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Dr. George Bishop is the new owner of Miss Ireland, bay mare by Tidesman, eligible to the 2.30 pace. Her last start was made at Malone, N. Y., August 24th, 1942, and she was 5-4-4, best time 2.18½.

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Quite a number of colts and fillies are being purchased here by parties from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The latest to leave our fair Isle is a two-year-old named Hilda Hal by Sampson Hal 2.02¾, dam Tramp Across by Tramp Fast, 2.12½, bought from A. B. Cutcliffe, Charlottetown, and a two-year-old colt by Calumet Budlong 2.02¾, dam Miss Dillon, from Al Carver, Pownal. The new owner is Charles Craig, Jr., Halifax. Both these youngsters have license to go fast. The dam of Hilda Hal was, a standard bred and registered mare that showed extremely fast on the ice in the winter of her four-year-old form but met with an accident which injured her hip and prevented her racing.

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Everett Dunphy, Cherry Valley, has had a very pleasant winter racing his recent purchase Noon Time p, 2.09¾, t, 2.10, over the ice on the trot. His toughest opponent was Peter McKinney 2.06¼ and it is interesting to note that these two met in great battles over the turf some ten or more years ago. On September 23rd, 1937, Millie Kalmuck, Noon Time and Star Dillon were the starters in the 2.23 class at Woodstock, N. B. Noon Time won the first two heats with Millie second each trip, then Millie Kalmuck came on and won the next two heats and the race was declared finished. The time was 2.16, 2.12¼, 2.12, 2.17. Noon Time was then owned by Vic Holdsway, Houlton, Maine. Noon Time took his pacing record of 2.09¾ as a three-year-old in 1934 and was switched to the trot as a four-year-old. Parties who have seen him in action say he has improved wonderfully since getting into Mr. Dunphy's hands.

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A Hunter River correspondent informs us that there is a very likely four-year-old out there owned by young Gamester, and after we studied the breeding we are of the same opinion. Here it is:—C. Albert Budlong by Calumet Budlong 2.02¾, dam Louise Colorado 2.16½, by Colorado L. 2.13½ by Colorado E. 3. 2.04¼. Louise Colorado will be remembered as an attractive grey pacer raced by Capt. John L. Read, Borden. Her dam was the very stylish grey mare Mamie P. 2.20, by Parkside 2.21¼, by Clay.

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Mamie P. was one of the most talked of pacers in this province in her time. She raced in 1909-10-11. In one of those years she started at Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Woodstock and several other places and won heats or races in every start. She was a little fussy to get away and that handicapped her considerably, but she had real speed and style and took the eye of the spectators. In 1909 among the top pacers of the Maritimes was the following quartette: Tom Trim 2.21¼ by Parkside, owned by P. S. Brown; Mamie P. 2.20 by Parkside, owned by Reg Sterns, Charlottetown; Queen Marie 2.19¼ by Parkwood, owned by Jack Irving, Cape Traverse; and Ozen D. 2.19, by Brazilian, owned by Gordon Ives, Montague. Each accounted for several races over various Maritime tracks and at the end of the season the owners decided that they had sufficient speed to go to what was then considered the greatest fair in the eastern States—Brockton, Mass.

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Quite a party of sports from Charlottetown, Summerside and Montague accompanied them and the horses went by rail to Halifax, thence by boat to Halifax, the owners and followers taking the more comfortable trip by train. When they got to Brockton they found the fair quite a bit different to those they had raced at or visited in the Maritimes. It was on an enormous scale and the track catered not only to the harness horsemen whose races were staged in the afternoons, but also to the runners and jumpers. The eastern States had hundreds of horses racing and practically every one who had any expectations of success made a bee-line for Brockton in the fall as it was about the wind up meet of the season. In order to work their horses the trainers had to be up around six in the morning as at ten o'clock the runners and jumpers took over and continued until one with their competitions.

