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Western Canada Baseball League

Medicine Hat to be in Big Circuit of All the West

Big League Almost Assured for this Summer

It is now almost certain that this summer there will be professional baseball in Canada again. The Times has been steadily working towards this end, and six months ago proposed the league which is now in formation. Ex-Mayor Cousins, on his way to Toronto the other day, stopped off in Winnipeg and met President [illegible] of the Northern League [illegible] Secretary of the [illegible] as well as [illegible] and [illegible] Canada League was [illegible] Cousins had carried with him the [illegible] backing of a number of influential local [illegible] and could assure Winnipeg of Medicine Hat's position in the new league.

All those who attended the conference were in favor of the league suggested by The Times. The teams which will play [illegible] Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton. The [illegible] will be the best from Manitoba, eastern and western divisions. [illegible] pointed out at that time in the Times and now repeated by President [illegible], the distances in the new league will be no greater than those of the old Copper Country league in which Winnipeg played for several years.

The only cities whose organization would be doubtful now are Moose Jaw and Regina, but as those two cities are amateur leagues for some time, there is every reason to believe that they will have no difficulty in getting teams. [illegible] Edmonton [illegible] visit [illegible] the league.

In Medicine Hat, at any rate, there will be no difficulty in creating enthusiasm in the game. The professional league of two years ago drew good crowds here in spite of the financial depression; and as long as the amateurs last year put up good ball the attendance was satisfactory.

Everybody wants professional ball for Joe, and with such active local workers as are here the prospects are bright for a great summer of ball.

Hurrah for professional ball this year.

Owing to the accident the main line was blocked for sixteen hours.

The casualties were:

Killed—Charles Tandy, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Injured—L. T. Jackson, Calgary; G. W. Walker, Seattle; W. J. Rigg, Winnipeg and W. R. Donovan, the porter of the car. All the injured escaped with slight bruises.

Salt Lake is 36 miles west of Swift Current, at which it is due at 17.20, and Maple Creek, where it is due at 20.30.

Miss Dewar of Pembroke, Ont., is also reported injured.

Railway Commission Here.

The railway commissioners have set a date for sitting in this city. It will be February 10th and 11th. There are a few matters to be decided between the city and C.P.R. on which a ruling is desired by both parties.

R. T. of T. Concert

Choice Programme and Debate

The Royal Templars of Temperance gave an entertainment of a very interesting character in the trainmen's hall on Monday, the 28th ult. The main feature of which was a debate on the subject, "Total Abstinence versus Moderate Drinking." At the outset two chairmen were appointed, one for either side. Mr. Benson acting in behalf of the Abstainers and J. Jonah Williams for the Moderate Drinkers. Mr. Snowden then led off for the latter side, vigorously attacking the attitude of the teetotalers, whom he decribed as a band of fanatics, vainly attempting to suppress a custom which dated back to the earliest days of man. Their proposals were antagonistic to human nature and the process of reasoning by which they arrived at their conclusions utterly illogical. A well mixht they attempt to eradicate the ancient and honorable custom of marriage, because some marriages were disastrous, at to suppress drinking because, forsooth, some people drank to excess. To be consistent, teetolers should, in point of fact, abstain from marriage. Drinking was associated with all the greatest and happiest events in life—with the celebration of birthdays, of weddings. It would be a sad day for the world when alcohol the parent of human enjoyment, should be banished from our hearths and homes. The speaker concluded with a poem in glorification of beer.

Leading off for the teetolers, Mr Bellamy expressed regret that his opponent had advanced no arguments for his side, for it was far easier to deal with arguments than with ridicule. Drinking had been described as an ancient and time-honored custom. Its antiquity non could question, but it was not necessarily honorable on that account. Drink was responsible for the origin of slavery in the ancient world, and poverty and misery had ever followed in its train. Alcohol injured the body and endangered the soul; it brought only a passing excitement to the drinker, and the pleasure derived therefrom was not to be compared with the lasting reward of a good conscience.

