Bartolo Retains Featherweight Title

Cubs And Phils Score Shutout Wins Over Giants & Reds

By The Canadian Press

The weatherman marred yesterday's National League program somewhat when he cancelled a scheduled tilt between the first- and second-place Brooklyn and St. Louis squads, out the rest of the day's business provided plenty of action and close scores.

Chicago's surging Cubs climbed into undisputed possession of fourth place as they eked out a 1-0 win over New York Giants, but they needed some brilliant relief hurling by Hi Bithorn in the ninth to do it.

At Cincinnati, the bottom-rung Philadelphia Phils surprised the customers by handing Reds their first shutout of the season, as Al Jurisich shackled the locals with four hits and a 1-0 score.

In the other part of the program, Ken Heintzelman southpawed his way to his third victory this year and hung the first defeat on Johnny Sain as Pittsburgh Pirates downed Boston Braves 3-2.

Chicago scored their single tally in the fourth inning on a walk, sacrifice and single, but nearly saw their margin go up in smoke in the ninth.

Ernie Lombardi started the trouble when he singled, and then Cub hurler Johnny Schmitz walked himself out of the game by passing Sid Gordon and Buddy Kerr. At this point Puerto Rican Bithorn took over and scored called third strikes on pinch-hitter Babe Young and Johnny Rigney to save the game.

The lone Philadelphia tally that was good enough for a win also came on a cash nd carry basis sort of play. Emil Verban walked, stole second and scored on Johnny Wyrostek's single to centre in the seventh.

Tight pitching was a feature in the Pittsburgh tilt as Heintzelman let Braves have only five bingles while three Boston hurlers were giving up only six between them.

Pirates were right on the bit, however, bunting home two runs in the first two innings and piecing together two errors in the fifth frame for the winning tally.

Dog Daze

(This is a monthly column devoted to dogs and sponsored by the Charlottetown Kennel Club Inc.)

Official Standard of Cocker Spaniels

1. **Skull:—** Not so heavy as in other sporting spaniels, with smooth forehead and clearly defined eyebrows and stop, the median line distinctly and gradually disappearing until lost rather more than halfway up, a well developed rounded and comparatively wide skull showing no prominence in the cheeks, which like the side of the muzzle, should present a smooth clean cut appearance.

2. **Muzzle:—** Proportionately shorter and lighter than in the Field Spaniel, showing no fullness under the eyes; the jaws even and approaching squareness. Teeth sound and regular, the front ones meeting. Lips cut off square, preventing any appearance of snippiness. Nose well developed in all directions and black in color excepting the red, livers, parti-colors of those shades, when it may be brown or black.

3. **Eyes:—** Comparatively large, round, rather full, yet never goggled nor weak, as in the Lay Spaniel They should be dark in the blacks, black and tans, the darker shades parti-colors and roans. In the reds and livers and in the parti-colors and roans of these colors they should be brown, but of a shade not lighter than hazel.

4. **Ears:—** Lobular, set low, leather fine and not extending beyond the nose, well clothed with long silky hair, which should be straight or wavy.

5. **Neck and Shoulders:— Neck** sufficiently long to allow the nose to reach the ground easily, muscular, free from the throatiness and running into clean-cut, sloping shoulders, which should not be wide at the points.

6. **Body:—** Comparatively short, compact and firmly knit together giving the impression of a concentration of power and untiring activity. Chest deep rather than wide, not narrow fronted nor yet so wide as to interfere with free action of the forelegs. Ribs well sprung, deep and carried far back, short in the couplings and flank, free from any tucked appearance. Back and loin immensely strong and compact in proportion of the size of the dog. Hips wide, with quarters considerably rounded and very muscular.

7. **Legs and Feet:—** Forelegs short and straight, though proportionately longer than in any other breeds of short legged Spaniels, strongly boned and muscular, with elbows well let down and straight short, strong pasterns. Hindlegs proportionately short, stifles well bent, strong thighs clearly defined Hocks clean, strong well let down, presenting an impressive combination of propelling power. Feet neither small nor large, round firm hot spreading and with deep, strong horny pads and plenty of hair between the toes. They should turn neither in nor out.

