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The person who discourages Athletics has yet to taste the joy of living, likewise his religion is dead.

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F. H. G., Editor



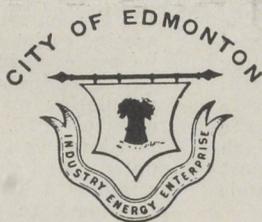
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"Together joined in Cricket's manly toil."—Byron.

## Edmonton Cricket League

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# Edmonton, a Four Square Community

By August Wolf, Secretary Citizens' League, of Edmonton.

Edmonton, capital of the province of Alberta, and financial, commercial and industrial metropolis of an area of more than 200,000 square miles, has grown far beyond the wildest dreams of the most imaginative of its early settlers. It is, in fact, the most rapidly developing substantial city on the North American continent, as may be gathered from the fact that its building operations during the first ten months of 1912 amounted to \$13,095,487, a gain of 231 per cent over the same period a year ago, and \$7,111,227 more than reported from Denver, a city with a population of 230,000, for the entire twelve months of 1911. Denver, it may be mentioned, ranks as the twenty-seventh largest city in the United States.

Hereunder are additional puncture-proof demonstrations of Edmonton's achievements, which give ample evidence of its coming greatness.

Bank clearings for the first ten months of this year, \$174,601,701, a gain of 87½ per cent. over the same period in 1911; customs house receipts, \$1,232,535, a gain of 122 per cent. over the first ten months in 1911; assessments for 1912 on land values only, less exemptions, \$133,388,390; tax levy, 12 mills; assessments in 1911, exclusive of Strathcona, now merged with Edmonton, \$46,494,740. The police census showed a population of 53,383 on June 1, 1912, as compared with 30,000 in Edmonton proper a year earlier.

Edmonton is a city of homes, and its educational advantages are all that could be desired. The standard of its school system is high. The teachers are capable men and women and the schools are equipped to carry on the work of instructing the young on a plane that is in keeping with the progress of the age. The city has several private schools, academies and colleges and is the home of the University of Alberta, which numbers in its faculty some of the foremost instructors in Canada. Edmonton stands for clean sport.

Business opportunities are increasing and there is room for energetic men in almost every line of manufacturing. Every inducement is offered to bona fide concerns desiring to locate here, but there are no lures of cash bonuses or free taxes. However, the municipality is ready to furnish industrial sites and public utilities, all of which it owns, at a low rental basis. There are also several land companies that will donate factory sites within the city limits to reliable manufacturers.

Edmonton has taken the preliminary steps toward creating a civic center, and has an expert at work making plans for a system of parks and boulevards. The city owns several large parks, and there are squares in several parts of the city which will be included in the beautification scheme. The provincial government is also working out a plan for beautifying the grounds surrounding

the parliament building, erected at a cost of \$1,500,000. The structure is one of the most pretentious in the west and occupies a commanding site, overlooking the picturesque Saskatchewan river and valley.

Edmonton is progressive and the achievements of its builders are positive, constructive affirmations of their unbounded faith in the city and their confidence in the surrounding territory, in which not more than two per cent. of the land available and adapted to some form of agriculture is developed and settled. Five thousand homestead entries have been filed since January 1. Edmonton now reaches fully 200,000 people in central and northern Alberta. It is the recognized wholesale market and jobbing center for the district, in which the volume of trade is increasing constantly. In the last two years there have been enormous increases in factory establishments, capital investments, value of output, employees and wages.

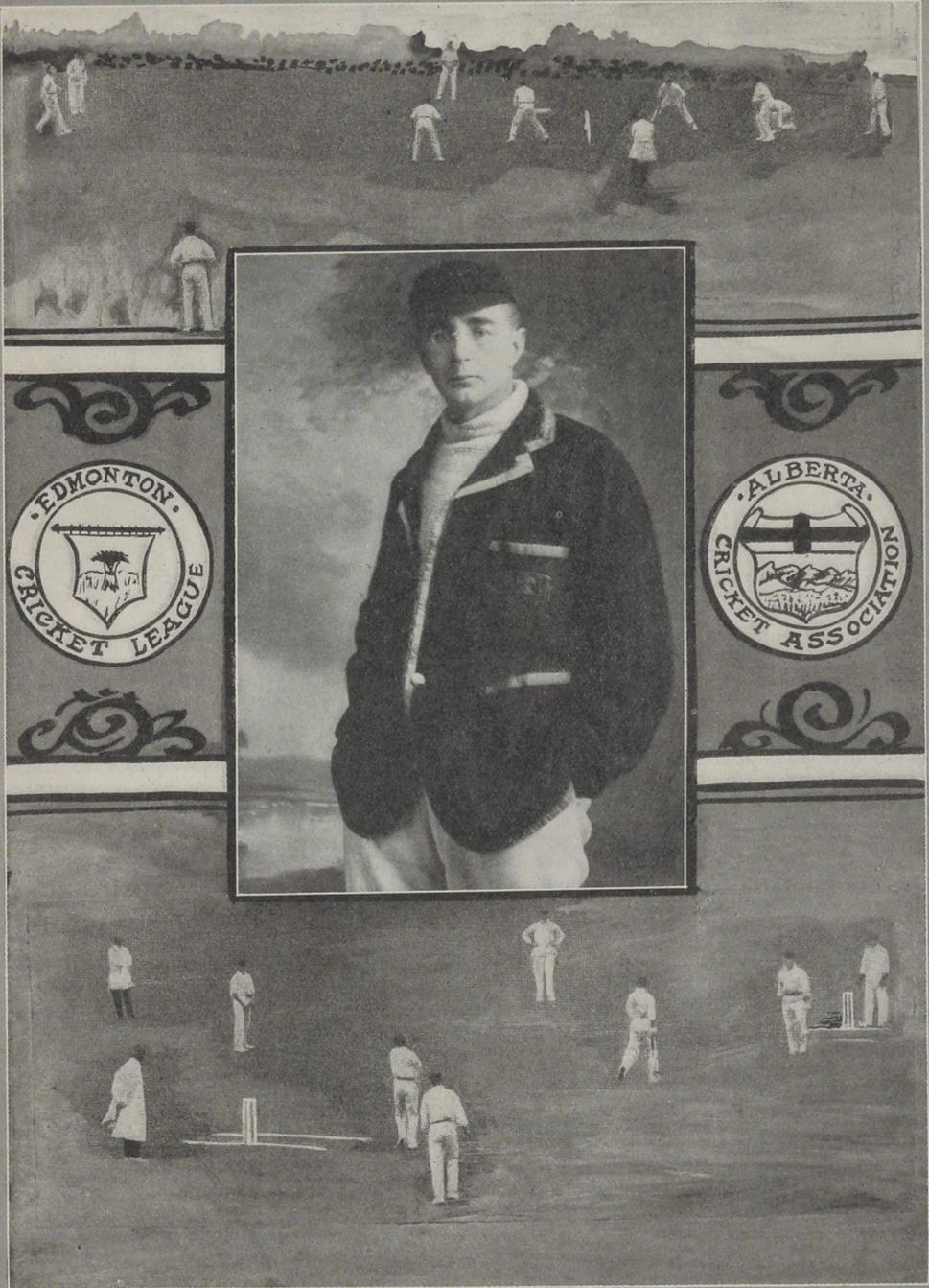
The figures of the census of manufactures in Alberta, 1911, reflect with emphasis the extraordinary development in the five years following 1905. The official summary, showing the increases, follows

Establishments, 142 per cent.; capital invested, 432 per cent.; employes, 241 per cent.; salaries and wages, 265 per cent.; value of products, 266 per cent.

