

# NEWS of SPORT

## CLASSIFYING HORSES ON MONEY THEY EARNED

System to Be in More General Use — Many Advocate it Before Win-race System.

Boston, Dec. 21—Eastern horse-men are not well informed as to the good and bad qualities of the system of classification of trotters and pacers on the basis of purse money earned upon which they have been asked to express their opinions on or before the meeting of the National Trotting Association rules committee to be held early in the new year.

The system was extensively used last year on tracks affiliated with the Harness Horse Association and that it has merit is proven by the fact that it will be more generally used next year. Whether it is the wonderful cure-all for the ills of racing is, however, very doubtful.

What is necessary for worthwhile box office receipts is to provide contests, and any system that has not that for its foundation cannot endure.

The present system of deciding the class eligibility of a horse on what it can do only on one day in its life is not equitable and could be greatly improved by taking the average time of winning performances.

The ideal system would be classification by a body of stewards, and some time this is certain to come.

The advocates of the money-earned system would do well to prepare a statement of facts telling specifically what their plan does. About all they have done so far and possibly that is all they have been really able to do, is to state that "it is the only way to race."

What owners, trainers, track men and the race-going public want to know is what is actually done and if after a year or two a horse is not placed about as under the present time classification.

## CANADIENS READY FOR TRADE

Montreal, Dec. 21—In the near future it need not be surprising to see a player deal of much importance made between the Montreal Maroons and Canadiens. Cecil Hart, new leader of the Frenchmen, is out after additional strength for his defence and, while nothing definite is available, it is whispered around that Reg Noble, veteran performer of the Maroon squad, is the man Hart is after.

It will be remembered that Noble was first brought to Montreal by Hart when the latter was leading the new Montreal team and it is said that he is still sweet on the defence player. Hart is understood to be ready to trade or buy outright to strengthen the guard of his club.

The addition of Babe Donnelly to the Maroons leaves the Gerardsmen with five defence players. Donnelly may be the man who will eventually land with Canadiens if the Maroons refuse to let Noble get away.

## Eligibility Rules Are Feared in Regard to U. N. B. Hockey Squad of 1927

Considerable Number of Players There But Their Standing Will Not be Known For Some Time — Archie Williams Coach—Dalhousie to Play Here in Western Section.

With the end of the terminal examinations at the University of New Brunswick comes the usual story of heavy casualties among athletic material, particularly in hockey. Often these reports are exaggerated and it will not be until the opening of the Easter Term, January 4th that the eligibility of the men in regard to academic standing will be known.

C. Archie Williams who has been very successful for several seasons with Fredericton High School hockey teams will coach the university team. Practices will start at once upon the resumption of lectures.

### Intercollegiate League.

The Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League will function as before except that Acadia has withdrawn and her place in the Western Section is taken by Dalhousie which has withdrawn from the Halifax City League. Tentative dates have been named U. N. B. to play Mt. Allison at Sackville, Dalhousie to play U. N. B. at Fredericton and Mt. Allison to play Dalhousie at Halifax. The Eastern Section will function as before.

### Sumner Cup.

In addition to this organization U. N. B., Mt. Allison and King's will play for the Sumner Cup. U. N. B. has a couple of wins on it and is out to gain permanent possession if possible.

### The Material.

The U. N. B. captain will be chosen after the new term opens. F. Cedric Woods is manager of the team. The players who are possibilities are Hickson, goal; Steen, forward; Antey, centre; defence: Keenan, Chalmers, Gagnon, Lynch, Thompson, McKenna, Creighton. Eligibility rules may bowl some of these out and there is the possibility of other material developing.

A York County League composed of the university intercollegiate team, Devon and Marysville has been suggested.

No matter what poor Jones may try He finds there is no comfort there. For naught on earth, in sea or sky Will ever give him back his hair.

The saddest of all possible figures is the one who "doesn't want anything for Christmas" and discovers to his surprise, that he has been accommodated.

Diamonds will soon be as cheap as dirt, reports South Africa, removing practically the last bar to hasty matrimonial engagements.

## ANOTHER BIG SCANDAL BREAKS IN BASEBALL

Cobb and Speaker Involved — Both Make Denials — Scandal Arises Out of Dutch Leonard Suit.

Chicago, Dec. 21—Two of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game, Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, today were named by Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis in an expose of scandals that went back to 1919, the year climaxed by the famous crooked world's series between the White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds.

Cobb, famed as the "Georgia Peach," and Speaker, the famous "Spoke" of the Indians, had their names linked with "Dutch" Leonard and "Smoky Joe" Wood, both former American League pitching stars in a conspiracy to bet on an alleged fixed game between Detroit and Cleveland played at Detroit on September, 25, 1919.

Cobb, until after the close of the 1926 season, was manager of the Detroit club, and a star player on it for 20 years, while Speaker held the same managerial position with Cleveland. Both resigned suddenly after the finish of the 1926 pennant race.

### Third to Break.

The scandal, breaking today, was the third that has rocked the major leagues since the barring forever of the eight White Sox players for conspiracy to throw the 1919 world's series.

