

# Saunders Rink Wins P. E. I. Curling Title



## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Great preparations are being made for the Victoria Driving Club's inter-Provincial ice racing championships to be held next week, Wednesday and Thursday, (events taken part in by some of the local horses will be raced, the 21st.) A new course will be laid adjacent to the former one, with a V-shaped type of parking accommodation that will give a clear view of the races from start to finish. The judges stand has been redecorated and the records made over the ice in past years with names of horses, times and drivers appear on it. The Paul Sharpe loud speaker system will be on hand so that the results can be distinctly heard and the Provincial Exhibition Association have very kindly loaned their Starting Gate so that false scores which have been the bane of ice racing will be done away with. A capable group of officials will handle the meeting. A program with the names of all the entries will be available so that spectators through it and the sound system will have no difficulty in following the events. Six horses, Jacob Withrow, Jolly Harvester, Luther Hanover, Eva's Guy, Royal Jim and Helen Signal, representing the Halifax Driving Club, and five horses, Starlight Eclipse, Walter Brown, Christopher Stout, Previous and Maxine Ouds, representing the Dartmouth Driving Club are expected Monday. There is a possibility that three other horses from Nova Scotia will be over and also a number of entries from Summerside.

The National Film Board is sending down photographers to take moving pictures of the meet for a news reel and these will be shown later throughout Canada. On Thursday evening a grand horsemen's banquet will be held at the Charlottetown at which the trophies won will be presented to the victors.

The annual meeting of District 11 United States Trotting Association, was held in the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, Tuesday afternoon. Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, president, with Charles L. Clarke, Moncton, secretary. The calling of the roll showed that members and proxies representing members totalled 204, much above the necessary 20 per cent to make the meeting legal. Mr. F. C. McCurdy, Truro, was declared re-elected as Director, there being no opposition. Director Dr. G. C. McCoy was unavoidably absent but was represented by proxy.

Colonel MacKinnon gave a brief account of U.S.T.A. activities for 1949, speaking of its great growth under the presidency of Marvin Knaut, and the tremendous popularity that harness racing was enjoying because of the publicity given it and the opening of night racing plants in the larger centres of the United States. He paid a fine tribute to Vice President Don R. Miller and his staff at headquarters and also to Jim Crosset, Director of Publicity. The Colonel said that the Maritimes are valued members of a great organization and our representatives and members have all the privileges and our opinions carry as much weight as any of the larger districts. He called on Director F. C. McCurdy, who echoed the same sentiments and spoke of the care given to complaints that came before it. Every horseman who is a member can feel that he is a full partner in a great organization, said Mr. McCurdy.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion and the following took part: Lt.-Col. J. P. Hooper, George B. Gay, Heber Sweeney, Ivan Taylor, Frank Mann, Thomas Etter, George Irving, Edward Dalton, Spurgeon Gordon, Leonard Barreau, Beverly Mitton, Bud Barker, Ralph Dicker, Fred Lahey, Ralph D. Noddin, Weldon Keiver, Donald Trainer, Carl MacKenzie, Scott Weeks, and Irving Charters.

The discussions took in prac-

tically everything in connection with racing — registration of horses, methods of using the Starting Gate, and quite a number were of the opinion that a rule making the penalty for beating the Gate punishable by the horse being set back to last position. Greater publicity for the sport was also urged and some believed it would be a good idea to have schools even for a short period, where officials could get together and become better acquainted with the rules. Colonel J. P. Hooper, President of the P.E.I. Harness Racing Club, urged those present to make entries and ask their friends to make entries, in the colt stakes which will close with secretary W. G. Gillespie, Charlottetown, March 1st. These futurities were a grand success last year with good purses paid and this year there will be two, three and four year old classes for trotter and two, three and four year old classes for pacers. At the conclusion of the meeting, which was considered by those present the best yet, a motion was adopted that the annual meeting of 1951 be held in the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton.