A detailed report, covering the last twenty-two months, should show even greater industrial strides in Edmonton, as well as throughout the district. The city's wholesale and retail trade has increased from 57 to 125 per cent. in the last ten months and there are indications that proportionate gains will be made during the coming years. Conservative business men estimate that the 100,000 population mark will be reached before the close of 1915. This, necessarily, means expansions in all lines of trade, and if the development and settlement of the country keeps apace as it has in the past, it is not wide of the mark to say that a census of central Alberta in 1916 should show between 650,000 and 750,000 population, as compared with 372,919 when the federal census was taken in 1911.

While the progress of Edmonton depends largely upon manufacturing, the future growth of the district must necessarily be intensive rather than extensive, so that its agricultural development, the real backbone of permanent prosperity, may continue indefinitely.

Edmonton wants men who come to make the city their home and to become identified with its interests; it wants men who are energetic and broad-minded and who will give evidence of that spirit of loyalty so essential to the progress and stability of every community; it wants men who will give their allegiance to the city, to the district and the province, who are big enough to realize the glory of the west.



FRANK H. GASSON, First Secretary-Treasurer Edmonton Cricket League.  
Vice-President Alberta Cricket Association

Without mentioning the loyal support that the different clubs have given to the league would indeed be a serious omission. For the hearty support extended to us at every turn the league is indeed most grateful and in looking into the future we have to keep before us the fact that our friends will expect much from us and will only be content with the best that can be produced in the way of sport.

To this end therefor let us each and all pull together, keeping before us in all our operations the old proverb that "United we stand," while "divided" we can only expect to vanish from the realms of Sportdom and

so in conclusion let us all decide to give our supporters the citizens of Greater Edmonton, the continued assurance that we are an organization capable of upholding the spirit of clean sportsmanship and fair play without which "Cricket" ceases to become a game worthy of mention.

And in conclusion I would like to say to my many readers that the game of cricket, which has brought us together this evening has done more to keep the Old Flag a'flying than any other game ever invented by man's ingenuity, and for this reason alone, providing you are an "Imperialist," we count you among our best friends.

## *Hudson's Bay Cricket Club*

By A. P. Turner, Hon. Secretary

Officers: Hon. President—Mr. Bunbridge.  
Hon. Vice-President—Mr. Fugl.  
President—M. S. Booth, Esq.  
Vice-President—James Martin, Esq.  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—A. P. Turner.  
Captain—C. S. Parker.  
Vice-Captain—J. H. Wear.

To give a report on the doings of the Hudson's Bay Cricket Club for the season just ended, a proposition greater than anticipated beams ahead of the writer. As the cricketing spirit is comparatively young with the Bay employees, a very meagre margin is our lot to give a flourishing account of. Compared with older established clubs the reader can form his own judgment as to how hard a task lies before me in giving each player's abilities in any detail worthy of the success attained this past season. Our endeavour to further the interests of the game has been more our ambition than personal qualities. Towards the end of the cricketing season of 1911, it was found that little or no sports were our lot to pass the hours away during our half-holidays and it was suggested by Mr. Martin, manager of the Bay sports, that a few of us get together one afternoon and go down to the Groat Estate for a little cricket practice. A bat and ball was procured for the occasion, and with the aid of tree branches as wickets some fun was had if nothing else. Here the first seeds were set of a cricketing spirit which before the season drew to an end, resulted in a friendly game being arranged with the E.C.C. and giving us our first initiation to the game, ending in our defeat but ambition to band together, go right ahead and win out.

Talking about a game does very little to its progress; it is when real hard work and earnest work is set about that results are come by and to a few was left the proposition of how best to make the spirit of cricket a fact in our midst.

At the beginning of the present year we

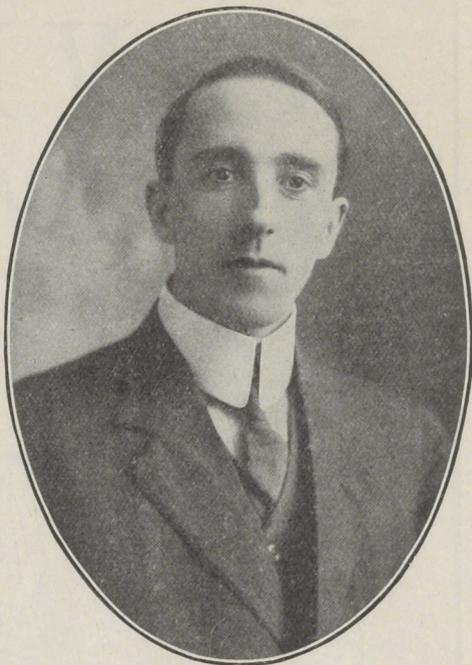
were approached as to what our intentions were in the coming season; an outline of what was being done was laid before us, and we decided to get to work at once and form a club. Mr. Martin laid the matter before our worthy manager and father of sports, Mr. M. S. Booth, who put his shoulder to the wheel right merrily and called a general meeting to decide how best we could proceed to make the game a success and what support we should have. A very enthusiastic bunch gathered together and with the election of officers, the ball was set rolling which won us out in triumph for the first season.

A league being formed in the city in conjunction with the Western Canada Cricket League we decided to be affiliated with the organization and our club was duly entered. So far we were good starters; we had the necessary enthusiasm, but of grounds we were in a fix. The question was laid before Mr. Booth who took it up in his jolly spirit and it was not long before we had the satisfaction of knowing that a ground had been given us by the company's directors to be known as the Hudson's Bay Athletic Club grounds. The ground being very rough and not fenced in, a grounds committee was formed to look after this which body soon got down to work and had the ground fenced in, ploughed and sown, but being new at the game a few mistakes were made which kept us off the ground this season. Next year we hope to have the ground in first-class trim as experience is the best teacher in everything and we have certainly gained ours.

