

Fanning for the fans

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THE PEOPLE FORTUNATE enough to see the games of the play-off in the Big Four between the Moncton Hawks and the Halifax Wolverines saw hockey played in its very best form, with the Moncton Hawks coming out on top, taking the three games from the Wolves by scores of 4-2, 3-0 and 4-2 respectively. The first game played in Moncton ended as was mentioned, 4-2, and then the scene shifted to Halifax, where the Hawks put on the heat again and came out with a 3-0 win, and back again to Moncton, where there was no stopping them and again making the score read, Hawks 4, Wolves 2; thus eliminating the Wolves from further competition this year. The score is indication of the winners only and both teams put up a wonderful display of Canada's greatest pastime.

NEXT THE HAWKS WILL meet the great aggregation of younger players that represent Mount Allison in a two-game series, total goals to count, the winner of this series will enter for Upper Canada and meet the winner of the Quebec-Ace-McGill University series.

THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT that it is of interest to fans that on the Moncton team Bill Miller is a brother of Al Miller playing on the Mount Allison team, and when these players meet it will bring back memories of the time that Wick James and Capt. Dud James, now of the Hawks, used to play against one another.

MOUNT ALLISON WON THE right to meet the Hawks by defeating the Truro Bearcats and capturing the Maritime Senior B title. Score for the round, Mount Allison 7, Truro Bearcats 5.

CHARLOTTETOWN ABBIES are through for this year and players are on their way to their respective homes. Ivan Nicholson, left winger of the squad was voted the most valuable Abegweit player for this season.

FREDERICTON HIGH WON the New Brunswick interscholastic hockey title by virtue of their win over Campbellton. This title was won by a one goal margin.

IN THE NATIONAL HOCKEY League the Toronto Maple Leafs have won undisputed first place position in the Canadian section, with the Canadiens coming second and the Montreal Maroons third; while in the American section the Detroit Red Wings are first with the New York Rangers second and the Chicago Black Hawks third. Leafs have 59 points and Detroit 56, and now the Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings will play off for the league leading championship of the National Hockey League.

CHARLIE CONACHER, WHO held the first place in scoring for a long time ends the season still on top with Primeau and Jackson both climbing up in great style, while Red Horner is first with the largest number of penalties followed by Lionel Conacher.

MOUNT ALLISON WON THE N. B. intercollegiate basketball championship by virtue of their wins over the University of New Brunswick recently. First game ended 41-37, and the second game 59-56, thus giving the mounties the title with a score on the round 100-93.

THE JUNIOR ABBIES OF Charlottetown won the N. B. and P. E. I. junior hockey title by virtue of their win over the Bathurst Juniors, taking one game 2-1 and the final game ending 1-1.

CANADIAN RUGGER TEAM VISITS



British rugger is returning to popularity on the Pacific coast in the United States, and games have now been arranged in California against the British Columbia all-stars, who are shown in the picture above working out for a game against Stanford University. Dyer-Doswell is shown reaching for a high pass. Not for twenty years have Canadian rugger teams visited California.

SPORTS MINISTERS ARE SOUGHT BY PETITION TO THE PREMIERS

Movement Originates in Hamilton, Ont.—Would Rule Out Petty Bickering in Amateur Sports, Advocates Say.

Advocates of a ministry of sports and recreation in the Dominion have prepared their case for immediate presentation to the federal and provincial governments of Canada, the decision having been reached to place the proposal before the prime minister of Canada and the premiers of all the provinces in the hope that desired action will be taken during the current year.

The request for the creation of a sports ministry in either the federal or provincial fields, or both, comes at a time when the amateur athletic situation is in a somewhat chaotic condition because of internal disputes among those who are voluntarily charged with the direction and control of athletic pursuits. Chief opposition to the idea for a minister of sports and recreation in any government in the Dominion comes from those sportsmen who are taking a personal interest in various games largely as a hobby or a private activity, and some of these have intimated that they would withdraw if and when government control of amateur sports becomes effective.

Sponsorship of the proposal for a ministry of sports has come from Hamilton, Ont., to a definite extent. For a considerable time, one of the advocates has been S. R. Manson, former controller of that city and a prominent participant in various team

and individual sports, as well as an executive official. The agitation has been conducted through the Canadian Bicycle and Sport Goods Association, which is made up of manufacturers, distributors and retailers of athletic goods. Incidentally, the actual mover of the association's resolution on the subject is a Hamilton sporting goods dealer, N. N. Ferries, who has been an officer of the organization for many years. Members of the association in Toronto, Niagara Falls, Belleville, London, Brantford, Sarnia, Ottawa and other scattered centres are supporting the move. These trade officials are qualified to speak in the matter because they are closely in touch with sports generally throughout the year and they represent a comprehensive industry of the country.

The resolution has been under discussion for at least two years. One impetus has been provided in knowledge that the five-day week is apparently here to stay and that the shorter working day is also a fixture. There is also the question of unemployment, with a percentage of the population having little to engage their attention. How to make use of this leisure time is one important motive behind the suggestion, regardless of the present situation in amateur circles. Incidentally, the sponsors have asserted there is no desire to impose mass

calisthenics upon the populace, as is the case with certain European countries which have more or less come under the control of dictators.

