

NEILSEN GETS GOVT. AID FOR B.E. GAMES TRIP

NEW BRUNSWICK WILL CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 TOWARD SENDING SIG AND TOM TRENHOLM, COACH, TO SYDNEY, AUST.

Grant Is Made to Saint John Olympic Club, Of Which Sig Is a Member; He and Trenholm Will Sail From Vancouver Next Month For Games

SAINT JOHN, Nov. 13.—The New Brunswick Government has granted the Saint John Olympic Club the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of defraying part of the expenses of Sig Neilsen and his coach and trainer, Tom Trenholm, to the British Empire Games in Australia. The announcement was made through official channels last night.

Neilsen, who was named to the Canadian team, due to his great performance in the 100-yard dash and his exceptionally fine showing in the 220 at the British Empire zone trials here on Sept. 2, is expected to sail from Vancouver with Trenholm on or about Dec. 19 for Australia. The British Empire Games are scheduled for February.

The Mount Allison University student and Saint John Olympic Club athlete is considered as the outstanding sprinter in Canada due to equalling the Canadian record of 9 3-5 seconds and covering the 220 in 22 seconds flat, 3-10 of a second better than any performer in the various zone trials held throughout Canada.

Neilsen not only was given first consideration by those who selected the Canadian team for the British Empire Games, but was figured as the outstanding contestant of the hundreds of sprinters in the Dominion who made a bid for the team.

The blond youth is a natural runner, but it was not until he entered Mount Allison University and was taken under the wing of Coach "Bud" Lister that he showed that he had what it takes to make a great sprinter.

Lister first had the lad as a football player, and he had to look twice before he could realize that he had a natural runner player and runner, who could cover amazing distances on the grid.

So in the spring Lister taught him the fundamentals of sprinting. Then Tom Trenholm entered the picture and the veteran coach of many running champions went right to work on Neilsen and gave him everything he knew.

They both came to Saint John from Mount Allison where Neilsen was to run for the Saint John Olympic Club in meets held here. It was in the British Empire Zone Trials that he gave his best performance and earned for him a place on the British Empire team.

It is understood that the New Brunswick Government had been asked to contribute to the fund being raised for Neilsen and Trenholm, but it was last night before the official announcement was made.

Those who know what Neilsen can do predict he will make an exceptionally fine showing at the British Empire Games. They know he will bring laurels to Canada, to Saint John and to the university at which he is a student.

Baseball Code Grows From 300 Words To Book

VITT GOT TOUGH JOB WHEN HE BECAME INDIAN MANAGER

Steve O'Neill, Walter Johnson, Roger Peckinpaugh, Tris Speaker All Failed — Will Oscar?

As a ball player, Steve O'Neill was something of a Cleveland hero—admired, sought-after; in fact, pretty much the toast of the town. As a manager, he found very little tolerance and not too much respect, with the result that he's now headed elsewhere, doubtless never to see Cleveland again in an official capacity.

Walter Johnson, ditto. They love him as a once great pitcher and a man of sterling virtue, who felt, in taking the Cleveland job, that clean living and right thinking were bound to have their reward. But Walter is back on his farm in Maryland, listening to barnyard sounds that may not seem quite as raucous as a well-placed hoot from the left field bleachers.

Member Him? Roger Peckinpaugh was strictly a resident institution who came back to the home town in the dim twilight of his active career, hailed as the Great Deliverer who would lead Cleveland into the top billing. He may still be there—but not as manager of the Indians.

He's just another great name that flashed conspicuously upon the Cleveland scene for a time and then, as suddenly, was gone to join the Legion of the Lost. He isn't even in baseball any more. In other words, it has been a jinx job and yet Oscar Vitt gladly gave up a good and comparatively safe and snug spot in the Newark end of the inordinately wealthy New York Yankee system to take up O'Neill's forfeited toga and the only reason Tony Lazzeri didn't do the same thing was that apparently he wasn't asked. After many years as a minor league manager, Vitt probably thinks now that luck has broken his way at last.

Plaster Rock, when he entered his first track meet in interscholastic competition at Perth, and walked off with the medal for the best all-round athlete as well as several prizes in the different events. In the sprints he was unbeatable, in the hurdles he again shone, while in the high and broad jumps he was the "man to beat," but it seemed that it couldn't be done. In all, Sig is a fine chap, modest, clean-living, and we needn't say, one of the finest athletes that the Province has ever turned out.

From the appearances of the Moncton and Saint John teams against each other, even though things have been pretty evenly matched, we can't see the Beaver aggregation giving the James' gang any serious trouble in the hockey wars this season.

The A.A.U. is again getting ready to abolish the metric system—just as the big leagues are getting ready to abolish the lively ball.

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It wasn't many years after this code was drawn up that the slow process of elaborating on them, or devising improvements, set in. More than fifty years elapsed before the last of the important alterations was put into effect. The game, as it is played today, has undergone practically no radical change, except for restrictions on pitchers, since 1901.

