

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Joe O'Brien, now located in New Glasgow, paid a short visit at Christmas to Charlottetown and received a warm welcome from his many friends. He is nicely settled in a new stable and has the following horses: Duddy Patch 2.06 1-4, Tony Harvester 2.09 1-4, Little Fox 2.11 1-4, Major Bowes 2.10 1-2, Silent Joe 2.10 3-4, and a seven-month-old Galumet Budlong filly, dam, Betty S. 2.07. Joe says New Glasgow horsemen are angling for a free-for-aller and hope to get one that will be capable of giving a lot of opposition to those already in the Maritimes. He likes his new home very well indeed and looks forward to having a good string of horses to race this season.

Bud Howard of Sherbrooke, son-in-law of Mayor B. Roy Holman, is here on a short visit. Mr. Howard has a number of horses in training under Jimmie Boutillier's guidance at Sherbrooke, and there is a possibility of his stable campaigning in the Maritimes this year. We hope so.

We had a letter last week from our good friend Charles P. Barrett, Park Hill, Ontario, proprietor of Spring Creek Stock Farm, Ontario. He says that he is in good health and breeds and trains a few just to keep his hand in. His Bennett Volo 2.04 1-4 occupies the stall once the home of the celebrated Grattan Royal 2.06 1-4, and is making good. He recently sold three colts to a man in Wisconsin, one a pacing gelding three years old, the fastest one he ever raised.

Years from now when writers scan the pedigrees of the great pacing performers they will find a large number carrying an infusion of the blood of Grattan Royal. We have often related in these columns the story of that horse, how Charlie Barrett attended an auction in Ontario, saw the fall of 1911 and came home with a three-year-old colt by Grattan, out of a Robert McGreggor mare. The price paid was less than \$300 and Mr. Barrett had no idea that he had picked one of the greatest pacers in the hands of one of the greatest sires. He developed him the next spring on his farm track and towards fall he showed so much speed that he decided to race him over the ice at Toronto. There he showed his memory serves us correctly, set up a new ice record, heading all the free-for-alls in one of the races.

The following Spring he was sold for \$5,000 to J. E. Gray of Toronto, and all places in the hands of Nat Ray for training. Grattan Royal had such extreme speed and could turn on so easily that it is thought by some he was asked for two fast halves and quarters before he was legged. It is thought he hit his knee and instead of being laid away until the injured member could be restored to complete usefulness, owner Gray, who had entered him in many heavy stakes, wanted him raced. He met the best pacers of the year, won some races, but the knee bothered him and finally he injured his tendon so severely that his racing usefulness was gone for ever.

No one considered him as a sire so he drifted away, finally landing in Ohio near where his sire Grattan had stood. There he was practically neglected too. However, the three colts bred by Mr. Barrett while Grattan Royal was in his possession commenced to show up so well that the astute Charlie made a beeline for Ohio and searched around until he located the horse he sought. He returned home just about the time that big money was being passed for Roy Grattan and Louie Grattan, and a mighty good price for Fred Grattan. Both raced in high form that season and the next year Roy took a record of 2.01 1-4, for Murphy and won several big stakes on the Grand Circuit. Louie Grattan went on to take a record of two minutes and was one of the greatest mares of her era.

Grattan Royal in the stud was so sought after that his fee had to be raised finally to \$500 and breeders all over America sent mares to

his court. To enumerate the get of Grattan Royal and the deeds they have done would take many pages. Suffice it to say that Grattan Royal 1.59 1-2 won over \$70,000 in stakes one season—the greatest money winner of all time. Widow Grattan 2.00, Prue Grattan 2.03 1-2, Tarzan Grattan 2.04 1-4, were also winners of \$50,000 purses, and as Charlie often remarked, "Everyone said, those Grattans are H—!"

Sons of Grattan Royal have been great sires too, also grandsons, and now there is a regular Grattan tribe or family growing greater all the time, so you can see Mr. Barrett has reason to look back with pride on what he has done in the harness horse industry in Canada and the United States. In the Maritimes we have a good representative of the Grattans in All Grattan 2.03 1-4, record taken at Charlottetown last August. He was the fastest pacer in the Maritime Provinces in 1941. In Ontario, as we saw in "The Woods are full of them," and at every race meet the Grattan tribe usually occupy a dominating position. What one good sire has meant to Ontario in money turned into the breeders—mostly farmers—is incalculable. As to the speed preponderance of Grattan Royal is the fact that the mares bred to him are what would be considered by modern breeders as of the most old-fashioned type of breeding. A mare by Grattan produced Roy Grattan 2.01 1-4. A mare of Monbars breeding produced Grattan Bars 1.59 1-2, similarly the dam of Louis Grattan was not of the fashionable type.

The writer on a visit to Park Hill, remembers seeing a very ordinary looking mare hitched to a post in front of a store, and Charlie, who was with me, pointed her out as the dam of one of the great Grattans. In then topping the big stakes. What would have happened if Grattan Royal had been standing in Kentucky no one can definitely say, but it is likely that he would have produced speed far in advance of anything higher known of. Another striking thing about the progeny of Grattan Royal was the fact that no matter how humely looking the dam of the foal sired by him, the offspring was almost invariably bredly looking and handsome or almost handsome appearance.

