

Thank you to the organizers for the opportunity to share with you some snapshots from a detailed inspection of the baseball component of the Sleeman Collection. There's a lot to get through, beginning with a little about the man responsible for the collection.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN

1834

John H. Sleeman comes to Canada

1834 or 1836

John establishes Stamford Springs Brewery



The story starts with John H. Sleeman, who comes with his wife and four children to St. David's in Upper Canada, now part of Niagara-on-the-Lake. There he established his first brewing operation. George was the first of his children born in Canada. John's 'product' was

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GEORGE SLEEMAN

1841

George born Aug 1 in St. David's



1847

Family moves to Guelph



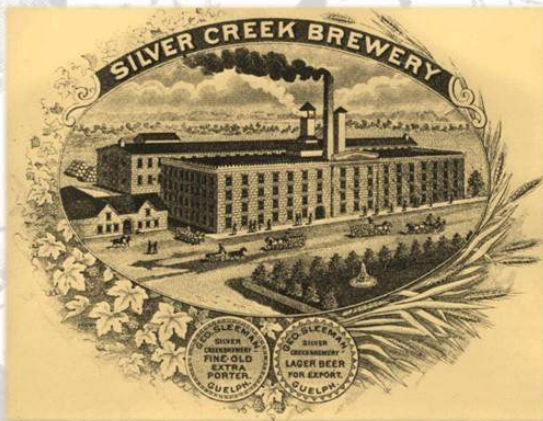
being affected by heavy pollution in the Niagara River, so John sought a cleaner source of a vital raw material (water); he found it in Guelph. Son George was ambitious and

SLEEMAN COLLECTION - 4

GEORGE SLEEMAN

1851

John opens Silver Creek Brewery



1859

George becomes general manager



enterprising, becoming General Manager at the age of 18, and a partner 6 years later. He

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GEORGE SLEEMAN

1863

Marries Sarah Hill



1867

Father retires; George takes over brewery



married in 1863, a union that would produce 7 sons and 5 daughters. His father retired in 1867, at which point George took over operation of the brewery.

SLEEMAN COLLECTION - 6

GEORGE SLEEMAN

1876

Elected to Town Council



1880

Elected first mayor of Guelph

CIVIC ELECTIONS.
Full Returns of the Polling.

There has seldom, if ever, been so little stir over a municipal election in Guelph. as there was over the one on Monday. Although there did not seem to be an unusual hum about the polling booths or in the city in consequence of the elections, a comparison shows that the votes polled were not less on an average than at the elections last year. The polling at the subdivisions in the different wards will be found in detail below :—

Mayor.—George Sleeman, elected by acclamation.

Guelph Mercury, Jan 06 1880



He began his political pursuits in 1876, being elected to town council. Four years later, Guelph, now a city, elected George by acclamation its first mayor; he would be elected

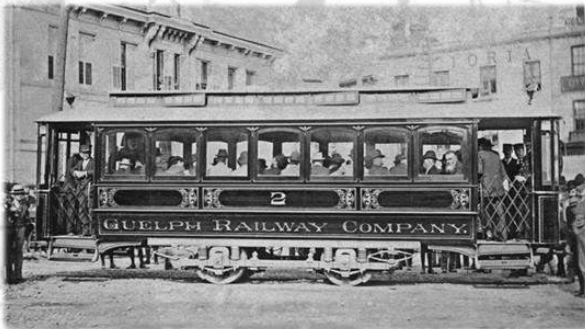
mayor four more times, the last in 1905.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN

1894

Started Guelph Railway Company



1900

Sleeman Brewing and Malting Company



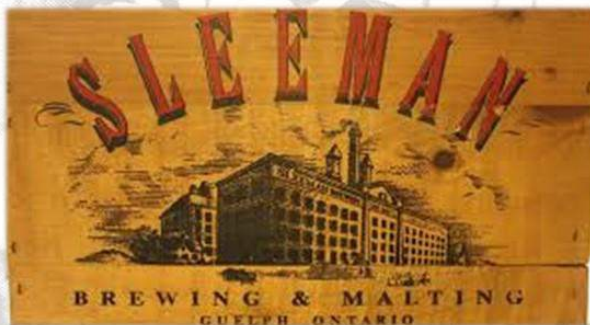
His business ventures prospered, as in 1894 he founded the Guelph Railway Company, featuring electric streetcars. And in 1900 his Silver Creek Brewery was renamed the Sleeman Brewing and Malting Company.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN

1905

Retired from family business



1926

Dies after operation

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE SLEEMAN REMOVES PROMINENT PIONEER BUSINESS MAN OF ROYAL CITY



MR. GEORGE SLEEMAN
Who died at the General Hospital at
a early hour this morning following a
short illness.