8. **Stern:—** Should be set on and carried level with the back and when at work, its action should be incessant in this, the brightest and merriest of the whole Spaniel family

9. **Coat:—** Flat or slightly waved, silky and very dense with ample setter-like feather.

10. **Color and Markings:—** Blacks should be jet black and reds livers, etc., should never be faded or washy shades but good sound colors. White on the chest of self-colors, while objectionable should not disqualify.

11. **Weight:—** Not exceeding 28 pounds.

To Sum Up:— General Description—A neat headed, wide-awake serviceable-looking little dog with an expression of great intelligence, short in body when viewed from above, yet standing over considerable ground for one of his inches upon strong straight front legs with muscular quarters suggestive of immense power especially when viewed from behind. A downward tendency in front he ought not to possess, but should stand well up at the shoulders like the clever little sporting dog he is. Massive in appearance by reason of his sturdy body, powerful quarters and strong well-boned limbs, he should never-the-less impress one as being a dog capable of considerable speed combined with great powers of endurance and in all his movements he should be quick and merry, with an air of alertness and a carriage of head and stern suggestive of an inclination to work.

Condition Only "Fair"

WASHINGTON, May 3 — (AP) — Walter Johnson, famous Washington Senators' pitcher of the 1920's today was reported in "fair" condition in hospital, which he entered several weeks ago for treatment of a numbness affecting his left side. He is confined to his bed, an attendant said.

Considering Offer From Mex. League

ST. LOUIS, May 3—(AP)—Pete Reiser, Brooklyn's slugging outfielder-third baseman, is seriously considering a $100,000 offer to play in the Mexican Baseball League, he disclosed tonight.

Reiser conferred with Mario Loussac, a reported agent of the Pasquel brothers, for more than two hours today over an offer of $100,000 for three years. He would receive half the money in cash upon signing. The entire amount would be tax-free.

"I don't know what to do," the 27-year-old said, "I've been in the army three years and now suddenly I have been presented with an opportunity to make a lot of money. I would have to be in the big leagues a long time to make an equal amount."

More Refrigerators And Washing Machines

OTTAWA, May 3 — (CP) —Canadian housewives, hungry for new electric refrigerators, can take heart from figures on March production and imports announced today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The Bureau reported a further advance in domestic manufacture to 4,189 units, compared with 3,295 in February and 2,384 in January. Imports jumped to 632 units against 298 in February and 201 in January.

OTTAWA, May 3 — (CP) —Production of domestic-type washing machines during March amounted to 9,695 units, of which 8,239 were electric, 824 gasoline and 632 hand-operated machines, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

February production was 9,515 units. Total production for the first three months of 1946 was 28,152 units, of which 24,090 were electric.

The recent fight at Hull between Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion and George James was held up 15 minutes because James' boxing gloves did not arrive from London in time. He fought with a spare pair, but it didn't make much difference. He was knocked out in three rounds.

Finalizing Plans For Boxing Show

Although plans are not yet finalized, awaiting definite word from mainland contestants Joey MacDonald announced last night that a bang-up fight and wrestling card will be assured for Tuesday night next at the Sporting Club.

Since the staging of the P. W. C. program a while back interest has revived greatly in the fight game and the promoter stated that a complete lineup of the card would be forthcoming by the first of the week.

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Elected Life Member Of Hockey Assoc.

VANCOUVER, May 3— (CP)— Frank Sargent of Port Arthur, Ont. was elected a life member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association at the annual convention here today.

Mr. Sargent, now past president, was president longer than any other man, remaining in office three years during the war. He was in office an extra year because of wartime conditions.

250 Entered In Brit. Open

LONDON, May 3 — (CP) — More than 250 players will bid for the British amateur golf title, held by A. T. Kyle since 1939, when the tournament is resumed at Birkdale May 27, it was disclosed as entries closed today.

Chick Evans of Chicago will lead the United States challengers in the contest, which was suspended during the war years.

