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Box Lacrosse Urged for the North Land

New Liskeard Considering Adoption of This Form of Canada's National Game. Kapuskasing Adopted it.

Kapusksing and other towns of the North adopted "box lacrosse" in recent years, but for some reason or another the game has not achieved the popularity that many thought it might. Lacrosse itself did not get much popularity in the North. It is true that Timmins had a good lacrosse team some years ago and there was an equally good one at Schumacher and for a time it looked as if the game would achieve very great popularity in the camp and, perhaps, spread all over the North. It was certainly rousing great interest and games at Timmins and Schumacher attracted big crowds. Then as suddenly as the game started it dropped. It should be said that the dropping of lacrosse here had nothing whatever to do with the merits of the game, but was due to outside causes

altogether. As a matter of fact the real reason why the greater part of the supporters of the game dropped away so suddenly seemed to be due to the belief that the popularity of the game had been used to achieve other purposes than those of sport. It was claimed at the time that two of the men who had come to the camp and taken particular interest in the revival of lacrosse here were special agents for the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. Colour was given to this opinion by the fact that the chief of police at Timmins was a very ardent lacrosse fan at that time. The rumour as to the men being police agents gained considerable currency at the time and lacrosse enthusiasts did not like the idea in any way. The result seemed to be that interest in lacrosse flagged and the game was dropped. This seemed to be a great pity at the time and appears so still, for whether the men in question were police agents or not, and whether they were using lacrosse connections to secure convictions, all this had nothing at all to do with the game of lacrosse, nor did it effect lacrosse players in any way, devotees of the game having no reason to fear the law either in regard to liquor or anything else. The fact remains, however, that lacrosse was dropped, and since that time there has been little effort made here to revive it.

In the last couple of years, however, the game of "box lacrosse" has achieved much popularity in the South, and there has been effort made to establish it in the North. This effort apparently met with considerable success in Kapuskasing and other towns of the North. Plans were suggested last year for having box lacrosse taken up at a number of centres in the North and having an inter-town box lacrosse league something on the style of the Northern Ontario Football Association or the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. The latest town to suggest "box lacrosse" as a game to be adopted is the town of New Liskeard. In Timmins the difficulty is that there are so many different sports and sporting associations that it is hard to see how another could be organized. Hockey is the great winter sport here, with curling probably equalling it in attraction to people in general. In summer, football has been one of leading sports in recent years, though baseball has still a big appeal. Golf, of course, in its own circle holds the interest of increasing numbers of people, while other sports also have their ardent followers. Bowling has a big grip on a large number here during the winter season.

while basketball is also popular. The recent badminton tournament at Schumacher gave a surprising illustration of the popularity of this sport in this district. Tennis is another sport that has more followers than people generally realize. Timmins had a rugby football team here for a season or two but the interest was apparently not great enough to warrant its continuance. Of course, the growth of the popularity of softball has been very marked in Timmins in recent years, but there are many who believe that a revival of senior baseball in town would have notable effect on the softball interest, the opinion being that baseball would soon overshadow softball if senior ball once struck its stride again. In the matter of sports, however, the tastes of the people vary at different times and in different places and it is always difficult to foretell just what will happen in regard to any sport under any given circumstances. On account of this fact the success of any attempt to introduce "box lacrosse" would remain to be definitely determined. If a number of Northern towns all started box lacrosse at the one time there would be a good chance of it achieving a considerable measure of popularity. The more towns taking it up the more the chances for success in each. New Liskeard might set a fashion in the North by adopting box lacrosse. The result would remain to be seen later. In discussing the question last week The New Liskeard Speaker said:—

"Under the guise of 'box lacrosse' Canada's great national game is again coming into its own, and already scores of Ontario towns are reviving a game which used to flourish in hundreds of places in pre-war days. There was a time when the O.L.A. was a rival of the O.H.A. so far as membership was concerned, the one sport being the summer sport for the boys as the other is now the winter attraction. However, the war drained many of Ontario's lacrosse centres of practically all available lacrosse players, some towns sending over almost their entire club membership, the result being that the younger boys became interested in other affairs.

"During the past few years some of the 'old-timers' have been very active in their efforts to revive the grand old game, and in this they appear to have been meeting with considerable success. Some genius thought out an abbreviated form of lacrosse, in which seven men compete on each team, as compared with the twelve formerly used in lacrosse. The playing field was

considerably restricted to make it possible to play in the ordinary hockey rink space, and, as the games could be played under flood lights, it has 'gone over big.' Professional hockey players many of whom were formerly star lacrosse players, have done much to make the new game a popular one, so that now the boys are turning their attention almost exclusively to box lacrosse. "Many towns in Northern Ontario have joined issue with the Old Ontario towns and in but a year or two it would appear that lacrosse will be played in all parts of the province. As a companion game to hockey, and one well calculated to keep the young athlete in condition, lacrosse is without an equal.

Many Odd Lines in Products of Forests

Caskets, Whaleboats, Excelsior, Baseball Bats, Butter Boxes, Spinning Wheels, Some of the Things Made from Canadian Wood.

