

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Almost everyone in the Island knows our friend Jim Pendergast and that goes for many thousands in the United States, Canada and Yukon. Jim has had a colorful career. He was a good student at Prince of Wales College, later drifting into the Yukon in the days of the gold rush and met all the great characters of that era.

"Our 1945 racing season is over and it was replete with glamor and glory. The class of racing put on by the different promoters has continued to improve year after year. The province is doing more yearly to deserve the sobriquet 'Kentucky of the North' than any other province in the Dominion.

"The increase of tourists during Old Home Week especially, made housing and other accommodations look as if the housing committee of the Exhibition will have to contact and make arrangements for a radius of 20 or 30 miles of Charlottetown for accommodations for tourists.

"There were a couple of jams at the ticket booth last year. That ought to be easily eliminated by making the admission fee come marginally lower. The ticket office for two more windows. Making change is the most annoying part of the whole show had its dull moments because there was no vaudeville or special features like we have at the other shows.

"The space and the lack of inside knowledge will not permit you to truly delineate and excite you on the plumes and grinnings of the 'will to win' at the Old Home Week. It is a hypothetical question which can be cleared as the moment. It is a hypothetical question which can be cleared as the moment.

"Harry O'Brien declares quite surely that the extra weight of a driver is no deterrent. He figures the momentum neutralizes the air resistance. Or accusers that speed is reduced or goes in proportion to the square of the weights of the different parties involved—all other factors being equal. Our mathematicians and physicists may figure it out.

SPORTING NEWS Expansion Of N. H. L. Suggested By Dutton

(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Expansion of the National Hockey League to 10 or 12 teams instead of the present six, was suggested today by President Mervyn (Red) Dutton. He indicated that the material for expansion lay in two live but inactive franchises and applications for new ones.

The two unused franchises are held by the Montreal Maroons and the New York Americans. Dutton declined to say from whom the four new applications came. However, he said that it was necessary for the league to expand to a 10 or 12 team circuit because he was hopeful there would be expansion for the 1946-47 season.

Notice To Players On Legion Team
The following are requested to report at the Forum for Legion hockey practice on Monday, December 17th at 5 p.m. and on each Monday and Wednesday following: Goal, Joe Oudmore, Al Weeks, Herb McIntosh, Roy Hopper, Joe McDonald Jr., J. McDonald, F. Pound, McLaughlin, forwards, L. Blaquiere, Ev Jay, Art Perry, Carver, Dowling, Shepherd, Monteith, Jim MacDonald, H. Jay, Andrew, McRae, Strain, Jim Oudmore, E. Worth, E. McCourt.

Holy Name Bowling
BIG FOUR LEAGUE
Five Aces.....224 216 183
G. Stewart.....175 182 204
L. Callaghan.....202 187 268
R. McCabe.....233 164 344
J. Lawlor.....966 1007 1107
Total—3072.

Over 42 Million Bet at Race Tracks
During the 1945 horse racing season in Canada a total of \$42,192,828 was wagered through the pari-mutuel machines. This was \$15,225,059 more than was wagered in 1944 and the largest amount bet since the record amount of \$45,590,465 in 1929.

Former Race Horse Owner, Driver Dies
WOODSTOCK, N.B., Dec. 14.—(CP)—James W. Gallagher, 79 well known former race horse owner, trainer and driver, died yesterday. In the early days of harness racing he organized numerous meets and was a prominent player swap with no cash involved.

Proof Coil Wins Over Six Rivals
(By The Associated Press) GUILDFORD PARK, England, Dec. 14.—Scoring his fifth consecutive triumph—the last three over the local strip—Vera S. Erag's Proof Coil today again defeated six rivals in the mile and a sixteenth of the Acluchua Purse. The grey four-year-old was timed in 1:46.8-5, which slipped two-fifths of a second from Darby Dimou's recently established track record.



The news that hockey fans have been waiting for was released yesterday afternoon by Manager Charles Archer of the Forum when he stated that on Friday night, Prince of Wales would clash with the Navy team in a pre-season hockey encounter that will usher the local season in.

Both Prince of Wales and Navy have been improving rapidly in every workout. Both squads are gradually being pared down to the level limit but there is still several keen battles being waged for spots on the lineups that are still very much in doubt.

Coach Johnny Squacabrighs had his Prince of Wales team out for another working out yesterday and the players, knowing about the impending game, were striving harder than ever. Composition of the team that will start the season is still very much in doubt but it appears as if the high-scoring Nicolo Blanchard, Robertson line together with the "B" line of Bagall, Beer and Bradley will be two of his attacking units.

There is a merry goal tending duel going on between McArthur and Froude. McArthur, a former jump ahead of the storm, has remained in Mill Creek W. Marshfield all winter and a year earlier in the red foxes as friends of winter at Fortuna on the property of Mr. Townsend. This flock was fed during the winter months by the red foxes as friends of winter at Fortuna on the property of Mr. Townsend.

Questioned about his defence "Snag" stated that five players were still in the running for the spot. He stated that a few of the awful lot of difference between them, the soft-spoken coach stated, but the next couple of practices will likely be the answer.

Coach Roy Froude of the Legion has already started out the week-end with his charges. Several aspirants have been dropped out of the running and it is likely that the answer will be given in the practice session that is being called for Monday night.

"Hag" McInnis, small in size but with as much heart as a horse. Had he trying out for goals and like the others is on the comeback trail. But he is right in the thick of the battle with the other aspirants and if he doesn't make the grade it won't be for the lack of trying.

Your Big Day SKATING SATISFACTION AFTERNOON AND NIGHT THE FORUM

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The wild geese appear to sense when King White's means business and move out to a more favourable climate, sometimes a jump ahead of the storm. There are exceptions to the rule and small flocks of geese have been known to appear in the area as late as May 5 years ago on a flock of 700.

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Professional hockey made its New York debut 20 years ago to-night with more than 19,000 people gathered in attendance at the Montreal Canadiens, one of the National Hockey League's original teams, made the "green" New York crowd reap with their first victory over Americans.

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Appeal Made On Behalf 3rd Bn. North Novas

An appeal for funds which will be of interest to former members of the 3rd Battalion North Nova Scotia Highlanders and their friends has been launched in the "Green" town of the Battalion. The appeal is on behalf of the 3rd Battalion stationed in Varel, Germany, as part of the Canadian Occupation Force.

Major J. W. Douglas of Amherst, who is in charge of the campaign states that, "with the return of so many servicemen we are inclined to forget that there are still many men away from home serving and are likely to be so for some time."

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