

SPORT WHIRL

By "TEC" HOCKEY

It looks as if the newly formed Halifax Socials are going to have a fast and experienced hockey team this season. If Pat Neville has signed all the players he is said to have ready, the Socials will be well prepared to hold their own, at least, with Kentville and Truro. Some of the players which it is claimed will appear with the new team are Bernie Currie, goal; Sayers, defence; from Galt, Ontario; Peter McDonald, Tony McLean, Mark Bates, well known here and Gerald Handrhan, formerly of the Halifax Crescents; Beazley formerly of Dartmouth, Temple and Fred Lane, former Charlottetown boys, and Gletchen, a forward hailing from Montreal.

It is very much regretted that the Abegweits were unable to get into a mainland league this winter, as the experience and competition would stand them in good stead. However, a foreign exhibition game or two a week will help materially in following the line of hockey dished up by other Maritime Province sextettes.

"Shorty" Green, dynamic hockey manager of the New York Americans, declares that centre ice in hockey is easy to play. In a long interview in the New York Sun, he points out that the centre man has a fat part, and has nothing to do but feed his wings, loaf around the blue line, and generally cruise about, busting into the play whenever he feels like it, and cashing in on the glory when a wing or a fellow player scores off his assist. "Shorty" winds up with the statement: "I wouldn't want to play centre myself, because it is too easy. I like a place where you have to battle every minute. Centre is too mild for my personal taste."

All of which brought Lester Patrick to the defence of the centre players with the observation, "Shorty" had probably never played against Nels Steward at centre. "Up in Ottawa, Frank Nighbor has been the keystone of both the attack and the defence for years. His passes have aided in many a goal and his poke check has stopped many an attack." Even in the amateurs, especially during "Whackey" McEachern's Abegweit days—this little centre was the highest goal getter in the Maritimes. He was all over the ice, 'tis true, but where should a centre roam but all over the surface—and McEachern pushed a lot of rubber around at that.

Green has injected plenty of arguments into hockey and this one centre players will no doubt be received with a volley of rebuttals. If one agrees with Green, get an earful from some of the boys, both professional and amateur. They will tell you how easy the position is. To my mind no position is easy on a hockey team, especially these days of six man hockey with reliefs, where speed and heavy checking is essential, and not forgetting the blase fan who loses no time in "going after" a player if he shows the least bit of loafing.

Hooley Smith returned to hockey last week, but sad to relate he did not measure up to all the good things said about him. It was an epochal night for Reginald. Like Napoleon, he returned from Elba to joust with his old Canadian adversaries. He had a rendezvous with the flaming meteor Morenz and expected to take him as he did before, but Howie just said "howie" and flitted by leaving nothing but a smoke screen from the flying steel blades. He did not hurdle Morenz, and on Saturday night last failed against Neighbor who was lying in ambush for him. It was supposed to be the hockey tilt of the ages, but nothing happened, only Hooley's team lost the last game by a score of 2 to 1, and Hooley didn't get the unit.

According to an exchange, some of the wags are calling President Calder the "Asquith of hockey." His wait and see policy on the rules has some of the magnates guessing.

Leo Dandurand didn't even attend the meeting the other day in Montreal. Probably he felt Canadians' interests didn't need representation. At that the Canucks were not ignored. Far out of the confab emerged a rumor that Hec Lepine, brother of Pete, would probably referee a few games. He comes from Quebec.

A "Fan" asks: How much would a first class professional hockey coach from Upper Canada tax the Abegweits for a winter?

I suppose you mean three months. Well, such a man as you speak about would not consider anything less than \$1200 for the season. Just a mere trifle of course—if you have it. However, if 120 "Fans" were to get together and "kick in" with ten "iron men" apiece, that would fill the bill, wouldn't it? Yea, verily!

CANADA'S MARATHONERS

The New York Times says: Canada is enthusiastic about its prospects in the marathon at the Olympic Games in 1928 and already two runners, Bricker of Galt and Webster of the Hamilton Olympic Club, have been selected to carry the Dominion colors at Amsterdam. Bricker has won two of the three marathons in which he has competed and the excellent form which he has shown stamps him as Canada's best hope. Webster has won only one event, but in the manner in which he took it leads Canadian critics to select him as one of the four best runners of recent years. Four men will represent Canada in the Marathon and the other two are to be selected from the following: Percy Wyr, Johnny Miles, Billy Reynolds, Orville Garbutt and John Cuthbert. Canada has taken to the mara-

