Among the sporting fraternity the present age will go down in history as the era in which streamlined conservation first came into being. Far sighted sportsmen realized that unless something was done to replace what they took, if possible more than they took, in the form of sport, annually from the ranks of the feathered, furred and finned denizens of this great continent, it was only the matter of a few years till there would be nothing left to hunt or to wet a line for.

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"Ducks Unlimited" was the first step toward restoring the ravages caused by man in the draining of extensive areas of swamp and other boggy sections in which sloughs and shallow lakes predominated under the guise of agricultural improvement. Sportsmen's money is now building dams to restore vast acreages to its former status as a breeding ground for ducks and all other forms of wildlife. The success of this project has stirred many individual sportsmen to imitate on a small scale the work of Ducks Unlimited.

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Here is a case in point. 20 years ago Morson's Dam at Dundas (now known as Whitlock's) was the mecca of anglers and gunners. Myriads of large, firm, well flavoured trout, many of them in the 4 and 5 pounds class, swam in its cold, spring-fed waters. In September and October the evening flight of black ducks, blue and green-wing teal, scaup (blue-bill) and frequently wildgeese, was a sight to quicken the pulse of any warm blooded outdoorsman, whether he be gunner or nature lover.

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Then the dam went out. Many in the know say it was due to sabotage. Whatever the cause, what had once been an expanse of deep blue water flanked by flags and "cat tails" disappeared over night and its wealth of trout, ducks and furred life went with it. For years it lay an ugly reminder of the results of disquietude and bickering among different groups of anglers and hunters. Now, thanks to the enterprise and courage of a Charlottetown sportsman, Mr. G. Edgar Whitlock, the dam was rebuilt 3 years ago and, with its wealth of trout already returning, was thrown open to public fishing. Sometimes I wonder just how many appreciate this thoughtful act. A lot do, I know, but there are so many who hunt and fish who like to capitalize on the labour of their fellow sportsmen without attempting to put a shoulder to the wheel.

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Another dam that is on the verge of going out unless some determined and prompt action is taken at once, is Johnson' Pond (formerly Thompson's) at Suffolk. True the fishing rights to this pond have been leased by a Charlottetown group of anglers but the shooting and trapping privileges are still enjoyed by the general public. Excellent duck shooting is had on this pond on the opening day but it is in November that the farm lads in the vicinity reap a real harvest. Last trapping season 1945-46 the value of the fur taken from this mill pond ran close to the one thousand dollar mark.

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This figure may appear excessive, but the pond in question is a natural muskrat habitat, for its size the best producer of 'rats' in the province. An incomplete census taken early this winter showed over 200 muskrats, 7 mink, and, I believe, two racoons taken from this trapping ground. Both mink and muskrat pelts brought high prices at the January Sales (Can. Fur Auction at Montreal). Muskrats easily averaged $3.00 each and mink from $20.00 to $25.00 apiece. Prices for all kinds of fur have gone down this spring as it was too much to expect such a boom to last.

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It would be a crying shame to let this dam go out and it will take a lot of money to rebuild it if it does go. It's a strange quirk of humanity that those who bank on this trapping ground to bring them in each season anywhere from $100.00 to $200.00 each will stand idly by and let the structure of the dam gradually fall into rack and ruin without lending a helping hand, and when it does go out, as it eventually will and soon, unless repairs are made at once, will loudly bewail their misfortune.

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True, considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed in general sporting circles over the leasing of this pond for trapping, and I may say it reaks high as a treat pond for many who have fished its waters can testify. This scribe took the trouble to inquire of the owner what prompted him to lease the fishing rights when the annual returns from rental of boats for hire should amount to more than what he receives for the lease. His reply was an eye-opener. Condensed into a few lines it was as follows: "I was bothered to death all summer. There would be cars, as many as five and six, parked in my yard all hours of the day and night. They'd leave them in the way of customers wanting lumber to mill and if I, or one of my sons, were not there to collect the fee when some of them came ashore they'd drive off without paying."

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I am willing to admit that there are too many people ready to abuse any good fishing water that they can get their hands on, but after all it quite frequently happens that it is the attitude of the general fishing public towards the owner of the property in question that causes him to lend an attentive ear to an offer of a lease, sometimes one of tempting proportions.

