



**Q. C. H. S. RUGBY SQUAD**

The Queen Charlotte High School rugby team has lost only one of three games so far this year. They meet Q.S.S. at the high school field this afternoon. Front row (l-r): Dick Matheson, Ray MacLean, Ralph Russell (capt.), Charlie Murphy, Billy MacMillan. Second row (l-r): George Phillips, Doug Reid, Alan Bowness, Keir Johnstone, Roger MacDonald. Back row (l-r): Alan Brady, Billy MacKenna, Moe Wood, Elmer Martin, Frank Dow, Bill MacCallum, Gordon Giddings. *Guardian Photo*

**HUNTERS' CORNER**

**The Raven Is A Marauder**

The economic status of any predatory bird or animal is governed mainly by its numbers. The raven is a powerful bird, a first cousin of the crow, but unlike the crow it can swoop and dive bomb on a par with the hawks, owls and falcons. 30 or 40 years ago the economic status of the raven in this province was all as I am very doubtful if the raven population exceeded three or four pairs. Today, as a conservative estimate, I place the raven population in this province in excess of 500 pairs. I know of some school districts that harbour as high as 10 ravens and I do not know of one, barring an urban district, that does not support at least one pair. At present we have 479 School districts including the urban centers. A rough estimate places the rural districts at 450. It could be that we have with us this fall approximately two thousand ravens. It is not unusual to see concentrations of ravens numbering between 80 and 100. Recently I been outdoor observer residing at Brackley reported 100 ravens frequenting the district for a month.

**CROWS BLAMED**

Farmers have been complaining for some years about losses caused by ravens. At first crows were blamed for pecking out the eyes and destroying new born lambs. Now such acts are charged to the real culprits. This spring a farmer in eastern Kings lost 5 lambs that were born in the pasture. Another farmer on the Souris Line Road had two crippled lambs. They were able to forage for themselves, although their underplanning was deformed and they were not active in their movements. They were attacked by ravens and when the farmer found them both were lying on their sides with the eye and flesh on one side of the head pecked away. Both were still living and had to be destroyed immediately.

Another farmer in the Southport district had a quarter grown gosling killed by what he first thought to be a crow. This particular raven made the mistake of raiding the Southport farmer the man who swings a mean Ithica. We have shot together and the Winchester and Ithica 12 gauges have pretty been competition. A long shot broke the raven's wing and dropped him back in the pen when he attempted a get-away. The black rascal blamed the old gander for his mishap and was chasing him all around the pen when the farmer hurried to his rescue. "He had a beak as hard as a pick axe" was the farmer's comment.

**DEPLETE HUNS**

I could go on for pages recounting the farmers' losses but wish to draw the attention of sportsmen for a moment to the effect ravens have had on our Hun and pheasant population during the past severe winter. From what I can gather I feel confident in asserting that ravens were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Huns and pheasants last winter. I feel the loss could safely be enumerated in the thousands.

I have information from the farmers themselves that three coveys of Huns were decimated and a fourth covey of nine wiped out completely by ravens at East Point, Albion Cross, New London and Queens Point near Grand Tracadie. Another farmer at Cove head told me ravens kept continually after a flock of pheasants he was feeding around his buildings and two hens disappeared. He admitted he didn't actually see the ravens killing the pheasants. He located the remains and feathers scattered over the snowy fields with ravens executing aerial survey over-head. He informed me the pheasants were well fed by him and had no cause to die from lack of food.

**BLACK THUNDERBOLT**

The farmer at New London who fed a covey of nine Huns was watching the birds as they pecked in a huddle on a bare patch of ground behind the barn. Suddenly a raven dropped like a black thunderbolt from the blue and pinned a Hun to the ground in nothing flat. They eventually wiped out the whole covey. There was nothing much the farmer could do about it as they were too tame to allow him to get into action with a shotgun.

