FORT THE MECCA OF THOUSANDS

Victoria Day Celebrations at Fort Saskatchewan, Wetaskiwin and Vermilion, Highly Successful.

Headed by Alberta's first citizen, Premier Rutherford, over three thousand people from Edmonton attended the Victoria Day celebration held at Fort Saskatchewan on Monday. Like a powerful magnet, the Fort drew within its borders hundreds of holiday seekers from the four points of the compass. A conservative estimate places the total attendance at seven thousand. According to the official figures, the two special trains on the C.N.R. from Edmonton, together with the additional coaches attached to the regular Winnipeg express, carried 2,720 adults and 310 children.

The weather was ideal. The overcast skies of the early morning gave place by ten o'clock to delightful sunshine, accompanied by a cool wind from the north. A shower during the afternoon at the grounds served only to lay the dust and to offend no one.

One of the most memorable events in the history of Fort Saskatchewan and the province marked the celebration. This was the Olympic Marathon trial race, which was won by Arthur Burn, of Calgary, a long distance runner who has achieved fame in his own country, and who, by reason of his victory yesterday, will go to England to compete against the runners of the world in the greatest race in history. So great an interest has been engendered in this race that it has been decided to make it an annual event. Ringing cheers greeted the announcement by Frank Walker, M.P.P. for Fort Saskatchewan, that an Alberta Marathon race will be held next 24th of May on the same track as on Monday.

The feature of the afternoon's program of sports was the horse races, the most interesting and exciting of which was the victory of Bermuda Queen in the free-for-all. After losing the first two heats to Langer, this splendid mare won the last three heats and the race, her performance being wildly cheered. Lacrosse, football and baseball matches and a paper chase were the other attractions.

The refreshment booths conducted by the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches on the grounds and by the Presbyterian Church next to the Manse, successfully solved the problem of feeding the multitude.

Not the least attractive feature of the celebration was the charm added by the presence of the splendidly-mounted and fine appearing memoers of the R.N.W.M.P. from the Fort Saskatchewan headquarters. In any other but a western town the presence of these riders of the plains would create a furore, but in the west, while not entirely ignored, they are taken as a matetr of course.

The C.N.R. provided splendid facilities for transporting the crowds from Edmonton to the Fort and return, and, unlike most excursions, the trains were not hours behind the scheduled time of departure and arrival.

MARATHON TRIAL RESULTS.

1. A. Burns, Calgary A. A. Time, 2-0-45.
2. Fred Fraser, Edmonton, unattached. Time, 2 7-55.
3. W. J. Turner, Edmonton, Young Liberal Club A. A. Time, 2-10-56.
4. T. H. Evans, Edmonton, unattached. Time, 2-19-39.
5. Albert McIntyre, Battenburg, unattached. Time, 2-41-33.
6. F. W. Moon, Strathcona, unattached. Time, 2-43-4.

Nine-Mile Race Results.

1. J. F. Fitzgerald, Edmonton, Liberal Club A. A. Time, 0-55-36⅘.
2. A. E. Seward, Edmonton Y.M.C.A. Time, 1-3-19.
3. A. Hazard, Edmonton, Liberal Club A. A. Time, 113-59.
4. W. G. Main, Chipman, unattached. Time, 1-9-45.

The Marathon trial was from the Alberta Hotel, Edmonton, to Fort Saskatchewan, a distance of 19 miles 234 yards. Fifteen entries were made for this event, including the following: Fred Fraser, Fort Chipewyan; W. J. Turner, Edmonton; P. Tereway, Macleod; G. Johnson, Innisfail; Alber McIntyre, Battenburg; F. W. Moon, Strathcona; Sid Turner, Strathcona; Thomas Campbell, Edmonton; T. H. Evans, Edmonton; Chester Kemp, Edmonton; G. H. Thompson, Edmonton; G. Lappins, Edmonton; A. Burn Calgary; W. Wiseman, Grainland and W. W. Lyon, Edmonton. At nine o'clock, when the judges summoned the runners to the starting point, only eight of the fifteen entered lined up for the race, but these eight were so full of pluck and endurance that six of them ran the course, and, whether first or last, received the plaudits of the immense crowd gathered at the grand stand on the Fort Saskatchewan fair grounds to witness the finish.

