

RECALLS ROWING RACES AND BASEBALL OF MANY YEARS AGO

Woodstock Man Reminiscent as Old Shell is Viewed—
Games With Shamrocks and Nationals are
Brought to Mind.

The first baseball team in Canada was formed in Woodstock, N. B. John P. Malaney says so and he knows the game. St. Stephen had the record team. Their proximity to the U. S. border gave Woodstock and St. Stephen the lead.

But while one may associate the name of Woodstock with baseball, and of late very prominently with horse-racing—only the old-timers remember when the four-oared champions in New Brunswick aquatics lived in Woodstock.

Races Nearly 50 Years Ago.

At one end of the balcony in the great hall in the Woodstock Fair is the Paris Crew of St. John won at

Paris, France. This boat was the last built by Mr. Harned.

On the bottom of the photograph are the names—A. L. Kerr, John Thibodeau, R. Allingham and Col. F. H. Dibblee, and the date 1875, when they won the provincial championship.

Mr. Malaney, who caught "The Times-Star" man copying the record, and to whom he is indebted for much information and many courtesies, added some notable features to the story. Colonel Dibblee is still living and as chairman of the Agricultural Society introduced Hon. Mr. Messerieu at the opening of this year's Woodstock exhibition. John Thibodeau, the greatest athlete Woodstock ever produced, is employed in the Dunbar Foundry in Woodstock. A. L. Kerr died in Butte, Montana, and R. Allingham in Woodstock, a few years ago. When Dan Hennessey of Fredericton was carrying on extensive operations in Montana he took there 20 young men from Fredericton and 20 from Woodstock. Among them were Bob Mentrum, a noted oarsman, and Walter Broderick, (brother of Doctors Broderick of St. John) from Fredericton; and Kerr, Dan Ross and a brother of Tyler Thompson from Woodstock.

St. John Neptunes.

Mr. Malaney recalls that the Neptunes of St. John, four-oared champions, had been defeated by the Lowery-Mentrum crew of Fredericton. Lowery died only about three months ago, and Mentrum died in Butte, where he had become chief of police.

Woodstock challenged this Fredericton crew and defeated it in a great race in the river at Woodstock, and the Harned shell in which the race was won is a prized memento of old time sport.

Robert Strain, formerly of St. John, said to The Times-Star that there had been efforts to revive aquatic sport in Woodstock, for there is a fine stretch of river fronting the town and between the bridges, but the uncertainty about the depth of water is a drawback.

Old Time Baseball.

Having been aroused on the subject of old-time sport Mr. Malaney recalled two famous contests between Woodstock and St. John teams in the eighties, when the Shamrocks and Nationals flourished and fought for supremacy on St. John diamonds.

The Woodstocks, on which Mr. Malaney played, and whose pitcher was the present Hon. W. P. Jones, challenged and defeated the Shamrocks. Of the Shamrock team Mr. Malaney remembered Dan Connolly, pitcher; Gar. Hennessey, catcher; James Lane, 1st

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The greatest game, however, was with the Nationals, whose battery was Manny Robinson and George Whitehead. Tom Bell was in this team, and Frank White, Kennedy and De Forest. The game was at St. John, and was postponed a day because of a single scull race between Ed. Ross and Harry Vail. Before going to St. John for this game the Woodstock team had got a spare pitcher. At Presque Isle they had seen a battery from Colby University, Pushor and Graves. Their own pitcher Jones, had only a swift, straight ball. Pushor shot a dangerous curve. He was acquired by the Woodstocks. Mr. Malaney says he remembers that St. John papers poked some fun at the notion of a curve-ball pitcher in a town like Woodstock but Pushor convinced them. After Jones had pitched three innings Pushor went in and won the game.

Referring again to Woodstock's first baseball team, he said it was called the Acadians, and John Thibodeau was its captain.

United States Polo Team Wins

Westbury, N. Y., Sept. 15.—The United States Saturday defeated Great Britain in the international challenge cup polo game here by the record breaking score of 16 to 5.

PITCHER SHAUTE INJURED
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 14.—Joe Shaute, Cleveland Indians star south-paw pitcher, will be out of the game the remainder of the season physicians announced late today. Shaute sprained his left ankle and tore loose some ligaments while sliding in the second inning of today's game with Philadelphia. He tried to stretch his single into a double.

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Rarely has any season on record drawn to a close. The major leagues with so much uncertainty as to the final winners. Usually the first of September finds the leaders so far out in front that the races are practically decided. Such, however, is not the case this year. With only about 14 or 16 games to be played by the clubs each league has three possibilities for the championship. In the National League New York is still leading by a scant margin over Brooklyn, while the Pirates are still within striking distance. From present indications it looks as if the Giants and Brooklyn will make the great drive to the finish with Pittsburgh having to be content with third place.

In the American League Washington is leading by one lone game over the Yankees, with Detroit about four games behind. The situation in the American League is almost identical with that of the older organization, and it is taken for granted that the Senators and Yankees will fight it out right to the finish. There is no denying that the majority of fans in and about St. John are pulling strong for the Washington club to nose out the Yankees. This is partly due to a fact that the New York teams have been monopolizing the title series for some years and also due to a desire on the part of all to see Walter Johnson get the ambition of his life-time—a chance to pitch in a world's series game. One of the reasons that the New York clubs are not overly popular with fans in general is due to the manner in which they built up their great machines. They had the money and lavishly expended it to secure any desired player. Other clubs may also have desired the same players, but they had not the resources to bid against the hefty coffers of the Giants and Yankees. If Washington and Brooklyn win in their respective leagues the interest in the series this year will be greatly intensified.

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