

CHAMPION SILVER BALL MATCHES IN CANADA.—No. CLIPPED.
With your permission I will give, through your wide-spread journal, a brief history of Base Ball in Canada and how it flourishes. The American game was adopted in Hamilton, for the first time, in the spring of 1860, and by the Young Canadian Club of Woodstock, in the season of 1861. About six weeks afterwards the Y. C's gave a challenge to their seniors of Hamilton, whom they beat in a well-contested game, by a majority of three runs. This kind of handling, the boys of the "Ambitious City" could not relish, and maintained that it was a mere "accident," and the result of "over confidence" on their part; and to prove the truthfulness of the assertion, they challenged the Y. C's to a return match, in the summer of 1862, and were beaten by a majority of twenty-seven runs, the score standing 41 to 14. This defeat, some maintained, was in consequence of the roughness of the Woodstock grounds; they not yet being able to realize that it was other than "bad luck" that beat them. On the 14th of July, 1863, the Y. C's played at Detroit, against the Brother Jonathan Club of that city, beating them from the word go. The score stood 20 to 6, and, by the way, a more sociable and gentlemanly lot of ball players are not to be met with than those of the Brother Jonathan. After so many marked successes the Y. C's felt themselves "Cock of the Walk," and the Woodstock people and the local press blew pretty strongly for them—claiming the championship of Canada. The editor of the Woodstock *Sentinel*, after giving a description of the game played at Detroit, said that "the Young Canadian Club now claim the Championship of Canada, and those disputing it will have to win it on a home and home match." This was seized upon as a challenge by the Hamilton Club. The Y. C's were rather astonished, therefore, on receiving a letter from the secretary of the Maple Leaf Club, announcing a day on which the game was to be played in Hamilton. A reply was immediately sent, explaining the matter, and contending that they had no right to expect a challenge from the "Young Canadians." After a lapse of fourteen days, the Woodstock boys were startled by a communication appearing in the Hamilton *Evening Times*, signed "Maple Leaf," announcing that the Young Canadians had issued a challenge which was accepted by them, and holding forth that the former club had shown the "white feather," (which, under the circumstances, I think, was a great stretch of imagination.) The President of the Young Canadian Club immediately wrote a letter to the *Times* requesting the publication of their Secretary's answer to the Maple Leaf Club, which he felt sure would explain the matter, and set the "Y. Ca." right before the public. This request was disposed of in the following style by the editor of the *Times*:—"We have examined the correspondence between the Young Canadian and Maple Leaf Clubs: which is too long for publication, but will see that it is

...which is following for publication, but will say that the latter club is clearly in the right and the former is as clearly in the wrong." I presume, getting ashamed of it, on second thought the Secretary's letter was published, together with the words previously quoted, and claimed by the Hamilton Club as a challenge, with the word "challenge" as a small cap heading affixed, and finishing up in a self-confident manner, with the question "if the above is not a challenge, we would like to know how you word a challenge when you mean to challenge?" The "Young Canadians," ever spunky, came to the conclusion that the field was the place to settle such disputes. Consequently, after a few words of explanation, a genuine challenge was published in the *Spectator*, signed by the Secretary, simply remarking that the above is the way we word a challenge when we mean one. This was accepted by the Maple Leaf Club, the Young Canadians being required to file their appearance at the city of Hamilton, on the 1st day of September, 1863, two clear days having intervened (Sunday included). On the appointed day the "Y. C.'s" made their appearance on the ground with a strong team which, by superior strength, succeeded in pulling up a score of 41, against one of 25 runs. The return match, in accordance with the challenge, was played in Woodstock fifteen days afterwards, which resulted in another victory to the Young Canadians, the score standing 26 to 12. This result partially convinced the Maple Leafs that the Woodstock boys were too much for them; but it did not obliterate the idea that they ultimately would win a game. In the meantime a silver "Champion Ball" was gotten up for the Woodstock club, on the receipt of which they immediately put it up for competition. The Hamilton boys, gritty to the back bone, were the first to come after it. The game was played on the grounds of the Young Canadian Base Ball Club, Woodstock, on the 15th day of August, 1864, before upwards of a thousand people, a great portion of whom were ladies, all taking a marked interest in the game. The playing of the Young Canadians' nine was good throughout, every man vying to excel the other, but nothing shone out so brilliant as the catching of Pascoe. It would be good for the eye-sight to see his superior in that line. It was remarked on the ground by a great many that "every man was in his right place," and that there was a right place for every man. The Maple Leaf Club made good play, although they made a poor score, but it appeared impossible for them to strike a ball out of the reach of a fielder, while the Young Canadians had the peculiar knack of sending the ball where fielders seldom captured, and had hard work to overtake it. The following is the score:—

