

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Canadians Are Red Hot

MONTREAL Canadians have surely given their fans a right most Christmas present. Starting last Wednesday night in Montreal where they crushed Toronto Maple Leafs 7-3, the Habs ran up a streak of three impressive wins that have carried them to within four points of the venerable Chicago Black Hawks. And at that, the Canadians have one big game in hand.

THERE surely must be loads of red faces these days. There weren't too many prophets around earlier this season predicting big things for the men of Tom Blain, but they were some who boldly called for the Habs to miss out on the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Not right about this time, you must begin to take this Montreal club seriously. They have been getting inspired leadership from big Jean Beliveau, the fellow who seriously considered retiring this season.

Saturday last they fell behind Chicago Black Hawks 2-3 in Montreal but roared back in terrific fashion to edge the league leaders 3-2. Then to celebrate their first victory of the season over Billy Rea's lads, the Habs went to Detroit and crushed the home club 6-1. In their last two meetings in Detroit, Canadians have outscored Gordie Howe and company 13-3.

AND as the Canucks head into the close of 1963 in excellent shape, they are threatening to displace Chicago as league leaders and are showing all the experts that they have a mighty smart team. Their antics should surely give their most ardent followers a real Merry Christmas. They are surely driving Chicago into a frenzy by upsetting them Christmas night in the Windy City. If that should come about, then this first place rung of the ladder would really be up for grabs.

## A Merry Christmas

AGAIN it's Christmas Eve and young and old join in celebration of this great festival for the smallest and meanness that creeps into life the rest of the year.

## Minor Hockey Talk

TAN Doherty and his minor hockey band are happy about their past Saturday night project, midweek-juvenile hockey.

The Saturday evening team started away with a game between Citizens and Councilors and nearly 200 persons watched a pretty fair bit of entertainment.

In view of the outlook of hockey last Saturday, Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association shouldn't encounter any trouble making it turn out.

Next weekend the association has another big game on tap with the Liberals clashing with the Conservatives. Naturally the conservative is looking forward to an increase in attendance.

Doherty and his group are mighty pleased the way things are going in minor league circles. Players are showing better interest than ever in their parents and friends are turning out in much larger numbers.

The Charlottetown Pee Wee tournament on Friday and Saturday was participated in by a Pee Wee team on Friday and Saturday, December 27 and 28. Other teams taking part are from Halifax, Wolfville, Kentville.

The Pee Wee division commander, Louis Butler, has selected Brian Lewis to handle the Charlottetown outfit. The team will be known as The Charlottetown.

The boys have been having strenuous workouts in preparation for the big tournament. Both Lou and Brian have left no stone unturned in their effort to come up with the best possible squad. The lads play one game on Friday and two on Saturday.

Coach Lewis feels confident that he has a real powerhouse and has high hopes of finishing at the top of the heap.

Best of luck, lads.

## Bowler Rolls Perfect Game

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OTTAWA (CP)—Ron Stewart, 28-year-old halfback of the Ottawa Rough Riders, went into the election game Monday as executive assistant to Nelson Castonguay, the new representation commissioner.

In an interview with Mr. Castonguay announced the appointment, Mr. Stewart said he isn't planning to quit football.

"Mr. Castonguay, who still is Canada's chief electoral officer, said 'it's up to Ron' to decide whether he will try to continue both football and his new job at the same time.

"I haven't really planned on quitting football," Stewart said. "If it gets to the point where I can't do both, I suppose I'll have to retire gracefully."

He said he knows little about election procedures but "I'm sure I'll get my fill of it in the next few weeks."

Legislation passed late in the parliamentary session established the \$25,000-a-year post of representation commissioner to co-ordinate the work of redefining the boundaries of federal constituencies. Mr. Castonguay was named the first commissioner.

The plan—not yet approved by Parliament—is to set up provincial commissions, with Castonguay serving on each of the 10 commissions. He said he

expects to spend much of his time travelling to meetings of a pop song, but it's no soothing refrain for British golfers long out of the boxy stage.

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# Winning Athletes Hope For Big Splash in Europe

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WINNIPEG (CP)—A group of Winnipeg athletes whose sport is played in relative obscurity in Canada hope to make a big splash in Europe next summer. Twenty-two members of the Manitoba Water Polo League are making up two teams intended for a trip to Britain, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and France next year.

They plan to leave Aug. 1 and have lined up matches with the Harford team in London, Oxford University and Blackpool during the English portion.

In Holland they'll compete against teams in Leyden and The Hague and will play in Copenhagen, Denmark, Malmo, Sweden; Hannover, Germany, and Paris.

"These are the only places we're sure of," says league president Guy Simmons. "There will probably be other matches as well."

The journey will be a nostalgic one. Simmons, who came to Canada from Leyden where he played water polo, says most of the stops are hometowns of members of the touring team.

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## TO-DAY AT THE FORUM

TUESDAY—7:00-10:00 a.m. (10:00-11:00 a.m.—Prince Street School) 11:15-12:15—P.W.C. Closed Down



To All-Christmas Blessings

## SUNSHINE ISLAND DAIRY

Longworth Ave. Charlottetown.

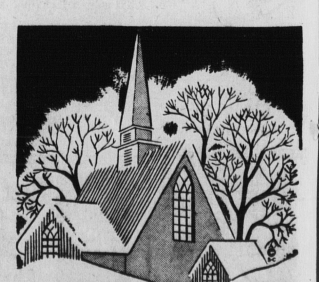


Greetings of the Season

Merriest holiday wishes to you, friends and neighbors, and a full measure of the best things in life for now and always.

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## Turkey Is Won By Local Man

It was announced last night that the Hampshire Hockey Club that the winner of their turkey draw was Kevin MacArthur of 245 Queen Street, Charlottetown.

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Casual Bowling all day and Evening

## —Also— DANCE

There will be casual bowling each evening till league bowling resumes.

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