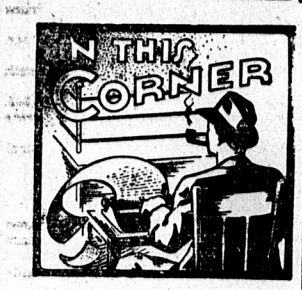
# SUMMERSIDE TEAM IN TIE FOR LEAGUE LEADERSHIP




Bowling, which is more or less in the background so far as publicity is concerned, is nevertheless booming in the three alleys throughout the City and nightly crowds usually are in evidence awaiting their chance to get a crack at the pins.

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And that there is much interest in the same is evidenced by a recent letter received here strongly mooting a City Bowling League. The letter was from several bowling fans and it brought up a matter that we think could become very much of a reality.

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It is not so many years ago that a City Bowling League, such as the one suggested in the letter, was flourishing in the City. At that time, if our memory serves us correctly, games used to be played on all three alleys and the interest was such that on nights of scheduled games the alleys would be packed with large crowds.

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Those, of course, were the days when Conrad, Poole, Gay, Joseph, Bentley, Duncan, Carver, Higgins, Robin, Hughes, Doucette, McInnis, Webster, Halfpenny, just to mention a few that comes to mind, were knocking the maples over in great style and running up high scoring individual efforts together with large totals.

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The majority of them are still taking active participation and we venture to say that they would be among the first to come forward if a resumption of such a league seemed to be a possibility.

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There would be no lack of material to form such a league. Every year more and more are taking up the game and a glance over the scores that appear in the paper is convincing proof that the newcomers have more than ordinary ability.

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With the above in mind, and we make this suggestion for what those concerned think it is worth, it might not be a bad idea if the managers of the three alleys in the City would call a meeting in the near future of all bowlers interested and ascertain just what could be done about the matter.

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There may not be enough interest shown, a matter we are not inclined to believe by any means, but if the managers of the alleys are interested, we think that the calling of such a meeting would be worth a try anyway.

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Another good crowd witnessed the doubleheader basketball bill at the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday night but there is still room for improvement when it was noted that the majority of the fans were composed for the most part of College students.

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In recent years the College students have become ardent supporters of their teams, which is as it should be, but invariably when the College is not participating attendance drops down considerably.

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This is very much the case in basketball. Why? Honestly, we don't know. It can't be because of the brand of basketball being played. The players are putting everything into all the games and are producing a fast brand of the game.

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We know that old-time basketball players, together with followers of the game are still plenty interested. It may be that they think the games are not worth attending but we can assure anyone with that idea in mind that if they drop in and see the teams in action the next time out, they will be in attendance thereafter.

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That is by no means trying to give the league favorable publicity. It doesn't need it; the games will speak for themselves and we are of the opinion that if future games were witnessed by a more general representation of fans the boys would redouble their efforts in their attempt to take basketball back onto firm footing in local sports circles.

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Frank Boucher, coach of the New York Rangers, claims that the best player on the Toronto club at the present time is Ted (Teeter) Kennedy who centres the second line and is flanked by Mel Hill and rugged Bob Davidson.

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When the Rangers were in Toronto for their last tussle, Boucher remarked: "I see where the Toronto management is not so keen on Wally Stanowski, doesn't think too highly of Elwyn Morris, and would like to peddle Babe Pratt. We'll take any, or all three of them."

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The Rangers aren't the only club in the league who would snap at the chance to get the services of such fellows. The Hawks, for instance, could use them all and a half dozen more like them.

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It is not without justification that Britons often refer to Jimmy Wilde as "the most phenomenal boxer the world ever produced."

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One of the best stories of the "Welsh Whirlwind" concerns the time at the start of his career when he was performing in a boxing booth at county fairs.

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Before lunch he was challenged 17 times and knocked out each of his opponents. After lunch, which consisted of a cup of tea and a bun, he knocked out six more.

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For his day's work he received the equivalent of $3.60, which was a far cry from the $58,500 he received for losing his flyweight title to Pancho Villa in New York in 1923 at the age of 31. He had been out of the ring for two years prior to accepting that fight, and it was his last.

