

BASE BALL MATCH.

The long expected match between the Guelph and Woodstock Base Ball Clubs for the silver ball and the championship of Canada, took place on the Agricultural Show ground in Woodstock yesterday. In consequence of the two Clubs having had a match about a month ago, in which Guelph was defeated by only two runs, and the celebrity of both clubs, considerable interest was centered in this match. The Mayor of Guelph having proclaimed the day as a civic holiday, business was entirely suspended, and a great many people having accompanied the "Maple Leaf" to Woodstock, assisted to swell the number of spectators, which was very large. A temporary stand had been erected for the accommodation of onlookers. At each end of the stand a Band was placed, the Guelph Silver Cornet band, under the leadership of Mr Geo. Lawrence, being placed at the left and the Woodstock brass band at the right. Both bands discoursed some excellent music at intervals throughout the afternoon. The ground was in poor condition, and it is a very inferior one any way. A large hulk of a building stands within a few feet of the players, operating seriously against the playing of strangers.

At 1.30 p.m. the contest commenced, Woodstock taking the bat. Mr William Shuttleworth, of the Maple Leaf Club, Hamilton, acted as umpire. In the first innings Woodstock scored six and Guelph two. In this innings S. Wilson broke his bat, and was "at sea" throughout the afternoon in consequence. J. McKay sent the ball through the windows of the Agricultural Hall, causing a crash of glass. Woodstock in the second innings succeeded in scoring five—the Maple Leaf eight. The play of both clubs now began to manifest itself, it being remarked that the fielding of Guelph was superior to the Young Canadians, and the interest and excitement on both sides running high. The third innings, however, gave the Young Canadians the score which carried them safe throughout the day, they making twelve to their opponents' two, the game standing at 23 to 12. In the fourth innings the splendid fielding of the Maple Leaf boys did capital service, and they succeeded in giving the Young Canadians a "goose egg," while they scored seven. The odds were then down to four, but the fifth innings scored six for Woodstock and only two for Guelph, leaving a majority of eight in favor of the former, which they maintained till the close of the game. In the sixth innings Woodstock scored one and Guelph two. This was one of the most exciting innings of the contest. One of the Woodstock men had been caught out on a "foul" while Goldie on the long left field caught the ball on a fly, returning it he succeeded in getting out the men making for the first and second bases, for which he was lustily

Young Canadians were able to score but two in the eighth innings, and their opponents one. In this innings the best play on both sides during the day was made. The ninth and last innings scored a "goose egg" for the Young Canadians and one for the Guelphites, leaving the game at 86 to 28. Stevenson of the Maple Leaf club, in the last innings made some superior catching. Standing at the first base, by a beautiful fly catch, he succeeded in putting out the men who were making for the first and second bases. The game was closed amidst intense excitement, the Woodstock people lustily cheering for the Young Canadians and Maple Leafs; they in return, as well as the people of Guelph, giving three rousing cheers for Woodstock and its excellent club, they being still the champions of Canada. Old and experienced Cricketers from this section, who witnessed the game, although not having a preference for it, in consequence of it being of American origin, were well pleased with it and expressed the playing in some instances as admirable. The catching of Pascoe, who is in his own line the Lockyer of Canada, could not be beaten, while the fielding of Mr. Goldie was said to be unequalled. Every man did his best to secure the prized ball for his own section. The best of good feeling prevailed between the players throughout the contest. We trust an effort will be made to get the Young Canadians to come over to Guelph for a friendly game. The following is the score :

WOODSTOCK.			GUELPH.							
	O.	R.		O.	R.					
Pascoe.....	2	6	Howard.....	2	5					
Clyde.....	4	3	Coulson.....	1	5					
S. Wilson.....	1	5	Stevenson.....	4	2					
Douglas.....	2	5	Sunley.....	4	1					
McWhinnie.....	1	5	Steele.....	1	5					
Anderson.....	3	4	Goldie.....	3	4					
Edwards.....	5	1	Smith.....	4	2					
J. Wilson.....	6	2	Nichols.....	3	2					
McKay.....	5	3	Mitchell.....	5	2					
Total.....	27	36	Total.....	27	28					
Runs each innings—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9										
Woodstock.....	6	5	12	0	6	1	4	2	0	—36
Guelph.....	2	8	2	7	2	2	2	1	1	—28

Umpire, Mr W. Shuttleworth, who discharged his onerous duties in a fearless and impartial way, giving general satisfaction to all. Scorers: Woodstock, Mr. McKay; Guelph, A. S. Feast.