SPORT

EVERYTHING FINE IN W. C. R. LEAGUE.

There isn't a cloud on the Western Canada Baseball League's horizon according to its president Bruce L. Robinson, of Calgary, who is spending a few days in Edmonton, and who was seen by the Bulletin at the Windsor yesterday.

The president should know whereof he speaks. He has been in all the league cities within the past few weeks and when he visited there the baseball enthusiasm was runnning too high, particularly in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, for even 40 below weather to put out of business.

At league headquarters too everything is running smoothly. All the team managers are busy and report great success in picking up fast players. The minor league players seem to have special designs on playing in the Great West, and it is not a difficult matter to get signatures to contracts to perform in the W. C. B. L. The same applies to umpires. The league secretary is receiving numerous applications every day from indicator handlers who want to catch a place in the West—and they mostly all have gilt-edged references.

The president and league directors are putting forth extra efforts to make the league a success for 1907. This is the first year for out and out professional baseball and if the game can be popularized and be an expense-payer, even this season, the success of the sport is assured for years to come.

"Have you done anything with reference to the schedule since the league conference in January?" was the first query almed at the president.

"Yes; some changes have been made in the dates as drafted at the first meeting and the changes seem to be very satisfactory. Copies of the revised list have been mailed to the clubs asking for suggestions that would still further improve the list, but so far none have been offered. As the list stands the clubs will have a series as follows:

Team	Games. Home.	Games. Abroad.
Edmonton	...48	45
Calgary	45	48
Hat	45	48
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dmonton	.....3,345 miles
algary	..... 3,705 miles
ethbridge	.....3,794 miles
edicine Hat	.....4,550 miles

in cold type Medicine Hat and Edmonton appear to get the worst of it, but such is not the case. At the end of the season the distances travelled will be equalized and each team's playing expense account will be exactly the same."

"What is the feeling amongst the clubs regarding the selection of umpires?"

"It's a bit le early to discuss the matter," was the president's reply, "but I may say that a couple of the cities seem to favor the appointment of two first-class local men from Edmonton and Calgary. For myself I prefer outsiders and the further they come from this province, and the less they know about our people, the better will it be for the game. There will be no difficulty getting good officials as we are delayed with applications for the positions."

"Have the league clubs put up the guarantee money yet?"

"Not yet," was the president's response; "they haven't been called upon for the cash yet, but they will be expected to make good this week. $250 is required, which will be forfeited if any club fails to finish the season or violates the salary law. In case any such mishap occurs the $250 will be divided among the other three teams."

"In alloting dates does the schedule give the teams home games during exhibition week?"

"Oh, yes; that contingency was provided for, but may not work out any too well financially, for Calgary at least. According to present arrangements, Calgary will be at home for eighteen straight games prior to and including the fair dates. This may possibly be rectified, though to date no solution to the difficulty has been worked out."

Mr. Robinson says all the clubs have about completed arrangements for grounds and he thinks the keen rivalry that exists between the league cities will go a great way in inducing the people to patronize the games and and make financing a comparatively easy matter.

To an outsider the league appears to have secured an exceptionally thorough and non-partizan head in President Robinson. He recognizes that the association has to be handled cautiously and has started in at the outset in the right way to entrench the league in public confidence and the Edmonton talent is confident he will discharge his duties throughout the year without fear or favor, and will keep both eyes open all the time for violations of any feature of the constitution and particularly with clubs exceeding the salary limit.

CALGARY HAS SIGNED TEN.

The baseball team that Manager Thyne is selecting to represent Calgary in the Western Canada league for 1907 will be the fastest organization that has ever played ball in this part of the country.

Mr. Thyne is selecting with great care one good man fo r every position on the diamond, with the intention that when the team leaves Boston they will be able to play their exhibition games in the different league cities, with so much credit to Calgary as they will show in their league games in Alberta.

At the present time he has ten men under contract and they are the pick of the New England States, all of them being experienced league players. The team as it stands now is composed of the following well-known players:

Thomas, catcher, formerly of Brown university, Providence, R. I.

Driscoll, catcher, formerly Lynn, Mass., New England league.

McConnell, pitcher, Tufts University.

