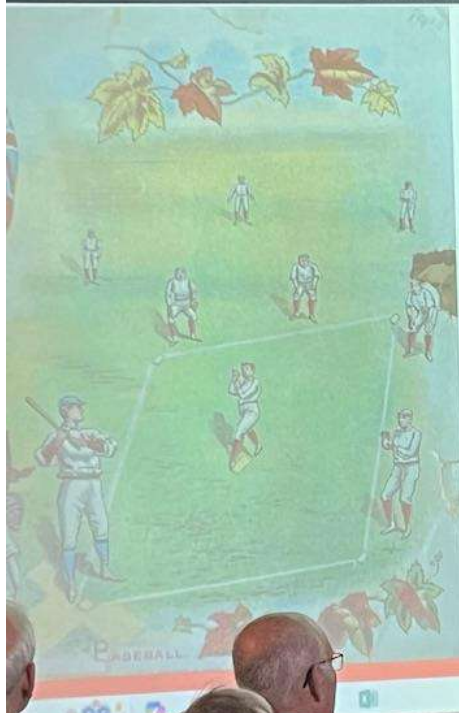




# Baseball's Two-State Creation

William Humboldt



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By Bill Hunter



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However baseball is an outgrowth of an older American tradition that brought vigor and sloggingness. Its roots are in the pastoral ideals of an earlier America. Its green spaces, and deliberate actions were perfect counterparts to 19th-century rural society.

As *baseball* moved into the big cities it gave to these emerging communities an oasis of civilizing peace at counterpart in the surrounding "rat race."

It also gave these cities an identity perhaps best signified today by New Englanders' affinity to Fenway Park. The loss of the Dodgers to Brooklyn, a and the subsequent

demolition of Ebbets Field stand as a black mark on *baseball* not because the sport is bad and decadent. On the contrary because of the magnificence of the team's common bond it created among a borough of strangers, and the focal point of the Stadium, its loss marked a tragic cultural blow to Brooklyn.

The Dodgers were the magic of Brooklyn, something which no town planner, engineer, or politician can create. Their departure said more about greed for greater gate receipts, a common malady of contemporary society, than the sport itself.

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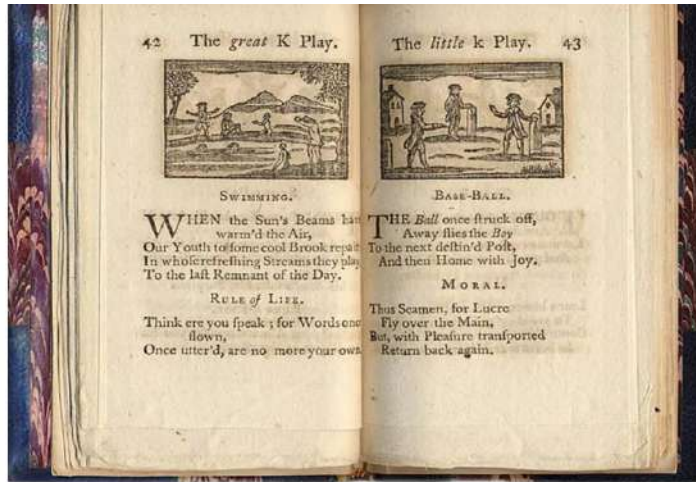
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Little Pretty Pocket-book, 1787



Born

June 4, 1738,  
Norfolk House,  
London, United  
Kingdom





Robert Hamilton, who had the honor of entertaining the illustrious visitors. They then returned to Niagara where they dined in the evening with his Excellency the Governor. Many of the great chiefs and warriors of the Six Nations, headed by the renowned Captain Joseph Brandt, in full war paint, gave the war dance before his Excellency's residence for the amusement of the royal party. The next morning a large party of the swiftest and most skillful of the young warriors got up a match of base-ball, of a very exciting character. Then there were foot races and several other characteristic games, in which his Royal Highness took a very warm interest, and expressed the high gratification he felt in witnessing them. After having examined the Fort and other objects of interest connected with the French occupation, the royal party embarked for Kingston, en route for Quebec. The frontier towns on the American side had not then been transferred to the United States authorities."

