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## Sport and the "Sports"

The furore over sport and the "chaotic" state of organization and administration in Canada which occupied the House of Commons this week should stimulate much debate, more confusion, and, it is to be hoped, a little improvement. The rackets and politics in sport alleged by Mr. Hugh Plaxton, M.P., whose Ministry of Sports resolution sponsored the Parliamentary play-down, are not new disclosures. They are the same conditions that have been exposed in local and Provincial circles since and before Mr. Plaxton's amateur days—made more important, not to say offensive, by the national political frame the young member gave them.

That a Federal Department of Sports is not the solution has been, for the present at least, decided on. But that sport is in need of a general reconditioning and reintroduction to the old sport-for-sport's-sake spirit goes without saying. There is no question that commercialization of our major seasonal games has had detrimental effects upon the spirit of competition, if not upon the quality of the play. But it cannot stand accused as the lone offender, and those promoting sport and controlling the administrative bodies be saddled with the whole blame.

As T. L. Church, M.P., has said, more attention is given to professional sport than to the amateur and school games. It can be stated in reply that the standards established by professional sport and the remuneration it pays have inspired more youths of school age to take to the rinks, ball parks and football fields than any other element. And these standards are maintained by public opinion and the adulation of the "stars" that rise and fall from season to season.

In fact, public opinion, in accepting professional standards as the level of competition, is largely responsible for the decline of the old spirit. If the public wants first a thrilling, well-played game, it places almost equal emphasis on the home team winning. Crowds, even at the school, municipal or intracity league amateur contests, are largely determined by these factors. In their desire to supply both, promoters go outside to find the "star" material, and the same crowd that demands the winning team is little concerned about it being an aggregation of "imported" players.

How to revive the withering spirit under these conditions is not an easy job. It is not a job that can be done at all without considerable change in the sporting public. So far as youth goes, very few children in any community are denied an opportunity to indulge in any game they care about. They may not have the ability to make the school team, but that need not eliminate them from the games. When they leave school most are eliminated by self-appraisal of their own capabilities. If they do not measure up to team standards, club managers and league executives cannot be blamed if they drop out.

But, having in mind the extent of school training and the value of school competition, it might be better if less emphasis were placed on school championships. The schools would seem to be the place to begin to inculcate on future sport fans that the spirit of the game, and not victory, makes sport.

## Combating the Drought

Southern Alberta experienced a serious crop failure last year, but, with typical Western spirit, refuses to be discouraged. The Lethbridge Herald, in a review of the year in that district, notes that, while wheat and coarse grains were \$7,850,000 lower than the preceding year, a great deal of this loss was made up by better prices and larger revenues from the sale of live stock and beet crops. Naturally the irrigated sections made the best showing. Wheat, beets, alfalfa, potatoes and vegetable crops were better in these districts than in any year since 1930, and in the Lethbridge neighborhood farmers made some profit.

So encouraging have been the results of irrigation that there is, as the Herald says, "a renewed demand that Governments undertake the storing of surplus waters from the streams on the eastern slopes of the Rockies in Southern Alberta. Arrangements are now being made for a survey to learn the feasibility of such a plan, which, if carried through, may one day double the area of irrigated lands in this district."

Farmers and ranchers of Southern Alberta are showing resourcefulness by the establishment on their lands of small water-storage and irrigation works. Recurring years of drought have shown the value of these enterprises, which promise at least to minimize the loss in crop failure that is likely without them.

To the construction of these reservoirs the Federal Government assists to the extent of 4½ cents per cubic yard removed, and the Herald reports that there has been "a steady stream of applications" for engineering aid in laying out these schemes for storing water. Though limited in scope, they will ensure that, on a small area at least, on farm or ranch, food for family use may be provided; also water and fodder for live stock. Necessity is said to be the mother of invention, and Southern Alberta people are devising means for overcoming the handicaps.

## Overseas Export Clearances of Wheat

Overseas export clearances of wheat amounted to 1,921,414 bushels during the week ending January 8 against 2,823,202 a week ago and 3,086,300 in the same week last year. Imports of Canadian wheat into the United States for consumption and milling in bond for re-export amounted to 464,000, 1,471,000 and 629,000 bushels in the same weeks, respectively. Overseas clearances follow, with figures for the same week last year in brackets: Vancouver-New Westminster 995,897 (997,338) bushels, Saint John 351,917 (594,962), United States Ports 301,000 (1,494,000), Quebec 272,600 (nil).

