# SPORTING NEWS

### HAT CONTINUES DROP DOWNWARDS.

Edmonton certainly made a show of Medicine Hat in the game at Diamond Park last night, getting away with a 7-1 victory over the Gaslighters in an eight-inning go.

Benny's brigade has bumped into some very sorrowful wallopings in the past few days, but last night's clean up was the biggest heartbreaker of the lot. True it wasn't a whitewash, but the slat-like individual who bosses the Hatters admitted afterwards that he would have preferred a whole row of shut outs to allowing the Legislators to pile up seven counters in a single innings against the crack infield and pitching corps he fondly imagines he has under contract at present.

It all happened in the sixth—up to that time the losers had a shade the better of the argument, although neither nine had registered. It was Harper that set off the first pin-wheel by biffing out a safe one to centre. After that the cannon crackers and skyrockets went off at regular intervals. The pyrotechnic display, however, was at its best when Catcher Benny was too slow to get under Grimes' pop fly only a few feet off the plate, allowing Crist to score. Things had gone badly enough prior to Benny's fall down, but after it, Barrett lost all control and Blexrud laced out a triple, Lussi a double, Harper got a walk, which along with singles by Harper and Crist, a muffie by Totman, and errors by Barrett, Perry and Benny it was found, when the smoke cleared away, had been good for seven counters.

Leaving out the awful sixth the game was a good sample of baseball, particularly by the losers, who played errorless ball up to that time, and they had numerous chances to go bad. Prior to the deluge Barrett had only allowed one hit, while Crist had been touched up for a trio—one a double—and was navigating in heavy weather apparently.

The Hatters' downfall was due entirely to the blow-up of the infield at critical times. The dumb work at Perry and Benny was enough to take the backbone out of any twirler. All things considered, it's surprising the score wasn't larger.

For the Hat Westcott, the new third baseman was all to the good. Everything that came his way was in the difficult class, but he made no mishaps. He covers plenty of territory and can get them over to first just a little faster than anything in the league. Both McKain and Totman pulled off pretty running catches, but the latter's muff of Ford's fly in the sixth was very disastrous. Hamilton was the goods with the bat.

The Legislators were none too brilliant even with such an extensive win to the good. Grimes is back in the game at right garden, Bennett moving over to centre and Blexrud at left. Harper put up his usually brilliant game at short and when he led off with a single in the sixth he was given a great ovation. Lussi was also prominent, both in the field and at bat. Crist's pitching did not look as good as on other occasions, although he got six on the strike-out business and only issued one pass. He had a very elusive out shoot that stood him in good stead, but frequently he had to resort to a straight one when the indicator showed two and three, two of the hits being thus secured. Blexrud was prominent with the willow, but was not as brilliant in the right garden as he has hitherto been in left. Bennett was there with his spectacular catch, robbing Westcott of a double in the second by getting under his high one after a great sprint over into right field. Although the crowd demanded Barrett's removal from the box midway in the sixth, Benny compelled him to finish the chapter. Perry pitched the last two innings, never allowing a hit, but issuing three passes. Westcott replaced him at short and Barrett went on at third. There were a couple of mishaps during the game. In the fifth Zurlage tagged Blexrud as the latter was coming down to first at top speed, doubling up the runner for a minute or two to recover his wind. In the opening of the ninth Westcott was hit on the head with a pitched ball keeling him over at the plate. He came to in a couple of minutes, however, but will carry a lump there of considerable dimensions for some days to come. Priest umpired and this time his success was reversed. He had all kinds of troubles on balls and strikes, but the Hatters were the only ones to object to his announcements on the bases—and kicking has become so chronic with them that the ump and crowd take it as a joke now.

The Gaslighters got off to what promised to be a star start. Hamilton lacing out the second ball pitched for a double to right. He had third stolen when McKain sacrificed but he never passed the difficult corner, for Totman struck out and Hopkins grounded out, Crist to Lussi. With one out in the third, Barrett hit safely to centre, but the next two were easy infield outs. In the second fourth and fifth they went down in order. In the sixth McKain drew a pass with two gone and reached second on Ford's slow throw to Wessler, but Totman struck out. The seventh was the lucky chapter. After Hopkins had struck out, Westcott slammed one at Baker and the third baseman threw high to first, allowing the runner to get around to third. Zurlage hit to right and Westcott scored. Perry lined out another safe to left advancing Zurlage to second, but Benny hit into a double play, Harper to Wessler to Lussi, and the scoring was over. With one gone in the eighth Hamilton placed a safe one at centre, but McKain's drive to Harper forced Hamilton and Wessler and a minute later Totman's drive to the same quarter cut down McKain at second.