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N. Y. Knickerbocker Club Formulated First Rules In 1845

If the gentlemen who as members of the Knickerbocker club of New York formulated the first known set of baseball rules could return today and glance over the present code they'd feel justly proud of the seed planted in the fall of 1845. Their original code has grown from an approximate 300 words to a volume so involved as to confuse even a Philadelphia lawyer.

The Knickerbockers didn't originate the game. Credit for the diamond and the players' positions is given to Gen. Abner Doubleday, 1839, and subsequent early improvements to Alexander J. Cartwright, prime mover in the organization of the Knickerbockers in 1845. Although, even at this late date, there is doubt as to the real source of the game, it generally is accepted that it is purely an American product and not an offshoot of the old English competition known as "rounders."

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SAINT JOHN BEAVERS AND MONCTON MAROONS DEADLOCK 7-7 AT HUB IN SECOND GAME OF PRE-SEASON SERIES

Remainder of Series May Be Abandoned Because Beavers Refused To Play Overtime Last Night, Stated the Maroon Manager, Henry White

MONCTON, Nov. 12.—On the short end of a 6 to 2 count at the end of the second period in the second game of a best of seven-game pre-season series here tonight, Moncton Maroons suddenly sprang into form in the final 20 minutes of play and managed to earn a 7-all draw with the Saint John Beavers.

The third game of the series is scheduled to be played in Saint John on Monday night with the fourth game here Wednesday evening. When The Beavers refused to play overtime this evening Manager Henry White of the Maroons said his team would not likely go to Saint John on Monday and the series may be abandoned.

Maroons played loose hockey for 40 minutes, but in the final 20 they swarmed over the flashy Beaver crew and patted peg after peg at Bill Dickie in the cage and had it not been for his superb work they might have earned a win.

6 N. H. L. GAMES OVER WEEK-END

Toronto-Chicago, Canadiens-Detroit Fixtures Are Double Bills

MONTREAL, Nov. 12.—A shakeup in the National Hockey League standing is due this week-end with six games down for decision in one of the heaviest two-night bills of the season.

Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Black Hawks at present lead their respective sections, but one or the other is likely to be at the bottom after the clash in Toronto Saturday and the windy city Sunday.

Another home-and-home series will be staged between Detroit and Canadiens, sectional tall-enders. Last year's N. H. L. champions come here tomorrow night and the teams meet again Sunday on Red Wings' ice.

In the other games, Montreal Maroons, buoyed with confidence after shutting out Canadiens 3-0 here last night in a rousing battle, face the Americans in New York, while Rangers travel to Boston to take on Art Ross' undefeated Bruins.

Both games are Sunday night.

is being made on them. Four years before the organization of the National league (1872) the rule was amended to permit a runner going to first base to overrun the bag without being called out if tagged before he could return.

Under the original rules, and even after the National league was organized, a pitcher, while restricted in his style of delivery, was permitted to roam around in a "box". In its first year the National league retained the pitching distance at 45 feet, but reduced the box to "six by four feet square." The pitcher was required to deliver the ball "with the arm swinging nearly perpendicular at the side of the body." The arm in being swung forward had to pass below the level of the pitcher's hip. In 1881 the National league made the pitching distance 50 feet.

The crude 1845 rules provided three strikes for a batter. This always has been in effect except in 1887, when it was raised to four. A pass originally consisted of nine balls, but this feature underwent numerous changes before the present "four balls" was put into effect. The nine-ball rule was lowered to eight in 1880. In 1881, 1882

Saint John went into a two-goal lead in the first period and ran their total to six in the middle session while the Maroons were held to their two goals of the first period. In the final canto both Maroon front lines clicked in better shape and gave goals were run up, the knotting tally coming within three seconds of the last gong.

Colin Sherwood, fleet Saint John right-winger; George Appleby, fast Moncton centre, and the veteran Ken Carroll topped the scorers tonight with four points each. Hal Ingram, former Moncton junior, who is playing his first season as a senior here had three points on the night's play while Eddie Burke and Bobby Beaton of the Beavers and George Bell of Maroons each had a paid.

Penalties Cost Beavers Scores

A total of 16 penalties were handed out by referees James and McLeod tonight with Saint John on the long end of 9-7 tally in their last. As Maroons rapped home their last three goals the Beavers were shy a man.

Some good hockey was displayed tonight as well as poor, with the home team being the offenders in this respect. In the middle period play as enlivened a bit when midget Babe LeBlanc and Prince tangled in the Moncton zone after LeBlanc had been tripped by Price.

Both players exchanged punches but were parted before any damage was done. In the final period feeling ran high and on one occasion Hal Ingram and Jimmy Innes were waved aside for high sticking and Colin Sherwood was given an extra minute for talking back to Referee James after being waved to the sidelines for a board check.

