

SPORTING NEWS

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Toronto, April 22.—Durrant characterizes the report that Towns has resigned sculling championship to his brother as all bluff. 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. Durrant 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 each. Towns refused absolutely to come to Canada and row for the title but he was ready to try for the famous English cup. Durrant is confident that he can beat the Australian when he is feeling right. That he was not when he rowed on Waplesan he attributes to his excessive training and the climate. He says the Australians are the best sporting people in the world. "But Canada is good enough for me," he adds.

JUNIOR BASEBALL.

The opening game of the season was played on the Second street grounds, where the afternoon when the High school juniors trimmed the McKay school by a score of 4-2. Howie Kemp, J. J. Carruthers, each tallied for the winners, while Garraway annexed both the McKay school scores. The teams were: High School—A. Owen, c.; H. Hayes, p.; H. Dean, 1b.; Thayer, 2b.; H. Goodridge, ss.; Y. Blayney, 3b.; Kemp, 4b.; G. Carruthers, c.f.; E. Jelliff, r.f.

McKay, Avenue School—Garraway, c.; P. Gillespie, p.; C. May, 1b.; B. Lee, 2b.; W. Pace, 3b.; P. Greenwood, s.; G. Tidbury, l.f.; 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 has played professional baseball for the last few years left Tuesday for Spokane, Wash., where he will play for the team in the Western Canada League. Bennett will play in the sun garden and with his accurate throwing and speed on bases, 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, Schurch and Mackin will be with 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 fielder was not quite the hitter he is in position called. Things will be different this year however, as Piper took along a new outfit of bats when he started for Minneapolis on Saturday. All through the long 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 they were turned out 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 .283 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 the two pitchers, Cobb and Aver Hill, in the opening game on May 20, at the Hat.

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

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

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

In the spring exhibition games the National League defeated the Americans in a majority of games, thirteen out of twenty. Finally the Boston Red Sox captured the American League title.

This is pretty certain to be the last season that the National League and American League 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 Falford 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 the nerves of the fans.

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 judicial 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 traveling expenses for twelve men. Home team will also pay visitors' hotel expenses. Dates for final games to be arranged by clubs interested. Home team furnish referee except for semi-finals and final games. The appointment of an executive committee was left open until after the season's play starts as the members will be chosen from the active players. It was decided to keep the same officers for the coming year—grey pants and garnet garters."

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. Vice-president—Hon. W. H. Oshing. President—Alderman Moodie. Vice-president—Dr. Hicks. Secretary—Ed. Dodd.

The president and secretary see if one of them would act as manager for the coming year, and today they will be busy on the matter. The appointment of an executive committee was left open until after the season's play starts as the members will be chosen from the active players.

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LACROSSE.

So far the Ottawa team has not lost a game on its tour of England.

It is announced that each of the Toronto Tecumseh players drew \$500 last year.

Edmonton, Strathcona, Calgary and Medicine Hat clubs have organized for the season. Do a hustle, Lethbridge.

Montreal Shamrocks will have a good team with nearly all the old stars on ready to battle again for the honor of the club.

Calgary is making a bid for the convention to organize the Alberta Lacrosse League, and will likely have the support of the clubs in the north in this matter.

The Montreal Lacrosse Club has not signed a man as yet. Of course, the two year clause prevents any man from playing with another club in the N.L.U.

The C.L.A. team will not make the Australian trip unless the islanders send along an advance guarantee of \$4,000. If the contingents go it will start early in June.

One reason which is impelling the Toronto Lacrosse Club to raise the price of reserved seats to 75 cents is the fact that this year the club is paying nearly double the price it used to "put" up for the use of the grounds.

There will be little, if any, advance this season in the salaries of eastern professional lacrosse players. The figures averaged around \$20 and \$25 per week, with a few good men getting more. The N.L.U. residence rule, which makes Kingston his boundary line of the recruiting grounds, is largely responsible for the keeping of salaries on a moderate scale.

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 teams 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 Edmonton team 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 Dalgetty 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 over-booked 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 P. A. Parley of Innisfail, E. McLeish 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 clubs practice cannot be held until the meeting will be made to have championship teams in these associations play off

New Westminster 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 series.