Turner Led at Start.

The start was made at ten minutes past nine in the presense of a large crowd of interested spectators. W. J. Turner led off at a brisk pace, followed by Burn, Fraser and the other runners. At Kinistino they took the sidewalk as far as Rat Creek, where they struck a heavy piece of road, which continued as far as the Griffin packing plant. From there on the Fort trail was in excellent condition for running, being free from stones and quite dry. Burn soon forged ahead at a good round pace, followed by Fraser, who, acting upon the instructions of his trainer, allowed the Calgary man to lead by several hundred yards. Turner came next, and the other men trailed along for a distance of four or five miles. Several of the competitors had pacers with them on horseback, who broke the rather heavy cross wind that was blowing and encouraged them in their work. Jimmie McEwan accompanied Burn, while Tereway, of Macleod, who was entered for the race but did not run, accompanied Fraser. The judges, starter and time-keepers were taken to the Fort in Charles May's automobile. They followed the runners for a time, and when near the Fort came on ahead, in order to be present at the finish.

All along the route of the race several riders from the Fort were placed with field glasses, who watched the race closely in order to prevent fouls. Both Fraser and Turner were taken sick on the road, but pluckily stayed with the race and finished in second and third places. Johnson, of Innisfail, and Lyons, of Edmonton, gave up when near the Fort, the former having injured his leg, and were picked up by vehicles on the course.

Cheers Greet Winner.

The finish was all that could be desired and prolonged cheering encouraged each weary runner down the home stretch of the Fort race track. Burn entered the track from the trail a few seconds under two hours from the time of starting and finished in 2 hours and 45 seconds. He was comparatively fresh at the finish. Seven minutes later Fraser appeared and was greeted with rousing cheers by his numerous friends and acquaintances. He passed under the wire in 2 hours 7 minutes 55 seconds from the time of starting. W. J. Turner came third with a time of 2 hours 10 minutes 36 seconds and was going strong at the finish. Then came Evans in 2 hours 19 minutes 39 seconds; McIntyre, of Battenburg, in 2 hours 41 minutes 33 seconds; and Moon, of Strathcona, in 2 hours 43 minutes 4 seconds.

Frank Walker, M.P.P., Fort Saskatchewan, acted as starter for the race; J. W. Shera, Fort Saskatchewan, as referee; Charles May, Edmonton; J. S. Hanley, of the Olympic committee, Calgary; and Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, Fort Saskatchewan, judges and H. Ballantyne, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Calgary, and secretary of the Olympic committee; J. H. Morris, Edmonton, and W. Corbett, Fort Saskatchewan, as timekeepers.

Burn Has Many Wins.

Arthur Burn, winner of the Alberta trial for the Olympic Marathon race, is 26 years of age. He is a thorough Canadian, having been born in Ottawa, the Federal capital. He has been running for several years and has a long list of victories to his credit and has won a number of cups and trophies. Having won the championship of Canada in the Y.M.C.A. race at Ottawa in 1904 and being the present champion of Manitoba and Alberta, Burn expects to go to England this summer to compete in the Marathon race at the Olympic games. He states, however, that he does not intend going to Toronto to take part in the trial races there, but will remain in Calgary instead and train for the final event.

In 1901 Burn won the Ottawa Journal race, 11 miles, in 1 hour and 3 minutes. He won the championship of New England at Boston, 5 miles, in 1906, in 26 minutes and 15 seconds. In July, 1907, he won the championship of Manitoba at Winnipeg, five miles, in 27 minutes and 29 seconds, on a heavy track. He won the championship of the Pacific coast at Seattle, Washington, seven miles. In 1904, Burn won the championship of Canada in the five-mile Y.M.C.A. race at Ottawa. At Midnapore, Alberta, in 1907, he won the 11 miles race, distancing his competitors by several miles. He also won against a relay of five men in a race in Calgary last year. He secured the championship of Alberta in a five mile race last August at Calgary on a heavy track in 27 minutes and 1 second. About one month ago he defeated Tereway, of Macleod, in a 25-mile race at Claresholm, doing that distance in 2 hours and 8 minutes.