Estimable Life-Long Resident
Passes Early Today After
Short Illness

CITY'S FIRST MAYOR
Was Also Man Who Undertook
Building Of Guelph's Street
Railway

LOVER OF SPORT
Won Distinction in Baseball Cir-
cles In Days Of Famous Maple
Leaf

With the death of Mr. George Sleeman, who passed away at the General Hospital at an early hour this morning, following an illness of about a week, the city loses an outstanding figure in its business life, and one of its most public-spirited citizens. At all times interested in everything that tended to the advancement of the welfare of the city of his adoption, his place will be hard to fill and his loss will be very generally regretted throughout the community for which



Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph

Guelph Mercury, Dec 06 1926

Upon George's retirement in 1905, his son George Alfred Sleeman took over the brewery. In 1926, at the age of 85, he went into the hospital for an obstructed bowel, but he died after the operation (having first refused ether!). It was said that while in hospital, he would regale nurses and doctors with vivid memories of his baseball days.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

1863

Pitcher for Guelph Maple Leafs & Silvercreeks



Guelph Silvercreeks, c1870s (Sleeman Collection)

1869

Maple Leafs win
Canadian
Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA. THE MAPLE LEAFS, OF GUELPH, VICTORS.

It was intended, by the committee, that the champion ball of Canada, with \$50 (gold) added, should be played for during the tournament held at London, Ontario, during the latter part of August, but the number of entries having protracted the meeting, it was decided to postpone the match until the week of the Provincial Fair, and it accordingly came off on Friday, the 24th of Sept. Although it was confidently expected that five clubs would enter—London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Guelph and Dundas—only two put in an appearance, viz.—the Maple Leaf, of Guelph, and the Tecumseh, of London. The game was characterized by very close playing throughout till the 6th innings, at which point the Maple Leaf were 3 ahead; but a change of pitchers at this juncture—Olmstead being substituted for Drake—decided the game in favor of the Guelphites, they hitting Olmstead easily, and mowing the grass in all directions, making 16 in the innings. On the ninth innings Drake again took the pitcher's place, but there was now no show for the Londoners, and the Guelph boys retired for the last time 23 to the fore. Subjoined are the figures:—

TECUMSEH.	B.A.	F.	MAPLE LEAF.	B.A.	F.
Jury, c.....	4	1	Colson, 2d b.....	1	5
Drake, p.....	3	4	Steele, f.....	3	5
H. Southam, s b.....	3	5	Nichols, s.....	5	2
Plummer, 1st b.....	1	4	Smith, s.....	9	6
Harris, 2d b.....	3	4	Sunley, p.....	4	4
Phelan, 3d b.....	2	1	Hollett, f.....	1	7
Shaw, f.....	4	1	McLean, c.....	3	3
Wm. Southam, c.....	3	3	Madock, 2d b.....	3	4
Olmstead, r f.....	2	1	Hewer, 3d b.....	3	4
Total.....	21	1	Total.....	43	43
Runs.....	14	34	Runs.....	2	70
Errors.....	2	2	Errors.....	2	4
Home runs.....	3	3	Home runs.....	3	15

Maple Leaf, 1; Drake, 1; Drake, 1. Scores—A. J. Crooks and J. H. Bell.

NY Clipper, Oct 09 1869

In addition to his brewing business and his political career, he was very much invested in local and international sports. As a younger man, he pitched for both the Maple Leafs and Silvercreeks. The Maple Leafs would become increasingly successful, and in 1869, then managed by George, they finally wrestled the Silver Ball Trophy away from the Woodstock Young Canadians.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

1870s

Pitcher/Manager for Silver Creek team

as given below. The Hespeler team are composed of good players, but they will have to improve very much before they can consider themselves a match for Mr. Sleeman's nine. The following is:

THE SCORE:									
SILVER CREEK			HESPELER						
P. Stapleton, 2b.....	5	2	W. Harvey, c.....	4	1				
J. Hood, c f.....	3	3	C. Hespeler, p.....	3	1				
W. Steele, c.....	2	5	T. Hess, 1b.....	4	0				
C. Root, s.....	4	2	Marshall, 2b.....	1	2				
G. Sleeman, 3b.....	3	3	Trapitt, 3b.....	4	0				
G. Bookless, p.....	1	4	R. Laing, ss.....	3	1				
T. Steele, r f.....	6	0	O. Baker, lf.....	2	2				
G. Book, 1b.....	2	4	A. Baker, cf.....	2	1				
J. Jotham, lf.....	1	4	R. Baker, rf.....	4	0				
27 27			27 8						
RUNS EACH INNING.									
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9									
Silver Creek.....	3	0	0	3	3	2	1	10	5-27
Hespeler.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1-8
Umpire, J. T. Nelson; Scorers, J. Hewer,									
C. Topham. Time 27. 1 gm.									

Umpire, J. T. Nelson; Scorers, J. Hewer, C. Topham. Time 2h. 15m.

Guelph Mercury, Sep 02 1873

1874

Elected President of Maple Leafs



© Matt Groening

The Watertown Tournament.

