

Close Race In American Loop

N. H. L. Teams Hitting The Home Stretch After Hectic Season Of Hockey.

(Canadian Press)
 MONTREAL, Que., March 14.—Regardless of what may happen in the final struggle for team supremacy between Canadian and American divisions in the play-offs, indications are that the Canadian division point-makers will excel those of the American section by a considerable margin in the regular race. Statistics issued tonight by Frank Calder, President of the National Hockey League and including games of Sunday night indicate that leading scorers and play-makers of the Canadian section are now well in advance of their sectional rivals.

Harvey Jackson, left-winger of the Toronto Leaf "Kid forward" line, is gaining steadily and from all indications the scheduled race will be concluded with one of the three Toronto players composing this forward line in possession of scoring honors for the season. Jackson, with 24 goals, and 23 assists, has 47 which is five more than his teammate, Joe Primeau. The latter, in turn, is three points in advance of Trotter and "Hooley" Smith, of Maroons, each with 39.

American section leaders have not been so productive as those of the Canadian for Bill Cook, the Amer-

ican section top point-maker, has 39 points, and is being hard-pressed by Cecil Dillon, who is two behind him. Clapper of Boston is third with 38 points.

In actual goals scored, Charlie Conacher, third unit of the Toronto line, still leads the league with an even 30.

New York teams excel in penalties in both divisions. Johnson of the Rangers leads the American division with 98, but Dutton of the Americans is only a minute behind him, having amassed 97 minutes in all.

STANDING

Canadian Division	
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Canadiens	44 22 15 7 106 96 51
Toronto	43 20 16 7 131 109 47
Maroons	46 18 21 7 134 130 43
Americans	44 14 22 8 76 120 36
American Division	
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Rangers	44 22 14 8 120 95 52
Chicago	45 17 18 10 81 89 44
Detroit	44 17 19 8 86 99 42
Boston	44 14 19 11 109 105 39

COUNCIL

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haps more than any other institution. He outlined the work and requirements of hospitals and emphasized the need of additional financial assistance. The problem of the city poor patients was dealt with, and the suggestion was made by Mr. Rogers that the city pay for these patients at the regular ward rate of \$1.50 per day.

Monsieur MacDonald spoke of the difficulty experienced in financing the Charlottetown Hospital.

Each hospital now receives from the city \$1,000. This grant is appreciated, but it was explained that additional assistance in some form or other was necessary if the institutions are to carry on properly.

Mayor Stewart referred to the financial difficulties of the city. "We are dependent now on the charity of the bank, and they may cut us off at any moment," he warned. He assured the delegation, however, that the Council would give the matter serious consideration.

School Estimates

A letter was received from the secretary of the School Board stating that the estimated expenditure of the City Schools would be \$52,113.34.

The report of the Health Officer was received and adopted.

In reply to a question by Coun. Holman, Dr. Creelman said there was no provision for X-ray treatment for non-paying patients. He understood the Gyro Club was collecting an amount which would be available for this purpose.

Coun. Holman directed the attention of the Council to this matter. He cited a particular instance in which this treatment was needed by a citizen who was unable to afford it.

Dr. Creelman said at present over one half of the patients at the Sanatorium are free patients. No one has been refused admission. There are fifty patients in the institution, and the capacity is forty-eight.

Coun. Hennessey asked what preventive measures were being taken in the treatment of venereal disease. Dr. Creelman outlined the system in this connection.

Coun. Hennessey complained about the condition of the cells in the police station. The Chief of Police explained the method of cleansing and disinfecting which is carried out daily.

The Police Report being read, Coun. Hennessey raised the question of prohibition searches. The commitment papers he said had been given in a certain instance to the chief prohibition prosecutor and the fine was paid to the Commission, the City receiving no part. This matter was discussed at some length. The report was finally adopted.

DEATHS

GREEN—At North River, Monday, March 14, 1932, Robert Hampson Green, aged 32 years. Funeral from the residence of Mr. James R. Stewart on Wednesday, March 16th, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment Kingston Cemetery.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

SKATING AT ARENA tonight with Band. Admission 25c. 1491-11

NOT RETURNED—The airmail plane left Moncton Saturday for the Magdalen Islands, but after landing there was prevented from getting away on account of unfavorable weather. The plane was expected to return yesterday but did not do so.

FORUM—Skating tonight. Perfect ice. 1465-11

RECEIVES SAD NEWS—Mr. John MacKinnon, North River, received a telegram Monday, March 14, announcing the death of his brother, Nell MacKinnon, at Mount Thom, Pictou Co., N. S. Mr. MacKinnon was in his 72nd year and was the son of the late Donald MacKinnon, DeSable, Prince Edward Island.