Averhill, pitcher, New England League.

Thomas, first base, Eastern and Southern League.

Whooly, second base, Central League.

Wordell, third base, New England League.

Pinkerton, short stop.

Talbot, left field; Connecticut state League.

Hartford, centre field, New Hampshire League.

With another outfielder and a left handed pitcher the team will be complete and will make the other teams in the league hustle for the pennant. McConnell, the Tufts University pitcher, ranked high as a college pitcher, and was considered the peer of the famous Princeton pitcher, Byram, who pitched for Banff two years ago. McConnell is not only a good twirler, but was one of the best hitters among the colleges. A prominent baseball player in the city who has seen the work of Driscoll, says the people of Calgary will forget all about FFord when they see Driscol work behind the bat.

Thorne, the first baseman will no doubt captain the team as he has excellent ability for getting all the good work out of the players.

The team as a whole will be composed of men who will be a credit to the city as ball players and as citizens.—Albertan.

MOTT'S WEIGHT IS DECEIVING.

Spectators at the Vallee and Setter vs. Moth wrestling match on Saturday night were away wide of the mark in their guesses regarding the weight of the latter. To most the winner looked to og at least 200 and many would have put up money that 220 was about the correct figure.

In this respect Moth is certainly a fooler. He certainly appears to carry enough flesh to require the adjustment of the scales at even 225, but as he weighed in his wrestling togs on Saturday night he could not have gone over 193. Clothed in his winter garments, minus his overcoat, he steppel on to the scales in a local butcher shop Tuesday morning and the beam balanced at a nice even 202 pounds.

HOCKEY.

How many miles does a hockey player travel during a night's game?

A pedometer was recently attached to Harry Westwick the rover of the Ottawas, to ascertain the distance. Westwick was selected because his position calls for more skating than any other on the ice. The instrument was concealed in the leg of Westwick's trousers in such a manner that in falling he could not be injured. It's position also rendered it unlikely to become broken from a blow from a stick The gauge was fixel at three and a half laps to the mile.

Of course skating is vastly different to walking or running, and consequently the distance must be approximated to a certain extent. For every stride taking by a skater, he slides about the same distance. There are numerous short steps he takes when standing and much distance covered which is not recorded when stopping. Therefore to reach a fair average it would be necessary to double the distance of each stride, in other words make it seven feet.

After the first half last night an inspection of the pedometer showed Westwick has covered three and three-quarter miles with a stride of 3 1-2 feet or seven and one half miles with a seven foot stride. The instrument was readjusted and Westwick went on again for the second half.

After the game the pedometer was taken off and showel Westwick had travelled two and one-half miles in the second half with a 3 1-2 foot stride, or five miles with a seven foot stride. Approximately the rover covered 12 miles during the match.

The experiment was carried on under the best of circumstances, and is considered highly successful. The ice was fast, the game fast and open and Westwick was never off the ice during the play.

PROFESSIONAL OR AMATEUR.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—There is schism amongst the lacrosse clubs over the professional idea. Some claim that it has proven too expensive and that the professionals are utterly unreliable and they want to go back to the pure amateur idea. Others insist on giving the professional idea another chance, and this time in such a manner that the clubs will have absolute control of body and soul, so to speak of the professionals, the same as they have in baseball leagues. The Shamrocks are ones in favor of retaining the amateur plan. The Montrealers want to give the professional idea a further show. "We are forced into it," They say, "and we were going to see it out to the bitter end." The Nationals are on the fence.

TEAMS MAY START TRAINING HERE.

(Saturday's Daily)

Yesterday's chinook started baseball blood coursing through 'Deacon' White with all the vigor of a fine day in May. There was no suppressing his enthusiasm to get something going in the American National game line and late yesterday afternoon the writer resident Manager Bidder of the Calgary team to bring along all the league team players he had in the city and a bunch of prospective candidates for the paid aggregation and try them up against a picked Edmonton nine, throwing in (gratis) a slice of advice that the Southerners would find it a good investment to have the players shape up in the June weather now prevailing in this end of the Strawberry section in preference to hugging the stove at Calgary for another six weeks and getting as far out of condition that their month's training trip in the east would be money wasted so far as getting the team in shape for a successful start in the league race was concerned.

