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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

Edmonton.
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THE CANADIENS

(Canadian Press Despatch).
Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Showing a complete reversal of the form displayed by them in last Wednesday when they were defeated by the St. Patricks of Toronto, the Ottawa Senators, professional hockey champions of the world, smothered the Canadiens of Montreal under an avalanche of goals at the arena rink on Saturday night to win by the score of 10 to 0.

The score, however, is an indication of play inferior only as it denotes the elation of goal tending of the Ottawa net. Benedict was in superb form and turned aside shot after shot of the sticks of the veteran Canadian and on several occasions he forced to his knees to defend the net from Corbeau and Cleghorn, of visitors' defence.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE.
Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A meeting for the purpose of organizing an independent league will be held in Montreal next week. It is expected that representatives from Halifax, New Glasgow, St. John's, and Montreal will be present, and that the league will be organized.

PORT ARTHUR WINS.
Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 26.—Port Arthur and Fort William played hockey all the old-time inter-city rivalry, the Port Arthurs winning by a score of 8 to 4. The result puts Port Arthur at the head of the Thunder Bay.

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BRITISH FOOTBALL

(Canadian Press Despatch).
London, Dec. 26.—Results of league soccer matches played in the old country today follow:

English League.
First Division—Arsenal 0, Oldham 1; Third Division, Southern Section—Brentford 4, Bristol Rovers 2; Brighton 0, Norwich C. 2; Exeter City 1, Watford 0; Gillingham 2, Swindon Town 2; Middlesbrough 1, Millwall 1; Luton Town 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Charlton A. 1; Reading 0, Aberdeen 1; Southampton 0, Northampton 0; South End U. 1, Plymouth A. 0; Swansea T. 2, Newport C. 2.

Scottish League.
Albion Rovers 1, Dumbarton 0; Ayr United 0, Clyde 2; Celtic 0, Falkirk 0; Clydebank 1, Kilmarock 1; Dundee 2, Hamilton A. 0; Hibernians 0, Rangers 0; Motherwell 1, Airdrieonians 2; Partick Thistle 1, Queen's Park 0; Raith Rovers 2, St. Mirren 3; Third Lanark 2, Hearts 0.

Northern Union Rugby League.
Batley 22, Bramley 14; Bradford 3, Huddersfield 25; Broughton 5, Salford

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The Australian team defeated Hull of the Northern Union Rugby League by 21 to 10.

Games Yesterday.
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CHECKERS MORE THAN PASTIME

Every Possible Move and Reply will be Known and Booked Within a Reasonable Time, But Few Minds will Hold it All.

(Winthrop D. Lane in the New York Evening Post).
The contemplated visit to Scotland of Nevill Banks, expert at checkers, raises again the question whether this scientific game is approaching exhaustion. Most people do not realize that checkers is really a profound game, requiring very high efforts of the brain. They class it with tiddie-de-whine, or regard it as the favorite indoor sport of cracker-box philosophers in village grocery stores the country over.

Checkers, or draughts as it is called in England, has an ancient history, having flourished in one form or another among the Egyptians, the Greeks, and the Romans. Its modern history in English-speaking countries begins with the publication of William Paynter's "Introduction to the Game of Draughts," the dedication of which was written by Samuel Johnson. Diderot and other encyclopedists are said to have assisted in the compilation of an earlier French work.

Edgar Allan Poe prefaces his story "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" with a short analysis of the relative merits of checkers and chess. He thinks that chess requires a greater exercise of the power of attention because of the numerous possibilities of slip or oversight that occur in it, but that checkers involves a greater tax on the reflective or analytical powers of the mind. "The higher powers of the reflective intellect are more decidedly and more usefully tasked by the unostentatious game of draughts than by all the elaborate frivolity of chess." His reasons have never been accepted by chess players.

When Masters Meet.
Today serious checker matches are frequently held. An annual tournament for all comers is conducted at Cedar Point, O., and the championship of the United States is hotly contested for. Books are constantly appearing on the game, magazines devoted to it come out, and many daily papers publish checker columns. The novice may be surprised to learn that no one can really associate with checker experts unless he is able to look fifteen or twenty moves ahead, and that champions in the midst of play are constantly analyzing their games thirty and forty moves ahead.

The process of exhaustion has been going on ever since the game first became the object of scientific study. Certain openings early became favorites, and it was to these openings that players tended to confine their attention. Occasionally experimentation was at-

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tempted, so that the area of published play was constantly being broadened, but analysis was limited for the most part to the lines that were deemed safe. Among the openings thus favored were "Old Fourteenth," "Single Corner," and "Glasgow." The result was that play arising from such openings came to be almost thoroughly known; games between experts on these lines were almost sure to be drawn, and matches lost interest.

Thus in 1876, when R. D. Yates of the United States played a match of fifty games with Wylie, the English champion, for the world title, no fewer than forty-seven games resulted in draws. Again, when C. F. Barker played Wylie fifty games in 1882 forty-eight games were drawn, and thirty-one were "Glasgows," the opening of which Barker was master.

The Two-Move Restriction Plan.
The situation led to a change in the method of match play. Instead of permitting each player to choose whatever opening he pleased, a form of compulsory selection of openings was introduced. This, in its present form, is known as the "two-move restriction" plan. The player opening the game has seven possible moves with which to start. To each of these the second player has seven possible replies. This makes a total of forty-nine combinations as a result of the first move on some other way, and continuing the process until a match was completed. Two games were played in each opening, so that both contestants would have the black, or first side, in every opening, and thus fairness would be secured. If you will sit up your checkerboard you will see that two of the "two move" openings involve the instant loss of a piece to the second player, so that two openings were discarded. As a matter of fact, four others are regarded as too weak for practical purposes, so that the number of "two move" openings, ordinarily employed is forty-three. Today experts do not sit down for even a friendly contest without using the "two move" plan.

Analysis May Exhaust Game.
The result has been to compel analysis of the openings hitherto neglected. Now some of the openings that had hardly been "discovered" fifty years ago are almost as familiar as those then best known. Checker books, magazines and columns in daily papers are constantly adding to the mass of analyzed play. Ultimately, in the opinion of many experts, the process is bound to result in exhaustion. Every possible variation arising from every possible opening will be known. Already matches have been played on the "three move" and "four move" basis of restriction. The only question is how long the process will take. It may be completed in fifty years.

This does not mean that for the ordinary person checkers will cease to be interesting. It means merely that every situation which can arise in the game will be thoroughly analyzed, and that somewhere in the literature of checkers the moves will have been recorded. The actual memorizing of this vast quantity of play will be attainable only by a few persons in each generation; but the point is that it will be attainable. Meanwhile, most mortals will continue to take two of their opponent's pieces for one and think they are playing checkers.

Mr. Banks' visit to Scotland is bound to result in some interesting play. He is one of the most brilliant of our younger players, and in Scotland he will go up against the world's best.

PRESIDENT WINS THISTLE MATCH

The president's rinks secured a margin of twenty-seven points in the total score in the president's versus vice-president's match in the Thistle curling rink yesterday. Some of the scheduled players did not put in an appearance and their places were taken by others. The skips scheduled to play and the scores of their rinks were as follows:

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