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NEWCASTLE LEADS IN BALL LEAGUE

By defeating Chatham by a score of 11 to 5 Newcastle took first place in the Miramichi Baseball League last Friday evening on the Farrell Field Diamond. About five hundred fans were present to witness the game and at times were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement. It was a six inning game umpired by Wm. Ashford to the entire satisfaction of both teams and the spectators. Craik for the locals pitched an excellent game and on two occasions pulled himself out of very difficult holes. Throughout the game he had his opponents in the hollow of his hand and at no time were they able to seriously threaten the outcome of the game. Briggs twirled for the visitors and pitched a good game, but the locals had no difficulty in finding his deliveries, the number of runs scored being sufficient proof of this fact.

Had it not been for two or three bad throws on the part of the locals, Chatham's score would have only netted two, three of the five runs secured by them, received on overthrows.

Newcastle in the first inning scored three runs, while Chatham in their half was blanked. Neither team scored in the second. In the third, Chatham tied the locals in their half, due to overthrows on the part of the Newcastle players. Newcastle in their half of the third failed to score. The visitors were unable to chalk up any runs in the fourth, but the locals in their half, struck out with a magnificent burst of speed that thrilled the spectators and settled the outcome of the game. In this inning six runs were chalked up for Newcastle making it 9-3 in favor of the locals. Craik pitched three balls to his opponents in the fourth retiring the side each man finding the first offer and immediately retired before reaching first base. Chatham tried hard in the fifth tally but were unable to do so, while the locals in their half scored two runs making it 11-3.

In the final inning the visitors were out for blood, putting in a pinch hitter, but they were only able to score two runs, finishing the game with a score of 11 to 5 against them.

In Chatham's half of the sixth, Anthony Veniot, who played at third tried to pull off one of his cute grand-stand plays while at bat. A close one from Craik fanned him and grabbing his side as if hit, dropped the bat and went down to first, making believe by his actions that the sphere had hurt him. However Umpire Ashford who is an old baseball warrior was not so easily fooled and called him back to home plate, much to Veniot's chagrin, who was easily retired by a fly ball to centre field.

Open Season For Shooting Partridge

An open season for shooting partridge during the month of October has been approved by the Provincial Government for 1923.

This is in line with similar short open seasons for partridge hunting during the past several years, after there had been a complete prohibition in effect for some years

KEEN INTEREST IN HOSPITAL DRIVE MEETINGS

Last week very successful meetings were held in the following places, in the interests of the drive for funds for the Miramichi Hospital Extension and Nurses' Home, viz:—Friday, Lower Newcastle and Baribogue and Lyttleton, instead of Black River and Millbank, which had been previously announced and on Saturday at Tabusintac. The Kenous and Burnt Church meetings were particularly enthusiastic and at all points so far visited, energetic organizations for the drive have been formed.

This week meetings will be held at the following points:

Monday—Trout Brook and Chelmsford.

Tuesday—Maple Glen and Nelson

Wednesday—Barnaby River and Bay Du Vin.

Thursday—Sunny Corner, Red Bank, Blissfield and Upper Blackville.

Friday—Naguac, Napa and Black River.

Dates for meetings at Chatham and Boiestown have not yet been decided on, but announcement will be made in due time.

The Central Committee desires to express its appreciation of the good service which has been accorded by the Post Office and New Brunswick Telephone Company staffs.

Next week July 15 to 21st, the drive will be on and the several committees in charge feel confident that the entire county of Northumberland will respond heartily to this worthy cause and the expectations are that the objective of \$35,000 will be realized.

PRESENTATION TO MISS ARMSTRONG

Miss Armstrong who has been in Chatham for the past year as Public Health Nurse has resigned from this service and left Monday for her home in St. John.

On Saturday morning, a committee of the Red Cross Society waited upon Miss Armstrong and after reading an address, the presentation of a handsome silk umbrella was made to this popular nurse.

Miss Armstrong made a fitting reply. She stated that she was sorry to leave Chatham as she had found the people of the Miramichi most hospitable.

Miss Armstrong's loss will be strongly felt in the community as the work she was performing was most useful.

EASY—YET DIFFICULT

"Shooting one's mouth off" about this or that is very easy for some people who, when they are presented the opportunity to tell facts where facts will count, fail completely to produce the goods. If everything that was said about any government or its members, or of men who have come to a little higher position than the average, were true, one could not have any faith in the decency of mankind.

MILL MEN WORK SHIP MEN STRIKE

About 400 labor men of the Miramichi gathered at the Labor Hall, Nelson, Sunday afternoon to discuss the labor situation here for this summer and to hear the replies from the employers. On the river to the request for an eight or nine hour day on the Miramichi J.S. Martin reported that not one had answered the communication which had been sent to them individually and collectively.

As there was nothing the men could negotiate on, they decided to carry on even at the ten hour day and will go to work under these conditions.

The ship men, however refused to accept the 10 hour day and have gone on strike.

They say that they will not work longer than a nine hour day. At present it is stated all the steamers loading on the river are at a standstill owing to the strike.

CHATHAM AGAIN DEFEATS BATHURST

The Chatham baseball team invaded Bathurst on the holiday and defeated the home team by a score of 14-4. McKenna and Briggs were the opposing men and both twirled stellar ball for five innings. Bathurst were the first to score when they pushed across two runs in the fifth. Chatham came right back and took the lead when with a succession of hits they drove in 3 runs. A pass to McKenna and an over-throw to second tied up the score. McKenna had been gradually weakening and he blew up completely under an avalanche of Chatham hits. He was replaced by Kinsman who was also hit freely. When the big inning was over Chatham sent 11 more runs over the plate. Bathurst managed to score another in their half.

TENNIS MATCH ON HOLIDAY

Twenty members of the Moncton Lawn Tennis Club motored over to Chatham on Dominion Day and played a series of match games with the local Club. The result of the play was in favor of Chatham. Play commenced at 11, and continued till 8 with a short interval for dinner. During the afternoon, a dainty tea was served. Great interest was shown in the games, there being over one hundred people present, and the grounds presented a very gay and animated appearance. After play ceased in the evening, a delightful informal dance was tendered the visitors on the veranda of Mr. F. E. Neale. Dancing was kept up till midnight when the visitors departed for home. Before leaving Mr. Fred Reid in one of those witty speeches for which he is noted, voiced on behalf of the Moncton players, their appreciation and thanks for the hospitality shown to them and extended an invitation to the Chatham players to play a return match in Moncton in the near future.

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