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### Hard Fought Game Climaxed By Dispute

**The Back Stretch**  
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Jimmie Smith, whom you will all remember on the Island, is in charge and has been jogging all winter. Earle Avery takes over this week.

There are four in Robert Hamilton's stable and the same number in the J. H. Dewitt stable and when training really gets under way there will be a lot more horses. George Dumont expects to be here with three owned by Simonson Bros., Bridgewater, Maine. Your old friend Robert "Bob" Brown has had the time of his life this winter jogging the mare he purchased at Harrisburg. She is in great shape and showing up well. One of our most enthusiastic horsemen is Bob Hamilton, a metal worker by trade, who is held up for materials to complete some harness on order. He has kept busy by building carts and a sulky. The carts are two rubber tired and one like cart that is a dandy. The bike job was a make-over and it is just like new. Bob is a mighty handy man to have around these days when bikes and carts are so hard to buy.

There has been a lot of ice racing in Maine but we had none in this particular vicinity. In the old days we used to have plenty every winter at Woodstock and Canterbury. However, with the new enthusiasm engendered by the opening of the track and the many horses that will be attracted by its favorable training conditions we expect to see the harness sport back where it was in its former palmy days.

Our friend George R. MacDonald, Boston, Mass., is always on the lookout for something interesting in our harness horse readers. In a letter today he sends a page of pictures from the Boston Sunday Globe taken at the Metropolitan Driving Club, Aiston, Mass. Among the persons featured we note our good friend Danie Steele, formerly of Summerside, and his son Ralph. Danie had a great season last year, perhaps the best since he went to the land of Uncle Sam, and now his son Ralph is following in his Dad's footsteps. There are some very good pictures of the club stables and horses. Thanks, George, and thanks also to our other correspondents from New Glasgow and Woodstock.

### King Clancy To Get Coaching Offer?

MONTREAL, April 5—(Saturday)—(CP)—The Gazette said today in a sports page story that it had learned from an authoritative source that coach Johnny Gottselig would be moved into a front office job with Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League and that Frank (King) Clancy, N.H.L. referee, would be offered the coaching spot.

The paper said that Clancy, now in Toronto, had not appeared "too surprised" to hear the report in a long-distance telephone conversation with a Gazette reporter. However, the paper said Clancy insisted that as yet the Chicago club had not approached him. Clancy was quoted as saying that he could "consider" any offer.

### Canadian Horses To Start At N. Y.

NEW YORK, April 4—(CP)—Two Canadian horses will help usher in the 1947 New York racing season tomorrow when 50,000 fans turn out at Jamaica for the start of a 189-day campaign.

The Dominion-bred hopefuls are Windfields—which raced locally last year—and Edward Taylor's Cornish Knight.

Windfields is entered in the \$16,000, six-furlong Paumonok feature race of the day. Cornish Knight is entered in the co-feature, the Cedar Manor.

He gave him a record of 2:01 1/4."

W. G. Stewart of New Glasgow, N.S., recently returned from a trip to the U.S.A., where he arranged to have his three-year-old trotting mare, Rosalind Hanover, shipped back to New Glasgow. He let his two-year-old colt with Townsend Ackerman who has already worked him in 2:34, with the last quarter in 34 seconds. He reports numerous inquiries for his pacer, Billy Jane, 2:06 1/4 from parties in the U.S.A. It is unlikely that Marl timers will see Colleen Scott, 2:06 1/4 in action here this year as Mr. Stewart has secured a booking for her to King's Counsel, 1:58 1/2, premier stallion at Gainsway Farm, Lexington, Ky., and Colleen will shortly be on her way there. Yesterday afternoon he was very pleased to receive a wire from Hanover Shoe Farm, Hanover, Pa., that his brood mare, Belle of Brooklyn, 2:12 had foaled a filly by Billy Direct, 1:55, holder of the world's record for pacers. The wire ended, "congratulations, the young filly looks to be a real one."

