

VERMILION'S FINE PLAY AT NORTH BATTLEFORD

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VERMILION, Feb. 2.—Vermilion curlers have returned from the North Battleford bonspiel bringing with them the trophies of the chase. Slater and his bonnie curlers landed the plum of the events, and of the four competitions in which they entered, only lost one game in the preliminaries, that being the Merchants' cup, which was gathered up by Horton, of Vegreville.

The Grand Challenge cup, one of the handsomest ever put up in the spiel donated by Mayor Griese, and four solid brass bedsteads which went with it; the Foley cup, another magnificent trophy, with it accompanying four gold watches; the grand aggregate, the prizes for which were four silver shields and second in the citizens' four beautiful silver smoker sets (three pieces with tray), was the formidable list of wins by the rink of which the town of Vermilion is justly proud. The trophies are all on display in the windows of Mr. Slater's jewelry store and are attracting a large crowd of sightseers, as well they might.

The Sask. Herald of Battleford, in its Saturday issue says: "Slater of Vermilion, is said to be too good for the average and is going to take back quite a stock of jewelry," and he did.

Besides the cups which the rink holds for a year, the prizes won by the boys aggregated about \$500. While the love of the game for the game's sake is the outstanding characteristic of the grand old curling game, to reach that point of perfection which lands trophies in competition with the best of rinks, is the ambition of all devotees of the besom and stone. All honor then to Vermilion's curlers for their grand exhibition of how to play the game and the excellent showing at the first bonspiel of the city of North Battleford.

The rink skipped by C. Pirkie, though not so prominent as the Big Four, succeeded in attaching fourth place in the hotel keepers' event.