The sum of money involved in the latest scandal was \$600 bet by Leonard, at one time Tiger pitcher and Woods against \$420 on the Tigers to win.

Detroit won the game. Nothing in the 100 pages of testimony or letters made public by Commissioner Landis reveal that either Cobb or Speaker wagered on the game but it indicated they had knowledge of the betting.

### Letters Cause Probe.

The scandal came to light when Leonard, pressing a claim against the Detroit club, turned over two letters, one from Cobb, the other from Wood.

Those letters were presented to a secret meeting of the Board of Directors of the American League held here last September. Ban Johnson, the American League president gave them to Commissioner Landis for investigation.

Leonard, Detroit pitcher, asserted that he, Cobb, Speaker and Wood, pitcher for Cleveland, met "under the grand stand" of Navin Field, Detroit, on September 24, 1919 and agreed that Detroit should win its game with Cleveland on the following day, thus clinching third place in the American League pennant race.

### Plan Fails to go Through.

The four planned, Leonard asserted, to benefit by betting on the outcome of the contest with Cobb putting up \$2,000, Leonard \$1,500 and Wood and Speaker \$1,000 each. The former Detroit pitcher said that the plan did not go through because Cobb and Speaker did not put up their share of the money, but he said that he and Wood won \$130 apiece when Detroit defeated Cleveland 9-5.

The story of Leonard, denied unqualifiedly by Cobb, brought in its wake the admission of baseball officials that its pending revelation prompted Speaker's unexpected retirement some weeks ago as manager of the Cleveland club and that it was a factor in Cobb's resignation, soon after the season ended, from the managership of the Detroit team.

### Denies "Fixed" Game.

Toledo, Dec. 21—Tris Speaker, former manager of the Cleveland

## ST. PATRICKS LIKELY TO BE IN EARLY SALE

Mike Rodden Said to be Slated for Manager-ship — Two Possible Bidders are Reported.

Toronto, Dec. 21—Reports current here maintain that within another ten days the St. Patrick's Hockey Club will change hands.

There are several rumors in connection with the sale of the Toronto N. H. L. Club. In the first place it is stated that two interests are after the club, both of which are Canadian. The Lyalls of Montreal who are in the syndicate which owns the Toronto Arena Gardens are said to be one outfit wanting to make the purchase. Then again it is said that President Frank Calder is dickering for another interest. It is not known just what people he represents but many believe that among them is Percy Hamby, who a short time ago was part owner of the club.

N. L. Nathanson, Paul Ciceri and Charlie Querrie, present owners of the club, are said to be quite willing to get out at their price. And this price is reported to be \$165,000.

Should the rumored sale go through and there is every authority for saying that it will, to one syndicate it is quite likely that Mike Rodden who started the year as manager, will again assume command from the bench. Rodden had trouble with the present owners and although he is holding them to their contract regarding salary, he is not taking any active interest in the handling of the players.

## COULD NOT ENDURE ALTROCK

Nick Altrock and his comedy foil, Al Schacht, who have made countless thousands of baseball fans laugh with their funny antics on the baseball field, will burlesque hockey during the intermissions at Madison Square Garden games. This pair was engaged by C. C. Pyle to provide the comedy relief for his touring pro tennis players. All went well until the temperamental Suzanne Lenglen witnessed their performance one evening and then they had to go. The French star could not understand why her dear tennis should be burlesqued.

## SUZANNE IS SICK WOMAN

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, star of Cold Cash Pyle's tennis entourage has been advised by physicians in California to return to her native France for a long rest if she would avoid a nervous breakdown which threatens her. The dashing Suzanne had agreed with Promoter Pyle to make a tour of the Orient, but this will be cancelled. According to the medical advisers who examined her in San Diego, Cal., she has been playing for weeks on sheer nerve alone. The French girl has remained, from any of the temperamental outbreaks which were predicted when it was known that she would be called upon to "troop" all over America. It is expected that she will carry out her schedule for the remainder of this year, at least.

**Peps**  
Quickly Banish the  
**WORST COUGH**  
THE REMEDY YOU BREATHE

Indians, declared when he passed through here tonight on his way from Chicago to Cleveland that "no baseball game was fixed that I have any knowledge of."

## ARCHITECT PEARSON MADE THE SENATE CHAMBER TOO SMALL TO HOLD ALL THE FEMALE RELATIVES

(Scrutator in Montreal Standard.)

All was not glory and gladness at the opening. Many bad tempers and broken hearts are in its aftermath. It's all the fault of Architect John Pearson, but the anger and anguish are visited not on him but on the defenceless officials of Parliament. The trouble is that the opening of Parliament is not so much an affair of state as it is a function of society, and Mr. Pearson probably was insufficiently aware of this fact when he designed the building. He was thinking of the accommodation of the nation's law-makers, doubtless, when, it would seem, he should have devoted his thought to the ambitions and desires of the lawmakers' female relatives and friends and to a host of other personages and near-personages who have little or nothing to do with law-making. The chamber of the senate, where Parliament is opened, is more than ample in size for all the productive—and destructive—activities of that branch of Parliament, but it is too small to permit of a suitable display of all the beauty and the chivalry of the nation, which display, despite the inroads of democracy, continues to be accepted as an inseparable part of the parliamentary session.

