

times which masquerade under the name of « Sport » in un-civilized lands, the devotee of clean, honourable and manly athletic competition is inclined to give thanks to Base-Ball, which people from the North American Continent call the National Sport and to the fact that the popularity of the game both in the United States and in Canada is firmly and finally established.

Not a word of it but is true, and it is commended to those who are constantly making Base-Ball the subject for such jeers and jibes as seems to be the current idea of humour and criticism. There is nothing about base-ball which is not manly, honourable and invigorating, so far as its principle and its theory of government are concerned.

There is so little about it to criticise and so much to praise, that ordinary fairness would seemingly induce either Canadians or Americans of any patriotism to defend their own National Game.

So if you are of the sportsman nature, why not uphold the Great Old National Game? (To which you have so often contributed your « TWO-BITS » to witness in its own native land) by coming out *here* and helping it to get its foot-hold in the 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., League.

After an interview with the President of the league he has given me permission to say that he will wager to bet that if you followers of sport turn out to see the games played by the would-be ball-players, you will witness the very best ball playing that ever was played by amateurs.

With these few remarks, I will say that if you are a sport come out and help your comrades play the Great Old Game.

CRICKET. NOTES

On May 20th we played our first match of the season against Nos 3 & 5 Inf. Sections, We batted first, Goodall and Williams opening the innings. Before they were separated, seventeen runs were made. Goodall was doing most of the scoring, and was out, cleaned bowled by Barton after a well-earned 26. The score then stood 5 wickets for 47. The remaining wickets fell in quick succession only 5 runs being added. Imagining ourselves weak in the bowling it was an agreeable surprise to see 5 of their wickets down for 23. It looked like a win for us, but De Ath and Roberts, playing a « stonewall » game, succeeded in tiring the Bowlers, and managed to carry the score above the required number. Capt Martin and Campbell were the two most successful Bowlers. The former capturing 2 wickets for 9, the latter 3 for 19,

Final Score : — Canadian Sect. 52. Nos 3 & 5 Inf Sect. 84.

On Friday June 1st, we played Signals. We were fortunate in winning the toss, Goodall electing to bat first. Things looked bad for us with 4 for 16, and the best Batsmen out. Goodall unfortunately being out to a difficult catch in the