



## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Horsemen from all over the Province will meet in the City Hall Charlottetown, Tuesday evening at eight o'clock to hear the report of the President and Directors of the Prince Edward Island Racing Circuit Club and to plan for the season's activities.

J. A. MacDonald, Secretary of the Union Driving and Saddle Club, 64 Warren St., New Glasgow, N. S., is sending out entry forms for the big summer race meet Wednesday, July 7th. Entries close May 27th. Classes are: Maritime Derby \$600; 2.18 Trot and Pace \$400; 2.27 Trot and Pace \$400; One per cent with entry, 2 per cent to race. The distances will be an innovation in Maritime racing—9-16 mile, 1 mile; 1-1-16 mile. This will test the horses' speed at various distances and will certainly bring things up a bit.

More than a quarter of a million persons witnessed the harness horse races at Santa Anita, California, during the 35-day season, which came to a close last Saturday. They wagered \$13,772,046 and saw four world's records written into the books. Two horses, Dr. Stanton 2:00 1-5, owned by W. L. Fraser, Forest, Ont., and Robert Johnston's Rodney 1:58 accounted for the world's records. Dr. Stanton set the 1-4 mile record, pacing at 2:31, then came back last Saturday to lower it to 2:30 3-5. The trotter Rodney's records made were 2:09 2-5 for 1-16 miles and 1:31 3-5 for 1-4 miles. He also lowered his own record for a mile to 1:58 last Saturday to set up an all-time California record. A runner went with him the first half and when the runner dropped back in auto raced alongside Rodney for the final half. The former California record for trotters was 2:01 held jointly by Peter Patch and Stellaite.

During the 35 days a total of 280 races were contested with the favorites winning 19. The stable winning the most money—Castleton Farm, \$38,868. (Sep Pala and Joe O'Brien drivers.) Driver winning most races at meeting—J. Cruise, 12 races. Driver winning most money at meeting—Joe O'Brien, \$49,818. Trotter winning most races at meeting—Jimmiekin—victories. Trotter winning most money at meeting—Rodney, \$38,868. Pacer winning most races at meeting, Dr. Stanton, 4 victories. Pacer winning most money at meeting—Indian Land, \$39,713. Hambleton, winner of most trotting races is by Lord Jim 2:00 1-4, sire of Regaloid 2:08 1-4.

A gallant race horse with a record of 2:02 1-4 is The Great Guy by Arton Guy 1:59 1-2, dam Marjorie the Great by Peter the Great, that is pridefully owned and well loved by John Gillespie, Moncton. Many will remember The Great Guy racing at Charlottetown in the Free For All in 1934. He was a very tall horse and had a tremendous stride. Although quite a number of years have elapsed since the above he is still cock at the walk on the roads around Millton.

Horsemen in Springhill, N. S., and vicinity are most interested in the four-year-old pacer A. G. Scott by Highland Sacer 1:59 1-4, bought recently by Cecil Letcher from Thomas E. Dunkin, Indianapolis, Ind. His record was taken in a winning dash at Westbury, N. Y., last July 15th, and he is eligible to a 2:24 class for this season.

We are indebted to a correspondent for particulars of horses owned in Springfield and vicinity. Some of them have been trained and raced and others that will be making harness horse history in the years to come. Most of the speed will be traced over Nelson Matheson's track that he is even now getting in shape and where he intends to hold a matinee in June. Nelson has the pacer Question Mark that won its first start on the ice at Stanley last winter.

She is by a son of Captain Aubrey. He banks a lot on Little Abner by Abner T. Clegg, dam by Captain Aubrey. His son Roland Matheson, has a five-year-old by Abner T. Clegg. Both these Cleggs are pacers and are very promising.