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Albert H. Merrill was the starter—but more of him later. Although meeting the best in the land our Island horses made a good showing in every class and each of them was in the money. Ozen D. started in the 2.19 class and it was stepped in 2.16½ over a slow track. The winner had previously taken a record of 2.12. Mamie P. finished in the money both the first and second heats but being a little fussy the third heat the starter said Go without her. Tom Trim had all kinds of speed and would lead the field to the half or three-quarter but could not quite hang on to the finish although he was in the money. Queen Marie also went a great race. She was one of the tough, enduring kind, races of four, five, six or seven heats did not phase her a bit.

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While victory did not perch on the banners of any of the entries yet the "down-easters" as Starter Merrill called them, showed their mettle and had they arrived a week or two earlier and the horses gotten over the effects of the sea trip they would have done much better. Now for Albert H. Merrill. Many of our older readers must remember his flambuoyant advertisements which appeared in the Christmas numbers of the various horse magazines. Photographs of horses that had shown trials of anywhere between 2.02 to 2.10 with their breeding and predictions that they would be among the greatest race horses of all time, was the usual line. Merrill's practice was to keep his eye on young, well-bred horses that raced and did not get too far. He was an excellent judge of style and conformation, also breeding, and he would pick them up reasonably, have their names changed and then give them the works. Last halves in 1.02 were very ordinary and quarters in 30 seconds commonplace.

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We confess to having succumbed to one of these ads, but being a bit leary decided to visit Mr. Merrill's home town, which was near Boston. He happened to be away at the time and there was a more or less disgruntled groom looking after the two inhabitants of the stable. The one I was interested in was a pacer and he had a head like a donkey and a neck you could span with your hands. The price was $1,000. The groom said he had not been out of the stable for two months, so we decided that was enough. Later on we saw where he had been sold to a party in Saskatchewan but we could never find where he made the headlines.

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In justice to Mr. Merritt we may say that two of his advertised bargains did make good and they came to Prince Edward Island. Lois Guy, a beautiful chestnut mare by Guy Axworthy, that was purchased by Layton Rogers, Kensington, that won the 2.35 Trot at Charlottetown, September 24th, 1919, from a field of 14 starters and took a record of 2.18¾. Lois Guy also won other races and there is no doubt that had she been raced over a mile track she would have taken a very fast record. The other mare was Miss Belle Rico 2.16¼ by Manrico B. 3, 2.06¾. She raced exceptionally well, winning many races for her owner-driver, W. B. MacArthur, Kensington.

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John W. Thomas, 79, well known trainer who brought out, raced successfully and gave his record to that great pacer John R. Braden 2.02¾, passed away at Nashville, Tennessee, recently. Don't you remember, boys, when the Maritimes were ringing with the fame of John R. Braden and driver John Willard? Many thousands of dollars were spent by clubs in Fredericton and Maine cities to get a free-for-aller that would head John R. Braden. Roy Grattan 2.01½, Jackson Grattan 2.01½, Chesley H. Searchy 2.06¾, Dan Hedgewood 2.04¼, to mention a few, were tried but found wanting, and we remember how the club at Presque Isle would strike a balance sheet showing John R.'s winnings and have a big annual dinner each fall at which John R. Braden was present. Well, those were great days and gave many of us a lot of pleasure. John R. Braden raced at our Provincial Exhibition several times and set the track record of 2.08¾. It was afterwards progressively lowered to its present notch of 2.05¼ by Bud Wenger 2.05¼.

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A statistician of The Harness Horse has delved into the racing campaigns of the Ontario owned and bred gelding Lastic Grattan 2.04¾ and wonders what his caretaker does with his spare time, as "during the past nine seasons this rugged individual took part in 219 officially reported events and unquestionably participated in others which were never published. These figures make it morally certain that Lastic Grattan averaged at least 25 races each year and after checking up on his earnings we find that the average was $1,347.45 yearly, or $55.37 a race."

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Monday they get away at Santa Anita, California, and we hope the wires will carry the racing news each day, as Canadian and American horses that we are familiar with will be battling it out over the million dollar track.