Mr Frost opposed the abstinence movement on the ground that the teetotalers took up an extreme position. Temperance consisted in "moderation in all things—eating, drinking, labor, recreation, reading. Some men were gluttons or indulged to excess in physical exercise yet it would be foolish to organise societies for the suppression of eating or athletics. The moderate drinkers were the only true temperance people. Between the burning mountain of drunkenness on the one hand and the frozen regions of teetotalism on the other, they chose the plain path, recognising the he alone lived a noble life who was prepared to face danger and manfully overcome.

Mr Arm then took up the cudgels in favor of total abstinence, expositing the virtues of the previous speaker. His opponent had failed to realize that there were two distinct classes of everything—of food, good and bad; of labor socially harmful. Teetotalers did not propose to give up drinking. But they did propose to give up drinking. But they did propose, without reservation, unwholesome food, unwholesome recreation (such as certain demoralising theatrical entertainments), and unwholesome drink.

Several passages in the address were given by Mr. Fowler in support of his contention that wine drinking was not only sanctioned but commended in Holy Writ. As against these Mr. Neff gave quotations equally emphatic in condemnation of strong drink; he took the view, moreover, that whenever wine received commendation in God's Word, the unfermented juice of the grape was referred to.

The Rev. Mr. McLaren, who was next called upon in a few brief remarks commended the noble cause in which the Templars are engaged for the uplift of the race.

The choice concert programme provided by members of the lodge was [illegible] appreciated. Mr. Sansom gave a [illegible] solo in his usual excellent style. Mr. Jasper Fowler, in his solo, "The Sailor", received a hearty encore. Great appreciation was also shown of the piano solo by Miss Schram, recitation by Miss Alma Worthy, [illegible] Trotter and the duet "[illegible] I'll Use," by Misses Gladys [illegible] and Amber Fowler. Miss [illegible] McLaren won the hearts of the audience by her excellent little recitation, "I would not be a boy", which was [illegible] the greatest successes of the evening. Miss Worthy's services as accompanist were highly appreciated. Mr T. Evans acted as chairman of the entertainment.

Y. M. C. RACES

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN

GOOD WORK DONE BY CONTESTANTS

The Y. M. C. races on New Year's morning aroused great interest in the city, and a large crowd gathered in the neighbourhood of the club and on Toronto and Main streets to witness the local Marathon and the ladies' and boys' races. The morning was not at all too cold for the events.

The first was the men's race and in it there were eight "starters," to wit, G. Weber, J. Todd, T. Barefoot, Geo. Brotherton, E. Muir, H. B. Lloyd, R. K. Colter and T. Rodd. At the end of the first mile the order of the competitors was, Rebeck, Todd, Barefoot, and these positions were maintained practically throughout the race. The time made by Reber, the winner, was 20 minutes for a distance of a little 400 yds, or an average of a mile in 5 minutes.

More unique, and also the most exciting of the morning's events was undoubtedly the ladies' walking race. Rumour had it that certain of the men who had been privileged to act as pacers to the fair contestants-in-training had proved utterly unequal to their task; stories were told of panting, breathless men who had been compelled to at last to break into a trot by the side of their more athletic pupils. And subsequent events gave credance to the rumour. There were nine starters in the race: Miss M. Nicholson, M. Ireland, H. Warren, M. Kennedy, J. Carle, N. Kenney, R. Patterson, M. E. Doty. Miss Nicholson assumed the lead at the start and maintained it to the end. Miss Jessie Carle and Miss Minnie Kennedy were second and third respectively over the whole course. Miss Nicholson showed splendid training and she was the most suitably dressed of the competitors. She came in a minute and ten seconds ahead of her nearest rival. Her time was 38 minutes; Miss Carle's was 39 mins. 10 seconds, Miss Kennedy's 39 mins. 15 seconds.

Eight competitors lined up for the boys' race (16 and under). They were, Leslie Morris, [illegible] Brotherton, D. McCarter, G. Trimble, M. McLeod. The winners were, 1st Earle Morris, 2nd W. Brotherton, 3rd G. Trimble. Distance, 1¼ miles.