To those who have followed the game this season our success is well known, both from



CLIFF PARKER  
Captain H. B. Co's Eleven  
and one of Alberta's keenest sportsmen



JAS. MARTIN  
the active and genial Vice-President of  
the Hudson's Bay C. C.

the sporting point and the way in which we have found everything to work so harmoniously, no trouble was ever found in getting the players together at practice or matches, they were always ready for the sport. Our first game of the season was a friendly match with the Swifts, which ended in our defeat. That word "defeat" somehow nettled us and I feel sure it was from that we got down to real cricket, determined that no such word was to be spoken of as far as our league games were concerned. To Captain Cliff Parker we have to be very grateful for the way in which he handled the team, he was always there with his smile and good heartedness, keeping the boys together and encouraging them to keep up a good spirit. Next season we hope to have him with us again and in his usual place of captain. It is very gratifying to him to know with what success he has worked and every member of the Bay club feels that too much cannot be spoken of his abilities as captain. Cricket seems to be born in the family, as his brothers all do a little with the willow as has been shown by his brother, L. Parker. A fine batsman was secured when he decided to play for the Bay and it is hoped that he also will be with the green and white colours next season. B. Varley, our last recruit for the season, proved himself to be a batsman of cool and calculating nerve. He studied the bowlers before taking any chances and once his eyes were well concentrated on

what each bowler was delivering in the way of fast or slow bowls, he made the game worth watching. Cricket to him is a hobby, he is at home on the field in any position and his cricketing career has to be traced to South Africa, too far away for us to get any details of his abilities. On passing over our other members who are batsmen, it is no slight to them to do so. To go into details as to how they gained their experience of the game would tax the best of my abilities to probe into their past and probably by doing so, lose players whose heads might be turned by other clubs "Get it at the Bay," is a good stand-by, but we don't wish to part with good friends and players.

In conclusion to this short history of our birth I should just like to thank each and every player for their hearty support in the past season and it is the wish of the Bay to have a full membership of old friends and players at the commencement of next season, To Mr. Booth and Mr. Martin we cannot say all we should care to for the way in which they have supported us with their kindness and appreciation. Instead of causing any drawbacks to the game, everything was done to further it, both financially and personally, time given up to be with us and encouraging us on to success. To the other clubs in the league we should like to extend to them a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness in the use of their ground.

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## Strathcona Cricket Club

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The Strathcona Club did not fulfil the expectations nor produce the results that the Edmonotn League Executive expected they would. After That one hoped for this is all the more disappointing, but with the talent at the disposal of the committee, we cannot help thinking that this state of affairs has been brought about simply and solely through lack of "esprit de corps" among the majority of members.

Unless you have a fair amount of this commodity in an institution it is impossible to get results, and if nothing is done to improve matters then you will always remain among the "other competitors were as follows" section.

Complaints have reached our ears that the club has been a one-man show all the season (an impossible situation for any club or institution to find itself in) but members should remember that unless they attend meetings regularly when they are called the committee cannot possibly know what they want, nor can they derive the slightest benefit from their—to use an Irishism—mute advice, so that when things do not go to their

liking it would be more fitting of them to sit quietly on the thistle without "grousing." This advice is given gratuitously to members of other clubs, and is by no means peculiar to the South Side of the River Saskatchewan.

As matters stand we do not intend to slate the gentleman for running the whole show, on the contrary, we tender our humble congratulations on his having engineered teams of all sorts and conditions to play fourteen matches during the season, something that has never before happened on the South Side of the river, but more particularly on his club being the only one in the league to fulfill its engagement, 190 miles away, in Calgary, and we would like to point out to other clubs in the league that whereas the gentleman in question cannot claim England as his birthplace, he was nevertheless done more to keep the Union Jack flying than lots of us who claim that honor.

Financially the club has nothing to write home about, but then initial expenses are always heavy, and an attempt was made to do things properly.



STRATHCONA XI.—Reading from left to right.

Top Row—J. ANDERSON, F. PILLING, J. PILLING.

Middle Row—C. SPILSTEAD, G. ROBINSON, R. H. DARKE, W. WEBB.

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Secretary-Treasurer—H. E. BRALEY.  
Captain—W. P. WILLIAMS.

In looking back on a season, which although having more than a few wet Saturday afternoons, and sundry other disappointments, one has but to admit that the cricket, both as a sporting, and a social proposition, has for the above club been a most signal success. Not that the club won all its matches. Oh no, not by any means, in fact, to let all into a secret, it just managed to pull off one league game, and that the first one of the season. But a few friendly games were enjoyed, and the members always seemed to play better when there were no points to be lost or won, and we won every friendly game played.

But the team as a whole was a real good one, the only trouble being that nerves were often in evidence, when anything special was to be achieved. We nearly won games, and in fact only lost some by less than ten runs or so, and it is no insult to other teams in the league, for

our players to have to admit that they played indifferently in many games and ought to have won.

However, the success that did accompany the team wherever it went was accounted for mainly by the splendid captaincy of W. P. Williams, who all through the season maintained an optimism that pervaded the whole team, also commanding the respect of every member of the side, and generally giving a good account of himself with both bat and ball.

I might add here that the Club was unfortunate to a great degree in losing several of its most copable players pretty early in the season. A. A. Miller, an old Public School cricketer and a fine batsman, took a trip to the Old Country, while J. H. A. Lloyd, our mighty left-handed hitter, chose Vancouver as the scene of his labours, also F. H. Knapman, one of the best batsmen in the West,



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also went to the coast to live. Then Arthur Crews, who was a splendid all-round man, and a great infield, left us for business in Winnipeg, so while one does not intend to make excuses for the Club's position, in the League (which will no doubt be seen elsewhere) yet it will be noticed that we could certainly have done with the help of these players in some of our games.

Another pleasing factor which contributed not a little to the success of the Club, was that every man was always ready to give way to a better, if required, in the event of a good batsman or bowler turning up unexpectedly, and a member being asked to stand down for him, the request was cheerfully acceded to, and this spirit, which permeated the whole team, did a lot for the making of the Club, which is now as firmly established as the M.C.C. itself.

For those who are not perhaps conversant with the reason of the Club's decision to change its name, the writer would like to state that it was owing to the inability of the directorate of the Swift Canadian Co. to see it way clear

to stand by and help this organization in any way whatsoever that every member of it, and a good many people outside, wonder why the Club should ever have been called by that name. Well of course, great things were expected, but did not materialize, so the Club went to work at its last general meeting, and the vote was unanimous, in favour of changing the name into that of North Edmonton. This does not mean, however, that it will derive its membership alone from that quarter; on the contrary one hastens to say, on behalf of the Club, that it heartily welcomes anybody into its membership, from this city, who feels desirous of playing "Cricket" in all senses of the expression, and would wind up by saying, that if you want good cricket, good fellows, and good sport altogether, come along to our newly named, but well established Club, and you will get the very best of everything that stands for Cricket.

H. E. BRALEY,  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

## Caledonian Cricket Club

Officers : President—C. Smail.  
Vice-President—G. Kilgour.  
Captain—A. I. Murdoch.  
Hon. Secy. and Treas.—C. Allan.