## *Overcome Two Goal Lead In Second Period Last Night To Whip League Leaders 4-3*

**Taking advantage of opponents' penalties in the second session to slam in three goals and then adding another in the second minute of the third period, Summerside's No. 1 G.R.S. hockey team last night came from behind a two goal deficit to whip No. 2 A.N.S. 4-3 and vault into a first place tie for leadership in the City Hockey League. The winners' notched what proved to be the winning tally in the second minute of the third period to offset Pete Kelly's goal less than a minute afterwards.**

**Charlottetown seemed headed for their second straight win in the first session as they snapped two goals behind Nixon for a commanding lead but the Summerside avalanche struck sharply in the second to wipe it out and then controlled play the most of the third period to skate off with a well deserved victory.**

In the very first minute of play Charlottetown supporters had a chance to yell as Bobby Dew found the net with blistering angle shot, only to have the play called back to the blueline for an offside. Each team was showing much respect for the other and the checking was very close. A penalty to Fridfinnson of the locals gave Summerside a chance but they failed to get a clean shot away and with Bower of Summerside joining him a minute later the teams were at equal strength.

The second lines of both squads were on the ice when Charlottetown struck for the first goal of the game. Getting the disc inside the Summerside line Ashley was forced to the side of the net but managed to slide a pass across to Mullins, and the latter, making his first appearance with No. 2 A.N.S. slammed the disc behind Nixon. It was nine minutes and 39 seconds after the start of play.

Controlling the play with the Kelly, Dew, Laberge trio always dangerous, Nixon pulled off a great save as he robbed Kelly in close but he was forced to bow two minutes later when the losers struck for the second time.

Skating to the line, Laberge relayed the disc to Kelly; Pete went in on an angle only to have Nixon kick out his drive but Dew parked just in front of the crease whipped the rubber home to give his team a 2-0 advantage. The score came just 44 seconds before the end of the session.

There was little in the first six minutes of the second period to denote the scoring splurge the Summerside team were to come through with. In the first few seconds poor passing spoiled a possible Charlottetown score as three men broke away, and then when Kerr was given a penalty Charlottetown hemmed Summerside in with the man advantage, with Dew being stopped by Nixon as he skated right in. Then came the penalty to Laberge.

Summerside, getting organized, started hammering away with incessant gang attacks that finally paid off at 7.39. Keeping the play inside the Charlottetown defence zone Crichton was stopped right at the goalmouth but in the resulting scramble Lefebvre got his stick on the rubber to poke it in as Skinner lay sprawled on the ice. Seconds later Summerside were very close again on a three-man attack but failed to click. No. 2 A.N.S. found themselves shorthanded again as Fridfinnson drew the gate and the winners lost no time in rapping in two quick goals to go into a 3-2 lead, and from there on were never headed.

Cussion from McDivitt was the order of the first one with McDivitt feeding the latter a scoring pass on a combination play deep in the Charlottetown zone, with Cussion scoring from just outside the crease. 28 seconds later Summerside were back again, this time Evans scoring a very spectacular goal as he snared the puck inside his own blue line to race the length of the ice, swerve round the lone defender and pick his spot before firing the rubber into the cords.

Set back on their heels by the quick scoring, Charlottetown again sprang to the attack, but with the exception of a three-way passing play in the final few seconds of the period were never very dangerous.

The fans came to their feet as Summerside again dented the twines after thirty seconds of play but again the play was called back. The winners, however, got that one back at 1.27 of the period. Bower got control of the puck at centre ice; he passed to McPherson who went to within fifteen feet of the net before firing; Skinner made a beautiful save but as he sprawled to the ice in an effort to smother the disc, Cussion got control to lift the rubber over this prostrate body.

Pepping up their attack, the losers started an offensive that led to their third goal and put them back in the running and again it was Kelly, Dew and Laberge that figured in the score. Laberge started it at centre ice, passing it t. Dew, the latter relaying to Kelly who skated to within 20 feet of the cage before firing a low backhand drive behind the Summerside goalie at 2.22 of the period.