ARENA—Skating this afternoon. 1491-11

CITY CIRCULATION—The number of offices, stores, and houses in Charlottetown is 2,491. The actual circulation of The Guardian in the city yesterday was 1,901. In the Province, The Guardian's Circulation was 6,137. Outside, 565. Total circulation yesterday 6,702.

FORUM—Skating tonight. Perfect ice. 1465-11

JUDGMENT GIVEN—At a session of the Supreme Court on Wednesday at 11 o'clock yesterday morning with Mr. Justice Arsenault and Mr. Justice Saunders gave judgment in the appeal case of Mr. Theo. Georges against a fine imposed in the Magistrate's Court on a charge of keeping his restaurant open during prohibited hours, allowing the appeal and declaring the by-law under which he was convicted ultra-vires. Mr. Justice Saunders concurred. Mr. J. J. Johnson, K. C., for appellant. Mr. K. J. Martin for respondent. The case of Ritchie vs Rayner was begun in the Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Arsenault and the following jury: James McAleer, (foreman), Ewen Lamont, Roderick McLeod, Colin McKay, James McKay, John McDougall, Percy McDonald, Mr. J. O. Campbell is appearing for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. E. Bentley, K. C., for the defendant. Evidence is still being heard in the case.

State Secretary, "that Company (Sun Life) is as solvent as any of the Great American companies and as solvent as any company doing business on the American continent."

Mitchell F. Hepburn, Lib., West Elgin, expressed the opinion the Sun Life was insolvent. "And to bear out that statement, all I have to do is to take the financial statement of the company as presented in its annual report of Dec. 31, 1931. The Sun Life Assurance company, according to its own statement, would show a depreciation of approximately \$200,000,000 of its assets, which total \$624,000,000. The Company's assets are impaired to the extent of between 35 and 40 percent."

The Luchkovitch resolution was "talked out" and will go to the foot of the order paper, perhaps not to be reached again this session. The debate today resulted in a crowded house, galleries filled to overflowing and a sustained interest not often exhibited on Parliament Hill.

In summing up the argument favoring a Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Luchkovitch said:

"First, Is there not good ground for alarm in regard to the investment of a policyholders' funds in highly speculative and worthless propositions?"

"Second, Is there not good ground for alarm when hundreds of millions of dollars belonging to hundreds of thousands of policy holders are mis-used to benefit a few individuals?"

"Third, Is it not good ground for alarm when profits are appropriated in an arbitrary manner without regard to equity or to the rights of policy holders?"

"Fourth, Is it not good ground for alarm when primary dividends paid to shareholders are not justified by the income of the companies?"

"There is something radically wrong in the way the funds of those companies are being administered and in the manner in which their affairs are being managed. The business of life insurance needs investigating and the most expeditious method of doing this is by means of a committee of this House. The Parliament of Canada is the protector and custodian of the rights of the people, and these rights are being jeopardized by a few greedy individuals."

LOOKING 'EM OVER

(By "Tec")

Races Today

This afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp the Victoria Driving Club will hold ice races on the same course as was formerly used.

The track is good and the ice thick and hard. So all conditions are favorable to successful races.

Following are the entries:
Free-for-all—Major Aubrey, Hush, Volo Rico, and Miss Possibility.
Class A—Ruth S., Kalmuck, Briar Mac, Johnny Walker, and Longset.
Class B—Face—Waltz, Mr. Henley, La Rica and Leacock.
Class C—Trot and Pace—Real Great, Harvest Maid, Polinet, Sybil Set, Ben Ortolan, Omar, Khayyam. Same officials as last day.

Here At Last

Hockey talk once more permeates the air. Wherever the fans gather together to discuss around the stove the whys and wheres of our great national game, the question is being asked: What will happen to the Crystals when the Abbies get at them? "Plenty," says the Abbie supporter. "Nothing," avers the Crystal fan.

Anyway, the series, home and home games, total goals to count, is on. The first struggle is in the Western Capital on Wednesday night. It would not surprise if a special train was operated from here, as the fare is very reasonable. There is no telling what will happen in the Summerside rink, when Gross and Oliver start the bumping and the Crystal speedsters tear to the attack. Who knows? Summerside may plaster a defeat onto the Charlottetown boys to show that the brand of hockey in the Northern League was not "so hot" after all.

On the other hand, Abbies may give the Summersiders an artistic trimming right in their own rink. When Schwab, Nicholson, Squarbriggs, Kane, and Lawlor get their shots turned on the net, goal keepers have to hop.