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, Hon. Stewart said: "We had a visit from the Strathcona Lacrosse Club during exhibition week. It was a very poor showing and it is only a reminder that in order to make an interesting game, it is necessary to have some but the very best teams obtainable."

Vancover World: To still further simplify the game for the spectators it was decided to strictly enforce the rule by which each player must wear a large number on the back of his jersey according to his position on the field. Positions are to be numbered from goal out to inside home and any player appearing on the field without being duly numbered will be barred from the game until he complies with the numerical regulation.

Si Bennett Reports. Duluth News: Si Bennett, the well-known local baseball player, has signed a contract to play with the Edmonton team on the Pacific coast league, and will leave for Seattle the first of the month. He is a first-class batsman and has a contract from the Freeport, Ill. club of the Wisconsin State league, but has decided to stay home and play for the Edmonton team until he could not get the money he wanted.

Just before he left Edmonton we heard of a serious case. The wife of an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Simpson, on the Mackenzie, nearly 2,000 miles from Edmonton, came on to the latter place on the return of the steamer in 1905 in order to undergo some simple operation. Her husband, however, who was quite successful, and only necessitated her stay in the hospital for a week day, but as she could not get back to her home that season she arranged to stay in Edmonton and decide on the following year by the boat. Unfortunately a severe cold, which she had contracted before she left Edmonton, took her suddenly ill and expired, and instead of our having been a companion on our journey we were compelled to be the bearers of the saddest of all messages to her husband, who was on board, as soon as the steamer touched the bank, expecting to meet his dear one after a week's absence. It is unnecessary to say that this incident was most distressing, but it is not singular.

Charles Edwin Arthur Simonds, of Leduc. Hon. Henry Budd of Raymond. William Thomas Daniel Lathwell, Calgary. Robert Williams, of Tofteld.

James Robertson of Pincher Creek. Game Guardian. William John Lambert, of Fort Vermilion. The provisions of The Pound Districts Ordinance, the Minister of Agriculture has been pleased to make the following appointment: A. M. Tupper, of Kitcooty, the pound to be kept on the north-east quarter of section 14 Township 51 Range 3 west of the Fourth Meridian.

Orders in Council. His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to Order that Townships 52 and 53 in Ranges 5 and 6 west of the Fifth Meridian be formed into a new improvement District, to be known as the "People's Shield," that the name and number of the District be 26-C-5; and that the District comprise the following Division No. 1—Township 52 in Range 5 west of the Fifth Meridian. Division No. 2—Township 52 in Range 6 west of the Fifth Meridian. Division No. 3—Township 53 in Range 5 west of the Fifth Meridian. Division No. 4—Township 53 in Range 5 west of the Fifth Meridian.

Alteration of Area of Local Improvement District. His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to Order that that portion of Township 51 Range 26 west of the Fourth Meridian lying south of the Saskatchewan river, being part of Division No. 1 of District 26-T-4, be withdrawn from the area of said District and added to Division No. 2 of District 25-T-4.

Annexation of Outlying Area to Local Improvement District. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to annex to District 26-B-4 Township 50 in Range 3 west of the Fourth Meridian, said district form Division No. 5 of said District.

Establishment of Villages. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to Order the establishment of the north-west quarter of Section 9 Township 51 Range 2 west of the Fourth Meridian as a Village under the name of Islay; that Thursday, the twenty-first day of March, 1907, be the day fixed for the holding of a public meeting at the said Village; and that Stewart McInnes, of Islay, be appointed to act as Returning Officer at the said election.

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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 McMurray, 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 surely, as the eloquent apostle of the suffering and dying to be told that we love them and that the Lord is with us, it is not only our duty to relieve their physical distress. My attention was forcibly called to the condition of these people in this area this side of the Arctic River. So when our steamer, the Wrighley, reached Good Hope I looked eagerly among the crowd of Indians, half-breeds and a few whites, everyone down to see the arrival of the first steamer. It was not only my friend could not be seen. I soon had my quarters on the bank of the river pointed out, and in a few minutes more had found him in a small log hut in a drying condition. He had a few months before contracted a severe cold, which failed to yield to any remedies that were available. I learned on my return