Today in Sports

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PLAN HOCKEY AT OLIVER

Hockey, which to many Prince Rupert people is merely a radio program which they would like to hear on Saturday night, may make a real life appearance on ice here next Sunday.

In the supposition that the current cold weather will continue until the week-end, Ray McLean of the Northern B.C. Power Co. is attempting to organize a hockey game to be played at Lake Oliver Sunday afternoon, something that has not taken place here in some years.

"We have the weather, we have the ice, so we might as well have hockey while we can," he commented this morning. "I feel sure there must be enough former players with equipment here to put on a game."

Just exactly when ice hockey was last played in Prince Rupert with any degree of formality is something that nobody seems to definitely recall but even during the intense cold spell of 1943 no organized games were played.

BRUINS ARE MOVING UP

National Hockey League Favorites Downed Present Leaders, Toronto Maple Leafs, Last Night

Boston 4, Toronto 1.
Detroit 4. Chicago 6.

BOSTON — Boston Bruins, whom many observers still pick to finish in first place in the National Hockey League, took the presently leading Toronto Maple Leafs into camp by a score of 4 to 1 last night and moved into a tie with Montreal Canadiens for second place—one game or two percentage points behind the Leafs.

In another scheduled fixture last night, Chicago Black Hawks defeated Detroit Red Wings 6 to 4

The league standing to date:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Toronto	7	3	2	37	30	17
Montreal	6	3	4	38	32	15
Boston	5	5	3	39	40	15
Chicago	5	1	5	41	38	11
New York	3	2	8	33	47	8
Detroit	4	3	8	46	57	11

SHORT SPORT

President Frank Calder limited National Hockey League games to 60 minutes five years ago today, eliminating overtime play in tie games to enable travelling teams to catch trains. Originally a wartime measure, the ruling has remained in force.

RINK AT GYRO PARK MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE

In spite of frosty weather, Fire Chief H. T. Lock's efforts to make a skating rink at Gyro Park appear to be meeting with failure due to the fact that the water spread over the area is seeping into the ground before it freezes, leaving an uneven, mushy surface which probably cannot be made into a rink.

However, while the city firemen have been working to make a rink in the centre of the city, young people have been taking advantage of other ice surfaces in the area. Well marked by skate blades are the frozen surfaces of Oliver Lake, where parties have been going nightly, the fountain pond in the C.N.R. Park, and another sizeable pond near St. Peter's Church, Seal Cove.

Other small ponds also have been the scene of skating parties and impromptu hockey games.

Evidence of the interests being shown in skating are the numbers of pairs of skates piled on the counter of a local shoe repair man who has made a bid for the skate sharpening business. In the last two days he has sharpened more than 20 sets of blades.

Inability to flood the Gyro Park properly to make a rink was a bit of a disappointment to Fire Chief Lock and his men who have put in considerable effort in the attempt.

"It looks as if the ground has to be frozen first, so the water won't seep away," Mr. Lock said a bit ruefully. "I would certainly like to have seen a rink there. It might have provided a lot of pleasure."

LONDON (AP)—A supper given by Tottenham Gas Company was delayed half an hour due to lack of gas pressure.

FUEL ECONOMY IS WATCHWORD FOR BRITAINS

LONDON (AP)—Fuel Minister Emanuel Shinwell says there may be shortages of coal this winter but "no serious crisis" if the people do what they can to save fuel. The average Briton isn't entirely convinced.

When Cartoonist J. C. Walker of Cardiff's Western Mail drew a householder dressed in overcoat, hat and motor rug, reading "Bleak House" by candlelight in front of a fireless grate, he reflected a widespread reaction to the minister's forecast.

Week by week, Mr. Shinwell has veered from heavy pessimism to moderate optimism and back again. Meantime, Arthur Horner, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, has said consistently that the anticipated 5,000,000-ton deficit in coal production will throw 1,000,000 men and women temporarily out of work.

Industrialists in many parts of Scotland have been warned officially that their electricity supply may be cut one day a fortnight to conserve coal. Power plants and railways are nearing the bottom of their stockpiles. Gas companies have threatened pressure cuts when the weather gets really cold.

And already—even before the first snowfall—some parts of the Midlands and southern England have experienced power failures of brief duration. Bradford, Yorkshire, even went without street cars for one stretch of 40 minutes.

"I want to tell you there is not going to be a crisis in coal, if by crisis you mean that industrial organization is going to be seriously dislocated and that hundreds of factories are to be closed down," Mr. Shinwell told the Coke-Oven Managers Association.

Minister Gives His Reasons

That statement, he indicated later in the House of Commons, was based on four suppositions:

1. That the present working force of about 700,000 can be kept in the mines or increased.
2. That absenteeism in the mines is sharply reduced.
3. That production shows an increase of 100,000 tons a week over 1945.
4. That industrial and domestic users of coal effect the utmost economies.

Less than three weeks before his "no crisis" speech, Mr. Shinwell made another in which he warned: "We run a very grave risk of breakdown." A recent government booklet for public distribution said that "Unless output (of coal) rises, there is real danger that coal shortage may act as a brake on reconversion."

The minister's aim in his fuel-saving campaign is a 10-per-cent voluntary cut in industrial and domestic use of coal, gas and electricity to avert a "breakdown in supplies in the depths of the coming winter."

Industry has been warned that "more drastic steps" will have to be considered if the voluntary saving is not effective. The government is known to be considering a scheme to restrict use of electricity. Demand has increased 76 per cent since 1938 and the gas industry is using 24 per cent more coal than before the war.

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