

NEWS of SPORT

M'CORMACK JUMPS INTO PRO HOCKEY RANKS

London Club of Canadian Hockey League Get Crack Montreal Amateur Goal-keeper—Greatly Needed.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Hugh McCormick last year star goaler of the Victoria Hockey Club in the senior Q. A. H. A. series and who has played with the club in two games this season, has performed between the posts in his last amateur match. McCormick has left Montreal for London, Ont., where he will join Goldie Producers' Club, at present leaders of the Canadian Professional League. McCormick has been in communication with the London team for two days and this morning accepted their terms. He will report to the team tomorrow at London.

Undoubtedly McCormick is the outstanding amateur goaltender in Montreal. His work with Victorias in the Q. A. H. A. and the C. P. R. team in the Railway-Telephone last season stamps him as such.

Jumping into the position left vacant by Ski Scott with Victorias last season, McCormick made good from the start and played splendid hockey all season. Previous to playing with Vics he was with the provincial champion M. A. A. A. intermediate team and was a big factor in landing the title for the Winged Wheelers.

Vics' European Trip.

In joining the London professionals McCormick passes up a trip to Europe with the Victoria Club, which leaves for Sweden on a missionary journey January 22. The terms offered the local boy however are attractive. It is said that he will receive \$500 to sign his contract and an additional \$2,500 for the balance of the season.

McCormick will be a teammate of Babe Morrison a player who starred with Sons of Ireland in the Quebec Senior Group last year. It is thought that Morrison recommended the Victoria player for the job.

The goal position has been the weak spot of the London team this season according to reports, despite the fact that the Panthers are on the top of the standing. The berth should be strengthened with the addition of the local player.

McCormick will replace Oliver, last season with the Ontario intermediate champion New Hamburg Club, in the London nets.

McCormick had an offer from Quebec some time ago and is also a fine rugby player.

HELEN WILLS AND SUZANNE MEET AGAIN

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 13.—Miss Helen Wills made an informal call upon Suzanne Lenglen. It was the first time they had met since the French tennis star arrived in America to start her professional tour. They exchanged conventional courtesies and each reiterated that she would be "delighted" to meet the other in a tennis match if such could be arranged. Each expressed extreme doubt that the amateur standing of the one and the professional standing of the other could be reconciled.

TUNNEY TO BE IN MAINE XMAS

Poland Spring, Me., Dec. 13.—Gene Tunney, heavyweight champion, will spend the Christmas season far from the maddening crowd. Today Tunney made reservations at this resort for the holiday time. In his letter the champion said he wished to "get away from New York for a time."

With screen stars divorce is a recurrent expense.

Ottawa Keeps on Toward Championship Of First Section

**Beat St. Pats 2 to 1—
Montreal Played Pir-
ates to Tie at Pitts-
burgh—Canadiens
Shut Out at Montreal.**

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Senators of Ottawa continue to hurl back all opposition in their quest of the national Hockey League title. St. Patricks which in a previous meeting held the locals to a two goal draw, invaded the capital Saturday night and threatened to repeat the "no-verdict" performance but a goal that screamed from the stick of Captain George Boucher less than two minutes before the final bell spelled a 2 to 1 victory for Ottawa. The Senators have now registered eight wins without dropping a game in the league chase.

Tie at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 12.—Pittsburgh and the Maroons of Montreal battled to a 2 to 2 standstill in a thrilling game here last night, after 20 minutes of extra period play. McKinnon, a spare, saved the contest for the Pirates, when he tied the score in the closing period.

Pittsburgh took the lead at the outset, but its advantage was soon wiped out when Phillips came back with a score. The Maroons jumped to the front when the same Phillips pushed the disc in the mesh in the second period. However, McKinnon netted the count with a dazzling shot in the closing set. Drury, Pirate, act, was compelled to leave the contest when he collided against the boards racing for the disc. He was later removed to a hospital where it is feared his left arm is broken below the elbow.

New York Shots Surer.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 12.—Taking fewer but surer shots, the New York Americans beat the Detroit Cougars, 4 to 2, in a National Hockey game last night.

Detroit was credited with 27 tries for goal, and the Americans with 23. But when the New York team took the puck down they had another man to follow or receive passes while the Cougars attack often was with onehanded. There were 12 penalties.

Habitants Blanked, 3-0.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—With a brilliant offensive and an impassable defence, Chicago Black Hawks skated off the Forum ice Saturday night after blanking Canadiens 3-0, in a National Hockey League fixture.