The Calgary manager is having a special meeting tonight to discuss the matter.

HOCKEY

(Monday's Daily)

Medicine Hat seniors will play Edmonton's first team two games here this week (D.V.) and weather permitting, Tuesday and Friday nights.

Powers will hardly be in his old time form for the first game with Medicine Hat on Wednesday night and the locals are due to know they have been in a strictly senior contest when the finish comes.

If Powers is unable to play on Wednesday night there will be a rearrangement of the players and it is possible Gorman may be seen in action on the forward line. Other available spare men are Blair and Jimmy Taylor.

Calgary is extremely anxious to get the seniors down south for a game this week, but the locals have not forgotten that Calgary owes Edmonton a return game and will not make the trip unless Calgary comes through with a substantial guarantee.

Up at the High School the hockeyists are praying for a little more mild weather so the City league games cannot be started for another week Ray Powell, one of the school's best players, is under the doctor's care at present and will not be in shape to play for some days yet.

Strathcona is still sparring for wind in the games for the Brackman Ker trophy. The only proposition they have made so far was for the first game to be played across the river last Thursday night. They refused to arrange dates for the other contests and the locals refused to enter upon the series until dates for the first three games had been agreed upon.

With a few practices Strathcona expect to put the best team they have had this year on the ice for the Brackman-Ker trophy games. The forward line is where they look for a much better showing. McArthur is again able to play and Mr. Kent who has been with the team every other winter but this, is now available and is said to be as good as ever.

It is a long while since Edmonton hockeyists parted with a senior player with as much regret as it does with Harold Johnston, who expects to leave the city on Thursday for the coast, where he will likely become a permanent resident though he has not definitely settled the question as yet. He has been in the fast crowd the past three seasons and was very prominent in many of the senior struggles last year. In addition to speed and stick-handling features of the game he also had a reputation for playing clean, aggressive hockey all the time, and never had any objection to making way or giving up his place on the line if the management wished to replace him with another player. On or off the ice he was a white man and his departure will be much regretted.

Fine doings continue in the Temiskaming league. In the first game between Latchford and Haileybury twelve of the fourteen players were imported for the occasion. Cobalt defaulted the next game, as the Toronto professionals were otherwise engaged, and could not go up to the silver city. For the game on Wednesday night Haileybury brought up the full line-up of the Emmetts of the Ottawa City league. They wanted the Capitals, but would not come up to the price demanded. The Emmetts were cheaper but they did not get into action. Their train was six hours late, and Cobalt went home without playing.

BASEBALL

(Monday's Daily)

There will be 27 conflicting dates in the big leagues' baseball schedules despite the best efforts of Pullman and Johnson to straighten the matter out. In previous years there has been as high as 60 and 65.

Of course Rube Waddell had to take a hand in the McGovern benefit. He disposed of half-tone pictures of Terry and realized a tidy sum for the beneficiary. You can't keep the Ruben down when there's a chance for him to do a little good and get a little notriety.

Clark Griffith announces that the New York Highlanders will get together to go south on March 12. They will train at Atlanta, Ga., and something like 25 men will be taken.

Down at Guelph they are playing baseball on roller skates and among the stars at the sport are Eddie Carlow, who will play second base for Edmonton this year. In a game there a few days ago he played the "shortfield" for the White Sox, who trimmed the Cubs 11-9. Eddie does not mention how many innings the contest went.

Pitcher Oberlin, who will be given a trial by Boston in the spring, has his index finger on his pitching hand off. He got into contact with a buzz saw and pitched better ball after it healed than before. Another Buster Brown perhaps in a year or two if he gets proper attention and keeps on improving.

One of the surprises of the year is that Art Moyne, who played whirlwind ball at third base for Calgary last year has not been gathered in as yet by some of the league managers. Moyne has no trouble hitting over .260, and on the field he can hold his end up with the best of them. He is particularly fast on the ground, collers and is exceptionally fast and accurate on the throw.

