THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

columns designed to give you an idea, possibly sketchy, of sport as it existed in Canada prior to, and at Confederation RE

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Lacrosse, curling and snowshoeing are rated as the first organized sports to be played in Canada, and in that order, but of this we have some doubt.

For the most primitive sport in the world is foot-running. Some claim that wrestling is the oldest. But we harbor the thought that primeval, pre-historic man, was more likely to have instinctively taken to his heels at top speed, when one of the horrifying beasts of the era came into view. Wrestling such a monster would be a last and probably fatal resort.

So Canada had foot-racing back in pre-Confederation days, among other sports. This can be proven by the records. Though faulty, doubtless in the matters of time, these indicate that foot-racing was a major sport in 1867, and doubtless before.

At Barrie, Ont., still an extremely sporting city, there was held on October 14, 1867, what was termed a Canadian Pedestrian Tournament. It was featured by a 3-mile race for \$200., cash and a gold medal, and the winner was one DeKelso, whose time for the distance was registered at 13 m. 11 s. Probably the track was short or the watches fast, for this time was considerably faster than Gundar Haegg's modern record for the distance.

On Toronto's Parliament grounds of the time, on June 24, 1867 (we quote a long-defunct sports publication known as "Spirit of the Times" for these facts) there was a championship race to decide the best professional or amateur runner on the continent. Sergeant Harley and Private Wood, both of the 17th regiment, met in this test, the private won, and the time was announced as 4 minutes, 2 seconds.

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we should be very remiss, to the point of lacking in patriotism, We should be very remiss, to the point of lacking in patriotism, if we failed to mention Canada's national game, lacrosse, which undoubtedly was in full swing throughout Canada in and long before 1867, but unfortunately authentic records of this are lost, if they ever existed. It is said that the first recorded match, under some sort of rules, was played in 1834 between teams of Iroquois and Algonquin Indians at a Montreal race-course. There is some record, too, that the Olympic Club of Montreal, organized in 1842, held annual athletic meets, the highlight of which was a game of lacrosse between Indian teams, or whites against an Indian team. Apparently the supremacy of the Indians was admitted, for the whites were allowed 7 men to the Indians' 5 in these contests. It is said, though not proven, that the first organization to be devoted to lacrosse was the Montreal Lacrosse Club, formed in 1856. Undoubtedly the game was played then throughout Ontario, for in 1867, when the separate provinces of Canada were welded into the Dominion, lacrosse was adopted as Canada's national game by act of Parliament.

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We spoke of curling and snowshoeing as following lacrosse in the matter of age in the Canadian sports picture. The Montreal Curling Club, founded in 1807, played its first inter-city game at Three Rivers in 1835 against Quebec. The curlers of both cities drove by sleigh, a mere matter of 200 miles, there and back. Those were the days of real sport.

The third of three Calvert columns, sketching sport at the time of Confederation and before abbears next week.

of Confederation and before, appears next week. Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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It is just exactly 2,728 years since the first Olympic Games were held on a plain beside the river Alpheus ver there in that dear old Greece. and while we didn't happen to cover the event personally, nor did the sports writers of that day make even tell the size of the gate—we that it is just exactly 2,728 years since the first Olympic games squabbling also took place. In fact, e would be prepared to offer fairly liberal odds that such is the case.

How do we know that this is books are silent on such matters Well, it is only a comparatively short time-56 years to be exactsince a Frenchman by name Baron idea that since boys and athletics have gone together down the ages, education and athletics might well go hand-in-hand toward a better rnational understanding. So he and a bunch of similarly deep

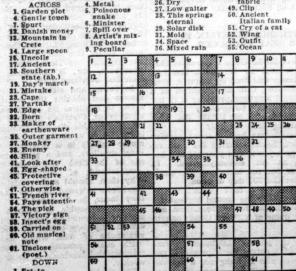
thinkers revived the Olympics. The first of the modern Olympics were held in Athens in 1896. Since then the athletes have gathered—to promote goodwill and international understanding—in Paris, St. Louis, Athens again, London, Stockholm, Antwerp, Paris, Amsterdam, Los Angeles, Berlin, and London.