The battle raged up and down the ice for the next few minutes with both goalies getting anxious moments and then Swant, Charlottetown defenceman missed a glorious chance to tie it up as he broke away from a Summerside attack, swerved around a lone defenceman to skate right in on top of Nixon and then blaze a drive wide of the posts.

Crichton was waved to the penalty bench to again give Charlottetown a chance to get the equalizer but again the Summerside defence withstood the attack although the losers were only inches away on three occasions.

Tiring from the incessant attacking, Charlottetown were forced on the defensive the entire last five minutes of the game, with Skinner kicking out several drives that seemed labelled, and Evans going right to his doorstep only to shoot wide of the target. Play ended with the Summerside team still setting the pace against a stubbornly defending No. 2 A.N.S. squad.

**Lineups:**

S'side—Goal, Nixon; defence, McPherson, McDevitt, Lecompte, Miller; forwards, Cussion, Bower, Evans Midghall, Kerr, Winn, Crichton Lefebre, Chouinard.

Ch'town—Goal, Skinner; defence, Swant ,Errico, Jacobi, Fridfinnsen; forwards, Dew, Kelly, Laberge, Ashley, Pfaff, Horsburgh, Wengate V Kelly, Mullens.

Referees—Cameron and Lawlor.

**SUMMARY**

**First Period**

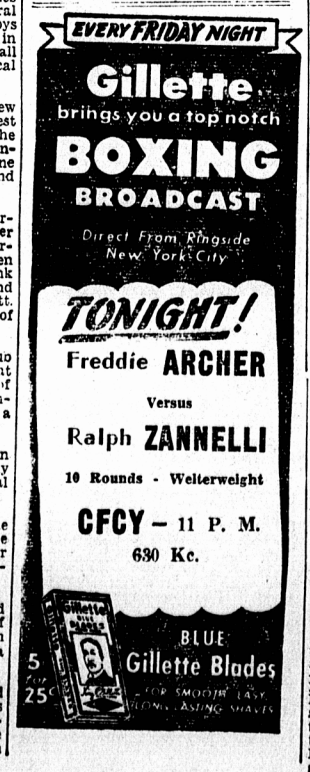
1—Ch'town, Mullins (Ashley) 9:39
2—Ch'town, Dew (Kelly, Laberge) 14:16
Penalties — Fridfinnsen, Bower

**Second Period**

3—S'side, Lefebrve (Crichton) 7:39
4—S'side, Cussion (McDivitt) 9:48
5—S'side, Evans 10:16
Penalties — Kerr, Laberge, Fridfinnsen.

**Third Period**

6—S'side, Cussion (McPherson, Bower) 1:27
7—Ch'town, Kelly (Dew, Laberge) 2:22
Penalty — Crichton.



## Hockey

The fans of Borden witnessed a very thrilling game of hockey in Borden rink Friday night. It was a fast, clean, but very hard-hitting game. The Borden Wildcats defeated the Augustine Cove team by a score of 14-8.

The star player of the night was defenceman, Raymond MacTavish, who by his quick thinking and heavy body-checking, broke up play after play on the opposing team, Williard Pickering also played on defence with MacTavish and also played a very good game.

Although the Augustine Cove players towered over our boys by a good two feet, the Borden defence bowled them over time after time and it was certainly through the heavy body checking of these two boys that Borden won.

The forwards for Borden also played a fine game and were as follows; Richard W. Dorsey, J. Dorsey; E. Pickering; and Jay Goalie Dalziel also played a good game.

The lineup for Augustine Cove was as follows!

Goalie—Campbell

Defense—B. MacWilliams, F. MacWilliams, W Muttart.

Forwards—W. McFadyen, J. McFadyer., Cutcliff, Robinson, H. Muttart G Jay.

## Remember When

**By The Canadian Press**

Charlie Conacher, 28-year-old right winger with Toronto Maple Leafs in the National Hockey League, retired from hockey seven years ago today due to ill-health. He was the circuit's leading point-scorer in 1934 and 1935 and was the game's No. 1 attraction. He returned to the game later with Detroit but later retired again for good.

