

Diary of a Vagabond

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Out where the west begins, a romantic name for the kind of day that greeted me as the sun rose on the horizon of a new year and a new decade. They call it a silver thaw. The trees were captured in a crystal coat and the ground willows and cattails in our swamp glistened with a million prisms. Easterners in Canada are far less romantic, they merely mutter, "the rain from last night. Bad for the trees."

Across the clear new snow, pheasants had made three or four tracks with a swirl behind them. Their long, beautiful tail feathers dragged. I could trace the hop, hop pattern of a jack rabbit and picture the mad dash he made when my neighbour's bound puppy showed off his ability to flush game.

Not a breath of wind stirred the heavy branches of my favourite white pine whose majestic strength hovers in the winter sky. It was flaked with ice and each of its myriad needles seemed outlined in fluffy, clean snow. Against the intense blue of the winter sky a cardinal and his mate looked like animated apples that had escaped the fall harvest, as they perched in the leafless apple tree which in summertime shades my study window.

I am trying to capture in this diary all of the beauty of that morning as the '50's died and the '60's were born with out, as yet, a blench of war or a threat of extinction from atomic attack on their record.

It is impossible to contemplate the new year without thinking of resolutions and new starts. Resolutions for most of us are like warm dill pickles, blip and tasteless a few days after having been dreamed up. But as long as man nurtures hope, the idea of a fresh start will be the beginning of happy New Year's anticipation.

The '50's, which were probably the maddest and most astonishing in man's history, will have one historical fact to give them grace in the memories of those now living and in the future thoughts of those yet unborn. With their dying breath the last hours of that hectic year were crammed with the spectacular attempts of two world leaders for peace. One launched the plan of total dis-

KID HOCKEY

Many thanks to all those who turned out over the holidays to cheer the boys on. The attendance was fairly good but don't forget every Saturday morning is Kid Hockey in Georgetown.

Remember boys fifteen minutes before game time. Some pink registration cards have not yet been turned in.

Results for Sat. Jan 2 1960

- AMER.
- Buffalo 4 - Prov. 1
 - Cincy 3 - Springfield 0
 - Pitts. 5 - Hershey 3
 - Cleveland 3 - Rochester 1
- N.H.L.
- Chicago 2 - Boston 1
 - Monty 3 - New York 2
 - Toronto 3 - Detroit 2
- JR. A.
- Marlies 2 - Guelph 1
 - Harris 1 - St. Mikes 0
 - Petes 3 - St. Kitts 0

Schedule for Jan. 9

- N.H.L.
- 7:00 - 7:45 Toronto vs Chicago
 - 7:45 - 8:30 Boston vs New York
 - 8:30 - 9:15 Mont vs Detroit
- JR. A.
- 9:15 - 9:45 Petes vs St. Mikes
 - 9:45 - 10:15 Harris vs Guelph
 - 10:15 - 10:30 Clevean Ice
 - 10:30 - 11 Marlies vs St. Kitts

AMER.

- 11 - 11:30 Pitts vs Cleveland
- 11:30 - 12 Prov vs Cincy
- 12 - 12:30 Hershey vs Rochester
- 12:30 - 1 Buffalo vs Springfield

Goals and Assists for Jan. 2 '60

AMER.

B. Barefoot	1
B. Dwyer	1
M. Dwyer	1
B. Kaye	1
K. Bennett	1
L. Steil	1
A. Wheeler	1
D. Farrell	1
K. Robinson	1
D. Presswood	1
M. Byall	1
F. Yates	1
S. Jewell	1
S. Kynnersley	2
R. Lane	2
Quackenbush	1
D. Brewster	1
M. Wheeler	1
A. Arnold	1
J. Hamilton	1
G. Shooty	1
G. Harlow	1
D. Sheppard	1
R. McMenemy	1
T. Hancock	1
P. Brown	1
E. Ewinn	1

N.H.L.

T. Lane	1
R. Harris	1
J. Bowman	1
R. Kemshead	1
S. Pettis	1
J. Calder	1
J. Gudgeon	1
D. Norton	1
D. Quanbury	1
R. Bradley	1
T. Higham	1
J. Stopper	1
R. Presswood	1
W. Davison	2
T. Smith	2
B. Sajers	1
E. Thompson	1
B. Bennett	1
M. Cummins	2

JR. A.