At the eleventh hour the Caledonian Club was ushered into the arena of contestants for league and trophy honors. The few indomitable spirits to whom the Caledonian club owes its inception were ready to recognize that the absence of a Scottish element from the cricket field might convey the impression that the noble game had not much place in the hearts and minds of the "Sons of the Thistle."

The real obstacle that showed itself up with the Caledonian club as in a lesser degree with other clubs in the city, was the difficulty experienced in getting players together on the Saturday afternoons. Most of the members of the club are engaged in occupations which require their services six whole days in the week, and the occasions were rare indeed that a full turnout of members was possible.

Then again, since its inauguration, the club has been badly handicapped for want of a suitable practice ground. A patch of wagon-rutted sward on the flats was about the best obtainable and was certainly not conducive to the development of the fine art, nor was it helpful in augmenting the membership of the club.

In spite of these and other handicaps, the standing of the club in the league table is quite creditable and speaks volumes for the little band who found it possible to turn out with more or less regularity week by week. Half-way up the league ladder is perhaps a correct indication of the general quality of play shown throughout the season. The

fact of there being a Caledonian Football Club was in a way a drawback to the successful promotion of the cricket club. It might be said that the interest taken in the cricket was in inverse ratio to that taken in the football. The Callie soccerites have many capable cricketers among their number who would have made valuable additions to the flannel brigade but for the existence of the football section.

Among the regular weekly muster, it would be difficult to pick out any single player more outstanding than another. In the batting department at least, one player Mr. A. McMillan, stands out conspicuously, and it is satisfactory from the club standpoint that he stands second in the list of batting averages for the league. Unfortunately, the services of this player were only available occasionally throughout the season. Another member of the club, Fred Thomson, is also worthy of special mention. Both in batting and bowling, and especially in the latter department, Mr. Thomson shows much proficiency. As with Mr. McMillan, this player has not been with the club on every occasion.

The season that has come to a close has incidentally terminated the career of the Caledonian Cricket Club, as it is intended to run the club under another name next year. It is to be hoped that the past season's members will come together again and that there will be considerable augmentation of new players to the club.

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### *Edmonton Cricket Club*

By T. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

In looking back over the past season and over the old records of the Club, one fact stands out clearly, and that is that in point of general interest, number of matches played and in number of active members, 1912 must be set down as the best yet. Founded in 1897 by a few enthusiasts (among whom we are proud to number our present President, Mr. W. Richardson), the club has had a varied career, generally showing a balance of wins over losses at the end of the season, and always seeking to play the grand old game in accordance with its best traditions. In addition to the usual games, President v. Captain, Married v. Single, and a couple of games with the Alberta Mounted Rifles, thirteen matches have been played of which nine have been won, two lost and two drawn. The defeats were sustained at the hands of the Lougheed eleven (who brought up a wonderfully good batting side in August), and the Hudson's Bay team, in the last league match of the season, on Sept. 14th. A record early start was made, the game President's eleven vs. Captain's eleven being played on April 19th, and from then till the end of September, whenever the weatherman permitted, games were played regularly. Unfortunately both of the Calgary matches had to be abandoned owing to weather conditions as also were the Lloydminster and Red Deer "away" matches, the team making the journey in each case but returning without a ball being bowled. The old fixture with the Pine Lake club was renewed this year, two very close games being played, the Edmonton team winning both by a narrow margin. The match at the lake in August will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to take part. The highest

score of the season was 214 for seven wickets against Lloydminster, on the home grounds on August 13th, and the highest individual score 80 not out by Mr. G. P. Bertensham against the Strathcona C.C. on Sept. 7th, a very fine performance. The club was honored by five of its members being selected for the Alberta eleven for the Western Canada tournament held at Calgary in August. Messrs. A. H. Dickins, G. P. Bertenshaw, E. H. T. Morse, P. Hardisty and G. R. Anderson were the men selected and each and every one of them gave a good account of himself. Under the able captaincy of Mr. Dickins the Alberta eleven carried off the trophy, winning five and drawing one of the six matches played, the fine batting of Bertenshaw in particular going a long way towards achieving this success. The latter gentleman tops the club batting averages with 28.5, G. R. Anderson being second with 20.3, closely followed by Messrs. Hardisty, Weaver and Pitch. In the bowling department, Mr. Dickins heads the list, capturing fourteen wickets for four runs each with his destructive lobs, although Morse with 43 wickets at an average cost of five each did the brunt of the work.

Bertenshaw with 24 at an average of 6.3 each, and Hardisty with 20 at 7.3 each also did good work.

The officers elected at the last annual meeting were

Hon. President—Mr. Richard Secord.

President—W. Richardson.

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Hon. Sec. and Treas.—Frank H. Gasson  
(re-elected).

Committee—Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, with E. Morse, W. Batkin, A. E. Hopkins and T. H. Clark.

There have been some changes in the

Executive Committee this season, Mr. A. E. Hopkins resigning through pressure of business, the vacancy being filled by Mr. A. Petch. Then Secretary Frank Gasson severed his connection entirely from the present committee, his place being filled for the balance of the season by T. H. Clark. This change brought about a vacancy on the Committee which was duly filled by J. H. Gamble.



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Captain—Lieut. C. V. Weaver.  
Secretary—Trooper J. A. Crossley.  
Committee—Lieut. Dawson, Sergt.-Major Mc-  
Donald, Corporal N. F. Weston.

### **Prospects for the Coming Season by One Who Knows Nothing**

Quite a good maxim is “Believe nothing

you hear and only half you see,” but if all one hears is true, then this newly formed Club looks like turning out a pretty hot bunch, a bunch that look, to our way of thinking, who intend to see that Press Cup in their headquarters before many summers are past. They certainly have a very strong committee, and although the writer is supposed to know nothing, he can guarantee that with that Committee in office everything will be run on true sporting lines, and any team playing them will know before they enter the field of play that they will be given every sporting chance of licking them if they can.



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## *Behavior on the Field of Play*

By R. H. Darke.

One rather hesitates before pushing off the boat on an enterprise of this description because you very naturally cogitate over the past, and wonder whether you are letting yourself in for a crop of anonymous letters (the would-be critic very seldom has the pluck to disclose his identity) pointing out that you yourself have been guilty of neglecting some of the rules of decorum here enumerated, but in anticipation of criticism I would point out that for the man who knows and recognizes his faults, there is hope, but the man who does not and will not recognize them, is hopeless.

In the matter of dress, always wear **white**, never don grey flannel trousers, but of all the abominations on this earth commend me to the colored shirt on the cricket field. There is an authentic instance gone down to history of a very promising county player who was persuaded to turn out on the village green against the locals. The bowler wore grey flannel trousers, and the batsman with a sort of dazed automatic action swung his bat at the first ball he received and was caught at point by a man in a **pink shirt**. He never recovered. He took to drink and died a

horrible death. Don't have murder of this description laid at your door.