With the booking of "Clint" Ford Manager White has rounded up a likely looking staff of catchers. Ford was with Calgary last year, and was the best performer behind the bat that city ever saw and was among the good ones with the stick, hitting 'em close around .300. He was in the Northwestern league in 1903 and was among the sluggers there also. He has a great arm and speed the good ones with the stick, hit away with stolen bases on him. And talking about speed he is some pumper himself. In 1906 he carried off the base running honors, negotiating the circuit in a fraction over 14 seconds. Ford is a right hand hitter and learned the game in Seattle.

BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The baseball magnate who gets signified he has to have his office in the seventh room of the seventh suite and behind seven sets of doors never will get close to the people, says Charles Comisky of the White Sox.

I'm never so busy that I cannot talk even to a match pedlar.

If there are 50 letters to answer and friends come in let the letters go. The writers will write again.

My team won the American league championships and then captured the world's championships and my office generally was under my hat during the season.

As I grow older the game of baseball success seems to become simpler—it resolves itself into "keeping in" with your friends.

A whole world of typewriter machines and a small army of operators could not put out enough press agent stuff to warm up the public to a baseball club that the people do not fancy.

A few scratches of the pen on an advance money check to a baseball player in January are worth a ton and a half of soft soap and blarney to the player after he begins to travel around the circuit at the expense of the club.

Learn to stick by a man who sticks by you and don't cast off a faithful veteran player who may save the flag for your club in one hard fought game.

The whole world's a stage for the successful baseball magnate to put his ball club upon, no matter what he cost. Make the spring training trip to Europe or Asia if you think it will be a good thing.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

(Monday's Daily)

Peter Maher says he has not felt better in ten years than he does at present. He will fight Felix Vauquelin of New Orleans soon for a $3,000 purse offered by a Mississippi club.

The greatest campaigner in Kansas, last season, was Silverkee, 2.13 4, by Kankakee. This green pacer started in twelve races, pacing forty heats, winning twenty-five of them. His earnings amounted to $2,460.

The harness horsemen of Kansas are pushing the game all over the state for 1907. Hutchinson, Kansas, is offering stake races of $1,000 each for two-year-old and three-year-old trotters also the same for 2.35 and 2.20 trotters.

The 674 members of the American Trotting association held 698 meetings in 1906 and in the aggregate the amount of purses was $1,759,785.

Citizen: Ottawans always get the best of everything in the sporting line. The ice races next week will be the best ever held in America.

Meadville, Pa., is the birthplace of two world's record horses, namely, Dan T. 2.07 1-4, and Morning Star, 2.04 1-4. Dan was the winner of the fastest four-heat race in 1903 at Columbus, Ohio, which record he held for two years, and Morning Star took a record of 2.04 1-4 the next year and made a world's half mile record to pole with Prince Direct, of 1.01 1-4, at Memphis.

YOUNG CORBETT SWEARS OFF

Young Corbett says he is a convert. He has had enough of the tenderloin and hopes to fight himself back to popular favor. Here is his confession:—

"I am through with the life of the tenderloin, with the great white way, as they call Broadway, and the glamor of jollifications. I have cut it all out. Take it from me, old man, there's nothing to it but shame and disappointment, regrets and an awakening.

"I am not here to moralize, but if the young men who pick up the ready friendships and shallow joys of the life I have led could only realize all that it means to them when they are down and out they would never embark on this treacherous if alluring journey through the golden dissipations.

"When you are down and out, when your friends have spent your money and drank your wine, when the nights of fevered excitement and lurid joys have robbed you of wealth, health and the power to earn and you see these same friends turn their backs on you because they fear they may be importuned for the money they had from you with lavish hand in your rich days, then you realize how little there is in it, how much these golden day friendships count for.

"I have been through it. Luckily I made a few real friends who refused to pass me up when lots of my fair weather pals would not recognize me because they thought I was a member of the down and out club.

"One of these is Joe Gans. I can't tell you how much it has meant to me to have Joe, the greatest fighter the world ever saw, show his confidence in me. His faith in my ability will do more to place me on my feet and make me what I should be than anything else. Then there is my old manager, Harry Pollok. He has stood by me through thick and thin. There are a few others. They have proved themselves my friends.