The difference between the two teams was the difference between the two defences. After the period in which both teams staked all on the attack, a Canadian sharpshooter never got a clear shot at Lehman in the Chicago nets.

Individually the Canadiens outstarred the Black Hawks. True, Chicago had a larger substitute list to draw from, but they literally allowed Canadiens to skate themselves useless.

In future games the French club will be strengthened with the addition of Izzy Hart, who has been obtained from Detroit and will be used to relieve Joliat.

Rangers Beat Bruins 2-1.

New York, Dec. 12.—The New York Rangers were forced into overtime play tonight to defeat the Boston Bruins, 2 to 1, in a National Hockey League game.

A goal by Murray Murdoch youth Ranger substitute after 7 min. and 50 sec. of extra play, settled the hard fought contest.

Johnson scored New York's first goal while Shore whipped in the lone Bruin tally.

The game was marked by 16 minor penalties, Jimmy Herberts, of Bruins, was fined for using abusive language to the goal judge behind the Ranger goal.

Wife—George, how can you be so extravagant—giving a huge tip like that to the waiter, when you know we can't afford it?

Husband—But, my dear, look at the overcoat he's given me.

N.B. BASKETBALL ASSOC. FINISHES ORGANIZATION

**Sanctions and Playoffs
Will be Handled by
the New Organization
—J. N. Fanjoy Presi-
dent.**

Saint John, Dec. 13.—J. N. Fanjoy, this city, was elected president of the New Brunswick Basketball Association at a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. here on Saturday afternoon. E. A. LeBlanc, of Moncton, was chosen vice-president and R. W. Shaw, Saint John is the secretary-treasurer.

The new association, which will have complete control of all basketball activities in the province, whether senior, intermediate or junior, both for men and ladies, has received its sanction from the M. P. B. and will now have charge of all play-offs, leagues, etc., in New Brunswick, working along similar lines to the N. B. Hockey Association.

The membership fees for the various outfits which plan basketball this season are placed at \$3 for the senior, \$2 for intermediates, and \$1 for juniors. Both the sanction for any proposed leagues and the membership fees, must be made to the association officers here before Jan. 1, it was stated last evening.

The complete names of those on the executive now was announced as follows: R. R. Brown, Woodstock, and Gordon Kennedy, McAdam, western section; R. A. Taylor, Moncton, and Dr. Bigelow, Sackville, central section; Clarence B. Burden, southern section, and A. Leggett, Chatham, northern section.

In the matter of referees the teams figuring in the play-off can choose their own men to handle the whistle, but failure to agree on a man, the association will make the final decision, and he must be accepted.

Copies of the constitution are being prepared and will be sent out on application.

PRESS BACK AGAINST COLLAR AND RELAX

New York, Dec. 13.—A variation of Walter Camp's "Daily Dozen" has come out of Yale. The new exercise system might be called the "Daily Score."

Dr. William Gilbert Anderson, director of Yale's gymnasium, is the father of the new set of exercises for which he has a slogan—"Keep the back of your neck against your collar, and relax now and then."

Dr. Anderson's system is directed at correcting posture and requires but five seconds 20 times a day.

"Just lift your head, draw in your chin until the back of your neck is pressed against your collar, arch your chest to its utmost and draw in the abdominal muscles," he advises. "Do this 20 times a day, holding the position for five seconds each time and in a few weeks you will find that your posture will be greatly improved. You will look better and feel better."

If in their youth, men had been taught to relax a few minutes every hour they would last longer and be more efficient according to Dr. Anderson, who instructs his students to sit quietly a moment or two each hour, permitting every muscle to relax.

Mr. Nagg—You always told me that there was no fool in your family.

Mrs. Nagg—That was before we were married.

Charlie Chaplin knows who is going to be Santa Claus.

DEHART HUBBARD COLORED JUMPER BECOMES PRO

**United States Olympic
Team Must Look For
Substitute—Is Play-
ing Basketball for the
Com.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Uncle Sam will have to develop a broad jumper for the next Olympic games, as DeHart Hubbard greatest, "leaper" the world has ever known, has become a professional. The colored athlete is to tour the East with a basketball team known as DeHart Hubbard's Mighty Five, with headquarters at Columbus, O.

A communication on a letterhead which tells of the wonderful achievements of the ex-Michigan star, has been received asking for the name of one of the leading basketball teams of this city.

It has not been generally known that Hubbard had jumped from the amateur ranks but the letter indicates that the athlete who succeeded Ned O. Gourdin of Harvard as world's greatest broad jumper and who has done better than 25 feet oftener than any other athlete has now joined the money group.