I believe it was Dr. Johnson who said that much could be done with a Scotchman if you caught him young enough. It is the same with the would-be cricketer. Long ago I remember hearing a very small girl who was having a row with her big sister in sheer desperation turn on her and say "Queenie, manners make a lady as well as a man." Again it is the same with the would-be cricketer. No one would suggest that Dr. W. G. Grace, A. C. Maclaren, C. B. Fry, F. S. Jackson, the Fosters and the Douglasses and hosts of others, obtained their popularity through being able to make runs, or take wickets no such thing! It is derived through their being able to do the right thing at a given moment of time. Nothing else. Simply and solely "Manners." I am very much alive to the danger of placing an ugly man in front of a looking glass, and to those of you whose corns I am about to tread upon, I would say, if the cap fits it is not necessary for you to wear it. The remedy is to be found in the following "Don'ts" which are generally recognized by those in the know.



Group Picture of the four teams who took part in the Western Canada Tournament last August at Calgary, the teams being Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Calgary

## *Royal Society of St. George*

In the earlier years of Edmonton there was a St. George's Society of very considerable membership, but as one after another went away to seek fresh fields and pastures new on which to devote energy and capital, the membership gradually dwindled down, till at last the Society was suspended pro tem. But the remnant of those who had supported the old lodge continued its work in an informal way, until the spring of 1908, when there was a great augmentation of the English population, members of the old executive called together several mass meetings of Englishmen, and by September a good solid lodge of the St. George's Society was once more started on its career of usefulness in Edmonton. The first president was Mr. A. Williamson Taylor, who so distinguished himself by imbuing to the members of the young society that spirit of patriotism and fraternal fervour, of which he is such an illustrious exponent, that on his retirement from the highest office the members could confer upon him he was by acclamation created a life member. The writer can well remember the order and dignity of the proceedings under Mr. Taylor's presidency, which was

more remarkable because the membership embraced all classes of Englishmen, Welshmen and their descendants who cared to join, for the entrance fee was very low.

Mr. H. B. Round (the first president of the Overseas Club in Edmonton) worked hard with many others to get the St. George's Society re-established, and the late Mr. T. Anderson was always so ready to come forward with a helping hand to assist the young society in its work, without in any way seeking notoriety for his generosity, that a unanimous vote of appreciation was tendered to him by the members when they conferred upon him a life membership. A richly illuminated diploma conveying the appreciation of the society in graceful words, executed by the skilful handiwork of Mr. James Henderson, was presented to this veteran votary of St. George, who had through a long life been associated with several St. George's Societies and had always lived up to the spirit inspired by England's patron saint.

The president for 1909 was Mr. H. R. Mountfield, who took a great interest in the celebration of St. George's Day, which

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took the form of a social entertainment, followed by an old English dance. The society is under a lasting debt of gratitude to Mr. Mountefield for the able manner in which he steered it through his year of office; and the splendid old English flag, which he presented, is still displayed with just pride at lodge meetings, and is carried in any public processions at the head of the members rank and file.

The year 1909 was distinguished by the foundation of the United Aids Society, the inception of which was the outcome of the Charity Committee of the St. George's

Society, which, having found there was a certain amount of overlapping in the charitable work of that and other similar societies, made it its business to call together a public meeting, at which the question was discussed in a very practical manner. After several adjournments the Council of the United Aids was elected, and a charter defining its work was granted by the Alberta Government. Mr. J. Travis Barker was elected president—he had been chairman of the St. George's Charity Committee—and Messrs. S. W. Candy and R. C. Watson (of the same committee) were also elected members of the first United Aids Council.



## Ideas

By Charles E. Gradwell, Sports Editor, Daily Capital.



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The season of 1912 will long be marked down as a banner year from an Edmonton cricket point of view. The firm hold established by the English national game must indeed be gratifying to those having the welfare of the sport at heart.

The very atmosphere of Edmonton is electrified with "boost," not confining attention to any particular business or sport, but including all itineraries and it can well be said of the citizens of Edmonton that they work hard and play hard. In sport this is well illustrated by the energy displayed in

the established games like baseball, hockey and football. Cricket is comparatively a new-comer to the Edmonton sport family, and it speaks eloquently for the energy of those behind the guns that the past season has been characterized with so much success. The season of 1912 can be made more successful but it will be necessary to maintain the good missionary work, to play the game in the right spirit, in the committee room as well as on the field. This end is to be attained by the submerging of personality and the introduction of collective harmony. Turning from generalities to particulars, the league must have adequate playing space and worthy of the healthy organization the E.C.L. has now come to be. This is a difficult problem to solve, but instead of living in an atmosphere of cricket somnolence until next spring, active interest in the problem should be taken **now**.

A visit from an Australian eleven is expected, and this alone will be a great factor in helping the game of cricket to take its place as one of the leading sports in the city of Edmonton.

Last season the Hudson's Bay team surprised everybody by winning the city championship. It is this delightful uncertainty that makes up the vitality of the game and is a great incentive to other organizations to put teams in the field confident that they have just as good a chance as their rivals and assured that the outcome is far from a foregone conclusion.

It would certainly be gratifying to those who hold the game of cricket dear to see senior and intermediate leagues next season, each league with six or eight teams, and the respective championships being fought for right up to the last games of the season.

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*Cricket in the United States*

By F. F. Kelly.

The greatest game played under the blue sky strange to say has its strongest foothold in the United States in Philadelphia, where the game has flourished over fifty years and where the Germantown, Merion and Philadelphia clubs have grounds and club houses that compare with the best in the world. Although in Philadelphia they have not so many "star players" so to speak, as twenty years ago, when G. S. Patterson, E. W. Clark, F. H. Bohlen, A. M. Wood, F. W. Ralston and W. W. Nolle, J. H. Mason, Walter Scott, N. Z. Greaves and many others were at their best, still they have in J. B.

King a player worthy of a place in an "All-World Eleven," in addition to Percy Clark, C. C. Morris, H. A. Furness, J. L. Evans, W. P. Newhall and T. C. Jordan and C. H. Winter (two wicket-keepers of the first water), the making of a team that would give a good game to many of the first class countries. Something however should be done to give the match between United States and Canada more glory (instead of solely a Philadelphia team) so to speak. In that way the game would receive an impetus and the interest in the annual contest be greatly increased. To play in the International match should be

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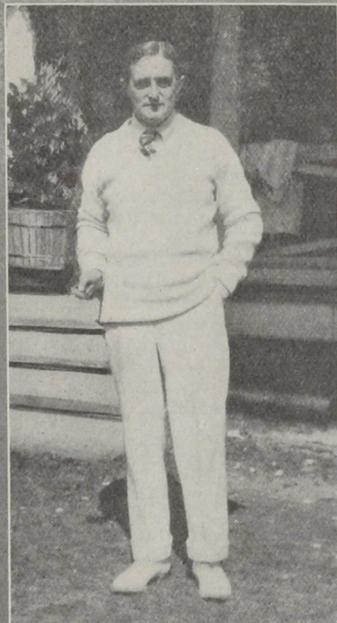
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considered a much coveted honor, an honor worth working hard and long to gain. In this manner individual effort would be invoked and increased and better playing would result. In fact the game would be benefitted

in every way. New York possibly comes next as they have in M. R. Cobb, A. Hostings, J. L. Poyer, E. H. L. Steinthal, A. G. Laurie, Sydney Deane, C. E. Marshall players of no mean abilities. There are



M. R. Cobb and F. F. Kelly, who officiated as Captain and Vice-Captain in the match All New York vs. Australians, Oct. 1912.