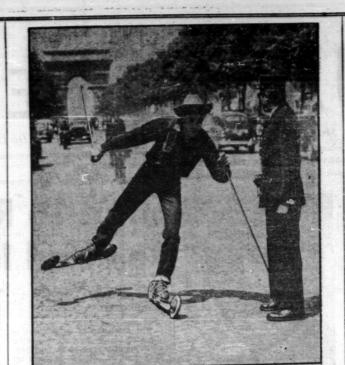
It is estimated that more than 29,000 athletes representing 58 nations have competed in the games. And it is also estimated — by us — that there have been far more than 29,000 squawks, squabbles, and general rhubarbs over said games, o say nothing of a couple of World Wars and four or five minor league ones. Of course, we aren't saving that the Olympics were entirely re ponsible for these World Wars. Still, we didn't have them till the games were revived, and we've had little else since.

"The competitions were entirely prizes were laurel wreaths"-we quote again from the record. "Only free Greek citizens were allowed to compete. But civic rivalry led to trickery and professionalism and the Games became degraded after some centuries. When Rome conquered Greece the Roman emperors turned the Olympic Games from patriotic, religious and athletic festivals into carnivals and circuses. They drag-ged on malodorously until they were finally halted by decree of Emperor Theodosius of Rome in A.D. 394."

. . . Well, here we are in the enlightened year 1952 with the latest edition of these Olympics coming up; and already here in Canada we have a foretaste of what is to come -already Toronto is claiming it has been gypped by Montreal and Vanouver-already half of our amateur athletic authorities are calling names and making snoots at the other half and vice versa. What with Joe Stalin's boys back in competition over there at Helsink

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Parisian "Ski-rewballism"-S'no snow in Paris these warm summer days, so French Olympic ski champion Henri Oreiller, who is also a singer and composer in a Parisian cabaret, gayly "slaloms" down the Champs Elysees on a pair of wheeled skis. The apparently unconcerned gendarme gives the impression that such stunts are as common in France as over here.

what is liable to happen there is | This Was The First likely to make the Finns think they are having an encore of the atom affair at Hiroshima. On paper these Olympic Games are a very fine affair. But in practice-well, they seem to work out a bit different. And while we are no booster for dictatorship, every time the Olym-pics come up we can't help wishing r somebody like Emperor Theo dosius of Rome, who ". . . finally halted them by decree."

Now, to turn to a subject a bit more pleasant, here's some news for you lovers of the trotters and sidewheelers.

A record entry of 600 horses for 15 stake events had been filed with Thorncliffe officials when the lists were closed on April 15. In view of the anticipated heavy shipment of horses for over-night events, arrangements hav been made, once again, to quarter the racers in the running-horse barns, in addition to the 350 stalls which have been exclusively the property of the trot-

ting fraternity. The Canadian Cup Race-richest harness-racing event in Canada—
has been scheduled for Saturday,
August 9. The event customarily
has been raced on a Friday but it was shifted to Saturday this summer in order to facilitate the presence of many farming harnessracing enthusiasts who find it difficult to get away from their farms

In the past two seasons, three horses—Dr. Stanton, Linda's Boy and Malcolm Hanover—have divided the spoils in The Canadian Cup Pace. In 1950 Dr. Stanton won the first heat and then was beaten by Linda's Boy in the second dash. In 1952, Malcolm Hanover beat Dr. Stanton in a photo-finish in the first heat but the Doctor came back to win the second dash with Malcolm in close attendance. . . .

The situation is likely to be clarified on August o, for all three horses have been entered in this year's renewal and one of them may lay claim to the clear title of Canadian Pacing Champion. Dr. Stanton recently equalled the track record in scoring a smashing victory at Yonkers Raceway.

Beer Fumes Cure Whooping Cough

Children suffering from whooping cough in the Swedish village of Halmstad quickly recover, thanks to a novel cure devised by

We hear that, after examining a young victim, he invariably orders him to be put out to play in the yeasting hall of the local brewery. Here he has found that the car bonic acid fumes given off during the yeasting process banish whooping cough even in very bad cases.

Unusual cures for whooping ough have been tried for centuries. In our own time the flying cure has had some success. Two Yorkshire children of seven and four were taken 14,000 ft. up in a 'plane and were said to be bette

after the trip. North country people used to believe that if whooping cough victims inhaled ammonia fumes at gasworks they would be cured, but there's no reliable evidence that any were. A Sussex man claimed that he cured himself of "the hooping cough" in 1822 by riding hatless over the Downs in a rain

Another quaint "remedy" years ago was to place a live frog on a child's chest. The idea was that the cough would be drawn into the frog!