"I am going to take on Qid Herman, whom Joe Gans considers one of the toughest little men in the business. Gans said before I left: 'Make a match with Kid Herman. He is tough, one of the toughest ever, but if you whip him you will be in line with the best of them, for out in Tonopah they think mighty well of the Kid. I will train you, and if you will do as I say and train as I shall arrange for you to train, you will win, and there is no limit to what you may accomplish.'

"I am going to train as Gans wants me to. Indeed, Joe is going to train me himself, and with such aid I am confident of winning.

"A big New York broker is backing me in this fight, as he is convinced of my desire to fight my way back to the front rank, and he has faith in my ability to win. He will back me for $5,000 to beat any white lightweight in the business, and if I beat Herman I am going to go after Nelson, Britt, Lewis, Thompson or any of the rest of them. I would have knocked Tommy Murphy out in New York had the bout gone ten rounds. He landed a lucky punch on me in the second that dazed me for a couple of rounds, but I was getting stronger at the finish and was putting it all over him at the end."

TERRIFIC LACING RUINED CRESEUS

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 9.—There are many reasons given why the world's champion stallion, Cresceus (2.02 1-4), did not respond to training last season and again become a star cresus was the greatest trotting race horse, all things considered, this country has ever seen—a lion in action, a mercurial in repose.

It has been said of Cresceus that he was as badly managed as was possible, and raced when in and out of condition, was asked to perform impossible feats, and yet never did he falter, never did he fail to do his utmost.

It is believed that he was the gamest and greatest stallion the world has ever seen, yet during the past season he acted so badly that it was found necessary to retire him permanently. The failure of Cresceus to come up to expectations caused a great deal of comment among horsemen. Those who saw Cresceus when Trainer Hersey was working him last winter went away with the idea that the champion stallion would go some great miles when the season opened.

Cresceus took on some forty pounds of flesh the first month he was at the International Stock Farm. At that time he was full of life and energy, playful as a colt, but rather loath to go onto the track. Hersey was patient with him and would coax him to take his daily work. Along in the spring Cresceus made up his mind that he would not go onto the track, and the following day decided that he would remain in his stall.

A man who attended the Lexington races said that Hersey gave the following explanation of what happened when Ketcham, the former owner of Cresceus, visited the international stock farm in response to a telegram from M. W. Savage.

"Ketcham arrived, and did help us get Cresceus out of his stall. You can imagine my surprise when I saw Ketcham start in and give that horse the most terrific lacing you ever saw in your life. Then he worked him a mile. He cooled out and I asked Ketcham to work him another. Cresceus went out on that track and Ketcham handed him out another lacing. Then he took him away at a clip that might have been excusable had he been going after the world's record.

"The track was soft and so was the horse. In a whipping finish he came home under the wire in 2.16 all out. Of course I was indignant and gave Ketcham a piece of my mind. He admitted it was the first time the horse had ever been punished like that, and then he left. The next time we took Cresceus out he was lame. He got lamer and began to lose flesh. He had no more spirit and took no more interest in life. That licking had broken his heart, for he was unable to understand it. Whether it ruined him for life remains to be seen."

The true condition of the horse is expected to become known to the horse public, but the question arises whether a horse with the sense possessed by Cresceus did not know why he was whipped. It may be that during his strenuous training days the horse developed enlarged heart, which is common under the conditions, and when asked again to perform he was physically unfit.

MADE FORTUNE WITH HIS FISTS

The following tables of Terry McGovern's ring earnings and his expenditures showing how he let more than $203,000 slip through his fingers, were compiled by Sam Harris and Joe Humphreys from old booking accounts:

McGovern's fists made $203,200 in the ring—

Harry Forbes	$ 700
Tim Callahan	600
George Munros	1,000
Casper Leon	1,700
Joe Bernstein	3,000
Johnny Ritchie	1,500
Pedlar Palmer	12,000
Billy Roichord	1,800
Patsy Haley	2,100
Eddie Sqrague	1,000
Harry Forbes (second time)	1,800
George Dixon	12,000
Eddie Lantry	2,600
Tommy White	2,000
Elwood McCloskey	1,700
Tommy White (second time) ...	2,200
George Dixon (second time)	2,300
Frank Erne	13,800
Joe Bernstein (second time)	2,200
Kid Broad	2,100
Joe Gans	11,000
Sammy Kelly	3,600
Gascar Gardner	4,600
Aurelio Herrera	4,800
Young Corbett (loser's end)	4,500
Dave Sullivan	4,800
Joe Bernstein (third time)	1,900
Billy Maynard	1,500
Young Corbett (second time)	5,200
Lou Ryall	1,000
Billy Willis	1,000
Eddie Hanlon	1,500
Jimmy Briggs	2,100
Tommy Mu phy	2,700
Battling Nelson	8,000
Jimmy Brit	2,900
Young Corbett (third time)	2,100
Moving pictures of Nelson fight	1,800
Minor fights	2,000
	$136,000

Shows, Exhibitions and Picture Earnings—	
"Gay Morning Glory"	$ 8,000
"Bowery After Dark"	7,000
"Road to Ruin"	5,000
Regular date	20,000
Moving pictures	20,000
Exhibition (12 pictures at $600) ...	7,200
Total	$203,000

How McGovern spent $203,000—

House as present to wife	$10,000
Fitting and furnishing same	3,000
House given to mother	4,000
Lots at Avenue U and Boulevard	2,500
Present to George Dixon	500
Vegetable store to mother	1,000
Peddling outfit for his brothers	1,100
Purchase of saloon business	5,000
Charities to poor neighbors	10,000
Helping stranded sports	5,000
Establishing Terry - McGovern club	2,500
Lost by theft of trusted friend	1,500
Money loaned out (no books kept)	15,000
Dinner at Argyle	500
Dinners to newsboys	2,000
Insurance premiums (five years)	3,500
Establishing racing stable	15,000
Colors, trainers, jockeys, etc., (two years)	24,000
Lost on these horses, betting.....	20,000
Diamonds and jewellery for his wife	5,000
Household expenses (at $50 a week)	26,000
Backing book at race track ...	25,000
Clothes (at $500 a year)	5,000
Unaccounted for	16,000
Total	$203,000

BASEBALL

Lethbridge claims to have the very best baseball grounds in the west, and the field has always been a good investment for the company controlling it.

Copper will drop out of the Northern Copper Country League if the delegates at the annual meeting vote to admit more than two teams (Houghton and Calumet) from the copper country proper.

The training season of the big league baseball clubs will begin earlier this season than in the past. The New York Americans will play six games with the Atlanta, Ga., team, beginning March 15. The Atlanta club is part of the southern league.

Things do not look promising for the organization of a Michigan State Baseball League. The new railway rate bill greatly increases the cost of transportation which has always been a great factor in financing baseball in the state.

Manager Thyne of Calgary, has already booked some games for the training trip of his team. He writes that he is confident of clearing all expenses of the spring training and travelling at their exhibition games.

The baseball club's minstrel show will run three nights—March 4th, 5th and 6th. The performers are all showing up well at the rehearsals and Director Sheppard is agreeably surprised to find so much first class talent in a young city like Edmonton.

The baseball club are grateful to the Young Liberal club for allowing them the uuse of their rooms for rehearsals of the musical troupe. This is the first time the club has allowed its rooms for such a purpose, but the Liberals are anxious to see baseball flourish in the city and will do anything in their power to give the baseball club a boost.

Mr. Cameron of the opera house, is also showing himself to be a sportsman the public can applaud. He is giving the minstrels the opera house free for one performance and at a considerably reduced rate for the other nights. Mr. Cameron's liberality is greatly appreciated by the club and the baseball fraternity generally.

This is certainly the weather to spread the baseball fever. At tehir meeting Friday night the Elks decide to ask the directors of the club to allow them to take full charge of the special attractions at the opening league game at Edmonton in May. The Elks have started in to secure a few vaudeville features and arrange for some athletic stunts that will draw a bumper crowd to the grounds for the initial contest.

It is hardly likely the Southern Alberta Amateur league, which is seeking to have a team in Lethbridge, will in any way hurt the coal town professional nine financially. It should have the opposite effect, in that it will develop an appreciation for the fastest kind of baseball—which the professionals will dispense. It will also develop players for the big leagues, which will be of inestimable benefit to the pait-team managers.