## Midget Hockey League Game This Evening

The second game of the Midget Hockey league is scheduled for the Holy Redeemer rink tonight at 6.30 with the Maple Leafs tangling with the Canadiens, the third entry in the league.

Maple Leafs won the opening game of the schedule when they defeated the Rangers by a 4-1 score. Canadiens are expected to furnish the present league leaders with all kinds of competition in tonight's encounter and followers of the youngsters are looking forward to a close-knit encounter all the way through.

Any players wishing to try out with Canadiens are asked to be on hand.

## Race Meet Is Planned Sat.

The track committee of the Victoria Driving Club laid off a course on Charlottetown Harbor ice and cleared away the snow yesterday afternoon in preparation for races which are scheduled to take place tomorrow afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

It is expected that the Covehead horses will be in and those, together with the City entries and others from North River and adjoining places will make up a large entry list.

The cassifying will be done on the ice and horsemen were asked to be on hand at 2 o'clock sharp. Officials should be there at 1.45 p.m.

## Ranger-Red Wing Game Delayed By Transport Tie-Up

**(By The Associated Press)**

DETROIT, Jan. 18—A crowd of almost 7,000 hockey fans sat in Olympia Stadium reading newspapers, eating a near-record number of hot dogs and listening to organ music tonight awaiting the arrival of the New York Rangers' train which delayed the start of the Ranger - Detroit National League game approximately two hours.

Re-routed because of an eastern transportation tie-up, the Rangers were in Toledo, Ohio, at the scheduled starting time of the game.

Such a delay never before had held up a National League game.

The crowd—one of the smallest here this season—remained almost intact to watch the Red Wings engage the Rangers.

## ACCUSED TAKES—

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Phail substantiated that of Sgt. McInnis on all major points and his cross-examination by Mr. Bell was brief.

**Objected To**

The Crown then attempted to have the evidence heard of Donald McNeill, adopted juvenile son of the accused. Mr. Bell objected, asserting that the boy's evidence had not been heard either at the inquest or at the preliminary hearing and that he had only received knowledge of the Attorney General's intention to put him on the stand a short time before Court opened. He said there was evidence to show the boy had not been present at the time of the alleged offense, that he was but nine years old, deaf, and in Grade 2 at school. Mr. Bell also objected to the Attorney General having talked to the boy before bringing him in Court, and to his being called in view of his relationship to the accused.

The Court allowed the objection and the boy was taken from the court-room.

Dr. J. D. McGuigan testified to having performed, in conjunction with Dr. E. S. Giddings, an autopsy on the body of McNeill on Nov. 15. He gave the results in detail.

Witness said direction of wound was slightly more horizontal than diagonal. The lung had collapsed due to injury of bronchi and depletion of blood. Such an instrument as knife shown him (dark-handled one marked Exhibit C3) could have caused such a wound.

Asked if such wound could have been caused by such a knife thrown, witness said, "Yes, it could."

Cross-examined by Mr. Bell, witness said instrument causing the wound had not touched bone or rib. It would be easy for a knife to enter lung tissue once it was past rib tissue. It was possible for wound to be caused by throwing a knife. Witness said there was about half an inch space between sixth and seventh rib. The wound was fatal because impossible to do anything about it on account of its location. Witness did not know cause of slight cut on back of left arm.

Dr. E. S. Giddings substantiated report of Dr. McGuigan on autopsy. Witness said cause of death was internal hemorrhage.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bell, witness said such a knife as shown him (exhibit C3) being heavy, would carry sufficient momentum if thrown with force to enter lung tissue once it had passed through chest wall. Witness said it would be impossible for the scratch on left arm to be made at the same time as the wound through the chest wall with the same instrument. Witness said position of scratch on arm was vertical and wound in chest wall slightly diagonal.

With the evidence of Dr. Giddings the Crown concluded its case and the defense counsel, after briefly addressing the jury, called the accused.

