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GONE FOR THE CUP

Regina Lacrosse Team Has Gone to New Westminster to Play for the Minto Cup—Two Games to Be Played—Who Are to Play on Both Teams.

The Regina lacrosse team left in their special car on Sunday morning's train for New Westminster where they will play two games with the home team in an endeavor to life the minto cup. Regina has been able at a great expense to get together a good aggregation of individual players who will put up a good game as a team as well. The first game will be played tomorrow and the second game on May 24th. The team scoring the more goals in the two games secures the cup. It is expected that the teams will face off as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Regina Capitals, New Westminster. Lists players like Clarke, Howard, Lalonde, West, Shea, Davidson, Warwick, Marston, McGregor, Allen, Gorman, McDougall and their positions.

Speaking of the games the Daily News of New Westminster has the following to say: "One week from today the first match for the lacrosse championship of the world ever played west of the great lakes will take place on the oval at Queen's Park, when the contending teams will be New Westminster Salmon Bellies, holders of the Minto cup and the Regina-Rest-of-Canada Capitals, challengers for the championship. A few months ago, when the Regina aggregation first announced its intention to come west after the mug Westminster looked upon the news merely as an advertising boost for the capital city of Saskatchewan and the idea that the capitals really intended coming here was ridiculed. But Regina kept at it, discovered a few odd sports in their burgh who were not wholly enamored with their home-bred baseball team, dug up about five thousand dollars from old savings bank accounts, and commenced buying lacrosse players in batches. A few lemons were slipped to Regina while the team was in process of formation, but after a while these were thrown out into the discard and others brought out to take their places. At the present time the Capitals form a very respectable team, the players being strong individually. Some of them have been the one bright star on their particular team in the past, but there their particular play was understood, their teammates recognized them as the Alex of the team and always put a chance to shine in their way. "But will it be the same in a team composed of stars drawn together for a monetary consideration where each man will try to outshine his fellow? Well, not quite. The Regina lacrosse team is not a family affair. It's a mighty expensive trip the Capitals are to embark on next Sunday, and it's a sad, sad disappointment that awaits them at the end of their journey. If they are very good here, and do not visit Vancouver too often, they may be permitted a glimpse of the mug that lured them west, but a glimpse is all they'll get."

FLAX STRAW FOR TWINE

Machinery Invented to Separate Fibre from Woody Part of Flax Straw—Fibre Has Heretofore Been Imported into Canada—Imported 80,000,000 Lbs.

In a report to the department of trade and commerce, Mr. J. L. Haycock, inspector of industries in the penitentiaries, says that binder twine to the amount of about 80,000,000 pounds was used in Canada during the season of 1906, all of which was made from fibre which Canada was obliged to import. The value of the fibre used in the Canadian industry, would even at present prices, which are the lowest for eleven years, represent an outlay of over \$2,000,000. And with the continued development of the Canadian Northwest the amount required annually will not only be more than doubled in the next few years, but will increase for many years to come. A large amount of time and money have been expended in Canada, United States and elsewhere in trying to obtain a native fibre that would answer the same purpose. The plant which seems to give the greatest promise of success and the one that has received the most experimental attention in this line is flax. But the great difficulty has been to invent some process by which the fibre could be separated from the woody matter, or 'shive' in the plant. Various machines have been invented for the purpose of separating the fibre without the 'retting' process. So successful have been some of these inventions that in Canada at the present time machinery is in use extracting the fibre from the unretted flax quite satisfactorily. In fact, the separation of the fibre from the unretted flax and the manufacture of it in various grades of ship, counter and other commercial twine, has passed the experimental stage, and is now being carried on profitably. There is also being a small quantity of binder twine made from this fibre which, it is contended, has done good work in the field, although it is thought that some slight improvements are still necessary before it will be perfectly satisfactory. These improvements will undoubtedly be made in a short time, and the result will be materially beneficial to Canada. Under this process the yield of fibre is about 300 pounds per ton of flax, and as the average yield of flax is about two tons per acre, it would mean about 600 pounds of fibre per acre. The area of flax grown in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the year 1906 was about 200,000 acres, which at 600 pounds per acre represents a yield of 120,000,000 pounds of fibre. If manufactured into binder twine the quantity would be four times as much as was required to the Canadian grain crop of 1906. At the present time this flax, after separating the seed is burned. There is annually paid out in Canada two million dollars for thirty million pounds of fibre, while at the same time 120 million pounds of fibre are burned.