Harry Keating has the well-known performer Robert Baldwin 2:13 1-4 that was just nosed out by Marlon L in 30 1-2 seconds in the free for all on Stanley ice the past winter. He is by Abbe Worthy 2:04 1-2. Clayton Green, popular merchant and produce dealer, Emerald, has a standard bred mare by Kalmuck that has raised two colts by Squire Hanover 2:08 and he has recently bought another colt by Squire Hanover. Percy Murphy has a likely horse by Abbe Worthy 2:04 1-2 and Mr. Greenan has a pacer mare that showed up particularly well over the Stanley Speedway last winter. Theo Taylor, Granville, has Buddy Prince by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1-4, and he intends to race him this summer. Horace Taper owns a nice colt by Orola, dam by Lacopia, and Bernie Hines has recently acquired a pacer by Kalmuck. Fred Taylor, Granville, is building up hopes on Honey Girl by Colonel Aubrey 2:10 1-4, dam Marge Direct 2:13 1-4 by Empire Direct 2:01 1-2 and he also owns a horse by Calumet Budlong, dam by Longset 2:06 1-4 and a colt by Playdale 2:04 1-2, dam Betty Worthy, granddam by Captain Aubrey. (She was also the dam of Miss LaAubrey 2:13 1-2).

Max Ferguson, Stanley, has Laddie Dale, a free-legged pacer by Calumet Budlong, dam by Sampson Hal 2:02 1-2, and Stanley Bigger has Princess Scott by Bellini Scott 2:09 1-2, dam by Lacopia 2:09 1-4, granddam Princess Ella 2:15 1-4, also owns a colt by Calumet Budlong out of the same dam. Buddy MacEwen has Nora Worthy and a two-year-old colt by Squire Hanover 2:08. Leander Reid, Hope River, has a pacer mare by Bellini Scott, dam Kitty Logan by Jim Logan 2:01 1-4, one of the leading sires of pacers in Callifornia. We are grateful to our friend for sending in this splendid list of racing prospects and we would like to congratulate the horsemen of Granville, Springfield and vicinity on owning such well-bred and promising racing material. No wonder Prince Edward Island is called the Kentucky of Canada as every week new potential speed is being reported from different sections of it. There is no dearth of racing material in the Garden of the Gulf.

And now we hear from our friend Jim Pendergast. "I had a great afternoon at Ellendale a short time ago. Jim O'Brien let out Lee's Nightmare for exercise and such cavorting I have rarely or never seen. It reminded me of what Larry Gorman, the Island poet, had in mind when he wrote the lyric 'Bachelor's Hall,' to wit—'And my lambskin so nimbly cavorting.' Jim told me that nephew Joe handled her for him in New Brunswick and Maine last fall and her clear gain in winnings was enough to buy a tractor. By the way, Jim told me there was a bit of a discrepancy in the name, the original was Lees (his son Lee) Night Mare—that is the mare he used to drive to St. Louis (six miles) to see Frieda Shea, now his wife. The name 'Nightmare' might be suggestive of being troublesome in her coltish days, but I don't think such was the case. She was tied up in one of eight stalls, an aristocrat among seven other plebeians, but she certainly showed good spirit and good breeding. Barring accidents she ought to do well in this summer's racing. She reminds me of Christy Budlong. I didn't get into Alberton that day so did not get a list of Harry O'Brien's stable, but expect to do so soon. There must be a lot of good ones in

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## Athletic Ass'n Is Formed At Emerald

Followers of track and field athletics will have their attention centred on Wolfville today where a team of nine High School athletes from the province will be competing against the pick of other crack squads in the Maritimes. Although short on training due to the inclemency of the weather, Coach George Walters was confident of the boys making a good showing and it will not be a bit surprising if they come back with a goodly share of first places in the events in which they compete.

The youngsters left by car yesterday. They were accompanied by Walter LePage and Art Perry. Coach Walters being unable to make the trip. The best wishes of all Island sport followers will follow them in their quest for athletic laurels.

The Maritime pre-Olympic track and field trials are scheduled for the Wanderers Grounds, Halifax, Friday, June 11th and in keeping with the attempt to revive track and field athletics here the Abegweit will have a strong team in the fields. Only athletes with amateur cards can compete and each club or association can enter three entries in each event.

