Most Valuable Cargo to leave Port Arthur this season—306,554 bushels of flax valued at $2,250,000—is unloaded from 480-foot lake carrier Sir Thomas Shaughnessy at Owen Sound as she ended her record navigation season. Shaughnessy came through heavy snowstorms using her radar equipment.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Following a custom dishonored by time we drag out the old binoculars — incidentally wishing a certain famous camera-man who borrowed the only good pair we ever owned 15 years ago would get around to returning them—to take our usual peek into the future, trying to discern what the year has in store for lovers of sport.

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Here we might reiterate that a cagey plan for readers is to slip all such expert annual predictions and carefully save same as a guide to future wagering. We don't like to boast—not if we can persuade somebody to do it for us—but over the years a man could have become wealthy by placing a flat bet on all our personal forecasts. That is, of course, with a copper on, or in plain language, to lose.

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So we foresee that the first big feature of the year will be the Winter Olympics, and have no hesitation in prognosticating that a flock of new records will be set. Among the old ones due to be shattered are the marks for back-biting, alibi-heaving, conversation - endurance, bull-tossing and official-wrangling. International relationships will be so improved that the papers are bound to be full of talk advocating compulsory military service for everybody above the age of eight. (And why not? When they get that age they know everything—why not let them do it?)

Barbara Ann Scott either positively will or positively won't win the figure skating title. If she does, it will be simple justice. If not, suspect dirty work at the crossroads and look for the Mayor of Ottawa to jump off the Chateau Laurier roof. Canada may, or may not be represented in hockey. If not, no doubt it's all for the best.

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During February and March there will be a lot of games and some hockey played in the "Big League." Frank Selke, Dick Irvin, Frankie Boucher, Jack Adams, Conn Smythe and a few other shrinking violets will be regretfully compelled to accuse one another, and their respective teams, of every crime on the calendar, or in the dictionary. They will be greatly abashed at all the space these squabbles get in the papers.

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When playoff time arrives it will be discovered that there is a three-way tie-off for fourth position. Somebody will come up with the bright suggestion that they start afresh — all six of them — from scratch, and continue their search for the champion all summer. This will be properly frowned upon as too revolutionary—as yet.

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New York Rangers will find themselves in the finals and the dignity of The World's Fastest Sport will get another huge boost through being heaved out in favor of Ringling Brothers' elephants before the series is over. When the final audit is made The Maple Leafs will have retained the Stanley Cup, or maybe not. If they do, simple jusice again. If not, lousy officiating.

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Baseball, by this time or even several weeks before, will be in full swing; and about now the Brooklyn fans will be wondering why they ever hollered for the reinstatement of Leo Durocher. This holler is liable to become more and more chronic, if the pitching they showed in the last World's Series was on the level. When the All Star Game is played the same Mr. Durocher will reluctantly yield to terrific public pressure and consent to lead the National League Representatives, although we do not think they will have to twist his arm to the tortue-point. About five thirty that evening he will be wishing he'd let Shotten do it.

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But we are getting ahead of ourself. In the merry month of May, horse racing comes back—officially, that is, the "winter tracks" being beneath the dignity of any real lover of The Turf; although somehow or other we notice exactly the same steeds running on them as perform on the more hallowed ovals.

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If a horse entitled KING MIDAS should happen to win the classic Kentucky Derby do not be too much surprised—although we will, as we only mention him because his is the sole name among the entries we can recall. Nor can we remember the name of the steed that is a sure thing for the Classic King's Plate—as a matter of fact we can't remember the name of the one which took the last one, and doubt if you can either.

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Along about knee deep in June a gentleman named Jersey Joe Walcott will find the cure he has long been seeking for his insomnia — in fact he will find himself asleep so suddenly that he'll wonder how he got there. The next morning Mr. Walcott will be telling folks he was shamefully misquoted when reported, this December, as saying he could lick a gentleman named Mr. Louis any time, any place. Mr. Louis will sink back into his habitual state of semi-coma until the next time somebody tags him too rudely.