YEARS IN DUNGEON

Jesse Pomeroy, the Human Fiend, After Spending 33 Years in Prison Dungeon, May See Light—Has Improved Time by Extensive Reading. Charlestown, Mass., May 14.—After thirty-three years solitary confinement, Jesse Pomeroy, the "human fiend" may again see daylight. Pomeroy was a steel-eyed boy of seventeen when the world declared him dead and locked him behind the doors of Charlestown prison. Now he is fifty, and has known nothing but darkness and solitude. The men who bore witness against him, the attorneys who defended him, the jurors who talked him guilty, the judge who sentenced him to death, the governor who saved him from the rope—all are dead. Once a day the jailer slips his food through a ship in the darkened cell, and peers in to make sure his prisoner has not died during the night. Once a month the prisoner's mother—the only person in the whole world who thinks him innocent—talks and weeps with him through the bars for an hour. Once a year the governor of Massachusetts and the prison commissioner walk through and stare curiously at the prisoner. Occasionally Chaplain Barnes visits him and talks to him. These are the only breaks in Pomeroy's useless life. And now relief may come. A bill will be introduced in the present session of the legislature—it is aimed at Pomeroy—it allows all the prisoners to work in daylight and with their fellow prisoners. This boon Pomeroy has long craved. Just to see daylight and to see people and talk with them, it's all he has ever asked. He has refused to work unless he could work with the other prisoners. "Just what Pomeroy is today, only the prison officials know—and they won't tell. You may see all there is to be seen in Charlestown prison," General Bridges, the warden says, "except Pomeroy." At thirteen he was assaulting and torturing boys of six. He was put in a reformatory, where, after three years, he was released on parole. A little while after by his own confession he assaulted and butchered little Nellie Curran, and buried her body in her father's cellar. At seventeen he was found guilty of slaying a five year old boy in Boston. The law, outraged, called him unfit for freedom, or even human association. His long term in prison began. With all his perverted and degenerated instincts Jesse Pomeroy is an intelligent man—even brilliant. He has read every one of the 8,000 books in the prison library, and even had a thousand more, belonging to Chaplain Barnes. He reads in the original the works of Latin, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Arabic authors.

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BIG KLONDIKE DEAL.

Vancouver, B.C., May 18.—It is understood that the Dawson City water works and electric light, with the sourdough coal mines, as well as other mining interests in the Klondike, have been acquired by a New York Syndicate. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. One of the principal vendors is Dan McGilivray, a Nova Scotian, now of Seattle, who amassed a fortune in the Yukon. I cured a horse of the Mange with MINARD'S LINIMENT. CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS, Dalhousie. I cured a horse, badly torn by a pitch fork, with MINARD'S LINIMENT. St. Peters, C.B. EDW. LINLIFF. I cured a horse of a bad swelling with MINARD'S LINIMENT. THOS. W. WAYNE, Bathurst, N. B.

The Union Church.

Some time ago, the Journal published an item regarding the union of the various church denominations at Frohisher, Sask. This being the first union of churches in Canada, we have watched the experiment with a good deal of interest. The union church is proving an unqualified success and of

LABOR HAS NO KICK

Nothing in Complaints That Men Working on G.T.P. Are Ill-Used and Ill-Fed, Says Chamberlain—Contractors Claim the Men Are Generously Treated.

Ottawa, May 13.—Correspondence laid on the table of the house of commons by the minister of labor shows that there have been complaints of treatment of laborers on the Pacific section of the G.T.P. E. J. Chamberlain, general manager, says in a letter that labor organizer Daly 'is in the ring to make all the trouble he can.' The complaints were first that the men on the Pacific section of the G.T.P. were ill fed and ill treated, and secondly, that they were mulcted to an unnecessary amount of hospital money. As to this Mr. Chamberlain says that Foley, Welch & Stewart are giving as good medical service as does the G.T.P. itself, and that as a matter of fact at the time of his writing they were \$17,000 behind. But the best proof of the success of the hospital service on the Prince Rupert section is that the health has been generally good and that there have been very few cases of typhoid. The record shows that in 1906 there were 26 deaths among the men on the section in a force which ranged from 2,000 to 5,000 men, as against 10 deaths in 1907 when the force ranged from 343 to 5,500. B. B. Kelliber, chief engineer of the G.T.P., in a letter of April 28 says: "Comparing the treatment which Foley, Welch & Stewart are giving their employees with that of other contractors, I consider them very generous and very careful. Their long experience in handling men on large works has built up an excellent organization for taking care of their employees. On their Prince Rupert work they allow their men's time to commence when they land at Prince Rupert, giving them full time while they are being moved from Prince Rupert up the river, which, during the close of navigation, sometimes consumes three or four days. They advance the cost of transportation from Vancouver, Victoria and other points to Prince Rupert. Their camps are comfortable and kept in good sanitary condition and their boarding houses are first class with wholesome food. "Some idea of the treatment which they extend to the men may be gained from the fact that a large percentage of the labor which they have employed on the construction of the Lake Superior branch at the close of that work travelled on their own expense to Prince Rupert to re-enter the employment of these contractors." Mr. Kelliber states that neither the G.T.P. nor any of its contractors ever employed any foreign labor nor was foreign labor invited.

