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By George McManus

RESENTS LOSS HOCKEY TEAM

Regina Gets After Scalp of Patrick's Because that City Loses Franchise

EDMONTON, Sep. 23.—A special despatch from Regina to the Journal commenting on the hockey situation quotes Dick Gibson, sporting editor of the Regina Leader as saying:

Regina dropped—or was pushed—out of the Western Canada Hockey league Tuesday and the circuit became the Western Hockey league, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton will be squeezed out next year and the loop will become the Pacific Coast Hockey league.

That's the way the situation looks today and it's a prophecy that doesn't require much imagination. The Sheiks are virtually certain to be out next winter and, while the Alberta cities may hang on another winter, the ultimate end will be the same. The swan song of professional hockey on the prairies is bound to be sung; the prelude came at Tuesday's annual meeting.

How and why did Frank Patrick engineer the purchase of the Regina franchise and player?

There are many reasons for both how and why. The Vancouver mogul first attempted to secure the Saskatchewan club. Failing in that he approached Wes Champ with a \$25,000 offer, the full amount to be paid over before the playing season started. That he succeeded is partially due to his own ingenuity and partially because of the apathy of Regina sportsmen who might have taken over Wes Champ's interests.

How's this for Guessing It may be a poor guess, but our own hunch is that Frank Patrick is already the owner of the Calgary Tigers. The club was sold by the Calgary Exhibition company some weeks ago, supposedly to Lloyd Turner, manager of the team and now manager of the new rink in Minneapolis. Turner is not ranked as a man with the available loose money to take over such a large proposition, and it is altogether unlikely that he would take a job in Minneapolis if he had so much at stake in Calgary. Confirmation of the theory is found in the fact that Calgary, despite the protests of the fans, made not a move to block the sale of the Capitals to Portland. And how can one otherwise explain the "sale" of Art Duncan, star Maroon defence player, to the Tigers except by the fact that one man owns both clubs and the sale is not a sale, but a transfer.

Are These the Reasons A desire to bring the centre of the hockey world closer to Vancouver was undoubtedly one of the main reasons why Patrick initiated the deal. Outside of that fact, however, he was seeking to market his artificial ice plant, which has been gathering rust in Seattle since the Mets dropped out. That alone was no small consideration, as the equipment is worth some \$30,000 and would be needed by Portland to assure ice all winter.

Those are two of the main reasons. Then it is more than probable that Patrick has an interest in the Rosebuds himself. If he is not actually a part owner, it is taken for granted that the backers are allied with him in some way and that he received a nice commission for landing them a berth in the league and a team.

Made Prediction Last Year A year ago, when Patrick made application to bring Vancouver and Victoria into the W.C.H.L., the Regina press strongly oppos-

ed the idea. Something of what has since transpired was predicted then, but the prairie moguls listened to Frank's story and welcomed him with open arms. The Pacific Coast league was dying a natural death then, for the prairie circuit grabbed up all available talent in the provinces which formerly had supplied the Patrieks with their new players. The coast had picked up hardly one new man since the W.C.H.L. came into being, and naturally Frank and Lester were worried—they had to do something.

Says Patrick is Dictator E. L. Richardson, president of the prairie league, has been completely dominated by Patrick since the Vancouver owner got in the league. Had the annual meeting this year been held when originally planned, Regina might still be in the loop. But Patrick was not ready for his Portland deal and the confab was put off until he had time to close with Champ and have the stage all set in the Oregon city.

TEACHERS ORGANIZE BADMINTON CLUB TO PLAY BOOTH SCHOOL

The Teachers' Association organized a badminton club yesterday for the purpose of playing at the Booth School auditorium. The members are confined to teachers and so far twenty have joined. The officers follow: President, Harry Bell, Sec.-Treas, Miss Etelnda Marsh, Refreshment committee: Misses Darlington and Weatherhead, Hall committee, D. H. Hartness and D. Ross.

HIGH SCHOOL WON OVER BORDEN ST. JUNIOR SOCCER

The High School had things pretty well its own way in yesterday evening's Junior-Football game and defeated the Borden Street School by 7 to 1. Both teams played one man short and, while the High School boys were playing good soccer, the Borden Street players were unable to hit their stride of the first half of the season. Playing uphill, the winning team scored five goals in the first half. Borden Street seemed to be in better form to the second half but scored only one goal from a penalty while the High School got two more. It was quite dark when the game ended at 7.15.

W. E. Williscroft was referee and linemen were Mr. O'Neill of Borden Street School and George Cochrane.

The next Junior League game



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SPORT CHAT

William Magee, eighteen year old Winnipeg jockey, and his horse were instantly killed on the opening day of the fall racing schedule at Salt Lake City last week when the horse became unmanageable and crashed into a fence.

Cleveland, Ohio, has applied for a franchise in the National Hockey League. With New York and Boston already members and Pittsburgh's first payment in the hands of Frank Calder, president of the league, the coming of Cleveland will give United States four teams in the circuit.

Professional hockey is likely to start in Montreal in the middle of November with an exhibition game between the East and West. It is stated that the Victoria team from the Pacific Coast is contemplating an eastern tour at the beginning of the season and may possibly play it Montreal on November 14 and 16.

NICKERSON SETS FORTH HIS POLICY AND THAT OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY

(continued from page one) propaganda and subsidies to immigration and shipping agencies, while our people are emigrating, in such large numbers, to the United States.

Vital Local Issues

My stand on vital local issues, such as a square deal for our inland fishermen in their home port, a steamship service for the Island that will have a tendency to establish a fishing and farming population by enabling them to get their produce to market, equal treatment with Vancouver by our railway and steamship line, and all other issues effecting the welfare of this constituency are well known to you. For these principles I shall continue to fight.

I will be delighted to discuss all questions in open debate with the Liberal and Conservative candidates, at as many points within the Riding as can be mutually arranged.

My election will be carried on mainly by friends who are interested in the welfare of Central and northern British Columbia. We have not the advantage of an extensive party organization, therefore, it behooves those who believe that the interests of western Canada can best be served through the Progressive Party to do all in their power to win this election. It is conceded by the press and the public that the Progressive Party will retain the balance of power for the next Parliamentary period as they have during the past four years.

Record of Party Time and money will not permit me to visit all points of the riding, therefore those of you whom I do not see will, I hope, take me on the record of the Progressive Party which has stood for the people.

Sincerely yours, G. W. NICKERSON, The Progressive Candidate.

George Frizzell is campaign manager and R. W. Gamings, secretary attending to the office work. Steve Dumas has returned here from Anxoy where he was receiving treatment at the hospital. Mrs. E. M. McCoy is on a trip to Vancouver and southern cities. During her absence, the Alice Arm Hotel is in charge of Mrs. M. Martin.

STEWARD

The Dunwell mine resumed operations last week, the first work being the getting of the plant in order. High grade ore will be shipped this winter and

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