Hypericum Winner Of State Race

NEWMARKET, England, May 3 —(CP) —Hypericum, 100-to-6 shot owned by the King, won the One Thousand Guineas stake race for three-year-old fillies today as the British racing season stepped up its pace.

Hypericum warming up with an impromptu gallop of nearly a mile after bolting, was returned to the post and proceeded to run away from the favored Neolight, previously undefeated. Iona was third.

Prince Elizabeth was the only member of the royal family present as today's race, run over the historic Newmarket track.

Discuss Ball Prospects In Summerside

A meeting was held in the Summerside Town Hall last evening for the purpose of endeavoring to revive baseball in Summerside which has been more or less dormant since the outbreak of war.

There was a good attendance of interested men and the meeting was advised that Mr. Willard MacDonald who is the owner of the Summerside Driving Park will allow the use of the centre of the oval as a playing field. There was also some discussion on ways and means of preparing a diamond and a committee composed of Dr. H E Clark, D.O. Stewart and Davis Lidstone was appointed to interview certain persons in this regard.

A meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday evening to hear their report. If their efforts are satisfactory, a league will be organized and it is hoped to have three teams from the town and possibly one from the airport.—S.

King's Counsel Winner Of $5,000 Purse

ARCADIA, Calif., May 3 —(AP)— King's Counsel, veteran pacer from Baker Acres of St. Charles, Ill., won the $5,000, one-mile feature today at the Santa Anita grand circuit meet, defeating King Abbee by a nose.

The eight-race card attracted an attendance of 8 151.

SUMMARIES

Weather clear, track fast.

First race—Six furlongs, 16-bar pace. Three year olds and up, purse $1,000.
1—Silver Leaf, J. Lamb.
2—Sandy Bradford, V. Cookroft
3—Elsa Pegasus, B. Torgerson.
Time 1.36.

Second race — 6 furlongs, 16-bar pace. 3 year olds and up, purse $1,000.
1—Brown Bomber, B. Shepherd.
2—Jessie Abbeh, F. Ervin.
3—Inyo, C. Hansen.
Time 1.33½.

Third Race—6 furlongs, 14-bar trot, 3 year olds and up. Purse $1,000.
1—Mr. Eddiemon, O. Cannon.
2—Gyphy Prince, J. Rick
3—Countess Lena, F. Ervin
Time—1.33½
Fourth Race—One mile, 15-bar trot, 3 year olds and up, purse $1,000.
1—Richard Spencer, W. Taylor.
2—Tempo, E. Osborn
3—Janet McKinney, S. Stepro.
Time 2.09

Fifth Race—One mile, 11-bar pace, all ages. Purse $1,00.
1—Gabe Abbe, F. Funderburk.
2—Last Chance, C. Hansen.
3—Maxey Woolen, S. Benefield.
Time 2.06¼

Sixth Race—1 1-16 miles, 7-bar trot, 3 year olds and up, purse $1,000.
1—Doctor Spencer, H. Fitzpat-
2—Frontiersman, C. Witt
3—Scotch Goddess, E. Osbora
Time 2.12 1-2 (New track record).
Seventh race—One mile, handicap stake pace. All ages, purse $5,000.
1—Kings Counsel, H. Fitzpatrick
2—King Abbee, G. Campbell.
3—Merry England, W. Apthorp.
Time 2.03.

Medicos Bother Tigers; Mexicans After Rizutto

NEW YORK, May 3—(AP)—The medicos and Mexicans threw a flurry of excitement into the camps of Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees today, with the doctors doing the more awesome job.

The doctors studied X-ray pictures and found that the pitching arm of southpaw Hal Newhouser had a triple chip. They recommended a rest cure for the Detroit pitcher who won the American League's most valuable award in both 1944 and 1945.

The Mexicans, in the person of Bernardo Pasquel, made an offer of $100,000 to shortstop Phil Rizzuto of New York Yankees. The offer came by telephone, Rizzuto said today just before he took the field against the Tigers, and "I rejected it."

He acknowledged the sum was large enough to stagger him.

A part of the gloom the Newhouser announcement caused in the Tiger camp was chased away when it was disclosed that Hoot Evers, outfield sensation of the training season before he suffered a broken ankle, might rejoin the team in three weeks. Evers was in uniform today and did some light, pre-game jogging.

