

SPORTING NEWS

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Toronto, April 22.—Durnan characterizes the report that Towns has resigned sculling championship to his brother as all bosh. The latter is a good sculler but not a player. In his estimation he is a good man up to a mile but not beyond. Durnan and Towns will row for the Sportsman's Cup and world's championship on Thames in September, each man to pay his own expenses and row for \$2,000 side bet. Towns refused absolutely to come to Canada and row for the title but he was ready to try for the famous English cup. Durnan is confident that he can beat the Australian when he is feeling right. That he was not when he rowed on Nepean he attributes to his excessive training and the climate. He says the Australians are the best sporting people in the world and that he was treated like a prince. "But Canada is good enough for me," he adds.

JUNIOR BASEBALL.

The opening game of the season was played on the Second street grounds on Saturday afternoon when the High school juniors trimmed the McKay Avenue school by a score of 4-2. Howie Kemp, Jellet, and Carruthers were tallied for the winners, while Garraway annexed both the McKay school scores. The teams were:

High School.—A. Owens, c.; H. Hayes, p.; H. Dean, 1b; Thayer, 2b; H. Goodridge, ss; Y. Blayney, 3b; Kemp, 1f; G. Carruthers, c.f.; E. Jellet, r.f.

McKay Avenue School.—Garraway, c.; F. Gillespie, p.; C. May, 1b; B. Lee, 2b; W. Pace, 3b; P. Greenwood, s.s.; G. Tidsbury, 1f; H. Looby, c.f.; Garraway, r.f.

WITH WESTERN TEAMS.

Former Northern Leaguers Join Ranks of the New League.

Winnipeg, April 22.—St. Bennett, the Duluth boy who played professional baseball for the last few years left Tuesday for Spokane, Wash., where he will join the Edmonton team in the Western Canada League. Bennett will play in the sun garden and with his accurate and speedy arm, he should have little trouble in landing a permanent berth.

A number of former Northern leaguers will be seen in the ranks of the Western Canada League this season. Morrison, O'Dea, Schuch, and Mackin will be in Lethbridge; Dean White, Ed. Cardow and Lefty Nagle will play with Edmonton, and before the season fairly begins the Canadians will probably see several other old players from this side of the border.

Piper's Special Bats.

Larry Piper, who played right field for Winnipeg during their visit to Edmonton last week, does not doubt remember that the outer gardens while all that could be desired as a field were not quite the things which he had seen in the past. He is different this year however, as Piper took along a new outfit of bats when he started for Minneapolis on Saturday.

All through the long weary winter Piper worried his brain over the possibility of finding a couple of carriage tongues from which to have the slingers made. Finally he managed to locate two that just suited his fancy. They were guaranteed to be at least eight years old, and, considering that they had been well enough seasoned to meet the requirements, Piper took them to the Winnipeg Paint and Glass Co., where they were turned under his direction.

He claims he has the best bats procurable and they are unapproachable. Last season he hit at a .293 clip but this year with new sticks he is willing to bet the two months' pay he will be numbered among the 300.

BASEBALL.

Vancouver will endeavor to secure the grounds at Blaine for Sunday games.

Seattle has shown up poorly in the spring training games. The Seattle High School won from them on Friday.

W. J. Kirby leaves this week for Boston to join the Calgary team for the spring training games.

A special meeting of the members and supporters of the Maple Leafs will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Richelieu Hotel.

Calgary's manager announces that he will work two pitchers, Cobb and Aver Hill, in the opening game on May 20, at the Hat.

The Chicago Cubs have probably the latest reserve force of any National league team. The club now numbers 24, and Chance says he will hold them all.

Manager Thynne states that some of the players signed by Calgary will be permanent residents of that city. They can't be as old as the papers say they are.

Sam Menice, who played first base for Winnipeg last season has quit the professional game, and will probably be with the Kelly Lathbury Co. semi-professional nine in that city.