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There's a lot more coming in 1948, which we can clearly foresee but haven't the time to tell you about. Maybe we'll do so later! but, if not, don't let it blight your life too much. One thing, however, we are certain of coming to pass. Sport broadcasters will get a greater quantity of excitement from watching sport than anybody else—or anyway sound as though they do!

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Be a Sport

Take a chance! Even a turtle gets nowhere until he sticks his neck out.

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Prophets Made Bad Guesses Even Then

Back in the year 1883 there was an English clergyman, The Rev. F. Barham Zincke, one of the "chaplains in ordinary" to Queen Victoria. He published a phamphlet in which he gave his views of what the world would be like a century from then — that is to say, in 1983.

By that time, according to his calculations, there will be a thousand millions of English-speaking people in the world — 800 million in the United States, 64 million in Canada, 48 million in Australia, 16 million in South Africa and 70 million in the United Kingdom.

Among these thousand million, he thought, there will be no savages, no serfs, no slaves and very few drones or Sybarites. All will be able to read and write and inclined to turn such knowledge to good account. They will all occupy their own land and manage their own political affairs. They will have a high standard of morality and have women occupying a far higher position than they did at the time he wrote. Competition between nations will be intellectual, not military.

Almost 65 years have passed since he made these prophecies; and if the shade of the Rev. Mr. Zincke is hovering around, we would say that — with a mere 35 years or so to go — time is rapidly running out on them. Still, we have prophets of our own, these days, whose "batting averages" aren't much better.

Rain and Snow In Ontario

Rainfall during the growing season for most crops, April-September, during 1946 was 13.56 inches. This was 8.17 inches less than the preceding year, and in comparison with a 65-year period, 1882-1946, this was 2.28 inches below the average. One month was above normal and five below. May with 0.55 above and July 0.93 below had the greatest departures during the growing season.

The total amount of rainfall from November 1946, to March, 1947, inclusive, was 5.17 inches, 0.53 below average for 66 years. In this pe iod there was a snowfall of 88.5 inches or 19.9 above normal.

Saboteurs in Canada Cause Untold Ruin

Saboteurs are at work undermining the foundation of thousands of Canadian homes. While they are seldom detected, their sabotage goes on day and night.

They are not hirelings of a foreign power, however, but are the destructive fungi which cause wood rot responsible for losses amounting to several million dollars annually in the Dominion alone.

The ravages of these unseen enemies is evidenced everywhere—the rotting foundations of wooden houses and barns, sagging mine timbers, crumbling porch pillars and steps, bulging well casings and shaky bridge planking. But the losses do not stop here. Numerous accidents and even deaths are caused each year by the collapse of rotten structures.

It took a war and the clever hand of the chemist to find something to combat this insidious foe. The weapon was copper naphthenate—hailed by last war troops as a wonder chemical which added many years of life to ropes, netting, tents, boats and wooden barges.

Pale green in color, copper naphthenate solution contains two per cent copper. When applied on wood or canvas, it appears as a light green stain which can be covered over with ordinary house paint if desirable. While it may be brushed or sprayed on, it is best applied by dipping—allowing the wood to soak in the solution for two to three minutes.

According to paint chemists, the preservative is also highly effective in prolonging the life of tarpaulins, canvas chair coverings, binder canvases, awnings, tents and nets. It is safe to handle, harmless to livestock and poultry, and does not affect plants and seed grains stored in treated bins or granaries.

The popular impression is that wood rot is confined solely to high humidity southern countries, but a survey has shown it is equally destructive in the Dominion and per capita loss to Canadians is as much as anywhere in the world.

The fungi which cause wood rot and mildew are invisible organisms carried in the atmosphere in great numbers. When they come to rest anywhere and are given sufficient moisture, they immediately set to work feeding on the cellulose in wood, rope and fabrics of vegetable origin. Destruction is quick nad sure—unless the fungi are killed. Copper naphtenate does this very effectively.

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Stumped

A member of the Baker Street Irregulars declared confidently at the clan's annual meeting that good old Sherlock Holmes could find anything "Hmpf," grumbled a more skeptical brother. "I'd like to see the old coot find an apartment in the city today."

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