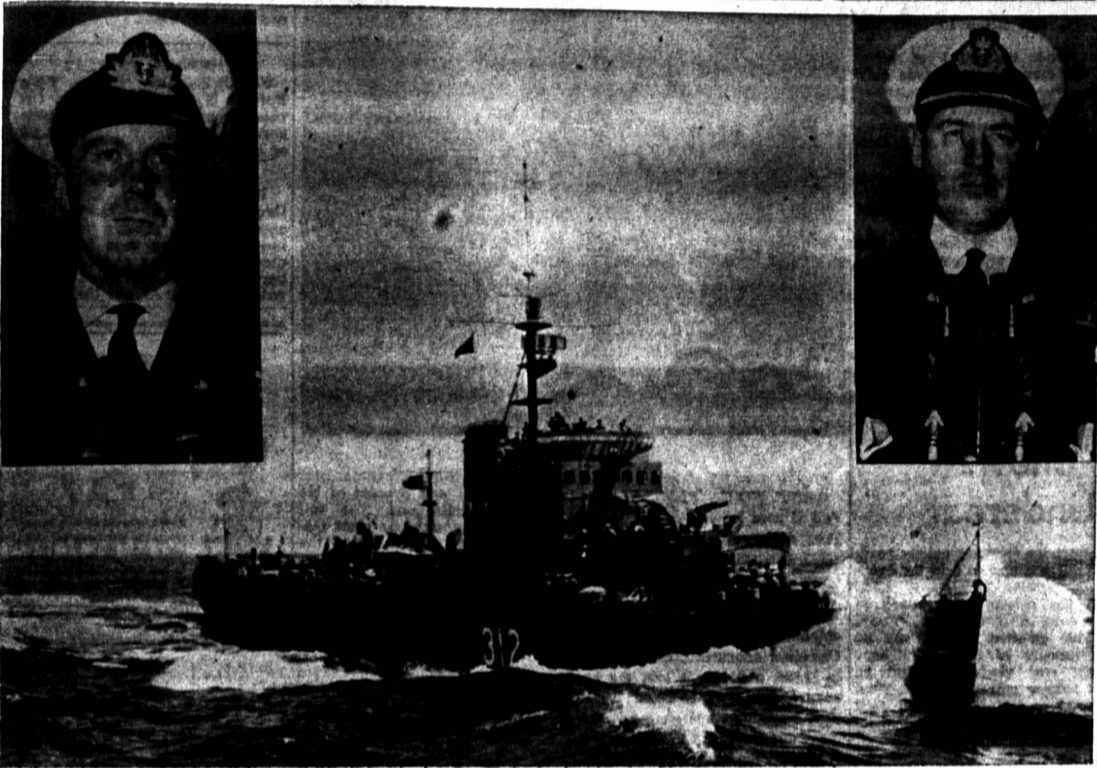
I have information that rabbits were killed by ravens and also know two snow plough operators who saved a mink from a pair who had it trapped in a long deep cutting at Millview. The animal was pretty groggy and had to make several attempts to climb out. They had to drive the ravens off as the mink made its way to the shelter of a spruce thicket. They even entered the spruce after it. It was a female mink from the description. The



**QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL RUGGERS**

This is Queen Square School's unbeaten, untied and unscored upon rugby squad which meets a big test this afternoon when they take on Queen Charlotte High School in the first game of the best-of-three series for city championship and the right to meet either Al-berton or Summerside for the Island title. Front row (l-r): Barry Costello, Ray Malone, Harry Callaghan, Frank Bardley (capt.), Leonard Bagnall, Vince Mulligan, Knucker Richard. Back row (l-r): Fred Driscoll (coach), Brian Morris, Wayne Mac Donald, Eugene Hayes, Dave MacMillan, George Chandler, Leonard

Stull, Joe Arsenault, Ronnie MacDougal, Bert MacWade (manager). Holding the ball in front is the team mascot Mike Duffy. *Guardian Photo*



**R. C. N. FRIGATES VISIT P. E. I.**

Two frigates of the Royal Canadian Navy's Seventh Escort Squadron, HMCS Lanark and HMCS Fort Erie, (Pennants 312), will visit Charlottetown November 3 to November 5. The ships have been carrying out anti-submarine exercises with the submarine HMS Astute for the past week. Above, left, Commander W. M. Kidd, commander of the Seventh Escort Squadron and commanding officer of HMCS Lanark and Commander W. W. Maccol, commanding officer of HMCS Fort Erie, also show above. *(RCN Photo)*

**Thunderbolt Descends Upon Britain's 5,000 Bookmakers**

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (CP)—Out of a clear sky, flawed only by the last farewells of unlucky horseplayers jumping of bridges, a thunderbolt has descended on Britain's 5,000 bookmakers. Some people want to nationalize them! That would be just about the effect of a proposal now before turf chiefs. Fed up with losing money, racehorse owners want the bookies to pass a little in the pot. They suggest that all bets made at the track should be channelled through the "tote," or pari-mutuel machine. The bookies would be limited to a "fair and proper" commission, instead of getting all the gravy. **BOOKIES' SCORNFUL** The reaction was speedy. Before you could holler "3-1 the field," a spokesman for one big bookmaker summed it up: "As far as we're concerned, the whole thing is ridiculous." The bookies argue, briefly, that they have been a part of the British racing picture since time immemorial; that owners in France having abolished bookies, now want them back to get a better price on horses they may be