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Most of us have read that great horse story David Harum, in which the minister outwits the hardened horse trainer by trading him a balky horse. Here is one from The Harness Horse April 3rd issue:—"The writer was talking to Percy Gray and he informed me that he was a son of the late Louis Gray of Swansea, who related this incident. Mr. Gray, the father, was trading horses with a minister of Swansea. After allowing the minister a fair trial with a very nice driving horse the clergyman decided to trade and pay Mr. Gray a fair difference. As Mr. Gray thought the horse he was getting from the minister the better of the two he asked the minister why he was getting rid of the horse. The reverend said he turned the horse out to pasture about every day and that he was very hard to catch, and after you caught him he was not worth a damn!"

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I did not fare so well in my trade with Louis Gray at the Old Glory sale in 1913. I bought a four-year-old trotter by Main Sheet. He was a gigantic individual but sound as a dollar, and Lon MacDonald told me he had trained him up to a mile in 2.17. However, his proportions sort of terrified me and when Louis Gray came along and offered to trade for a standard bred, registered mare that would come into Canada duty free I accepted. We renamed her The Rexall Girl, and although she raced fairly well she was not as good a buy as the gelding.

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By the way, one of her toughest races was at Halifax in the 2.17 trot, Sept., 1913. She was then in the ownership of John MacDonald, Southport. There were ten starters. Cochato Lady (P. Carroll) won the first heat in 2.22¼, Rexall Girl second. Norroway W. (B. Sharen) won the next three heats, with Rexall Girl 2-2-3. The writer substituted for Hammond Kelly as driver after the second heat. Hammond had been driving Moth Miller in the 2.40 pace, the event just before the 2.27 trot. Moth Miller was crowded going away and went down with quite a number of other horses. Mr. Kelly was injured considerably, while Fred Warren, driver of Tommy Cotter, was terribly injured. It was one of the nastiest accidents I have ever witnessed. Norroway W. winner of the 2.27 trot, made history later as when bred to Captain Aubrey 2.07½ she produced Bill Sharen, that took a Maritime trotting record of 2.11¼ and later a Grand Circuit record of 2.04¼ and was sold for the most money ever realized for a Canadian trotter or pacer—$25,000—to Thomas W. Murphy.

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Our horseman friend John A. Cameron, baster, 176 Kent Street, is 82 today, and still hale and hearty. Many will remember when he owned the very fast pacing mare Betsy Cameron 2.29¼ (much faster than her record). Betsy could turn on a dime and get away like a bullet and none could head her over the streets in the winter pastime of the days of old.

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E. Hooper Horne, who so kindly remembered us from Hot Springs, Arkansas, together with Mrs. Horne, leaves that abode of luxury for the Garden of the Gulf by plane today or at latest early next week. We trust that his arthritis is commencing [illegible]

BASKETBALL

Intermediate Saint's and P.W.C. meet in the second game of the series today at 4 p.m. in the P. W. C. auditorium. Saints won the first game 32-21.

Dempsey Is Decorated

NEW YORK, April 12—(AP)—Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion who served in the United States Coast Guard during the war, today received the commendation ribbon of the Secretary of the Navy for "outstanding performance of duty."

Dempsey served as director of the physical training program and later as morale officer of the Coast Guard from June, 1942, until he was retired with the rank of Commander shortly after the end of the war.

Nominations Close April 20

Horse owners intending to nominate horses for the coming Victoria Driving Club stakes are reminded that the closing date is April 20th, Secretary A. B. Cutcliffe announced last night.

Monarchs-St. Mike's Series Shaping Up As One To Be Remembered

When this appears in print, the opening of the 1946 trout season will be only three days away. The majority of angling enthusiasts have their tackle overhauled and all plans made as to where they are going to try their luck, their mode of transportation, who will be going with them, even to what they will take to eat and drink (Shhh). One thing they are not quite sure of, and that is: how many they'll catch. After all thats what makes fishing the fascinating pastime it is.