### The Architect's Error.

Architect Pearson provided in the senate chamber commodious galleries at both ends, containing plenty of room for all who would see the senate at work and even for those who would witness the ceremony of the opening. But the desire of those for whose benefit the opening ceremony appears to be chiefly presented is not so much to see as to be seen. To be seen they must be on floor of the chamber—and the floor of the chamber will not hold them all if there is to be room enough for the Governor-General, his consort and suite. Since Their Excellencies could not be crowded out, others had to be, hence the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and the unhappy life of the unfortunate officials. Parliament, of course, was adequately opened, but think of all those who were not there to "look charming in a Paris creation of such and such over so and so"! Really, a terrible oversight on the part of Mr. Pearson.

### The "Official List."

Hitherto most of those who could claim to be of the haute monde were crowded in. Their feathers might be crushed somewhat, but the society reporters could see them. It meant that the Governor-General had to step over feet and squeeze between protruding shoulders to reach the throne, but Baron Byng was a good fellow and didn't seem to mind. The new Governor-General and his consort, however, have been much in the East, where pageantry is the life, and the order went forth that there was to be nothing unseemly about the opening. There was to be plenty of room for a full and formal vice-regal procession preceding the announcement that Parliament was opened. Hence, agitated conferences of officials, resulting in the cancelling of invitations that had been issued and an announcement that the seats in the chamber were strictly reserved for those on the "official list." To be on the official list one must be a supreme court justice, a provincial premier, a foreign consul, a dignitary of the church, a member of Parliament, or something else of similar or approximate consequence. The official list permits members to have seats for their wives and unmarried daughters. Great was the storm raised when they learned that this year they couldn't bring other rela-

tives or friends. Many had already given assurances that they would provide the necessary invitations. This they could not do. Room had to be left for the vice-regal procession.

### Remodel the Chamber.

Now it is proposed to fix up matters against another opening by enlarging the chamber. This proposal calls for the tearing out of the side walls and installing galleries all around the room. It would mean the destruction of the far-famed mural paintings depicting Canada in Flanders and France, which decorate the walls of the chamber. Very likely the change will be made. Gradually this twelve million dollar building is being remodelled to meet the requirements for which it was erected.

### Rehearsals.

In other years the Governor-General and his party entered the building by the senate doors and mounted directly to the chamber. This time there was a procession from the main doors through three corridors, and into the chamber. It gave those not of the official list some opportunity to see Their Excellencies in full court regalia. But they might have been seen to better advantage once or twice at quiet hours on days preceding the opening, for the procession was fully rehearsed before it was officially carried out.

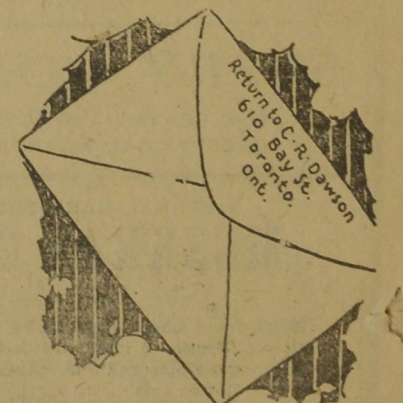
### New Man, New Methods.

One of the first to get into communication with Premier King on his return to Ottawa and welcome him home was the acting leader of the Conservative party, Hon. Hugh Guthrie. It must have surprised the Prime Minister to be thus greeted by a Tory chieftain. One of Mr. King's first acts, practically his first, was to go to Government House and report to the Governor-General. He discussed the conference while lunching with Lord Willington.

## FIRE ALARM LOCATION IN THE CITY

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- 7 Victoria Hospital.
- 8 Children's Aid Home.
- 12 Westmorland and Aberdeen Sts.
- 13 Northumberland and Somerset Sts.
- 14 Brunswick and Smythe Sts.
- 15 Charlotte and Smythe Sts.
- 16 George and Northumberland Sts.
- 17 King and Northumberland Sts.
- 21 Queen and York Sts.
- 23 York and George Sts.
- 24 Queen and Westmorland Sts.
- 25 Brunswick and Westmorland Sts.
- 26 Charlotte and Westmorland Sts.
- 27 King and York Sts.
- 28 Saunders and York Sts.
- 31 Queen and Regent Sts.
- 32 Needham and Regent Sts.
- 34 Queen and Carleton Sts.
- 35 Brunswick and Carleton Sts.
- 36 Charlotte and Carleton Sts.
- 37 George and Regent Sts.
- 38 King and Regent Sts.
- 43 St. John and Aberdeen Sts.
- 44 Queen and St. John Sts.
- 45 Brunswick and St. John Sts.
- 46 Charlotte and St. John Sts.
- 51 King and Church Sts.
- 52 George and Church Sts.
- 53 Union and Church Sts.
- 54 Shore St. and University Ave.
- 55 Brunswick St. and University Ave.
- 56 Lansdowne St. and Waterloo Row.
- 57 Grey St. and University Ave.
- 112 Smythe and Aberdeen Sts.
- 113 Argyle and Northumberland Sts.

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