S. Thane Belyea writes from Fredericton and gives the results of the Gagetown ice races held last week. . . No. 1 Classified — Hartley (Scovill) 1-1, Prince Direct Jr. (Bridges) 2-2, time, 33.32. No. 2 Classified — Omar Lee (Akerley) 1-1, Star Fingo (Hamilton) 2-2. No. 3 Classified — Harvin Brooke (Moore) 1-1, Wireless Jack (McKinney) 2-2, time 34.54. Thane ends with . . . "Please look up and see how old Marvin Brooke is. I was asked that question and all I could say was that he was racing fourteen years ago."

Well, friend Thane, he is older than that. Marvin Brooke, bay gelding by Peter Brooke, was foaled in 1927 at the farm of J. E. Crosby, Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a three year old he was sensational, winning seven races in 1930 and taking a record of 2:04.4. He continued racing in the United States until late in 1937 when he was brought to the Maritimes. In 1938 he made several starts and won three races, Middleton, N.S., Truro, N.S., and Montague, P.E.I. He was owned all through that season by C. L. Dauphins of Halifax. Many of our readers will remember a great meeting at Montague on August 3, 1938. All four events were keenly contested and fast time was the order of the day.

The 2:14 Trot and Pace had two trotters and two pacers as starters. In the first heat Marvin Brooke (Cummings) went into the lead and they were at the quarter pole in 31 3/4, the half in 1:04. They continued in these positions until the three-quarter pole when Lusty Frisco (C. Schuman) was pulled out, put on a desperate burst of speed eating up Marvin Brooke and passing him in the stretch to win by a length in 2:09 — the fastest heat he had trotted in the Maritimes and with in the quarters of a second of the Montague track record made by Heatherbell 2:08 1/4. Marvin Brooke went on to win the next two heats and race with Lusty Frisco 2-2, Dude Polompkin (McNeill) 4-3-2, Abner T. Clegg (Hood) 3-4-4.

Other wins that day were, 2:16 Trot — Aisset 2:11 1-2 (Vickers) 1-1-3, Squire Hanover 2:16 1-2 (Semple) 2-2-1, three other starters, best time 2:11. Aisset was owned by Robert Vickers, North Sydney. 2:17 Pace, Sully 2:10 (Cummings) 1-1-1, Aaron L. 2:11 1/4 (J. O'Brien) 2-3-2, three other starters, best time 2:10. Sully was owned by J. H. Breen of Halifax. 2:23 Trot and Pace — Direct L. (J. O'Brien) 3-1-1, Jerry Bars (Campbell) 1-2-3, five other starters, time, 2:12 1/4, 2:13 2-2, 2:14 1-2, Direct L. was owned by Well Mc-

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# SPORTING NEWS

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## IN THE CORNER

In a boxing card held at Newcastle, N.B., on Thursday night, three local boxers, Harry Poulton, Buddy Lund and Carl "Beau Jack" MacDonald, held their own against Mainland opponents to score a unanimous decision in a draw decision and lose a split decision.

Appearing on the main event against Joe Deleano of Newcastle, Poulton, present Island Welterweight title holder, scored a unanimous decision over the Maine boxer in a 10-round go. Carrying the fight all the way, Poulton sent Deleano to the canvas for a "no count" in the second round, but the rugged New Brunswicker stayed in for the full route, although he was definitely outpointed by Poulton.

As a six-round semi-final attraction, Provincial lightweight champ, put up a real stand against a much heavier opponent in the person of Earnie Durrell of Bay Ste. Anne to earn a very close draw decision with the Mainland welterweight. Although giving away nearly fifteen pounds in weight, the classy local scrapper battled it out punch for punch in a rousing scrap for the draw decision.

In a six-round top preliminary, Beau Jack also made a good scrap of it all the way against Eloi Durrell, also of Bay Ste. Anne and a brother of Lund's opponent. Fighting closely for the full six rounds, the local boxer, one of the Island's leading contenders for Lund's lightweight crown, was just a little short on points with the smart-punching Durrell, who took the fight by a split judges decision.

Lund and Poulton, who are also two of the leading fight promoters in this City, stated yesterday on their return to the Province, that they were very pleased with the way the fights went, and that although only one of them had scored a definite victory, the fights were close, crowd pleasing affairs.