In every lake, North Lake for instance, in every river, mill pond and tidal pool below each mill lurk big trout. I don't mean 3 1-2 or 4 pounders but monsters of 6 pounds and better. By the law of averages, some of these big trout will be caught every year, and it is every fisherman's dream that he'll be one of Dame Fortune's favourites.

3 pound trout are reasonably common. Most every angler of note has caught a number of that weight, but it is passing strange how few fishermen, including old timers who have 40 years angling and better to their credit who have caught trout actually weighing 4 pounds on any tested scales. When it comes to 5 pounders, the percentage is cut in half and fishermen who have hooked and landed 6 pounders and better (legally) are few and far between. The biggest trout I ever saw after it was caught was the one landed by Lloyd Weeks, City, in April, 1944. This particular trout weighted 6 1-4 pounds, including the 11 large smelts it had eaten shortly before its demise.

I have seen bigger trout in their natural element and as far as I know they are still there. Three years ago, there were two monsters in the hole under the spillway at Ross's Mill, Vernon River. Gordon Ross, the owner of the mill told me about them. He said they were there the year before also. He said to me: "Some morning at daybreak, before I let the water run, lie down on that pile of old slabs and put your face close to the water and look in the deep hole under them". I did just that about a week later and what I saw fairly took my breath away, in fact I didn't feel too comfortable with my face so close to the water. Both were big trout but one was a lot larger than its mate. It was longer than the trout caught by Weeks', looked to be fully 3 feet in length and at least 6 inches across the shoulder.

Its risky attempting to judge the weight of a trout seen in the water but using the Weeks' trout as a yardstick I'll hazard a guess that it was close to 9 pounds. It was quite dark on the back and had a deep mottled brown on the sides. It was a streamlined trout compared to the 6 1-4 pounder I viewed in 1944.

I can almost hear a reader exclaim...there are no such animals as 9 pound trout in this province. Well, here is something for the book. I have this on the authority of J. Frank Sterns, Souris. He told me last summer that years ago he was operating a lobster factory on the north side. One morning, a trout that had been taken from a pool at the head of North Lake the evening before, was brought into the factory cookhouse that weighted 8 pounds with head and entrails removed. Suffice to say that this trout, along with a companion trout almost as large, were not taken with hook and line.

If some angler wishes to have his name carved on the fisherman's Hall of Fame, let him hook and land one of those monsters with a rod, an ordinary trout rod. He'll probably have to use a spinner, buck-tail, mouse, frog, capelin or some such bait for those old sockdolagers pay little attention to a fly. One has to get the bait down to where they lurk in most instances. Sometimes a big blob of worms will do the trick. I note that the anglers who have a name for catching big trout specialize on the over size babies. If the big fellows, I mean the really big trout, were interested in flies, there'd be more of them hooked. Believe it or not.. they are there.

Fishing licenses have at last come from the printers and may be obtained at the different R.C. M.P. detachments or from the P.E.I. Travel Bureau.

There will be no more pheasants imported, not until June in any case. The $2,999.90 due gunners and anglers from the sale of licenses over a period of years, and which wasn't spent, has reverted to the consolidated funds of the Government, and it will require a meeting of the Executive before the money may be released. Thus it was too late to be used in the purchase of 300 birds for release in April and the order was cancelled.

Canada geese are flocking to the province but it is felt that the peak of the flight has been reached. There are thousands of them here. They appear to be more evenly distributed over the province than in former years but there are concentrations of several thousand birds in districts. The Orwell River in Queens county and the Dunk in Prince County are two areas especially favoured by the birds during the spring migration. The geese come back to Orwell in the fall, albeit in greatly reduced numbers, but the Dunk river is practically devoid of geese in the fall. It is the fond hope of all red blooded gunners that the time will come when the fall flight will equal the spring flight. That will be a red letter fall alright, and it cannot come too soon for the most of us.

(By Allen Nickleson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

TORONTO, April 12—(CP)—The feeling this Memorial Cup final between Winnipeg Monarchs and Toronto St. Michael's Majors will be a series to remember gained new strength tonight.