Branch Presidents Have Little Say In C. A. H. A. Decisions

VANCOUVER, May 3 — (CP) — George Panter of Gravenhurst, president of the Ontario Hockey Association, said at the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Association here today that he wonders whether there is any use of branch presidents attending.

Mr. Panter, speaking during discussion of the financial report, said all policies seem to be decided by the executive with the branch presidents having little voice in the decisions.

Replying to the charge, Al Pickard of Regina, first vice-president and chairman of the resolutions committee, said the executive is elected from the membership at large and if Mr. Panter did not like the present executive, he could vote for a new one.

There was no further debate on that point but further differences of opinion arose after W.A. Hewitt of Toronto, treasurer and registrar, announced results of the finance committee meeting.

Mr. Hewitt brought forward a plan of distributing moneys made in Allan and Memorial Cup playoffs. His plan was to divide most of the money among the participating teams as follows:

1. Teams travelling to intersectional playoffs would be allowed to carry 18 persons as members of the team, with not more than 15 players included in that number.

2. Teams travelling to playoffs be allowed $120 per day, rather than $90 which is in practice now. Teams would be allowed $150 a day while in hotels compared to the $120 in effect at the present time..

3. The C.A.H.A. would give teams in the national finals $500, and teams in interdivisional playoffs $400, a game to cover expenses.

Indians And Tigers Fall Before Hitting Of Yanks And Sox

By The Canadian Press

Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees kept riding along at the head of the American League parade yesterday as Mickey Harris pitched Boston to a 9-4 win over Cleveland Indians and the usual hard slugging Yanks, called on a two-hit pitching job by Allen Gettel to subdue Detroit Tigers 2-0.

Meanwhile, Chicago White Sox moved into Philadelphia to hammer the hapless Athletics 8-5 while St. Louis Browns were ditching Washington Senators 5-1 at the capital, in the other inter-sectional games.

Harris, undefeated southpaw, notched his fourth victory of the season as Sox outslugged the tribe with a total of 11 hits good for 22 bases, including homers by Ted Williams and Rudy York. Among the nine bingles Harris kept well scattered were a home run and double by Pat Seerey and manager Lou Boudreau's two-bagger.

Yanks gave Tigers their fifth straight setback at New York as they conquered their former jinx, Paul (Dizzy) Trout.

Bill Dickey's third inning single, Gettel's sacrifice and Phil Rizzuto's single brought in the first run, and Charley Keller provided the clincher in the eight with his second four-bagger of the season.

Durrell Jones, aerial war hero of the Pacific, was the hero in the Philadelphia game as he hit his first home run of the season to break a 4-4 tie and let White Sox go on to victory. His hit put the finishing touches to a tilt in which the A's took a 4-0 lead in the first three innings off Bill Dietrich, only to see the Sox come slugging back.

A five-run splurge in the first inning and southpaw Sam Zoldak's pitching gave Browns a lift into third place in the league standings as they climbed over the vanquished Tigers. The Browns pounded Roger Wolff from the mound, although only one of their five runs was earned.

Royals Drop Close One To Giants

(By The Canadian Press)

The International League went mostly under archlights yesterday, with two night games scheduled and one of the two day-time jobs being postponed because of the weather.

The game dished out would have pitted the league-leading Baltimore Orioles against the tail-end Rochester Red Wings, but the cold halted it.

In the daytime game Jersey City Giants evened their current series with Royals at Montreal by squeezing out a 4-3 win. Barney Deforge, Montreal starter, was reached for three runs in the first two innings and was charged with the loss.

Don Fisher went the route for the winners and got through it safely although he loaded the bases by walking three men in the third inning. The best Royals could do then was one run on a long fly. Stan Breard and Marv Rackley combined two doubles in the fourth for another and Les Burge homered for the final run in the sevents.

In the night game at Toronto the second place Syracuse Chiefs edged Maple Leafs 3-2 in a contest which was played under protest by the Toronto team after a "lost ball" incident in the fourth inning.