Clearances from August 1 to January 8 aggregated 86,908,432 bushels against 60,587,586 in the same period last year, while imports into the United States amounted to 27,870,770 bushels compared with 25,812,448. Export clearances follow: Montreal 28,681,466 (22,639,562) bushels, Vancouver-New Westminster 20,320,710 (16,707,809), Sorel 12,076,564 (4,537,593); United States Ports 11,351,249 (11,023,000), Three Rivers 4,519,724 (nil), Churchill 4,293,501 (2,407,000); Saint John 2,393,457 (2,010,763); Quebec 1,998,071 (1,095,228); Prince Rupert 562,614 (nil); Fort William and Port Arthur 407,576 (nil); Halifax 303,500 (166,631).

## SNAPSHOTS

The police chief is following the lead of his bosses, the Commission, in pursuing closed-door tactics.

If the City Council, the majority of whom voted against the Police Commission, have influence enough they can now put the bill through the Legislature.

What did Rev. Mr. Bartlett mean by this:

"Young people come to our city from all over the Province and beyond. They find themselves in a different intellectual atmosphere, and many of the old beliefs may be called in question. How that adjustment is made is a matter of first importance, and teachers have a tremendous responsibility. None should attempt to unsettle the faith of another unless he has a better faith to offer in its place?"

## King Requests Law Providing For His Absence

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Jan. 26—King George VI has sent a message to the House of Commons requesting that provision be made for the continuance of the British constitution and law in the absence of the monarch through illness or an account of his being out of the country.

In 1910 an act was passed in regard to the regency of the throne. No such law was in force during the reign of George V and much inconvenience resulted during his illness.

## Conspirators

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hand their first quarrel during the recital yesterday of several alleged murder plots, all of which failed because of poor organization or some plotter's lack of nerve.

N. I. Muraloff, former husband of Madame Alexandra Kollantay who was once Soviet envoy to Norway and Sweden, turned angrily on A. A. Shestoff, former manager of the Kuzbas coal mines and shouted:

"Shestoff lies when he says I ordered him to kill Orjonikidze (G. K. Orjonikidze, commissar for heavy industry)." However, Shestoff, on the witness stand, stuck to his accusation.

Shestoff described an alleged attempt on Molotov's life when one of the defendants, V. V. Arnold, allegedly had volunteered to act as Molotov's chauffeur and sacrifice his own life by driving the car over a cliff.

### Swung Back

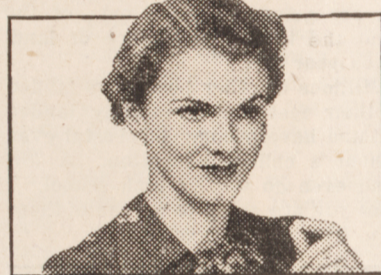
"The conspirators arranged for a truck to follow and knock Molotov's car over the cliff if Arnold lost his nerve," Shestoff said. "Arnold turned toward the cliff. The driver of the truck thought he would go over and passed by. At the last minute Arnold swung back and nothing happened."



DR. HERMAN THURMAN  
Negro Lecturer, son of a Slave, will lecture in the City tomorrow

George Hall, personable maestro whose orchestra is heard over CBS from the Hotel Taft, New York, signed his 22nd contract at the hotel the other day. George has been featured at the hotel almost continuously since July, 1931.

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Editor of The Daily Mail,  
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Dear Sir:

I have been much interested in the articles you have been publishing recently regarding Communism. I have gathered much information from these in regard to this system, as I know has every person who has read them. One of the things that seemed most peculiar to me, was to read that Communist schools and colleges are being operated here in Canada, for the teaching of the doctrines and principles of Communism. So far as I have been able to understand, these teachings advocate class warfare, revolution, even civil war, as the means to bring about a Communist rule in any country, and they are being taught here in colleges and schools to students for action along such lines, for the ultimate purpose of overthrowing our present system, and placing Canada under Communist rule. There can be no other purpose for the existence of such schools, why is it that these institutions are allowed to continue here? I am aware that this is a free country, we boast of our freedom, why then should we not endeavor to protect this freedom? The Communist idea is to take away freedom and liberty and every individual right of man. How long would schools for the teaching of democracy exist in Russia? It would appear to me that this is a serious enough matter for the authorities and leaders at Ottawa to consider as it affects vitally every person in Canada. Such institutions should be closed, and the sooner the better for all of us.