The Letlbridge athletic association, at its annula meeting to be held in a week or two, will take up the question of a further issue of stock, as the amount of $4,000. The stock subscribed by the present shareholders was $4,000, and it is the intention to issue the additional $4,000 to the present shareholders pro rata to their original holdings. The association was formed last summer, and its principle enterprise is that of carrying Lethbridge's end of professional baseball in Alberta.

HAT A GREAT BALL TOWN

Medicine Hat is the only city on the circuit whose manager is positively saying nothing but sawing wood. The Hat papers are handing out information as to players, but the inside information being passed along by the club owners is to the effect that Manager Nierstheimer is meeting with success beyond expectations in gathering in players, and already some of the gas town fans are willing to put up their good money that the pennant will be won by the Hat nine.

The players are said to be mostly from Cincinnati and in selecting them Nierstheimer is being assisted by a brother of Mayor Cousins of Medicine Hat who is well known as a baseball authority in the eastern states.

The stock in the baseball company has sold well. Everyy share offered so far has been picked up and the new issue to be put on the market immediately is almost certain to be picked up readily. They have already secured good playing grounds and the contract for the grandstand will be let this week.

The league president Robinson, has every confidence in the Hat being a good paying ball town. The people of this city are jealous of its reputation in athletics and the club will not lack for good financial support from the fans from all present appearances.

HOCKEY

Pittsburg professionals are going back fast. Toronto paid team trimmed them 9—5 on Monday.

Toronto University has won the championship of the Intercollegate series in Ontario and Quebec.

Now that Peterboro has lost Whitcroft it looks like Midland or Kingston, for the senior O. H. A. championship.

Lacombe trimmed Stettler 7—1 on Wednesday night at Lacombe 7—1. The train was late and it was after 11 p. m. when the game started.

The Canadian Soo team has now five consecutive victories to her credit, and last win sent her up to the third place in the international league.

Pittsburg lost four straight games to Canadian Soo and is now in fourth place. When the team hit the Soo it was leading the league.

The bachelors and benedicts of Lacombe will clash at hockey the first favorable night this week. The proceeds of the game will go to the hospital fund.

The Kenora executive indignantly denies the Winnipeg report that the Thistles can play all their Stanley Cup games at Winnipeg. The cup contests will be played at Kenora—or not at all.

With six wins and one loss to their credit it looks very much as if Qu'Appelle would land the championship of Saskatchewan Amateur Hockey Association.

Lacombe walked away from Wetaskiwin one night last week 11—4. Holley, formerly with the Revilon team, figured on Lacombe's right wing.

Howard Gee, who was with Toronto professionals early in the season, was not strong enough for Brandon. He only played one game.

Dr. Lasker has won all three games so far played with Frank J. Marshall for the chess championship of the world.

At the Fort William bonspiel the Rochon rink of Winnipeg lost only one game. They won three trophies and only a multiplicity of games, lost them a fourth in which they were forced to default.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

(Tuesday's Daily)

—The executive of the Presbyterial of the W. H. M. S. of the Edmonton Presbytery will meet at the Manse, Fourth street, instead of at the church, as first announced. The meeting is at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dr. Paterson, of the Vegreville Presbyterian Hospital, will be present.

During Lent there will be services every evening at St. Joachim's church at 7.30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Fridays this service will consist of the Way of the Cross and Benediction.

At both Catholic churches Wednesday afternoon.

and distribution of ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

At All Saints' church the services on Ash Wednesday will consist of Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Commination service, 10.30; Evensong and sermon, 8 p.m. During Lent there will be a daily service at 5 p.m. and evensong every Wednesday

A very successful St. Valentine's concert in Queen's avenue Presbyterian church last night under the auspices of the Sunday school. The following program was well rendered:

Chairman's Address.—Mr. W. E. Wilson.

Instrumental—Mr. Phillips.
Speech—Mr. A. Fullerton.
Solo—Mr. McGuire.
Recitation—Miss Hawe.
Solo—Miss Patterson.
Instrumental Duet.—Misses McDonald.
Selection—Orchestra.
Address—Rev. Mr. Myers.
Selection—Orchestra.
Dialogue—Misses Mathers, Anderson and Fulmer and Messrs. Bentley and Gillis.
Instrumental—Mr. J. Thompson.
Solo—Mr. Hurst.