Syracuse got a single run in the first inning. In the fourth, Kress walked, Del Savio got on base on an error and just hit a long fly. Then Kermit Wahl smashed one to the left field fence and the ball apparently went through a hole. Kress, Del Savio and Wahl all crossed the plate but umpire Robb ruled it a double, and allowed two runs.

Labor Union Ball Meeting

Members and prospective members of the L. P. U. baseball club are asked to be in attendance at a meeting to be held in the Union Hall tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock sharp.

Matters of importance are to be discussed and all interested are asked to be in attendance.

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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

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Here are some juicy amounts paid out at Santa Anita. $109 for $2; $66.80 for $2; $55.20 for $2; $42.30 for $2; $51.10 for $2. That is the kind of odds that brings them back again to the "iron men."

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Albert H. Pendleton, one of the best known starting judges and horse sales promoters of years ago, passed away at St. Louis, Mo., recently. Al was a big, handsome man with a splendid voice and presence and a very friendly disposition. The writer and thousands of others will regret to hear of his early death.

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At a recent auction in Sartoga, New York, some very good prospects changed hands for not too much money. Three G. 2.09 1-2 brought $1,000, Claire Hanover $700 and War Bond $576. All three are thought to be good in their class.

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Some of us were surprised when Walnut Hall Farm disposed of Lord Jim 3, 2.00 3-4, that is now located in the comparatively out of the way village of Cherry Tree, Pa. Last season two of Lord Jim's get, Summer Son 2.05 1-2 won thirteen of his sixteen starts on a half-mile track and Lord Fauntleroy won eleven events and was second in eight other appearances. The beautiful and popular Pagliacci 2.09 is sired by Lord Jim and out of the same dam as Peter Astra 3, 2.01 1-2, now the premier sire of Gainsway Farm, Lexington, Kentucky.

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It looks as though the match races between Tracey Hanover 2.10 and Ouster Volo 2.04 1-2 will materialize at Lexington, Kentucky. They will start the first race at either the trot or pace and the second race at the opposite gait to the first. Leo C. McNamara, well known breeder of Two Gaits Farm, Indianapolis, Ind. who is in charge of the Lexington meet, is very anxious for these two old gentlemen, who have lost none of their capacity to trot or pace, to meet at Lexington. It is quite possible that John Scott, owner of Tracey Hanover, will accept although it will be a tremendous ship.

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Twenty years ago last week the A. B. Cox holdings which included the celebrated stallion Dillion Axworthy 2.10 1-4, were offered for sale. The purchaser was L. B. Sheppard, Hanover Shoe Farms, who also brought most of the brood mares. The crossing of these to Peter Volo 2.02 resulted in the development of speed beyond the most sanguine imaginings. Year after year Hanover Shoe Farms has improved in its breeding operations and last year its roster of wins was the most remarkable on record. Titan Hanover set a three-year-old world's trotting record of 1.58 and won a small fortune, while Ensign Hanover won all his engagements as a two-year-old and almost $40,000 in cash. In addition to these two there were dozens of others that raced successfully.

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We are indebted to our good friend J. W. Boulter for an answer to the question as to the whereabouts of Signal Senator 2.08 1-2. He is owned by Bill Baker, Middleton, N. S., who has a colt sired by him out of Belle Aubrey. Belle Aubrey was sired by Captain Aubrey 2.07 1-2 and her dam was Silver Belle 2.17 1-2, a grey mare owned by William Hennessey, Windsor, N. S. This mare raced at Halifax and Charlottetown and was much admired because of her silver grey color and style. Not long ago Heber Sweeney had a two-year-old colt advertised for sale by Signal Senator 2.08 1-2, dam Belle Aubrey. This mare is again in foal to Signal Senator. The offspring should be good performers with the splendid ancestry they possess.

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Christie Budlong, 2.09, champion trotting mare of the Maritimes last season and winner of seven races, will be sent to Earle Avery, Woodstock, N.B., next week to be prepared and raced through the Maine circuit the coming season. She is owned by George Brookins, Kensington, P.E.I.