READER.

## How to Buy

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read the classics themselves. Students can enjoy classic literature only as it relates to modern living.

Sports outranked every reading interest. Dr. Miller found. Through a study of modern Olympic games, she said, students can come to an appreciation of Greek and Roman classics.

"Teachers think they are being liberal by including Ferber and Tarkington on a required reading list," Dr. Miller said. "They should catch up with the students who are reading Lindbergh's 'We' and Rockne's 'Football'."

From a survey to determine broad classes of reading tastes. Dr. Miller found fiction leading, with adventure a close second and plays running third. Poetry was placed at the bottom of the list by everyone.

Dr. Miller learned high school freshmen and sophomores read from four to forty books a school term, with an average of 15.

## Bacon Second

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erintendent, Swift Canadian Co., who was also with the party, is remaining over in Moncton where his company operates a packing plant and will return to Toronto on Wednesday.

The railways are co-operating closely with Canadian packing houses in an endeavor to take care of the traffic and a new type of heated car has been evolved.

"Bacon," said Mr. Todd, "is Canada's second largest agricultural export and the Maritimes would seem to be admirably situated to participate in this growing export trade. A start has been made in this direction, the Swift Canadian Co. now exporting Whitehorse bacon from its plant in Moncton."

## Fear Breaking

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county, Tennessee, reported 14 persons were drowned today between Goldecast and Ashport, when a house toppled over in the floodwaters. This brought the state's known dead total to 19.

Three women and three children drowned today in the turbulent Little River at Lepanto, Ark., when a rescue boat carrying them from their marooned homes capsized. A swift current and shifting of the occupants caused the boat to capsize.

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## Idiom is Chief

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change with a changing world," he amplified. "We of our age and generation have done very little in the way of acquiring the Empire, but we do regard it as an inheritance. One of the reasons it survived the Great War was because it was so regarded by British people. I do hope we are not going to lose our vitality, or our nerve, because lack of nerve has lost nations, or our character as a people."

"We do get defeatist Britishers into America occasionally," he recalled, "and when they feel, and worse, say that Britain is down and out, a good many Americans believe them. But a country is just the age of the machinery and the people who run that machinery. I think the men and women who are running the machinery in Britain, and that machinery, too, are just in the vigorous prime of life."

Sir Gerald declared he had found Americans as a whole thinking much more kindly of the Empire than ever before. They were extraordinarily receptive whenever he talked about the Empire.

"This year should be a hopefully fruitful one," he said. "Before it is over, we should know which way the world is trending. Meanwhile, don't let's be lazy and merely blame conditions."

"America's self-interest runs along parallel lines. The only trouble with parallel lines is that, while they're very beautiful, they never meet. America does not want foreign entanglements that will lead her to war, but I think we could entangle her in peace." And if she thought we might put something over on her, she could do the entangling herself. Let us put aside the petty complaints of the few Americans and Britishers who never will like Britain or America and try and merge our self-interests in the common aim of world peace.

"Never was there a time when the Empire should be truer to itself. Sometimes we may lose heart. Sometimes we may lose confidence. But let us remember that our problems are not as grave as those of our fathers. They won through because they had faith, not fear. We're going to attain our traditions, but for Heaven's sake, not smugly." Sir Gerald declared. "We're going to retain, to regain, if we've lost it for a moment, the mastery of our fate."

## Pays Tribute

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by J. Gray Mundle, head of the Winnipeg Caledonian Society.

Speaking in the wheat capital of the world, Sir Edward's address turned naturally to a discussion of this commodity.

## Queen Mary

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The Queen told her Excellency she had heard of the project, was warmly sympathetic and desired complete information with regard to it. Saskatchewan will be included in the distribution of the Queen Mother's books. Each one will carry a small card which reads:

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3. To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of a Police Commission for the City of Fredericton so as to remove the said Commission and to substitute a Committee of the City Council thereof.

Dated the 23rd day of January, 1937.  
PETER J. HUGHES,  
City Solicitor for Fredericton.

Since the libraries were instituted her Excellency has received many requests for books from Western Canada. These ask chiefly for volumes on history and economics, and while in England recently Lady Tweedsmuir purchased a number of books treating of these subjects.

Several national institutions have co-operated generously in the scheme, among them the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Transportation of the thousands of volumes to the West has also been simplified through the co-operation of Canadian railways.