One might consider it a miracle that, from one seed, an apple could grow that in time produced one of the world's outstanding apple the world's outstanding apple varieties. This is exactly what happened with what we now call the Delicious apple. In about 1870, Mr. Jesse Hiatt

"Delicious" Apple

discovered his orchard north of Peru in Madison County, Iowa, a young seedling, which was growing outside of a row of apples. Knowing that most seedlings were worthless, he cut this young sprout off and thought no more about it until it sent up another vigorous stem and then he decided that if it wanted to grow so badiy, he would let it grow. In due time, this seedling produced fruit. He thought so much of it that he first named it the Hawkeye, honoring his adopted state of Iowa. He tried for years

to get local nurserymen interested in propagating and introducing this variety without success.

In 1893, the Stark Brothers Nursery at Louisiana, Missouri, were holding their annual fruit show, inviting anyone interested to send in especially new seedling varieties.

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Mr. Hiatt sent in a few specimens and they came to the attention of Mr. Clarence Sta k, who immediately fell in love with the apple. However, in some vay, the name and address of the sender had become lost, so no contact that year was made with Mr. Hiatt. Mr. Hiatt being a persistent man, sent another sample the next year to the sender had become lost, so no contact that year was made with Mr. Hiatt. Mr. Hiatt being a persistent man, sent another sample the next year to the sender had become large conditioning units and the sender had become large conditioning units and the sender had become also c

secured propagation rig to for this how the apple was finally named. One was that a friend of Mr. Stark, while testing this new seedling apple, exclaimed. "Delicious." The other story is that Mr. Stark kept a notebook in which he jotted down favorit names and among them was the name tha was finally decided upon to give this new variety, which in time became the most popular apple variety in the world. It is claimed that there are more

Delicious apples than any other one variety.—From "The Original Delicious Apple Tree," by Robert L. Hendrick, in "Pioneer American C. Leit," Gardening," compiled by Elvenia NO COMPLIMENT

A film star spent a week-end at a New York hotel. On leaving. he presented the manager with a huge bouquet, saying: "These are

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MacPherson was in love, and his girl to have a drink, feeling more expensive than lemonade what'll I order for ve? "Why thank you," she replied. 'I'll have a large port." pherson. "Gosh woman, come on oot and I'll buy ye a picture post card of Liverpool!

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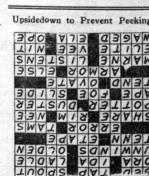
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It hung on the wall opposite the door as you came into the front room-the picture of my father in had known him to own. That pic ture had always fascinated me. It presented my father as quite a handsome young man: the photo-graph had been taken, of course, some dozen years ago, just before he had married my mother. More than once she had told me about that suit and when she had first seen him in it she had sworn him to be the best looking man in the world. It had become the symbol of their merrier days and both of them cherished it. Only on two occasions since their marriage had my father worn that suit: my christening and a neighbour's daughter's wedding.

But things between my father and mother were not altogether peaceful. They spent their time together arguing about little matters As for instance, my father would clump into the kitchen on a wet day and leave mud tracks on the

"treading mud tracks all over my clean kitchen. I suppose you like to see me on my knees scrubbing away like a slave." And my father would say, "I can't walk into my own house without being blas

On a bright summer morning my mother was serving breakfast and she had an idea. "I'm going to visit mother in Scottsville," sh said. "I'll take Henry with me." "Always thinkin' up something. Where's the money coming from for tickets?" said my father.

"I saved it up, penny by penny."
"Waste of money," said my father. "With so much work on the farm, in the middle of summer, she wants to take a trip to her mother. Huh!"

"I can see my own mother sometimes in a blue moon. I'd be glad to get away from you for a spell, believe me. The way you snap and bite at me." "All right, then. Go and see

I care," said my father. Stolidly my mother packed a satchel. She dressed me in my Sunduory trousers. I wore my shoes. My father took us to Oak Leaf Junction a mile away. We rode in the top-wagon, drawn by our white horse, Prince.

At the station my mother bought the tickets and we waited in silence. The train clanged in, and we got on, and I heard my father say "Good-bye" to my mother and she said that to him. As the train moved away I looked out of the window and saw my father stand

ing near the wagon.

