

In the Realms of Sport.

St. John's 15 Runs; Grand Falls 2.

The Grand Opening of the Inter-Town baseball series between Grand Falls and St. John's took place last evening at St. George's Field before a large attendance of spectators. During the afternoon the weather turned out ideal and everyone predicted a pleasant evening for baseball. Nearing ball time the wind freshened up and by 6 o'clock a strong breeze was blowing from the westward, while the sky became dark and cloudy with threatening rain. This however did not prevent the crowds from attending the game. Owing to weather conditions being not any too bright, the match terminated at 7.45 at the first of the eighth, when Umpire Chesman called the game, fearing the City miss victory by 15 runs to 2. Had the ball players been favored with a good clear sky, another half hour's baseball could have been played. The game started sharp on time. Mr. Morris Ackerman, sport writer of Cleveland, Ohio, who is at present in the city en route to Labrador, very graciously consented to throw over the first ball, thus officially declaring the series opened. Mr. Ackerman was greeted with loud applause, and stepped on the mound in big league fashion and pitched the first ball over for a strike. Mr. Ackerman is a very close friend of Mr. Tris Speaker, Manager of the Cleveland Ball Club, and Mr. Walter McNichol, the Secretary.

The Grand Falls boys took the field minus the services of their bright shining star, Albert Crawley, who unfortunately met with a gunning accident last week, which completely demoralized the team. Further hard luck was theirs when Jim Purcell the star hitter and fielder of the team missed his pass to Grand Falls. The boys are hoping that he made a freight train which is due in the city to-day. Crawley is visiting his parents at Holyrood and will be in town this morning. Though his leg is somewhat stiff he is very anxious to get into the game this evening. Fans were somewhat disappointed in the brand of ball doled out by Grand Falls last evening, but it must be taken into consideration that their players were on the train all night, had to double up owing to a shortage of sleepers, while they got little or no sleep, and played to strange surroundings at the field, the three innings of the game was the double play by Grand Falls in the first innings when Hiltz hit a sharp grounder to Petrie. The latter made a clever pick-up and retired Gosse to Le Moine and LeMoine to Cater nabbing Hiltz. In the fourth innings Petrie pitched out a beauty to deep centre, which Quick grabbed after a sensational run and relayed the ball to Canning at second, retiring Cater. DeMers for the City was the real slugging swatpout, although his team mates had a good share as well. In the third innings with two on bases he swatted the pill way beyond the western goal post that earned for him a three bagger. While the outstanding feature of the game was Aspell's pitching for the City, Grand Falls scored only two runs off him in the first frame, and he whitewashed the paper men in the remaining innings Aspell received good support from his team mates in the field, each man put up a creditable exhibition and the crowd present were delighted with their good all-round play. Buck Hannaford started for Grand Falls in the box, but after three and one third innings had been played, Manager Schroat ordered him out. Sebat Foran replaced him and kept the city team at bay until the seventh innings when they knocked his offerings for four safeties scoring six runs. With Crawley in the line-up this evening and to-morrow's games, the team will be greatly strengthened, and should Purcell make quick connections by rail the paper men will take the field with their full line-up. They will each have more confidence in themselves then, and a smart classy brand of

ball will be witnessed in the remaining three games. The Grand Falls players felt very bad last evening on the exhibition that they put up, and are hopeful of giving the St. John's fans good value for their money this evening. Darby Pitcher the southpaw who figured on third base in yesterday's game will probably do mound duty, while Joe Murphy and Churchill are slated for the city. Watson will probably play the initial sack in place of Hiltz. Two games will be played to-morrow, morning and afternoon, when large attendances will no doubt be present should the day be fine. In the morning the fans are asked to come out in large numbers to help the Child Welfare Fund. Umpires Chesman and McVane controlled the game to everyone's satisfaction. There will be no personal changes in the City team's line-up this evening. Owing to the severe illness of Mr. Rhody Callahan, Walter and Will are not figured in the games this season. They will be greatly missed from the team.

HOW IT HAPPENED.
Detailed Account of the Game by Innings.

1st Innings.

