## Sports - And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

So far as we can recall, few hockey deals ever created such a stir, or were the cause of such great differences of opinion, as the big trade between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Chicago Black Hawks a few weeks ago. And when the ex-Torontonians immediately started performing smartly in their new Chicago uniforms, while Max Bentley couldn't even seem to untrack himself as a member of the Leafs, there was considerable loose talk to the effect that the Toronto brass, for once, had outsmarted itself.

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At the time of the deal we commented that, while Chicago would probably be strengthened by the trade—(when you start out flat broke the worst you can get is an even break)—we just couldn't seem to see Conn Smythe taking any the worst of it in a swap. The little fellow who created Maple Leaf Gardens, and who did more to turn hockey into a big-time business than any other individual, has made plenty of enemies. Some of his actions and methods—before the passing of time cooled him out a trifle—were wide open to criticism; and we, personally, have never been a member of the "Hallelujah" chorus which surrounded him.

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But we have never made any secret of our opinion that, as a judge of hockey timber—and also in willingness to take a chance when necessary—he is pretty much in a class by himself. Now that the smoke has had time to clear away, we can size up just what sort of a trade he made with Chicago better than when the fire was hot. And we would say that—on the form he has been showing recently—Max Bentley was worth everything given for him, and a whole lot more.

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Always a star, even when largely surrounded by teammates who were playing by ear and weren't very musical at that, Bentley right now is really somethisg to watch. Barring injuries, he is liable to put several of the old records into the discard. Like most old-timers it is our custom to bewail the scarcity of hockey players who know anything to do with a puck except get rid of it as spedily as possible. We make a decided exception in the case of Mr. Bentley and would say that he would have been a real standout in any hockey era. (Now, just watch him go into a slump, just for spite!")

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*That old lady came to mind the other day when, in a mood of contemplation or some such, we were considerisg the state of the world. From every quarter of the globe the news was bad. Press and radio were chockful of tidings of gloom. The driveway was full of snow, and getting fuller by the minute. Then, like a ray of sunshine, came a happy thought. Supposing—instead of absolutely refusing to enter the coming Olympics—the Russians had decided to send a tram. Imagine a close finish in the 100-metre dash, for instance, with an American and one of Joe Stalin's boys hitting the tape as a team—and officials from three or four other nations expected to make the decision. Oh, brother, what a picture to envision! The old lady was dead right. Things are never that bad that they couldn't be worse.*

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Getting back to hockey, we would say that the next move due in that great pastime—(long overdue, in the opinion of many)—is one aimed at giving the referees far greater power than they now seem to possess. One of the greatest things that ever happened to baseball was when the magnates assured the umpires that they were to be in sole charge, once a game started, and—what is even more important—that their decisions would be solidly backed up by the higher powers.

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The spectale of players arguing with, threatening and even attacking officials; of coaches and manager halting a game while they tell a referee what they think of him; and of protests being made on questions of fact;—all these are far too common for a sport that has grown to such dimensions, and are strictly bush league stuff.

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The squawks over the robust play of Bill Ezinicki—and over the alleged custom of Maple Leaf players using wrestling tactics on defense—are an example of what I mean. Either Mr. Ezinicki uses foul tactics—or he doesn't. The Toronto boys use the clutch-and-grab system unduly—or they don't. But ones to decide on such matters are the officials put in charge of the games, and nobody else. If they're not capable—get some new officials. If they are capable—put some stiffening in their backbones. Or else in the spine of the League President—who should be in a position where he could tell various managers and coaches to behave themselves—or else!

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In the ancient Roman theatre, actors wore symbolic colors: old men, white; young men, purple; parasites, grey; courtesans, yellow.

**Though They Look Contented There Are Plenty Of "Beefs"**—This scene, from the National Film Board picture "Quality Beef", shows a large number of western cattle, just after the round-up, waiting to be graded into classes already well-fed enough to be ready for market, and those requiring extra weeks of feeding before they can meet weight and quality requirements.

## Sea-Faring Folks Are Devout Breed

**Captain Angus Walters, famed master of the racing schooner Bluenose, has been awarded $3,500 damages in a libel action against Hearst Magazines, Inc. An article in a Hearst publication said the skipper had "cursed the Lord." It's hard to imagine Captain Walters or any of his fellow townsmen in the historic old Nova Scotia cod port of Lunenburg cursing the Lord,** comments the Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

People who battle the elements for a living, and who know, whenever they sail, that death may be waiting for them, use a devout breed. The crews of Lunenburg's schooners and trawlers and draggers are tough, rugged men, because deep-sea fishing is a tough, rugged occupation. But, at the same time, most of them are deeply religious.

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For the population of Lunenburg (around 8,000) the churches are large and numerous. Sunday finds them well-filled, even though it's the only day of the week most fishmen have at home. The hymns which are sung reflect the calling and character of members of the congregation. The favorite one goes:

"O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea . . ."

