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Nobody shouts "Kill the umpire" when Ab Mortimer officiates at baseball games in Vancouver. The 62-year-old Negro, once a star player, has won the affection of fans and players alike. He was voted "most popular umpire in the Kingsway Baseball League," Vancouver's senior amateur body. Fans and players alike know him by name and by sight. But more especially they know him by sound with his bull-throated call of balls and strikes. Mortimer works five or six games a week and enjoys every minute. "If I wasn't working 'em, I'd be watching 'em," he says.

Born in New Westminster, Ab played with Hanbury Mills in the old Terminal League, hitting over .350 in every one of the four years in the league. Then he played eight years with Kansas City Monarchs. Then came a stretch with the Canadian Forestry Corps in the Second World War. After that he came to Vancouver and began umpiring. And everybody in minor league baseball is glad that he did.

Vets Win Football

With the first goal scored against Battery goalie, Rusty Ford, by Legion's centre-forward Smith, the Veterans drove on to win their game last night, 4-2.

Outside-left Dave Murray battered in the second score for Legion in the first half and both Smith and Murray scored again in the second half.

Centre-forward Gerry Ford, in a sudden dash in the second half, scored two quick goals for Battery against Goalie Krause.

Pat Forman was referee. Next game, on Saturday, will be a reinforced Legion team playing against visiting Aliyansh.

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Farmer Battling Two Tough Weeds

Thousands of dollars are being spent to eradicate the menace of two tough types of weed, the toad flax and the leafy spurge.

These hardy perennials are a pretty sight and they decorate many gardens in western Canada. But they are damaging in grain fields.

R. Duck, Prince Albert provincial agriculture representative, said that many farmers in western Manitoba have been driven off farms rendered useless by these weeds.

The toad flax grows four feet down into the soil, sending roots sideways as well as down. The roots send shoots upward to produce new plants above ground.

Both the toad flax and the leafy spurge are heavy seed producers. And the seed is widely spread on the clothing of persons, as well as being distributed by winds and animals.

The Buckland district west of Prince Albert has been seriously affected by the toad flax. Duck said one farmer's quarter-section was so badly infested that the farmer leased the land to the municipality for five years

so that an effort could be made to clean it up.

CHEMICALS INEFFECTIVE

Chemicals such as 2-4-D won't kill the flowers of these weeds. In farm fields, it takes three full years of summerfallowing to bring them under control.

Mr. Duck said efforts now are being made by the Saskatchewan agriculture department to have city and town councils enforce a prohibition on the weeds in flower plots and gardens.

"City people don't seem to realize that it will take them three years of hoeing to get rid of these weeds," he said.

"Farmers in this district are spending thousands of dollars in an effort to kill weeds, yet they are being grown in gardens right in the city."

Agriculture officials are not certain just when the weeds were first brought from Europe to Canada. They were probably brought for ornamental purposes, since the toad flax produces beautiful yellow flowers and is often mistaken for snapdragon.

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