**Mrs. McNeill's Evidence**

Florence Elizabeth McNeill stated she was 43 years old. She had married William McNeill in 1921. Her father was William Yorston of Georgetown who had been jailer there for 18 or 19 years. When the witness was 18 she had come to Charlottetown where for two years she had worked at the P.E. Island Hospital. There she had met her future husband while he was a chauffeur. She married him in 1921 and lived with her husband's people for a time. Did not "see much of my people after that for they disapproved of my marriage."

Witness continued to work out until a short time ago at anything she could get to do. Mostly housework and office cleaning. Worked to keep house going. Has one child, Mrs. Wilson. Also adopted a boy. Adopted him because he was "deserted." That was eight years ago. Boy now nine years old.

Witness not always able to make a living. Her daughter helped her, also witness's brothers and sister. Her husband's people also "helped a bit". One time lived on City relief. Husband had hard time to hold on to any job for any length of time. He had no steady job in 1944. From latter part of May to Oct. 16, her husband did not work. Then he went to airport where he worked in mess room. Remember July 22 when he was convicted under Prohibition Act.

When first married, witness said they got along "not too bad for a little while." Husband did not drink much when they were married. Began to drink more and more and would stay away for a week at a time. Acted like a "madman" when he was drunk. While working at airport came home under influence of liquor nearly every night. Witness tried to reason with him.

**Alleges Cruel Treatment**

Asked by her counsel what he beat her with, witness said, "With his fist usually. He used his belt on me one time." Continuing, witness said deceased had cut her about the head on one occasion and she often carried marks and bruises on many parts of her body. He had also "almost twisted her arms out of their sockets" for she could not always get away from him. Deceased had punched her in the mouth and had knocked several teeth out. Sometimes, she succeeded in hiding from him. One time she hid in attic, another time under her daughter's bed, and once she ran to her father-in-law's house. Her mother-in-law told her to leave the deceased.

On night of Nov. 13 he had kicked her on leg from behind and had left a bruse as big as the palm of a hand. Had shown bruise to her counsel at the jail on Nov. 15. On morning of Nov. 14, her husband went to work without breakfast. He was "rumsick". Looked all right when he came home that evening but witness knew he had been drinking. When drinking, his eyes got shiny, and he had a fashion of drawing in his lower lip. His limp was more noticeable when he was drinking.

Witness said deceased refused to eat supper that night with the family. An Air Force man came to the door "asking for Bill" and witness told him her husband was not home. Her reason for saying that was she did not want him to go out drinking again. Husband asked her who was at the door. Witness told him and also what she said and the deceased got angry and ran out to try to contact the Air Force man. Could not find him and returned and began to call her "vile names."

**"Threw A Chair"**

Witness was sitting at table when he threw a chair. She straightened up and caught the chair which bruised her arm. He then raised his right arm. There was something in it and witness said "I knew I was going to get it next and I picked up the first thing off the table which came to my hand. I threw it. When it did not fall, I went over to him and pulled it out of his back."

Witness said she then called her daughter down and asked her to go for the doctor. Daughter said she saw no reason to go for a doctor. Deceased was walking in half circle around kitchen and then went into living room and came back in kitchen. Mrs. Pearl White came in and went out. Deceased said he would go to the Hospital himself and "get it fixed up." Deceased went out and daughter, who had gone to phone a doctor, returned. Police officers then came and took witness and daughter to Police Station.

The reason knife was on the table, witness said, was because the deceased had begun to peel potatoes and prepare his own supper after rest of family had eaten and dishes had been cleared away. This had made witness angry. Her husband must have left knife on table when he ran out to try to catch the Air Force man.

Chief of Police had warned her at the Station, witness said, when she began to talk. Then she became nervous and did not say much. The Chief's warning had made her nervous for "Bill was dead and I did not know much about courts."

Asked by her counsel if she had ever hurt her husband's knee by throwing something at him, witness said "Yes".

