

Financial Aid To School Curling

Schoolboy curling in this province was given a big boost forward today with an announcement by Mr. H. E. Weyman, Honorary Secretary of the Province of Quebec Curlers Association, that the Association has accepted the offer of a business firm to sponsor the Province of Quebec School Curling Championship by donating a trophy and prizes, together with payment of travelling expenses of the school teams to the final playdowns.

The winner of the Provincial School Curling Championship qualifies to represent the Province as its champion curling team in the Canadian School Curling Championship and will compete against school teams from every part of Canada.

The Provincial Playdowns will take place in Quebec City on February 10-11, with a school team from each of 8 districts of the Province participating.

In a letter to Frank W. McIntosh, President of the large Canadian soft drink Company (Pepsi-Cola Company of Canada, Limited) which offered to act as sponsor, the Curlers Association pointed out that the Company's gesture constitutes an important medium to promote school curling throughout the Province and provides an initiative for all schools to adopt school curling.

The Association's Executive unanimously moved to accept the "generous offer" in the name of the curling fraternity and the school boys of the province, and expressed its "sincere and grateful" thanks to Mr. McIntosh for "providing a vital and essential inducement to promote school curling throughout the province".

Interest in schoolboy curling is steadily growing in Quebec, Mont-



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real and other parts of the province, and the Association feels that such tangible support as is being offered in the present case will arouse and encourage even greater activity among the youngsters in the "roarin' game".

Due to the sponsorship of the

Pepsi-Cola Company of Canada, Limited, a school champion team from the Northwestern region will, for the first time, take part in the Provincial School Championship.

For the purpose of the Provincial School Championship, the Province is zoned into 8 regions, namely: Lower St. Lawrence Region; Lake St. John Region; St. Maurice Valley Region; Montreal Region; North-western Quebec Region; South-western Quebec Region; Quebec Region; and Eastern Townships Region.

The schools in each region have to obtain a school champion and these will enter the Regional Championship Playoff under the direction of the Officer appointed to promote, organize and control the Regional Playoffs.

Western Canada Growing Up

Western Canada will play a more important part in the further development of this country than any other area and will supplant the East as the region of economic opportunity for business investment and development.

That is the opinion of the Hon. R. D. Turner, Q.C., Minister of Industry and Commerce for the Province of Manitoba who claims the west will become the scene of the most dynamic economic development in the free world in the next 25 years.

Speaking to the Canadian Club of New York Thursday, Mr. Turner

reviewed the sources from which Western Canada's economic and industrial strength is founded. It is a truly amazing picture and one to fill all Canadians with pride and optimism.

—agricultural output in the region totalled \$1 1/2 billions in 1955. With less than 6 1/10th of 1% of the world's population, Western Canada's production of wheat alone enough to provide bread as well as cake for almost 200 million people on the basis of Canadian and American consumption standards.

—the productive forest area of Western Canada amounts to 131,741,000 acres and already provides United States with a multitude of essential products ranging from building materials to newsprint. This area has 43.67 acres of productive timber per capita compared with an overall United States figure of 3 acres per capita.

—about 409,000 square miles or 43% of the total area of Western Canada is covered by the Pre Cambrian Shield. In addition to expanding output in such traditional fields as those of non-ferrous metals — nickel, copper, lead and zinc developments have occurred in newer fields including oil, iron ore, titanium, cobalt, uranium and other rare materials. Some of these developments are taking place on such a scale as to be tantamount to the creation of entirely new industries. The expansion of Steep Rock in the eastern portion of the region may result in this area producing 8,500,000 long tons of iron ore a year. Reserves are estimated at 404,000,000 tons. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan large discoveries have been made of nickel and high grade uranium ores.

—the development of oil and natural gas has proceeded to the point where the area is providing over half of Canada's domestic requirements. It is anticipated within a few years Western Canada will be producing sufficient oil to meet all Canadian requirements. Total production of the area now totals 130,000,000 barrels per year.

