



## BILLIARDS.

## "The Half Ball Stroke."

What is the half-ball stroke? It is an endeavour on the part of the striker to hit his own ball dead in the middle while aiming at the edge of the object ball—that is, to say that half of each ball meets the other. To practice for this all-important stroke one should place the spot ball on the centre spot of the baulk line with the small spot on it exactly in the middle. Now play to hit that spot when striking aim to go perfectly straight (over the other three spots on the table) to the top cushion, with as much freedom as you can use, letting your arm come well out and following with your cue on the table. To bring the ball back over the baulk spot is absolutely the most difficult thing for the beginner to do. It looks absurdly easy, but it is not. If you can do this with a fair amount of accuracy you are well on the way to become proficient at the half-ball stroke.

It is absolutely essential to success that one should try and keep the cue steady and straight during the time he is taking his three or four swings at the ball before striking. Any deviation of the cue or arm will cause a mishap.

The half-ball stroke is accompanied by striking your own ball in the middle naturally, without screw or force, and aiming your cue through your ball at the extreme edge of the object ball. It follows that the balls must always leave each other at the same angle, and this is called the natural angle at billiards. By screwing or forcing one makes the angle different; by hitting the ball fine one makes it different.

Friday—Six Natural Half Ball Strokes."

## COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE—LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS.

J. B. Mitchell vs. Geo. Neal, Ltd.

Mitchell's	1	2	3	THL
J. Daly	128	152	129	419
P. Burke	95	99	126	320
H. Mitchell	72	85	103	260
J. Omond	107	87	114	308
	402	423	482	1307

Neal's

Neal's	1	2	3	THL
T. Pico	116	134	106	356
R. Nolan	97	92	102	291
M. Savage	83	108	125	317
W. R. Neal	82	106	120	318
	358	431	453	1242

Royal Stores vs. Job Brothers.

Royal Stores	1	2	3	THL
W. Scott	129	145	105	379
G. Hutchings	78	115	79	272
J. M. Fardale	101	69	141	311
B. Morris	112	160	74	346
	542	489	399	1330

Job's

Job's	1	2	3	THL
K. McGrath	134	166	120	399
H. Gabriel	127	127	117	371
R. Flanagan	111	84	61	256
E. J. Walsh	122	127	95	344
	501	444	393	1338

## CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.

Agricultural Dept. vs. Justice Dept.

Justice Dept.	1	2	3	THL
V. Golden	100	104	183	387
P. Gleason	96	104	100	300
L. Griffin	89	93	141	323
H. Power	121	135	119	375
	406	436	493	1335

Agriculture

Agriculture	1	2	3	THL
A. Power	108	134	161	403
G. Phillips	129	87	83	299
N. McEllan	86	170	118	412
S. Hart	124	170	118	412
	447	561	481	1489

## INTER CLUB BILLIARDS.

Last night the Inter Club Billiard Tournament was continued at the Masonic Club, when G. Halley (B.L.S.), defeated W. Rodger (Masonic), by the small margin of 3 points. The game which was close throughout was followed with interest by the supporters and friends of both sides. The breaks were:

G. Halley (B.L.S.)—400—11, 16, 14, 13, 21, 14, 15, 16, 23, 10, 14, 21, 14, 216.

W. Rodger (Masonic)—397—16, 17, 15, 11, 24, 10, 12, 11—116.

To-Night's Games.

7.15—F. Rabbits (Masonic) vs. W. J. O'Neil (B.L.S.).

9.30—G. E. Bonfield (Masonic) vs. W. R. Skinner (B.L.S.).

## CANADIENS DEFEAT BOSTON IN BOUGH GAME.

The Canadiens of Montreal defeated Boston Bruins at the Boston Arena last night by 3 goals to 2. The game was brilliant for its many good plays, particularly the individual rushes by Joliet and Moroz, for the victors, and Herbert and Carson Cooper for Boston. Several fouls were handed out by Jerry Lafamme during the game. At times it got very rough, particularly in the opening of the third period, when three players were banished

from the ice. A feature of the game was the clever goal-keeping of LeCroz, for Canadians, who substituted for the veteran Vesina. In the first period Cooper scored a lone tally for Boston, on a pass from Jackson. Canadians had the edge on their opponents in the second, and due to the great work of Moroz, with the assistance of Joliet, two goals were accounted for. The third period was fast and interesting. After ten minutes of play Joliet made the score read 3 to 1, and the final goal came one minute before the close when Cooper, for Boston, beat LeCroz, on a close-in shot. The game was broadcasted play by play through WBZ, Springfield, Mass. The announcer was very distinct, and at times the cheers of the crowd could be heard.

## THE OLD GLORY SALE.

The Old Glory Sale, conducted by the Fagis-Whitton Co. of New York and probably the largest auction of standard-bred horses held annually in the States in to be held this year from December the 8th-11th at Squadron "A" Armoury Madison Ave., and promises to be one of the best in the history of the company. Included in the list of horses consigned are the fast performers: Ribbon Cane, 2:01½; Braden K. Direct, 2:02¼; Allen Guy, (3) 2:03¼; Walter Sterling, 2:03¼; Bob Armstrong, (4) 2:03¼; Lambetto, 2:05¼; Silladar, (4) 2:05¼; Pappy (2) 2:06¼ and Southward, 2:06¼.