The incident had occurred on Christmas eve three years ago. Witness had prepared a "table Christmas tree with lights and decorations." Deceased had come home drunk, had picked up tree and thrown it on floor and had smashed the decorations. Angry, she had thrown something at him and had struck him in the knee. Then, she heard he had gone to his father,s place and had done the same thing there.

Witness said she had left her husband once. "For eighteen years I've put up with him."

**Cross Examined**

Cross-examined by the Attorney General, witness said she was always afraid of her husband. Asked if she heard her husband call through the wall to Mrs. White saying that he was bleeding to death and had been stabbed, witness said "No." Mr. Bell objected to the question stating the Attorney General was making an assumption which was not borne out in the evidence as Mrs. White had said nothing of the kind in her evidence. Deceased had something in his right hand when witness threw the knife. Deceased was facing her. Asked to explain how the knife could strike deceased in the back with him facing her, witness said it had struck him "in the side."

## TO-DAY'S EVENTS

**SKATING** AFTERNOON—3-5 NIGHT—8-10

COMBINE PLEASURE AND HEALTH

TO-DAY—YOUR DAY THE FORUM

## *2 Draw Matches Feature Opening Of Bonspiel*

Charlottetown rinks chalked up two close victories over Amherst rinks while the other two matches played with local teams competing against Detroit and Amherst ended in draws as the two day bonspiel opened at the Charlottetown Curling Club last night.

A rink skipped by Rankine McLaine competing against the visiting Detroit Curlers seemed to be headed for victory right up to the last stone, leading by two points and laying in for shot only to have the visiting skip come in and take out the shot and lay for two that squared the match at 8-all.

R.R. Bell's local rink had to come from behind to gain their 9-all draw with M.T. Avard's Amherst rink, coming through with a single on the last end to force the stalemate.

In a see-saw battle G.G. Hughes defeated Dr. O'Brien of Amherst 7-4. It was three-all at the end of the sixth with the winners getting a single and a double on the seventh and then dividing singles on the last two.

W.R. Adams accounted for the other local victory winning 9-7 despite the fact that his rink took only four of the ten ends but they piled up a single, a double and two triples to account for their victory.

The 'spiel continues this morning starting at 10 o'clock and will be in action until late tomorrow night. The visiting rinks will be guests at a banquet in the Winchester Banquet Hall tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

The results:

| Detroit | Ch'town |
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| J. A. Frerari | R. Bevan |
| Dr. J. W. McKenzie | H. Sear |
| W. H. Peck | R. McLaine |
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| **Amherst** | **Ch'town** |
| Col. McLellan | P. Dakin |
| L. M. Coates | F. Hansen |
| C. B. Chapman | N. Anderson |
| N. T. Avard | R. R. Bell |
| Skip 9 | Skip 9 |
| **Ch'town** | **Amherst** |
| A. H. Mould | A. Forbes |
| G. M. Avard | J. W. P. Smith |
| J. A. Fraser | M. Goodwin |
| G. G. Hughes | Dr. O'Brien |
| Skip 7 | Skip 4 |
| **Ch'town** | **Amherst** |
| J. Squarebriggs | B. Porter |
| J. Cerry | G. E. McNeill |
| J. S. Moore | H. A. Webster |
| W. R. Adams | L. W. Fletcher |
| Skip 9 | Skip 7 |

## Red Wings Lead N. Y. Rangers In Delayed Game

Because of the delay in beginning the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings hockey game last night the final results were not available before going to press. However at the end of the second period the score was Rangers, 2 Detroit 5.

## Leaders In Nat. League

**(By The Canadian Press)**

**Standings**—Montreal, won 22, lost 5, drew 2; points 46.

**Points**—Elmer Lach, Montreal, 47.

**Goals**—Maurice Richard, Montreal, 28.

**Assists**—Lach, Montreal, 33.

**Penalties**—Pat Egan, Boston, 50, minutes.

**Shutouts**—Frank McCool, Toronto, 2.

## CHURCHILL HAS—

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Field Marshal Alexander's command—and still more if the whole area of the Mediterranean be included—outnumber three-fold those of the United States."