The prizes will be presented to the successful athletes at a social evening to be held on Friday the 15th inst.

Prize List

Ladies' walking race—1st prize, locket and chain, given by Mrs. E. Stoddart; 2nd prize, 1dozen photos, given by Milne's Portrait Studio; 3rd prize, leather hand bag, given by Mr R. Morrow.

Men's road race—1st prize, silver cup donated by club; 2nd prize, solid gold signet ring engraved with initials engraved, given by Mr A. M. Wright.

Boys' race—1st prize, pair of hockey boots.

The New Council

Mayor Milne Will Make Good

Some Great Changes Being Made

So unusually large was the amount of business transacted at last night's meeting of the council, the first under Mayor Milne's regime, that The Times is unable to do justice to it in giving a detailed report of the proceedings. The Mayor's opening address set the ball a rolling and changes moved quickly during the whole evening. Next week the mayor's address will be given verbatim, and in the issue a few of the radical steps outlined for the placing of the city's business on a basis of efficiency, are summarized.

Question of city hall staff. In accordance with Mayor's recommendation overlaw, the appointment of city treasurer and clerk will be rescinded and, the two offices amalgamated.

Motion by which three offices were created by previous councils will be rescinded at the next meeting. These are superintendent of works, Meter Clerk, and City Teamster.

Committees nominated by Mayor and adopted, are as follows, the names of chairman being given first in each case.

Gas—Alds. Morrow, Spencer, Penhale.

Water—Alds. Huckvale, Howson, Robertson.

Finance—Alds. Spencer, Howson, Penhale.

Public Works—Alds. Howson, McKay, Collier.

Fire, Water and Light—Alds. Robertson, Collier, Morrow.

Licence and Police—Alds. Collier, Morrow, McKay.

Health and Relief—Alds. McKay, Huckvale, Robertson.

Parks and Markets—Alds. Penhale, Huckvale, Spencer.

Board of Health is as follows—Mayor, City Engineer, Dr Boyd, with Messrs Dean, Fair, and Rev. J. W. Morrow, as advisory board.

Weddings

HAY—RAY.

The marriage of Miss Mary B. Ray, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ray, Esplanade St., to Mr. William E. Hay, Principal of the Provincial Model School, Calgary, took place last Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. The bride, who was unattended looked very winsome in a cream silk over taffeta and wearing cream roses. Rev. A. McLaren of Knox church performed the ceremony. The wedding was a very quiet one, only relatives and a few friends being present. Mrs. McDonald and daughter Miss Bella McDonald of Regina were the only out-of town guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay left for Calgary. The bride wearing suit and hat of light grey.

The lowest temperature registered last night at the meteorological station was —34 degrees. The highest today is 21 degrees to going ty press. A warm wave is on its way across the continent, the barometer is falling and the next few days will be mild.

Longboat Again Beat Durando

In the Marathon race at Los Angeles last day night Longboat again demonstrated that he is the best runner in the world at the distance. Durando tried repeatedly up to the 19th mile to get away from the Indian, but Tom simply laughed at him and followed him up. The effort had been so trying to Durando that he dropped out at the end of the 19th mile and Longboat walked in alone.

New Year's Eve.

The usual whistling of engines ushered in the New Year and the greater part of the city was [illegible] in prayer for it.

St. Barnabas [illegible] night service [illegible] the Rev. Mr. Clark.

St. John's church held a Scotch supper and concert at which the viands were Scotch, prepared by Scotch women served in a Scotch way. The tables were in charge of Mrs. Jas. Wilson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. T. McKay. Although seating 120 people the tables were filled three times before the crowd was accommodated.