**ORDER OF PROCESSION.**

Duffins Rifle Regiment and Bands  
 Uniformed Hunt Horse Co.  
 Victoria Hook & Ladder Co.  
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 Followed Knights of Sherwood Forest.  
 Juvenile Procession.  
 Guests and Children in Carriages.

Route of Procession.—Proceeding northwest along George Street to Darling; thence to Market to Colborne, to Agricultural Park, to witness the following

**PROGRAMME.**

2:00 p. m.—International League Baseball Match, for a special award, and final game of the season—Toronto vs. Hamilton.  
 Exhibition of Fancy Drill by Hunt Horse Co., Victoria Hook & Ladder Co., Knights of Sherwood Forest, with sword exercises; and Juvenile Procession.

**TUG OF WAR.**—Duffins Rifle vs. Fire Department, 8 men to a team.—Special Prize

**Five Amateur Events.**

(a) 100 yards run—Gold Medal.	Entrance Fee 50 cents.
(b) 220 yards run—Silver Medal.	Entrance Fee 25 cents.
(c) 440 yards run—Silver Medal.	Entrance Fee 25 cents.
(d) Putting the Shot—Silver Medal.	Entrance Fee 25 cents.
(e) Running Broad Jump—Silver Medal.	Entrance Fee 25 cents.

—An Amateur Athletic Association Rules. Races started by pistol shot.

**EVICTING TEST OF SPEED.**—Horse race, for the first time in the park's and Orieo Res. Course, and the justly selected trotting stallion Ken, who recently made the unworld record in Springfield, Mass., of 3 miles in 14 min. 10 sec. This match has been arranged with great difficulty, and will be supplemented by Weathercock & Harker's outstanding fly in feet.

**Cat Race.**—Fat Man's Race. Boys and Girls' Race, etc., etc.

C. B. HEYD, Mayor.	ALLEN CLEGGHORN, President.
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Entrance Match obtained for special use, on June 17, 1884, by P. J. Campbell, P. O. Box 107.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME  
**THAYENDANEGBA**



1742-1807  
**Grand Celebration,**  
 IN THE CITY OF BRANTFORD.

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 13th & 14th, 1884  
 ON THE OCCASION OF THE

**UNVEILING OF THE BRANT MEMORIAL.**  
 The Monument erected to Captain Joseph Brant, Thayendanegea, by National Subscription in Victoria Park, Brantford, Ont.

Will be Unveiled by His Honor Lieut. Governor John Beverley Robinson, assisted by Twelve Indian Chiefs, on Wednesday, 13th, at 12 o'clock.

**AFTER THE UNVEILING CEREMONIES, AT 2:00 P. M.**  
 Grand Procession of Indians, Fire Companies, Knights of Sherwood Forest and Bands, Dignitaries and Guests in Carriages.

To the Agricultural Park to Witness Indian Sports, etc.

**SECOND DAY.**  
 Trades Procession, Inspection of Public Buildings and Points of Interest, by Chiefs Crowfoot, Three Bulls and other distinguished North-West Indians. Guests, etc. from the Market Square.

Procession at 1 p.m. to Agricultural Park.  
 Professional Base Ball Match—Exhibition Drills—Amateur Athletic Sports, Games, Tugs of War, Exciting Test of Speed, Bicycle vs. Horse, etc.  
 Railways are having Tickets to Brantford and Return at specially reduced rates from 12th to 15th. Special late trains connecting with main line.  
 Admission each Day, 25c. Children under 12 yrs., 15c. Carriage Extra.  
 GRAND STAND IS OPEN EXTRA.  
 C. B. HEYD, MAYOR. ALLEN CLEGGHORN, PRES. B.B.A.

returned, and Mr Stewart brought out a Barrel of Beer for father in the evening.

Wednesday 15th I went to town with Jas to try and collect some cash. — see a number of my friends. Dined with Mr. W. walked out and found a number of them jumping & playing Ball. perceived Mr.

Joseph Randall to be the most active. Mr. Jas. Wicks & John Arnold came out town with us and staid all night.

Thursday 16th The grand party was dispersed and I went to town with J.M.