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three distinct leagues, two of the leagues play in public parks and the other composed of Staten Island Crescent Athletic Club. Bensonhurst and last but by no means least the New York veteran Cricket Association (which places three teams in the field in the competition) in enclosed grounds so that in this competition the scoring is better due to the wickets being better prepared. The New York Veterans at the present time are doing more good for the game than any other organization if one might quote McGeorge M. Newhall of Philadelphia than whom there is no better judge, much of this success is due to their captain, J. S. Bietz, who has spared neither time nor money for the good of the grand old game.

Up the state in Schenectady, Amsterdam, Buffalo and in Connecticut at Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, A. S. Durrant, E. J. Gregson, T. H. Wells are all excellent players.

The visit of the Australian team helped to give the game a much-needed flip, although not strong in batting S. E. Gregory and C. Kellaway (of test match game) being really the only two really great batsmen, still their bowling in Whitty Matthews and Emery always strong enough to dispose of their opponents cheaply.

Let us hope the M.C.C. will send out a team this coming summer early enough to visit most of the cities in the United States and Canada.

Enthusiasm in any branch of life does much to arouse a common feeling of interest.

Cricket in particular is fortunate in having enthusiasts out of number.

In Massachusetts and Rhode Island there are leagues where the competition is very keen and where there are several players worthy of consideration namely C. Page, W. Graydon, J. Keen, R. Fox, E. Jones, Wm. P. MacDonald, G. Pearce, A. Armitage.

Chicago in the Wanderers Club have a fine ground and club house and several good players in T. Smith (late of Winnipeg), who has this season hit up five centuries. W. Bolster, D. C. Davies and H. P. Waller. Unfortunately Detroit and Pittsburg the game does not flourish as of old but it will surely come to the front again with such names as W. B. Ridgley, H. Maxwell Grylls and T. Bissell, having the game at heart.

Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown have all useful teams whilst in Michigan there is a league comprising about five clubs, namely Mohawk, Wolverine, Tamarack, Kearsage, Painesdale. The game is also played in St. Louis, Denver, Kansas City, Salt Lake, whilst in California there are many clubs in San Francisco, there has been a league for a number of years, E. Hood, E. M. Peterson, F. J. Croll, F. A. Stahl being the most prominent during last season.

In Southern California the game has had a great boom. P. J. Higgins during the past season created several records for California, scoring seven centuries (a record for the United States and Canada), making 1085 runs, and an innings of 240 not out.

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# Polo In Edmonton

Contributed by Lieut.-Col. F. C. Jamieson, President, Edmonton Polo Club.



The horseman's game has flourished in Alberta more than in any other part of Canada. We cannot say, however, that it has flourished in the Provincial Capital; indeed it has had a rather hard struggle for existence during the past nine years.

In 1903, Stanley Williams, Robert Mays, Dr. Ferris, Dr. Clendennon, Theodore Revillon J. C. Robert and Bob. Robertson and the writer started polo in a very modest way, playing on the old Exhibition Grounds on Ross Flats.

The game reached its high water mark locally in 1905, when a tournament was held

here at the time of the inauguration of the province. Four teams competed Calgary, Cochrane, Lamerton (Buffalo Lake), and Edmonton. The Edmonton team consisted of Dr. F. E. Clendennon, back; Ernest Ferris, No. 2; A. Tomlinson, No. 3; and F. C. Jamieson, No. 1. Calgary won by a long lead, and the local team came out second best, or, to be quite exact, got a lighter licking than any of the others.

Since then the Edmonton Polo Club has had no tournaments and only a few practise games each season. The chief reason for this lack of prosperity is of course, the fact that the only other club nearer than Calgary is at Alix, over a hundred miles away. Your cricket people can go gaily off to the other end of the country, carrying nothing but a few spare bats, but it is a much more serious matter to take a car-load of ponies and their gear.

During the past season the club has had about a dozen fairly good practise matches on a vacant block at Hazeldean, and the members are looking forward to a good season in 1913. Good grounds with stables where the ponies may be kept together are promised at the Country Club for next year. That the members possess some good ponies has been shewn by the fine class shown at the Edmonton Exhibition this year. It is possible to pick up some really good ponies, mostly half-breeds, around this district.

With the other Alberta clubs, we have been playing this last season "no off-side" and eight "chukkars" of seven and a half minutes—practically American polo.

We congratulate the cricketers on a successful year, and hope that you will enjoy with us in 1913 the best season in your history.

Personally, the writer is delighted to know that the A Squadron 19th Alberta Dragoons is to be represented by what we hope will be the crack team of cricketers affiliated with the Edmonton Cricket League.

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## The Triangular Tournament

By J. N. Pentelow, Editor of "Cricket: A Weekly Record of the Game."

A disappointment? Yes.

But not, as some people have said, a complete failure, a gigantic fizzle.

From the very outset it was recognized that the Triangular Tournament was in the nature of a gamble. So much depended upon the weather; and our English weather is so very uncertain, you know.

Other causes contributed to making the tournament less interesting than it might otherwise have been. A regrettable squabble in Australia led to the leaving behind of such great players as Clem Hill, Warwick Armstrong, Victor Trumper, Vernon Ransford, Hanson Carter, and Albert Cotter. Six men—six batsmen, four of them great ones—two fine bowlers—and the best wicket-keeper down under. A heavy loss!

The men who replaced them were good cricketers, but not their equals. Moreover they suffered from inexperience of English wickets; and a wet season in England is particularly trying to the new chum from the Land of the Golden Fleece, where wickets are hard, with a surface like that of a glazed shirt-front.

Then the South Africans were without Percy Sherwell, their joint captain, Ernest Vogler, the best bowler of their last team, and

John William Zulch, who did well for them in Australia. Mitchell, Schwarz, Tancered, Snooke, White—yea, even the great Faulkner—never found quite their best form; the first two fell very far short of it. Hartigan was injured in July—broke his right arm in throwing the ball in—and did not play again; and Hartigan, who by the way had been absent for several matches before his misfortune, owing to illness, is a man of very great promise indeed.

But the weather was the worst. It caused those matches to be drawn and it interfered with others. England and Australia only decided one match, and that needed a fourth day's play. The third match between Australia and South Africa was drawn owing to the rain.