grooming for a killing; and anyway the average man wouldn't be happy without bookies. "The proposal by the owners was made at a meeting of about a dozen people," a leading bookmaker told a reporter. "The bulk of the owners aren't in favor of it at all." Whatever happens, it's a sure thing bookies won't be easily tamed. It is probably true that most racegoers are sentimental about the men with the hard hats and the big cigars, and want to keep them around as a colorful and indispensable part of the racing atmosphere. But there is a growing feeling that bookies must put more money into the sport. **OWNERS' BIG INTEREST** Financially, the British turf is in a bad way. The owners' strife in this country, the men who race horses themselves provide about 40 per cent of the prize money, compared with six per cent in France and one per cent in the United States. As things stand now, betting is conducted through the tote, which has an annual turnover of about 25,000,000 lbs., and through bookmakers off and on the course, whose total take is greatly in excess of the pari-mutuel figure. Approximately 89 per cent of the total wagered on the tote is returned in winning bets. About 500,000 lbs. goes back into racing. Off-the-course bookmakers on the other hand, contribute nothing to racing. On the course, the chief bookie of any one firm pays four times the normal admission price. His two or three clerks get in for the same fee as the spectators. Representatives of bookmakers, aware of the discrepancy, are discussing the matter with the jockey club, racing associations and government departments. Meanwhile, they say they don't think it is timely for owners to put forward "their own petty claims" to a bigger share of the racing melon.

**N.H.L. SCORING**

	G.	A.	Pts.
Lindsay, Detroit	4	8	12
Belleveu, Montreal	6	5	11
Howe, Detroit	4	7	11
Sloan, Toronto	4	5	9
Armstrong, Toronto	3	5	8
Harvey, Montreal	0	8	8
Ullman, Detroit	3	4	7

**LEADERS**

**STANDING:** Detroit, won 5, lost 1, tied 2; Toronto, won 4, lost 1, tied 4; Points, 12  
**POINTS:** Lindsay, Detroit, 12  
**GOALS:** Belleveu, Montreal, 3  
**ASSISTS:** Lindsay, Detroit; Harvey, Montreal, 8  
**SHUTOUTS:** Plante, Montreal and Worsley, New York, 2  
**PENALTIES:** Belleveu, Montreal, 28 minutes.

**STANDINGS**

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.
Detroit	8	5	1	2	25	15	12
Toronto	9	4	1	4	27	20	12
New York	8	4	3	1	16	18	9
Boston	9	3	3	3	18	21	9
Montreal	9	3	5	1	19	18	7
Chicago	9	1	7	1	12	25	3

**OBSERVER SOLD**

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP) — The Pembroke Observer has been sold to the Thomson newspaper interests, it was announced Friday. The Observer, established in 1855, will be taken over Nov. 30.

**30-Point Win Necessary For Ottawa To End 2nd**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS "You just can't tell about that Ottawa club," says coach Jim Trimble of Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Most Big Four football fans agree. Trimble herds his Tigers into Ottawa Saturday nursing the knowledge that only a 30-point defeat can edge them out of a second place and give the Rough Riders choice of home grounds in the two-game semi-final series opening next week. It's improbable Ottawa can do it. Still, Trimble can't be sure. They hustle and keep on top of you. You can't tell about that club," he says of the crew which started the season at the bottom of the circuit and now holds third place, just two points behind the Ticks. While Trimble is busy trying to teach the Riders their place, Montreal Alouettes welcome the slumped Toronto Argonauts. There's little chance Toronto, with 10 losses in 13 games, will present any similar challenge to Montreal's league authority. **TORONTO WEAKENED** Arguments, already virtually stripped of morale, take the field in Montreal sadly weakened by injuries. Guard Ron Marcinkak is out with a sprained knee, flying wing

Royal Copeland appears doubtful with another knee ailment and half O. K. Ferguson is troubled by a charley horse. Tackle Bill Albright and centre Norm Stoneburgh have shoulder separations. Montreal, on the other hand, is talking of resting end Hal Patterson, newly named the Big Four's most valuable player and winner of the Jeff Russell award. Ottawa will go without Gary Schreiber, rookie halfback from Queen's University who suffered a shoulder injury in last week's game in Toronto. Either Ed Bevan or Ed Mularchuk is expected to dress in his place.

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