

Base Ball.

TOUR OF THE VICTORIA B. B. C., OF INGERSOLL.

This Club, as was previously announced, started for a trip up west on Tuesday of last week, to engage in matches with Strathroy, London and St. Thomas, and returned home late on Thursday night. They were hardly as successful as they anticipated, as they did not dream of a defeat in either place, but by being too sure, sometimes, we are often disappointed. The first game was played in Strathroy, and was rather a tame affair—the game being too much one-sided. The "Eclaiors" are new at the game, and played as well as could be expected. They, however, more than made up for their want of science in base ball by the manner in which they used their visitors. It seemed as if they could not do enough for the boys. They were the recipients of favors at the hands of every one, and never, shall Strathroy and her citizens be forgotten by the "Victoria" Club of Ingersoll.

On Wednesday, the second match was played in London, when the Victorias experienced a defeat by one run. This was the best game we ever witnessed, and the most closely contested ever played in the Dominion. The playing, especially the fielding, of the Victorias, during the first five innings, could scarcely be equalled, and we believe would have continued so till the end, had not the ball given out. A lighter ball was placed in Gibson's hands to pitch the remaining four innings, but he found himself incapable of putting the ball where he wanted it, hence the defeat. The boys knew they played well in the game and did not feel very bad over their heat. They are of the opinion the Londoners could not make the same result again, either in London or Ingersoll. After the game the Londoners invited the boys to a dinner at Mr. H. Strong's Hotel, which was accepted, and a happy time was spent as usual on such occasions.

On Thursday the excursion train carried the players to St. Thomas, where a game was had with the Eries of that town. It was a very spirited game throughout. The Eries took the lead from the start, but in a few innings the Victorias had passed them and found themselves at the close of the game 22 ahead. The St. Thomas boys feasted us after the game, and in a short time after the boys took the cars for London, on their way home.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

On Tuesday last the Victorias were in Woodstock, prepared to play the Young Canadians for the championship and silver ball, but on account of the rain which was falling at the time appointed for the commencement, the game was postponed till next day. A game of six innings was played, however, which resulted in favor of Ingersoll by 36 runs. The weather, the next day, yesterday, was all that could be desired, and the boys, on both sides, seemed to be in good trim, which was proved by their splendid playing. The game was a