Grand Falls:—Mr. Morris Ackerman, Cleveland, Ohio, put the first ball over the plate the ump declaring a strike, this officially opening the Inter-town series. Aspell then took the mound for the city, Darby Pitcher the first batter up hit safely for a single, stole second, Cohen and Cater took their three healthies, meanwhile Pitcher reached third, Petrie receives free transportation to first base. Foran next up, made a slashing single, scoring Pitcher and Petrie. Foran out stealing third.

2 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors.

St. John's:—Phelan beat out a well placed bunt, stole second, and while making an attempt to steal third, catcher Cohen made a overthrow down the third base line allowing Phelan to score. Gosse singled, Hiltz hit into a double play, Petrie to LeMoine to Cater, a very clever play. Gosse, clean throwing. Quick pitched a pretty two bagger. DeMers died at first.

1 Run, 3 Hits, 2 Errors.

2nd Innings.

Grand Falls:—LeMoine struck out, Foley hit for two bases, reached second, and went to third on Brown's sacrifice. Pitcher biffed the ozone.

0 Runs, 1 Hit, 0 Errors.

St. John's:—Manning failed to connect, Brown nobbed Johnson's fly to deep left, Canning out at first.

0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors.

3rd Innings.

Grand Falls:—Both Cohen and Cater smote the air in vain, Petrie placed a pretty hit for two bases, Foran walked, Hannaford singled, and was caught napping on first base.

0 Runs, 1 Hit, 0 Errors.

St. John's:—Aspell tapped the ball very feebly, and was thrown out at first. Phelan reached first in safety, stole second. Gosse singled scoring Phelan, Hiltz hit to short and reached first on Petrie's error, Gosse scoring on the play, while Hiltz ended up at second. Quick singled; DeMers swatted the horseshoe for three bases, scoring Hiltz and Quick. Manning singled to centre, Brown dropping ball, DeMers made third on play, Manning stole second. Johnson up, hit safely, scoring DeMers and Manning. Canning doubled scoring Johnson. Manager Schroat took pitcher Hannaford out of the box. Foran replacing him, Canning reached second, Cohen's overthrow to third allowed Canning home. Petrie grabbed Aspell's hit to short, Phelan up, biffed the zone.

8 Runs, 5 Hits, 5 Errors.

4th Innings.

Grand Falls:—Le Moine out at first, Foley out at first, Brown took his three healthies.

0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors.

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St. John's:—Gosse, singled, out stealing second, Hiltz out at first. Quick out the same route.

0 Runs, 1 Hit, 0 Errors.

5th Innings.

Grand Falls:—Pitcher singled a slashing grounder three short, reached second. Cohen failed to connect. Cater next up, pop flied to Johnson, the latter fumbled, Cater safe on first, Pitcher reaching third on the play. Petrie flied to Quick in deep centre, who made a beautiful catch, doubling the ball to Canning at second retiring Carter for a double play.

0 Runs, 1 Hit, 1 Error.

St. John's:—DeMers thrown out at first, Manning out the same route. Johnson struck out.

0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors.

6th Innings.

Grand Falls:—Foran grounded to Johnson, the latter threw wide of the bag, but was thrown out stealing second on a perfect throw by Catcher DeMers. Hannaford smote the air three times. Aspell now pitching good ball. LeMoine singled to left, Foley flied to Canning.

0 Runs, 1 Hit, 1 Error.

St. John's:—Cohen made a spectacular catch of Canning's foul fly. Aspell topped to infield in vain. Phelan smote the air.

0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors.

7th Innings.

Grand Falls:—Brown biffed the ozone. Darby failed to reach first. Cohen flied to Quick in deep centre.

0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors.

St. John's:—Gosse hit a hard one to Petrie which was fumbled, stole second. Hiltz grounded to Sebat and threw to LeMoine at second, but failed to tag Gosse on the play. Hiltz reaching first in safety. Both runners advanced a base on a passed ball. Quick's easy roller down the first base line enabled Gosse to romp home. DeMers cracked a slashing single thru the infield, scoring Hiltz. Brown from the outfield pegged the ball to home plate too late to catch Quick. DeMers taking second on the play. Manning tapped the ball to Cater, an easy out. DeMers reached third and crossed the plate on passed ball. Johnson singled to right field, made clever steal of second and third and scored when Cohen dropped the ball from his grip on Canning's third strike. Aspell singled. Sebat Foran was now in difficulties. Canning and Aspell advanced a base, when Phelan came up and sacrificed scoring Canning. LeMoine made a clever stop of Gosse's hard one, and was thrown out at first by a snappy peg.

