

WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THE CANADIAN WEST

The Cities of Western Canada Reflect the Growth of the Country.

As one passes through Western Canada, taking the City of Winnipeg as a starting point, and then keeping tab on the various cities and towns that line the network of railways that cover the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and covering the eyes as the gaze is bent on these it is felt that there must be "something of a country" behind it all.

"Now, how great that tide of commerce is you will have some conception of when I tell you that the wheat alone grown in the three prairie provinces this year is sufficient to keep a steady stream of one thousand bushels per minute continuously night and day going to the head of the lakes for three and one-half months, and in addition to that the oats and barley would supply this stream for another four months.

"The value of the grain crop alone grown in the three prairie provinces would be sufficient to build any of our great trans-continental railroads and all their equipment, everything connected with them, from ocean to ocean.

"Now, if we are able to do this with only ten per cent. of our arable land under cultivation what will our possibilities be when 258,000,000 acres of the best land that the sun shines on is brought under the plow? Do you not see the portent of a great, vigorous, populous nation living under these sunny skies north of the 49th parallel? And if with our present development we are able to do as we are doing now, to purchase a million dollars' worth of goods from you every day of the year, what will our trade be worth when we have fully developed the country?

"Now, who shall assist us to develop this great empire that is there? Shall it be the alien races of southern Europe or shall it be men of our own blood and language? In the last three fiscal years no less than 358,000 American farmers have come into Western Canada, bringing with them goods and cash to the value of \$350,000,000. And I want to say here that no man who sets foot on our shores is more ardently and heartily welcome than the agriculturist from the south.

"So long as these conditions remain I consider that this is the best guaranty that the sword will never again be drawn in anger between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. The grain crops of Western Canada in 1913 have well upheld the reputation that country has for abundant yields of all small grains.—Advertisement.

Zanzibar. Zanzibar, now figuring as a possible pawn in an Anglo-German deal, has not come into the British empire without paying a heavy price in blood and treasure. The island of cloves was visited for the first time by the British fleet during the Napoleonic scare era, but since then we have kept the upper hand. Very uncomplimentary things have been said about the people of Zanzibar. Professor Drummond found the island in 1888, "Oriental in appearance, Mohammedan in religion, Arabian in morals—a cesspool of wickedness, fit capital for a dark continent." But the British residents appear to have a good time—big dinners, golf, tennis and cricket. The local cricket team indeed can be beaten only by the combined strength of the British fleet, "once a year, and sometimes not even then."

GRIDIRON PLAYERS DISPLAY THEIR GRIT.



Captain Norgren of Chicago, Who Aspires to Be a Coach.

A western follower of football, taking to heart the whimsical remark of an eastern humorist that "today's" football hero is tomorrow's lumber shover," prepared a statement the other day showing the prospects of the 35 gridiron heroes of western schools who will be graduated in the spring, and there is not a lumber shover in the lot.

Complete information from all the schools was not available, but the list is regarded as representative, and many of the real stars who have strutted their brief span across the gridiron are included. Engineering, commerce and the law claim the majority. The list follows:

Engineering, 9; business, 7; law, 7; coaching, 3; miller, 1; forestry, 2; agriculture, 2; dairy expert, 1; medicine, 1.

Elmer Q. Oliphant, idol of Purdue students, who shook off Wisconsin tacklers at 70 yards and frightened Chicago into framing defense for his special benefit, will not shirk the grease and overalls of the early stages of a mechanical engineer's experience.

Some of the strongest players of many seasons will hang out their modest shingles as lawyers: McGinnis, largely responsible for Iowa's remarkable showing this season; McAlmon and Shaughnessy of Minnesota; Price, Chicago's redoubtable fullback; Groves, Missouri; Wilson, whose 155 pounds worked like 200 at

center for Missouri; Dorals, popular candidate for all-American quarterback; Pontius, a defensive stonewall for Michigan (he has picked Chattanooga, Tenn., for his future home), and Simons of Drake, whose name is linked with Purdy as one of the greatest backs ever developed in the west.