Much credit is due the ladies Miss Mathers and Mrs. Gillis, who had charge of the program and the thanks of the Sunday school is due to Miss Miss Patterson, Mr. Plowright's orchestra and others who so ably and willingly rendered assistance.

The quarterly social evening of the Grace Methodist Epworth League attracted a large crowd last night. There was a short musical program followed by games of various kinds, lunch was also served before adjournment. The solo by Miss Patterson was the feature of the musical numbers.

The Young Men's Gymnastic Club of St. Paul's parish opened last night with an attendance of twenty members. Prof. Hencher, who is well known to Edmonton physical culturists, was in charge of the squad in the absence of Instructor Moorhouse. A surprising degree of gymnastic ability was shown, and the public may look forward to a gymnastic treat at the forthcoming proposed tournament at the rink, later in the season.

Rev. J. C. Herdman, superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Alberta is in the city today for the meeting of the Edmonton Presbytery.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held tomorrow afternoon in the school-room of McDougall Methodist church at 3 p.m. Special work along temperance lines will be discussed, and the president makes a particular request that all members may be present.

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PRESBYTERIA

On Wednesday even
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PUBLIC MEE

A meeting of the
Strathcona will be he
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hall to discuss the q
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Morrison, the Edmon
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AN ABUNDANCE OF

If the ice in Strathco
good for the next three
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Negotiations are pending
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ing teams to tour this
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Ker games is expected
this week and a date ha
with Medicine Hat f
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ing that they have a fas
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—This (Monday) evening
Mission Board. Mrs. Core
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Rev. Mr. Flemming in K
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mon on the story of Nehem
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the text being, "So built w
for the people had a mind
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the speaker's words, earnest
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timely appeal for all that
and best in family and ch

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Patti
Whale Lake, who have bee
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Montreal and at their old h
tawa returned to the city o
via the C.N.R. Mr. Pattison
Farm Instructor for the W
Reserve and exercises super
about 175 Indians. He is
over the future of the lake
pleasure resort and looks
a big town there upon the
the G.T.P. and the C.N.R.
both pass near by. Mr. and
tison left Winnipeg on Tue
but owing to the snow block
line stayed off at Kamsack
following train which did
until eight days later. On th
trip from Ottawa they avoi
different train wrecks by
make connections at variou
along the line.

—The Irwin assault case
been pending in the police
some weeks comes up again
ing tomorrow afternoon.

—The annual meeting of th
cona board of trade will ba
evening in the fire hall. A
tendance is urgently request

—The pulpit of the Bapti
was occupied both morning a
ing yesterday by Rev. David A
who preached two excellent
to good congregations. Mr. A
is formerly of Ontario but ha
in the suburbs of Strathcona
time.

ANNUAL MEETING BOAR TRADE

(Tuesday's Daily)

Probably the most represen
well as the largest meeting
history of the Strathcona b
trade took place last night in
hall. It was the annual as we
regular monthly meeting and
iness and professional interests
town were out in full force.

The minutes of the last meeti
read by the secretary, Mr. J. W

The greater part of the meet
taken up in discussion and the
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F. C. Jamieson the passing o
he had received in the Decemb
ing. On that occasion Mr. Jam
a lengthy speech denounced "th
ple of giving loans and bonus
in his subsequent resolution
terpretation of the press and
present was that he condemned
principle but "the giving of lo
bonuses" to individual or co

Dr. Fuller in the lengthy di
took strong ground against the
passed at the December meeti
quoted reports of the meeting
the Bulletin and Plaindealer t
the report of the motion that
abroad. The effect was that an
tant industry was almost turne
from the town. He urged tha
case be taken on its own mer
accepted or rejected as the board
council thought fit. He quoted i
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the former. While other towns
ed and encouraged industries S
cona could not afford to neglect

Dr. Fuller, moved, seconded b
Gallagher that the resolution b
cinded.

Mr. Jamieson defended the res
and contended the newspapers d
report the resolution correctly.
trusted the discussion would no
ceed in a spirit of unfriendliness