A Famous Trainer.

Burn's manager and trainer is Jimmie McEwan, of Calgary, who is also trainer for Billy Lauder, lightweight champion boxer of Canada and for the championship team, the Caledonian Association Football team of Calgary. He is full of admiration for his pupil and will go with him to England this summer to the Olympic games. He stated that Burn could have done yesterday's race in 1 hour and 55 minutes if pressed. He had sprained his ankle recently, however, and as none of the other competitors were pressing him he did not urge him to his full speed. Burn's record for a 5 1-3 mile race is 30 minutes and 49 seconds, he having chopped off 12 seconds from his record about two months ago. McEwan feels that if Burn can make his present fast time in long distance running in the high altitude of Alberta, he should do considerably better in Eastern Canada or England.

Fort Chipewyan Runner.

Fred Fraser, who came second in yesterday's long distance race, is only 23 years of age. He is a son of Colin Fraser, the well-known fur trader of this city, and was born at Fort Chipewyan. He gained strength and wind following the dog trains in the north, but ran in his first race yesterday, instead of the usual running shoes Fraser wore moccasins in yesterday's race, as he was more accustomed to them. He is regarded by all as possessing unusual possibilities as a long distance runner, but is very much in need of training as in his present mode of running he lifts himself too much, thus wasting his strength. With hard training and good living, he should show up well in another year among the long distance runners of Canada.

W. J. Turner, who secured third place in the Marathon trial race is Joe Cooney's entry under the Edmonton Young Liberal Club Athletic association. He made the race in two hours ten minutes and thirty-six seconds, and finished quite fresh and strong. He was taken ill on the course, and was forced to stop for a short time, which threw him behind. T. H. Evans, who finished fourth, was also entered by the Liberal Club A. A.

The Nine Mile Race.

Considerable interest was evinced in the nine mile road race put on by the Fort Saskatchewan Sports Committee from the half-way house to the Fort. The exact distance is nine miles 1224 yards, and the winner was J. F. Fitzgerald, who made the race in 55 minutes and 36⅘ seconds. There were seven entries for this race, and all those entered started. Among these were A. E. Seward, W. G. Mair, W. McCaghey, D. B. Fraser, A. Hazard, J. F. Fitzgerald and Fred McDougall, of Edmonton, and W. G. Mair, of Chipman. The trail was in good condition, but there were a number of undulations in the ground that pothered the runners considerably. A strong cross wind was also rather trying.

Fitzgerald finished an easy first, making the distance in 55 minutes and 36⅘ seconds. Seward came second in 1 hour 3 minutes and 19 seconds, and Hazard third in 1 hour 3 minutes and 59 seconds. W. G. Mair, of Chipman, took fourth place in 1 hour 9 minutes and 45 seconds. The race for third place between A. Hazard and Dan Fraser was a keen one. Both boys entered the race track from the trail together. As they neared the home stretch they prepared themselves for a spurt, and the spectators cheered wildly at the spectacular finish. When a short distance from the finish, however, Fraser suddenly collapsed, overcome by the severe strain, and Hazard won third place. A doctor was hastily summoned, and the lad was soon restored to consciousness, and was removed to the town. Of the other competitions in this race McCaghey of the Y. M. C. A. was forced to give up on account of an old sprain. McDougall, of Queen's avenue Presbyterian church, injured his leg and retired from the race. W. A. D. Lees, of Fort Saskatchewan, acted as starter and referee of this race, and the other officials were the same as in the Marathon trial.

J. F. Fitzgerald, winner of the nine mile race, was entered by the Young Liberal Club A. A. He is 23 years of age, and has lived in Edmonton for the past nine months. Although this was his first race in Canada he has run in a number of five mile races in England, where he was born, having made a five mile heavy cross country run in 29 minutes. His record on a mile track is 4 minutes and 26 seconds. He is of a slight build with lean features and clean cut limbs. He tips the scales at 112 pounds.

