count of the fact that, when working with his father, who is a contractor, he sometimes took a hand at carrying bricks. The pleasant fiction of this is, of course, apparent to those who know that his full name was William Hodgson Stuart.

"Hod's" boyhood days were spent in Ottawa, and while there he was prominent as a hockey player, and also in Rugby football circles. Accompanying his father to Quebec in 1902, he joined the Quebec hockey team, of which he was the star player that season.

The following season, "Hod", like several other leading Canadian players, was induced to go to the United States to take a hand in the professional hockey of the International League. For the greater part of four seasons, he played with the Pittsburg, Pa., team, changing once, for a short time, to Houghton, Mich. During these years he became the foremost figure in the stirring times that marked this period of International League hockey.

Though he acquitted himself with the highest credit and made a great name for

