

New Radio System For Ontario Police In Operation Soon

"We will be able to patrol thousands of square miles of territory with as much ease as we once patrolled a ten-mile area," said an official of the Ontario Provincial Police in speaking about the new radio system, soon to be in operation. "In the event of an emergency it sometimes took us hours to mobilize our forces. Now the same thing can be accomplished in a matter of minutes."

The new Ontario network will eventually serve a fleet of 300 radio-operated police cruisers, and is rated by experts as the largest and most modern setup of its kind on the North American Continent.

Four-way communication is one of the features of the system—station-to-station, station-to-car and car-to-car. General Headquarters of the Provincial Police at Queen's Park will also maintain direct contact with the network.

Number 5 District Headquarters of the Provincial Police, comprising the counties of Peel, Ontario and York, will be the first to inaugurate the new system, with headquarters at Aurora. Receiving and sending equipment have been installed between the master station at Aurora, two 60-watt sub-stations at Brampton and Whitby, and the 24 cruisers operating in this district. Frequency modulation units developed during the war eliminate static entirely.

A new wrinkle is the magnetic despatch map. Each dispatcher will have a map of his district showing all traffic arteries, villages, towns, cities and other vital information being shown on a linen framework. Magnetized pieces of metal, molded in the likeness of police cruisers, are moved from place to place each time a position report is received from a cruiser. By this method the despatcher can tell at a glance the approximate position of each of his cars.

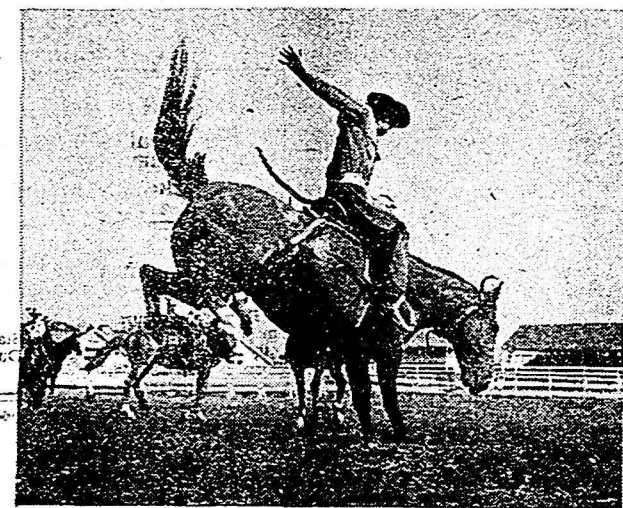
Altogether there will be nine Provincial Police Districts operating under the new system in Southern Ontario, and a survey has already been started for its extension to Northern Ontario. Similar systems have been so successful in Michigan and other parts of the United States that police everywhere are hailing it as the greatest step forward in many years in the battle against crime.



Canada to Operate Atlantic Weather Station—Wearing clothing designed as protection against icy spray and wind is AB. Malcolm Judson of Charlottetown, member of crew of Canadian frigate St. Stephen assigned to station "Baker" in the North Atlantic weather reporting, radio beacon and rescue service. New mast aboard vessel is topped by a radar aerial which will be used in making meteorological observations. Other instruments for giving direction and speed of wind at sea level are fastened to ends of yardarm.

Famous Racehorses From British Stock

The world's bloodstock buyers are looking forward to the December sales at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, England, where they will be able to buy for their own studs some of the finest of Britain's bloodstock. It is not generally realized that the modern racehorse of every country in the world is descended from United Kingdom stock. No breeder today will risk crossing his stock with any horse of doubtful ancestry. Instead they depend on the General Stud Book, published in London for 150 years, for the line of the horse. These volumes contain entries of all the famous racehorses, now scattered throughout the world.



"BRONCHO BUSTERS"

Famous Stampede Makes Thrilling Film

The ways of the old Wild West may be dying, but they are not dead yet. And if you want to see how things were in the good old days of Buffalo Bill and Wild Bill Hickock, you can't do any better than to go to the Calgary Stampede. Of course, many people cannot make the trip west to see this romantic and exciting spectacle, so, for their benefit, the National Film Board produced a colour film which will bring the Stampede, in a manner of speaking, right into every Canadian community.

In the summer of 1946 a production crew journeyed westward to Calgary and recorded with movie cameras the celebrations and events which have made the Stampede famous. Later, the film was edited, and it is now a part of one of the circuit film programmes being shown this fall and winter in rural Ontario communities.

Bronches Cornered

The opening scene shows a cowboy's camp as dawn is breaking over the Alberta foothills. It is barely four a.m., but breakfast is over and the cowpunchers are saddling their horses in preparation for the roundup of the wild horses. As the broncos are cornered and headed for the corral, there are beautiful "shots" of the rivers, the valleys, and the mountain background. The narrator then tells the story of the wild horses, which were first introduced to North America some four hundred years ago. As the centuries passed, many horses escaped, multiplied, and roamed far to the north and the west, and eventually found their way to the foothills of the Rockies in Alberta.

With the broncos safely corralled, the scene shifts to the fair grounds



near Calgary. There are hundreds and hundreds of visitors—farmers and tourists from all over the continent. There are displays of modern farm machinery, and many cattle judging contests.