My mother and I went to the movies in Scottsville and we ate ice cream and store cake. Life was full for me, just to walk along Main Street and watch everything.

My mother seemed different some
My mother seemed different someargued with anyone. She even smiled. Toward the end of the first week, however, I noticed a shadow flit across her face.

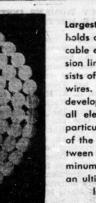
One night, as we were returning from a movie, my mother said: "Your father is a hard-working man. Henry." As the end of the second week approached the favorite subject of conversation for my mother was my father. Soon she talked of We were going home. The train

flitted by forest and meadow and I could close my eyes and picture my father in his overalls, waiting for us with Prince and the top-wagon, just the way we had

The train slowed down. Soon we were being helped off the coach by the conductor. My mother looked nice in her new dress, so carefully selected by her and my grandmother, bought with the remainder of my mother's savings. As she stood on the platform of Oak Leaf Junction at last, she seemed to be of the city, indeed. I saw my father coming toward us and his face was quite clean shaven. He didn't wear his sun hat and his iron gray hair was combed back. As I looked at him my eyes opened in wonder. So did my mother's. My. father was wearing his

blue serge suit. He nodded at me. He took the satchel toward the horse and wagon. He stumbled over the single platform step to the ground and brushed against my mother. "Exexcuse me," he stammered.





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THE FARM FRONT by John Russell

From one of the best dairying against scarcities or gluts. It has sections of New Brunswick comes sound advice, says an editorial in The Financial Post. In a recent editorial the editor of Kings County such as we faced during the war of how here in Scottsville; she never tance to dairy products both in this country and in Great Britain, he bluntly states that the salvation of the Canadian industry does not dairymen themselves. He sums it

> Government intervention into business, whether it be farming or anything e'se, seldom works satis-factorily. There may be temporary benefits, but in the long run governmen' assurances may cause com-placency which destroys initiative and the will to sell. If a person must sell his product or go out of business, he is much more apt to try to give the customer what he

. . . "Dairy farmers in Canada today have a hard struggle in front of them. They have lost many of their markets. Milk and butter consumption by Canadians has de-creased. The challenge to the farmers is to build up that consump-tion, and their best chance of doing so is by direct dealing with the trade; through telling the people what they have to offer; and by sel'ing their products at the lowest possible prices which will give them a reasonable return on their

investment and labor." That is good advice not only fo Canadian dairying but for a great many other industries, too. During the war and since, too many pro ducers got into the habit of expecting the government to look after their marketing and their comfort. They forget that this is a job the producer, manufacturer or processor can best do himself and that it is his job to do it.

Government marketing of wheat cheese, meats and other products has been a costly business for producers, consumers and taxpayers
It has not produced stability either ction or in returns to the

normal year. Repercussions of that blow would have spread all through our basic agricultural industry and from that to a score of secondary industries that are dependent on agriculture for raw materials and

purchasing power. Perhaps it is too soon to assume that we are out of danger. But every day clear from now on bol-sters the hope that the virus has been stamped out and that within perhaps a few months we can expect to see restrictions lifted and

Building Mystery

In dealing with an emergency Freight transport these days prematter how bulky, unwieldy, or there is justification for the government stepping into the picture world. From huge generators tra-velling by articulated lorry or loco--but only temporarily. The great danger with this sort of thing, however, is that we tend to regard motive to floating docks towed across seas, we take it all as a every little disturbance as a crisis matter of course.

calling for emergency treatment. Yet by no means the least re-The sooner Canadian agriculture markable of achievements, so fa as transportation is concerned, was and other industries get back to the conveyance from the quarries normal marketing the better for of huge blocks of limestone by the Pyramid builders. Some of the everybody. heaviest pieces weighed as much

Some Federal veterinarians have proclaimed their confidence that the outbreak of foot and mouth Mr. I. E. S. Edwards in his indisease in Western Canada has teresting book, "The Pyramids of been conquered, that the eradication Egypt," that wheeled vehicles were campaign is now in its final stages. used. Sledges were the mode of If that optimism proves well founded, then we are fortunate indeed. conveyance. The blocks were care-The recent Canadian outbreak, the first of its kind in almost a quite likely, the whole vehicle was then raised again by means of skilful leverage, and wooden rolcentury, has cost us millions in animals destroyed and in the inlers slipped underenath to help ease terruption to trade, especially in exports of live animals and animal products to the United States. But the journey of the runners. The laden sledge was then laboriously dragged to its destination by teams the price is trifling compared to what it might have been had the

disease continued, and spread. Then we would have had to abansatisfying answers to the oft-redon all hope of any early reopening peated question- ow were Pyramids built? of the U.S. market, an outlet worth not less than \$150 millions in a