In the spring exhibition games the National League defeated the American in a majority of games, thirteen out of fifteen. Pulliam's clan, while Pan Johnson's bunch captured but nine.

This is pretty certain to be the last season that the National and American leagues will open so early in April. Next year is sure to see the opening contests at least a week later.

J. M. Lamb, business manager of the Winnipeg left Saturday for Minneapolis. President Pallford will go down some time about the first of May and remain with the team until it leaves for home.

Claude Ritchey, the clever second baseman released by the Pittsburgh Pirates to Boston, recently stole home from third and scored the winning run for his team against Brooklyn. Incidents like that must grate on Bay City.

Says Manager Thynne of Calgary's new short stop: "Pinkerton is one of the best that I ever saw, outside of the big circus, playing shortstop. He's cat-like and can throw, bunt, and run bases as fast as a deer, and while fielding his position he is all over the infield, backing up third and second base. He will surely be the matinee idol all over the Western Canada League Circuit."

LACROSSE AT CALGARY.

The annual meeting of the Calgary Lacrosse Club was held in the Board of Trade rooms on Saturday night and attracted a large and enthusiastic attendance. Dr. S. Hicks presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—M. S. McCarthy, M.P.
Hon. vice-president—Hon. W. H. Oshing.
President—Alderman Moodie.
Vice-president—Dr. Hicks.
Secretary—Ed. Dodd.

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FOOTBALL.

From present appearances there will be at least twenty clubs in the Alberta Football Association this year.

Towns down the C.N.R. are long on football this year, and at least two more will have to be formed to properly handle the games.

Calgary will have an international match on April 27th, the gate receipts of which will be turned over to the Chinese famine fund.

In his senior division of the Calgary league the season opens May 7th and closes August 20. Two games will be played each week.

The members and supporters of the Regina football club are requested to turn out for practice on the exhibition grounds tonight at 6.45 sharp.

British Columbia soccer enthusiasts seem determined to keep the winter game up well into the spring. A match has been arranged to be played between picked teams representing Canada and England on May 11.

James Dalgety has been appointed official referee for the games in the Calgary league. He is going to have a busy time of it, as there are six teams in the senior division and five in the intermediate.

S. S. Short, of the Edmonton city club, can't complain of being overlooked when officers were chosen this year. He is secretary of the Alberta Association, the city league and the city club.

ALBERTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Important Business Transacted at Second Annual Meeting.

The second annual meeting of the Alberta Football Association was held in the Alberta hotel on Saturday night. In the absence of President J. A. Fairley, Mr. McInnis, R. McInnis of the Edmonton city club presided.

The league secretary, J. A. Jackson of Ponoka, was in attendance. There was a fair turn out of delegates. The session started shortly after eight o'clock, and it was nearly 11.30 when the motion to adjourn was carried. The constitution for 1907 provoked considerable discussion and the following are the outstanding features of the regulations governing the league this year:

All amateur clubs in the province are eligible for membership. In case the Calgary and Southern teams are not official efforts will be made to have championship teams in these associations play off.

with winning team in the Alberta association for the provincial championship. Club membership fee to association, \$5.

Players to play with only one association team, except in case of change of residence, when judiciary committee may issue permit to player to perform with another team. Clubs to register as members of the association on or before May 10.

\$5 must accompany each protest entered, and if protest is sustained the amount will be returned to the club entering the protest.

Protests must be entered with association secretary within five days after the match so protested, and must be accompanied by statutory declarations bearing on the points on which it is entered.

Visiting teams will be allowed six cents a mile one way for travelling expenses for twelve men. Home team will also pay visitors' hotel expenses. Dates for final and semi-final matches to be arranged by clubs interested.

Home team furnish referee expect to be a very poor showing and is only a reminder that in order to make an interesting game, it is necessary to have some but the very best teams obtainable.