Crowning Victory for the Maple Leaf.

They Win the \$500 Prize.

By telegram received late on Tuesday night, we learn that the Guelph Maple Leaf Club won the principal game in the Watertown tournament, for which they receive the \$500 prize. Their opponents were the Eastons, who beat the Fly-aways on Monday. At the close of the game the score stood, Maple Leaf, 13; Eastons, 10.

Guelph Mercury, Jul 08 1874

Into the 1870s, he would take over as manager of the Silver Creek team, and much like another famous entrepreneur, Mr. Montgomery C. Burns, he would hire good local players to work at the brewery. He was in fact one of the first managers (or perhaps the first) to import American players.

In 1874, after being elected President of the Maple Leafs (by now, the two teams had merged), the Leafs entered a tournament in Watertown, NY and would defeat all comers, including the Ku Klux Klan team from Oneida, NY. They were crowned World Champions, although the crowning drew this response from one NY paper: *"The idea that we should congregate here in Watertown, the amateur champions of base ball in the U.S., and then that a Canada club should come over, beat them all, and carry off the first prize is simply disgusting! Now let us adopt cricket as the national game and go over and clean out the Kanucks."* This didn't prevent the Maple Leafs' team photograph from being featured in *Harper's Weekly*; it also serves as the background for this slideshow.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

1876

President of Canadian Association

Meetings to be Held Base Ball Convention.

A Base Ball Convention will be held at the Walker House, Toronto, ON Friday, the 7th of April, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of forming a Dominion Base Ball Association, and the formation of Rules governing the championship of the Dominion. Delegates from the various clubs in Canada are respectfully requested to attend.
GEO. SLEEMAN,
Secretary, pro tem.

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NY Clipper, Apr 15 1876

1877

Helped establish International League

This is about half the number of professional clubs which will take the field in 1877. With such gentlemen as Messrs. Gorman and Sherman of Canada, Williams of Columbus, McKnight of Pittsburgh, and Waite of St. Louis at the head of affairs, the Association should meet with success. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Cummings, Lynn, Mass.; vice-president, Harry Gorman, Tecumseh, London, Ont.; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Williams of Columbus, O. Judiciary committee—D. H. McKnight, Allegheny; L. C. Waite, St. Louis Reds; N. T. Pond, Rochester, N. Y.; A. B. Rankin, Chelsea, N. Y.; and George Sleeman, Maple Leaf, Guelph, Canada.

NY Clipper, Mar 03 1877

He played only sporadically in the 1870s, focusing more on management. He formed (and became President of) the first professional Canadian baseball league, the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players. A year later, he helped establish the International Association, to which both Guelph and London moved, although Guelph did not finish out the season.

George would later return as President of another all-Canadian Association, the Canadian

GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

1885

President of Canadian League

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NY Clipper, Apr 15 1876

1999

Elected to Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

Name: George Sleeman

Induction year: 1999

Born (date, year, place): August 1, 1841 in St. Davids, Upper Canada

Died (date, year, place): December 16, 1926 in St. Davids, Upper Canada

Primary Position: Builder

After being educated in Guelph and St. Davids, George Sleeman became the general manager of his father's Silver Creek Brewery at age 18. Just six years later, he was a partner, and by 1868, the enterprising 27-year-old owned the company. Sleeman was also passionate about baseball, pitching for the Guelph Maple Leafs in 1863. In 1869, his Leafs squad captured the Canadian championship, downing teams from Ingersoll and Woodstock in a three-day competition.

<http://baseballhalloffame.ca/blog/2009/09/17/george-sleeman/>



League, which lasted only lasted one year. He was elected to Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame as a builder.

Throughout his life, he'd remained a very active and busy man, as evidenced by his varied

GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

~1883-85

President of Guelph Bicycle Club

There was a large attendance at a meeting held in the Wellington Hotel last night, called for the purpose of forming a bicycle club. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. Sleeman; vice-president, Dr. McPhatter; sec.-treas., Dr. Allan.

Guelph Mercury?, ~May 16 1883

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Geo. Sleeman has been elected President and Mr. J. G. Harris, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Royal City Bicycle Club, Guelph.

Hamilton Times, Apr 20 1885

1886-1906

President of Guelph Rifle Association

At the League Rifle match on Saturday No. 1 team Guelph did some good shooting. "The total for the 10 men of No. 1 team amounted to 901 points, Chas. Crowe heading the list with 100 points out of a possible 105, the lowest score of the team being 78: This being the first season of No. 2 team they shot this match with two men short. This puts Guelph nearly at the head of the list.

