



### PERRAULT STOPPED THIS ONE

Bob Perreault (centre) of Toronto Maple Leafs waits in front of net for pass from unidentified team during National Hockey League game against Montreal Canadiens in Toronto. Montreal goalie Butch Bouchard of Canadiens rushes in to help Perreault. Toronto won 2-0.

# SPORTS

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## In This Corner

The following is a P.E.I. sports review of 1955.

### BASEBALL

Baseball had only a moderately successful year on the Island in '55. Summerside withdrew from the baseball picture almost completely and under Johnny Carroll fielded only minor league teams. The Charlottetown Abbie Juniors lasted only two games in Maritime playoffs. In the series for the N.S. - P. E. I. title the Juniors were knocked out in two straight games against the Canning Juniors. Ted Reynolds of Memorial Field. The Charlottetown Intermediate Abbies had a team but had nobody to play and did not compete in inter-province competition. Even the minors Island leagues didn't come to a successful conclusion. After the Summerside and Charlottetown minor teams had won one game in the final series Summerside teams were forced to withdraw and no titles were decided. The most successful league in operation was the City League in Charlottetown. A three-team league comprised of the Stars, Dodgers and Flyers played a full schedule of games and the Dodgers went on to win the semi-final series from the Stars and the finals from the Flyers with Paul Jay pitching and winning a doubleheader to clinch the championship.

### FOOTBALL

Rugby prospects looked anything but bright when the season opened. But through the efforts of Dr. Frank Jelks an N.S. - P. E. I. senior league was formed. After losing the first game in league play the Charlottetown Nomads ran through the remaining league games like a house on fire and captured the title with an 11-2 victory over New Glasgow. Advancing into the McCurdy Cup playoffs the Nomads hammered out a 15-0 decision over Acadia Hatchedmen and then the intercollegiate title, the senior championship and the McCurdy Cup when they edged the Acadia Axemen on St. Dunstan's field 3-0 in a bitterly contested game. S. D. U. came close in its quest for the intercollegiate title but lost out to the Axemen on a points scored basis.

### SOFTBALL

Softball had a big year. In Charlottetown a 6-team city league was in operation and four of the teams, Sunshine Island Dairy, B. Y. C. Abbies and Barry's Lions made the playoffs while the Navy and Keeffe Drug failed to qualify. The Dairy and the Lions met in the finals with the Dairywomen winning the best of seven series four games to two. The Dairy then met the Summerside Air Force for the Island title and after a hard-fought series the Dairy advanced to the N. B. P. E. I. playoffs when they defeated the Airmen four games to two. The Dairy won the first game of the N. B. P. E. I. finals from the Salisbury Flyers 6-2 but lost the remaining two games played at Salisbury in the best-of-three series. Big Henry Hartinger led all pitchers in the Charlottetown City League with a 15-0 record and Ralph Pineau of B. Y. C. and Len Arsenault of the Dairy won home run honors. (Continued on page 10)

### Springfield Nips Cavendish 7-5

Springfield defeated Cavendish 7-5 in the second game of the Farmers' League played at Kensington rink last night in a fast, rugged game in which Aeneas McEntee suffered a broken nose as a result of a flying puck in the second period in which the Royals also tallied one. Elsworth Main collected three of Springfield's goals while Ewen Sinclair notched two. Singles were tallied by Aeneas McEntee and Eric Sinclair. Singles for Cavendish were scored by Vernon Simpson, Norman Simpson, R. Houston, Jim MacKenzie and Merrill Simpson.

### Eagles-Royals Play To Draw

Schurman's Eagles battled Free-town Royals to a 6-6 tie in Bedeque rink last evening. Leading 2-1 at the end of the first period the Eagles picked up one more in the second period in which the Royals also tallied one. Four goals in the third period by the Royals however evened off the score when the Eagles managed to collect only three, which gave them a 6-5 lead until the tying goal scored late in the game by Clayton Mills on an assist by D. Roberts, sent the Free-town team into a 6-6 tie to end the game.

