



The Champlain Road Was Indian Highway

Most of Ontario's main highways are but the Indian water routes of yesterday. Of such historic routes the one that is most closely linked with the past is that known as The Champlain Road, one of the earliest and one of the most travelled of them all. And its association with the days of the Indians and the explorers is in the fact that, for part of its course, it can be travelled only as it was 200 years ago—in a canoe.

It was in 1615 that Samuel de Champlain, father of New France, in search of an outlet to the west, sailed a trail up the Ottawa River to Mattawa, across Lake Nipissing and down the French River to the shore of Georgian Bay and on to the land of Huronia where he was to establish a western outpost of New France.

The romance of the Champlain Road was not dimmed with the years. It is still existent along the highway that now parallels the western Ottawa—in Ottawa, in the towns that grew along the river in the days when the lumbermen held sway, in the quiet forest and along its upper reaches, in North Bay. It is abundant after each early morning mist and the famed fishing waters of Lake Nipissing, the French River and Georgian Bay are rediscovered by the explorer of today.

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Bell and Weston had played together for four years in the minors, being nurtured carefully for their big league debut.

Weston made the team easily; the Hawks had not started Bell yet in a league contest. A wild Irishman named Pat O'Toole clung to the shortstop position.

Starting the next inning of the intra-club game, the Irishman went to short and it was Bell's turn to bat. He hit the first pitch solidly into right field. The next man up got a piece of the ball. A slow roller! a double play ball. Bell left first with the crack of the bat. O'Toole, covering second, leaped to take the high throw as Bell bore down.

The ball crashed into O'Toole's temple and splintered in the afternoon sun when the dust subsided. Selkirk was still sitting there, his head wrapped around the top-sail!

The Irishman didn't move. He lay inert. Teammates carried O'Toole from the field and later an ambulance took him to the hospital. The trainer said he was concussed and a severed artery in the leg.

Joe Amble, brawny catcher strode up to Bell.

"You miserable rat! You spiked him on purpose!" he rasped.

"You're crazy. Why would I do that?"

"To get into the game, of course."

The Hawks, on a road trip, took series from Braves, Dodgers and Giants. Now they were back at home facing the mighty Cards.

In a tight ball game the score was tied, starting the last half of the ninth. Bell's thoughts were jumbled as he sat on the bench awaiting his turn to bat. His mates hadn't spoken to him since the spiking, and with the continued silence a little knot grew in his stomach.

Weston led on the last half of the ninth with a clean single and Amble sacrificed, pushing the tying run to second. Bell started toward the plate.

"Where do you think you're going?" Selkirk signalled him to the bench.

"Please, lemme take my cut," he pleaded.

Selkirk ignored him.

"Aw, let the kid hit." The voice came from the door at the back of the dugout. O'Toole was standing there, his head swathed in bandages.

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Mountain Burning For 10,000 Years

On a mountain some 200 miles northwest from Sydney, Australia, a fire which started about 10,000 years ago is still burning and is likely to keep on burning for many years.

On maps, the locality is Mount Wingen, but the local folk generally refer to it as the "Burning Mountain."

To industrialists this seemingly endless smouldering is a pathetic waste of fuel, for the fact which feeds it is coal.

The fire burns on a front about a chain in width, and moves at the rate of three or four feet a year. Through numerous vents and crevices in the mountain side, great volumes of smoke and intense heat emerge.

The earth around it is too hot to handle, yellow sulphur clings to the walls of the vents, and all around the stones have been burnt a dead whiteness.

Less than four out of ten Canadian homes are equipped with central heating systems.

By Roland Cole



Feeding Time—"Spot," a pointer, is a great help in bringing up a 10-week-old mother's milk. She holds the bottle for the little orphan.

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Civilian Casualties

France lost 620,000 of her citizens in the late war against Germany, according to the latest figures issued. The largest number of these, 150,000, were deportees who died in Hitler's labor and concentration camps, while another 210,000 were other civilians who died violently due to his machinations. Less than half the total death roll, therefore, belongs to the armed forces—Ottawa, Canada.

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