Both teams worked out today on the spacious ice of Maple Leaf Gardens where the best-of-seven series opens tomorrow night and stars of the National Hockey League who watched them nodded in sage agreement that no Canadian junior final has held more pre-series promise.

Monarchs, big and fast, breezed through their workout first. They looked bigger than any bunch of juniors showing here this season.

Then Majors skated out, equally as fast but giving a few pounds here and there to the Winnipeggers.

Coach Walter Monson of Monarchs since coming here, has been quick to express confidence in his team. But he takes deft evasive action against any and all askers who would like to discuss tactics and strategy.

Joe Primeau, Majors coach, who watched most of the Monarch practice from a box seat, had no comment either.

Such National Hockey Leaguers as goalie Turk Broda and winger Bob Davidson, however were quick to say Monarchs had "plenty on the ball" and "knew their way around." From the practice, though, you couldn't tell much about how Monarchs would look under fire.

Baseball

At Dayton, O.:

Cincinnati (N)	000	002	010	3	6	1
Detroit (A)	201	010	00x	4	7	1

Shoun, Gumbert and Lamanno; Newhouser, Bridges, Benton and Richards, Tebbets.

At Boston:

Boston (N)	002	011	100	5	8	1
Boston (A)	202	502	00x	11	13	1

Wright, Singleton, R. Williams, Hutchings, Hendrickson, Reid and Poland, Hofferth; Ferris, Harris, Deutsch and McGah.

At Brooklyn:

New York (A)	000	030	030	6	7	4
Brooklyn (N)	000	050	000	5	4	1

Chandler, Stanceu, Roser and Dickey, Silvestri; Gregg, Casey, Roy and Anderson, Franks.

At Davenport, Ia.: Chicago (A)	000	001	100	2	8	4
Chicago (N)	011	020	61x	11	12	0

Grove, Papish and Dickey; Passeau, Chipman and Livingston, Scheffing.

At Richmond, Va.:
Philadelphia (N) vs. Washington (A) cancelled, rain.

At Kansas City:

St. Louis (N)	200	000	010	02	5	11	0
Kansas City (AA)	100	100	001	00	3	5	1

Dickson, Surkont, Schmidt and Rice, Burmeister; Bianco, Murray and Silvera, Valenzuela.

Hockey's "Old Men" On Way For Finals

HAMILTON, April 12—(CP)—Hamilton Tigers, Eastern Canada senior hockey champions, will leave here Saturday night by rail for Regina—and their Allan Cup championship series against either Calgary or Trail, B. C.

A civic send-off, including a band, will speed hockey's "old men" on their way. Fifteen persons will make the trip, including 12 players, coach George Redding, a trainer and a stick boy.

Stampeders And Hamilton In Cup Final

CALGARY, April 12—(CP)—Calgary Stampeders vanquished Trail Smoke Eaters 4-2 here tonight in the fifth game of a best-of-seven series for the Western Canada senior hockey title and qualified to meet Hamilton Tigers in the Allan Cup finals. The series was on a point basis, two points for a win and one for a tie, and Stampeders picked up three victories and two ties in the five games.

The name "Legionaires" will not fade from the sport pages this spring nor summer by any manner or means according to a sifting of a flow of oratory which pervaded the halls of the Legion Grafton Street "Home" Thursday night. The occasion was a banquet extended the members of the hockey team and guests.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the branch did themselves proud in providing the spread and the appreciation of the boys was best expressed in the business-like way in which they enjoyed themselves and the enthusiasm with which one and all looked forward to another season in the City Hockey League.

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Highlighting an enjoyable affair was the announcement that the local branch would extend its interest in sport, and plans were already afoot to field both a hard ball and softball team. The branch should have a wealth of "diamond" talent and it is safe to assume that the name Legionaires will be as prominent in the summer cycle of sport as it was during the winter months.

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Presiding over the festive board was Don Grant, chairman of the Sports Committee of the Legion and manager of the hockey team. Guests included Phil Palmer, president of the local branch of the Legion and T. B. Rogers, president of the Provincial Command, City Hockey League President Sam Doyle, Gordon Bennett, Jack Trainor, Lem Rush, referees Gordie Drillon and "Had" McInnis.