The Programme was:—

Chairman's address - J. W. Morrow
Instrumental solo - Mrs. Jas. Wilson
Song - Mr. Milne
Club swinging Miss Turnbull
Song - Miss M. Taylor
Violin solo - Mr. Sansom
Speech, "Scotch Characteristics" - Mr. Hopper
Piano Solo - Miss Cousins
Recitation, "Majuba Hill" - Mr. Kingaird
Speech, "Successful Scots" - Mr. Jas Wilson
Song - Mr. John T. Hall
Piano duet Misses Edith and Annie Wilson
Speech, "Thistle, Rose and Shamrock" Mr. Henry Stewart
Song - Mr. Chas Robb
Song - Mr. Calder
Reading - Mr. John T. Hall
Mandolin Solo - Mrs. Reed
Piano Duet Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson
Song - Mrs. Morrison
Song - Mr. J. Bell
Piano Solo - Miss Porter
Song - Mr. Cleveland
Song - Mr. Scarborough
Speech, "King & Empire" - Mr. Henderson
Auld Lang Syne.

There will be service next Sunday in Bowell and the following Sunday at Seven Persons, weather permitting.

Mr A. E. Berry, brother of Mrs L. Solano, left on Sunday for his home in Cypress River, Man.

Mr. W. N. Adam has received notice from Edmonton that the court vacation will be extended to the 8th.

Mr. S. E. Middleton spent New Year in Moose Jaw with his brother.

Mr. W. Bragg of the Merchants Bank spent Christmas at his home in Edmonton.

The beautiful calender, "Margaret" sent to The Times by G. M. Johnston is one of the most artistic that has been received. Extending over two feet high and from the picture by Boileau to the incidental decorations it is a thorough work of art.

It is said that the result of the Conference of Premiers is that there will be no government owned elevators.

Premiers Scot and Rutherford were in conference in Winnipeg the other day, day with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann of the Canadian Northern.

Calgary thinks it can lift the Minto Cup "without no effort," says Barney Collison, the manager. "We would need very little improvement to beat the Westminster team," he said. And then he awoke.

Another Race on Good Friday

LOCAL MERCHANT OFFERS VALUABLE TROPHY

THE TIMES GIVES SECOND PRIZE — MERCHANTS WILL GIVE OTHERS

A letter has been received by The Times from Mr. W. H. Turpin of Turpin Bros. which will mean another road race in April. There are several towns in the West and other parts of Canada which have annual road races including Hamilton, Guelph, the West end Y. M. C. A., Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Moose Jaw and Vancouver.

Medicine Hat should not be behind. The road race advertises a city, in addition to developing strong young men, as outlined in Mr. Turpin's letter.

Mr. Turpin's trophy, a costly gold medal will be worth winning. The Times will give a valuable silver medal as second prize. Other business men will donate a number of prizes so that there will be something for many contestants. The time of the race — Good Friday will be a holiday and should attract the whole city. The course will be about six miles.

The Editor of The Times:

Dear Sir,—

Would very much like to take up a little space in your paper to outline a project I have had in my mind for some little time. During the past few years road racing has steadily gained in popularity in Canada and why shouldn't it. What other country of modern times has produced a Sherring or a Longboat. A man to win a road race must train faithfully. What does that mean? It means that he must keep control of his bodily actions to get himself in shape, and again a man to make any kind of a showing in a race of this class must possess endurance. Therefore, I contend that road racing tends to cultivate in the young man of our country two of the greatest essentials to success in any walk of life—control of the body and endurance—I would very much like to see an annual road race and with that end in view would suggest tha it be held on Good Friday. I will donate a gold medal suitably engraved to the winner—one that he need is no way be ashamed of. I have no doubt but that the other men in our city will be pleased to donate prizes of a similar description, so that there will be a goodly show of prizes for competition. My idea is this, the race to be open to all amateurs in good standing who have resided in Medicine Hat for three months previous to the event. The course to be Start at the city Hall, from there to the race track once around the track, and back again to the City Hall.

I hope that this matter will be taken up properly and that the Medicine Hat road race will become an annual fixture something for our young men to look forward to every year.

Yours Respectfully
W. H. Turpin.

The Central Meat Packing Company

Great Changes in the Canneries Directorate

Now a Great Chance to be a Big Success

When the shareholders of Malcolm's Western Canneries met in Regina on Tuesday there was much doubt as to what would be the outcome. The eastern shareholders were very much dissatisfied with what had been done at the previous meeting, and apparently resented what looked like the attempts of a few Western shareholders and directors to utilize the Company for their own personal aggrandizement.

