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WINNIPEG, March 5 — (CP) — Prices today maintained an easy trend during dull trading on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Traders appeared to be awaiting the outcome of the big four conference before making deals.

The price declines reflected losses on United States markets. Demand was not aggressive and offerings were only moderate. Routine shipper demand appeared in oats and barley while barley also attracted small American demand.

No export loadings were reported during the day's trade.

Class two wheat and international wheat agreement prices dropped 1/4 cent from Saturday.

Closing prices:  
Oats — May 1.03, July 92 1/2, Oct. 87 1/2.  
Barley — May 1.54, July 1.32, Oct. 1.27 1/2.  
Rye — May 2.36 1/2, July 2.16 1/2, Oct. 1.87 1/2.  
Flax — May 5.32, July 5.06, Oct. 4.62.

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## Major League Baseball Teams Open Training

By Will Grimley  
NEW YORK, March 5 — (AP) — The "flu" bug and some 30 persistent hold-outs plagued major league baseball teams, which officially opened spring training today in far-flung warm-weather resorts stretching from California to Florida.

There were two late signings today reducing to 30 the number of players who had failed to come to terms.

Jim Hearn, 27-year-old right-hander of New York Giants, ended his holdout siege by signing his 1951 contract for a reported \$16,000.

Hearn, who came to Giants on waivers from St. Louis Cardinals in June last year, finished with an 11-4 record and the lowest earned-run average in the National League at 2.49.

Willard Marshall, Braves' outfielder, signed up, making Boston one of four major league clubs without any holdout problems. The others are both Chicago clubs and Cincinnati Reds.

The signing Wednesday of Cleveland's ace pitcher, Bob Lemon, and Yankee catcher Yogi Berra put most of the big money players in the fold. Lemon signed for a reported \$50,000, making him probably the highest paid pitcher in baseball.

Berra signed for a reported \$30,000.

**Five New Managers**

Five of the clubs are beginning their workouts under new managers. They are Al Lopez of Cleveland, Jimmy Dykes of Philadel-

phia's Athletics and Paul Richards of Chicago White Sox in the American League; Charley Dressen of Brooklyn Dodgers and Marty Marion of St. Louis Cardinals in the National League.

Dykes replaces Connie Mack, spending his first season on the side-line since the formation of the American League 50 years ago.

The principal front office change since last year saw Branch Rickey move from the Dodgers. The shift was impressed upon the Pittsburgh men today as notice was given of more strict training rules.

"You will find the new boss of this club (Branch Rickey) a square shooter," manager Billy Meyer told his 1950 cellar finishers. "He will put up with a lot of things but he is determined to have hustling players and athletes who don't break rules at random."

List of unsigned players:  
American League (18):  
Boston—Dom DiMaggio; Chicago—none; Cleveland—Mike Garcia, Bob Avila; Detroit—Vic Wertz; Hoot Evers, Eddie Lake, Hal Daugherty, Al Federoff; New York—Tommy Byrne; Philadelphia—Walt Kellner, Tod Davis; St. Louis—Russ Bauers, Jim Dyck, Frank Saucier; Washington—Mickey Vernon, Willy Miranda.

National League (14):  
Boston—none; Brooklyn—Billy Cox; Chicago—none; Cincinnati—none; New York—Jim Jennings, Jack Kramer; Philadelphia—Bubba Church, Milo Candini, Del Wilber; Pittsburgh—Vic Lombardi, Vernon Law, Bob Dillinger; St. Louis—Howie Pollet, Max Lanier, Red Schoendienst, Del Rice and Peanuts Lowrey.

## Sport Echoes From Prince County

The hockey play-off picture in Prince Edward Island has been one unexpected ending after the other. The Summerside Crystals finished third in the East Prince Intermediate "A" League and proceeded to win the semi-finals and finals in five straight games. Their final victim was the Borden Nationals who had made a runaway race of the regular schedule. They'll be calling the coach who took hold of the team when they were at their lowest ebb, "Miracle Man" Trainor.

To get back to those unexpected endings, the Freetown Royals went to O'Leary and took the Maroons in their own ballpark 6 to 4. The climax of the story should have ended right there. The game in Beceque which is Freetown's home rink should have been just "going through the motions." The series was in the bag. But the O'Leary Maroons discovered a hole in that piece of burlap and proceeded to whip the Freetown Royals right at the foot of the throne by a 7 to 4 score, winning the series by one tally. A guy named Ellis started punching in goals without even waiting to shake hands and before the Royals realized what dirty work was afoot the Maroons were out in front 4 to 0. They rallied valiantly and even got back on even footing in the third frame. But O'Leary had the last word, and it sagged the Freetown draperies for the winning tally.

In Kings county another upset occurred. The favored Montague Meteors who had lived up to their name of "shooting stars" all winter, proved to be "falling stars" when they met the Souris team, who by the way take on the

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O'Leary Maroons for the Intermediate "B" championship of Prince Edward Island. The beginnings of the biggest upset of all got started at the Charlottetown Forum Friday night when the lowly Moncton Hawks took the first game of a best-five-out-of-nine series from the league-leading Islanders. We'd bet a 1939 dollar (which is giving odds of almost 2 to 1) that the Islanders turn this incipient upset right side up before the series is much older.