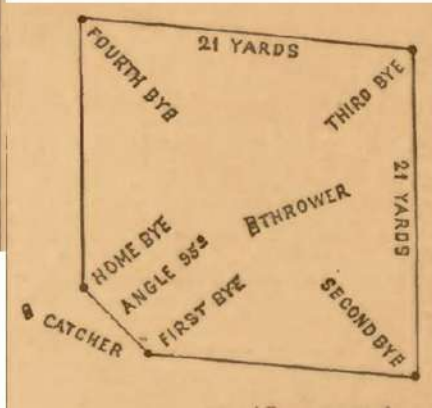
Playing Ball

From the pages of Ely Playter's Canadian diary of 1803

## VERY LIKE BASE BALL.

A Game of the Long-ago Which Closely Resembled Our Present National Game.

DENVER, Col., April 26.—Editor SPORTING LIFE—The 4th of June, 1838, was a holiday in Canada, for the Rebellion of 1837 had been closed by the victory of the Government over the rebels, and the birthday of His Majesty George the Fourth was set apart for general rejoicing. The chief event at the village of Beechville, in the county of Oxford, was a base ball match between the Beechville Club and the Zorras, a club hailing from the townships of Zorra and North Oxford.



Friday, July 10, 1874  
The Woodstock Sentinel

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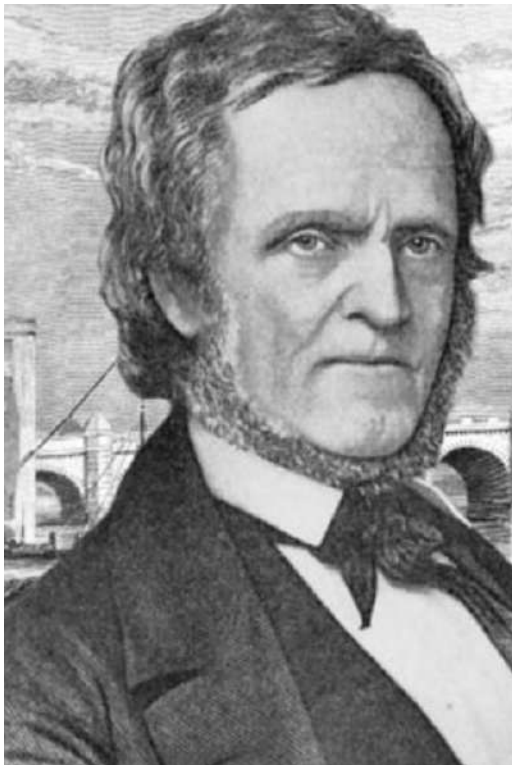
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Day, July 1st. He says—  
The 4th day of June, in the earlier days  
of Hamilton was decidedly the most lively  
of the whole year. On this day the general  
training (as it was called) of the "Men of  
God" took place. All the men liable to  
militia duty in this locality had to "fall in"  
in the morning and answer to their names  
and perform such Company drill, &c., as the  
officers might see fit to command or were  
able to give instruction in. The prelimi-  
nary Company drill invariably consisted of  
the men of each Company clustering round  
the Captain, while he called over his list of  
names. The word "march" was then  
given, and a halt made in front of a stone,  
when a painful or more of "blackstrap"  
was compounded and passed around until  
all were satisfied. This delectable drink  
was made by mixing rye whiskey and West  
India molasses, and was altogether a most  
deceiving beverage. After all had partaken  
to their heart's content (and there were no  
laggards in this regard in those days), the  
real warlike aspect of the day came, to the  
front. All disputes and quarrels during  
the past year were then settled by personal  
encounters. It has come to be understood  
that there was "no law on the 4th of June,"  
and it seemed to be a fact, as no inter-  
ference was ever attempted in the numerous  
pitched battles which took place all over  
the village on "training day." The old  
style of base ball, jumping and horse racing  
was also indulged in, and altogether a  
most jolly time was made of King George  
III.'s Birthday, for such it was.



News Article  
Mackenzie's Gazette | Saturday, Sep 22, 1838 | Rochester, NY | Page:3

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and the Tories of Canada, salute each other: They  
shake hands across the lines—may they both experi-  
ence the same fate.