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One frequently hears criticism of the P. E. I. Fish Association, particularly in its attempts to have a general hunting license instituted in the province. In all fairness to the members of this Association, many of them keen, far-sighted hunters and anglers, I have this to say: For years now they have realized that the answer to the vexing question of more trout fishing and an antidote to the practice of leasing that is becoming so prevalent, is a system of public owned dams built at strategic points throughout the province that are kept well stocked with trout and under some form of Government management. Naturally this is going to cost money...and what better and surer way to obtain it than through the medium of licensing those who hunt or fish. After all those who stand to benefit by the building of such dams are the ones to foot the bill.

Prince Of Wales Co-Eds Defeat Amherst

Local College Girls Send Visitors Down To 31-20 Defeat To Win Series

Getting away to a fast start Prince of Wales College Co-Eds last night defeated Amherst High School Seniors 31-20 in the second game of a two-game exhibition basketball series to win the round by a total score of 42-39. The Amherst girls had captured the opening game played at Amherst a week ago by a 19-11 count.

As one of the largest crowds in a good many seasons looked on—there were over 400 fans present—the Prince of Wales lassies, aiming at atoning for three previous defeats at the hands of Amherst, two of them coming last year, carried the play right to their opponents to go into a lead in the first quarter that they never relinquished.

At the end of the first ten minutes of play, marked by close checking throughout, P.W.C. shot a field goal and a foul shot to go into a 3-0 lead. Throughout a fast second quarter the two squads, gradually opening up the play scored seven points apiece to give the locals a 16-7 lead at the halfway mark. It was still anybody's tussle as the Amherstonians were gradually becoming accustomed to the strange floor and at times pressing the Co-Eds, but a strong offensive in the third quarter by the winners put the clincher on the game.

Seven baskets plus a foul shot good for fifteen points rolled off the hands of the P. W. C. team while they were limiting the visitors to three baskets; it meant a 26-13 lead for the winners with ten minutes playing time left and it was more than sufficient. Before the game ended Prince of Wales had added three more baskets to run their game total to 31 while the best result the Amherst team could gain from their last ditch stand was to outscore the Co-Eds 7-6 in the final quarter of the contest.

Referee Earl Goss who handled the game in a capable manner called 16 personal fouls during the encounter with eleven of them being awarded against the P. W. C. team. Of the eleven free heaves given them Amherst cashed in on four while of the five going to the Co-Eds the ball swished through the hoops on three occasions.

An innovation in local basketball circles and one that was much appreciated by the crowd was the public address system that was used. Throughout the game Jack Proude announced the name of the scorers on whom the foul shots were called and it enabled the fans to follow the game much more closely. Previous to the start players of both teams were introduced by Co-Eds' manager, Ralph MacLean.

Individual scoring honors of the game went to Co-Eds' Eileen Landrigan who accounted for 13 points with Stephanie MacDonald, a teammate right behind with eleven.

J. Miller was the outstanding sniper on the Amherst squad, racking up a total of eight points, with P. Goldsmith, also of Amherst just a point behind with seven. Both Amherst players accounted for three baskets during the encounter.

Lineups and scores:

Co-Eds	FG	FS	PF	Pts.
J. MacDonald	1	0	3	2
Florine Evans	0	0	3	0
Eileen Landrigan	6	1	1	13
S. MacDonald	5	1	1	11
Barbara Coyle	0	1	0	1
Barbara Quigley	0	0	1	0
May Doyle	1	0	0	2
Joan Weir	0	0	0	0
Lexie MacLaine	1	0	2	2
Helen Behm	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	3	11	31

Amherst:	FG	FS	PF	Pts.
M. Erhardt	0	0	0	0
J. Miller	3	2	0	8
L. Foster	0	1	0	1
R. Smith	0	0	0	0
M. Skinner	2	0	3	4
P. Goldsmith	3	1	1	7
E. Nelson	0	0	1	0
G. Bird	0	0	0	0
P. Anderson	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	4	5	20

Holdout Kurowski Not Interested In Mexican League

READING, Pa., April 3—(AP)—Holdout George (Whitey) Kurowski would like to join the cellar-monopolizing Phillies if St. Louis Cardinals put him on the trading block but definitely isn't interested in the outlaw Mexican League.

However, the possibility of the Red Birds turning loose their blond third baseman seemed remote today as he made ready to leave for St. Louis to talk contract with the Cards' Sam Breadon. He's reported aiming at a $12,000 salary.

Kurowski didn't report to St. Petersburg, Fla., training grounds for St. Louis. He has been the Cards' regular third baseman for the last four years and hit .323 last season. Working out daily with semi-pro and high school teams, he's just over playing weight of 195 and ready to take his place in the opening day Card lineup—provided he and Breadon come to terms.

