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GEORGE ROCHON TO FILL JOHNSON'S PLACE

Victoria, B. C., December 23—Geo. Rochon, the former Westminster hockey star, states in a wire that he left Swift Current on Sunday night. He will reach the Royal City today and remain. Ernie Johnson will be out of the game for a month and Rochon will fill Johnson's shoes for the time being. President Frank the warning that rough play will not be countenanced in this league. The Vancouver mogul says that suspensions and fines will be handed out if the ordinary match penalties are not sufficient.

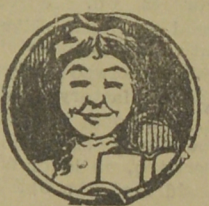
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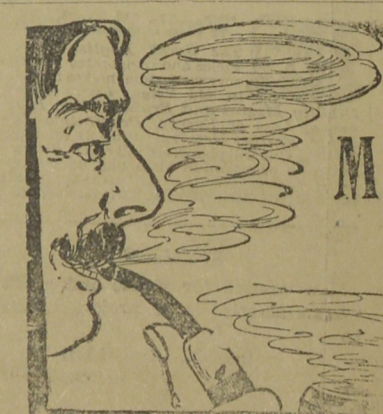
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BIG LEAGUE TEAMS IN SHAPE FOR OPENING MATCHES

Harold McNamara Turned Out With Wanderers---
Is to Manage Halifax Crescents---Gordon Roberts
Not Hurt as Badly as Was Thought---Canadian
Squad Looks Good in Practise

Montreal, Dec. 25—Twelve members of the Canadian hockey team turned out at the Ontario Rink yesterday afternoon. The appearance of Jack Laviolette, who was in uniform, was noted with pleasure. Vezina and Marchand were played in goal, while Dubeau and Laviolette were worked on one defence and Frenchette and Delaire on the other.
The forwards were changed around at intervals, making the play more even. Playing Manager Jimmy Gardner showed to advantage, and there is every assurance that he will be one of the regulars of the team this season. The Canadiens were stronger than last year. Those at the practice were Vezina, Dubeau, Laviolette, Lalonde, Gardner, Donald Smith, Berlinguette, Marchand, Jette, Frenchette and Leduc.

MCMANARA OUT.

Montreal, Dec. 25—The Wanderers had a guest at their practise yesterday in the shape of Harold McNamara, who is going to the Maritime Provinces to manage the Crescents of

Halifax, in the Maritime League.
McNamara is well known here, having at one time played with the old Shamrocks.

It is announced that Gordon Roberts' injury to his shoulder is not nearly as serious as was at first reported, and that he will soon be able to play with the team again.

There is considerable mystery as to whether or not there will be ice in the Arena in time for the opening of the National Hockey Association season.

No one is allowed in, and the management is absolutely non-committal about the matter up till now.

The Wanderers had another good turnout yesterday at the Coliseum Rink, when George Warwick, the recently signed goal-keeper, reported.

The team show remarkably good condition for the few workouts they have had, and will be in fair condition for the opening match at the Arena against the Ontarios on Saturday night. The Wanderers will have fourteen men in uniform on Saturday, while the Ontarios will likely bring down about the same number of players.

NEW CONDITIONS IN BISLEY MATCHES ARE SUGGESTED

War Office Wants Competition Near-
er Service Conditions---Proposed
to do Away With Bullseye

London, December 24—Important changes in the conditions of shooting for the King's Prize and other more important competitions at Bisley are recommended in a communication sent to the Council of the National Rifle Association by General Sir C. W. Douglas of the War Office Committee, which has been considering proposals for modifying the Bisley programme to bring it more into harmony with the musketry regulations of the Territorial Force.

Agitation for the abolition of the bullseye and knowledge that the War Office favored "service competitions," has created uneasiness among some rifle clubs who fear that the adoption of the War Office policy will kill interest in rifle shooting.

Specific schemes are sent out for the King's and St. George's, introducing rapid firing and snap shooting in the second stage of the former, and the first stage of the latter. For example, the second stage of the King's five rounds deliberate ten rounds rapid, and five rounds snap shooting at three hundred yards are suggested. The shoot in the second stage of the last meeting was ten rounds at three hundred and ten and six hundred yards deliberate firing.

The recommendations are to be submitted to the members of the National Rifle Association at the general meeting in February.

::: SPORTS OF ALL KINDS :::

Sport.
Last season Joe Tinker finished in the list of 300 batters for the first time in his career of twelve years in the National league.

Second Baseman Del Pratt, of the St. Louis Browns, has resigned his place as the representative of his club in the Baseball Players' Fraternity.

Harry Welch, who had the distinction of leading the Southern league in batting last season, has been appointed field captain of the Atlanta team.

John (Dots) Miller, recently traded by Pittsburgh to St. Louis, says he is willing to play with the Cardinals. What do you mean, willing?

President Dreyfuss of the Pirates, made "Honus" Wagner the only exception in any trade for "Big Ed" Conetchy, when he and Manager Clarke discussed the proposed deal.

Earl Mack, son of Connie Mack of the Athletics, will coach the baseball squad at the University of North Carolina before he begins his duties as manager of the Raleigh team.

Art Shafer, of the Giants, has announced his retirement from the game. When baseball dope is scarce Art can always be depended upon to put over the Patti tuff.

Champion Willie Ritchie denies the report that he is to change managers. He says he is satisfied with Harry Foley.

Brooklyn is willing to release Catcher Eddie Phelps if he can land the job as manager of the Albany team. Eddie has been in harness sixteen years and believes he is capable of piloting a minor league outfit.

Manager Bill Carrigan, of the Red Sox, has had a confab with his new boss, Joseph J. Lannin, and now he declares there is nothing in the American league that scares the Sox. No doubt Bill has made Mr. Lannin feel very, very happy.

Jim Jeffries former heavyweight champion, is making preparations for a world tour.

Manager Tom O'Rourke is anxious to "pitch" "Porky" Flynn against Gunboat Smith for \$5,000 a side.

Harry Stone, the New York lightweight who is now in Australia, has defeated the four opponents he has met there.

Jimmy Clabby has signed to meet either Frank Klaus, George Chip or Jack Dillon at a show in Milwaukee next month.

Frankie Mandole, who has been touring Europe, was stopped in fourteen rounds at Geneva the other night by Badoud, the Swiss champion.

Johnny Coulon, the bantam champion, is ready to box again and says he is willing to take on "Kid" Williams if the latter will make 116 pounds ringside.

George Roel, the Boer heavyweight, will challenge the winner of the Gunboat Smith-Arthur Pelkey fight, which is scheduled to be pulled off New Year's Day in California.

The New York State Assembly may vote each member of the boxing commission a salary of \$8,000 a year. Up to the present time the commissioners have received nothing from the State for their services.



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