6 Runs, 3 Hits, 4 Errors.

8th Innings.

Grand Falls:—Cater struck out. Petrie beat out a safe hit to first, reached second. Foran thrown out at first, while Hannaford the last batter up for the evening retired the side after taking his three beauties. Umpire Chesman calling the game in the first half of the eighth owing to darkness, leaving the St. John's team the victors by 15 runs to 2. Game over.

SUMMARY.

The score by innings:—

R. H. E.
G. F. 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 9 9
S. J. 1 0 8 0 0 6 0 15 12 2

Three base hits, DeMers, St. J. Two base hits, Petrie, Foley, G.F.; Quick and Canning, St. J. Left on bases, G. F. 7; St. J. 2. Struck out, By Aspell, St. J. 12; by Hannaford, 1 in 2½ innings; by Foran 5 in 4 ½. Double plays, Petrie to LeMoine to Cater; Quick to Canning.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow evening at St. George's Field the championship B.L.S. football team will play a picked team composed of the city team that played

ed in Grand Falls last week and several of the ball players of the Grand Falls team who are at present in the city. The mixed team can produce a classy eleven and should give the champs a hard tussle for the honours. The receipts will go towards defraying expenses of the Grand Falls trip.

The Grand Falls players participated in a practice at St. George's Field this morning to get accustomed with the field.

The Prizes for the Highland Games, will be on exhibition this week. The place will be announced later. Don't fail to see them. aug22,11

Railway Problem
in Newfoundland.

REID COMPANY SAYS \$6,000,000 LOST IN TWENTY YEARS.

Sir Patrick McGrath of Newfoundland is in Canada in connection with the dispute between Canada and Newfoundland with regard to the line dividing Labrador and Ungava. Sir Patrick is engaged in making certain investigations for the ancient colony in connection with the dispute and will later go to London to continue his inquiries, says a Canadian dispatch from Ottawa.

Sir Patrick understands from a nomenclature made at Quebec that the case will not come before Privy Council for a year. Newfoundland, like Canada, Sir Patrick stated, has a railway question. The operation of the Newfoundland railway, he says, has been so disastrous during the last few years that the Reid Company are unwilling to continue. They claim to have lost six millions during the last 20 years, and for the last few years there has been a deficit of a million and a half. Last May a deadlock arose and for a week there were no trains, but an agreement was made for the continuance of the service until November 15. The Government finding the money to meet any deficit that may arise. The Reid offered to sell their rights for 2,500,000, but have put in claims direct and indirect amounting to over \$16,000,000. Premier Squires is now in England and will consult eminent English lawyers on the matter.

Although Newfoundland has had troublesome times of late, Sir Patrick says that things are on the up-grade there now. While in England Premier Squires will take up with the British Government the terms on which it is proposed by Armstrong-Whitworth and the Reid Company to establish a big pulp and paper enterprise. The British Government has offered to share the guarantee of the project, but the terms of the guarantee are not settled. Sir Patrick stated that the enterprise was capitalized at \$18,000,000 and that if it takes shape it would solve Newfoundland's labor troubles.—Sunday Herald, August 13.

You will enjoy the out door dancing on Wednesday at Major's Path Garden Party, Aug. 23rd.—aug22,21

Will Hold Reunion.

SERGEANTS' MESS MEETS.

Matters in connection with their Memorial and with the annual reunion were discussed at a meeting of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, held last night in the G.W. V.A. rooms. It was decided that the reunion would this year be held on Sept. 6th at Donovan's. The Committee in charge will be Messrs. G. Harcourt, F. P. LeGrow, J. Edwards, A. Galgay, Neil Patrick and J. Bartlett. Through the courtesy of Messrs. Gus Lester, B.B. Stafford, Dr. Mosdell, Major March, M.S. Sullivan and others, the party will go out by motor or free of charge. President Peckham announced that the sum of \$300 had been received from the Daughters of Empire towards the cost of completing the base of the Memorial and the Council had guaranteed another \$400, making a total of \$700 in sight. Through the courtesy of



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