

SPORT OF THE WEEK

THIS great national weekly has a vacancy on its staff. For years it has been dependent on Mr. J. K. Munro for lacrosse prophecies, and he was always right. This spring he sized up the situation by saying it was "Torontos" all the way. The season had hardly got into its stride before it was seen that Mr. Munro's carefully prepared "dope" for the sporting readers of this paper was all wrong. The "Torontos" were vanquished by the "Nationals." So the editor sought for a new lacrosse expert and found one. Mr. Wiggins had his innings last week, and it was "Nationals" all the way. "The Tecumsehs will do well to win half their games." Then on Saturday last, the "Tecumsehs" beat the "Nationals." Promptly on Monday morning the editorial office was decorated with the sign:—Wanted—a Lacrosse Expert. It may be added, lest the COURIER staff be thought to be lacking in the qualities which distinguish gentlemen of the old school, that there has been much sympathy extended to Messrs. Munro and Wiggins.

MR. H. G. MOYES recently won the Manitoba lawn tennis championship, and Miss M. Piggott gained a similar title against all female competitors.

PROFESSIONAL baseball has no easy road to travel in the West. Recently Medicine Hat gave up the ghost, and Saskatoon took over its franchise. Now Regina has blown up and the league has a tail-end team to dispose of. The Carney cowboy crew from Calgary seem to have a sure thing in pennant No. 2.

THE Canadian Henley had bad weather for its two days' of sport. The unfortunate accident which kept the Argonaut senior eight out of the races made the meet at Port Dalhousie seem less important. Yet the Ottawa eight deserve much praise for their victory over the Argonaut's second eight, and for their victory in the senior fours. The Ottawa Britannias won the intermediate fours, while the Argonauts won the junior eights, the junior fours, the senior singles (Butler), the senior doubles, and the tack weight fours. C. and F. Sherriff, who won the senior doubles for Argonauts, were defeated in both the junior and intermediate doubles. The Dons won the intermediate singles (Lepper) and the intermediate doubles (War and Connor).

WINNIPEG held a cricket tournament last week and on the evening of August 1st some enthusiasts organised the Western Canada Cricket Association. This inter-provincial body will control the game from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains. Hon. T. Mayne Daly was elected president; Judge Johnstone is vice-president for Saskatchewan; H. S. McCarthy, M.P., for Alberta, and H. Hooper for Manitoba. Arthur R. Morrison, the man responsible for this progressive movement is secretary.

OUT in Manitoba they have been cleaning up things in sport; recently it was the Winnipeg four which got away with Henley prize money. The latest is honours in cricket. Last week Manitoba knocked out the other aspirants for the inter-provincial championship—downing Saskatchewan by seven runs. Captain E. J. Smith of Manitoba did some tall bowl-

ing. Cricket, which Eastern Canada says is a slow game, seems to be swift enough for the hustling West. Big crowds attended the games and applauded good plays by, "Well fielded, indeed, sir," in the real English style.

"In the most exciting stage of one game one of the Saskatchewan players hit as he thought the ball to the boundary and took it easily in running back to his crease. The ball never reached the dead line and the unfortunate player was run out. Captain E. J. Smith insisted on the player staying in, and that's cricket!" says the *Winnipeg Telegram*.

Lacrosse on the Pacific

By P. W. LUCE.

PERHAPS in a future still distant the vice-regal silverware which is the tangible token that its holders excel over all others in Canada's national sport, may again grace the trophy table of some eastern club. In the days to come the New Westminster lacrosse team may be beaten on its own green sward by a visiting twelve. Later on the Salmon Bellies may find it impossible to "come back," but until then they will go the limit.

The sages of the slopes of the Pacific are at one in giving the present holders of the Minto Cup several years more custody of the battered pewter pot. The team will hold together for five or six years at least. After that—? The boys who to-day play intermediate and junior may be worthy successors of the champions, or the day of the decline may have set in. The future of lacrosse is as inscrutable as the ways of a woman.

The recent attempt by Montreal to wrest the title of champions of Canada (for the title "World's Champions" is a misnomer, Rule 1 governing Minto Cup contests stating the trophy is for Canadian teams only) is now a matter of history.

Every team that comes to the Royal City in quest of the Minto Cup returns bowed down by broken pride and overmuch wealth. And yet some would have the championship matches played on neutral grounds, suggesting Winnipeg. Winnipeg! The city where lacrosse is dead as Rameses and forgotten as the lost chord. That would indeed be a costly jest. When the Minto Cup does leave New Westminster, the chances are it will take but a short twelve mile trip, unless, perchance, Con. Jones tires of his ambition in the meantime and abandons Vancouver lacrosse to its fate.

"Why did Montreal lose?" has been an oft asked question since the championship events. Montreal lost because it was the weaker team—that is all. Excuse has been piled upon excuse, but the fact remains, Montreal was inferior to the defenders. The Eastern press has shrieked rotten refereeing and Western unfairness without justification. Stories sent out from Westminster were "doctored" to make the Montreal martyrs. But the sporting editors failed to explain why the majority of goals were scored when the teams were playing full strength. The penalties did not affect the result to any extent and in the damage suffered, Westminster led.

The eastern stickhandlers can try and try and try again, they will never lift the cup as long as they retain their present style of play, long since discarded on this coast, admittedly the premier playing ground in the world of lacrosse to-day.

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