Whitey said no matter how his confab in St. Louis comes out, he isn't thinking of the Mexican League or any offers from the Pasquel brothers, operators of the south-of-the-border-loop.

Many Mishaps Keep Baseball Managers Worried

(By Joe Reichler)

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—An unprecedented series of mishaps has left major league baseball managers virtually in the dark on their probable lineup for opening day 12 days hence, an Associated Press survey showed today.

Only on a few occasions have the managers been able to put a semblance of a regular lineup in the field in the wake of the most serious epidemic of injuries and ailments since the inception of spring training in Florida 58 years ago.

There isn't a major league team which hasn't had at least a dozen casualties thus far and some of these are of a serious nature.

Joe Gordon, star second baseman of New York Yankees, suffered a spike wound to his left hand several weeks ago which probably will keep him out of the lineup for another month.

Walter (Hoot) Evers, rookie centrefielder of Detroit Tigers, broke a leg and a thumb in a game March 17 and is out of the picture for at least two more months.

Last Tuesday Mickey Rocco, Cleveland Indians' regular first baseman, broke a bone in his right foot and will be out for several weeks.

Mike Sandlock, the reconverted infielder who was expected to bear the brunt of Brooklyn's catching with Mickey Owen off to the Mexican League, suffered a fractured finger in yesterday's clash with New York Giants.

The list of injuries of a less serious nature runs into the dozens. By far the majority of the complaints have come from the returned servicemen, most of which are attributed to pulled muscles, inflamed tendons, strained sides, torn ligaments and ordinary "charley horses."

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Jiro Satok, star of the Japanese Davis Cup team en route to Europe to play in international competition there, committed suicide by leaping from the liner Hackone Maru Singapore, 11 years ago today. It was believed ill-health prompted the 26-year-old player's suicide.

EXTEND O. P. A's LIFE

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—The House of Representatives Bank Committee today approved a year's extension of price control as recommended by President Truman. It defeated 13 to 9 a Republican effort to limit the Office of Price Administration's new lease on life to nine months.

MISTAKEN FOR ORIENT

When Jacues Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence river in 1534 and discovered a series of rapids, he thought he had reached the coast of China.

Master's Tournament Set Pace in Harbert and Keiser

NATIONAL GOLF CLUB, AUGUSTA, Ga., April 4—Well, typical Texas weather prevailed here today as the tenth edition of the Masters' tournament got under way with the sun high in the sky and the wind blowing so strongly as to place a premium on those wind cheating shots we Texas golfers are famous for, but ironically enough, it was a couple of mid-western golfers, Chick Harbert of Detroit and Herman Keiser of Akron, Ohio, who set the pace with sixty nines.

Only yesterday somebody asked Herman in the locker room how he thought he would do in the tournament and he remarked, "Not too well, this course is a little long for me." But there he is out there in front of the field alongside of Harbert. Chick, who got out of the service in time to join the tour in St. Petersburg, Fla., had a cast removed from in back of one knee this morning but one look at his score reveals that his limp was no handicap to his golf game.

It is my opinion at the end of the first day's play that anybody who has a 76 or better still has an excellent change of winning.

As for my 72, I got a great deal of satisfaction out of playing around with Bob Jones and I think he summed up my round better than I could possibly do myself when he turned to me after we holed out on the 18th and said, "Byron, I think you would have been well satisfied with a seventy-one on that round. Too bad you took a five on that last hole." My reply to that was, "Bob, you played excellent golf for fifteen holes out there today."

"That's right," he said, "we both played good golf for fifteen holes, but we kind of fell asleep on the other three."

And that was just about it. I made three mistakes and never recovered from them. I made my errors on the eighth, tenth and eleventh.

Walter Hagen, who has played in every other Masters' tournament, is a spectator at this one and he followed us for several holes. As we stepped on to the fourteenth tee Walter smiled at Jones and said, "Bob, you still have that nice and easy swing."

And he has, too. I hope that when I am forty-five years old that I will be able to play the kind of golf that Bob played out there today, and I'd like to play it at the Masters' with Bob as my partner in the twosome.

He made a thrilling recovery out of the rough on the ninth after hitting his tee shot into he woods I walked over and looked at his ball where it was lying in the rough under the trees to the left of the fairway and you could just barely see it where it had buried itself under the weeds and grass there. Of course, I couldn't stay there to see him play the shot, but he took a wood and hit the ball with plenty of power and put it right up on the green. He was able to get down in par four and the gallery gave him a right hand.