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MONTAGUE — TUESDAY

### Canada's Mr. Baseball Dies

MONTREAL, April 4—(CP)—Joe Page, who came to be known as Canada's Mr. Baseball although he was born in Chicago, died here last night after a lengthy illness. He was about 80.

A former major league catcher with Indianapolis in the old National League, Page came to Canada in 1889 settling in Montreal. He worked with the Canadian Pacific Railway from 1892 until he retired in 1897.

Page held a record of having attended every World Series in baseball since their inception. He suffered a stroke during the 1946 series and had been under hospital care since.

Page played a part in organizing and promoting at least 15 provincial and inter-provincial baseball leagues in Canada and in bringing the international and Canadian-American leagues to this country.

Page, a catcher in his playing days, is survived by his widow and four of their 10 children.

### Legion Team Wins Trophy



President Samuel F. Doyle of the City Hockey League is shown presenting the Dr. F. C. Dougan Trophy to Goalie Ivo Cudmore of the Legion team immediately after the Legionaires had captured the

### Maple Leafs Need One More Victory

DETROIT, April 4—(CP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs made their few shots count heavily tonight and moved within a single game of the Stanley Cup finals, by beating Detroit Red Wings 4-1. Leafs thus took a lead of 3-1 in games in the best-of-seven semi-final series.

A crowd of 14,577 fans saw their favorite Wings lose the second straight on Detroit ice after splitting the first two games in Toronto. The fifth game will be at Toronto Saturday night, and a victory for Toronto then would put them into the final.

Leafs, playing calmly and deliberately, fired only seven shots on the Detroit goal in the first two periods but made two of them count, then added a pair of easy goals in the last frame, maintaining their record of not having lost to the Wings on Detroit ice all winter.

Toronto can sew up a berth in the finals by whipping Detroit Saturday night at Toronto.

Tonight's scrap was tame in comparison with Tuesday's rough encounter, though Referee Frank Clancy called 16 penalties, none of them against the Wings.

Four times tonight one club or the other played with a two-man advantage, but the only time such an edge affected the scoring was in the second period when Detroit's Roy Coachee drove in his club's only goal with the Leafs' Jimmy Thomson and Bill Barliko serving time.

**He Didn't Last Long**  
Coacher's goal balanced a first period Toronto tally by fleet Howie Meeker but the Leafs didn't let the score stand tied long. Ted Kennedy bounced a high shot off Red Wing goalie Ralph (Red) Almas' arm and the Leafs never trailed after that.

Meeker tallied on a rebound shot midway of the final period for his second goal of the night and Syl Apps, Toronto centre, scooped in for the goal that made the score 4-1 with nine minutes left to play.

Altogether, the Leafs were a cool, calculating unit tonight as Almas had only 14 saves in the Detroit nets to 21 for Walter (Turk) Broda of Toronto.

Detroit's captain and centre, Sid Abel, who missed tonight's game because of an attack of pleurisy, was not expected to make the trip to Toronto.

### Halifax Juveniles Take Three-Goal Lead Into Game Here Tonight

HALIFAX, April 4—(CP)—St. Mary's Juveniles of Halifax took a 7-4 win from Charlottetown Kinsmen Thursday to carry a three-goal lead into the second game of their home-and-home total goal series for the Maritime Juvenile hockey title. The second game of the series will be played tomorrow night at the Island capital.

Both teams had trouble with their goalies as Ernie Yeardon, netminder of the Saints and Sheldon Jordan of the Kinsmen were injured during the game and had to be replaced.

The Saints played a smart game of hockey with most of the credit going to the second and third lines for the battle they put up. Don Murphy, centre of the third string, got three goals while Don Hollett, centering the second line, picked up a brace. The other markers went to Hagen and McLaughlin.

McLaughlin worked well on defence, throwing his weight around to good advantage while both Ernie Yeardon and Ronnie Cole played well between the pipes.