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FOOTBALL IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Regina, April 21.—The Saskatchewan football league held its annual meeting here yesterday and was largely attended. Delegates were present from all the principal clubs in the province and this season promises to be the best in the history of the game in Saskatchewan.

Six districts will comprise the league this year, being one more than took part in last year's programme. In addition to the competition for the Saskatchewan shield, which will be imparted to the club which wins the championship, there will be a contest for the "People's Shield," the final game in which competition will be played in the Regina Exhibition grounds.

The Shield is open to all clubs in the Dominion and is presented by the People's newspaper of England. Saskatchewan clubs the following have already signed their intention of competing: Wapella, Broadview, Regina, Moose Jaw, Regina, and Moose Jaw.

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New Westminister champions of the B.C. association last year, have practically all last season's players available for 1907, and look good to annex the provincial honors for the second time in two years.

The C.L.A. is beginning to wake up to the fact that a mistake was made in raising the junior age limit from 21 to 22 years. It lets all last year's juniors play again in the junior series, and they consequently furnish absolutely no recruits for the intermediate.

The return to the city of Geo. Stages who last year played goal for Edmonton, and who has been in Manitoba the past few months is hailed with delight by the lacrosse fraternity. He played a great game in the flags last season, and is fit to duplicate his 1906 performance this year.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the B.C. Amateur Lacrosse Association, the president said: "We had a visit from the Strathcona Lacrosse Club during exhibition week. They made a very poor showing and is only a reminder that in order to make an interesting game, it is necessary to have some but the very best teams obtainable."

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Mackenzie River District

By E. Stewart. An Appeal for Medical Assistance.

It has occurred to me that I was perhaps neglecting a duty in not calling public attention to the sad condition of the sick and afflicted in the Mackenzie River country. The distance by the ordinary travelled route between Athabasca landing (which is itself about one hundred miles north of Edmonton) and Fort McPherson, near the Arctic Sea, is 1,864 miles, and over that whole distance the inhabitants—Indians, half-breeds and whites—are without a single physician.

Of missionaries there are many, and the good people of Canada generally, liberal support to maintain them, but, as the eloquent apostle of the Labrador says, it is poor comfort to the suffering and dying to be told that we love them and that the Lord is good when we fail to do anything to relieve their physical distress.

My attention was forcibly called to the condition of these people in this area last summer. Only two days after leaving Athabasca, Landing in a steamer our cook took sick with what was apparently appendicitis. It was soon evident that his case was serious, and it was extremely distressing to see him growing worse day by day, while of the fifty or more on the boat not one was able to do anything for him. After about a week of intense suffering he expired, and now lies in a lonely grave on the bank of the Athabasca River, far from his former home in England. There are many in the country who are afflicted with certain ailments that would yield readily to simple surgical operations. In such cases there are only two alternatives: either endure the affliction or make a long journey of perhaps a thousand or fifteen hundred miles to Edmonton, which is not only expensive, but if the journey is from the far north, where there is but one or two boats in the year, it will necessitate an absence from home of about twelve months.

Just before we left Edmonton we heard of a surgeon, the wife of an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Simpson, on the Mackenzie, nearly 200 miles from Edmonton, came out to the latter place on the return of the steamer in 1905 in order to undergo some simple operation for her eyes, which she believed to be quite successful, and only necessitated her stay in the hospital for a week or two, but as she could not get back to her home that season she arranged to stay in Edmonton and the following year by the boat.

Unfortunately a week before we left Edmonton she took suddenly ill and expired, and instead of our having her as a companion on our journey we were compelled to be the bearers of the saddest of all messages to her husband, who came aboard, as soon as the steamer touched the bank, expecting to meet his dear one after a brief absence. It is unnecessary to say that this incident was most distressing, but it is not singular.

Charles Edwin Armitage, of Leduc, a former Henry Budd of Raymond, William Thomas Daniel Lathwell, Calgary, Robert Williams, of Tofted.

Stuck trespasser. The dates for the Regina fair have been set for July 30 and 31 and Aug. 1 and 2.