YOUNG CANADIANS.			MAPLE LEAF.		
H.	L.	R.	H.	L.	R.
Pascoe, c.....	2	4	Shuttleworth, c.....	2	0
J Wilson, 2d b.....	2	5	Secord, s s.....	3	0
S Wilson, 3d b.....	2	4	Dennahy, l f.....	2	0
Clark, r f.....	4	2	Carroll, 2d b.....	4	0
McWhinnie, 1st b.....	4	3	Mason, 3d b.....	3	2
Midgely, c f.....	1	4	Manning, r f.....	4	0
Douglas, l f.....	4	2	McCann, p.....	3	0
Clyde, p.....	4	3	Waugh, 1st b.....	3	0
Hill, s s.....	4	3	Cooper, c f.....	3	0
Total.....	30		Total.....	2	

RUNS MADE IN EACH INNING.

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Young Canadian.....	2	1	4	2	3	2	4	8	4-30
Maple Leaf.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0-2

Umpire—Stephen Rymal, of the Barton club.

Scorers—Jas. Shuttleworth, for Maple Leaf; Morenus Burgess, for Young Canadian.

ANOTHER MATCH FOR THE CHAMPION SILVER BALL was played at Woodstock, C. W., on Aug. 23, between the Young Victoria club, of Ingersoll, of which the following is the score:

YOUNG CANADA.			VICTORIA.		
H.	L.	R.	H.	L.	R.
Pascoe, c.....	4	4	Hearn, c.....	3	1
Clyde, p.....	3	4	Grinnaway, p.....	3	2
I Edwards, s s.....	5	1	Morrin, s s.....	3	2
McWhinnie, 1st b.....	2	4	Fowler, 1st b.....	4	1
Wilson, 2d b.....	4	4	Gibson, 2d b.....	3	2
Scarff, 3d b.....	2	6	Wilson, 3d b.....	2	2
D Edwards, r f.....	1	6	McFarlan, r f.....	3	1
Douglas, l f.....	3	3	Fowler, l f.....	2	1
Midgely, c f.....	3	5	Jarvis, c f.....	4	0
Total.....	37		Total.....	12	

RUNS MADE IN EACH INNING.

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Young Canada.....	5	2	3	4	4	6	6	7	0-37
Victoria.....	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2-12

Umpire—James Shuttleworth, of the Maple Leaf club.

Scorers—M. Burgess, for Young Canadian club; M. C. Golrick, for Victoria club.

The above game savored more of a social than a match game, the Young Canadians having allowed their third baseman to play in the Ingersoll nine. Having only lately been organized, they deserve much praise for the headway they have made in handling the ball and the bat. Hearne makes a big bid on the catch, and like the majority of fish, leaps well for a fly.

GAMES PENDING.—Young Canadians vs. Barton, for the championship—day not yet named. Also, the Y. C's are endeavoring to make arrangements to have the Atlantics, of Brooklyn, N. Y., meet them at Rochester, during the State Fair. The Y. C's are anxious to see how much more they have to learn in the manly game of base ball, and they are of the opinion that the Atlantics are the best tutors. Yours, &c.

BASE BALL.