NAME	300 yds	T1	400	T1	500	T1	G T
C. Cowie	445504	32	355555	32	555555	35	97
W. Young	445504	32	555544	34	555544	35	104
C. Armstrong	545433	29	545533	33	555555	35	97
J. Orr	445454	29	425555	30	554554	34	93
Geo. Sleeman	524545	29	545554	33	535454	31	93
G. A. Sleeman	533444	29	545555	33	335444	25	87
J. Gilchrist	465443	29	545555	34	435223	28	87
F. A. Sleeman	545245	30	555545	34	332225	29	86
E. Gold	455533	30	545553	33	522432	23	65
B. Holton	445254	16	405444	37	335552	25	78
	294	294	322		255	90	

Guelph Mercury, Jul 10 1893

and numerous interests. He'd been President of both the Guelph Bicycle Club and the Guelph Rifle Association, and of both the Royal City Curling Club and the Guelph Turf Club.

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GEORGE SLEEMAN - SPORTS

~1888

President of Royal City Curling Club



Royal City Curling Club, winners of Sleeman Trophy, 1898.

W. W. Macalister. Chas. R. Crowe. E. J. Present. John Kennedy, Skip.

1872-92

President of Guelph Turf Club



Perhaps in keeping with this high level of activity, or perhaps because of it, he kept or collected a great deal. He saved a pair of his pants (a shirt and jacket are also on display at

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GEORGE SLEEMAN – THE COLLECTOR



Guelph Museums



Guelph Mercury, Dec 27 1889



Guelph Museums

the hall to the front door. The keeper of the lock in this door was removed, it is supposed before the men began their pilfering operations. Mr. Sleeman's private office was visited, and the lid of the desk forced open. They extracted from collar boxes in the desk \$10 in Canadian silver and \$5 in American silver. A gold badge presented to Mr. Sleeman by the Maple Leafs in 1875, a silver medal, proof florin, quantity of defaced silver and about \$7 in coppers, which were in the desk were left untouched. They did not touch the desk.

Guelph Mercury, Jul 12 1880

the Guelph Museum). He saved a section of his fence. He was an avid coin collector. And thankfully, he seemed to have kept many issues of the *Guelph Mercury*.

But he kept much more than that, and it's all part of the Sleeman Collection. The Collection was stored at the Western University Library until July of 1988, when it was moved to its

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SLEEMAN COLLECTION OVERVIEW

→ to 1988: Western University

→ 1988 to present: University of Guelph Archival and Special Collections

CONTENTS (from U of G website):

- Collection consists of correspondence, photographs, account books, Maple Leaf Baseball, miscellaneous files relating to Sleeman Family (including genealogy), newspaper articles, John H. Sleeman, George Sleeman Sr., John W. Sleeman and the Sleeman Brewery in Guelph, Ontario.

EXTENT:

- 5 metres of textual material; 4,213 photographs; 103 graphic items such as posters, certificates, artwork; 12 rolls (11,000 ft.) of 35 mm cinefilm; 80 video elements; 104 audio elements; 25 artifacts such as bottles with labels, medals; and 60,021,460 kb of electronic records.

TYPES OF MATERIALS:

- Artifacts
- Audiovisual Material
- Photographs
- Published Material
- Unpublished Material and Manuscripts

present home at the University of Guelph.

This is the Collection description from the University of Guelph; I won't go through it, because the collection does contain materials pertaining to the various non-baseball facets

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SLEEMAN COLLECTION DATABASE



1876 Canadian Association & 1885 Canadian League



x 1334 (962 items)



Image	Sender	Role of	Categc	Location	Date	Pr	Sub-Category	Description	Person 1	Person 2
B15F10 (1884) 001			Folder			32		Sleeman Family Maple Leaf Baseball Club 1884 [32 ite		
B15F10 (1884) 002	Little, J.H.	Secretary	Letter	Guelph	24 Jul? 1884		Game (Team)	"The Royal Oaks would like to know if you are going to Little, J.H.		
B15F10 (1884) 003	Dier, W.A.	Manager	Letter	Saginaw	20 Mar 1884		Game (Team)	"Can you give us game in Guelph ... guarantee of sixty Dier, W.A.		
B15F10 (1884) 004	Little, W.J.		Letter	Guelph	02 May 1884		Equipment	"Enclosed find four dollars for the use of grounds yest Little, W.J.		
B15F10 (1884) 005	Trebilcock, A.E.		Telegram	London	22 May 1884		Game (Team)	"Can your club play Atlantics of London on twenty six? Trebilcock, A.E.		
B15F10 (1884) 006	Jones, John		Telegram	Hamilton	18 Jun 1884		Game (Team)	"We would like to arrange a games on Saturday twent Jones, John		
B15F10 (1884) 007	Sangster, A.		Letter	New Haven, Co	29 Feb 1884	1/2	Player	"... I am going to play ball this season I have got letter Sangster, A.	Hunter, Billy	