Of those behind the leaders, I think Jimmy Thomson, Vic Ghezzi, Fred Haas, Jr., George Schneiter, and Cary Middlecoff deserve commendation for the rounds they played. Cary who is a dentist in the army and holds a commission as a lieutenant, hasn't played too much golf since he won the north and south open at Pinehurst last fall. "I really had to work for that one," was his comment in the locker room, "but I am more than pleased with that seventy-two."

Jimmy Thomson, who had a seventy-two and was paired with Charlie Yates of Atlanta, Ga., who won the British Amateur championship in 1938, was playing right in front of us and I had a chance to see him make several shots. Jimmy, who is one of the longest hitters in the game, was straight and true most of the time today and his score was his reward.

George Schneiter of Salt Lake City, Utah, playing in his first Masters' had a very respectable seventy-three. "It was a good round," he said afterwards. "I was well satisfied with it because it very well could have been better. George put his finger on it. There probably never was a round of golf played that the fellow who played it didn't think it could be better. That's what keeps us playing, I guess. When I get that perfect round I'll probably be willing to quit.

WINNERS OVER AMHERST SENIORS

Prince of Wales Co-Eds basketball team, winners of last night's game with Amherst High School girls.

Front row, left to right, they are: Lexie MacLaine, Joan MacDonald, Eileen Landrigan, captain, Florine Evans, Barbara Quigley.

Standing: George Young, coach; Joan Weir, Helen Behm, May Doyle, Stephanie MacDonald, Barbara Coyle, Ralph MacLean, manager.

(Photo by David Tweel)

Freetown Defeats Hunter River 10-7

In a hard fought exhibition game of hockey played in the Bedeque rink Thursday night, the Freetown All-Stars defeated the Hunter River Royals 10-7.

Despite the fact that the Royals were bolstered by a starry trio from Charlottetown, Robertson, Gillespie and Cliff Jackson, the Freetown boys had too much scoring punch and ability for their visitors. The game was cleanly contested throughout with only two penalties handed out by referee Albert Sinclair.

The first period saw the Freetown squad take a 5-1 lead; but apparently getting their bearings in the second frame the Royals were put back in the game by three quick goals, but Freetown pressed hard and scored again. This goal was quickly answered by an effort from Bell, the stalwart defencemam's pass being netted nicely by Jackson. The third canto saw the Royals trying to tie the count, which they did only to have their hopes dimmed by three more fast goals from the sticks of the hard working Freetown forwards. The Charlottetown line starred for the losers, scoring all of the Royals' goals, Gillespie getting three and Robertson and Jackson each scoring a brace. Summers and Taylor were standouts for the All-Stars, scoring three apiece.

Summary:

First Period

1—Freetown, McEntee (Shields) 5:08
2—Royals, Gillespie (Robertson, Jackson) 8:05
3—Freetown, Taylor (Summers 10:28
4—Freetown, Summers (McCarville) 10:50
5—Freetown, Simmons (McEntee) 15:30
6—Freetown, Taylor 19:30
Penalties: Shields.

Second Period

7—Royals, Gillespie (Robertson) 0:30
8—Royals, Robertson 1:05
9—Royals, Robertson (Gillespie) 3:00
10—Freetown, McCarville (Taylor) 5:00
11—Royals, Jackson (Bell) 17:10
Penalties: None.

Third Period

12—Freetown, Summers (Simmons) 0:29
13—Royals, Gillespie (Robertson) 6:01
14—Royals, Jackson (Gillespie, Bell) 6:15
15—Freetown, Shields 11:30
16—Freetown, Summers (Stafford) 12:35
17—Freetown, Taylor 16:00
Penalties: Simmons.

Exhibition Baseball

At Birmingham, Ala.—

Detroit (A)	000000000	0	5	1
Boston (N)	01000000x	1	6	0

Trucks and Richards; Sain and Masi.

At Columbia, S. C.—

Brooklyn (N)	405040200	15	18	4
New York (A)	000001101	3	6	1

Nothe and Franks; Moore, Dubiel and Garbark.

At Mobile, Ala.—

St. Louis (N)	230000221	10	19	2
Mobile (TL)	101000020	4	11	2

Brecheen and Rice, Burmeister; Patterson, Parkhurst and Calderone.

At Atlanta, Ga.—

New York (A)	000003000	3	6	1
Atlanta (CA)	000001000	1	8	2

Page and Dickey; Ayers, McGowan and Unisnex.

At Shrevehort, La.—

Chicago (A)	000010000	1	4	2
Pittsburgh (N)	10010120x	5	12	0

Grove, Caldwell, Eckhardt, and Dickey; Gables and Smith.