The two young promoters said that they are trying to arrange to have the two Durrell brothers come here early next month in return matches against Lund and Beau Jack. Lund's match against Ernie Durrell will be the main attraction while Beau Jack and Eloi Durrell will be billed as a semi-final go. It is expected to be early in March, and will be staged as another of the six-out cards that have been proving such a success here in recent months.

As the result of a disastrous fire here Wednesday night, which completely destroyed the Sporting Club house and sending some thirteen people to hospital with varying stages of shock and burns, Charlottetown has also lost its biggest and most up to date bowling site.

The building, which was originally the site of Charlottetown's first curling club, had been taken over by Mr. Joseph "Joey" MacDonald some years ago and operated as the Sporting Club, where many boxing bouts, festivals, dances, bingo and other entertainments were featured there all through the war years.

Known for his enthusiastic backing of local sport, Mr. MacDonald conceived the idea of installing an up to date bowling site there in the Summer of 1948, and by the fall of the same year, he had the full six of the finest bowling alleys to be found in the Maritime Provinces, and gave it the new name of The Roll-Away alleys.

Meeting with tremendous success in its first year of operation, Mr. MacDonald, in co-operation with his son Roy, added four more alleys to the site in the past summer of 1949, and by last fall was accommodating bowling leagues from all walks of life at his 10-ally bowling emporium.

## P. W. C. Curlers Leave For Quebec 'Spiel Today

Four Prinxes of Wales College, first and second year students of Charlottetown, will leave this morning by train for Quebec City, where they will compete as a rink in the Canadian School Curling Championships that will commence there on Monday and will continue until Thursday of next week.

The rink, composed of Billy Platts (lead), Frank Acorn, Jr. (2nd stone), Karl Reardon (mate) and Douglas Cameron (skip), captured the Provincial High School Curling Championships at Summerside last week-end, and earn the right to be the first School team in Prince Edward Island ever to be represented in Dominion School Curling championship competition.

The boys will be accompanied by David MacLeod of this City, who has been coaching them in their play all season, and was a winning member of the Saunders Rink of the Charlottetown Water Commission, which captured the Provincial Senior Curling Championship here yesterday, and will represent the Province in Dominion Curling Competition at Vancouver, B.C. early next month. Mr. MacLeod played the position of lead.

All four members of the rink are between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age, and have only been curling for a little more than a year, but during that time, have progressed rapidly as a very promising band of young curlers.

Since their winning of the Provincial title, the boys have been receiving every encouragement and assistance from local curlers and citizens, who, through their kind cash donations, have made it possible for them to make the trip to Quebec.

Following the conclusion of the Provincial Curling Championships at the Charlottetown Curling Club yesterday, Mr. Roy Bevan of the Charlottetown Water Commission, and himself an ardent curler, made a final gesture of goodwill to the boys by presenting them each with handsome curling sweaters and crests for their Quebec debut.

Although the young Prince of Wales College curlers, will be competing against the best high school rinks that the Dominion can produce, it is felt that they will represent the Province well, and all interested citizens and curlers in the Province will watch their progress with interest, and will be wishing them the best in good luck and good curling.

The R.C.A.F. basketball team stayed on top in the Prince Edward Island Physical Fitness Basketball League by defeating Prince of Wales College boys in an exciting game at the Summerside airport court last night. The score was 65 to 50. The first half was very even and ended 30 to 24 in favor of the Airmen.

MacLean of the P. W. C. was high scorer for the night, amassing a total of 22 points. Hine, Lyon, which seems equally effective with either hand, was next with 16. The Flyers divided their points pretty well, Carson and Lowe out in front with 14 apiece and Lyon right behind with an even dozen points.

Jersey Joe Walcott has signed to meet Omelio Agramonte, heavyweight champion of Cuba, in a 10-round feature bout at Madison Square Garden, March 3. The last time Walcott appeared in the Garden was in December, 1947, when he lost a hotly disputed 15-round decision to Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship.

Hooper. SUMMARY First Period 1-P.S.S., McFadyen (Lewis) 9:50 Penalties: Chandler. Second Period Scoring—None. Penalties: Chandler, Whitehead. Third Period 2-P.S.S., McFadyen (Lewis) 2:36 3-P.S.S., MacLeard 4:51 4-P.S.S., MacLeod (Hood) 9:04 5-P.S.S., McFadyen (MacLeard) 10:50 6-W.K.S., White (F. Kennedy) 13:42 7-P.S.S., McFadyen (MacLeard) 14:38 Penalties: Lewis.