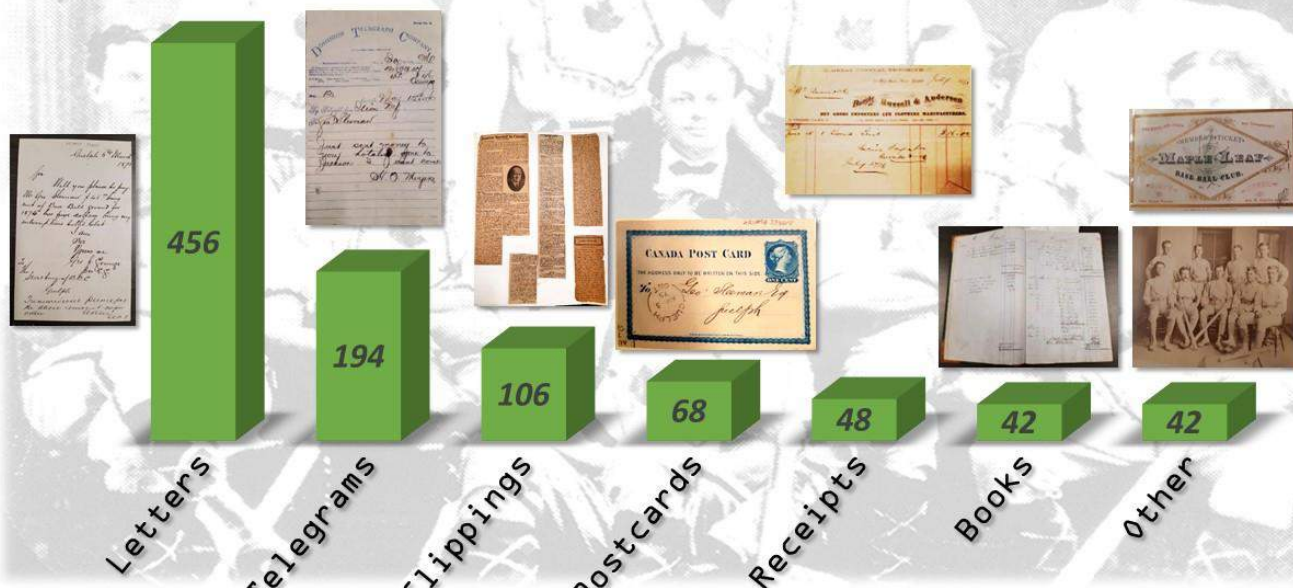
of his life (politics, brewing, etc.), but thankfully to baseball as well. We'll take a closer look at this last portion of the collection.

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BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY MEDIA TYPE



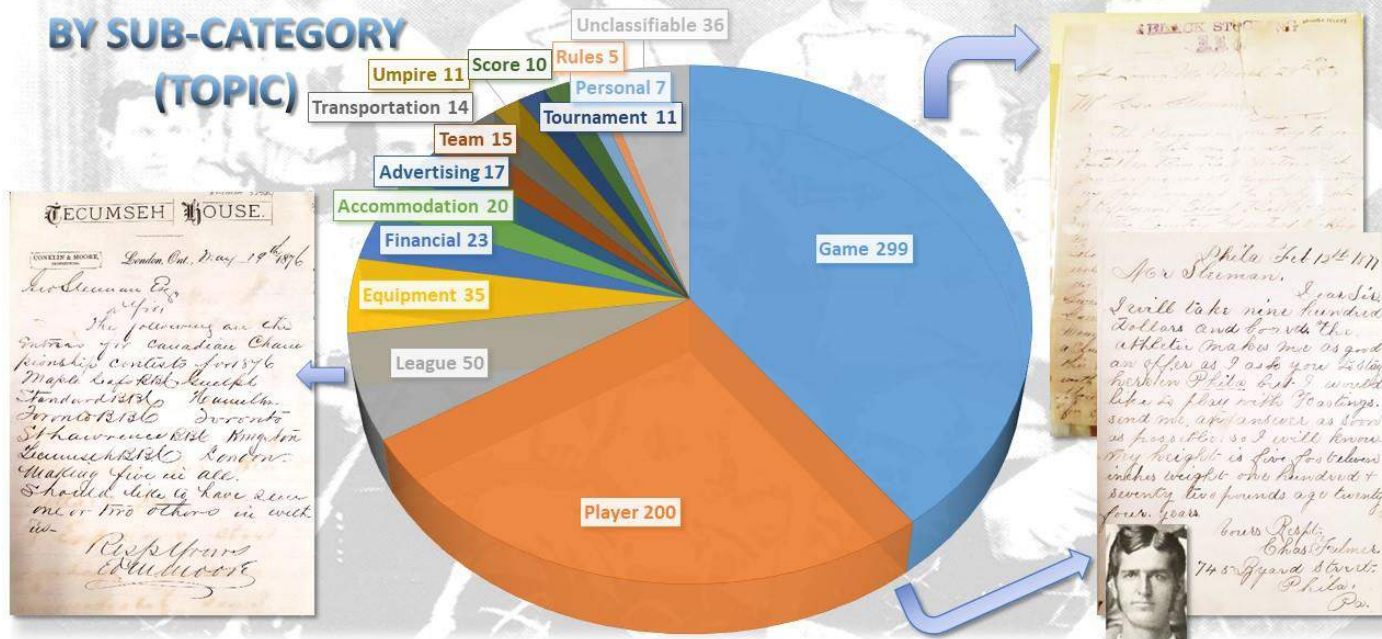
The above graphic categorizes the baseball documents by media type. The Other category includes photographs, envelopes, tickets, and advertisements. There are a total of 962 baseball-related items in the collection.