It **did** rain! For the greater part of the season it seemed to be doing nothing else. The Australians played in Norwich while the main streets of that ancient city were under water. But Lakenham, the Norfolk C.C.'s ground, lies high and dry. Their match with South Wales could not even be started. Ever so many of the matches that were started never looked like finishing.

"The rain it raineth every day." That was the burden of our song in 1912.

But it's all over. England came out on top, and there will scarcely be another Triangular Tournament in my time or yours.

First match, Australia beat South Africa in an innings at Manchester. Australia had the best of the luck. Bardsley and Kelleway played five innings, adding 201 for the third wicket and each scoring a century. Matthews did the hat trick in each innigs. Pegler bowled and Faulkner batted heroically for the losers.

Second match, England beat South Africa in an innings at Lord's. Pegler (again) and Llewellyn (75, second innings, no other South African more than 30 in match) did gallantly for the Afrikanders. Spooner scored a lively hundred for England and Woolley a fine 73. Barnes and Foster bowled splendidly.

Third match, England and Australia drew at Leeds—rain, of course. Excellent century by Hobbs, he and Rhodes sending up 112 before a wicket fell; fine defensive innings of 61 by Kelleway, and superlative 99 by Macartney, these two adding 146 in partnership.

Fourth match, England beat South Africa by 174 runs at Leeds. Woolley, J. W. Hearne, Sporer, Hobbs batted well for winners; Tancred, Pegler, Carter, Taylor (far much smaller scores) for losers. Barnes great again as bowler.

Fifth match, Australia beat South Africa by 10 wickets at Leeds. Kelleway and Bardsley again made centuries, and added

242 for the third wicket together; Taylor, Sinclair, and Llewellyn played up pluckily for the Afrikanders.

Sixth match, England and Australia drew at Manchester. An innings and a bit all the play possible. Rhodes (92) the one outstanding performer.

Seventh match, South Africa (329) and Australia (219) drew at Nottingham. Third day a blank—rain. Nourse and White scored over 50 for the Afrikanders, and nine men made doubles. Bardsley's 56 best for Australia.

Eighth match, England beat South Africa by 10 wickets at the Oval. Barnes had a wicket exactly to his liking, and took 13 for 57. In the two matches v. South Africa he had 23 for 172! Hobbs played a great innings for England, and Nourse batted gamely for South Africa.

Ninth match, England beat Australia by 244 runs at the Oval. Hobbs, Rhodes, Woolley, Fry and Douglas all batted well; Woolley, Barnes and Dean bowled finely. Kelleway, Bardsley and Macartney with the bat, Hazlitt (especially), Minnette, and Whitty as bowlers did good work for Australia. Hazlitt took last five wickets in England's second innings for one run! At Leeds earlier on Pegler had the last six in England's one innings for nine.

The teams—well, England's was good. Not the best England has ever had, but a good team, capable of winning matches

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against stronger sides than either the Australians or South Africans in 1912. Hobbs and Rhodes a splendid first-wicket pair; Fry, Spooner, Woolley, Hearne, all good for runs, though the two amateurs were not consistently at their best, the Lancastrian doing very little against Australia. Barnes, Woolley, Foster, Dean, all fine bowlers. Australia's team did not show to great advantage with the bat. Bardsley, Kelleway, Macartney—and then the tail! Jennings, Minnett, Matthews, made some useful runs; but none of them averaged 20, and Gregory's top score was only 37. I think Hazlitt their best bowler, though Matthews headed the averages and Whitty took most wickets. Matthews had some luck; Whitty does not use his head enough. Fielding very good indeed—the best of the two sides. As to South Africa, not one batsman did himself justice. Faulkner played a great innings at Manchester, Taylor at Leeds both v. Australia. The bowling depended too much upon Pegler and Faulkner, and the fielding

was only so-so, with some bright exceptions. But Wood, quite young at it, is a really good fielder.

Pity South Africa and Australia together could not have played England one match! Bardsley, Macartney, Kelleway, Hazlitt, Whitty, Carkeek (or Ward), Faulkner, Nourse, Taylor and Pegler, with Syd Gregory as captain, would have made our men go all the way, I think.

Captaincy—Fry best, better than most people thought, because most people don't give C. B. the credit he deserves; Gregory sound on the whole, but not inspired; both Mitchell and Tancred given to overworking Pegler, and behind their rivals in placing their field to advantage.

Want to know more? Read my friend Sewell's "Triangular Cricket," published at five shillings net by J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., 10-13 Bedford St., London, W.C.—brightly written, interesting throughout, and very outspoken, as is Sewell's way.



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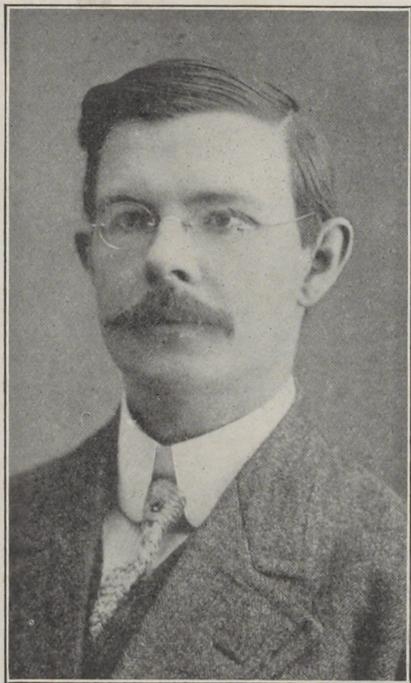
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## *Cricket in Western Canada*

By Arthur R. Morrison, Sec. Winnipeg  
Western Canada and Canadian Cricket  
Association.

Once again it gives me great pleasure to accede to the request of such an ardent worker in the cause of the game we hold so dear, as your secretary, and I will endeavor to set before the enthusiasts of Edmonton something of the work that has been done in Western Canada to advance one of the greatest games ever invented by the genius of man.

In a sleepy little village by the name of Hambledon in Hampshire, the real cradling of the game took place, it is true that years before cricket was a popular pastime for a few. As far back as 1705 the Gentlemen of London were playing against the Gentlemen of Surrey at Moulsey Hurst, the Prince of Wales at that time, being present, and not six years later a Kentish "Eleven" were pitted against an all-English team.

Richard Nyren, or "Old Nyren" as he was familiarly called, was rightly dubbed the "Father of Cricket," and this well known host of the "Bat and Ball" Inn, after years of hard work, had the honor of seeing his "village" team get the better of an England eleven and the sum of five hundred pounds sterling which went with their victory.