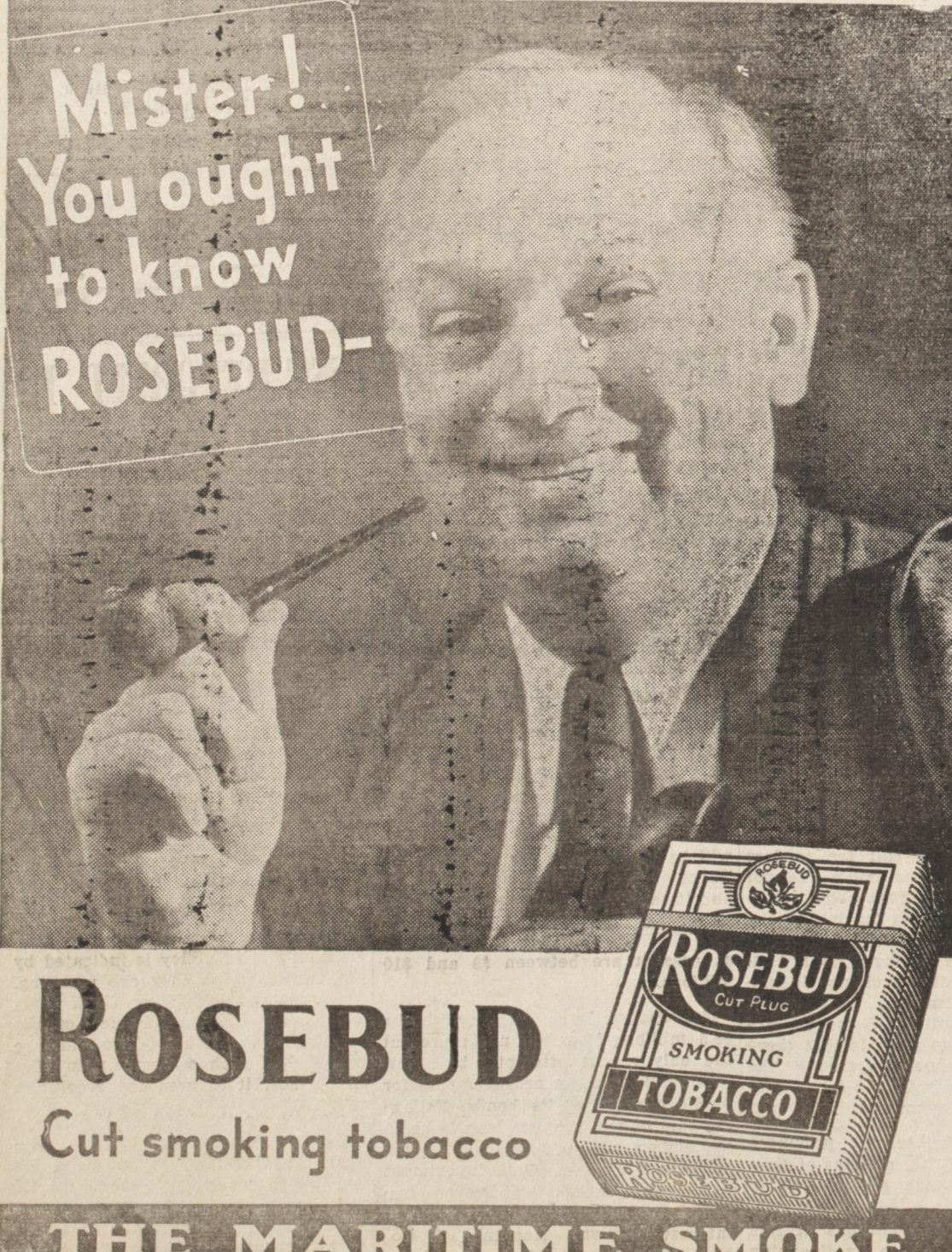
Standing out on the night's play were Bill Dickie, Colin Sherwood, "Swede" Olsen, Price and Burbridge of the Beavers, while for the home forces Hal Ingram topped the players followed by George Bell, Appleby, and the veteran Ken Carroll.

and 1883 it was seven; in 1884 and 1885 it was six. The next year it went back to seven. In 1887 and 1888 it was dropped to five and in 1889 the present figure was adopted.



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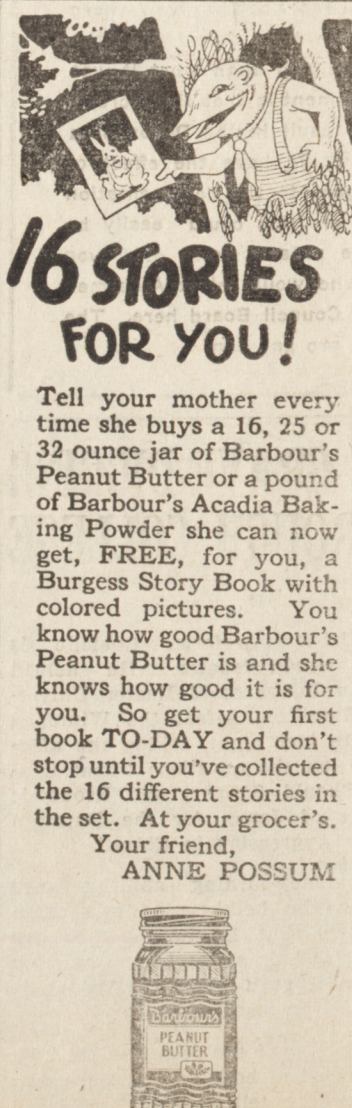
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