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Twins Hunting Lefty-Batting Power Hitters

Lavagetto Tabs Fan Support Key to Team's Program of 'Growing' New Stars

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Sherry Robertson

tory, Farm Director Sherry Robertson of the Minnesota **Twins** has been telling many audiences, large and small, how he and President Calvin Griffith figure for the future.

One of the best stops was St. Cloud, where they have the Rox in the Class

"We have four power hitters now. We'd like five and maybe could come up with six. And we'd like any addition to be left-handed."

Poking his nose through the 20-below breezes that have hit this terri-

a ten-day speaking tour in company with other **Twins** brass by appearing at the St. Paul Hot Stove League dinner, January 19, then taking off for home in California. He is impressed with the enthusiasm displayed everywhere.

"It is absolutely true that the presence of a good crowd in the stands lifts a club," said Cookie. "But it does something more concrete. It puts money into the till, money with which to help build for the future."

Farms Cost Money

"But I'll say this. You must spend it on your farms. It is hard to buy a

Sure of Players, Montreal Lining Up Buck Back

MONTREAL, Que.—The signing of a working agreement with the Minnesota **Twins** is regarded here as a sure sign that the Montreal (International) franchise will be operated here in 1961.

However, as of January 25, the refinancing of the club has not been completed. Frank Shaughnessy, retired Int president, was busy organizing a group of business tycoons to sponsor the project.

It was estimated that \$225,000 would be necessary to keep the club in business after the withdrawal of the Los Angeles Dodgers as a partner.

At Int headquarters, Shaughnessy said, "We are just about ready but we still lack one 'big name' to put our project over."

The **Twins**, according to the pact, provide a manager and salary. Gene Verble, manager of Charlotte (Sally), a **Twin** last season, was mentioned prominently for the job here. The club will receive 18 players under the agreement. LLOYD MCGOWAN

"I figure he will be especially good with young Lefthanders Jim Lefthand and Ralph Lumentti."

The holdover coaches are Mel Mele and Clyde McCullough.

Twin Topics: So far, in the time, 2,400 season tickets have been sold. There will be a limit on the individual opening-day ticket start on March 19. . . . Chas. has been telling dinner audiences he is responsible for Mickey Vernon's record home run in Washington several years ago. Stobbs pitcher recalls another mark. Wh