Previously a meeting of these eastern shareholders had been held in Toronto, at which C. A. Fleur, the manager had before them the past of the company and received their wishes as to the future. He evidently pleased them as he came west to attend the annual meeting with a great number of proxies. There was a feeling of unrest at the meeting and previously and the ready-cooked plans of the previous meetings were missing.

There was a fairly unanimous opinion that the company would be improved by the elimination of the name of Malcolm, and the name of the company was therefore changed to the Central Meat Packing Co. At one of the former meetings Malcolm had been granted 600 shares of common stock, but this was cancelled.

C. A. Fleur of Winnipeg, was appointed general manager and the following directors were added: Hon. R. W. Scott Ottawa; J. T. Barrie, Toronto; Hon. Hugh John MacDonald Winnipeg.

Three thousand share were represented by about thirty shareholders. It was determined to push the plant in this city to a working basis and to commence operations as soon as preparations can be completed. Additional capital was voted for this purpose, and it now seems as if the company had got into the proper hands, with great prospects of good for Medicine Hat.

Methodist Banquet.

Classes Banquet Friends.

On the evening of New Year's Day the Sunday school classes of Mrs Geo Luno, Mr. Nelson Spencer, and Mr. C. J. Bristah gave a banquet to their friends in the Methodist church basement.

About a hundred and twenty guests sat down to and excellent repast and a pleasant and profitable evening was afterwards spent. Interspersed between the toasts were a number of musical items, Messrs Walton and Comben and Misses Worth and Muir contributed pianoforte duets, Messrs Fowler and Lampman vocal solos, and a humorous recitation was given by Miss Ruby Kennedy. The whole entertainment was of a very high order, but the farcical sketch, "A Courtship under Difficulties," presented by Miss Marie Taylor and Messrs V. Williams and [illegible] is worthy of special mention. The players had evidently given much thought to the preparation of their parts and they displayed real histrionic ability.

Replaying to the toast of "Our Church" the Rev. A. C. Farrell spoke of the motives which should actuate all who took an active interest in the work of the church.

In a humorous speech Mr. H. Williams replied to the toast of "The Ladies". Reference was made to the impending legislation in the local parliament whereby unmarried ladies over twenty-five years who fail to take advantage of their leap year opportunities will be heavily taxed, and the speaker expressed a hope that the passage of this bill will alleviate in a degree the condition of the neglected, disconsolate bachelors of the community.

"Our Classes" was responded to by Mrs. Geo Luno who eloquently voiced the hopes and aspirations of these engaged in the work of Sunday school. "You are young now—remain young, in spirit and in purity of ideals," was the substance of her advice to the scholars.

The toast of "The Strangers" was replied to by Mr. Merrill, and of "Our Gentlemen" by Miss Nesbitt.

The Evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God be with you till we meet again", and the company broke up shortly before half past ten.

Mr. C. J. Bristah made a pleasing toast master.

Sons of England Entertain.

Social and Dance.

An enjoyable social and dance was given in the opera house on New Years eve. by the local lodge of the Sons Of England. It was the first dance given by the Prairie Rose Lodge, No. 285, though last year a very seccessful social was held in Eagles Hall. Since that time the strength of the order has been largely augmented and the dance will now probably become an annual feature.

Dancing was indulged in from 9.30 to 2 to the strains of the orchestra, Messrs Hulbert pianist, Leonard and Morris violists. Mr. Hulbert also kindly accompanied the vocalists whose contributions were highly appreciated. Messrs Porter, Simmonds and Sharp were responsible for this feature of the programme.

For the non-dancers progressive whist was arranged for, the prize winners being Mrs. Shepherd and Mr. Campis. The winner of the shooting competition was a lady, Mrs Dunn, and of the wall quoit competition, Mrs Stephenson.

The transition from the old to the New year was marked by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Refreshments were provided throughout the night by the ladies and members of the lodge. The hall was beautifully decorated with hunting, Christmas bells and with palms.