Edmonton's first round was almost as auspicious as the Hat's. Grimes hitting safely with two gone, but he never passed first, Ford going out, Westcott to Zurlage. In the next four innings only twelve men batted, but as before stated the balloon went sky high in the sixth. Harper was first up and when he plunked out a single to centre the crowd felt sure Edmonton had the horseshoes with them and when Crist got away with a bunt down first base line the fans were unanimous the Legislators had also stocked up with rabbits' feet and four-leaf clovers. And when Barrett bungled Bennett's brief biff along third base line all hands were content the homesters were not due to prove a false alarm. Bases were all occupied now and Baker up. Molly hit to Perry who was away off second and he was late in covering the bag, to cut Bennett, at the same time allowing Harper to register, and the bases were again full. Grimes was next up and his popy fly out third base way was missed by Benny and Crist scored and still all the corners were filled. Ford sent out a high one to left that Totman failed to hold after a sprint and before he could recover the ball, Bennett and Baker had completed the circuit. Blexrud did not disappoint the boys, his swing to left was good for three bases and scored Grimes. Lussi's best was a double and Blexrud came home. Wessler flew out to Westcott. Harper drew a pass. Crist ended the fun by hitting to Hamilton forcing Harper at second and Perry who covered the bag got the leather to Zurlage in time to complete a double play. Perry replaced Barrett in the seventh, and although he hit Bennett, the first man up, no runs were scored off him, and in the eighth the infield pulled themselves together and prevented registrations after he had issued two passes, Blexrud being run down between third and home when Westcott had bungled Wessler's infield roller. Harper flew out to left and Crist's roller to short cut down Lussi at third.

With one out in the ninth, Westcot was slow in dodging one of Crist's high ones close in with the result that the batter got the ball on the head over the ear, the blow laid him out for a couple of minutes and then the game was called on account of darkness

# THE HAT TAKES SECOND GAME

### It was Crammed Full of Incident and had Fans on their Toes. Score 4-3.

"Hoora, the hoodoo's busted," remarked Manager Benny, in his most dulcett and subdued voice. The circumstances directly responsible for this astonishing outburst from the silent man of the league, were the four runs which were plucked with enthusiastic fervor by Medicine Hat in the game in Diamond Park yesterday evening. The fact that Edmonton secured a run less was also a factor contributing to Manager Benny's unprecedented demonstration of suppressed delight. It may be of some slight interest to observe that the victory of Medicine Hat yesterday was the first in six. In view of this no one will characterize Mr. Benny's timidly expressed display of joy as offensive. Perish the thought! Edmonton gentlemen have sufficient of the real sporting instinct to warmly grasp Manager Benny's hand and assure him that he is a good fellow, and that it hurts less to lose to him than to any other team in the league. This feeling is general, and it is but natural. Is not Mr. Benny a model manager? Where can a better all-round sport be found? How different he is to Manager Morrison, of Lethbridge. Where Morrison's attitude toward an umpire is blatantly insulting, Benny's is the soul of consideration. Where Morrison's aggressiveness and excess of spirit resembles the hee-haw of the jackass, Benny's inate cheerfulness in defeat and quiet demeanor in victory commends itself as the perfect feeling which should actuate the perfect sport and the perfect gentleman.

To you Mr. Benny the palm is yielded without reservation.

Eight hundred men of means were relieved of an equal number of shillings to witness the contest, and for every single shilling which found its way into the coffers of the baseball club's treasury, fully twice its value was dispensed in major league baseball. Everyone of the 9 innings produced some interesting incident. There were but few moments when the fans failed to find things interesting. It may be said without fear of contradiction that it was the most exciting game this season.

Deacon done it. When we ejaculate thus, our intention is to record nothing more than a fact. Manager White, who was pressed into service owing to the crippled condition of his team, made an error in the first inning in thinking Lussie was 20 feet high instead of 5 feet 11 inches. Consequently his throw to first sailed serenely over Lussie's head. But Deacon was not alone responsible for the loss of the game. The player who occupied the plot of green to the left, one Grimes, contributed a glaring error in failing to field a hit which was disastrous. This was in the second inning.