A bulletin giving the annual survey of wood-using in Canada has just been issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. And is it interesting? And how! All you have to do is to go through the report and pick out the facts of interest. Sometimes they are on the surface, and other times they have to be dug out. It seems that Canadian forests provide the raw material for at least 225 products as well as having a greater or less part in a host of other products. The products for which the Canadian forest supply the material basis range all the way from caskets to excelsior, bird houses to butter boxes, hat blocks to wooden heels. Whaleboats, wood wool, spinning wheels, target ducks, candle pins, candy sticks, bobbins and bungs are a few of the odder in the list. The census of industry, directed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, has just issued its annual survey of wood-using in Canada.

The Canadian boy buys 10 hockey sticks for every baseball bat, according to the official book, but perhaps he finds it easier to cut the latter from a hickory sapling. Nearly 700,000 hockey sticks were manufactured last year, and only 80,000 baseball bats.

The ski was only introduced to Canada a generation or so ago, but this Norwegian foot-sleigh already has the toboggan on 'the slide. There were 25,000 pairs of skis made in Canadian shops and factories, and only 17,000 toboggans.

Thousands of Ten Pins
It took 50,000 tennis rackets to meet the market. Dr. Coats' staff didn't count the golf clubs and shafts, but the value of them ran to \$165,000. Ten pins, strangely enough, were more in demand than five pins. Twenty-seven thousand sets of the former and only 7,000 of the latter, were made.

Croquet sets are still made, but they run a very bad list. Only 247 of them were made in the year reviewed.

Possibly you can't blame the curlers, but the fact is that nearly 7,000,000 broom-handles were turned out last year. That gives every home in Canada three apiece and still leaves a few hundred thousand for the roarin' game.

The list doesn't say anything about wooden heads, but wooden heels were an important item. Over three million pairs of them were ground out in one year.

A Million Apple Barrels
Canadians use more cigar boxes than butter boxes, the figures seem to show. Or perhaps the butter boxes last longer. A million and a half cigar boxes were made and only 1,400,000 butter boxes. Cheese boxes ran to 2,500,000 and berry boxes to the number of 18,000,000 (count them!) No less than a million apple barrels were needed—five times as many as the whisky and beer barrels required.

When the wooden building was replaced by the steel and cement building, the wooden ship gave way to the steel ship, and the wooden carriage was replaced by the steel automobile. Some people professed to foresee the decline of wood-using industries. As a matter of fact, the result was just the opposite, according to this report.

There is today more wood used in building construction than was used in the past in the erection of buildings made almost entirely of wood," it says. "Similarly with ship building. The use of steel in place of wood in the hulls and other parts of a modern vessel has made it possible to build more and larger ships, and more wood is used annually in the interior fitting of steel vessels of today than was used in building wooden ships in the past.

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This is the time of year when people should be thinking about beautifying their home surroundings and thus incidentally improving the appearance of the town. Just at the present moment the town looks its worst. Backyards at this time of year, and even some front yards do not look very well at this time of year. But later on Timmins will again be a town of lawns and gardens and flowers. It is to be hoped that this year will even exceed past years in this respect. There is no expenditure that gives such notable returns in appearance and satisfaction as the very small outlay necessary for improved home surroundings. Lawns and gardens not only give joy to the owners but they are also a source of pleasure to the public in general.

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When one desires a real home, planting of the grounds is not a minor consideration but one which deserves the best thought and careful attention. In planning of the home grounds, flowers should play an important part. By judicious planting of suitable annual flowers an unpretentious dwelling may be made into a beautiful home.

Thorough preparation of the soil before planting is highly desirable both because of the greater ease in planting and the better development of the plants. Where new borders or beds are to be made or vacant areas to be filled, it is usually better to have these areas spaded in the fall as this facilitates the preparation of a fine seed bed and early planting, both of which are important for best results. Fertilizing or corrective materials should be applied if needed to put the soil in good physical condition or to give proper fertility.

The smaller seeds require a very light covering, and even the larger ones not more than one inch of fine soil. The distance apart varies with the type of plant, the tall branching sorts naturally requiring more space than those of the dwarf or compact type. When the seedlings are a few inches high they should be thinned out, so that the plants will have ample space for proper development.

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario, it has been found there are quite a number of annual flowers which are hardy, easily grown, and do particularly well in this climate. Among the best of those tried for direct outdoor planting are: Alyssum, Calendula, Candytuft, Clarkia, Eschscholtzia, Larkspur, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Portulaca, Poppy, Sweet Sultan, Tagetes, Virginian Stock and Sweet Peas.

In addition to the above there are others which are usually sown during the latter part of April in the greenhouse and then transferred to flats when the true leaves appear. After a gradual hardening off until about the end of June they are transplanted to the borders or clumps. At this time the danger of late frosts is over and the plants grow and give excellent bloom until late autumn. The following have been grown for a number of years and have given good results: Antirrhinum, Aster, Balsam, Cosmos, Chrysanthemum, Dimorphotheca, Helichrysum, Marigold, Nemesis, Phlox Drummondii, Ten Week Stock, Verbena, Zinnia.

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