The Regina brewery is now in operation and their beer is now on tap in the various hostleries.

The ratepayers will shortly vote on a by-law to grant the Y.M.C.A. \$15,000 in cash or its equivalent in land.

Messrs. Wright Bros. have given ambulance, which will be the first ambulance in the province.

A squadron of the Canadian Mounted Rifles is being organized here. It will consist of 60 men and 100 horses.

The highest priced animal sold at the Alberta stock show and sale at the Regina Exhibition was a pair of horses, bred by Paul M. Brett, of Regina, for \$170.

George E. Evey has been appointed building inspector at a salary of \$1,200 a year, his duties to be outlined by the fire, light and power committee.

Temporary Y.M.C.A. offices have been obtained in room 6 in the Black block, South street, where the secretary, Mr. Samuel Clarke, has taken up his quarters.

Nelson Bros., who did the curb and gutter work and granolithic sidewalks last year, has refused to accept the township franchise on the ground that it is not large enough to pay them.

The legal firm of Balfour and Martin will hereafter be known as Balfour, Martin and Casel, the latter gentleman, who is from London, Ontario, having recently been taken into partnership.

In accordance with a report brought down by Ald. Thomson, chairman of the health and relief committee, a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers, on May 16 next authorizing the expenditure of \$100,000 on a municipal hospital.

The Imperial and Sovereign banks will open branches here this year. A Bell plan has been placed in the King Edward school. The pupils will play for the instrument.

Saskatoon Oddfellows will build a \$15,000 office building and lodge room this spring.

The probationers on the nursing staff at the hospital will have their salary increased from \$10 to \$15 per month.

Saskatoon school board does not favor the purchase of the Bowerman site for the new high school at \$20,000.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's church raised \$588 last year. \$346 was spent on new furniture for the church.

Among the immigrant arrivals yesterday was an Irish family by the name of J. O'Gorman, who started from South America on January 7th.

INNISFAIR.

Fifteen carloads of hops have been shipped from here already this spring. The Brandon Construction Co. will build the new public school. Their tender is \$25,117.

The Alberta and Royal hotels will be greatly enlarged. Mr. Peabody has decided not to erect his new hotel this year.

A branch of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform league for the Innisfail constituency was formed here on Friday.

A cattle train, consisting of 14 cars, left Innisfail yesterday. It was consigned to P. Burns & Co. and had been gathered from all over the district.

Thos. White, the baker, is making arrangements to build a new store and oven in the near future. The new oven, will be the largest between Calgary and Edmonton.

RED DEER.

The Great West Lumber Co. have about 90,000 logs up the river that will be rafted to Red Deer to be sawn. T. Ellis, the proprietor of the Arlington hotel, is having a seven thousand dollar residence built.

The town have decided to erect sheds on the market square and will open a market about the first of May.

Work was started this week on the brick work of the new school. When completed this will be one of the best school buildings in northern Alberta.

Owing to the coal strike the C.P.R. are storing large numbers of freight cars in their yard here. They have only a small supply of coal, so it is understood that until the strike settles there will be few trains run out here.

HAPPENINGS IN OTHER PLACES.

Behop Purkham will visit Camrose on Sunday next.

The Merchants Bank at Tofted is now open for business.

A Chinese restaurant will be opened at Vegreville on May 1st.

A. E. Gaylor, the well known Westsylvan druggist, is dead.

Mannville expects to have a weekly newspaper of its own in a few months.

Vegreville Liberals will banquet J. B. Holden, M.P.P., on April 30th.

Camrose Anglicans expect their new pastor will be Rev. W. F. Sykes, of Innisfail.

A branch of the Temperance and Moral Reform League has been organized at Wetaskiwin.

The stone of Prince Albert's \$40,000 Presbyterian church was laid Saturday.

Large posters are being sent out this week announcing the celebration of the 12th of July at Wetaskiwin.