The Alexandra Park racetrack in London — known as "Ally Pally"— will re-open in July after seven years. Hornsey council has banned the growing of beans and other tall crops on allotments bordering the course and this will ensure a clear view for the judges from their box.

Joe Davis, world's professional snooker champion since its inception in 1927, will lay his title on the line May 6-18 when he meets Horace Lindrum of Australia in London. Davis and Lindrum met in the final in 1936-37.

Savage Sixth Round Attack Spells End For Challenger

(By Bill King)

BOSTON, May 3—(AP)—Sal Bartolo of Boston turned savage early in the third minute of the sixth round and knocked out Jack (Spider) Armstrong of Toronto, tonight, to defend his N.B.A. featherweight championship in a scheduled 15-rounder before a 7,614 crowd at the Boston Garden.

Until he overwhelmed the veteran Canadian with machine-gun-like punches to the head and body and beat him to the canvas, Bartolo was content to spar speedily but lightly.

The Bostonian titlist, who meets Willie Pep for the entire honors of their division in New York next month, depended upon his lightning left jabs and hooks in all but one of the previous rounds.

The third session was a fairly even one, for during it Armstrong put on his only determined stand and scored with several sharp rights to Bartolo's head. But those blows made little impression on Sal and, after he weathered the brief storm he resumed his accurate jabbing.

Those stabs opened a slight cut over Armstrong's left eye early in the third round and Bartolo concentrated on that injury from then on.

Bartolo appeared faster when he came out for the sixth and the Canadian was wilting noticeably.

Sal started throwing both hands to the body as he worked Armstrong into a neutral corner. Then, after a few two-fisted passages to the Canadian's head he threw himself into high gear and leaped in for his kill.

Armstrong was in a semi-crouch and, apparently trapped, was unable to side-step as Bartolo pelted him about the head with lefts and rights until he slowly sank to the canvas. Armstrong was making a feeble effort to rise when Referee Tommy Rawson reached his 10-count, at 2:22.

Bartolo, who started as a 2-1 favorite, weighed 126, a half-pound more than his challenger, whose ring record goes back farther than almost any other active boxer.

Familly Rescued In Northern B. C.

Easter's eternal message of life and hope came true this week for a family living in the isolated wilderness of northern British Columbia. There was great joy among three little children.

Their partially paralyzed father was evacuated by air to hospital and was reported to be improving They and their mother accompanied the trapper-prospector "outside" to get much-needed food and other assistance.

And the children collected their Christmas parcels from the post office at Watson Lake, and sat down on the steps to open them with much excitement. The family's name is Hope!

The story of how another trapper found Hope family, ad. per found the Hope family in serious straits at their abondoned trading post home in the wilderness, and secured an air rescue was related here Thursday by Flt.-Lt. Gordon Spencer, public relations officer of Northwest Air Command.

The family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hope, two daughters and a son, ranging in age from two to seven years, live about 69 miles southwest of Watson Lake on the Dease river.

Last Sunday, Robert Moon, a trapper formerly with the R.C.A.F., visited the family during a trapping tour and found Mr. Hope had been partially paralyzed for some time, had no feeling in his feet and legs, and was unable to walk.

Moon raced by dog team to Lower Post, about 40 miles away, and reported to Constable Faryon, of the B.C. Provincial Police, who continued by car to Watson Lake to ask assistance of Sqdn.-Ldr. Ferguson, officer commanding the R.C.A.F. station, (a P. E. Islander was prominent in the relief party).

Lacking a plane at the moment, the officer got in touch with Herman Peterson of Northern Airways, a Carcross, Yukon, firm, who was loading supplies for a diamond drilling project for the McDame Lake Mining Company. Agreement was secured to postpone the mining flight and Peterson said he would pick up the family.

Meanwhile, Moon had returned to the Hope home, tramped out an airstrip in the snow with his snow shoes about 100 yards from the home, and marked the strip with pine trees. All the arrangements required less than one day and on Monday Peterson flew the family to Watson Lake.