We saw a picture of Frankie Bathgate's brother, who plays for Guelph Biltmores, in the Toronto Daily Star the other evening. We don't know if the boys are twins or not, but they surely do look alike.

Syl Bernard, Stan Gallant and Charlie Deighan, who played for the Pictou Maripacs in the A.P.C. League, are all back in Summerside again. Charlie arrived two weeks ago to resume his work with

the railway and Syl and "Mooney" stayed with the Pictou club until it was eliminated from further competition in the play-offs. The boys had a very good year and their names occurred in the scoring summaries quite regularly.

Those Lot 16 Bulldogs are certainly living up to their names. Wellington Battlers beat them 5 to 3 in the first game of the semi-finals for the Prince County Intermediate "C" championship, having them down 3 to 0 at one time. The Bulldogs hung on, however, and managed to close the gap a little. In the second game the Bulldogs beat the Battlers 2 to 0 and a third game was necessary. Young Ramsay of the Crystals played for Lot 16 last year, and we shouldn't be surprised if more of those Bulldogs made the jump from "C" to "A" competition next year. The Wellington team also has some good material which might be seen in higher hockey circles next year.

**Injured By Baseball**

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 2 — (AP) — Russ Meyer, Philadelphia Philly pitcher, was knocked unconscious today by a hard hit ball in batting practice.

The ball was hit by Ralph Caballero, an infielder. Meyer was hit in the lower abdomen.

Trainer Frank Weisner said he would not know until tomorrow how serious the injury is.

OSHAWA, Ont., March 5 — (CP) — General Motors of Canada today announced an increase in its cost-of-living allowance to approximately 10,500 employees. An additional three cents an hour will be given to some 8,500 hourly employees. These have been receiving five cents hourly cost-of-living allowance during the current quarter. The new increase follows the rise in the cost of living since Dec. 1.

## Reports Yanks In Korea Total More Than 250,000

WASHINGTON, March 5 — (CP) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley disclosed yesterday that well over 250,000 Americans are fighting in Korea "for this nation and our position in world affairs."

The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff used 250,000 as a round figure "for security reasons" when he testified before the House of Representatives armed services committee.

Later he told reporters it did not include the air force or the navy fighting in Korea. Recently navy sources said 90,000 officers and men were engaged in Korean waters. The air force has not disclosed its figures.

The committee is working on a universal military training bill, and was tentatively approved calling up youths at 18 1/2 with the understanding they will not be sent overseas until they are 19 years old.

Bradley urged 27 months' active service. "The committee is thinking in terms of 26 months," he told the committee that of the 21 months now required about eight are taken up with basic training, leave and travel.

One principal aim now, the General said, is a method of troop rotation to relieve battle-weary fighters in Korea.

## Bowling

**Ladies Wednesday Afternoon Bowling**

Team No. 1 — 5 points.  
High Three—Mrs. F. B. Clarke—527.  
High Single—Mrs. F. B. Clarke—209

Team No. 4 — 5 points.  
High Three—Mrs. H. Smith—549.  
High Single—Mrs. H. Smith—198.

CUERNAVAOCO, Mexico, March 5 — (AP) — Barbara Hutton, heiress to some \$20,000,000 of the Woolworth fortune, personally applied Feb. 26 for a divorce from her Lithuanian prince husband. Notification of the suit against Prince Igor Troubetsky was posted on the court house door here March 2, giving him three days to answer. If the answer is not filed today, the divorce may be awarded by default.

## Al Rollins May Capture Two Awards

TORONTO, March 5 — (CP) — Al Rollins, six-foot-two goaltending thin man, started the National Hockey League season as understudy to veteran Turk Broda with Toronto Maple Leafs. Now he's threatening to walk off with the goaltending Vezina Prize and the league's rookie award as well.

There isn't a hotter goaltender in the league than the boy from Vanguard, Sask., who was in the nets for Edmonton Eskimos when they won the Allan Cup senior hockey crown in 1948.

In 31 games—including one from which he had to withdraw after being hit over the eye with the puck—he has won 19, tied eight and lost four. He's allowed 87 goals for an average of 1.83 a game.

The Vezina Trophy goes to the goalie who plays the most games for the team with the lowest goals-against total over the 70-game schedule. So far Rollins and Broda have allowed 116 goals in 57 games. The closest competitor is Detroit rookie Terry Sawchuk who has been beaten 125 times in 58 games.

Most goals scored against Rollins in a single game was four. That happened only once when Detroit Red Wings turned the trick Dec. 13. He has had three shutouts—against the Wings, Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers. His four defeats have been against Detroit, twice, the Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks.

The last-place Chicago Black Hawks are his toughest opposition. They've scored on him 21 times in nine games for an average of 2.33.

Rollins hasn't pushed Broda off to the side yet. Leaf plans to leave the rookie in until he's beaten — or looks bad. Then the Turk, at 36 in what is probably his last season, may get the call again.

Asked about the opposing player with the toughest shot to handle, Al says: "Rocket Richard or Mill Schmidt—and I guess, Gord Howe. However, the Rocket hasn't scored on me yet and Howe got his first one here last week. It hit me but I never knew where it was."

Al says he'd had help in polishing his net technique from Hap Day, Leaf's assistant general manager, coach Joe Primeau, and the Turk.

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