

Events of Interest to Most of Us



This picture of the baseball grounds at Regina proves that the people there are interested in the game and also that they have got plenty of money to spend on amusements.

Baseball in the West

WESTERN CANADA seems to be standing by professional baseball better than any other part of the continent. Any loose change that is not going into the oil stocks goes to the baseball receipt box. There are two leagues doing business. The Northern League is international, and comprises the cities of Winnipeg, Fargo, Duluth, Virginia, Grand Forks, Winona, Superior, Fort William. The teams representing these towns rank in the order named, Winnipeg leading with an average of .623 for sixty-one games played. The other league comprises Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Regina, and Edmonton. The accompanying picture shows that Regina is being well supported by the people of that city. Regina seems to have suffered less than some of the other cities in the recent depression which the West has shared with the East.

There is also the Northwestern League, which comprises Vancouver, Victoria, Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, and Seattle. This can hardly be called a Canadian league, as there are only two Canadian cities in it. The breakdown in professional lacrosse in British Columbia may increase the number of Canadian baseball teams on the Coast.

Cable-Laying Made Easy

A FEW years ago the laying of a sub-marine cable was considered quite an undertaking. When the Anglo-American Telegraph Company placed a cable across the Strait of Northumberland, from New Brunswick, some sixty years ago, a steamer was sent out from England specially to do the work, and the task was only accomplished with great difficulty. The length of the cable was nine miles.

The other day the steamer Tyrian, belonging to the Dominion Government, laid a cable from Caribou, on the Nova Scotia coast, to Wood Island, on the



Few people look upon Alberta as a fishing country, but this sturgeon was caught in the Bow River, near Bassano. It weighed 125 pounds.

shores of Prince Edward Island, and the time consumed in the operation was three hours and ten minutes. This cable was twelve miles and a half in length and is for telephone communication entirely. The first message was sent to Premier Mathieson, of Prince Edward Island, by Premier Borden, from Halifax. The laying of this cable, it is anticipated, will prove valuable to the islanders, and a great convenience to the mercantile interests of Nova Scotia. The cost of the cable was \$40,000.

A Bassano Fish Story

ONE of the most ambitious fish stories of the season has come to us from Bassano, Alberta, and has the advantage of being backed up by an actual photograph of the catch. This was ingenious of our contributor, as now-a-days no one believes a fish story without what an old fisherman was once heard to describe as "substantial evidence."

The fish in the accompanying photograph is a sturgeon weighing one hundred and twenty-five pounds, and measuring six feet in length. It was captured in the Bow River in a pool just below the huge dam, which last month was officially opened by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. The little prairie town of Bassano is eighty miles east of Calgary.

Serves Them Right

WRITING of bad banking in Illinois, the editor of "Saturday Evening Post" says:

"In the last twenty years confiding people in Chicago alone have been swindled out of immense sums."

Why not? Any confiding person foolish enough to be alone in Chicago ought to be swindled.

But why single out Chicago? Why not include Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Pittsburg, San Francisco, and all other cities in the United States?



These two photographs illustrate the fairly easy task of laying a cable from Caribou, Nova Scotia, to a point near Charlottetown, P.E.I. It will be used entirely for telephone communication, and the first conversation over it was between Premier Borden and Premier Mathieson.