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## Island Odds And Ends

It may be mixing baseball and hockey terms a bit but Dr. Charles Dougan, President of the Islanders Hockey Club, should be credited with a double killing in his handling of the Gray-Bonhomme case.

Several thousand Island fans knew that a battle was being waged between the Glace Bay Club and the Islanders for the services of these men, and most of them now know that the Charlottetown Club won the honors and the players.

Only a handful of people know the full story, how the fight was lost and finally won, thanks to the almost lone-handed struggle of Dr. Dougan the Islanders' hockey head.

Rebuffed by the Maritime Hockey Association when Charlottetown claimed the players, Doctor Dougan carried the appeal to Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Convinced that his club had an air-tight case the Doctor was dumfounded when the national body confirmed the original ruling of the M.A.H.A. and voted 13-6 that the two players were the property of Glace Bay. This second setback was apparently the final word, and most of the Doctor's associates on the Islanders Executive were prepared to accept defeat and attempt a trade deal



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with Coach "Bud" Poile for the two men.

Accordingly Coach Leo Lamoreaux talked with Poile a number of times offering to purchase the players, or to arrange a trade. But Poile was as difficult to deal with as the North Korean Armistice delegates, and refused to sell at any price, and to trade only on very one-sided terms. Even so, many people urged Doctor Dougan to accept Poile's terms, and the clamor in favor of such a move rose steadily as the Islanders lost seven games in a row.

Steadily the Islanders' boss refused to entertain Poile's proposals and thought out the next move in the case. Through officials high in Canada's hockey hierarchy he learned that one more appeal to the governing body of Canadian Hockey was possible — this time to the same men who had made the previous decision plus all members of the C.A.H.A. executive.

Puzzled by the first unfavorable ruling the Doctor reasoned that the members of the C.A.H.A. had not given the case careful consideration, had probably taken it for granted that the M.A.H.A.'s original decision was correct, and had rubber stamped the original verdict. This in the Doctor's opinion was the only possible answer to the one-sided rejection of the Islanders' appeal.

Certain that he was on the right track the Doctor made use of the telephone to talk personally to every member on the C.A.H.A. who had voting privileges. His only request was that the officials read the Islanders' written appeal carefully, and then vote as their convictions directed.

Long distance calls to British Columbia to President D. J. Gunston in New Westminster, brought encouragement, and the Doctor covered the whole of Canada between Montreal and the coast before he finished his self-assigned task.

Meantime just about everybody who had the opportunity to do so advised him to call it a day, and look for hockey talent elsewhere. To all such doubters he gave a flat negative frequently adding, "We will have Bonhomme and Gray in a day or two." They didn't believe him, that is, until noon yesterday when the decision was received by wire.

Just as a sidelight — at 3 o'clock last Monday morning Bud Poile called Leo Lamoreaux to say that Glace Bay wanted it known that a deal of any kind for the players was no longer possible. Glace Bay definitely needed the players, said Poile. "Why call me at this hour," asked the Charlottetown coach, "why didn't you wait until this appeal is decided?" Poile replied, "Your appeal is only a joke, it won't get anywhere."

It is not completely accurate to say that Dr. Dougan had no help whatever in his tough struggle; his close personal friend "Johnny" Williams well-known Charlottetown jeweller backed him all the way, and never lost faith in the outcome. The Doctor also gives great credit to the telephone operators, who did a wonderful job in linking him up with the important people he wanted to locate right across the Dominion.

### CANADIAN MASTS

LONDON—(CP)—Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship, the Discovery, is being fitted with masts of spruce supplied by a Canadian lumber firm. Dry rot has weakened the old masts.

### CHANGES PLANNED

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considerable discussion. A motion by Ev Jay, seconded by Jack Anner that the classes be divided where the entries were twelve or more was carried. Another motion by Dr. Preston MacIntyre and seconded by Willard Kelly and carried stated that the breaking down of the class should result from "drawing from a hat."

It was moved by Mr. Catefiffe and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the dates of payments on the futurities be the same as last year, first payment of \$5 March first, second payment of \$10 on July first when horses must be named. The starting fee of \$10 would be paid 20 days prior to the race.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The report of the president follows: "It is with pleasure that we herewith present to the members of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club our report of another year's activities. We believe that to our friends and supporters of colt raising and racing, the year 1951 was our greatest."

"There were 119 horses nominated, 89 paid the second payment, 66 paid the starting fee, and 52 horses faced the Starter, or 50% of the original nominators actually started, a really wonderful showing."

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was not up to expectation the races themselves were exceptionally good. The weather was fine and the track was in perfect condition. Records that stood for years were pushed aside. Royal Bank, a brown stallion by Federal, owned by Frank A. Ryder of Moncton, paced the second mile in 2:19 1/5, the fastest mile ever paced in the Two Year Old Class by a horse owned and bred in the Maritimes. The old Maritime record of 2:20, made at Charlottetown in 1940 by Hilda Budlong and driven by Tyndell Semple, held until now.

"Again in the Three Year Old Pace, Dr. J. A., a smooth pacing bay gelding, by Simcoe Harvester, owned by Dr. J. A. Donahue of Truro, N.S., paced in 2:12 2/5 and lowered the record of 2:13 made at Northam in 1941 by Raymond Bud-

ling and driven that day by Wellington MacNeil. The other classes were all well contested with close finishes and interest continuing to the last heat. I believe that the thirteen starters in the Two Year Old Pace was the largest field ever to take the word at our track.

"A number of members have suggested that we abandon the Four Year Olds for 1952, and that we also hold our races earlier. These will be matters for discussion and to be decided at this meeting."

"Much credit is due Premier J. Walter Jones and his Government for the help and encouragement given the Standard Breds by their annual grant. To them I am sure we are all deeply grateful. I would like also to express our thanks to the P. E. I. Exhibition Association for use of the track free of charge to all the officials who conducted our races without remuneration. To Mr. Joseph P. O'Brien (The Horsemen's Friend) for the beautiful trophy donated to the winner of the Two Year Old Trot. To Mr. W. R. Godfrey for donating the Photo Finish and Public Address system free of charge. The Club also deeply appreciates the interest taken in the Colt Stakes by Col. D. A. MacKinnon, who not only has always been willing to be of service, but even desirous of doing all that was possible to help in the furtherance of the training and racing of colts bred in the Maritimes.

"In conclusion we your Directors wish to express our appreciation of your co-operation and support by your many entries, etc. All of which has done so much to build the Club of which we are proud to be Directors."

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By George Clark

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