B. Rundle	2
E. McFarlane	1
F. King	1
D. Whitting	1
G. Pinbow	1
G. Higham	1
J. Kemshead	2
R. Yates	1
J. Rhodes	1

Point leaders

K. Robinson	13
R. Lane	13
B. Dwyer	10
M. Dwyer	10
D. Sheppard	10
T. Hancock	10
S. Kynnersley	9

N.H.L.

A. Blair	16
J. Gudgeon	15
R. Presswood	15
R. Harris	12
W. Davison	12
D. Norton	11
M. Cummins	11

JR. A.

B. Rundle	16
J. Kemshead	11
B. Schenk	11
D. McMenemy	7
G. Moody	7
F. King	6
B. Wilson	6
E. McFarlane	6

League Standings Jan. 2

N.H.L.			
W	L	T	Pts.
New York	8	2	11
Mont.	5	2	11
Chicago	3	3	8
Toronto	3	3	8
Detroit	3	5	6
Boston	1	6	3

AMER.

Buffalo	1	0	12
Cincy	2	2	14
Clev.	3	3	8
Hershey	4	4	8
Roch.	3	4	7
Pitts.	2	4	6
Spring.	1	4	3
Prov.	2	6	4

JR. A.

Marlies	7	0	15
Petes	3	1	10
Harris	4	3	11
St. Kitts	3	4	7
Guelph	2	4	6
St. Mikes	0	5	1

Comprehensive Pension Plan For 7000 Hospital Employees

An estimated 7,000 employees from some 54 hospitals throughout Ontario will be enrolled in a comprehensive pension plan effective January 1, 1960. For most of the employees enrolled, it will be the first opportunity they have had to be covered under a pension scheme.

Sponsored by the Ontario Hospital Association, the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan has several features which stamp it unique among pension schemes. The portability feature which will enable employees to transfer their benefits from one contributing member hospital to another, probably the most significant in that employees coming under the plan will receive recognition for their past service with their employing hospitals.

In commenting on the new plan, Mr. Anthony J. Fourth, president of the Ontario Hospital Association, stated, "We feel this is an important forward step in fringe benefits for hospital employees. We are particularly pleased that the plan will provide a considerable measure of security and future financial independence for some employees who have worked for a long number of years but are not on hospital payrolls. We are continuing to express our confidence that many more hospitals would be joining the plan within the next few months."

It was pointed out that the plan, which will be administered by a special Pension Committee set up by the Ontario Hospital Association, has been so designed that it will allow hospitals who have had their own pension plan in the past to integrate their plan into the new scheme. Already seven of these hospitals have taken advantage of this opportunity.

It is understood that the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan is a contributory plan to which hospital employees will contribute 5% of their earnings while the hospital contributes the balance of the cost to provide employees with both past service and current service pensions. According to the announcement, all contributions to the pension plan will be placed in Trust with the National Trust Company Ltd. and the Toronto General Trusts Corporation acting as Corporate Trustees for the fund.

Second Place Tie In Ladies Bowling

Eleanor Spitzer's team moved into a second place tie with Mrs. Ken Nash's team in Golf Ladies Bowling this week.

Both teams now boast 50 points but trail the league leading crew, captained by Mrs. Ted Darlington, by 7 points. Mrs. Stan Finlay's team is fourth with 36 points. Mrs. Ron Kitchen rolled a 248 to capture the week's high single followed by Mrs. Stan Finlay with 200 and Mrs. Cyril Brandford with 201. Mrs. Kitchen also put together the best triple, a 604 total, beating Eleanor Spitzer's 548 and Mrs. Finlay's 513.

The week's scores failed to change the season's top three. In the single department Eleanor Spitzer still leads with 291. Mrs. Ron Kitchen has 284. Mrs. Cyril Brandford 276; in the triples Eleanor Spitzer has 3 674. Mrs. Kitchen 623 and Mrs. Nash 521.

