BASE BALL NOTES.

Why the "Eckfords" Did Not Attend the London Tournament.

The following paragraph taken from this week's New York *Clipper* will be read with interest by many persons in this city and by the base ball fraternity throughout Ontario.—The Secretary of the Tournament Committee communicated with Mr. Queen, the editor of that journal, some time ago, and has only now received an answer. We imagine that those who were sceptical as to the Committee having had correspondence with the "Eckfords" anent the proposed match will have their minds disabused of such an erroneous impression upon perusing the following, which completely exonerates the Committee from blame in the matter :—

"The Eckfords had made up their minds, after their return from their western tour, to attend the base ball tournament announced to come off at London, Ontario, during the latter part of August. They had agreed to leave on the 26th and play on the 27th, but a telegraph from Mr. Shaw, one of the tournament committee, in reply to a letter from Judge Voorhies, of the Eckfords, of the 12th ult., about the terms, etc., did not reach the latter gentleman till the 25th, and then the trip had been abandoned. Mr. Voorhies informs us that he immediately replied to the dispatch, giving the reasons for not going. This explanation is made on behalf of the Eckfords to notify the tournament committee, who appear to feel aggrieved at the action of the champions."

Champion Match Yesterday Afternoon.

THE "MAPLE LEAF" WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the time of the holding of the grand base ball tournament here one month since, it was decided that the Championship of Canada should be played for during the Provincial Fair week, on account of the first-class clubs not being able to attend at the time, and this match was played here yesterday, in the presence of over fifteen hundred people. The Ingersoll and Woodstock clubs were communicated with regarding the matter, and declined to compete, so that the contest for the much-coveted honor lay between the "Tecumseh" club, of this city, and the "Maple Leaf," of Guelph. From the outset, the Guelphites were thought to be too much for the "red men," and consequently the latter's defeat was not unlooked for. The "Tecumseh" team was not the best we have seen chosen, and the players appeared to be too fatigued to make any kind of show. However, until the seventh innings, the game was close enough to be exciting, and, a change of pitcher at that innings on the part of the "Tecumseh," may be said to have settled the question. The fielding of Messrs. Goldie and McLean was all that could be desired, while the general play of the others was very good. Mr. W. Shuttleworth, of Hamilton, officiated as umpire, to the satisfaction of both clubs—a hard task to accomplish. The game was called on the eighth innings, the score showing as follows:—

TECUMSEH.	O	R	MAPLE LEAF.	O	R
J Jury, c	4	1	J Colson, 2b	1	6
A A Drake, p	2	4	H Steele, r f	3	5
R Southam, s s	3	3	J T Nichols, c	6	2
E Plummer, 1b	1	4	T Smith, s s	0	6
Jas Harris, 2b	3	1	W Sunley, p	4	4
T Phelan, 3b	2	2	J Goldie, l f	1	7
F C Shaw, l f	4	1	K McLean, c f	2	5
Wm Southam, c f	3	2	C Maddock, 2b	3	4
W Olmstead, r f	2	2	W Hewer, 3b	3	4
	24	20		24	43

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Tecumseh	2	1	2	0	2	4	2	7	—20
Maple Leaf	1	3	6	3	2	4	16	8	—43

Home Runs.—Maple Leaf—Goldie, 3; McLean, 1. Tecumseh—Jury, 1; Drake, 1.

Scorers—A. P. Crooks and J. H. Bell.

Correction.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

SIR,—In your statement of awards at the