Fred Whitcroft, manager of the Edmonton hockey team last winter, is Fitzgerald's trainer and manager. He states that he has entered Fitzgerald for the five mile event in the Olympic trials to be held in Calgary on Wednesday, May 27th. He believes, if pressed, he could have cut a minute off his time yesterday.

A. E. Seward, who finished second in the nine mile race, is a Y. M. C. A. man, and president of the Harriers club. He has only been training for a short time, and has the making of a good runner. A. Hazard came third in 1-3-59 and was entered by the Liberal club A. A.

Trophies Presented By Premier.

The medals and trophies for the prize winners in the two races were presented by Hon. Dr. Rutherford, premier of Alberta, in the afternoon. Arthur Burn, winner of the Marathon trial, received a silver cup valued at $100, Fred Fraser received a $35 medal for second place, and W. J. Turner a $15 medal for third place. In the nine mile race J. F. Fitzgerald received a cup and A. E. Seward and A. Hazard medals. These prizes were donated by the Fort Saskatchewan sports committee. In addition to these the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union have donated silver and bronze medals for first and second place in the Marathon trial race. These will be forwarded to the winners in a few days.

Everyone was well pleased with the long distance races, and warmly congratulated the sports committee of the Fort on their enterprise in arranging for these events. Mr. Walker announced that the Marathon race would be run from Edmonton to Fort Saskatchewan again next year, and also the nine mile race. The committee in charge have gained experience by the races yesterday, and next year will provide a tent in which the runners may bathe and dress after the races. A rig will also be sent along the course to carry the clothes of the competitors and pick up any who fall out of the races.

THE HORSE RACES.

The great feature of yesterday's sports at Fort Saskatchewan was the horse races. When the first heat of the free-for-all was called, shortly after 1 o'clock, the grand stand was packed with people and the fences, both inside and outside the track were lined with people. The vast crowd witnessed several good exhibitions of horse racing and despite the raliness of the season the animals almost all showed good form.

The track was in excellent condition, and was further improved during the afternoon by a slight fall of rain.

The race of the day was the free-for-all in which there were four starters. The one regrettable occurrence was the placing of Dan Patch from second to fourth position in the second heat owing to an alleged foul on Bermuda Queen by her driver. This was afterwards found not to have occurred, but a decision had been given and it could not be reversed. After this heat Dan Patch was drawn.

This race took five heats to decide the winners.

The three minute race was also keenly contested but the result was not much in doubt after the first heat. There were two running events a pony race being put on in place of the 2.30 trot or pace, which did not fill.

Starter—M. P. Webb.
Judges—Geo. Manuel, W. Walker, James Graham.
Timer—J. B. Miller.
Clerk of course—G. H. McAvoy.

Following is a more detailed account of the events:—

Free-for-All—(First Heat.)

There was considerable scoring and delays before Starter Webb gave the word, one horse having broken his hobbles and having to withdraw from the track for five or ten minutes. The positions allotted were as follows: Dan Patch (pole), Sunny Jim, Ranger, Bermuda Queen.

Shortly after the "go" both Sunny Jim and Ranger broke. Dan Patch went into the lead, but at the half was headed by Ranger. For the last lap there was a keen neck and neck race between Ranger and Dan but the former won easily on the stretch. Sunny Jim finished in third position but was set back for breaking, and third place was given to Bermuda Queen.

Second Heat.

The horses got away after a good deal of scoring. The two leaders from start to finish were Ranger and Dan Patch. In the second half Bermuda Queen made a bad break running the entire back stretch. The judges, however, were of the opinion that Bermuda Queen had been fouled by the driver of Dan Patch, who it was claimed hit the mare with his whip and for this offence Dan Patch was put back to last position. On the home stretch the contest was keen for third place between Sunny Jim and Bermuda Queen, but the former won by a good margin. Upon inquiry afterwards it appeared that Dan Patch's driver did not foul Bermuda Queen as appeared to the judges when they alloted the places. The horse, however, was drawn from the race after this heat.

Third Heat.

In the third heat Dan Patch was withdrawn as he had been put back to fourth position in the second heat. In the back stretch on the first half Sunny Jim broke badly and fell back to third position with Ranger in first place and Bermuda Queen a close second. Between these last two there was a hard fight. Bermuda Queen, however, took the lead at the half and held it to the finish with Ranger a close second and Sunny Jim a poor third.