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BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY SUB-CATEGORY (TOPIC)



The pie chart above summarizes the 962 documents by topic, with Game and Player topics predominant. Here is a **Game** example, a letter dated March 29, 1883 from St. Louis:

“Mr. Geo. Sleeman:

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in writing to you knowing that you are so well posted in Base Ball matters that you can give me the desired information. We have organized the only club of Professional Colored Ball Players in the Country and entered booking an extended tour, knowing that a colored club will be a novelty as well as a New Enterprise. Now which we want to know is Base Ball a success in Canada and could we arrange games that would pay us...

Yours respectfully, Henry Bridgewater, manager Black Stockings BB Club [St. Louis]”

And here is a **Player** example, a letter dated February 12, 1877 from Philadelphia:

“Dear Sir.

I will take nine hundred dollars and board. The Athletic makes me as good an offer as I ask you to stay to here in Phila but I would like to play with Hastings. Send me an answer as soon as possible so I will know. My height is five foot eleven inches weight one hundred and seventy two pounds age twenty four years.

Yours respectfully,
Chas. Fulmer”

[This is Chick Fulmer, who played 11 years in the majors. Sleeman didn’t bite; Fulmer played for Athletics in the League Alliance in 1877.]

The remaining sub-category topics are these:

- **League:** operations of the leagues, judiciary committee communications, etc.
- **Equipment:** price lists and/or samples of baseballs, bats; use of fields/grounds.
- **Financial:** receipts for uniforms, meals, clothing, telegrams.
- **Accommodation:** e.g. hotels offering group rates for players.
- **Advertising:** letters regarding posters, photographs, printing.
- **Team:** postcards with lists of players under contract, etc.
- **Transportation:** e.g. telegrams from Great Western Railway offering group rates for players.
- **Umpire:** arranging umpires for games.
- **Tournament:** requests for details regarding tournaments.
- **Score:** relating to scores of games.
- **Personal**
- **Rules**

- **Unclassifiable:** hard to categorize, or vague.

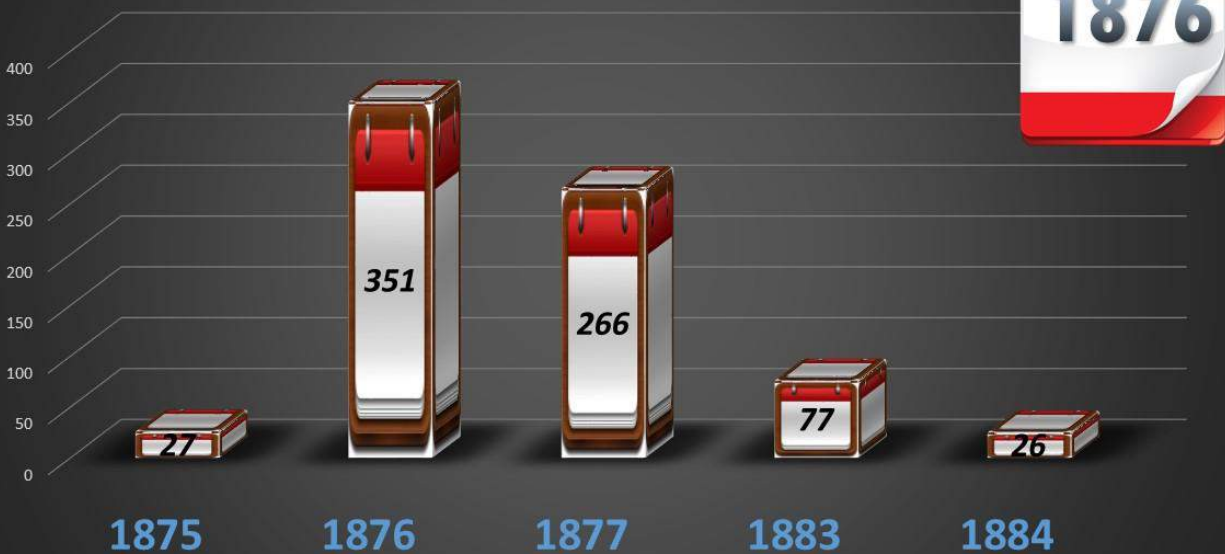
When? Nothing from 1885, but plenty from 1876 and 1877, formative years for organized