Just who will comprise the Abbe team is not known as yet but it is likely that the nucleus of last year's squad who did so well in the Maritime championships will be on hand. With the experience gained on that occasion the Abbe team should be well up in the standing and although the meet is not a championship one, awards will be bronze medals suitably engraved. These go to event winners only.

Main idea of the meet is to see whether or not there are any Olympic prospects good enough to be sent to the Eastern Canada trials at Montreal. Despite the fact that an athlete may win an event it is still up to the discretion of the Track and Field Committee of the M.A.A.U. whether or not he is selected. There are certain standards set down and these must be equalled before an athlete is considered good enough.

Entries can be addressed to Mr. Gerry Drew, Secretary of the Wanderers Club, P.O. Box 1132, Halifax, N.S. They must be in the hands of the Wanderers Club no later than midnight, June 8, and there will definitely be NO POST ENTRIES.

With the National and American baseball leagues now in full swing and attention as usual being focused on the Yankees, a New York writer recalls a prophecy made by the late Miller Huggins in 1929 just when the cry of "Break up the Yanks" was being heard all around the circuit.

Jake Ruppert, then head of the organization, was incensed by the cry, but not so Huggins. Huggins at the time recalled that great empires had fallen when time caught up with them and opined it would be the same way with the Yankees, despite all the valuable ball ivory that could be bought.

How true the prophecy came was revealed in 1939. That spring the Yankees started as though they were going to spread eagle the league again. But along about June they began to stagger—and the Athletics began to come on. The Yanks rallied in July but stumbled again and, as I remember it, the A's went into first place some time during that month. In August, Huggins tried to rally the players with a blistering talk in the clubhouse after a losing game, but when he had finished they looked at him as though they hadn't heard a word he had said. He went directly from the clubhouse to the Stadium office, where Ruppert and Barrow were waiting for him.

The Yankees are through, Colonel, he said. Ruppert didn't want to believe him but Barrow knew he was telling the truth. And so he was, of course. The Yankees couldn't get going again and the Athletics had the pennant sewn up by the middle of September. A few days after that, Huggins was so ill he had to leave the dugout just before a game. Five days later he was dead. Time had caught up with the Yankees.

## Recco And Kinsmen Open Baseball Season Tomorrow

The local baseball season will be inaugurated here tomorrow afternoon when Charlie Ryan's Recco Juniors take on Summer-side Kinsmen Juniors in an exhibition encounter.

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## Finalize Plans For Annual Dog Show

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It was also announced at the meeting that two pups would be lotteried off during the Show. One a wire haired terrier was donated by the Malabar Kennels of Point Fortune, Quebec, and it is interesting to note that this puppy is a son of the dog which was judged best in show here last year. The other puppy is a Boston terrier. Both dogs will be shown in one of the store windows each Saturday until the Show, which is scheduled to take place Monday, June 21st.

Judge of the Show will be Mr. William McDermott of Toronto, while Show Superintendent will be Mr. Stewart Jones.

During the meeting the members were privileged to listen to an instructive address by Mr. G. G. Ryder of Halifax who chose as his topic the handling and care of dogs at Bench Shows. Mr. Ryder who was introduced by Major T. E. Rogers, told his listeners of the proper preparation of the dogs for the Show, the ring training which is very important, leading, pose, gait and the proper manner in which to take the dog into the ring. Actions of the handler while showing the dog was another important matter the speaker said.

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## HUNTERS' CORNER

Whitlock's Pond, Dundas, was officially opened this season on Wednesday of this week. Members of a Club, recently formed by Mr. Whitlock, were the lucky anglers. Under this system in order to become a member a stipulated fee is charged that entitles the angler to a season's fishing. This fee does not include the services of a boat. Boats may be had for hire at the regular price of \$1.00 per day for the use of same.