thon suddenly and thoroughly. It hadn't had a full distance for about twenty years until last year when the Montreal Harrier Association held one. After that the Olympic Club of Hamilton staged the Olympic marathon trial and several others followed in quick succession. But Canada has always made a fine showing in International competition. Sherring of Hamilton won the event in the 1906 Olympics. Canadians can also point to a fine record in the Boston Marathon which they have annexed eight times as follows: Macdonald in 1898, Jack Caffrey in 1900 and 1901, Jim Duffy in 1914, Ed. Fabre in 1915 and Johnny Miles in 1926. Although Canada's old stars did well in international competition the present crop of runners is expected to excel their records. Johnny Miles won the Boston Marathon last year in the best time ever made over the course. Cliff Bricker won the Buffalo Marathon and Percy Wyr raced through a blinding snow storm to win the Detroit marathon. Those victories on the three big marathons lead the Canadian fans to believe that their representatives will be among the best in the field that will line up at Amsterdam in 1928.

The Dalhousie Tigers, football champions of Eastern Canada are now on their way to British Columbia last year in the best time ever made over the course. They will play at Vancouver, Monday, December 26th, Saturday, the 31st and Monday, January 2nd and at Victoria on Wednesday, December 28th. The Tigers fresh from their hard fought victories over the Wanderers and Caledonia have a strong lineup for the coast games. It is expected they will give a good account

of themselves, bringing home more than one scalp under their belts.

TO BE A TOLL ROAD.

The Public Works Department of British Columbia, which builds the roads of the Pacific Province, estimates that ten thousand motorists will drive over the Cariboo road this year. It was opened May 24.

With the collection of toll of \$2 and upward for the round trip through the Fraser river canyon, the British Columbia Government estimates it will derive a revenue amounting to \$27,000 at least, and perhaps \$30,000, which will be devoted to the upkeep of the highway so that it may not be an added burden on the Treasury.

Bringing Up Father



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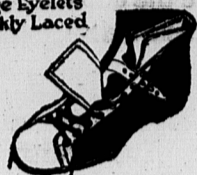


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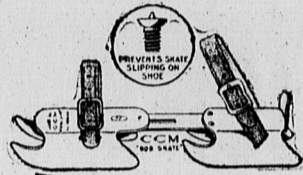
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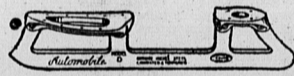
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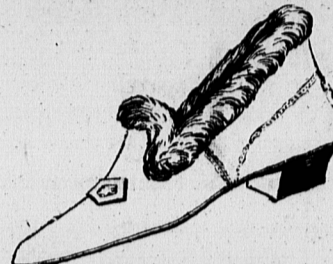
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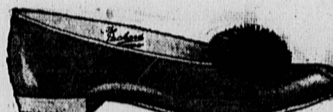
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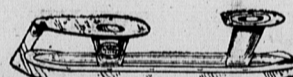


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half her maize, wool, hides, skins and mohair, and very considerable quantities of the other exports. The British dominions and possessions are poor customers, Australia alone taking an appreciable quantity of South African produce (2.1 per cent.) Unfortunately, Australian imports have been largely maize, and the abolition of preference between Australia and South Africa will probably destroy this trade in the future. Among foreign countries, France absorbed 10 per cent. of South Africa's exports, Germany 7 per cent., Holland 4.2 per cent. (including 10 per cent. of the Union's diamonds), and the United States 5 per cent. of the whole. The average recovery of gold is Canada purchased South African merchandise to the value of £130,129 during 1926, in comparison with £18,522 during 1925.

South Africa's Gold Industry

The production of gold in South Africa decreased by some 450,000 fine ounces during 1926, writes Trade Commissioner G. R. Stevens, Cape Town, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. The industry of South Africa is faced with two great difficulties. The costs of production are mounting and the economic ore bodies of many mines are being exhausted. The Witwatersrand reef from which comes 97 per cent. of South Africa's gold, consists of a vast body of low value ore. The average recovery of gold is about 1-3 of a fine ounce per ton. To make such extraction profitable, production costs must be kept extremely low, but from one cause or another, the cost of gold mining has increased, and each increase serves to make a larger body of ore non-economic. The second danger (leaving out of sight new development) is the actual exhaustion of many mines where ore is available, but at such depths and distances that it is not feasible to raise and treat it. A considerable emigration of mining capital is ensuing at present (some of it going to Canada.)

Some people have no use for their friends unless they are in a position to use them.

Wait for others to advance your interests and you will wait until they are not worth advancing.

—By George McManus