An American Murdered in Lower Canada.—We  
see by the Montreal papers that a Mr. Aimes has been  
fully committed for the murder of Mr. P. H. Moor, under  
the following circumstances:—It appears that the  
above named individuals, along with four others, one  
of whom was a son of Mr. Aimes, about 12 years of  
age, had been playing at ball, when an altercation took  
place between Moor and young Aimes;—the latter  
threw the ball at Moor, who rushed on Aimes and  
pulled him on the ground. The father ran to rescue  
his child, and struck Moor on the head with a club,  
which fractured the skull, and occasioned his death in  
three hours. A Coroner's inquest returned a verdict of  
wilful murder, and Aimes was immediately apprehen-  
ded. Moor was a native of the United States, and  
was much esteemed by those who knew him; he drove  
the stage between Chataouque and Huntington, and was  
married only about 4 or five months ago.

M'NAB'S NAVY ISLAND PORK.

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**HER MAJESTY'S BIRTH DAY.** This auspicious day which will be observed in England to-morrow the 27th instant, was duly honored at Goderich by abundance of fun and frolic on Wednesday last. In consequence of the morning being lowering, the cliff was decided upon for the amusements of the day, which consisted of Cricket, Bass-Ball, Quoits, Foot-Racing and many other games, peculiar to merry England. The festivities were continued in the evening by a Ball at the Goderich Hotel, where the votaries of Terpsichore, were on the light fantastic toe till morning.

from



via

25 May 1848 description of "Bass-Ball" playing in Goderich Ontario.

Games peculiar to merry England, harken back to the influence of old English sport brought directly into Ontario from the source.



Huron gazette : Vol. I, No. XIV (May 26, 1848)

# THE GAME OF BASE - BALL IN MERRIE ENGLAND

By JAMES L. HUGHES

HOW can one ever appreciate a "one to nothing" game of baseball again, after seeing 141 runs made in a single innings? In a single innings, the Boston Red Sox scored forty-one runs!

"Baseball, Liverpool, England, 1848." This was the glowing headline that caught the eye of a disconsolate fan who a week before had left New York with a shadow on his heart because he was to see no more baseball during 1848.

Marsh Lane went first, and in the first hour, retired he had scored 141 runs in a single hour. Great is English baseball in scores!

The game is not American baseball, however. The Englishman does not accept a ready-made game. He needed a game that could be finished in two hours instead of two or three days. He needed a substitute for cricket because he had no time to number of men can find time to play or to see cricket. The American game, baseball, had the merit of getting finished quickly, and with brevity as his dominant ideal he made it his game. He needed a game of five scores, but he had no time for a game of ten. The Englishman needed a game that players could reach double that to be a game of five scores. The Englishman possess some of the characteristic elements of cricket, the game that through the centuries has fixed itself in his mind as the king of games. So he planned a new game, which was a combination of baseball and cricket. It was a game in which the ball because there are no bases, the runner must run.

The diamond is laid out as in America, with this exception, the fourth base is fixed fifteen feet to the left of the plate or the batter's crease. It is called in England, "The fourth base." The runner but by poles three and a half feet from the plate a spike on one end to fasten the runner's foot. A runner frequently carries the base pole with him when he reaches it, as he may over-run any of the bases provided that he turns to the right after passing it. The pitcher's crease is nine feet long and two feet wide, so that he may take a short run before delivering the ball. He must keep well within his crease. The pitcher is called the "bowler" because he must deliver the ball underhand. Notwithstanding

this restriction the three bowlers I saw work pitched very swift balls. The catcher wears no mask because the ball is slightly smaller and lighter than the American ball and is very accurate in its direction. The Englishman does not wear gloves.

There are eleven players on a side, who are placed as follows: the battery—bowler and catcher—three basemen, and two sets of outfielders—one behind the batter and the other in the usual American position. The centre fielder behind the catcher is called the backstop. There is no shortstop. The necessity for the outfielders behind the batter arises from the fact that the English batter has no restrictions placed on him. There are no "foul lines."

The batter may hit the ball anywhere. Many of the runs are made by simply touching the ball and sending it in any direction. Englishmen generally criticize American baseball because "fouls" or "leg hits" do not count. Leg hits and all kind of hits that are not caught count in England. This is one of the reasons why large scores are made. But there are other reasons why large scores are made. The "fouls" are pitched to enable the umpire to catch his hand and the scorers count a run. The chief reason for large scores is that each base counts a run. A two-base hit scores two runs, a three-base hit three runs, and a "home" run four runs. A hitter who makes a one, two, or three-base hit afterwards be put out on bases, but his run counts according to the base he reaches before the ball is held in.