Fourth Heat.

The fourth heat of the free-for-all gave promise of being a great heat. Two heats had gone to Ranger and one to Bermuda Queen, who had to keep first place in this heat from Ranger in order to have a chance herself for first money. After being warned several times the horses got away. Bermuda Queen took the lead and was never headed though Ranger made a determined attempt to collar the mare at the half. Sunny Jim finished a considerable distance in the rear.

Fifth Heat.

The fifth and final heat of the free-for-all furnished a great exhibition of speed between Bermuda Queen and Ranger. The former again took the lead at the start and held it throughout, though she was closely pressed in the finishing stretch by Ranger, who hit for two heats, scoring Deeton and McGirl; White took first on a dead bull and Miller and Greutz scored on a steal; White was put out attempting to steal third bag and Parney struck out; 5 runs.

Seventh—Vegreville, Miller had good control and no damage was done; no runs. Edmonton, Walker hit safe and reached third on Gorman's sacrifice and fielder's error; Deeton hit safe; McGirl bunted, scoring Walker; Miller went out on a fly; Greutz hit to centre, scoring Deeton and McGirl; Greutz stole third and scored on a bad throw to the plate; White struck out; 4 runs.

Eighth—Vegreville, out in short order; no runs. Edmonton, McCusker recovered somewhat and held the hits down; no runs.

Ninth—Vegreville, a determined rally was attempted but Field walked to first and stole second and third; McCusker went out on a fly; Miller reached first; McLaughlin went out on a fly and Lank followed suit; no runs.

The folowing was the score by innings:—

Edmonton	00001540—10
Vegreville	05000000—5

Batteries: Edmonton, Vining, Miller and Parney. Vegreville, McLaughlin and McCusker, Miller.

Umpire—W. Crowley.

The teams were as follows in the batting order:—

Vegreville—Smith s.s., Field 2nd b., McCusker p. and 1st b., Miller c., McLaughlin 1st b and p., Lank c.f., Carr r.f., Maloney 3rd b., Pittman l.f.

Edmonton—Greutz s.s., White 1st b., Lee r.f., Parney c., Walker 3rd b., Gorman l.f., Deeton 2nd b., McGirl c., Vining p., Miller p.

The Lacrosse Match.

Two picked teams from Edmonton played a game of lacrosse in the morning. The match was not a particularly good exhibition, and it was frequently interrupted by the Marathon runners entering the grounds to finish before the grand stand. Fifteen minute quarters were played and the game ended with the score 6 to 5 in favor of the team which may be designated as Edmonton Seconds. Sheppard refereed. The players lined up as follows:—

Edmonton Firsts—J. Bill, P. Glass, Kemp, Engle, Brown, H. Dixon, C. McFarlane, McCoppen and Lesperance, Leavens, Allan.

Edmonton Seconds—Perrin, Harris, Hayes, Kearns, Blakeston, Allan, Fox, W. McFarlane, Schupe, Jones, Smith, Young.

The Paper Chase.

Among the interesting sports was a paper chase by the boys of Queens avenue and Presbyterian church and the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., Edmonton. Quite a number of boys took part in this chase, which started from the Fort Saskatchewan Presbyterian church at 10.30, and covering a distance of about three miles, finished at the fair grounds. Of the hounds, Bert Townsend came first, Donald McDonald second and Alex. Huff third. The winners among the hares were William Sayer first, Cliff Anderson second, and Milton Henry third.

The Football Match.

The football match between the St. Pauls team from Edmonton and the Fort Saskatchewan eleven resulted in a tie, each side scoring three goals. The play was not particularly fast at any period of the game. Lovelock, right full back for the Fort, made a stonewall defence and played a good game. Several other players showed up well individually, but seemed lacking in combination. The St. Pauls team played hard but did not appear in their usual form. The Fort team scored the first two goals and St. Pauls followed, making the score even. Shortly afterwards another was added to their credit and a few minutes before full time the Fort forwards made a rush and a goal was scored by a wild kick from a St. Paul back. After full time the opposing teams played five minutes each way and failing to score the game was declared a tie. J. W. Esplin, secretary of the Edmonton City Association Football league, acted as referee.