COST OF CENTENNIAL

Delegates From Winnipeg Ask the Dominion Government to Provide Two Million and a Half—Western Members Think the Results Will Justify the Costs. Ottawa, Ont., May 13.—Full of enthusiasm and confidence in the future of the granary of the Empire, a representative delegation of Winnipeg business men came to town this evening to press upon the government the advisability of making a substantial grant towards the proposed 1912 Centennial exposition in 1912. The delegation consists of Ald. Cox, Ald. Adams, J. A. M. Aikins, K.C., D. K. Elliott, E. D. Martin, W. W. McMillan, John Aird, J. B. Perse, F. O. Fowler, R. M. Dennistoun, A. A. Black, E. Bellevue, J. H. Brock, A. M. Nanton, D. E. Sprague, and D. C. Cameron. Their visit will only be a short one. They will see the government at nine o'clock tomorrow morning and will leave for home again in the afternoon. As a preliminary to their interview with the ministers they met the western members of the house of commons this evening and talked to them frankly about their mission. They told of what a great advertisement the proposed exhibition would be for all Canada, how it would attract visitors from all over the world, and how the inevitable influx of settlers and of capital into the west, with all that involves the industrial centres of the east. The speakers were Mr. Aikins and Mr. Martin, each of whom made most eloquent and convincing speeches. Mr. Martin told how he had been to Portland, Oregon, investigating the results of the exposition there, and to Seattle to see for himself how the Alaska-Yukon exposition of this year was organized, and summed up by stating that the Winnipeg exposition would involve an expenditure of \$4,000,000. Of this the city of Winnipeg would give \$500,000 and it was estimated that the receipts would be \$1,000,000 so that there remained a balance of \$2,500,000 which the Dominion would be asked to vote. He considered that in view of the certainty of the result which would accrue that would be a good investment, and the M.P.'s present without distinction of politics declared that the advertisement would be worth the cost.

MISFORTUNES OF A BARONESS

Minneapolis, Minn., May 13.—Torn from her parents in the whirl of New York city, a few moments after the plank had stepped down the gang-plank of a trans-Atlantic liner, and lost in America since that day, working from place to place as kitchen maid, Thersa Pry last night left St. Paul for her home in Germany, where she will have a title and a fortune of millions. After five years of separation, Miss Pry, through the German consul has been reunited with her parents. When Thersa was lost in New York, her mother and father nearly went insane with grief. They spent months and money in the search, finally abandoning hope and returning to Germany. Miss Pry is 26 years old and a baroness. The Teachers' Association of the Weyburn Inspectorate will meet on Thursday and Friday next. A special feature will be the organization of trustees and ratepayers in connection with the regular association. The meeting for this purpose is called for 10 a.m., Friday. All interested in Education are invited to attend.

WEST DUNSTAN.

One of those happy events, viz., a wedding, took place at Craik, in St. Agnes church, on May 6, when Rose Alice West, of London, Eng., and Alfred William Rogers Dunstan, were wedded by Rev. Buchanan. Mr. Dunstan has for the past twelve months been student in charge of the Anglican church in Davidson and Craik, also a mission in Girvin. The bride who wore her travelling costume, owing to the unfortunate fact of her baggage being left at Regina, was given away by her brother, Thomas West, of London, Eng., who had accompanied her for that special purpose. The groom was supported by George Bagnall of Davidson, the bride being attended by Lucy Wilson, Agnes Lees, and Irene Secord as flower girls, who were prettily attired in white. The church was tastefully decorated with wild flowers. The bridal party arrived at the church punctually at 2 p.m., and entered to the strains of an appropriate wedding march. Mrs. Wickwar ably presiding at the organ. A large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony afterwards adjourning to the residence of C. K. Crawford where the reception was held under the auspices of the W.A. Mr. Crawford's automobile was the means of conveyance for the bridal couple as well as some of the guests to and from the church. Mrs. Dunstan was deeply impressed with the generosity and kindness shown by everyone. The happy couple will make their home in Craik—Davidson Leader.

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