At San Antonio, Tex.—

Chicago (A)	000000000	0	4	1
St. Louis (A)	10000000x	1	3	2

Bithorn and Scheffing; Zolbak, Galehouse and Helf.

At Salma, Ala.—

First Game:—

Boston (A)	100100000	2	7	3
Cincinnati (N)	10020001x	4	9	0

Harris, Clark and McGah; Vandermeer and Mueller.

Second Game:—

Boston (A)	0000010	1	5	0
Cincinnati (N)	0000101	2	6	2

Dobson and Pytlak; Beggs and Lamanno.

Benny McCoy Back Where He Started

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 4—(AP)—Benny McCoy, who admits the best break he ever got in baseball was being cut free from Detroit Tigers in 1940, is back where he started in the major leagues—trying out for second base with the World Series champions.

Released unconditionally by Philadelphia Athletics a week ago, the Grand Rapids, Mich., product came first to the Tigers to talk business for 1946. Detroit, burdened with infield weaknesses, was quick to jump at the opportunity of giving the former sailor a trial.

The Tigers will be happy to make room for McCoy, who came to them first in 1938 after hitting better than .300 three straight years in the minors.

Over parts of two seasons in Detroit Benny played only 61 games, batting .296, and in December 1939 the Tigers sent him to Philadelphia with pitcher Geo. Coffman in exchange for outfielder Wally Moses.

The deal never was completed, however, for a month later the late Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis declared McCoy and 90 other players controlled by the Tigers free agents as part of the club's penalty for mismanagement of farm club affairs. That was McCoy's "big break".

Benny, free to make a deal for himself, hooked on with the Athletics for a $45,000 bonus and a two-year contract at $10,000 a year.

Although never much of a ball of fire those two years with the A's, batting .257 and .271, McCoy was a regular infielder until he entered the navy in February,

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GOLF

By BYRON NELSON

The Professional Golfers Association has taken over a golf course in Dunedin Isles on the west coast of Florida, renaming it the PGA National Golf Club.

Ed Dudley, president of the PGA, Fred Haas, Sr., George Hall and the other members of our organization who sponsored the plan, aim to make it the equivalent of Baseball's Cooperstown, the St. Andrews of professional golf, a sort of shrine where professionals from all over the country can meet and play golf during the winter.

Not long ago Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Harold McSpaden and I played an exhibition match for the course fund. It was my first visit there and I came away full of enthusiasm for both the course and the project.

For the first time since George Low, Sr., and his associates formed the organization back in 1902, the PGA is now identified with a course of its own.

The PGA Seniors' Tournament was played there this winter and most of the veteran members of our organization left full of enthusiasm. Fred Corcoran, our tournament bureau manager, has suggested that the PGA National Golf Club is the natural site for a World's Championship Match. I'd like to see the idea carried out next year by matching the National Open Champion and the PGA Champion to play at Dunedin.

The idea behind this course can't help but promote the best interests of professional golf. All of the Florida courses are crowded during the winter and yet many of our members are there for a vacation. If they attempt to teach and play golf with the members of their own clubs who are there, they will be subject to some criticism from the members and pros of the Florida courses for cluttering them up during the busy season.

Now they have a course of their own. Dunedin Isles is only a few miles outside of Clearwater, less than an hour's drive from St. Petersburg and overlooks the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. The pros can go there and give lessons or just play a round or two with their members and friends without fear of offending the local country club members or the local professional who is trying to earn a living.

By having the use of this course, too, the professionals can keep their expenses down. This is very important because most of them are on vacation during the winter and cannot afford too much extra expense.

Adjacent to the course, but still on the property, are house lots which are reserved for members of the PGA. Those who so desire can buy these lots very reasonably and build themselves a winter home handy to their course. Many members have already availed themselves of that privilege and will start building as soon as materials become available.

George Hall, who is the golf coach at Cornell, as well as a vice president of the PGA, spent the winter at Dunedin Isles getting things organized, supervising the rehabilitation of the course and doing the promotional work on the PGA Seniors' Tournament and our exhibition match. He did an excellent job.

The course is one of the best-conditioned ones I have ever played on in Florida. The first four holes, in particular, are very good. Any time a man can start the first four holes in even par he can feel proud of himself.

It is a typical Donald Ross course and Ross did himself proud designing it. I have played many of his courses, but I have never found one that was uninteresting. The PGA National Golf Club in no exception.

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Stake No. 5 ——— Covehead, July 31, 3 year old
Stake No. 6 ——— Summerside, Aug. 28, 2.30 trot
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