One batter on the Marsh Lane team scored twenty-eight runs! As the players are put out they count no run, so that the batter soon become reduced to one run. The batter must average two bases for each hit or else there will be no one to come to bat, in which case the catcher simply touches the batter's crease with the ball and the side is out.

There are two umpires, one for balls and one for bases. Both umpires stand within the diamond. Two "bad" balls count a run, and two good balls that are not hit put the batter out. The batter's crease is about two and a half feet wide. A good

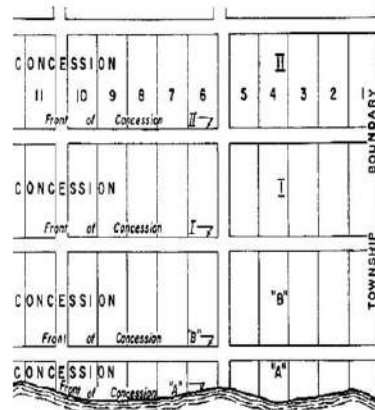
ball must go over the crease above the batter's knee and below the top of his head. The batter has only one chance to try to hit the ball. If he offers to hit the ball and fails he is almost certainly out. He must run and in nearly every case he is out first. When the catcher catches a ball at which the batter offers, the batter rarely tries to run as he knows his case is hopeless. In such cases the catcher simply touches the batter with the ball. If the batter is hit by a ball at which he does not offer, the ball is merely counted a bad ball. If he is hit by a ball at which he offers, he is out. If a batted ball hits a batter he is out.

The bat is shaped like a small cricket bat. One side is almost flat, and the other is bevelled so that it has really two sides meeting in the centre. The bevelled side, if it meets the ball, changes its direction and sends it to the backfield. The backfield hits or slips are very effective. If at the end of the first innings one side is forty or more runs in advance of the other, the weaker side has to follow on, as in cricket matches. Two innings count a match. If the weaker side does not make as many runs in two innings as the stronger side made in one, the stronger side does not play its second innings.

The crowd in the bleachers expresses itself as strongly as in America. The visiting players were the Marsh Lane club. They were forcibly informed first that they would be ignominiously beaten; later that the umpires were determined to give them the game, and finally that they would be beaten in a great variety of ways next year. The many modifications of language, and tone, and gesture with which the "fans" indicated their opinions of the visiting team were novel and most interesting. One of the distinct features of the game was the way the fans on the bleachers coached the home team. Whenever a hit was made the runner was urged by one class to try to make an extra base or "run," and warned by the more careful ones not to do it. This difference of view led to many violent discussions among the friends of the home team, and in two cases to real fights, one of which had to be stopped by the police. The Marsh Lane team were easy victors, but the Booth "fans" have no doubt about what will happen to Marsh Lane next year.

**360 degree playing surface**  
**11 aside**  
**Two innings**  
**All must be retired**  
**A fifth base**  
**Plugging/Non Plugging**

Cricket's failure in North America owed little to its English identity and almost everything to its being an inferior game to baseball for both players and spectators.



LAKE

Canadians were, along with other North American places, regional and largely independent participants in baseball's modern development. Only later was the game in Canada and in many American places relegated to a secondary "caste" alignment.



The late Wm. Shuttleworth and Harry Sweetman, members of the Maple Leaf Baseball Club, 1860.

CLUBS—CONTINUED.

**BURLINGTON BASE BALL CLUB.**  
ORGANIZED, 1866.

The following are the officers for 1862.—J. C. Davis, President; P. W. Dayfoot, Vice-President; J. J. Mason, Secretary; Geo. Black, Treasurer. Directors—D. McCraney, W. H. Reid, A. Ecclestone.

Club Grounds, Upper James street cor Robinson. Field days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Number of Members, 50.

**MAPLE LEAF BASE BALL CLUB—(LATE YOUNG CANADIAN.)**  
ORGANISED APRIL, 1864.

The following are the officers for 1862.—Wm. Shuttleworth, President; Chas. Waugh, Vice-President; David Davies, Secretary; Thomas Carroll, Treasurer. Field Directors—John Dicker, Samuel Coulter and Henry Woolly. Grounds, facing Central School, between Bond and Bowery streets.