Edmonton's seance came in the second, when three big runs were scored. That we didn't score later on in the game was due to some dumb base running.

Blexrud pitched a masterful game, and should have won. Works, for the visitors, was hit freely, but he was well supported.

The Hatters gave an interesting exhibition of internal dissention. In fact Hamilton threatened to lick Zurlage, and he wanted to do it right on the field.

Umpire Priest was the recipient of many aromatic expressions of the confidence and respect in which he is held by the Gas Lighters. That he escaped mobbing was truly wonderful. Some of the decisions which he gave are best termed as questionable. In any event they were questioned.

And this is how it happend:

Hamilton, the first man up for the Hat, walked. McKain made first on White's overthrow and Hamilton scored. Wescott fanned. Works flew out to Wessler and Hopkins struck out.

Bennett flew out to centre. Baker singled and Grimes struck out. Baker was caught stealing second.

In the second Totman struck out. Zurlage walked. Perry rapped out a two bagger, scoring Zurlage. Benny grounded out to Wessler, Perry scoring and Hamilton flew out to left.

Ford waited and walked. Blexrud lined out a beautiful single to left, Ford going to second. Lussie singled to centre and both Ford and Blexrud tore across the plate. Wessler struck out, but it was as good as a sacrifice, for Benny dropped it and Lussie went to third. Harper with two strikes and three balls poked out a pretty single to right and in came Lussie. Harper was caught by a mile on his attempted steal. White grounded out to short.

McKain tapped one to White, which Deacon fielded fast and got him. Wescott hit to Wessler, a fast one, and "Wess" failed to field it. Works struck out, and on the last strike Wescott stole second. Hopkins struck out also.

In our half of the third Bennett walked. Baker sacrificed him to second, Crist flew out to Hamilton and Bennett was doubled leading off second too far.

Totman lead off in the fourth with a three-bagger to left. Zurlage singled and Totman scored. Perry sacrificed Zurlage to second. Benny grounded out to White. Hamilton flew out to Bennett.

Ford waited again and waited well. He got four wide ones. Blexrud got hit. Lussie really struck out, but, well Mr. Priest didn't think so, and he thereupon sacrificed Ford Blexrud along. Wessler's little hit was not good enough to score Ford, and the plucky little catcher was run down. Harper went out to first.

In the fifth McKain grounded out to Harper. Wescott grounded to White, who fumbled just long enough to let him make it. He stole second. Works grounded out to Wessler. Hopkins flew out to Wessler.

White flew out to Perry. Bennett tried hard to beat out a bunt down the third line but failed. Baker single1. Crist fanned. In this inning Works made what Priest said was a balk, and Baker was sent to second. Benny put in a protest—not forthwith, but after a delightful seance in midfield.

Totman, first man up in the sixth, fanned and Zurlage went out on a foul to Lussie. Perry, he of the ague top, fanned also.

Ford walked for the third time. Blexrud got first on Wescott's fumble. Lussie flew out to right. Wessler flew out to left and Harper grounded out to first, and a promising inning was nipped, not in the bud, but in the development.

In the seventh Benny flew out to Wessler. Hamilton hit for two bases and McKain grounded out to Harper. Wescott went out on hit down first base line to Lussie.

White walked. Bennett sacrificed White to second, Baker flew out to second and Crist flew out to Perry.

Works, surnamed the infant, because of his peculiar infantile ways, opened the eighth for the Hat. He grounded out to Lussie. Hopkins grounded out to Blexurd. Totman grounded.

Ford singled. Blexrud struck out, and Benny, by dropping the third strike, got Crist, who was running for Ford, off first, Lussie went out to Perry.

In the last Zurlage went out to Lussie Perry got four wide ones. Benny grounded to second, forcing Perry, and was caught stealing second.

Wessler grounded out to second. Harper struck out. McClair, batting for White, made first on Perry's error. But although the crowd took heart Bennett's best was a fly to left.