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BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY DATE



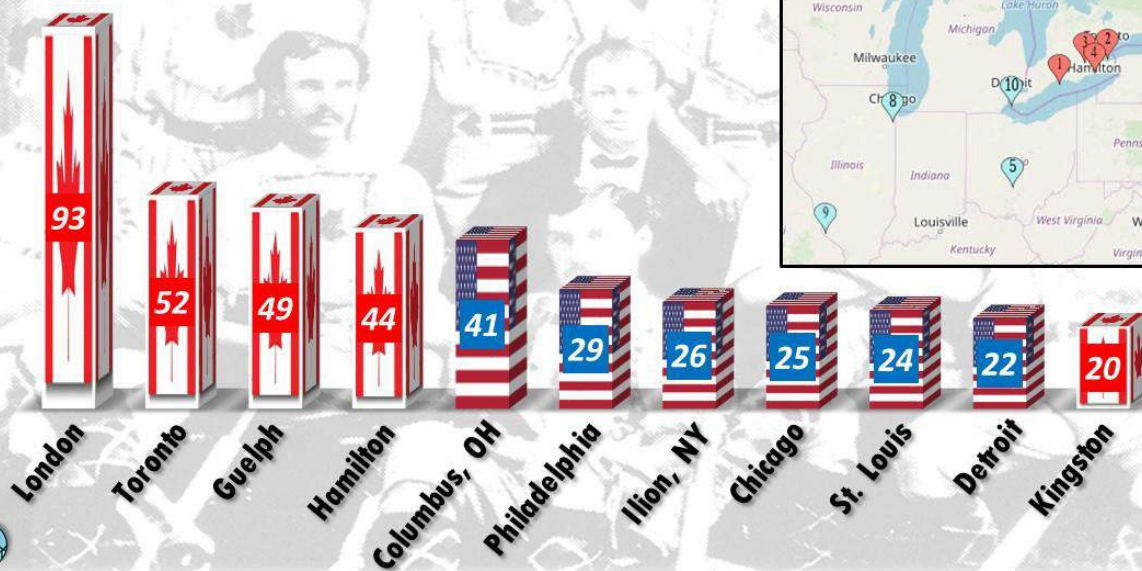
baseball in Canada.

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BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY LOCATION



Where? The most remote place of origin is San Francisco.



BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY SENDER'S ROLE



Who? On a general level, the majority of correspondents were players, secretaries or managers.