The line up of the opposing teams was as follows:—

St. Pauls—Rae, Jennings, A. McDonald, Whitehead, Alexander, Langley, H. Jennings, Dykes, Bloor, Livesey, McDonald.

Fort Saskatchewan—Turner, Lovelock, Belcher, Watt, Cook, Shepherd, Fordham, Lindsay, Graham, Fraser, Jardine.

Referee—J. W. Esplin.

Concert in the Evening.

A very enjoyable concert was given in Simond's hall in the evening by the Fort Saskatchewan band, assisted by some Edmonton talent. The hall was well filled and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent program. Besides several well rendered selections by the band Mr. Griffiths gave a cornet solo. Miss Pilkie, of Vermilion, who is attending Alberta college, sang three solos which were much enjoyed. Percy Hook, professor of music in Alberta college, acted as accompanist. Miss Hicks, of the college, contributed to the program by some enjoyable readings.

WETASKIWIN BIG CELEBRATION

Wetaskiwin, May 26.—The Elevator City was the destination yesterday of hundreds of people from all parts of the surrounding country to attend the big race meet under the auspices of the Wetaskiwin Turf Club, Camrose, had graciously given up her celebration and from that town came a large crowd of enthusiastic residents. Along the C. & E. line from the north came many on the morning train, and from south and west carriages poured into the city, filled with holiday seekers, all bent upon having a day of enjoyment.

For years Wetaskiwin has not entertained so many strangers for any public holiday. About 500 passengers arrived on the morning train from the east line. Northern cities too sent a large deputation. In the afternoon about 2,500 assembled at the oval for the race meet. The races began before 2 o'clock, and were not finished until 6.30.

The Horse Races.

In the 2.45 trot, Earlwood, owned by John Bear, of Innisfail, was the winner in both heats, the time being 2.31½ and 2.36. Onnie, owned by G. W. Holson, was second, and Tom Mead's, of Strathcona, Sandy C. third. Ralph Nelson, V. T. Richards, of Strathcona, was withdrawn.

In the three quarter mile dash, Long Spin was the winner, the time being 1.23. The horse belongs to H. E. Pendleton, Ponoka. Cobham, owned by E. B. Mowers, Innisfail, was second, and Gentle Zephyr third. Larogue, who rode "Pleasant Trip," for W. H. Eggleston, of Wetaskiwin, reduced his weight fourteen pounds in a day in order to qualify for the race.

In the half mile dash, Jolly Fellow, owned by W. H. Eggleston, of Wetaskiwin, was the winner, making the lap in 55 seconds. Larogue showed great skill as a rider. Columbia Joe, owned by Pat Turner, of Wetaskiwin, was greatly admired and will eventually make a fine race horse. She came in second, and Tiger Lily, owned by C. Howell, third.

In the 5-8 mile dash, Buckingham, carrying 8½ pounds overweight, was the winner, the time being 1.0¼. This horse belongs to R. M. Barber, of Strathcona. C. Howell's Tiger Jim took second place and Helen Gould owned by C. Leving, Camrose, third. Helen Gould, by permission of the owners of the other horses, carried 25 pounds overweight.

In the 2.25 trot, 2.30 pace, Dr. Cloud owned by J. H. Marr, of Red Deer, was the winning horse. A rather singular thing happened in the first heat. All three sulkies broke when almost around the first lap, and the heat was run again. Dr. Cloud made the race time for the first heat, 2.31, and for the second 2.32½. Philip W., owned by Ole Olson, of Wetaskiwin, was second, and the Doctor, owned by C. Rysdale, third. Phink, owned by J. R. Nickerson, being withdrawn.

The Free For All.