From the rail, it looks like a great series. Don't miss it.
 The Assist Evil

"When the final N. H. L. scoring standings are drawn up, they shouldn't occasion more than a general shrugging of shoulders and the unanimous question, 'What of it?'" writes James A. Burchard in the New York World-Telegram. "Considering the haphazard method of awarding goal assists, it's impossible to decide who actually earned his points."

"Assists should be given only to those players whose passes in the offensive zone contribute to goals. But official scorers evidently have forgotten their instructions—or never heard them in the first place. Their generosity has reached such magnitude that a circuit-wide squawk has resulted."

"A Canadian expert offered the best solution for the present puck-pounding dilemma. He said, 'All a player has to do is yell "Shoot" and he is promptly awarded an assist.'"

"Just why goalers and ushers haven't been given assists on some of the goals can't be understood. Probably they haven't a friend on the scorers' bench—or a relative. Everybody must be related in Toronto, or maybe it's just home influence."

"Perhaps it would help if color tests were given all officials at the start of the season. It seems they can't distinguish blue from white. At any rate, the present system of dispensing assists is too raw to continue. For once the reformers have a legitimate howl."

The system of giving assists may be abused at times, but conditions in Toronto are no worse than they are in any other city on the N. H. L. circuit. As a matter of fact, the Toronto scorers are exceedingly fair without dealing our favors to home players or visitors.

Good Hockey in Canadian-American League

The New York Sun: They play fast, hard hockey up in the Canadian-American loop, and no one will vouch for this fact in more certain terms than Frankie Boucher. The Ranger centre, attending a game in the Bronx recently, was drafted to referee at the last minute, and skating up and down the rink, keeping a close check on the plays, gave him a splendid idea of the speed turned on by the minor leaguers. Boucher jumped right from the strong Western League to the National Hockey League, and so he never has had much experience with the minors. So what he saw in the Bronx opened his eyes.

"I really was astounded," said Boucher the next day. "The fury and speed of the backchecking was amazing, and plenty of backchecking is what makes a game hard for the players. I used to regard the Canadian-American League as sort of a nice soft berth for ageing hockey players, but after working in

one game, even if only as an official, I've changed my opinion entirely."

Hooley's Big Year

Hooley Smith is playing the best hockey he has shown since he left Ottawa. He makes a perfect centre for the two speedy wings, while his effective playmaking has been a great factor in recent successes. Hooley is no more certain in close than he ever was but he has developed a knack of sending his wings into an opening in a fashion that even Primeau or Frank Boucher with all their playmaking skill cannot excel. Despite the sudden comeback of Americans to defeat Rangers the Maroons position was not menaced. It would take something like a miracle to oust them. Even Americans of course refuse to concede defeat, but they must practically win all their home games to be sure of a position. Theirs is a forlorn hope.

NEMIS K.O. 'D IN FIRST

MONTREAL, Que., March 14.—(By The Canadian Press)—Billy Townsend, flashy Vancouver welterweight, knocked out Johnny Nemis, of North Sydney, N. S., in the first round of their scheduled ten round bout here tonight. Townsend weighed 142 1-2 pounds and Nemis 145 1-2.

In the eight round semi-final Harry Leibovitz, Montreal bantamweight, won the decision over Tommy McBeigh, Toronto. Leibovitz weighed 116 3-4 and McBeigh 120 1-2.

SUDBURY 3 MARLBORO'S 0

TORONTO, Ont., March 14 (By The Canadian Press)—Sudbury Wolves provided a sensational upset here tonight when they downed the highly-fancied Toronto Marlboro Juniors in a Memorial Cup play-down fixture 3-0, before a crowd of 5,000. It was the first of a two-game total goal series, with the second game to be played Wednesday.

PROBABLE

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vestigation his family and himself would undoubtedly have been trapped.

"The fire was apparently discovered by four parties at about the same time and four fire alarms were put in. The fire was of such proportions at the time of discovery, and taking in connection this factor and a difference of opinion as to where the fire centred at the time of the arrival of the Fire Department it is impossible to arrive at any conclusive opinion as to the fire's origin. The earlier witnesses of the fire are strongly of the opinion that it was all above the second floor and the later witnesses believed it came from the basement. All witnesses, however, concur in the statement, that the fire was at first in the centre of the building directly at the main entrance."

Probable Causes

"There are two probable causes for this fire. First from the boiler and this would be possible should any one of the furnaces have been choked with coal gas and exploded through the fire or clear-out doors. Second, on the third floor, just over the stairway, was located the electrical control panel, containing the fuses and from which centre the whole building received its electrical energy. The building was wired many years ago, and the wiring would undoubtedly have deteriorated from age and corrosion. It is therefore quite possible that the fire originated from this source. The whole building was completely secured against intruders on the night as was the practice every night.