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The hockey team, manager, and coach Roy Prowse were recipient of congratulations on winning the Maritime Intermediate Championship and the splendid sportsmanship exhibited and which marked the play in the City League games. Youthful Art Perry, captain of the squad, earned himself quite a reputation as an after dinner speaker in his reply on behalf of his teammates.

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This department is in receipt of a communication from Messrs. A. C. Champetre, and Odilon Mireault of Montreal regarding the Dominion of Canada 1946 Amateur Boxing Championships to be held in that city May 6-7-8. Eight classes are on the program and entries close on May 4th. Sponsored by the above mentioned pair and sanctioned by the A. A. U. of Canada the ring event will be staged in the Coliseum.

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The classes and maximum weights for participation include, Flyweight 112 lbs, Bantamweight 118 lbs, Featherweight 126 lbs, Lightweight 135 lbs, Welterweight 147 lbs, Middleweight 160 lbs, Light Heavy 175 lbs, Heavyweight 175 lbs and over. The sponsors along with their letter have enclosed several forms of application. Anyone interested in participating in the events listed may procure an entry from from this office or on application to the office of the Physical Director of Education—Col. W. W. Reid.

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This year's Boston Marathon will have added interest to Island sports followers for competing in the gruelling grind of 26 miles, 385 yards will be John Paul, classy Indian runner who is well known throughout the Maritimes for starry performances he came through with before joining the Canadian Army. Paul leaves for Boston this morning.

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Paul, in training all during the winter months is in top physical condition for the test of stamina and strength and is confident that he can furnish a real battle in competition with the large entry list that will start out from the Boston club house on April 19th in quest of the glory that goes to the winner.

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Winner of the Halifax Modified marathon of 10 miles in 1940 and always a strong contender in this Maritime event Paul isn't any stranger to the Boston event either.

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Back in 1936 when as a mere youngster the Indian boy took part and he displayed on that occasion that he had the requisites to make a real marathoner when he finished 13th. He has reeled off victories at 5 and 10 miles since that time with his overseas service curtailing his program somewhat for the past five years but Paul is back again and Island sports followers in particular and the Maritimes in general will be pulling strongly for him to be right up with the leaders when the finish line hoves in sight sometime during mid-afternoon of the 19th.

Paul's trip has been made possible through generous donations of the sporting public and in conversation with him one gathers that this little runner is only too anxious to earn a place high up among the leaders and thus justify the confidence local sports enthusiasts have in him. He will run under the local Legion colors.

Tennis Trials Scheduled For Next Month To Decide Composition Of Cup Team

(By Doulas Amaron, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

MONTREAL, April 12—(CP)—Canada's leading tennis players, the aces of pre-war years and the stars of tomorrow, will compete in Dominion-wide trials next month for places on the Canadian team which will match strokes with Mexico in Davis Cup play in June.

Details of arrangements for preliminary selection trials in four Canadian centres from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast were announced today. From these preliminaries will come the candidates who will continue into a final selection trial in Ottawa, Toronto or Montreal.

Sites for the preliminary trials, to be completed by May 18, have not been chosen yet, but British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will be grouped in one centre, Ontario and Manitoba in another, Quebec in a third, and the Maritime Provinces in a fourth.

Final trials will be concluded by June 1 and the four players selected for the team will meet Mexico probably June 14, 15 and 16. The Mexican team has been invited to play in Montreal and a reply is expected early next week.

Composition of the Canadian team is difficult to predict and some of the problems confronting the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association's selection committee, headed by F. S. B. Heward of Montreal, are lack of player records due to absence of senior tournaments during the war years, the fact the leading players are dispersed across the country, that several of them have only recently returned from overseas and that with the exception of the Pacific Coast the outdoor season is still several weeks away.

Pre-war stars will have to prove their worth against youngsters who came up through the war years if they hope to be among the four players who will be chosen as Canada's team. The trials may upset all predictions but at the moment husky Phil Pearson of Toronto and Vancouver seems to be the only player who is a sure bet for a place on the team.