The comparative obscurity of business will call seven stars—Harris, Chicago, a very destructive player, who will go into the house-wrecking business; Fitzpatrick, who starred as a substitute fullback at Chicago, will work for an independent oil company at Independence, Kan.; Purdy, Nebraska, one of the greatest ground gainers the Missouri valley ever knew, will become a builder at Beatrice, Neb.; Tanberg, Wisconsin, whose admirers say he can plunge through a stone wall; Briggs and Geiseman, a Ohio State, and Wilson, Kansas, will adopt various commercial lines. Beissman, who has taken the course in agriculture, expects to coach for a while before he ultimately goes into business.

Norgren, Chicago, whom Walter Camp placed on his all-American team last year; Davis and the versatile Fleming of Indiana, who has starred in every position on his team, expect to coach. It is intimated that some of the men in the other lists could be persuaded to work along this line.

Robertson of Minnesota and Rowe of Illinois will become expert farmers; Aldworth, Minnesota, and Allmendinger, Michigan, will engage in forestry; Butler, Wisconsin, whose home is at Montclair, N. J., expects to become a municipal dairy expert; Torney, Wisconsin, will take the medical course at Harvard, while Loomis, Kansas, having learned all about grain, becomes a miller.

NOTES of SPORTDOM

Boston's city gymnasiums are free without restrictions save good behavior.

Leata J. started 12 times and won seven races and \$15,475 this year, making her the biggest winner of any pacing mare in ten years.

The New York state fair is to run two weeks next year, with the grand circuit program on the first and the runners on the second.

The Brooklyn Dodgers will meet three American league teams next spring—Washington, New York and Philadelphia.

Manager Stallings expects to have one of the best outfields in the league next season. He has several good men on his roster.

Manager Griffith has tendered a contract to Second Baseman Nye, who has made a great record with Wittenburg college nine.

The Athletics will have a new pennant pole. It will be 100 feet high and made of battleship steel. The cost is said to be \$1,000.

Patsy Drouillard of Windsor gave Joe Mandot of New Orleans an eight-round test at Windsor, Canada, and lost only by a shade.

Harry Welchance, champion batter of the Southern league, has signed a contract to play center field for the Atlanta club again next season.

Peter the Great and Walnut Hall are likely to be tied for the honor of being the leading sire of the year, each having passed the twenty mark.

That the finer points of the American college style of football will soon be adopted by the Canadian Intercollegiate union teams is the opinion expressed at the Queen's, whose football leaders are favorable to the idea.

ENGLISH SLOW WITH FUNDS

Special Olympic Committee Greatly Disappointed at Inadequate Support Given by Public.

The special Olympic games committee unanimously has decided that if the fund which is being raised for the preparation of a British Olympic team for Berlin does not reach \$125,000 by the end of the year the committee would not be justified in proceeding further in the matter.

The committee expressed great disappointment at the inadequate support given by the public, and pointed out that the money is urgently needed for the 1916 preparations which are being held in abeyance until the committee is assured of stronger backing.

In the meantime several of the best English trainers are being sought to train foreign teams, and unless a quick decision is made they will be employed in caring for the rivals of England. The fund now stands at \$48,700.

Asks \$75,000 for Athletics. The German Olympic committee for the 1916 games, to be held at Berlin, has been informed that in the next budget the reichstag will be asked to vote them \$75,000 in aid. Of this sum it is intended to distribute \$50,000 among the German federations, while the balance of \$25,000 will be devoted to the two-fold object of studying foreign athletic methods and of sending German specialists to the principal international sport meetings.

Oxford to Send Team. Oxford university will send a team from England to compete at the annual relay races under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania next April. A letter has been received by Frank B. Ellis, graduate manager of the games, from Arnold A. S. Jackson, president of the Oxford University Athletic club, accepting an invitation to participate.

Kilbane Bars Only Two. Johnny Kilbane, featherweight, in his bid for more worlds to conquer, has announced his intention of jumping into the lightweight division and challenges all boys of this class with the exception of Leach Cross and Willie Ritchie.

HURLING IS EXCELLENT SPORT

Irish Game Fully as Stirring to Spectators as America's Great Pastime—Contest Described.

That the Irish have just as exciting a sport in hurling as Americans have in baseball or football is shown by the appended clipping from the New Ross (County Wexford) Standard, detailing the story of a match between Dublin and Kilkenny for the Irish championship.