VICTORIA RINK MONDAY NIGHT At 8:30 Borden Sisters Vs. Crapaud Sisters "You'll Enjoy It"



## HUNTERS' CORNER

The month of February is nearing the half-way mark and as yet no winter weather of sufficient severity to interfere with our upland game birds. The winter to date has been made to order for our Hungarian partridge, pheasants and Chukker partridge. The birds have no fear of zero weather if they are able to feed and at no time since winter set in has food not been available.

Not many Huns are in evidence but this is a good sign. The coveys are around nevertheless and are in splendid shape. Several coveys of all ages approximately 25 in all, have been located. The Chukker partridge that were incubated at the Experimental farm last spring and brooded and raised to maturity by city sportsmen and interested farmer-sportsmen and released early last fall are thriving and have made themselves at home.

Reports from sections west of Summerside, at Fernwood in the Bedouque district and at Orwell in Queens county are very encouraging. A flock of 27 was seen at Orwell last week and the birds looked as big and plump as barnyard hens. They were cagey and wild and have learned to take care of themselves. From observations to date it is believed that the Chukkers are allergic to dogs and will not lie to a Setter or Pointer so well as the Huns. When they take wing they are liable to fly a mile or further.

There is one dark spot on an otherwise bright upland game bird horizon. Snowy owls are taking a heavy toll in some districts. This is the year of the owls in southern Canada and the United States. A scarcity of lemmings by Scientists is the cause of the Snowy owl invasion. Lemmings resemble our common field mouse only larger.

At the Executive Meeting held at Charlottetown on Monday, February 6th, the Secretary of the Prince County Fish and Game Association reported that he had received a complaint from a reliable observer that Snowy owls are creating havoc among game birds in the Lot 16 district. Along a wide stretch of shoreline beginning near the mouth of the Grand River and extending east in an area bordering on Richmond Bay this observer stated that he counted 35 of the big white killers, with heads as big as grapefruit and eyes yellowish, waiting on silent wings over the feeding grounds of the Hungarian partridge.

Partridge, large grouse like birds that populate the Arctic wastes which is the real home of the Snow wren, turn white in winter and Nature's camouflage protects them from their natural enemies. In this province our Huns are at a disadvantage. Their dark brown bodies stick out like sore thumbs against a background of snow and the visiting owls eat their fill. One farmer who was feeding a covey of 24 Huns reports that the owls have them whittled down to 8.

In the Tignish area of West Prince the white owls sometimes arrive in flights of one hundred or more. Reports reaching game observers indicate that it is only in certain districts that the owls are present in alarming numbers. In certain districts that the owls are reported to be non-existent and in others only the odd speckler has been observed. If the Province as a whole was blanketed with the white killers to the extent some sections are, our Huns and Chukker partridges would take a bad beating. Ruffed grouse and pheasants would also suffer but not to the same extent as the other species as they are inclined to feed in swampy areas where a measure of protection is afforded.

The delegation of sportsmen from Summerside who attended the game meeting at Charlottetown on February 6th included in their number the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Prince County Fish and Game Association. The Prince County members expressed grave concern over fish and game conditions in their county due to an increase in poaching activities. They were unanimous in expressing the opinion that unless something was done at once to halt the epidemic of game law violations sport fishing and hunting in the western section of the province would, in a few years, cease to be a worth while pastime. It was agreed at the meeting that the R. C. M. Police be requested to institute a system of intensive game patrols in Prince County this coming season and put an end to this senseless destruction of wildlife. Illegal taking of fish and game always was a problem in Prince county, particularly in the western portion, and I am quite ready to agree with the Summer-

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## Score Thrilling 11-10 Upset Victory Over Acorn Quartet

### Whitlock Scores Winning Goal Over Moncton

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 17.—(CP)—A winning goal by Buck Whitlock enabled Saint John Beavers to edge Moncton Hawks 4-3 tonight and gave Beavers a mathematical chance of winning the Maritime Senior Hockey League's regular schedule.