Seeking For Traces Of Noah's Ark

Six French explorers were slated to leave Paris June 13 to look for traces of Noah's Ark on the Turk-ish flank of Mt. Ararat, legendary resting place of the Ark after the great flood subsided. The expedition, led by Jean de Riquer, noted Arctic explorer, has special American apparatus capable

of determining the age of wood. Two cameramen are ready to re-cord traces of the elusive Ark if they find it. This is the first expedition to

search in September, 1949.

Several other explorers have tried to succeed where his five-man expedition failed, but the Russian Government has foiled them by making strenuous protests to the Turkish Government, holding that the explorers were western spies.

The 17,000-foot peak, highest in the Caucasus, is situated close to the Caucasus, is situated close to the junction of the Russion, Turk-

ish, and Iranian frontiers, but the remains are thought to be on the southwestern flank, in Turkey. The French expedition, which will join with a Turkish priest in Turkey, also intends to collect mineral, zoological, and botanic specimens from the mountain.

The authority for looking on Ararat is in the Bible, which says,

in the eighth chapter of Genesis:
"And the ark rested in the seventh month . . . on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually..."

The first recorded attempt to find the remains was made by a find the remains was made by the German explorer, financed by the Czar of Russia, in 1829. He failed, but the legend persisted. World laterest was revived in 1916 when a Russion aviator flying, over the

Caucasus claimed to have seen a vessel perched on the 17.000-foot tervened and all news of the Ark was suppressed in Russia—the new rulers felt that discovery would strengthen belief in the Bible.

Nothing more was heard of the pilot.
Unable to talk to the aviator, archaelogists had little to work on. Some said the remains would be half the size of the liner Queen Elizabeth, others predicted a few spars strewn over the mountain-

Walking down a street, a man passed a doorstep on which sat a Peke and an Alsatian on either side. As he strolled by he was

Sure You Can Plant Aside from things like grass,

sweet peas and nursery stock, which should get established before the really hot weather, one can go on planting regularly right up to early July in most parts of the This is the first expedition to beat the Soviet blockade on Ararat explorers since Dr. Aaron J. Smith, dean of the People's Bible School, Greenboro, N.C., failed to find remains of the Ark in a 15-day in Santamber 1949.

When It Gets Hot The wise gardener will change his methods a bit when the days turn hot. With the lawn he will cut less frequently, certainly no oftener than once a week, and he will usually let the clippings lie where they fall to form a bit of protecting mulch. He will also set his mower a little higher so that the grass is not cut so short. In the flower and vegetable garTHE COUNTY OF THE PERSON OF THE PERSON

known as a dust mulch which will prevent evaporation of moisture from the soil.

Before going on holidays it is a excellent plan to go over flower a cultivator then, if possible, mulch

From now right through to fall

lar material to conserve the moisshould water thoroughly the night vation. A Good Time to Plan

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is an excellent time to look around and make notes for the bigger and better garden we are going to have next year. It's an excellent idea to keep a note-book and list certain things we are going to have for sure next year. We should jot down such items as color and season of bloom, height, resistance to disease and drought and, of course, the name of anything we see growing side. As he strolled by he was
startled to hear the Alsatian remark: "Lovely day, isn't it?"
He rushed over to a woman who
was standing at the door and said:
"Th-that Alsatian just spoke to
me."

I an neighbor's garden that we hope to have in our own.

With certain lines of nursery stock, most shrubs, trees, vines, etc., one can buy and plant in the fall just as well as next spring. to have in our own.

With certain lines of nursery stock, most shrubs, trees, vines, fall just as well as next spring. "Were you fooled, too?" laughed By doing this we get these the woman; "it's the Peke—he's a ventriloquist."

By doing this we get these established earlier and save time for other jobs next year.



Who Has Potato Worries?-Not Carl B. Mitchell, of Rock Island Village. The 11-pound sweet potato he's preparing to demolish should last him for some time. A smaller, seven-pound spud was delicious, says Carl.





of men hauling on ropes. To lessen

the ground over which the sled