BASEBALL DOCUMENTS ANALYSIS

BY SENDER

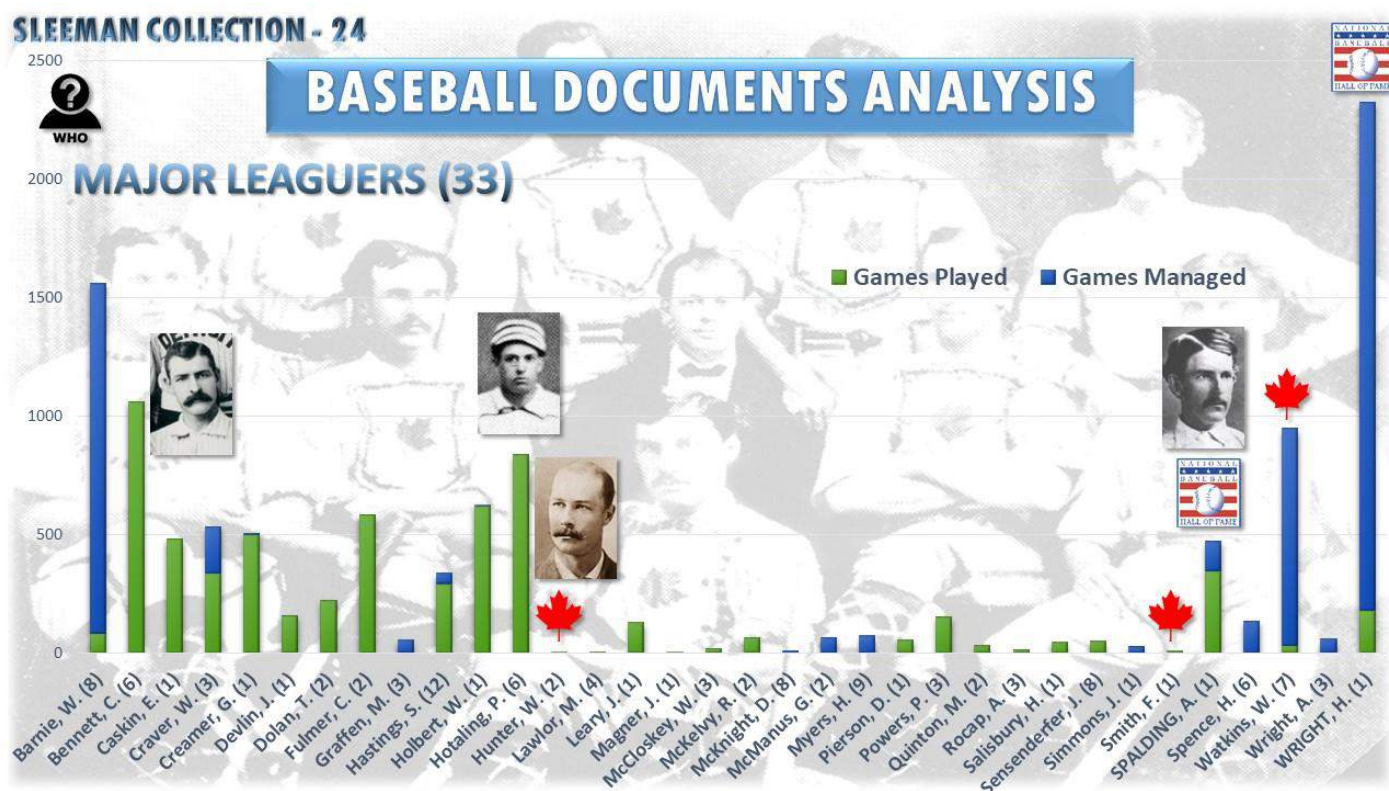


Who? On an individual level, the dozen most frequent correspondents are listed here:

- Harry Gorman: Tecumsehs manager

- J.A. Williams: Secretary of International League (1877)
- Edward Moore: Chairman of Judiciary Committee of Canadian Association
- Henry Bridgewater: Manager St. Louis Black Stockings
- * Scott Hastings: Major Leaguer who played in National League in 1876 and 1877
- John Walsh: IF/OF/C for Guelph in 1875 and 1876
- W.B. Montgomery: Manager of Jackson Mutuals
- R. Bannerman: Secretary of Kingston St. Lawrence club
- Henry Gillespie: 3b who played with Guelph and Jackson
- Harry Myers: 1b from Ilion, NY
- Sumner Ely: outfielder from NY
- George Brackett: Manager of Syracuse Stars in 1876 and Rochester

*Scott Hastings was a catcher and outfielder who played with 7 clubs in the National Association and the National League. From Baltimore, on February 9, 1877, after a series of lengthy letters, he wrote: "Here I am again like a bad penny. My excuse is that since writing my last to you I have received letters from both Fulmer and Craver. The former can bring with him a first class pitcher whom you very probably have heard of... Now Mr. Sleeman could you secure these three men, I will forfeit the odd seventeen dollars a month if we do not win the championship of Canada."



How many major leaguers? 33 in all, including 3 Canadians and 2 Hall-of-Famers. The numbers along the bottom indicate the number of documents.

Examples are shown above of documents from other persons of note in the baseball community of the time:

- William Bryce, bookseller, stationer, news agent and dealer in music, and better-known to us as the publisher of the Canadian Baseball Guide in 1876 and 1877. From London, 8 Jul 1877: "As my baseball guide is going to press soon for 1877 you will confess a great favor on me to send by return mail, copy of the record of Maple Leaf Club for 1876 so as it will appear in the guide."
- Jacob Englehart, president of the London Tecumsehs, and later founder of Imperial Oil.
- Joseph Harris, manager of the Gordon BBC, another Chicago colored team who competed with the Black Stockings.
- L.H. Mahn, President of the American Base Ball Co., supplier of official baseballs for the National League (before Spalding) and the American Association.

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MAPLE LEAF LEDGERS

Selected entries from 1876:

Aug 17 th	R. Jamieson 1 game	\$1.00
Aug 29 th	St. Louis	\$60.00
Aug 30 th	C. Maddock 3 rd dividend	\$35.00
Aug 31 st	Fare S. Ely	\$7.32
Sep 4 th	Dom. Tel. a/c for Aug	\$23.85
Sep 8 th	Umpire Mr. Powers	\$4.00
Sep 16 th	11 Fares Toronto	\$16.50
Sep 16 th	10 Hotel Fares	\$7.75
Sep 16 th	Cab Hire	\$4.00
Sep 23 rd	Mercury a/c in full	\$22.00

An International Match !

St. Louis Browns vs. Maple Leaf

SCORE : BROWNS 9, MAPLE LEAF 9.

Two Earned Runs for the Maple Leaf.

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			\$220.11

Finally, the Sleeman Collection includes the ledgers of the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club. These ledgers provide a financial viewing lens through which we witness all aspects of the operations of a baseball club: player salaries/payments, umpires, transportation, accommodation, advertising, communications, and payment of opponents (in this case the St. Louis Brown Stockings of the National League, whom they played on Aug 29th, and beat 9-8!).

I'm happy to conclude the presentation with another Canadian triumph! We are indebted to

George Sleeman as the man who made it happen, and providing us with first-hand accounts to enable us to brag about it almost 150 years later!

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