Beavers remained two points behind the leading Halifax St. Mary's, who end their schedule with a crucial game against Moncton tomorrow night. Saint John has two home games to play, both with Amherst Ramblers. The first will be fought tomorrow night. The second is a postponed fixture.

Moncton's regular goalie, Les Colvin, was absent tonight but substitute Fred Somier did an outstanding job.

First Period 1—Moncton, McIntyre (Barkwell) 19:39 Penalties—None. Second Period 2—Moncton, month. (Barkwell, McIntyre) 6:33 3—Saint John, Dowling, (Wray, Heon) 18:41 Penalties: LeBlanc, Imont, J. MacDonald. Third Period 4—Moncton, Larlee, (Imont, Barkwell) 3:48 5—Saint John, Jackson, (Dowling) 5:03 6—Saint John, Demchuk, (Whitlock, Keen) 9:04 7—Saint John, Whitlock, (Croucher) 16:12 Penalties: Larlee, Heon, Fitzpatrick.

## Miners Get 5-5 Tie With Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., Feb. 17.—Playing coach Hal Dewsey's goal in the third period gave his tail-end Glace Bay Miners a 5-5 tie with league-leading Sydney Millionaires in a Cape Breton Senior Hockey League game here tonight before a crowd of 2,300.

Miners three points back of North Sydney Victorias in their battle for the second-place jackpot. There is a jackpot for each of the three spots in the league and Millionaires have clinched first place besides the \$2,300 pot. With 13 points Sydney leads Victorias by 13.

## Entries For Today's Races

The following are the entries for this afternoon's Victoria Driving Club ice meet at the North River Course which will get underway at 2:30.

Class A Pace—Calumet Orward, Billy McVay, Carl Aubrey, Eleanor G. Class A Trot—Buddy Budlong, Wait N'See, Lee Brewer. Class B Pace—Johnny Kalmuck, Maudere Budlong, Nature Boy, Bob Dale, Bee Budlong, Margaret Jean, Mary's Delight. Class C Pace—Miss Playfair, Opitz Dale, Tony Budlong, Direct Volo, Dasher Hanover, Jimmy Clegg. Class D Trot—April Bud, Lusty's Queen, Orla B., Lusty Aubrey, Ganebread Man.

First Period 1—Halifax, McGreggor, (Ford) 2:50 2—Halifax, Steel, (McLaughlin) 4:31 3—Halifax, Gaudet, (Sullivan, Hollett) 5:52 4—Halifax, Hannon 11:06 5—Halifax, Hollett, (Gaudet, Sullivan) 15:13 6—Halifax, Schmidt, (Grabowski, Armstrong) 15:27 Penalties: Robertson (2), F. Gaudet (2), Armstrong. Second Period 7—Halifax, A-Go, (Brennan) 2:50 8—Amherst, MacDougall, (J. Mosienko, Blackburn) 5:08 9—Amherst, Robertson, (Lay, Ripley) 17:55 10—Halifax, Armstrong, 19:50 Penalties: Lay (2), McLaughlin (2), H. Mosienko. Third Period 11—Halifax, Brennan, 1:50 (Provost) 12—Amherst, Ripley, (J. Mosienko, Robertson) 6:41 13—Amherst, MacDougall, (J. Mosienko, Mousseau) 15:51 Penalties—None.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HARNES RACING CLUB COLT STAKES Colts nominated must be foaled or bred in the Maritimes. 2-Year-Old Trot 2-Year-Old Pace 3-Year-Old Trot 3-Year-Old Pace 4-Year-Old Trot 4-Year-Old Pace NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 1st First Payment \$5.00—March 1st Second Payment \$10.00—June 1st Starting Fee—\$10.00 LIEUT.-COL. J. P. HOOPER, President, P. E. I. Harness Racing Club, W. G. GILLESPIE, Sec.-Treas., P. E. I. Harness Racing Club.

3 DAYS AT THE FORUM THURSDAY — SKATING — 8 to 10 FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATING — 4 to 5:30 SCHOOL HOCKEY — W.K.S. vs. P.S.S. — 7:30 Skating After Game SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SKATING—3 to 5 NIGHT SKATING—8 to 10

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