Every available boat was in service on Wednesday and if any fears were held that the pond had been depleted of his finny denizens by the heavy run on its resources last year. They were proven to be groundless. All anglers who were out went away well satisfied. All had nice catches. The run was not heavy being mainly in the 1-2 and 3-4 pound class. A few topped the pound mark but none are thought to have gone over a pound and a half. It is encouraging to know that a good supply of up and coming trout are there. Unless there is the younger generation to replace the old timers it would only be a matter of a year or so till the pond would be fished out.

Whitlock's took some hard punishment last year. If it wasn't so large and well supplied with trout food it would not be able to withstand such heavy and concentrated fishing. If one can believe half one hears there were quite a few anglers last summer who didn't stop at bag limits, pounce or what have you. If the trout kept on biting . . . it was just too bad for the trout.

Speaking of catches exceeding the daily limit of 20 there was a case of this nature in court this week. It was the first offence of its kind to be tried in the province under The Game Act. The offence was committed at the Barwise Pond (formerly Hardy's) at York, on the opening day of the season April 16th. R.C.M. Police who investigated the case finally caught up with one offender although it is alleged that others were equally guilty of committing the same offence.

Here is just a little reminder for those who are suspected of indulging in the same pastime . . . if the trout are biting let them bite and to heck with keeping tally . . . although pastime is a rather polite word to use. Stipendiary Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, before whom the case was tried imposed a fine of \$25.00 and costs of 30 days. The costs were \$4.75. The Magistrate in imposing sentence stated that it was high time that a stop was put to the practice of disregarding bag limits with regard to trout and made it plain that in future, if offenders came before him charged with the same offence, a still heavier penalty would be imposed. "Let this be a warning to others" was his final comment.

The maximum penalty under the Game Act for this offence (exceeding the daily limit of 20) is \$50.00. The Special Fishery Regulations for the Province of Prince Edward Island, which is a Federal Statute, provides a maximum penalty of one thousand dollars for the same offence.

It is understood that fishermen are making a last try to have a portion of their license money set aside for the purpose of making certain that Whitlock's Pond is put back into the Public fishing bracket and remains there. This columnist is hoping to have something to offer in the way of encouraging news for anglers shortly.

A few sizable flocks of wild geese are still lingering on. They seem loath to leave the lush meadows.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Racing Circuit Club will be held in the CITY HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 26th at EIGHT O'CLOCK. All track owners, and horsemen are asked to be present.

GEORGE A. CALLEBOK, President.  
D. K. MacLEOD, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## Empire Day Program At Queen Square

The annual Labour and Empire Day program was held at Queen Square School yesterday morning, and as a change from the regular schedule of activities of former years, the pupils of the three senior grades presented a debate.

The debate — "Resolved that life in the country offers more advantages than life in the city." The team for the negative comprised John Walsh (leader), Hudson Willoughby, Donald Gallant and Billy Stull, while the team for the positive were Charles Cheverie (leader), Gerald MacDonald, Ralph Drew and Damien Leonard.

The chairman of the program was Russell Kelly, a grade nine senior pupil, and the critic, Leith Sweeney, at the end of the debate, pointed out the mistakes of the debaters.

Earlier in the program, two grade nine junior pupils, Ian Gillies and Billy Corrigan gave a very interesting and educational dialogue entitled "The Empire's Monarchy" which was very much enjoyed by all present.

At the close of the program, Mr. F. MacDonald, Principal of Queen Square School, expressed his thoughts and views concerning the program, and emphasized the fact that this kind of training would be of valuable assistance to the pupils in later life when they may be called upon to make speeches at meetings, etc. He also stated that this debate was to be the forerunner to many debates to be held at Queen Square School in the future.

The singing of the National Anthem by the School Chorus brought the exercises to a close.

ROCHFORD SQUARE SCHOOL. The following program was given yesterday by the pupils of Rochford Square School at their Empire Day exercises.

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