The Prime Minister's speech opened a two-day all-out debate on the whole world situation. At one point he apparently warned the House not to divide on his policies, declaring:

"I would warn the House that if we are going to tear ourselves asunder over all the feuds and passions of the Balkan countries which our armies have liberated we shall find ourselves incapable of making great settlements after the war."

Discussing Yugoslavia, Mr. Churchill said he had been exchanging personal telegrams with Marshal Stalin "about what is the best thing to do" and asserted "we keep Roosevelt constantly informed."

And in face of appeals for leniency for revolting E.L.A.S. forces in Greece, the Prime Minister warned that whether "it is popular or not we shall not hesitate to rescue these hostages (taken by E.L.A.S.) and punish their slaughter or mistreatment."

He said "the hard lot" had fallen to Britain to play a leading part in the Mediterranean, and warned that "we must take care that all the blame of things going wrong is not thrown on us."

Then he repeated that Britain had only one principle about liberated countries or repentant satellites and that was—"government of the people, by the people, for the people, set up on a basis of free and universal suffrage election with secrecy of the ballot and no intimidation."

His definition of Britain's foreign policy in newly-freed parts of Europe brought cheers from the House.

"To that goal," said Mr. Churchill, "we try to make our way across all the difficulties, obstacles and perils of the long road.

"Trust the people to make sure they have a fair chance to decide their destiny without being terrorized from either quarter or regimented. There is our policy for Yugoslavia and Greece. For that we shall strive and for that alone."

Although maintaining that Britain had "no special interest" in the political regime which prevails in Yugoslavia, the Prime Minister nevertheless listed himself as "the earliest outside supporter of Marshal Tito" and declared:

"I earnestly hope we may prove to be the savior and unifier of his country, as he is undoubtedly at this time its undisputed master."

Mr. Churchill said Foreign Secretary Eden and himself had reached in Moscow an understanding with Marshal Stalin by which "our two countries pursue a joint policy in these regions."

"This agreement," he quickly added, "raised no question of divisions of territory or spheres of interest after the war."

He said this agreement aimed only "at the avoidance during these critical days of friction between the great Allies" and pointed out that Mr. Stalin considered the agreement recently reached between Ivan Subasic, Premier of King Peter's Yugoslavia Government in London, and Tito's Government in Belgrade as, "on the whole, to be wise."

Mr. Churchill said the Yugoslav stalemate between King Peter and the Tito-Subasic faction would have to be decided "in a matter of days."

"If we were so unfortunate as not to be able to obtain the consent of King Peter, the matter would have to go ahead, his assent being presumed," he warned.

The Prime Minister presumably referred to the Tito-Subasic plan for creation of a regency in Yugoslavia, opposed by King Peter.

Mr. Churchill said he understood the King's "point of view" in attempting to avoid complications before a plebiscite on whether Yugoslavia wished to be a monarchy or a republic, but he asserted:

"Scruples must be respected but cannot necessarily in these times indefinitely prevent the march of events."

In Greece, Mr. Churchill said, Britain is guided by a policy of victory against the Germans, and had given support to the "most coherent and substantial government machine that could be found." He said Britain was seeking maintenance of law and order to be followed by a fair plebiscite and election "and then exit at the earliest possible moment."

Taking up contention between the British and American press, Mr. Churchill said never before in his experience had the British Government been "so maligned and its motives so traduced in our own country by important organs of the press and among our own people."

"How can we wonder, still less how can we complain of the attitude of hostile or indifferent papers in the United States," he said, "when we have in this country witnessed such a melancholy exhibition as that provided by some of our time-honored and reponsible journals and others to which such epithets could hardly apply?"

Mr. Churchill said he never was "more sure in mind and conscience" of the motives that lay behind Britain's actions in Greece.

He said the E.L.A.S. were Communist-directed and "were simply taking our arms, lying low, and awaiting the moment when they could seize power and make Greece a Communist State with a totalitarian liquidation of all opponents."

Accusing the E.A.M. and its E.L.A.S. organization of throwing "sand in the wheels of government," Mr. Churchill charged "the Communists in Greece whom he had furnished with arms to fight the Germans and Italians planned to seize power and the Greek state once we withdrew."