The Free-For-All was perhaps the most interesting of all the races. J. H. Nicherson, of Wetaskiwin, entered for the first time his new Idaho Sphinxtress, and very easily won first place in both heats, the time being 2.30 and 2.26. In the first heat, Ruby H., owned by G. Rysdale, won second, but was beaten in the second heat by Ollie M., owned by W. H. Eggleston, of Wetaskiwin. Ollie M. and Ruby H. divided the second prize between them. In the first heat the owner of Ruby H. was fined $5 for not driving out the way he should, and was warned that should the offence be repeated that he would be ruled out.

In the novelty race, Cobham, the property of E. B. Nowers, Innisfail, won the first two quarters, $1.50 each, the time being 26¾ for each quarter. Buckingham, owned by R. M. Barber, of Strathcona, won the last two quarters, the time being 26¾ for each.

Mr. R. Rushton, of Camrose, was the starter of the races and did his work satisfactorily.

The races were over about 6.30 and the crowd dispersed to return in a short time to the much-talked-of baseball match, Camrose vs. Wetaskiwin.

The officers of the Turf Club, to whom is due great praise for the success of the celebration, are: Hon. pres., E. W. Day; president, Frank Birch; vice-pres., J. C. McKay; secretary, W. P. Vanderburg; treasurer, E. H. O'Brien. Executive committee, P. Turner, R. Gibbs, J. H. Nickerson, E. Standefer, Geo. Owen, W. Eggleston.

VERMILION CELEBRATION.

Vermilion, May 25.—The celebration held here today, under the auspices of the band was a success in every way. The sky which was overcast during the morning cleared up in the afternoon sufficiently to make it ideal for sports.

The baseball match between Kitscoty and the home team was very much one sided, Vermilion winning by 24-5. M. G. Brimacombe was in the pitcher's box for Vermilion and after the first inning steadied down and shut out the visitors completely for the rest of the game, with the exception of the fourth innings when they scored one more. He was well supported by the rest of the team.

The result of the Football match between the English and the Canadians was rather a surprise as the Canuck won handily 4-0. Both teams played ragged ball and were in need of practice but the Englishmen lacked the staying power and vim of the Canadians. For the Englishmen Trimbrell in goal stopped several difficult shots while Buckle on the defence and MacNeil on the forward line played their usual good games. Fieldhouse and Walker on the Canadian forwards played excellently and Robinson and Telford on the defence saved their goal several times. The athletic sports were well contested, special interest being taken in the 100 yard dash which was won by Dimmell. Cummings won the standing jump. The hop, step and jump was won by one of the Indian and the fat man's race by J. D. Nickle. The races by the Indians caused lots of amusement for the crowd, especially the squaw race which was a close finish. A platform for dancing was built beside the band stand but was not very well patronized as the crowd was more interested in the sports.

The play "David Garrick," preceded by the one act farce, "The Silent Woman" under the auspices of the Vermilion Dramatic Society was put on in Wood's Hall to a full house. The characters were exceptionally well taken by the different actors.

GREAT AIRSHIP COLLAPSED.

Fell on Crowd Watching Its Flight—Occupants' Miraculous Escape.

San Francisco, May 24.—When Morrell the largest airship, in the world had reached an altitude of 200 feet above a crowd of ten thousand people at Berkeley, Cal., it burst suddenly and dashed its sixteen occupants to the ground. None of them were killed outright and of the injured all will recover with the possible exception of one. Seven are seriously hurt and nine seriously bruised and suffering from the shock.

Suspended from the huge balloon at intervals of probably fifty feet each, were five gasoline engines, each attended by an engineer. The engines were suspended independent of each other, and the weight did not appear to be equally divided for before the airship could have been propelled farther than a few feet the forward end tilted downward and the ship stood at an angle of forty-five degrees suspended in the air. This position of the bag caused the fracture of the framework and the broken pieces pierced the bag, letting out the gas. As the machine began to settle down, some jumped and escaped with broken limbs and bruises. Nearing the earth the gas escaped with a loud report and allowed the engines and the big bag to plunge to the earth with tremendous force. Morell, the inventor of the craft, and several of the engineers were thus caught and injured.

Reveals Crime Under Fortune.

South Bend, Ind., May 22. — James Birmingstal was arrested this morning on information given the prosecutor by his wife. The prisoner confessed to two murders and it is expected the "third degree" will reveal many more.

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