EDMONTON.

| | A.B. | R. | H. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bennett, r.f... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Baker, c.f..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grimes, l.f.... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ford, c..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Blexrud, p.... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Lussie, 1b.... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Wessler, 2b.... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Harper, 3b.... | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| White, s.s..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Crist, l.f. ..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *McLaire, .... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ..... | 29 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 11 | 3 |

MEDICINE HAT.

| | A.B. | R. | H. | P.O | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hamilton, 2b.. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| McKane, l.f.... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wescott, 3b.... | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Works, p..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Hopkins, c.f... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totman, l.f.... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Zurlage, 1b.... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Perry, s.s..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Benny, c. ..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Total ..... | 32 | 4 | 5 | 27 | 22 | 3 |

| | | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edmonton | 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| Medicine H. | 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 |

Two-base hits—Perry and Hamilton.

Three base hit—Totman.

Sacrifice hits—Benney, Bennett and Baker.

Bases on balls—Off Blexrud 2, off Works 4.

Struck out by Works 4; by Blexrud 8.

Left on bases—Medicine Hat 4, Edmonton 5.

Double play—Benney to Hamilton to Zurlage.

Umpire—Priest.

Time—2:05.

Attendance—800.

### BIG LEAGUE SCORES.

National.

| At St. Louis— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis .. .. .. .. 002010000—3 | 6 | 0 | |
| Brooklyn .. .. .. .. 000000002—2 | 4 | 0 | |

Batteries—Karger and Noonan; Ruker and Ritter. Umpire—Rigler.

At Cincinnati—New York, postponed by agreement.

At Pittsburg—Philadelphia, Pittsburg postponed; wet grounds.

| At Chicago— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago.. .. .. .. 120000220—7 | 11 | 2 | |
| Boston .. .. .. .. 040000500—9 | 12 | 4 | |

Batteries—Lundgren, Pfeister, Durbin and Moran; Lindaman, Dorner and Needham. Umpire—O'Day.

American.

| At Philadelphia— | R. | H. | E. |
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| Chicago.. .. .. .. 000300000—3 | 8 | 2 | |
| Philadelphia .. .. 00201010*—4 | 11 | 0 | |

Batteries—Altrock and McFarland; Plank and Powers. Umpire—Sheridan and Stafford.

| At Boston— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston .. .. .. .. 00000021*—3 | 7 | 2 | |
| Detroit .. .. .. .. 000000001—1 | 6 | 1 | |

Batteries—Young and Shaw; Mullin and Schmidt. Umpire—O'Laughlin.

| At Washington— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington .. .. .. 100000210—4 | 7 | 2 | |
| St. Louis .. .. .. 030010010—5 | 9 | 2 | |

Batteries—Graham, Falkenberg, Smith and Warner and Heyden, Howell, Dineen and Spencer. Umpire—Evans.

| At New York— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland .. .. .. 000123001—7 | 12 | 2 | |
| New York .. .. .. 001102010—5 | 10 | 5 | |

Batteries—Rhoades and Bemis; Newton, Hogg and Thomas. Umpire—Hurst.

| Second game— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland .. .. .. 004200011—8 | 10 | 2 | |
| New York .. .. .. 000020100—3 | 5 | 5 | |

Batteries — Theilmann and Clarke; Moore and Kleinow. Umpires—Connolly and Hurst.

Eastern.

Eastern—At Jersey City. Jersey City 4; Providence 5.

### ONE MILE SWIMMING EVENT.

Jamestown Exposition Ground, July 26.—In the senior one mile swimming event this afternoon, H. J. Handick, of Chicago, unattached, won in 29 mins. 26 4-5 seconds; E. E. Wenck, N.Y.A.C. second; W. Spencer, N.Y.A.C. third.

### TIE PLAYED AT CALGARY.

**The Miners Winning Streak Stopped.—Score 6 to 6.**

Calgary, July 26.—Game between Calgary and Lethbridge to-night had more action in it than any game played here this season. It ended in a tie. It was a sea-saw game and was not over until the last man was out. Both teams played championship ball and only errors were due to over anxiety. Calgary hit timely and that was the reason that they came very near to winning. The score:

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| Lethbridge .. .. .. 001000230—6 | 8 | 1 | |
| Calgary .. .. .. .. 000021201—6 | 9 | 3 | |

Batteries—Morrison and Rogers, Sykes Jansa and Turner. Umpire—Davidson.

