leading all the way and taking things easily. Then he walked home again with his prize, a gold ring. He said after his performance that he was not in the least tired.

POLITICAL PICNIC

Bonaventure Liberals are making plans for a big political picnic at Bonaventure for Tuesday, July 27th. It is too early to make definite announcement, but the affair will be one of the largest ever held in this section of the country. It is expected Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other noted speakers will be present.

NON-PARTIZAN GOVERNMENT

During the elections and since Premier Hazen has persisted in his statements that his administration is non-partizan, that Conservatives and Liberals are treated alike, that no distinction is made because of Federal party affiliations. These assertions no doubt mislead a few, but any observing elector cannot fail to see just how this non partizan administration conducts its business.

Recently Provincial Secretary Fleming was here and held an investigation into the workings of the Liquor License Act. He reported at a meeting of the government this week and the following is the press report of the findings:

'CAMPBELLTON LIQUOR CASE REPORTED ON'

FREDERICTON July 8.—At the government meeting yesterday morning Hon. Mr. Fleming submitted a report on the recent investigation into the enforcement of the liquor license law at Campbellton. He decided against Joseph and Isaac Boudreau, who were shown to have violated the law, and he refused a renewal of their licenses. In case of the Belanger Bros. it was decided to continue their licenses.

It can hardly be possible that the above is a correct report of the Provincial secretary's findings as neither Joseph Boudreau or Isaac Boudreau enjoyed a license last year, and consequently did not violate the license law or ask for a renewal of licenses, theirs being new licenses. Isaac Boudreau was recommended for a wholesale and Joseph Boudreau for a tavern license by the commissioners, while Joseph Damboise was refused a renewal on account of violation of the act. It is now asserted that Mr. Damboise will have his license renewed.

The report states that the refusal to renew the license was made because the applicants were shown to have violated the law, but neglects to state why others who really did violate the act secured licenses.

Residents of Restigouche who know the parties interested know that it is a case of "politics" of the interested parties. Joseph and Isaac Boudreau are Liberals, Belanger Bros. and Jos. Damboise are Conservatives, thus the finding.

It is too bad that the business of the province cannot be transacted without dragging politics into every act. If the License Commissioners, who are appointed to transact this business recommend certain parties for licenses their recommendations should stand, unless some more serious charge than party can be brought to bear against the tavern keeper.

PAID SHAREHOLDERS

The Interprovincial Navigation Co. of Canada liquidators have made an initial payment of about fifty five per cent. on stock held. This amounted to about fifty thousand dollars.

GRAND PICNIC AND BAZAAR

A grand picnic and bazaar will be held on the R. C. church grounds at New Mills on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27 and 28th. Amusements of all kinds will be provided and music will be furnished for dancing.

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CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

The delegates appointed from the several parishes in Restigouche county to attend a Conservative convention to nominate two candidates in support of the Hazen Government will meet in St. Onge's Hall on Wednesday afternoon, July 14th at 2 o'clock.

When one says that Canada's railway system is growing like a grapevine, nothing more remains to be said. A railway map of this country is obsolete by the time it is printed.

A FINE AUTO

Last Friday a fine McLaughlin-Buick motor car arrived at Campbellton enroute to New Carlisle for John Hall Kelly, M. L. A. The car was in charge of D. C. Jones, the eastern manager of the company, who set the machine up, and together with some friends made the trip from here to New Carlisle. The run down was made in less than five hours over very rough roads. The car behaved splendidly and was much admired by all who inspected it.