

The 1867 game in Ogdensburg is interesting (to me, at least), in that it shows the Ottawa team's inexperience and lack of familiarity with the rules of the game, which may tell us something about the amount of time that it had been played in Ottawa. I can find no references to baseball being played in and around Ottawa prior to that reference to a game played at the 1865 picnic, so it seems possible to me that the game was just starting to be played in Ottawa in the mid/late 1860s.

I also believe the game likely made it way here from Upstate New York, rather than Southern Ontario. Ogdensburg had been playing baseball for a while, and there was a lot of cross-border travel in those days between Ogdensburg and Prescott. The rail line ran from Prescott to Ottawa, so it seems likely to me that that was the route the game would have taken. But that's just a theory at this point.

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