The paper devotes nearly a half-page to a descriptive tale of the battle. The clipping follows:

"The Kilkenny captain was lucky on the spin of the coin, and took whatever slight advantage the light and wind offered. The match was advertised to start at half-past 3 o'clock, but it was quite a while the teams lined out. The first few minutes of play saw Dublin pressing, and for a moment looking really dangerous. Rowan sent wide. From the puckout Gargan and 'Drug' Walsh were prominent in brilliant play, which resulted in an invasion of Dublin territory.

"Cooney saved brilliantly, and a little later saw Gargan miss the net by the smallest of margins. Play continued fast and furious in Dublin territory, and inside of the first five minutes M. Doyle, from a long shot, completely beat Cooney with a daisy clipper, and opened the score for Kilkenny with a major. Gargan continued prominent in brilliant play, and was very much in the limelight during the first quarter of an hour. Fast play along the side line resulted in Callaghan being cheered for a brilliant save.

"A minute later Grace sent to Brennan, who sent wide from a rather awkward angle. A low ball sent down by Kelly also proved fruitless, and Cooney was again prominent in saving a well intentioned shot by Walton. Long fairly beat 'Drug' Walsh, and brought the play into Kilkenny ground. For a short time Dublin continued to press very hard, and the game was very strenuous. Gargan and 'Drug' Walsh were prominent in some brilliant play. Walton and Kelly were loudly cheered a moment later for a movement in which the latter had hard lines in not scoring."

MINISTER IS WORLD MARVEL

Fred Thomson, Graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Holds All Around Athletic Record.

Fred C. Thomson of Los Angeles, Cal., having just completed a three-year course in the Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated in the 1913 class, has taken the pastorate in a Los Angeles church. Thomson is regarded by many athletic critics as a world marvel in his athletic ability. As his mark in many cases is nearly equal to that of Thorpe, the great Indian, and in some instances he excels



Fred C. Thomson.

that of Thorpe. Thomson intends to keep in training and endeavor to make a world mark. Below are his records compared with those of Thorpe.

Table comparing athletic records of Thorpe Thomson and Fred C. Thomson across various events like 100 yard dash, Shot put, High jump, etc.

Motor Cup Firmly Held. The international motorboat trophy, known also as the Harmsworth cup, which Americans failed to lift in English waters last summer, is pretty firmly in the grip of the Englishmen, according to Count Casimir Mankowski. He is the owner of Ankle Deep, the only American entry in the year's race. "It will take a \$60,000 craft, 40 feet long, and with the most powerful engine to bring that cup back to America," said Count Mankowski. He declared he would spend all the winter in preparation for another race for the trophy next year.

Lipton and His Superstition. The yacht races to decide the supremacy of England and the United States will take place in June, 1914. Sir Thomas Lipton has backed his country twelve times in an effort to take this trophy across the ocean and has always been unsuccessful. He believes that the hoodooed thirteenth time will work in his favor. The British yacht contender will be named Shamrock IV, and this is another good omen, for four leafed shamrocks are generally lucky.

Possibilities in Gotch. Admirers of Frank Gotch heavy-weight champion, believe that the Humboldt Apollo could down all the white-hoed brigade and easily annex the title of champion if he were disposed to turn his prowess to pugilism.

Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Pepsin Gum. Features an illustration of a man smoking a cigarette and a pack of gum. Text includes 'soothes your throat!', 'After smoking it cools your mouth—makes it moist and refreshed.', and 'BUY IT BY THE BOX of most dealers—for 85 cents.'

Advertisement for Sunshine L.W. Soda Crackers. Features a large illustration of a man's face and a box of crackers. Text includes 'L.-W. Sodas for Supper? Good!', 'Sunshine L.W. SODA CRACKERS', and 'The men-folks like 'em because they're so crisp and taste so good.'

Advertisement for Paxton's Gas Roasted Coffee. Features an illustration of a coffee can. Text includes 'PAXTON'S GAS ROASTED COFFEE', 'MADAM:—Do you remember that best cup of coffee you ever drank?', and 'Try Paxton next time you buy.'

Small advertisement for 'CANCER' with text: 'FREE TREATISE... about the cause of Cancer also tells what to do for pain, bleeding, odor, etc. Write for it today, mentioning this page.'