## 4 IN Overtime Flyers Defeat S'side Aces 6-2

The Parkdale Flyers struck for 4 goals in the 10-minute overtime period in Civic Stadium in Summerside before a large crowd last night to defeat the hometown Aces by the score of 6-2. The regular periods were close with little to choose between the teams but the visitors dominated the overtime session scoring 4 times without a reply and Glen Gamble in the Aces goal made some sensational saves to keep the score from soaring higher. Buddy Clark was particularly effective in overtime getting 2 of the 4 counters scored. The game was clean throughout with few penalties and these for minor offenses. SUMMARY: FIRST PERIOD: 1. Aces E. Dalton 8:03; 2. Parkdale, A. Carver 15:12. Penalties: Grady. SECOND PERIOD: 3. Parkdale Hill 3:00. Penalties: MacArthur, Jossey. THIRD PERIOD: 4. Aces Gallant (Taylor) 2:28. Penalties: J. MacLeod, S. Bernard, Reeves, Jossey, Taylor. OVERTIME: 5. Parkdale, J. MacLeod (Hurry, Dunn) 2:25; 6. Parkdale Clark (S. Carver) 3:35; 7. Parkdale, Clark (A. Carver) 3:57; 8. Parkdale Hurry (Dunn) 9:05. Penalties: K. Ready, MacArthur. Referees: Gordie Kelly, Brian MacCallum.

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### ATTENTION RCN(R) OFFICERS

All Officers will report on board H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte at 1245 Monday, 2 January 1956.

DRESS NO. 5.

Dress for attendance New Year Ball—No. 7 A's optional. No. 5 wing collar.

J. N. KENNY, Lt.-Cmdr., RCN(M) Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

Tonight the old man with the scythe, without a backward glance, will trudge wearily down the steep incline from whence there is no return. The little cherub, with the saucy around his roly poly waist and bright new bow, will move up and take over for 1956. The passage of time is something we poor humans are powerless to halt or slow down so—"The Year is dying in the night, ring out wild bells and let him die..." we have no other choice.

New Year's Eve is the signal for an attack of acute nostalgia. Old memories come flooding back. Sometimes past hunts and trouting ventures take priority. At others, when I delve too deeply into the past, faces of First World War buddies pass in review. Some, dimmed by shadowy mists of a distant era, are faces of those whose names I no longer remember. Others, mainly Characters of the First Water, stand out as clearly in my mind's eye as they did 40 odd years ago. Lieutenant Blasy, Lattimer, Warry London, Bea Smith, Avery Sprague, Pickles, McCallister, Dunn, Bird, Bridgett...

OTHER DAYS

Lattimer and Blasy were Cockneys—born within sound of The Bow. Blasy—blessed with tenor voice as sweet they brought tears to my eyes when they blended in singing the old familiar songs. Blasy was a watery eyed wisp of a man who seemed to materialize from nowhere when the shelling got hot. He always felt safe while he was under my wing. As he said to me once in all seriousness: "Heinle hasn't got your number Jenkie—you'll come through." We both came through as also did Lattimer, and I often wonder where they are now. Lattimer was a top comedian and a seafaring man who had visited every port in the world.

All of those named had certain characteristics that set them apart from the ordinary run of men. Bill Lattimer was a dare devil Irishman who enlisted in Saint John, N.B. He was born an adventurer. He came through the war to die in a running gun fight with the Texas Rangers during a smuggling episode on the Rio Grande. "Wafly London, as the nick name implies, was a bow-legged little fellow with an acid tongue. One couldn't talk with him a half hour without having a stitch in the side from laughing. B.R. Dunn, from Gagetown, N.B., was a born duck hunter who knew the Grand Lake meadows, Upper and Lower Timber Lakes and the Bull Pasture Plains like he did the back of his hand. Before I left the Field Artillery—18 pounders—in 1917 and transferred to the 8th Selge, a P.E.I. unit, I had had a account of every black duck he ever shot or missed. According to his story he didn't miss very many. R was ditto with me. I have lost track of B.R. over the years but I imagine he's still shooting ducks somewhere. We had one shoot together after the war on De Veber's marsh near Gagetown. The contest ended in a tie. We each got our limit of blacks. It was a nip and tuck battle but contrary to our bragging in France and Belgium we each missed more ducks than we ever did in our lives before.

ANOTHER YEAR

The 1955 hunting season is now past history. The Goddess of the Hunt favoured me with a smile last season. I never spent less hours afield or bagged more birds for the time spent. I let the ducks down easy—two blacks and a Rig-necked duck on the opening morning. It was my only straight into my goose shooting hands. I had my platter last season. A young and tender gosling thumbed the Volkswagen to a stop on the Klondyke Road on the opening morning and in the early AM of December four pumps, hog fat and Canada's literally new straight into my arms. Maybe right up to the muzzle of the Winchester would be more appropriate.