HUTCHINSON'S  
HAMILTON DIRECTORY.  
1862-63.  
THE NAMES OF THE INHABITANTS  
OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON, IN CONNECTION WITH THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONS, TRADES, &c., &c. &c.  
AND AN APPENDIX OF SUCH EXPATRIATION.  
BY  
THOMAS HUTCHINSON.  
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### BALL PLAY.

**BASE BALL IN CANADA.**—London, C. W., Sept. 15, 1856.  
*Editor Clipper:* Within the past few months several Base Ball Clubs have been organized in this vicinity, and the first match game was played between the London and Delaware clubs, of this place, on Friday, the 12th inst. I herewith enclose a copy of the score made on that occasion, by which you will perceive that London was declared winner on the second innings without losing a man:

DELAWARE CLUB.		LONDON CLUB.	
Players.	1st Inn. 2d Inn.	Players.	1st Inn. 2d Inn.
Charboneau.....	7.....3	J. Egan.....	2.....1
S. Steinhoff.....	1.....0	A. May.....	2.....3
D. Steinhoff.....	0.....1	W. P. Brown.....	7.....1
Peacock.....	3.....1	G. Jackson.....	0.....3
P. A. Steinhoff.....	0.....0	J. Elliott.....	5.....1
McKay.....	2.....2	W. Wilkinson.....	1.....1
H. Rawlings.....	0.....0	D. Perrin.....	2.....1
J. Rawlings.....	3.....0	S. Coddington.....	2.....0
Uphigrove.....	0.....0	A. Manville.....	2.....0
Total.....	25	Total.....	23

Yours, &c., W. P. B.

BALTIC CLUB OF NEW YORK AND THE SENIOR CLUB OF

one can reasonably plead ignorance after its publication in the daily papers.

**BASE BALL.**—A game was played yesterday afternoon by the East and West end Clubs of this city. The following was the result:

WEST.	EAST.
14	11
23	9
24	7
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Majority.....	62

**EAST BRANT.**—The Grits appear to be in a great hurry to get rid of Mr. Grits.

**BASE BALL AT INGERSOLL, C. W.**—The Young Canadian club of Woodstock, and the Rough and Ready of Ingersoll, met at the last named place on the 18th ult., to carry on a friendly warfare with clubs and ball, at this decidedly popular game. The game played in Canada differs somewhat from the New York game, the ball being thrown instead of pitched, and an innings is not concluded until all are out, there are also eleven players on each side. At

the conclusion of the game, which was won by the Young Canadian club by 24 runs, they adjourned, on the invitation of the Ingersoll, to the Royal Exchange Hotel, and partook of an excellent collation there provided, when, after the usual interchanges of complimentary speeches, &c., they agreed to meet again at Woodstock to fight the battle o'er again on the 25th day of July. The play was as given in the annexed schedule:—

YOUNG CANADIAN.		ROUGH AND READY.	
NAME.	RUNS.	NAME.	RUNS.
Love, catcher.....	4	W. Elliott, 3d base.....	8
Dorman, 2d base.....	9	N. Elliott, thrower.....	7
Denman, right field.....	0	Grinvoway, short stop.....	18
J. McKay, 1st base.....	7	Hearn, catcher.....	8
Shuttleworth, short stop.....	12	Tallon, 1st base.....	2
M. Whinnie, back stop.....	16	J. Murdoch, 2d base.....	1
D. McKay 3d base.....	6	M. Murdoch, right field.....	0
Snarey, 4th base.....	7	W. Fowler, centre field.....	9
Clyde, thrower.....	18	Parkhurst, 4th base.....	4
Dash, centre field.....	2	J. Fowler, left field.....	3
Burgess, left field.....	3	Campbell, back stop.....	5
Total.....	88	Total.....	69