Last February at the American Legion games at the East Armory, Hubbard was credited with his 60 yards dash record. It was believed that he would remain an amateur until after the 1928 Olympic games at least.

However, the man whose figures, 25 feet 10 1/2 inches, for the running broad jump stand as one of the most remarkable records on the books, is lost to the amateur ranks.

Edgar Buckner is acting as manager of DeHart Hubbard's Mighty Five. The team starts on its basketball tour Dec. 30 from Columbus.

N.H.L. PLAYERS BARRED FROM CANADIAN H. L.

Windsor, Dec. 13.—Although a representative delegation from the several cities of the Canadian Hockey League transacted considerable business at a meeting here, very little was of public interest.

In future there will be no juggling of players between the Canadian and National Leagues. Players from the major circuit may be loaned for the season or sold outright, but they will not be allowed to play a game with a Canadian League team, revert to their own club for a short period, and then return to the Canadian team when the latter is in dire need of help for a game or two.

Although this issue was brought up from time to time during the schedule to date no formal protest was turned in to league headquarters and President King and his associates believe that the decision reached this afternoon will prevent further trouble from this direction.

No more franchises will be given out this year, the board decided. This automatically removes Brantford and Toronto. Neither had representation at the league meeting.

PITTSBURGH N.H.L. TEAM DUE FOR SHAKEUP

Pittsburgh, Dec. 13.—A big shakeup is imminent in the ranks of the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Hockey League. It is reported that Lionel Conacher is dissatisfied with the team and has asked to be traded to some other club in the circuit.

Along with this comes the news that Odie Cleghorn, manager of the Pirates has offered Boston Conacher in a trade for his brother, Sprague Cleghorn. Both men are defence players.

After the fight Jack Dempsey said he had met a better man. When the other foolish theories have been abandoned his may be accepted as the right one.

WYOMING MOUNTAIN CREATES A LAKE IN FOUR MINUTES; A BIG ROCK SWOOPED DOWN

I do not wonder that most people have difficulty in realizing that the mountains and valleys, rivers, lakes and other natural features have not always been just the same as they are now—that there really are no such things as "the everlasting hills" or "imperishable granite." The mills of the gods grind so slowly that in most instances little change is noticeable in the lifetime of an individual or even in several generations. But the forces of nature are constantly working to make this a "right little, tight little island" in the great ocean of space.

Gravity never for an instant releases her hold or lets up in her efforts to pack together the rocks composing this planet. Her constant pull on every atom of terrestrial matter is sure to start something whenever there is the right combination of circumstances. Then shudders traverse the foundations of the deep and lofty mountain slopes, precipitate their rocky burdens down onto the adjacent lowlands in a manner both appalling and disastrous to whatever of human beings or their works may be in the way, writes W. C. Alderson in Travel Magazine.

What happened in the Gros Ventre Valley in June, 1925? In August, 1924 I camped on the river bank below the Horsetail Ranger Station, which is reported to have been destroyed. It must be a bit damp there if that beautiful grove of pines is submerged beneath one hundred feet of water. Has anybody here seen Kelly? Well, Kelly is a bit of a village over there on the bank of Gros Ventre River, just below the point where that stream issues from its mountain gorge to join Snake River in the eastern part of Jackson Hole, thirty-five miles south of Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

That peak on the rugged crest of the Gros Ventre Range in the background, whitened with the first snows of early autumn, is Sheep Mountain. Look at that great fresh scar at the end of the north spur of Sheep Mountain. It is ten or twelve miles across there from the terrace where we are, at the foot of Grand Teton Mountain south of Jenny Lake, but you can see the great scar plainly from here.

Travel South.

Crossing the Reclamation dam at the foot of Jackson Lake at Moran, we go south on the east side of Jackson Hole to Kelly. Then turning eastward, the well-graded road takes us over the hills and into Gros Ventre Valley. As our automobile rounds the spur we behold a scene beautiful in its setting, but appalling in the devastation which has been brought. At the foot of the long north spur of Sheep Mountain, south of the river, stood the beautiful ranch of Thomas Guilfoyle Huff, and the commodious and well-furnished house and buildings were the pride of the owner, who was almost ruined through the catastrophe.

The afternoon of June 23, 1925, Mrs. Huff was at home with her child. Mr. Huff had been plowing a field nearby and had left his team and assisted two young men to round up some cattle and drive them across the river. Returning, he noticed the bank crumbling, and, looking up, he saw what appeared to be a great section of the heavily wooded mountain slope starting to move downward directly toward him. Appalled, as was Macbeth at the sight of Birnam's wood moving on Dunsinane, he set spurs to the horse on which he was mounted and dashed toward the house where were his wife and child, and behind him, rolling and plunging, grinding and roaring, came a tremendous mass millions of cubic yards of rock debris and toppling forest trees.