—the area boasts the largest inland fresh water fishing industry in the world. About 90% of Western Canada's total fish production is exported to the United States. The region also makes a leading contribution to the world's requirements of furs of highest quality. Winnipeg is the fur centre of Western Canada.

—the region abounds with lakes and rivers and these are continually being harnessed for power. Canadians in Western Canada now use almost twice as much electric power per capita as Americans at about half the cost per kilowatt hour. So far about 29% of the total available water power in the region has been developed. Undeveloped water power resources in Manitoba total about 4,865,200 horsepower at ordinary 6 months flow and it is expected some of these sources of power will be utilized in the not too distant future for the development of important electro-process industries.

—\$850 million has been invested in capital repair and maintenance expenditures for manufacturing establishments in the region since the end of World War II. Since 1946, 2,000 new factories have started operations and manufacturing plays a much more significant role

Drug Smuggling Less Effective

A new and effective system of international police cooperation is cracking a multi-million-dollar world dope racket. "There is now bright hope", says an article in February Reader's Digest, "that the worldwide drug traffic may eventually be reduced to a trickle".

This 10-year struggle against the world's most insidious criminals is an extraordinary chapter in the story of law enforcement. After the war, when Europe's police agencies were in bad shape, inter-

national narcotics racketeers saw a chance for lucrative expansion. Opium from Turkey, Iran and Yugoslavia began to flow with little hindrance to Italy and France, where it was converted into heroin for the lush North American market. By 1948, says Reader's Digest, this traffic had become the international underworld's biggest business, with an annual turnover of million of dollars.

Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger of the U. S. Federal Bureau of Narcotics fought to persuade Italy, France and Middle East countries to police this racketeering. Unsuccessful, he then decided on a drastic move; to create his own police system in Europe and have secret agencies attached to U. S. embassies.

These agents, posing as dope peddlers and contact men, continually confound the underworld by infiltrating its gangs. The article cites many cases in which interna-

national dope rings have been exposed and their leaders captured. By the end of 1953 some 200 leading Italian and French narcotics criminals had been arrested; Europe-to-North America heroin traffic had been cut 40 percent. A typical example of how international co-operation works was provided last November, when the French Line freighter St. Malo arrived in the St. Lawrence River, inbound from Bordeaux, France. Acting on a tip from an agent in Milan, Italy, a squad of RCMP and US Bureau of Narcotics officers searched every corner of the ship and uncovered 32 pounds of pure heroin, valued at \$8,000,000. This was the largest seizure of illicit drugs ever made in Canada or the United States.

The world war against drug peddlers is far from won, says Reader's Digest. But international police cooperation is growing concrete and results have been impressive. Heroin found on addicts arrested recently has been so weak that doc-

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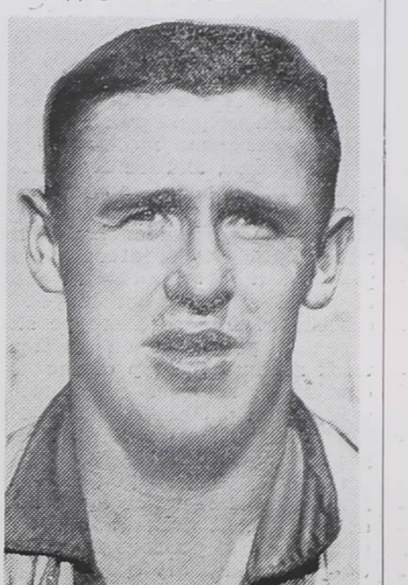
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—Central Press Canadian
Veteran RCAF officials are still amazed that all four fliers involved in a two-plane collision in mid-air near Ottawa escaped unharmd. F/O Peter Green, above, Grand Manan Island, N.B., was one of the airmen who cheated death. After crashing with another CF-100 jet fighter plane, Green, with navigator Douglas Wilson, managed to fly his plane back to Uplands airport although most of its tail assembly was missing. The other two fliers used ejector-seat equipment to escape from their burning plane.

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