

summer weather in Western Canada is a thing of beauty and a joy—if not forever, at least as long as it lasts.

With this splendid and dependable weather as a means, and their love of sports as the incentive, the people of Winnipeg take hold upon out-of-doors life with zest and pleasure. The congregation of games gives every man a chance to see his favorite sport, and the long days give him the opportunity to engage in it and attend to business as well. The working man, who finishes his day's labor at from half-past four to half-past five o'clock, has time to eat, change his clothes and get to a baseball, lacrosse or football game that does not begin until half-past six, and he sits in the cool, pleasant evening and sees the game or dons his uniform and takes part in it if he is a player. The business man is equally fortunate in being able to close up his day's work and to get to his favorite game as a spectator or to hit the trail for the links and make the round under the pleasantest weather conditions to be found on top of earth.

Winnipeg in shirtsleeves and shirtwaists is thus an inspiring sight. Not all of the sports are put on in the evening, of course. Every Saturday afternoon is holiday and full holidays are rather numerous, besides. The Queen's Birthday—May 24—is the first regular summer holiday. Then comes Dominion Day—the first of July. Labor Day is a holiday, too, and the Canadian Thanksgiving comes in October. Besides these, there are civic holidays appointed for one reason or another, but at bottom resting soundly upon the irresistible temptation of summer weather so beautiful, so delightful, so nearly absolutely perfect, that it makes an appeal to the heart of outdoor man not to be decried. With so pressing an invitation from Nature, her children waste no time in demurring, but joyfully take off superfluous garments and go to their sports with whole-souled delight.

Association football is, perhaps, next to baseball, the most popular game with Winnipeggers, and but few of the