

THE YEARLY STORY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S FROM MONTREAL SIDE VICTORIOUS

Canadian Team Billed to Leave the Eastern League.

A dispatch from Detroit says: That the circuit of the Eastern League for the season of 1905 will not include Montreal, and that the team which played in the Canadian town last year will probably be transferred to Richmond, Virginia, is the prediction made by Edward G. Barrow, who last season managed the Montreal team.

Barrow bases his prediction on several interviews which he had with President Kreitner, of the Montreal Club, and has it from the manager himself that he does not care to attempt fortune in the Canadian city.

Says Barrow: "Last year the Montreal team lost well over \$10,000. Baseball has never been a success in Montreal. The last season was the most disastrous there that the game has ever known. Had Mr. Kreitner decided to stay in Montreal I would have been a failure. He has announced that he will shift the franchise probably to Richmond, Va., and that to the sign of the Indians. Kreitner will hold most of his players and will have nearly intact an aggregation that finished well in the division. I know Richmond well, have managed a team there myself, and believe that Kreitner will make a success of it there. Certainly he will do better than he could hope for in Montreal."

INDOOR BASEBALL.

ST. JOHN'S LOST.
On Wednesday evening the St. John's A. C. indoor baseball team were defeated at Sarnia by the Maple Leafs by a score of 24 to 4.

WATERLOOS HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF MATERIAL FOR THIS SEASON

Plenty of Players for Both Their Senior and Junior Hockey Teams.

Of the few really good teams in London that have decided to advance themselves a step higher, is the Waterloo. This team has one of the best records for a young lot of fellows in the country, and has won the right to step into senior hockey. Twice they have won the Junior City League championship, and it looks as if their junior team would land the championship this year. There is no dearth of players available for both the junior and senior Waterloos, among them some of the best material in the city is to be found. The boys seem to take an active interest in their training, and when the first game comes off they will be seen in the pink of condition. Hockey practices are held regularly twice a week, and the boys settle down to the work in marvelous style. They are not only fast as before, but they are also more ginger in their practice (which is really far harder than playing), and at the end are to be seen in the pink of condition. When not engaged in practice they are to be seen at their club-rooms going through every form of athletic exercise. Some go for a long run, others box or punch the bag, all of which are calculated to put them in shape. Among the players who are turning out with the Waterloos are the following: The Marshalls, Towse, Nicholls, Spence, Kennedy, Fleming, Alexander, Hammond, Stockton, Wilson, Ward, Shutt, Armstrong, McLennan, Woods, Fraser, Orr, Brock, Walker, Dewar and others. It is understood the Waterloos are going to Detroit New Year's Day to play the new Detroit team, and they can certainly be relied on to give a good account of themselves.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock last night the London Hockey Club had a practice at the Princess rink. Two full teams were on the ice and they were lined up against each other, and a game was started. Of course, the object was not to score goals, but to get in combination work. Canfield, McMahon and McLellan made a splendid showing on the forward line, and Fleming, McCullum, Pinegan, Macdonald and a number of others did excellent work. Several other new players in whom the club places much confidence will be out at the next practice on Tuesday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock. Frank Reid was also on the ice last night, and coached the team. The London team will undoubtedly have a team that will make a creditable showing.

Toronto Star: Harry Peel is getting a lot of notoriety since annual meeting of the O. H. A., and as a London paper says, he would be a good drawing card as a referee. Some of the teams that are in the hole from last season should arrange a match and adopt this as an advertising board. The London flatterer to London to think that a player from that city is being so widely talked of.

An amateur is one who plays for pleasure only; he can play with whom he pleases so long as he plays for pleasure alone, says Mr. Franks. But, however, in Ontario, he may play with or against a team which is being paid, or playing for gate money; he may play with professionals or against them. There is no reason why an amateur should not play in any company he pleases so long as he enjoys it, provided he plays only for the reason. The professional is one who engages in athletics for a livelihood. This, however, would not make a professional baseball player a professional tennis player. It is only when the professional turns the pleasure of the game that he is objectionable. This is not the distinction perceived by our makers of rules, who have been so absorbed in the money, summer, baseball and summer board question, that they failed to notice how rapidly they were creating in the amateur world all the unpleasant characteristics of the professional, the most notable of which is quarrelsomeness, and making a business of it. All this is a bad thing, and athletic intercourse need only the common rule that an amateur is one who has received no compensation for his athletic skill; that those who have received such compensation are professionals; and that professionals are barred.

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Downed the President's Men in First Inter-Club Thistle Series by Few Points.

Last night at the splendid Thistle Club rink an inter-club match was played between sides captained by the president and vice-president. There were eight rinks in the contest, and among the players a number of new faces were to be seen.

The games were very close, and had the result been dependent on rinks, and not points, the match would have been a tie. As it was, while two of the president's rinks were victorious, the two which won for the vice-president obtained slightly larger margins. The majority of the vice-president's side was four points.

On Monday night next another club match will be played between the sides of the club and all other nationalities. The scores of last night's match were as follows:

President—	Vice-President—
W. K. Clarke, 11	J. Houston, 20
C. H. Tume, 11	H. C. McBride, 20
S. D. Swift, 11	J. Burnett, 20
W. Fulton, 11	M. E. Holden, 20
H. Ranahan, 11	C. H. Fifth, 20
A. E. Barbour, 11	W. M. Goodwin, 20
H. Finchamp, 11	G. Andrus, 20
W. J. Mattson, 11	J. Mattson, 20
skip, 11	skip, 20
A. Fraser, 11	W. W. Thomson, 20
R. D. McDonald, 11	A. McLean, 20
A. Tomy, 11	W. McIntosh, 20
A. Talbot, 11	C. E. Sterling, 20
skip, 11	skip, 20
J. E. McNeer, 11	L. J. Walker, 20
D. Wiley, 11	Dr. Scott, 20
R. W. Glover, 11	W. Bartlett, 20
John Purdom, 11	C. Graham, 20
president, skip, 8	vice-pres., sk., 14
Total, 48	Total, 52

THE TRADE REVIEW

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At Toronto wholesale trade has been fairly brisk. Holiday goods have sold well and business generally is in good condition. Seasonable weather has livened the demand for winter goods, and good sleighing in the northern part of Ontario has considerably helped in the movement of retail stocks. Throughout the Province generally retailers are busy, the holiday trade being brisk. Values of goods in general produce continue to hold up fairly well. Farmers are now marketing their Christmas cattle, which are coming forward in large numbers. Collections of good prices. Collections and remittances fair to good.

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WANT LOU TO RACE TOWNS.
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HEARD'S ISLANDS.

About 3,000 miles to the southeastward of the Cape of Good Hope.

Giants in size, many of the males are from sixteen to twenty feet long. They live on devilfish and seaweed. On the windward shore of Heard's Island, a no-man's land where the protecting arm of no international treaty reaches, "Long Beach," which is at seasons covered with the elephants. No boat can land on this shore, but relentless man, by crossing two glaciers, reaches his prey. The beasts are slaughtered with rifles, or killed with knives or clubs.

Two or three old males, "beach masters," hold a beach for themselves, which they stock with cows, allowing no other males to "haul up." The "beach masters" and the "bachelors," only live in a no-man's land, themselves until strong and fierce enough, one by one, to conquer their masters, fight desperately. A male will seize a bachelor in his tusks and throw him over, lifting him in the air. The new-born seals are almost black, unlike the adults, which are a light slate brown.

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