I worked hard for the Huns I bagged. My best hunting was on singles kicked up out of the rough. I always was hot on snipe zigzagging through the tips of an alder tangle and single Huns that zoomed through spruce or mixed growth thickets at tree top level had about a 3 to 1 chance of making a get-away. My luck on pheasants held all through the season. I really hung the Indian on them in fifty-five. General by an old cock pheasant, he did

## Prince Co. Sport Echoes

### A Bard's-Eye-View Of The 1955 Sport Scene

THE BALLAD OF 1955

Now that our year has come full circle, We fondly hope this master work'll please you, although no doubt soon we'll Disparage the sentiments expressed so fine herewith; It gives us solace, at least, to know Poetic souls will read, and glow The guy who doesn't is just a schmo

With only the minimum quota of brains to jeer with.

First highlight after the last New Year, we saw Schurman's Aces defeat O'Leary.

Just when their prospects looked quite dreary, They had the gimpe to come off the floor and win. Then Montague Primroses had them down Right there in the little King's County town, But they clawed their way to the Island crown; McInnis heard them knockin', but said, "you can't come in."

Then our heroes took off for St. Bevil, Anxious to further test their skill, But the train trip must have made them ill.

For the enemy split them worse than our split infinitive up a way, They struck our boys with the hammer of Thor, To borrow a classical metaphor, And the most uncivil sort of strife, on-lookers say.

In the baseball realm we drew a

### Dutchmen To Play Three Game Pre-Olympic Series

LONDON (CP) — Arrangements are being made for Kitchener Waterloos Dutchmen to play a three-game warmup series in Europe before defending Canada's Olympic hockey crown at Cortina, Italy.

J. (Bunny) Hearne, European president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, said Friday tentative plans have been made for the Canadians to play one game in Scotland and two in Czechoslovakia in mid-January.

"I am waiting for word from George Dudley of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association before completing arrangements," he said.

The veteran British hockey official said the CAHA president had asked him earlier this week to see if arrangements could be made for a few exhibition games.

Present plans call for the Dutchmen to play a game at Paisley, Scotland Jan. 16 and then to fly to Prague for games against top-flight Czech teams Jan. 18 and 19.

OPPONENTS UNKNOWN

Hearne said it is "too early" to announce names of the teams that will oppose the Canadians.

He also said there is little chance of the Canadians playing a post-Olympic exhibition series in Europe.

"I understand they plan to fly straight back to Canada," he said.

### Doug Harvey Out

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens announced Friday that defenceman Doug Harvey will be sidelined about two weeks because of a broken bone in his right hand.

Canadiens have called up Bob Turner from the Shawinigan Falls Cataracts of the Quebec Hockey League for Saturday night's National Hockey League game here against Chicago Black Hawks.

### Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Georges Verina, one of hockey's greatest goaltenders, played his first professional game with Montreal Canadiens 45 years ago today.

### Ramblers Snap Moncton Streak

AMHERST (CP) — Amherst Ramblers snapped a Moncton Hawks winning streak for the second time in two weeks Friday night with a 7-3 Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League victory.

Ramblers' Pierre Brillant, the league's top goal-getter, netted three markers. Shermine White added two more while singletons went to Pat Powers and Copper Leyte.

Wild Bill Sinaett paced the Hawks with a goal and two assists. Teammates Ray Leduc and Ray Lacroix also added single markers.

Nick Pidsodny stopped 45 passes on the Moncton net, 28 more than Paul Leclerc.

Summary:—

First period: 1. Amherst, Brillant (Schmidt) 9:06; 2. Amherst, Powers (Schmidt, White) 10:32; 3. Moncton, Leduc (Sinnett) 15:21; 4. Amherst, Brillant (White, Powers) 16:04; 5. Moncton, Sinaett 19:27.

Penalties: None.

Second period: 6. Amherst, Leyte (White) 7:52; 7. Amherst, Brillant (White, Schmidt) 19:12; 8. Moncton, Sinaett 1:27; 9. 10. Reid 9:10; Hirschfeld 10:38, 17:03.

Third period: 8. Amherst, White (Schmidt, Brillant) 4:19; 9. Amherst, White (Brillant) 9:04; 10. Moncton, Lacroix (Sinnett, Houle) 14:41.

Penalty: Powers 18:16.

Stops: Pidsodny 20 16 9-45; Leclerc 5 6 6-17.

### Curling Team Receives Gifts

Members of the curling team which represented the Island at the Dominion Bonsel held at Saskatoon last spring received a nice memento of their visit yesterday.

The team members, Dr. Wendell MacDonald, John Squarebriggs, Elmer MacDonald and Andy Likely, each received a beautifully illustrated history of Saskatchewan compiled for distribution by the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee which was celebrated this year.

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## Sports Poll Suggests Football Commissioner

By JACK SULLIVAN Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian professional football should hire a commissioner to handle its affairs. And the man selected must be given authority to act without interference from individuals or clubs.