"In the matter of reconstruction I would respectfully recommend fire resistive construction throughout with special attention being given to standard wiring and complete insulation of the boiler room."

I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant,
 C. A. BEER
 Provincial Fire Marshal.

The following letter addressed to the Premier was also tabled:
 "Answering your letter, March 2, I could see nothing to indicate that

INTERESTING FUN GALORE ADDRESS AT AT FORUM GYRO CLUB LAST NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Gyro Club was held last evening in the Canadian National Hotel, with Mr. W. J. Monaghan in the chair.

The speaker was Dr. E. A. Clark, who is classifying the patients at Falconwood.

His subject was "Mental Hygiene." In his address he described the methods of handling mentally diseased patients from the days of early Egypt and Greece down to the present time. He stated that the fundamentals of the Egyptian system were comparable to those of the present day; that the ancient Greeks understood the proper use of drugs and campaigned against the use of restraint. He stated that the retrogression in the dark ages was terrible beyond description. And he stated that in some insane hospitals during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the public were charged admission and a veritable side show was carried on. The more you paid the more you saw.

Very strong recommendations were made about the year 1815, by those interested in the welfare of insane patients, but there was not much improvement for about sixty years. From then on there has been a gradual improvement, and during the last fifteen years, a rapid improvement.

According to present day statistics one is able to arrive at certain figures as constant factors. That is to say from about two to four percent of the population of any province is feeble minded, two percent insane, and decimal three percent epileptic.

Dr. Clark described in detail the routine of the modern mental hospital was complicated but interesting. A modern mental hospital is a community in itself. It has its regular staff of electricians, plumbers, engineers, tailors, shoemakers, it has a chief dietician and staff, and a modern bakery. All these are in addition to a qualified staff of physicians and nurses.

The stigma which is attached to a person who has been a patient in an insane hospital is unfair and unjust. He stated that it is a bar to citizenship in most countries and in some countries to the Civil Service. Just as the stigma which was attached to a person with tuberculosis has passed because of the well handled health service, he felt that the same would soon be true with regard to cases of insanity. A suggested method of handling them would be a provision in ordinary hospitals for psychopathic wards for the study of cases. By this means those who recover quickly would never be considered insane and they would have no hesitation in entering such a ward for treatment. He stated that a provision for early study in ordinary hospitals and through the establishment of clinics was very important and highly desirable.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Dr. P. A. Creelman and seconded by Mr. N. W. Lowther.

Mr. Hamblin, Inspector of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was a guest.

A very interesting game of hockey was played at the Arena last night between the Junior Wingshots and the Charlottetown Hawks, which resulted in a win for the Wingshots by a score of 6 to 5. At the end of the second period, the score read 5-2 in favor of the Hawks but in the third period, the Wingshots hit their stride and slammed in 4 quick goals and thus made the score read 6-5. Harry Currie and Brent Mahar starred for the Hawks, while J. Mallet and Ivan Lund starred for the Wingshots.

The lineup follows:—
Wingshots—Goal, J. Gillis; Defence, R. MacDonald, B. Binns, G. Murtaghan; Forwards, J. Mallet, Ivan Lund, G. Kerwin, Lem Stanley, John Stanley, A. Nicholson.
Hawks—Goal, Joe Kinslow; Defence, B. MacMillan, F. MacIntyre; Forwards, H. Currie, B. Mahar, R. Mahar, L. Bryenton.

APPRECIATION

The Charlottetown Fire Department wish to thank all who in any way assisted in making their entertainment at the Forum a success.

1488-11
 Yours Very Truly
 DRUCE STEWART & CO. LTD.
 Per Weston Carmody,
 Foreman, Bolleragey.

Fire Fighters, City Police And Provincial Force Entertain Large Crowd.

There was fun galore at the Forum last night when the Firemen's Benefit Night was put on by the Fire Department, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the purchase of new uniforms for the fire fighters.

The entertainment provided could not have been bettered. There were routine races, special events and last but not least, clowns. The antics of the latter were of professional calibre and kept the large audience in continuous gales of laughter. The events were handled by the officials in charge with decision and rapidity. It was an evening of good clean fun. A feature of the entertainment was the fine program furnished gratis to the patrons which greatly facilitated following the varied programme.

The entertainment commenced with a Burlesque Fire Alarm. In response, the ever ready fire eaters rushed on the ice to quench the conflagration, their peculiar equipment and uniforms causing much amusement to the crowd but little trouble to the fire. Maybe it was just as well that it came about there was "No Fire."