Lanky Laird Watt of Montreal, only recently returned home after overseas service with the army, is another favored prospect if he choses to try for the team and veteran Bobby Murray of Montreal must be considered too.

Two other Montreal prospects are Henri Rochon, 22-year-old French-speaking Canadian, and Brendan Macken, another young and up-and-coming player who at present is at college in the United States. Macken, it is understood, will be available for the trials.

Don McDiarmid of Ottawa is a steady, reliable player who was one of the top ranking pre-war Canadians and if he can find his form after a long spell in the R. C. A. F. overseas he too will figure prominently in the trials.

Perform In Mexican Loop

MEXICO CITY, April 12—(AP)—Mickey Owen, star Brooklyn Dodger catcher, has changed his mind again and decided to play in the Mexican Baseball League after all.

Accompanied by his wife and son, he arrived at the airport here late this afternoon and told reporters he had signed a five-year contract to play in the Mexican circuit.

"I'm glad to be here," Owen declared. "And I'm going to stay in Mexico."

Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican League, announced two weeks ago that Owen had agreed to terms as playing-manager for the Torreon Club. Last Tuesday, however, Owen said in San Antonio, Tex., that he had changed his mind and turned down Pasquel's offer, deciding to rejoin the Dodgers.

The average golfer makes as many mistakes starting again to play golf after having been snowed in all winter that this seems to be the ideal time to offer a few hints on how to start the season correctly.

Whether you realize it or not your muscles have become soft after a winter away from golf. I don't care how active you have been at squash or any other indoor sport. The fact remains that golf exercises a different set of muscles and it would be well for you to go slow.

One of the commonest faults of golfing fans is that of not properly preparing. The first warm day they start out to play 18 holes. They feel so good at the end of it that they immediately elect to play 36. The next day they're so stiff and sore they can't pick a handkerchief off the floor without having their joints creak.

What's more, they have started themselves off in a lot of bad habits, faults which will add strokes to their game. They have lost their swing, and gotten out of the groove during the winter, and they have made no effort to make sure they are swinging correctly before they start playing an actual round of golf.

My suggestion to anybody who has had to lay off golf any length of time would be to start out slowly, hitting a few short shots with a No. 8 iron or niblick and gradually working up, day by day. If your progress is satisfactory, you can go through the clubs a little faster.

It is a good idea also to take a couple of lessons from a competent pro at the start of the season. Even if you can't afford to take instructions all season, a few lessons at the outset will do your game a lot of good.

Many people start out in the spring by themselves before they make sure their swing is in the groove and they develop a bad slice. They can't understand why they're not playing as well as they were at the end of the previous season. Then they will wait so long before taking a lesson to get themselves straightened out that the professional has to tear down all they have built up in the way of bad habits and start all over again. If, however, they had taken a little instruction at the start of the season this golfing grief could have been avoided.

As for the actual playing of the game itself, remember that during the early spring the ball will not roll on the fairways or greens because they have been made soft by winter snow and rain. For that reason I would suggest that at this time of year, you always take a long enough club so you won't have to force a shot to attain your objective with the ball on the fly.

It all goes back to what I have said before about the atmosphere being heavier during the spring and fall. Remember that, everything else being equal, you will shoot your lowest scores and your handicap will be lower during July and August when the fairways are hard and fast. During that part of the season each hole is shortened approximately 40 yards by the roll of the ball.

Reviewing my hints for starting the season again: Remember not to play 36 holes just because you feel so good after the first 18. Practice before you play to make sure your swing is in the groove. Take a few lessons from a competent pro. Don't stay out on the practice tee long enough to get blisters on your hands. It might be well to use a glove until your hand is toughened. If you're consistently bothered by blisters on your hand, you should have a competent instructor look your game over because there must be something wrong with your grip.

Many Danish women have "curiosity mirrors" which enable them to look up and down the street from their windows.

FOR SALE

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