**Lineups:**  
St. Mary's — Goal, Ernie Yeardon; defence, Ron Cole, Don McLaughlin, Kingsley Mont, Art Flynn; forwards, Angus Reid, Din-

### The Hunters' Corner

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down feeling when the price drops back to the \$1.00 and loses interest. It is too much to expect that the Department of Agriculture will continue to pay \$3.00. For the past 10 years the annual kill of skunks has averaged four thousand and at the latest price offered for snouts would mean an annual outlay of \$12,000.

This scribe remembers well the night when a large number of sportsmen met and discussed the feasibility of asking the Provincial Government to place a bounty of 50c per snout on all skunks killed in the province. For some reason or other I was supposed to be well acquainted with the skunk situation and was asked by the meeting how many skunks I thought were in the province. When I told them I estimated them well up in the thousands, maybe eight or nine thousand, many of the members laughed out loud and stated that eight or nine hundred would be nearer the mark.

The 50c bounty went into effect that spring and in the first 12 months 6,000 (six thousand) skunk snouts were presented for payment. The next year it was five thousand, eleven thousand in the first two years. After that the annual take dropped to nearer the four thousand mark and someone had a bright idea and suggested that the bounty be raised to \$1.00 and clean them up in a hurry. The increase didn't have the desired effect and the price was not back to 50c. When that happened the boys stopped hunting them almost entirely and officials had no other recourse then to put the bounty back to one dollar.

I can well imagine that if the bounty is ever put back on at \$1.00 the country boys will not be too interested in killing skunks but will sit tight till conditions become so bad that authorities will be forced to raise the ante.

During the last week in March, 24th to 31st, 226 skunk snouts were mailed in or presented at the bounty office at the then current rate of one dollar. April has always been the biggest month as shown by past returns and taking the last week in March as a basis the present April would have shown approximately one thousand and skunk snouts turned in at the \$1.00 rate.

It will be interesting to watch the reaction to the substantial bounty increase. Unless the kill is at least 3,000 it makes no appreciable inroad into the skunk population. We have plenty of them, in fact far too many for the good of our game birds and all other species that nest on the ground. The fact that the average annual take of 4,000 over a number of years has failed to halt their steady increase will give some idea of the numbers present.

A vacillating policy will never get us anywhere in controlling too skunk menace and unless some definite plan is adopted and adhered to this obnoxious predator, introduced into the province in 1917, will increase in numbers sufficient to cause terrific losses to our wild life as well as our valuable poultry industry.

### Mar. Juvenile Title To Be Decided At The Forum Tonight

Enjoying a three goal margin as a result of their 7-4 victory in the first game of the series at Halifax, St. Mary's Juveniles from Halifax arrived in the City last night set and ready for the second game of the series against Kinsmen Juveniles at the Forum tonight in a game that should give the fans a load of hockey thrills in what will be the last encounter of the season.

But although St. Mary's will enter the game favored to cop top honors they will be faced by a fighting band of local youngsters who despite their defeat still think they can overcome the deficit they face. The team arrived back in the city by air yesterday. No alibis were offered for their setback. Rather they blamed mistakes of their own making and determined

### Babe Ruth To Go To Miami To Fish

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—Babe Ruth, recovering steadily from a long illness and serious operation, will fly to Miami, Fla., next Tuesday to fish and rest for two weeks.

He will be accompanied by his wife, his nurse, Miss Sonya O'Ker, and a friend, Raymond F. Kilthau, at whose home the former baseball star will stay in Miami.

### Cowley Through With Pro Hockey

BOSTON, April 4—(AP)—Bill Cowley, veteran Boston forward who holds the all-time National Hockey League scoring record, is finished with professional hockey, as he told reporters after Montreal Canadiens knocked the Bruins out of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Cowley has obtained eastern Canadian rights for a refrigeration concern.

At the same time, Bobby Bauer, centre and captain of the Bruins, said he would play next season "if it doesn't interfere with business."

Bauer, who had not played to play this season, is going to work for his father-in-law, an Ontario skate manufacturer.

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