As he sprang from his steed to open the gate the great slide rushed past, leaving the house untouched, but smashing the fence a few rods away. It plunged onward across the half-mile-wide valley bottom and hurled itself 400 hundred feet high against the red sandstone cliff on the north, like some great living monster striving to scale the heights. While Mr. Huff ran the seventy-five yards from the gate to the house a smaller mass shot off near the foot of the slope back of the house and swept half a mile eastward up the valley, missing the house, but demolishing the barn and other buildings. Mrs. Huff heard the noise but did not know what had happened until her husband came running in. It is reported that the two men with the cattle had reached the road across the river and one had just crossed the path of the slide and the other was approaching when the roaring maelstrom of rock debris rushed between them and piled itself against the north cliff.

Cash of Crash.

What was the cause of the awful thing that had happened?

On the north side the rock ribs of the mountains are solid enough, for the red sandstone strata dip northward into the cliffs, but on the south side rock beds underlying the high wooded slope are tilted steeply toward the valley. The spring of 1925 was unusually wet in the Gros Ventre country and the river was in flood. There had been heavy rains and the snow on the mountains was melting rapidly. Never for an instant, night or day, year in and year out, had the force of gravity ceased its steady pull upon the rocks, so that when the soft clayey shales and sands, interbedded with harder limestones and sandstones, became saturated with water the hold of the mountain upon its strata was overcome and an enormous mass slid into the valley as though underlain by a bed of soft soap.

Look at that great yawning gash in the forest-covered mountain slope, more than a mile in length and rising nearly two thousand feet above the river! Look at the millions of cubic yards of rock debris and tangled forest trees now blocking the valley with a great dam more than 200 feet in height. Surely, here the mills of the gods ran fast enough, for it was all over in three or four minutes. The sliding ceased and the dam was completed, but that was not the end of the catastrophe.

The great dam completely blocked the valley and, as the river was in flood, the basin immediately began to fill rapidly, forming a lake. At first the water is said to have risen three and one-half feet per hour. Later the river was lower, as the water spread over the bottom lands.

Huff's ranch house stood about a quarter of a mile from the river and about sixty feet above it. The slide occurred about four-twenty on the afternoon of June 23, and at three o'clock the next morning the water was six inches deep in the house. At ten the next morning the building was lifted off the foundation and floated in the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Huff were the heaviest losers, inasmuch as all the part of their ranch not covered by the great dump is now submerged beneath the lake. Two other ranch houses farther up the valley were also floated away and the ranch lands were largely submerged.

Stations Flooded.

The Forest Ranger Station on Horsetail Creek was flooded later. By working all night the ranchers, with the assistance of others, were able to save the contents of the houses. No one was hurt, but a few cattle perished. The one graded road in the valley was completely blocked by the great dump, leaving, as the only outlet for the ranchers farther up the valley, an almost impassable old wagon road across the pass southeastward to Green River basin and a similar old road over the hills westward to Jackson Hole. The Forest Service set to work at once and graded a saddle horse trail along the north slope above the lake and dam. In about three weeks the lake reached a depth of two hundred and twenty feet at the dam, a maximum width of nearly a mile and a length of about four and one-half miles.

If one stands where the great gash in the forested mountainside is not seen, and where the great dump of rock debris and the tangle of overturned forest trees are not in view, he might forget the disaster and see only the beautiful lake lying between the red sandstone hills on the one hand, and the dark green forested mountain slope on the other. But what of the future?

One cannot throw a great rock-fill dam across a rushing mountain torrent with no properly constructed controlling works and no adequate spillways without being faced with the possibility, if not the probability, of disaster. A village stands but four miles below the dam and ranches are scattered all along the lower course of Gros Ventre River and down Snake River Valley. Already the matter has claimed the attention of Wyoming and Idaho and of the Federal government. The area of the lake has been roughly estimated as covering nearly two thousand acres with a volume of about one hundred and fifty thousand acre-feet. That is, were the water spread evenly over flat land it would cover one hundred and fifty thousand acres to a depth of one foot or fifteen thousand acres to a depth of ten feet. As the rains ceased and the melting snows vanished before the summer sun the inflow into the lake decreased. The water continued to rise, however, for about three weeks, until it stood within eight feet of the lowest point of the crest of the dam, but not overtop it. For some time all the

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