Little did these pioneers of the game think how successful their efforts on its behalf would be, and how far-reaching would the interest in the game become, nor how deep would the heart strings of an empire be affected by a mere game—what other game in the world has so closely bound an Empire together than the game we play. It is a safe statement to make that prior to the first visit of an Australian team to England, the peoples of these two countries knew comparatively little of one another, how that knowledge and understanding has increased is a matter of fact and only goes to prove the value of the game as an imperialistic adjunct. Only a few short years ago the South African Republics and Old England were locked together in the throes of deadly strife, this year found them engaged in a triangular test of strength with not only the conqueror but also with their sister colony, Australia. We in this country have seen cricket advance materially in the last few years, but the most optimistic of us cannot truthfully admit that we have reached the stage when we could take part in contests such as these; but it is the bounden duty of everyone who is really at heart a lover and supporter of the game to strive to reach that goal and no one should be satisfied unless that is accomplished.

Rome was not conquered in a day, nor did the Australian and South African teams win honors on their first ventures, it was only after

years of criticism and hard work that they reached the position they occupy in the cricketing world, and we in this country should take heart and emulate their success.

In 1910 with a view to improving conditions in this western portion of the Dominion, there was launched the W.C.C.A., How far this effort has succeeded is now a matter of history. New clubs have sprung up in the different provinces and the arrival of several good cricketers in the West has been instrumental in placing the game on a firm basis but there is still room for considerable improvement not only in the question of playing but also in the manner in which the supporters of the game act towards their respective associations. Unless there is absolute confidence between the individuals and the governing body in their provinces, all the work is likely to go for naught, on account of petty jealousy and self aggrandizement getting the upper hand. Too often one finds a spirit of constant bickering and grouching undermining the game, and cricket should be the last to suffer from such conditions. It must be remembered that our members are few and in consequence our work to popularize the game becomes all the harder. Therefore it is imperative that we should stand united.

Since the inauguration of this association, tournaments have been held in Winnipeg, Indian Head, and Calgary; each year producing better results not only in the class of

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cricket played, but also in the interest aroused. By a strange coincidence the home province has won each year, thus distributing the honors evenly among the affiliated provinces, and justifying the hopes and aims of those who were responsible for the formation of such a body.

As I have already said, three years have passed since the night in August, 1910, when at a meeting held in the City Hall, Winnipeg, representatives from the three prairie provinces met and approved of the idea that such an association should be organized. In that time great changes have taken place, from a merely experimental move, and the need and usefulness of the scheme have, I think, been abundantly proven.

Great disappointment was felt this year when at the last moment the team from British Columbia did not materialize, and it is deeply to be regretted that there appears to be so much internal dissension among the various bodies in that province, and it is sincerely to be hoped that with Mr. Fred E. Reeves looking after matters now, we will see a good strong team in Winnipeg next summer, and speaking on behalf of all the cricketers in the province now represented, they will receive a welcome as free and as wide as our prairies themselves.

Cricket in this great Dominion has very real difficulties to overcome. As a rule the Canadian born does not take keenly to the game as a boy. Baseball is a strong rival of course; and then lacrosse is counted by many as the national game of the country. The ground question is also serious. Though the country is a new one, land near the cities is very high priced. A third difficulty is that all games in the west and many in the east are played on matting. But this will be amended. There is no such cause for it as is the case in South Africa. Canada, with proper care, can provide excellent turf wickets. In Winnipeg we are more fortunate than most of our other cricketing friends,

in that the Parks Board has given the other cities a fine example by setting aside a large tract of land for cricket, and building a first rate pavilion on the site. In addition to this, excellent work is already being done in the way of improving these pitches, and luckily the superintendent, Mr. Champion, is not only an expert at his work but really keen on cricket. The fourth difficulty, never to be quite overcome, but sure to be lessened in time, is distance. Toronto and Winnipeg are forty hours apart, while the distance from Winnipeg to Edmonton is approximately thirty-five hours. This must mean that matches between the various cities can never be frequent and will always be somewhat local in type, mainly of a Saturday afternoon; and of course, men used only to Saturday afternoon cricket are rather at a disadvantage under big match conditions. But local cricket will improve with more play and even now as a result of these annual tournaments the various cricketing centres in the west have a number of really good teams.

Last year the advent of the Edmonton Cricket League marked a big step in the advance of the game in the province of Alberta. At that time I expressed the sentiment of western cricketers when I said that it was their sincere wish that nothing but success would crown our efforts. Not wishing in any way to appear unmindful of the excellent work done by the secretary of the league, but speaking from the point of view of a secretary myself, it would seem that one of the principal factors that led to this success was the unbounded loyalty to the game, the respective clubs and associations. by the men who were connected with this league. This loyal support justified the statement made by me, that Edmonton would not be one whit behind the other cities and towns that are affiliated with the Western Canada Cricket Association and as long as the individual cricketer continues to play the game in this spirit so long will the Edmonton Cricket League flourish.

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The history of cricket in Edmonton, written in detail from its inception, some twenty-five years ago, would be a most interesting one for the followers of this the greatest sport of the Englishman. It is a well known characteristic that wherever he may roam he packs his cricket "gear" along as readily as his pipe and tobacco, and as a result cricket is found well established wherever the brave old Union Jack floats.

Edmonton has been no exception to this rule, as a proof of which today there are some seven or eight live clubs established in the city.

The life of cricket for some seven years prior to 1905 was a very precarious one and was only kept going through the energy of Captain Wm. Richardson, whom we may justly term the "father" of this sport in our city.

From 1905 the game received a new lease of life and continued to flourish year by year until it arrived at its present state of affluence.

During the years 1905 to 1909 there were only a few clubs within easy reach of Edmonton and it was no easy task to arrange matches on account of the difficulty of transportation. Fort Saskatchewan, which in those years boasted one of the strongest teams in the district, was only to be reached by road or steamboat.

The picture of the group standing on the hurricane deck of Hobby's Flagship was taken on one occasion of the E.C.C. visiting the Fort in 1905.

This antiquated craft reminded me of a torpedo boat (going down stream) and the passengers were congratulating each other

on this very comfortable and expeditious means of transportation, no praise being too good for Admiral Hobson and his steam yacht. The Fort was reached in good time and a very enjoyable match was participated in. The large group in front of the Marquee was taken on this occasion, and it is very pleasant to notice among them such well-known supporters and players as Percy Belcher, St. George Jellett, Major Worsley, Eddie Slocock and many others.

The great feature of these visits to the Fort apart from the match itself, was the royal entertainment of the visitors by Major Strickland, who was the life of cricket during his stay in that town, and everyone who was fortunate enough to have visited there during his regime has the fondest remembrances of this gentleman and officer of the Royal North West Mounted Police.

After the game and dinner were concluded the members of the Fort club always entertained their guests to a lively smoker, and this occasion was no exception to the rule, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Steam was got up on the following morning and the passengers all embarked at about 8.30 when Hobby promised a swift and safe passage back to Edmonton of a few hours only.

This no doubt would have been accomplished if the current had not been running the wrong way, and it was soon realized that our torpedo catcher was worse than a "tow barge" as there was no "horse ahead doing his best." Creeping up stream was no term for the expression of the progress made as on several occasions the "Flagship" went down stream "stern first."



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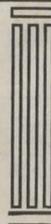
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