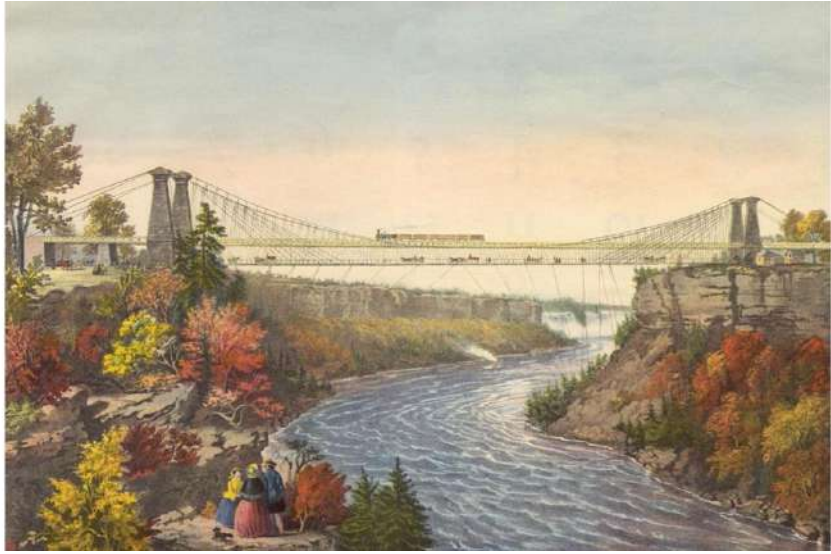
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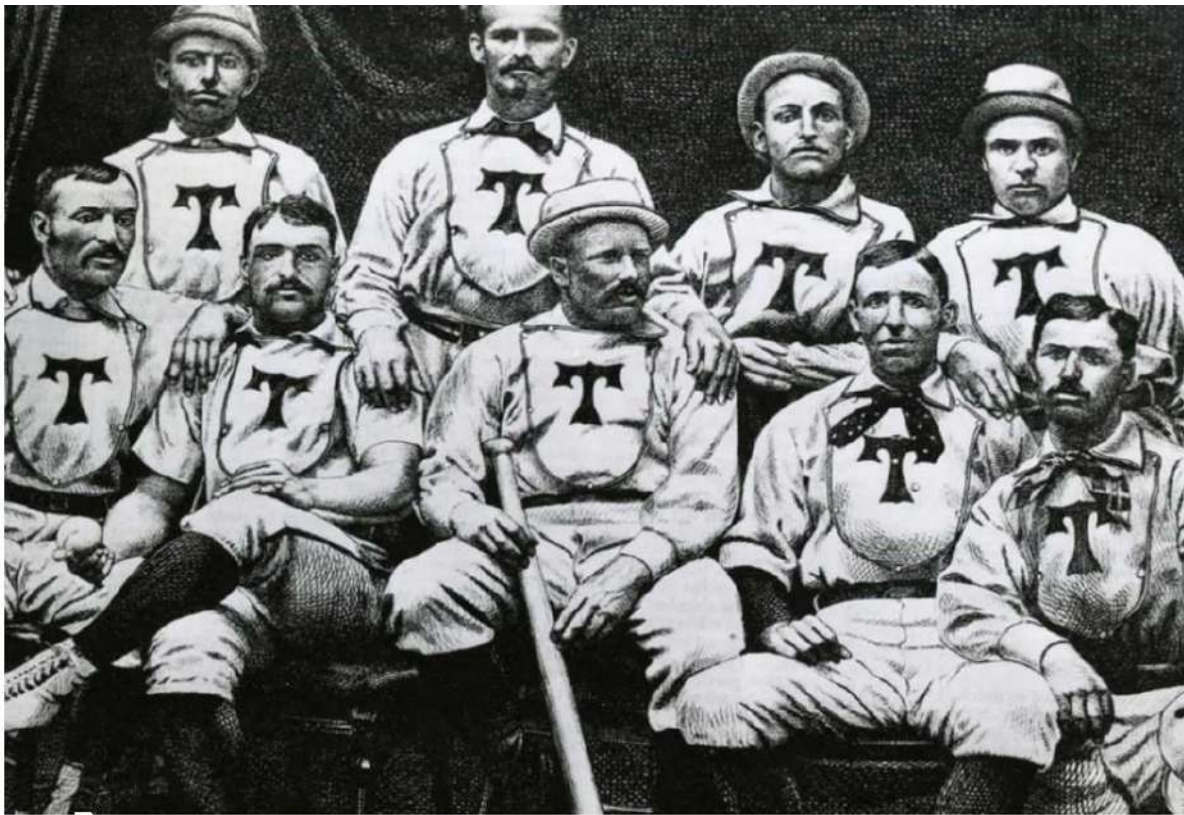
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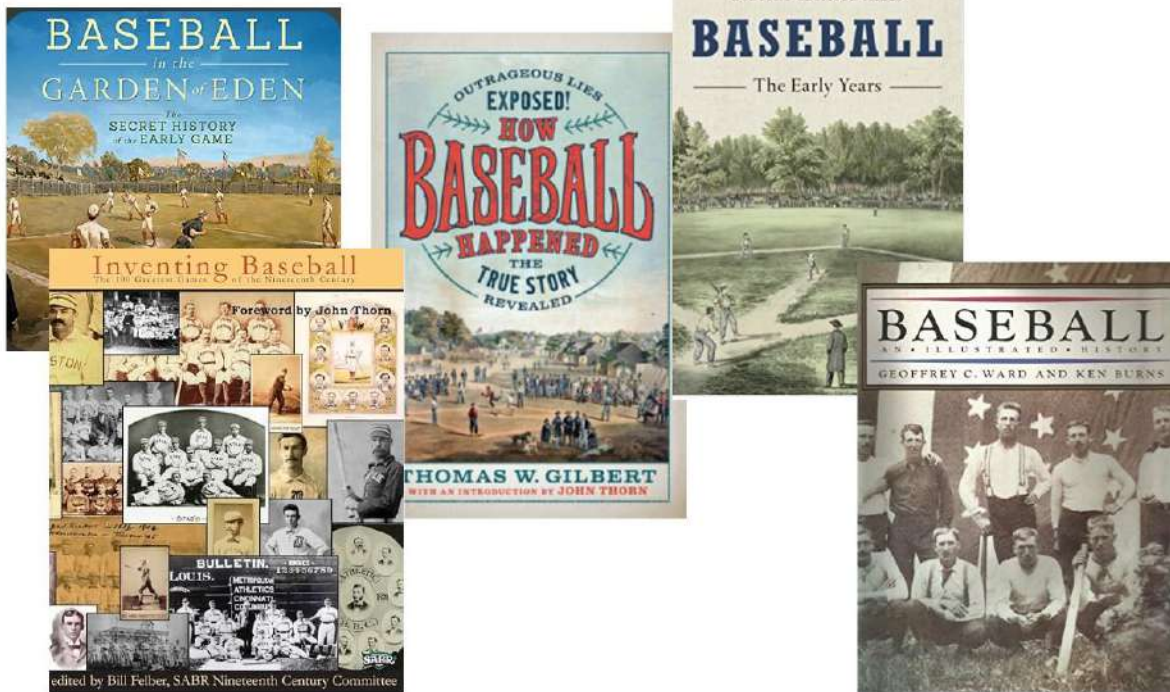
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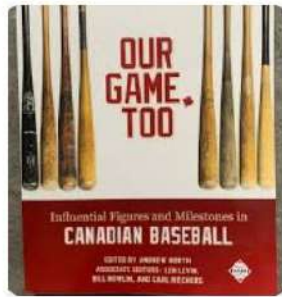


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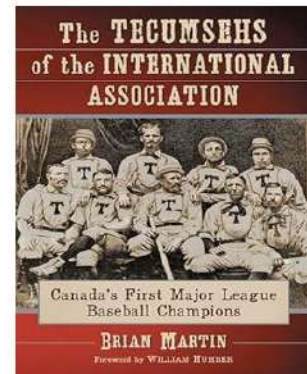
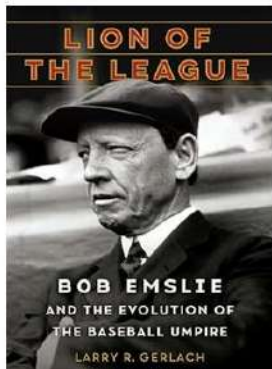
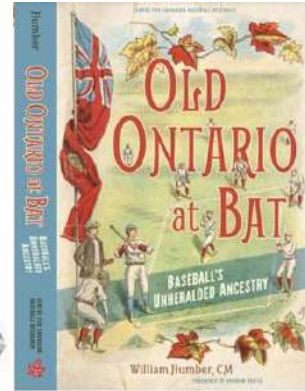


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William Humber  
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