Youngsters from the leading trotting nurseries by such great sires as, Guy Arworthy, 2:08¼; San Francisco, 2:07¼; Peter Volo, 2:02; Atlantic Express, 2:02¼; The Harvester, 2:01; Peter McKillop, 2:06; David Guy, (3) 2:05¼; Dillon Arworthy, 2:04¼; La Princeton, 2:01; Chesnut Peter, 2:05¼; Justice Brooke, 2:03¼; Ortolan Arworthy, (3) 2:07¼; Peter Chenault, 2:09¼; and Peter Hamlin, 2:09¼, six of the world's greatest trotting stallions, and sires of extreme speed are to be sold. All go to the highest bidder.

## Professor W. Seeley

After a very successful trip to Heart's Content, Carbonar and Brigus, meeting many friends and enrolling a number of pupils, I will now be in St. John's for about four months: December, January, February, March. Along with my training and studies, I will promote some very interesting boxing and wrestling bouts, will also enroll many pupils both personally and by mail. Don't miss seeing the performance in the Star Theatre Friday and Saturday nights, December 11th and 12th. You will see four strong men perform, three of my pupils had myself and I can guarantee we will please you. Professor Seeley has always something new to show to the audience. One act will be the chewing of a heavy tea cup; I can break any tea cup or glass tumbler with my teeth. This show will be for men, women and children; it is well worth your while to come and see our local boys perform and to see what can be accomplished through physical culture under the proper training in a short space of time. All three men have only been training about nine weeks. You will see their photographs on display at the Star Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; you will have the pleasure of seeing many of my pupils perform in the near future, both boys and girls. Are you going to join the large number and be strong, healthy and happy? Don't forget the special offer I made you all a few days ago. I can do things that no other man living can do. I can also build up the weak faster than any man living. Are you ready? You will find me at my office, Renout Building, Phone 2146, P. O. Box 1302.

## BUILDER OF THE BODY

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## TRUTH ABOUT DALE

(Daily Mail.)

A committee has now been set up to "consider the working of the unemployment insurance scheme and what changes may be necessary. Lord Blanesburgh (formerly Sir George Younger) is chairman, and the members are: Miss Bonfield, Sir James Curtis, Prof. Charles Davis, Mr. J. Hamilton, Sir Hugh Horst, Mr. Frank Hodges, Mr. A. Holmes, Mr. Lawrence Holt, Sir James Lithgow, Sir W. McClinton, Viscountess Milner, Sir G. Hamilton-West.

The secretary of the committee will be Mr. J. A. Dale, of the Labor Ministry.

The representative character of the committee is shown by the inclusion in it of two members of the late Socialist Ministry—Miss Margaret Bonfield, former Parliamentary Secretary at the Labor Ministry, and Mr. Frank Hodges, ex-Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

Appointment of the committee was announced by the Government as the result of insistent statements that there was widespread abuse of the dole system, and that many preferred living on the taxpayer to looking for work.

The Labor Ministry announced that 1,367,700 persons were recorded on November 2 last on the Employment Exchanges. This is 24,698 less than a week ago and 20,223 less than a year ago.

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## Supreme Court

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.)

SINCE the application on the part of the plaintiff for an order empowering the plaintiff to enter upon possession herein under Order XIII, Rule 1.

L. R. Curtis for plaintiff is heard in support of the application. J. A. Barron for defendant is heard against the application.

Thomas Smythe sworn and examined by J. A. Barron, cross-examined by L. R. Curtis.

The further hearing is adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 8th, at 11 a.m.

In the matter of the Companies Act and in the matter of Steers, Ltd.

This is an application on the part of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the registered owners of certain shares in the capital stock of Steers, Ltd., which were credited as fully paid up for a consideration other than cash, for an order that a contract made between the said Bank of Commerce of the one part and the said Steers, Ltd., of the other part, made the 3rd day of Dec. 1924, may be filed with the Registrar of Companies and that the said contract on being filed, may in relation to such shares so credited as fully paid up, operate as if it had been duly filed with the said Registrar, before the issue of the said shares.

Mr. H. Knight for the Canadian Bank of Commerce is heard in support of the application. Mr. L. E. Emerson on behalf of Steers, Ltd., is heard and consents to the application. It is ordered accordingly.

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## Magistrate's Court

A resident of Manuels arrested yesterday evening from on board the outgoing train was fined \$2 or seven days.

Evidence was given that the man was drunk and disorderly.

An agent who failed to stop his motor car whilst passengers were alighting from a street car at Adelaide Street on Nov. 24th was fined the minimum sum of \$5.00 as it was shown that there was not a deliberate breach of the Act.

A motor mechanic, charged with parking his car on the night of Nov. 28th last, without having lights on, was allowed to go on paying costs.

Defendant was attending a wake and had, he said, left his car at the disposal of the family of the deceased.

When he took the car from the garage his battery was down and during the night he kept a constant watch on the machine.

A sailor of foreign nationality, arrested for being drunk, was also charged with a breach of Sec. 15 B of the Alcoholic Liquors Act. It appears that when the defendant was searched, a lemonade bottle, filled with liquor, was found on his person.

Mr. Parsons, for the Controller, contended that the burden of proof to show that the liquor was obtained from the Department, lay with the defendant. Being placed in the box the sailor satisfied the Judge that the liquor in question was obtained legally. A fine of \$10.00 was imposed on the conviction for being drunk.

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## Hearing Postponed

In the cause of the Minister of Finance and Customs against Sir Richard Squires for a breach of Section 7 of the War Tax Act of 1918, judgment was handed down by Judge Morris, after which Mr. Jerrett asked that the hearing of other pending cases be postponed until to-morrow owing to Mr. Howley, K.C., not being able to appear to-day. Mr. L. E. Emerson for the prosecution consented and it was ordered accordingly.

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