Without in any way dramatizing the role of the fisherman or the dangers he faces in his daily work, it may be said that there is hardly a family in Lunenburg which has not paid a toll of life to the storm-tossed Atlantic.

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nce a year everybody in Lunenburg assembles in Jubilee Square, on a hillside overlooking the town, for the seamen's memorial service. There a clergymen reads a list of those who have lost their lives at sea in the last twelve months. Sometimes there have been as many as 50 names. After they have heard the list the people parade down to the waterfront and pile flowers from their own gardens on the deck of a schooner which scatters the blossoms over the fishing grounds. As the vessel puts out of port the voices of the Lunenbu follow it, raised in the simple hymns of deep, strong faith.

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In this community, Captain Walters has for years been the best-known and perhaps the most popular citizen. His Bluenose, undefeated champion of the North Atlantic Fishermen's Races, brought Lunenburg world renown. The captain, certainly, is no sissy—but he just isn't the type to curse the Lord and he naturally objected to being accused of it.


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## "Quality Beef"

How true is the saw that says, "the customer is always right?" Whatever you may think, there is one butcher in Canada who thinks that the old saying is bunk—at least when it comes to buying meat.

This butcher—who shall be nameless—appears in the opening scene of "Quality Beef", a new colour film produced in 1947 by the National Film Board for the federal Department of Agriculture. The butcher deplores the fact that nowadays very few people seem to be able to tell a good cut of beef when they see it.

**Butcher Explains**

But our butcher, being the constructive type, doesn't stop here. He makes use of the film to illustrate the points you should watch for to ensure that your cut of beef is a good one. Red and porous bone and pearly coloured cartilage indicate that the animal was young and tender; thickly fleshed bones indicate good breeding; and adequate—but not too much—fat covering the outside of the cut show that the animal had been well-fed.

Here the film takes leave of the knowing butcher and surveys the Canadian cattle and meat packing industries, showing how Canada has developed and maintained a standard of quality known throughout the world.

Starting with the cattle themselves, there are scenes of the herds most commonly seen in this country: the white-faced and very hardy. Herefords; the red, white and roan Shorthorns; and the black and hornless Aberdeen Angus. The camera then moves on to the Calgary Bull Sale, where western Canadian cattlemen bid for the highest prized sires to maintain and improve the quality of their herds.

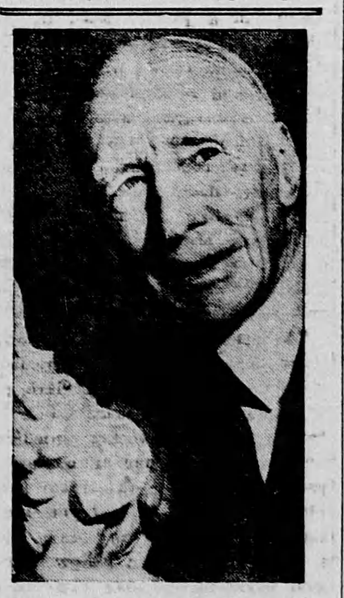
**Breed and Feed**

But breeding must be followed through by good feeding. "Quality Beef" then portrays the round up, where the cattle are inspected and divided into two classes: those well-fed enough for the market, and those requiring a few extra weeks in the feed lots to bring their weights up to market standards.

It is interesting here to see the activities of the Junior Farm Clubs, the Junior Beef Clubs and the Junior Calf Clubs. It is important that our young farmers carry on the traditions of quality beef-raising, and these clubs are doing a fine job in passing on the principles of cattle breeding and feeding.

In the butcher shops to-day, more and more meat comes stamped with red and blue marks. This is a sign that the meat has passed through a number of rigid inspections by government food inspectors, both before and after slaughter, in the meat packing plants. A health stamp is placed on every carcass free from disease, and a second, or "quality" stamp, is put on soon after—red for choice quality, and blue for good quality. The stamp block is a rolling one, and it marks the meat at intervals all along its length so that when the meat is cut up into wholesale and retail cuts, the buyer can see the quality stamp on every piece.

"Quality Beef", then, shows you that marking and stamping will help you determine the quality of the meat you see in your local butcher store. But, just to refresh your memory, the film ends with the friendly butcher, who once more gives his criteria for selecting a good cut of beef for your Sunday dinner.



**65th Season Ahead**—Venerable Connie Mack, just turned 85, is looking forward to his 65th year in baseball. The ancient and active chief of the Philadelphia Athletics is shown holding a "white elephant", which became the Athletics' symbol as a result of a remark by John McGraw, who said in 1901 when the American League was about to begin its first season: "And in Philadelphia, Connie Mack has a white elephant on his hands". The A's won nine pennants and five world series.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