Then the big events start: the Stampede is on! The first event is a wild horse riding contest, and the contestants come from all over Western Canada and the U.S.A. The daring riders are lowered onto the broncos, which are securely held in their stalls. Then, the gates are opened, the horses charge down the chutes to the open arena, and the riders are on their own. It is a thrilling spectacle, and a dangerous one! There are good prizes, and the cowpunchers hang on for dear life. The judges mark the entries on two points: the riding qualities of the cowboy, and the bucking qualities of the horse.

Risky Business

The second event is calf roping. To qualify for a prize, the cowpuncher must not only rope a calf—and a skittish calf at that—but he must pin her down on the ground. For those who might think that this is a "sissy" contest, the next one makes up for it with a vengeance. It is the steer-grabbing bout, and here the word dangerous is an understatement. More than one cowboy is injured, and some barely escape with their lives.

The grand finale is the "chuck wagon" race, where the old west really comes back to life. Chuck wagons are hitched up to wild, prancing teams. Every wagon is filled to capacity with accoutrements—everything from frying pans to camp beds. As the starter's gun is fired, the chuck wagons roll and rattle down the track to the finishing line. It is a thrilling spectacle, and brings to a climax this most colourful event of the year on the Canadian prairies.

Sports - And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Back in the days when we were briefly connected with the wrestling business, there was one especially valued regular customer—a prominent and wealthy lawyer, whose name you would probably recognize, and who always used to purchase six or eight of the highest-price seats for himself and his friends. Their frantic enthusiasm, while a bout was in progress, was really something to see. But one day, meeting him on the street, we found him in a most critical state of mind. He said he'd begun to suspect that wrestling wasn't on the level—and that he wasn't going to give it his patronage any longer.

Asked for his reasons he told how, on Thursday evening, he had seen one of the main-bouters carried very badly injured—and next day had heard rumors that the wrestler lay in hospital suffering from concussion and possible skull fracture. He had even been thinking of sending flowers until—happening to pick up a Buffalo Saturday paper—he had been amazed to note that this very same grappler, miraculously restored to health, had taken part in a torrid bout in that city the previous evening. "So I think it must be crooked, and I've had enough," he concluded.

However, knowing something of the ways of sports fans, we weren't too much surprised to see him in his regular seat the following week, yelling his head off in a frenzy of excitement. "Even if they are all a bunch of fakery," he explained, rather shame-facedly, afterwards, "while they're in there they make me feel that they're trying to tear one another apart—and I'm not going to miss it."

Somehow, we couldn't help thinking of this gentleman lately. The sport of boxing has been shaken by a series of scandals, the latest being the very smelly La Motta-Fox affair in New York. "These fakery are killing the game!" wailed the sports scribes from Coast to Coast. So what happens? The Joe Louis-Joe Walcott heavyweight thing—a worse "overmatch" than David vs Goliath because Walcott won't be allowed to carry rocks, and probably couldn't win even if he did—will draw a sellout gate of over a quarter of a million. And if they'd had the crust to charge \$100 'tops' the place would have been just as crowded. The moral? Aw—just write your own!

Perhaps you have noticed something of the same kind too—but to us the most amazing thing about the recent Ottawa announcement of various new bans and 'austerities' was the number of our friends who had been preparing for winter trips to

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Florida or California. Previously, we had heard nothing of any such intentions—but as soon as news came that all such unnecessary travel was "Off" their means of disappointment were pitiful to hear.

When we pause to watch a game of corner-lot football among the small fry, we always note about ten forward-passers, or pass receivers, to every kid willing to get in there and learn the rudiments of line-play—and this in spite of the fact that every coach in the business would give his eye-teeth for the kind of front-rank material that has made the Toronto Argonauts supreme over the years.

Similarly, as we see younger generations taking their licks at becoming future hockey stars, we cannot help noticing that it is practically always the smallest kid in the gang who is set to guard the nets. All the others are up there emulating Apps, Richard and the rest of the great goal-getters. Those who aim to become Turk Broda's, Bill Durnan's or Frankie Brimsek's are few and far between. Perhaps this is only natural, as goal-tending is—according to those who do it for a living—a thankless business. Still, if we were advising any kid who really wanted to shine at hockey, our advice would be to take a real whack at twine-tending. Just think of what the Chicago Black Hawks would give for a goalie of anything like the class of the three just mentioned, for example, right this minute.

The whole world is suffering from a severe attack of the jitters—worrying over a heap of things that will probably never happen and which, if they do, we are helpless to prevent. We can't help wondering if a lot of it isn't due to most of us trying to absorb far more news of the world than we can digest. We know one man who, in addition to reading three daily papers, listens to at least six daily newscasts and news commentaries, and is in a constant state of apprehension that threatens his mental and physical health. His great-grandfather didn't even hear of the Battle of Waterloo till six weeks after it was decided—and wouldn't have been a bit better off if he'd had a play-by-play description right from the battlefield.

It may be a sign of the times—and then again it may not. But spectators at Big League hockey games are getting much more critical than they have been in the past few seasons. Booming, and that special sort of hand-clapping

which is by no means applause, both break out among the fans at the slightest provocation; and players who have been wont to hear their slightest move greeted with approval are having their ears shocked by the raucous Razzberry and shouts of "Get in there and show us something."

Well, retail merchants with plenty of goods on their shelves find buyers more "choosy" than when there is a buying panic on; and although attendances have shown little sign of falling off as yet, it may be that hockey customers, too, are looking for quality, and are getting a bit tired of having a combination of speed, skating and duck-and-the-rock passed over the counter as "Canada's greatest sport."

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