### TIE BASEBALL AT FORT.

**Score Was 5-5 at End of Tenth—Wylie's Wrist Broken.**

Fort Saskatchewan, July 26.—The Edmonton amateur nine played an exhibition game at Fort Saskatchewan yesterday in connection with the summer fair. The contest went ten innings to a 5-5 tie, and on account of the Valentines having to catch the train at 7 p.m. the game had to be called. Joe McLaughlin did the pitching for the Fort, but only struck out six Edmonton batters, and issued three passes. Vining was not as effective as usual, not having a strike-out to his credit, but he only issued one pass. The score:

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|---|---|
| Edmonton .. .. .. .. 0002200100—5 | |
| Fort Saskatchewan .. .. 0000041000—5 | |

Batteries—Vining and Miller; McLaughlin and H. Atkinson. Umpire, Mayor McAvoy.

There was only one unpleasant feature to the great game. It was in the fourth innings, when Wylie, the Edmonton left fielder, had a bone broken in his left wrist by being hit by McLaughlin while at bat. Dr. Donald, who was on the grounds, promptly set the injured member gratuitously, and toward the end of the game the hat was passed around by a Fort gentleman and $35 raised to reimburse Wylie for the three weeks he will be off work.

The $75 purse, which was offered for the game was divided between the two teams. A very large crowd saw the contest, which was about the best in the history of the game here.

### TWO GAMES TO-DAY.

Edmonton and Medicine Hat will clash twice to-day, the first meeting being at 3 p.m., and the second at 6.30 p.m. sharp. After the Hat's good luck win last night, there should be nothing to it but Edmonton McClair and Crist will do the twirling for Edmonton, and Hollis and Pitman will perform for the visitors. The attendance should be large to give the Legislators a boost, as a brace of victories to-day means much in the race for the league championship.

### FOOTBALL TEAM WINS.

**Beat Fort 1.0 in Opening League Game Abroad.**

Fort Saskatchewan, July 26.—The first game in the Edmonton district of the Alberta Football association was played here to-day, and resulted in a 1-0 victory for Edmonton. Considering that both teams were minus the services of a number of their regular players, the game was a first class exhibition, and with regular practice the home eleven should be right in the running for the championship.

Rain fell for ten minutes before play started, and the ball was heavy, consequently the play was not as accurate as it otherwise would have been. Edmonton kicked with the wind in the first half and got their tally after twenty minutes' play. The Fort was in possession most of the second half, but the Edmonton defence was unbeatable. A. E. Counsell refereed and gave fair satisfaction. The Fort play the return game in Edmonton on Tuesday.

### HAT'S NEW MEN.

**Pitman and Gouchee of Wetaskiwin To Be Tried Out.**

Manager Benny of the Medicine Hat team, has wakened up to the fact that unless he can bolster up his pitching staff in a hurry, he is in grave danger of being displaced from the top point in the league race. Yesterday Pitcher Pitman and Catcher Gouchee, of Wetaskiwin, were wired to report here, and were in uniform Friday night.

Pitman is well known to the city fans. He used to be considered a comer in semi-professional circles, but his appearances here in both professional and amateur contests were anything but promising, and Manager White did not think it wise to take him along with the Legislators.

Gouchee will be carried as a spare catcher. He is as good as any in the business behind, and can also hold down third base. He has played both positions in professional company before, and made good, and he can also be relied upon to do his share of the hitting.

### 'SCONA WINS AGAIN.

**Beats Edmonton in Practice Match Last Night 3-2.**

The Edmonton and Strathcona teams smoked the pipe of peace last night and a rattling fine practice game of three fifteen-minute quarters was played in Strathcona, resulting in a win for the across-the-river twelve by a score of 3-2. Joe Moir was referee and his duties were not onerous. After the match Mayor Mills delivered a short address to the teams and spectators, in which he regretted the hostile spirit shown in the past by players on both sides, particularly in Tuesday night's clash. Speaking for Strathcona, he felt sure the home twelve all keenly regretted the unfortunate mix-ups of the past, and he was confident Edmonton also experienced the same regret. He assured all present there would be no more troubles of this kind in Strathcona. The team was out to win, but wanted a clean victory or none at all. The same sentiment also prevailed nothing but friendliness to be manifested in all following matches. The mayor was loudly cheered at the conclusion of his talk by all hands.

Before the teams went on Mayor Mills also visited the Edmonton players in the dressing room, and expressed the same sentiments to the Caps, and in return was assured by Capt. Powers that Edmonton team and public were animated by the same desires, and that he was confident from now on things would run harmoniously between the two teams with the visitors, and he looked for

### CRICKET.

The Yorkshiremen of the city will play a game with the Edmonton club at Exhibition park this afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. The latter have a number of first class players in their ranks and a first class match is looked for.