The next bit of humor was furnished by the appearance of two clowns pushing a baby carriage containing a clown whose broad and ample arms were clutching what looked like a child. A big cow bell tied to the crib punctuated the howls of merriment from the crowd as the queer ensemble moved about, depicting the refrain "Fireman, save my child."

The ladder race was interesting. Two fire ladders were propped against the girders in the end of the Forum opposite the entrance, the contestants, two at a time, rushed from the entrance end, climbed the ladders, the object being to turn on a red light at the top, get down and back before your opponent. The subterfuges used by the competitors were manna which tickled the funny bones of the crowd.

Then came the one mile open, skate to the right, race which was prettily skated and won by Lawrence MacNevin. McInnis and Heustis had a thrilling contest for second position but "Bodie" put on too much steam to fall near the finish.

The next event was a most amusing skit, "There's Gold in Them There Hills." The actors in this "drama" of the West were a pack horse, miners and sheet cleaning equipment, the latter following closely the mining entourage for some reason or other.

A huge entry list of about forty youths contested the next event, a sixty yard dash for boys 14 years and under without skates. Those in the money were: 1, Don Ferguson; 2, A. McEachern; 3, Fred Coyle.

The Relay Race (Catch as Catch Can) was most entertaining. At the start, one of the standard bearers was seen to be a most delectable "woman," who, it was rumored, was a man depicting Fortune, or was it Miss Fortune. Anyway, this "lady" was brightly attired as could be plainly seen. The result of the contest was: 1, City Police; 2, Provincial Police; 3, Fire Department.

The Barrel Jumping Contest provided many thrills but no decision as B. Dolron, W. Scantlebury, Joe McLeod all succeeded in hurdling the barrier.

The next item on the programme was the Firemen's Duty Race. Their Fireman outfits of boots and coats were placed in the middle of the ice surface, the boys lined up at the office end, the idea being to race to the clothes, remove skates and uniforms, the quickest being adjudged winner. Those "in the money" were: 1, F. Prunty; 2, W. Perry; 3, Charlie Connolly; 4, Don Finlayson.

Then came a selected skating act, participated in by clowns who performed their duties so well they had to be removed by the police.

At last came the tidbit of all, a game styled "Indoor Hockey," a weird affair played with rods about four feet long and what looked like a large washer. The goals were set on the two blue lines and the game began. There were several scintillating rushes and the crowd began to get excited. Just as someone was



Don't worry, folks!
 This is a
Penman's SWEATER

Disgusted Fan

Sir:—Please allow me space for a few words to contradict the recent statement in your paper of the "Pleased Fan" from Albany concerning the Cape Traverse "Bloodhounds."

In justice to the Intermediate Hockey fans of the Province let me say, that the Cape Traverse "Bloodhounds" team is made up of players from Victoria in Queens County and Cape Traverse, Augustine Cove and surrounding country in Prince County, so that in reality they cannot logically be termed the Cape Traverse "Bloodhounds", and owing to the fact that they annexed four of the Victoria "Unions" to their list they should not have been allowed to represent either Prince or Queens Counties in the play-offs.

The Pleased Fan states that the "Bloodhounds" had no rink, no coach, and no practice. Yet when they amalgamated with Victoria they acquired the right to use Victoria rink for practices and also had the advantage of having another county to assist in coaching them.

I am yours for better hockey.
 ANOTHER FAN

FORUM—Skating tonight. Perfect ice. 1485-11

about to score, the lights went out and when they came on again, the goals had been removed from the danger zone. What a game! Perhaps the final result, a draw, was the logical conclusion?

The evening's organized entertainment concluded with a grand parade of all performers led by a Fire and Drum Band which produced more noise than the "Pipes of Pan," but slack little music.

There was an hour and half skate, participated in by young and old.

The officials were:
 Starter—Arthur Gaudet.
 Announcer—Art Gaudet.
 Judges—John Gordon, James Coyle, Angus McEachern, Gordon Hughes, Frank Hennessy.

HOCKEY SPECIAL

If enough people signify their intention of going to Summerside on Wednesday, March 16th, a special train will be arranged for. Kindly leave your names at the Forum ticket office. Return fare, \$1.65. 1487-11

To Late To Classify

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WE ARE OPEN TO BUY MEN'S, lad's, and children's rubber boots. Second Hand Store, 1483-11

IF YOU HAVE ANY MECHANICAL or carpenter tools to sell bring them in today and get the cash for them. Second Hand Store, 1483-11

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