Eleanor Spitzer topped her average to 172. Mrs. Kitchen rolled three points to 170 and Mrs. Len Ward dropped but retained third with 151.

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ROYAL BANK REPORTS STEEP RISE IN LOANS

Assets Over \$4 Billion Mark—Deposits \$3,777,420,441—\$6,100,000 Transferred to Rest Account—Capital Funds Reach Record Level of \$256,021,496.

The sharp rise in demand for bank credit by individuals, business and public bodies this 1959, and the steps taken by the bank to meet this demand, are clearly reflected in the annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ending November 30, 1959, issued today.

Total loans, excluding mortgage loans, have increased by 25 per cent, having risen from \$1,501,264,724 a year ago to \$1,878,537,071. Commercial and other current loans have increased by more than \$212,000,000 and now stand at \$1,522,088,647, a new year-end record in this category in Canadian banking. If this increase is approximately 80 per cent is accounted for by Canadian dollar loans to individuals, business and public bodies in Canada. Mortgage loans under the National Housing Act have increased from \$264,816,709 to \$291,766,158. This figure represents approximately 30 per cent of all the NHA loans on the books of all Canadian banks. Call loans totalling \$368,068,424 are nearly double the 1958 figure.

To provide the funds necessary to meet the demand for loans, the bank has reduced its holdings of Government of Canada and provincial government securities by over \$259,000,000 and other securities by a further \$91,748,193.

The strong liquid position of the bank has been well maintained, quick assets of \$2,184,041,935 being equal to 56.4 per cent of the bank's liabilities to the public. The total assets stand at \$4,129,659,661—slightly down from last year's all time high of \$4,133,550,025. Deposits have also declined slightly from last year's record figure of \$3,782,068,783 and now total \$3,777,420,441.

Personal savings which at the end of October were some \$37,000,000 higher than at the same date last year show an increase of only \$3,145,808 at the bank's year-end. The lower figure at Nov. 30 is accounted for by the unusually large withdrawals by the public during Novem-

ber for the purchase of Canada Savings Bonds.

Net profits, after provision for taxes, increased by approximately 8 per cent and totalled \$17,119,140. The per share earnings amounted to \$2.83 as compared with \$2.70 a year ago. For the tenth consecutive year, the bank has transferred a portion of the current year's earnings to the Rest Account, which now stands at \$106,020,000. Paid Up Capital totals \$60,480,000. These figures, together with undivided profits, bring the combined capital funds to \$256,021,496, a new high point in the history of the bank, and the highest figure ever attained by any Canadian bank.

This year's statement shows that regular dividends amounting to \$12,245,050 were paid to shareholders, plus an extra distribution of 30c per share, amounting to \$1,814,400. Last year's extra was on the basis of 25c per share.

After payments to shareholders there remained a balance of \$3,058,991. To this was added the balance of undivided profits carried forward from the previous year and \$3,000,000 transferred from inner reserves, resulting in a total of \$6,058,991. From this the bank has transferred \$6,100,000 to the Rest Account, leaving a balance of \$321,496 in the Undivided Profits Account.

The annual general meeting of Shareholders of the bank will be held at the Head Office on Thursday, January 14, at 11 a.m.

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Movies Return, Thanks To Hospital Auxiliary

Some two hundred and fifty children watched a double feature showing of Frances and the Haunted House in a 25-minute Auditorium last Wednesday afternoon in a fund raising project put on by the Hospital Auxiliary.

Illness and inclement weather kept the attendance way below the anticipated figure which, the loss of the boys considered, should have been close to capacity for both showings. Approximately 135 showed up for the first show at 1:00 and about 100 the second at 3:30.

Early box office sales, based on the admission charge of 25c, The main feature, Frances and the Haunted House, starred Mickie Moore and was accompanied by an entertaining short, "Champ on the Farm". Harrison Public School principal Harold Henry was present to host and Mrs. Muri Allison conceived the scheme. A similar undertaking may be sponsored by the auxiliary later this year.

Referees for Sat. Jan. 9

N.H.L. - 9:15 W. Scott and M. Dwyer
JR. A. - 9:15 H. E. Hoes and H. L. Hoes
AMER. - 11:15 Norton and R. Turner

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