### CROKER'S ORBY BEATEN.

Liverpool, July 26—Richard Crocker's three ear old colt, Orby, winner of the Derby was beaten here to-day in the race for the Atlantic Stakes by Linacre, Earlston, in the order named. There were only four starters and Orby was the favorite.

### W. H. CLARK & CO. ASSESSED HIGHER THAN SIMILAR FIRMS.

Twenty of the sixty-two assessment appeals were heard by the Court of Revision on Assessment, at the initial sitting of the court in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening. With two or three exceptions the appeals were not allowed. In practically every case it was shown that Assessor McMillan's valuations were on an equitable basis.

The court is composed of the City Commissioners, the Mayor and Commissioners Kinnaird and Pace.

There were three appeals of more than ordinary importance. The C. P. R., through its solicitor, Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Lougheed & Bennett, Calgary, objected to both its property and business assessments. The company's property in the city, the major portion of which is located in Block 9 and 10, is assessed for $51,050.

Mr. Taylor asked the Court to admit that this property was purchased as a right of way for the railway company. The Court refused to do this, but it would not question the statement of Mr. Taylor to the effect that it might have been purchased for his purpose.

The point Mr. Taylor wanted to impress was that being purchased for this purpose, the property could not be assessed for more than $1,000 per mile, according to the provisions of the Railway ordinance.

"That's something a judge should decide," remarked the Mayor, "and it might as well be established at the expense of the C. P. R."

Mr. Taylor was assured the Court would not make any objection before the judge, when the subsequent appeal was made, on the ground that the C. P. R. had not proven before the Court of Revision that the property in question was not proven to have been purchased for right of way purposes.

As to the business assessment of $11,620, Mr. Taylor contended the Provincial Act did not permit of assessing a business at $4 per square foot floor space, the basis on which all office assessments in the city are fixed.

The business assessment was, however, confirmed and the two interested technical points will be decided by the judge.

A decidedly unique claim was that of Brown, Jackson & McLeod, the firm which is now involved in litigation with the City in reference to the ownership of Water street. The city holds that this property is street property, while Brown, Jackson & McLeod maintain it belongs to them. The appeal before the Court of Revision was that they should be assessed for this property. The court was not so sure of this. However, the appellants were satisfied, when they received the assurance that no objection would be made in the litigation proceedings if evidence were submitted to the effect that Brown, Jackson & McLeod appealed for an assessment on the property in question, in order that their names should appear on the assessment roll.

W. H. Clark & Co., Limited, was an appeal against both property and business assessment. Mr. Clark was present and drew attention to the fact that his firm was assessed higher han other companies of a similar character in the assessment, some of whom did more business.

"There seems to be something radically wrong, somewhere," said Mr. Clark, "when our assessment is $10,000 higher than Cushing Bros'.

The property assessment of the firm was, however, confirmed. It was shown that adjoining property was similarly valuated.

On the business assessment of $30,840, Mr. Clark said it was not encouraging to manufacturers to be compelled to pay for floor space at the same rate as ordinary buildings.

Mr. Clark was advised to take the matter before the Council. In the meantime the Assessment Commission of the Council composed of Aldermen Picard and Walker, will consider the question.

G. H. Miller's income assessment of $200 was confirmed.

C. H. Hellwig's appeal against the assessment of the north half of lot 12, and lot 13, block 6 was confirmed.

W. R. Howie secured a reduction of $200 on a $1,900 assessment of lot 9, block 6, River lot 10. His appeal against the assessment of $2,500 each of lots 18 and 19, block 6, river lot 10, was not allowed.

Dr. Lane's assessment on lots 13 and 14, Roeland street of $3,000 each was also confirmed.

Samuel Carmichael was equally unsuccessful in securing a reduction of the valuation of lots 21 and 24, of block 2, river lots 12 and 14, of $1,550 each.

T. G. Ross' assessment of $2,000 each on lot 9, Syndicate avenue, river lot 16, and lot 8, Syndicate avenue, river lot 16, was confirmed.

G. Classen's objection to his business assessment was to the effect that he was in business only up to June 10. It was explained that his assessment would have to stand. His recourse was to request the Council to remit a half year's taxes.