Bank Manager Leaving.

Merchants Bank Loses Manager.

It is a matter of regret to the citizens that V. C. James, manager of the Merchants Bank here has sent in his resignation to take effect as soon as he can be relieved.

Mr. James has Geo [illegible] intends to take up his residence in Vancouver where he will establish a manufacturers' agency.

His successor will be Mr. H. S. Craig, now manager of the bank in Olds, Alberta. Mr. James expects to leave about January 15th.

Accident At Coleridge.

Robt McLeland of Coleridge, a car cleaner met with a nasty accident Friday morning. He was working in a heated car containing perishable freight when the stove heating the car exploded, the oil burning him severely on the face and one arm and in two or three places on the legs. Dr. Boyd was called up and after rendering assistance brought the injured man to Medicine Hat where he remains in the General Hospital.

New Orders for the Railway Men.

All Enginemen Must be Over 21 Years.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—After many conferences with the brotherhood of railway trainmen and officials of the different railways the Railway Commission has given judgment and promulgated orders for better protection of railways employees. The orders are of interest to trainmen all over the Dominion.

All enginemen must be over 21 years of age and must have served at least one year as firemen before being appointed to such position.

Conductors must also serve at least one year as brakemen and be over 21 years of age.

Telegraph operators must be over 18 years of age, able to write a legible hand, and be able to pass necessary examination in train rules.

Every employee of the railway company engaged in operating trains shall before undertaking such duties be required to undergo colur test by competent examiner.

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Bowling

Medicine Hat, December 24th, 1908.

Tuesday's Bowling—

Wanderers—	1st	2nd	3rd
W. Mills	132	134	172
W. R. McNicoll	140	109	129
F. S. Temple	145	141	124
G. Tingle	163	171	107
	580	615	592

Total pins, 1793.

Trammen—			
J. Robertson	178	149	148
W. Bennett	129	166	140
R. Aughey	162	145	96
S. Moorhead	121	136	175
	590	580	559

Total pins 1729.

Wanderers won 2 out of 3.

Engineers—			
H. Campbell	194	153	16
— Larson	164	160	125
— Cook	155	131	154
C. Simmons	124	135	170
	637	585	619

Total pins 1841.

Fire Brigade—			
W. Switzer	132	172	160
C. Krause	153	169	162
T. Finlay	156	169	145
A. Taylor	155	159	131
	596	610	60[illegible]

Total pins 1806.

Engineers won 2 out of 3.

On New Year's Day only one League game was played off. In this the Royals could put up only three men, and accordingly the score of the player with the lowest number of pins to his credit was left out of account.

Royals			
J. Pierre	183	137	17[illegible]
W. Scott	193	172	21[illegible]
V. Ready	148	201	1[illegible]
	524	510	54[illegible]

Total Pins 1580

Beavers			
T. G. Holt	140	191	14[illegible]
T. Robertson	152	157	16[illegible]
J. Ready	157	176	17[illegible]
W. Hamilton	149	168	14[illegible]
	598	692	63[illegible]

Total Pins, 1926

Mr Scott's total for three games, 57[illegible] is the highest score of the season.

Business Change.

The H. J. Hunt & Co. have disposed of their business to Mr. Fred Collins the new proprietor of the meat Market has been engaged in Mr. Robt Mitchell's service for many years past. He has a wide experience of the business and is highly respected in the city.

Train Wrecked.

On Thursday evening, at 17.35 h, No 97 was wrecked four miles west of Gull Lake. The dining car and tourist car were thrown down a 25 ft. embankment into the ditch.

One passenger was killed and three others slightly injured.

The accident occurred on one of the big "fills" on the new division of the line just completed, and opened for traffic four months ago.

The cars thrown off the track were completely overturned and slighted on their sides in the dich. Many of the occupants of the wrecked coaches were badly shaken up and bruised, but were lucky in escaping as they did. The engine, mail, baggage, express, colonist and first class cars passed over the bad spot all right, so it is supposed a broken rail is responsible for the wreck. The sleeping cars remained on the track and were not damaged at all.