That is the opinion of more than 100 sports editors and sportscasters who participated in the 21st annual Canadian Press year-end sports poll. The result, announced tonight, showed only one dissenter—Ted Reynolds of radio station CJVI Victoria—who said "I don't really care" whether a commissioner is needed or not.

The sports experts stressed that the Big Four and Western inter-provincial football unions are sadly in need of a commissioner to bring about uniformity of rules and regulations between east and west, to make peace with the National Football League of the U. S. on the question of imports, and to conduct big-league affairs in big-league fashion.

HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Big Four and WIFU will get together at a joint session for the first time in history at Winnipeg Jan. 19. It is expected they will discuss the subject of a commissioner.

Here's what many voters had to say on the subject on the almost-said "yes" vote:

"It's time they (the Big Four and WIFU) grew up and operated on a system"—Jack Koffman, Ottawa Citizen.

"It would bring order out of impending chaos"—Wes McKnight, radio station CFRB, Toronto.

"Get both leagues under one direction, one set of regulations"—Scotty Melville, Regina Leader-Post.

ONE STRONG VOICE

"Remove the stigma of club politics from decisions that should be made on a league basis"—Carl Fletcher, Kirkland Lake Northern Daily News.

"Pro football appears to have outgrown the Canadian Rugby Union and it seems to require a governing body of its own beyond the CRU"—Gunn McKenzie, Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

"The game needs one strong voice"—Bobby Hewitson, Toronto Telegram.

"Growth of Canadian football demands it"—Jim Reid, Brandon Sun.

"Canadian football needs direction, discipline and leadership"—Joe Marks, radio station CPAC, Calgary.

AVOID BANKRUPTCY

"Unify and control the game on a national basis"—Al Cottrell, Vancouver Province.

"It would bring uniformity between east and west and keep Canadian clubs from bankrupting themselves"—Milt Dunnell, Toronto Star.

"Its absurd to have two top leagues operating on one country and deciding a national championship without proper liaison"—Vince Lunny, Montreal Herald.

"Somebody has got to be boss in both east and west"—Don Pilling, Westbridge Herald.

## Five Games Scheduled In Island League Next Week

Starting Monday the Island Senior "B" Hockey League will be facing a busy week.

Monday night at Summerside the classy Basilea Youth Club will hit for the Western Capital to take on the Aces for the second time this year.

The B. Y. C., who are presently tied with the Montague Primroses for the league lead, suffered one of their two defeats at the hands of the Aces in their initial meeting in Charlottetown. In that game the B. Y. C. blew a first period lead and with Paul Schurman showing the way the Aces came on to win 7-6.

However since then the B. Y. C. is a much improved squad and showed a lot of flashy team play when they blasted the Montague Primroses 10-2 at the Arena Thursday.

Tuesday night it is back to the Sports Arena for the third meeting of the season for the Primroses and the Parkdale Flyers. In the two previous games the Primroses humbled the Flyers 7-6 and 9-5.

Wednesday is an off night but the league swings into action again on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Thursday the Aces will be coming to the Arena to take on the B. Y. C.; on Friday it will be Montague at Summerside and on Saturday the first game of the year will be played in Montague when Parkdale travels there to meet the Primroses.

## Curling Draw Ch'town Club

The following is the curling schedule for Monday night at the Charlottetown Club:—

The third round of the Rendezvous Trophy play will start at 6:45 p.m.

Ice 1—E. MacInnis vs. C. MacDonald.

Ice 2—F. Hansen vs. D. Saunders

Ice 3—Doug Hill vs. D. Cameron

Ice 4—Dr. Giddings vs. W. R. MacNeill.

8:45 P.M.:

Ice 1—F. Acorn vs. Wen MacLaine

Ice 2—Dr. Prowse vs. H. Atkinson

Ice 3—Dr. MacDonald vs. J. S. MacDonald

Ice 4—W. H. Worth vs. J. E. Burden

Any games in the 8:45 draw could be played by agreement between the members of the teams, during the afternoon.

## Monday's Minor Hockey Program

11:00-11:30 — Pee Wees — W. K.S. Monarchs vs P.S.S. Hornets

11:30-12:00 — Pee Wees — Q. S.S. Rangers vs PSS Spitfires

12:00-12:30 — Pee Wees — Q. S.S. Canadians vs W.D.S. Model, Southport Rockets

12:30-1:00 — Pee Wees — W. K.S. Tigers vs Unit No. 1 Springers vs Royals.

6:00-7:00 — Juveniles — Abbies vs Royals.

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Charlottetown Driving Park & Provincial Exhibition will be held in the office of the Association, Great George Street, on Wednesday, January 11, 1956, at 2 p.m.

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