Mrs. Bridget Bergeron, who conducts a boarding house on Sixth street appealed on the ground that her assessment of $2,350 was too high, urging that her source of revenue was not on a par with that of a hotel. Boarding houses are assessed on the same basis as hotels, and in view of this fact, there was no other course for the Court to follow but to confirm the assessment. It is probable an appeal will be made to the Council in this case. The Court admitted it was not just to classify a boarding house with an hotel.

John Henderson contended that his lot, No. 26, on Cliff street, was too high, when assessed at $1,000. He offered to sell to the city for that amount.

"But the city isn't buying property at present," remarked Mr. Kinnaird. It was on referring to the assessment of the properties in the vicinity of the lot in question that the assessment was equitable and it was therefore confirmed.

"I know there's no use of appealing," declared John Looby, when his assessment on two lots on Namayo avenue, next to Fraser's lumber yard, was confirmed at $4,500 and $4,000.

"These lots," he said, "were assessed last year for $3,500. To raise the assessment $5,000 in one year seems high, particularly since lots are not worth as much now as they were last year.

Allen M. Jeffries secured a reduction of his income assessment from $1,400 to $700, on the ground that he was not in receipt of his salary until April 15.

N. D. Beck also convinced the Court that his income was assessed $200 over the amount for which he should be held responsible. He stated that his salary as City Solicitor was turned into his firm, and that the firm being assessed as a business he was not individually liable.

George O'Connor, representing Rev. H. A. Gray, rector of All Saints' Church, appealed against the assessment of the rectory. This appeal involved a legal point, and while the assessment was confirmed, it will be appealed before the judge. Mr. O'Connor claimed that the rectory was used for church purposes and was, in consequence, non-assessable.

Manager Townsend, of the Canadian White Co., appealed against his income assessment, claiming that he was only a transient resident of the city, his home being in Montreal. His appeal was allowed.

When it was pointed out to L. J. Vellat that he was assessed the same as his neighbors, he expressed himself as being satisfied, and his assessment was confirmed.

James Brehant's assessment on lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 17 Norwood, at $450 each was confirmed.

"But I have sold one of these lots for $350 and on terms too," protested Mr. Brehant. Reference to adjoining lots showed the assessment the same, and Mr. Brehant was perforce compelled to accept the assessment.

### ADEQUATE COAL SUPPLY PROMISED.

Fort William, July 25.—"The coal situation in Port Arthur and Fort William is roseate," is the manner in which coal dock officials at the head of the lakes expressed their opinions when seen by a Telegram representative anent the prospective supply for the Canadian West during the winter.

At the Canadian Pacific coal docks in Fort William there is now on hand 125,000 tons of soft coal and 40,000 tons of hard, while their capacity for storing hard coal for Winnipeg dealers is 100,000 tons as compared with 50,000 for last year. At the Canadian Northern docks in Port Arthur there is now on hand 100,000 tons of soft coal and 25,000 tons of hard. The coal is coming in rapidly and with a storage capacity double that of last year all the officials are optimistic as to the winter supply for the west.

**Storage Capacity Doubled.**

J. D. Evans, the Canadian Pacific railway coal docks agent at Fort William, who, under O. Peterson, dock superintendent, has charge of the supply for Winnipeg dealers, said:

"The storage capacity of our docks here is 200,000 tons of soft coal and 100,000 tons of hard. Last year our storage capacity for hard coal was but 50,000 tons, but half of what it is this season. The supply is coming in rapidly and during navigation we expect to get in 600,000 tons of soft coal, and our full capacity of hard coal, 100,000 tons. We have on hand now 125,000 tons of soft coal and 40,000 tons of hard."

"You will remember last year's fuel famine in the west?" Mr. Evans was asked.

"Yes, I have not forgotten," he abnormal Ordinarily the supply at Fort William would have been sufficient It was the shutting down of the coal mines out west that caused the trouble. We are hoping that this year outside points will lay in a supply earlier. Our capacity for handling coal is 6,000 tons of soft per day and 4,000 tons of hard"

**Adequate Supplies.**

The Canadian Northern coal docks at Port Arthur have an unloading capacity of 600,000 tons during navigation at the rate of 500 tons per hour. Their storage capacity is 300,000 tons of soft coal and 25,000 tons of hard. This is their second year of doing business, and the first that their coal docks have been running to capacity.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be wired to the local Agent by the Subagent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

**Duties.**—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

**Coal.**—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

**Quartz.**—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 12 per cent. on the sale.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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