The motion which is being sent on to premiers across Canada reads as follows:

"Being convinced that more general participation in games and recreation is the logical and safest means of occupying the greatly increased leisure of the masses brought about by shorter working hours;

"And moreover that active participation in all branches of sport and recreation is one of the major factors in the lives of Canadian people from the standpoints of health, loyalty and happiness;

"And that the time has come for legislative assistance and promotion in the realm of sport.

"It is resolved that this association bring before the legislatures both of the Dominion of Canada and of each province of the Dominion the desirability and feasibility of including in their cabinets a minister of sport and recreation, whose department would specialize in the promotion and assistance of a more generally active participation in games and recreation by the people of the Dominion of Canada."

YOUR VIEWS

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and undeveloped farm lands. There is surely something wrong when such conditions can exist. We should be exporting ten million dollars worth instead of obtaining it elsewhere. In some quarters it has become fashionable to lay the blame for all our ills on confederation which is as foolish as blaming stubborn cream on the witches.

But quite outside the realm of agriculture there are other ills and symptoms nearly if not quite as serious, and all require different treatment. For convenience these may fall into three simple categories, namely, geography, politics and the matter of our personal and collective will to achieve. These may be regarded as our chief economic ills for which we must find remedies if we would have sound and robust economic health.

May I refer to these briefly and in order? Our geographic ills are well known and I believe are over-stressed while, on the other hand, we have geographic advantages which are seldom or never mentioned. Such geographic disadvantages as we have are pretty much, though not wholly, beyond human control. The St. Lawrence River piercing to the heart of the continent with a navigable waterway and affording ocean traffic to Montreal and beyond places the Maritimes in a sort of back wash as far as national commerce is concerned. In the winter months it is true we get a small taste of this commerce for the most of its sails past our doors. This will probably always be the case. This condition is accentuated by the fact that our rather restricted population does not at present produce sufficient exportable commodities to create any considerable summer shipping. Moreover, distance from the large consuming centres of Central Canada largely prohibits us from any advantage they might otherwise afford us. So geography hits us rather hard in two different ways and in consequence our lamentations have been great but not always creditable.

On the other hand we often fail to realize some of the great advantages which nature has bestowed upon us. There is another side to the geography situation. It is that at our front door is the ever open sea giving us easy and direct access to almost every country in the world. In this respect we are more favorably situated than any other province in the Dominion. Our future prosperity

is linked with the ocean as it has been in the past but for a time forgotten. After confederation we made the mistake of turning our eyes to the West, where distance largely precludes our goods, instead of holding to the sea lanes for our hope as our fathers did and as we must again learn to do. The United Kingdom, Europe, South America, the West Indies and other lands are our natural fields of commerce. If we had whined less about the doubtful value of our Western markets and steadily and courageously cultivated our overseas opportunities we would today be the envy of every province of this great land. So if we are wise we should proceed at once to accept the proffered right hand of advantage which geography extends to us and largely forget the St. Lawrence and the West except as they, too, pay tribute to us.

So much for geographic disadvantages concerning which there are two sides to consider. We now come to our second named disability real or otherwise, namely, political. This may be easily disposed of. Our political disability does not consist of the smallness of our parliamentary representation. Our trouble is the smallness of our political outlook and motives. Not that we do not have able men to represent us at times. Our great lack is single minded men whose politics and a part of their religion is New Brunswick and the Maritimes. It has been said that there is more selfish partizan politics and less unselfish statesmanship in the Maritimes than anywhere else in Canada. This may be an extreme statement, nevertheless one cannot escape the conviction that most of our politicians have their eyes pretty steadily fixed on some higher goal of preferment rather than the making of sacrifices if need be for the good of New Brunswick or the Maritimes. These interests generally take a second place when a time of testing comes. When we can get men big enough to put the country's interests above their own ambitions our political disabilities will have disappeared. Again this is largely our own fault.

Lastly, the third form of disability we suffer from, and already alluded to, is that of our lack of a clear vision of our own needs and the resoluteness of will to transmute our visions into realities. Here is where we have most lamentably failed. Sometimes we have foolishly been fighting ghosts which had no real existence and at other times tilting at windmills which worsted us while our real problems have not been squarely faced. In fact, for the last 50 years we seem to have been slow in taking any strong initiative steps in our own behalf but have rather got in the easy habit of leaning on the paternal charity of our governments. When we learn to stand more fully upon our own feet and blaze a more direct and independent trail to real success our greatest disability will have disappeared.

The foregoing I consider our greatest ills, the curing of which is largely in our own hands. It will be a great day when this Mal Maritimus gives way to complete economic health. Perhaps Mr. John Maybee Farmer is the doctor with the right prescription.

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THIEVES PLAY TRICK

Doncaster. — When the east hockey team, after playing a match at Doncaster, returned to the hotel in which they had changed, they found their room had been entered, their pockets rifled, and money and valuables taken.

BEDTIME STORY

Irthingborough. — Tramps are boycotting casual wards built here at a cost of £14,000 because of a 5.30 p.m. bedtime rule.