Mr. Churchill clearly indicated that he considered Trotskyites rather than Moscow Communists to be responsible, and asserted:

"For three or four days it was a struggle to prevent a hideous massacre in the centre of Athens in which all forms of government would have been swept away and naked triumphant Trotskyism would have been established."

It was only "by the skin of our teeth" and the resolution of a handful of British soldiers that "Athens...and freedom were saved," he declared.

The Greek regent, Archbishop Damaskinos, Mr. Churchill said, had invited "representatives of E.A.M.—or what is left of E. A. M. and of E.L.A.S.—to come and meet him."

Whatever is eventually decided—monarchy or republic—"will be their law as far as we are concerned," he added.

Revealing a split within the E.A.M. and E.L.A.S., Mr. Churchill said that as result of clearance of Athens "various groups had subtracted themselves from E.A.M. leaving only the Communists."

Ever since the departure of the Germans from Greece, he said, "small but well-armed Communist parties had been practising a reign of terror all over the country."

While unable to estimate the number killed or arrested before the revolt broke out in Athens, he said that "when the truth can be told there will be terrible stories to tell."

Describing horrors in parts of Greece, he estimated the E.L.A.S. had executed between 1,200 and 1,500 "mostly with knives or axes." Every day, he quoted a British officer as saying, "parties of 15 to 20 hostages were brought in and murdered and their bodies buried in disused trenches."

While the principle of "no proscription" was accepted by the Greek Government, he said Britain could not allow all Britons taken as hostages to be saved and leave 5,000 to 10,000 Greek men, women and children "to be used as a weapon of blackmail to procure political advantages."

"I give my warning to those I call the 'Elias-ites' in this country and elsewhere—the prisoners are coming home and the truth is coming out," he declared.

## CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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**ENJOYABLE EVENING** — The Legion Ladies Auxiliary were at home to the Navy Auxiliary at the Legion Home last night. The special feature of the program was an interesting address on the "blitz" in England which was given by Column Officer Louis Stewart. The program included vocal solos by Writer Barry Budgen, violin solos by Miss Nan Reay and dancing by Miss Francis Duggan of the C.W.A.C. Refreshments were served to which all members of the Armed Forces who were at the Legion were invited. Mrs. Ira Brown, president of the Navy Auxiliary, expressed the thanks of the Auxiliary for the entertainment and refreshments, Mrs. Arthur Henry presided. Mrs. Norman Lowther poured the coffee and Mrs. Elmer Ritchie the tea. Mrs. Dr. I. E. Croken was in charge of the arrangements.

**Y'S MEN'S CLUB**—The Y's Men held their weekly luncheon meeting at the "Y" with W. A. Rix presiding. Guests of the club included Messrs. Fred Cannon, Edward MacPhail and Stewart Irving; Mr. Jim McCannell the new Y.M.C.A. general secretary was introduced and welcomed by Past President, Roy Cudmore. Captain Carl Burke, the special speaker of the evening, gave a very interesting talk on Trans-Atlantic flying; a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Reuel LePage, seconded by Randolph Manning and passed was tendered the speaker. Jack McNair announced that World Outlook night would be held on Jan. 25. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

## Dominion-Provincial Conference After Next Election

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17 — (CP) — A Dominion-Provincial conference should be held as soon as possible after the next Federal general election, Finance Minister Ilsley said today in an interview

"It is highly important, indeed imperative, that we have agreements with the provinces in many fields," he said.

The next Victory Loan campaign will likely be in the latter part of April, and there will definitely be two Loans during 1945, he said.

## First Boat Train for Paris-Bound Traveller

LONDON, Jan. 14—(CP)—The first boat train to carry Parisbound travellers to a coastal port was due to leave London tonight, but beyond that everything was secret.

Three hundred passengers received secret orders to be at a secret railway station at a secret hour to go to a secret port where a ship would be waiting to take them to a secret French port and thence to Paris.

Did it depart? That's a secret, too.


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