Flt.-Lt. G. P. Powles, medical officer, was flown down from Whitehorse to attend the sick who had been admitted to the R.C.A.F. station hospital. It was found that Hope was suffering from an infected hand and a cerebral hemorrhage causing partial paralysis.

Wednesday, his condition improved, Hope was transferred to the hospital at Fort St. John, where his family will join him later.

It is believed the family had been suffering from lack of food for some months off and on, despite the fact that a month ago Const. Faryon reported them "in a bad way" and Flt.-Lt. A.J. LaFlamme, D.F.C., of N.W.A.C., dropped food supplies to them.

The family was reported in satisfactory condition this week. And they had decided that, though the children's Christmas might be a bit late, there were a lot of folk named Santa Claus up in the northwest.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The impassable condition of the dirt roads this past few weeks has made an accurate estimate of the number of wild geese present in the province this spring a difficult undertaking. The check to date has shown that the flight was heavy and the geese present in large numbers in nearly all sections of the province.

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The northward movement started about 10 days ago although some observers contend that many of the laying birds began to move off about April 20th. There are still some sizeable flocks of geese to be seen but at least 60 per cent of the big Canadas are on their way north, if not already there. The bulk of our geese are hatched in Labrador and on the Islands that dot Hudson's Bay, although some continue on well into the Arctic Circle.

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Anglers report two wounded geese at Fortune and in certain other districts the odd gunshot is reported in the early A.M. or late evening. Just because the goose has been tucked inside ones belt doesn't necessarily mean that its the end of the incident. Poachers have been known to dig down into their jeans and cough up the dough six months after they had partaken of the goose dinner.

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The odd fair catch of trout has been reported but on the whole the season to date has been unsatisfactory. Many pet trout holes are well back from the paved highways, consequently those reached by pavement and accessible to motor traffic have undergone some heavy punishment. With the dirt roads gradually opening up, it is expected that some large catches will be made this coming week.

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Crows are more plentiful than they have been for years and many youthful nimrods are wondering why the 'Crow Contest' was abandoned. Ammunition is not rationed as it was when the initial Contest was put on two years ago. The shortage of ammunition in 1944 was the main cause for the relative small kill of crows. Today the boys are back from overseas and ready to line up and do their bit by shooting crows if the crow contest is again put on and the prizes are worth striving for.

Officials in the United States, and some in Canada are greatly concerned over the duck situation and a gloomy outlook for the 1946 shooting season is in prospect. Just what has caused the shortage in potential breeding stock among many of our valuable species of ducks, particularly Pintail, Canvasback, Widgeon, Blue-wing teal and Red Head has not, as yet, been definitely arrived at, but over shooting is suspected as the prime cause.

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Our eastern black duck has apparently stood up better than others but even this hardy species is thought to be away under strength.

Sportsmen are reminded that every nest the crow or skunk gets means less birds in the fall.

Hungarian partridge have wintered well and pairs of these 'feathered speedsters' are kicked up with heart warming regularity this past few weeks.

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Pheasants appear to have come through well, and birds released before the recent severe snowstorms have not suffered to any noticeable extent. In one section where 19 birds were released, the latter part of March, 4 cocks and 15 hens, 11 of them were observed a week ago (3 cocks and 8 hens) and they appeared in the pink of condition. The 11 seen were feeding well out in a hay meadow and ran for cover of an adjoining woodlot when the observer made himself known. It was suspected that the remainder of the 19 were somewhere in the vicinity.

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The news that all was not well in the duck world came as a decided shock to duck hunters, particularly in the States, and further developments are anxiously awaited as drastic changes in the U.S. shooting regulations have been broadly hinted.

Lawrie Scott, Arsenal footballer, fell to the ground apparently unconscious, during a recent League South game. Suddenly he struggled to his feet and staggered off, swaying from side to side.

An over-anxious helper had tipped a bottle of smelling salts in his face.

Now it's swimships.

Torquay Leander Swimming Club, looking ahead to the 1948 Olympic Games in London, is introducing a scheme of swimming scholarships. Any swimmer attaining a set standard will be awarded free entry to the baths for six months, during which he or she will be groomed for record-breaking.

The club already has had three Olympic champions.

FOR SALE

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