In closing the above short account of a rather remarkable man and a remarkable horse the writer would like to suggest to someone secure from Mr. Barrett all the facts regarding Grattan Royal and the family as he knew them, and compile them into an article. It would not only be a most interesting one to read but would be a handy reference to a horse historical point of view.

The United States Trotting Association will each year in future award a bronze medal to be worn on the collars of the leading winter race driver. This is a good move and there is a possibility that it may be a Maritime driver that will have that honor in some future year. The past season drivers Wilard Kelly and Billy Hood each had 112 points, with Joe O'Brien close on their heels with 110. This compares very favorably with points made by leading drivers on the Grand Circuit and other circuits in the states.

The Directors of the Charlottetown Driving Park were the first to award ribbons and prizes to leading drivers, groomers, etc. This popular feature is being adopted here just about the time that big money was being passed for Roy Grattan and Louie Grattan, and a mighty good price for Fred Grattan. Both raced in high form that season and the next year Roy took a record of 2.01 1-4, for Murphy and won several big stakes on the Grand Circuit. Louie Grattan went on to take a record of two minutes and was one of the greatest mares of her era.

Highland Worthy 2.03 1-4, by Highland Scott 1.59 1-2, was recently purchased by Mayor H. M. Dennis of Bridgewater, N. S., and will be prepared this season for the free-for-alls in the Maritimes. Highland Worthy has been a real race horse all through his career. In 1940 he started in 12 races and had 10 winning brackets. The past season he raced in high form and during the latter part of the season headed The Widower 1.59 1-2 and other good ones to the wire over a half mile track. With Victor Lee 2.07, winner of 16 out of 18 starts in 1941, owned by Allison Langille, Hartland, N. B., All Grattan 2.06 1-4, Rainey G. Henley 2.06 and some to come, as well as Aaron L. 2.07 1-4 and a few others we might mention, the free-for-alls of 1942 look as though they would prove highly interesting.

In a letter received from G. Elondin Thomas, now located at Bathurst, N. B., he encloses an excellent snap of Kay Douglas, four-month-old filly sired by Laura Hanover 1.59 1-4 dam, Wanda Volo 2.07, owned by Dr. L. D. Denmore, Bathurst. She is well developed for her age and has all the marks of class, as one would naturally expect from such breeding. Mr. Thomas says that the Doctor will have her entered for the 1944 futurity at Charlottetown and to look out for her. There is no one we would rather see with a good one than Dr. Denmore. He has been a splendid patron of the racing game for years and makes it his hobby.

Vic Rowntree, Western, Ontario, noted trainer of race horses who has brought out such good performers as Al Gavan 2.07, Tom Grattan 2.06, Bedford Grattan 2.08, Oakhurst Queen 2.11 1-4, and hadaced San Ton, Beaverdale, Victor Lee 2.07, just to mention a few, may possibly be open for engagement as trainer of a racing stable the end of this year. There are few men who know the racing game as well as Mr. Rowntree, who is equally at home with a trotter or pacer, a colt of an aged horse. His good humor and reliability are also factors that make him a favorite with horsemen throughout the years.

In our Annual Review of Harness Racing in the Maritimes which an-

Lem Franklin No. 2 contender For Louis' crown

PATERSON, N.J., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Lem Franklin, Ohio heavyweight, steps up as the No. 2 contender behind Billy Conn—Joe Louis' rival in the new quarterly ring ratings announced today by the National Boxing Association. Buddy Baer, who meets Louis Jan. 9, is the third heavyweight, considered worthy of the rank of logical contender.

The rating committee, headed by Fred Saddy of Milwaukee, takes pride in the fact its system, based on actual ring competition, has demonstrated its accuracy, and it supports its argument by calling attention to victories of three of its champions—Gus Lesevick, Tony Zale and Sammy Angott—over New York Commission champions.

The logical contenders in each division are—

Heavyweight Contenders—Billy Conn, Lem Franklin, Buddy Baer.

Light Heavyweight Contenders—Billy Rose, Ken Overlin, Booker Beckwith, Mose Brown.

Middleweight Contenders—Ceferino Garcia, George Abrams.

Welterweight Contenders—Ray Robinson, Fritz Zivic, Young Kid McCoy.

Lightweight Contenders—Bob Montgomery, California Jackie Wilson.

Featherweight Contenders—Chalky Wright, Bobby Poisson, Richard Lemos, Jackie Callura.

Bantamweight Contenders—None listed.

Flyweight Contender—Jackie Patterson.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press) Lou Ambers made his mark as the leading contender for the world lightweight boxing championship five years ago tonight when he outpointed Frankie Kilco at New York in a 10-round bout.

NAVAL UNITS

(Continued from page 1) The destroyers Farndale, Kipling, Hasty and Hotspur accounted for the submarines, which attempted to sink British supply ships and merchantmen bound for Tobruk and Benghazi while supporting Axis supply vessels bound for Bardia.

"During the advance of our army in Libya the enemy appeared to have been making special efforts to interfere with our supplies by sea," Admiral Cunningham said.

"In this they have had little success. While our counter-attacking forces have done a great deal of execution."

He said there were indications German submarines are in the Eastern Mediterranean "in considerable numbers" but that his forces were leaving no stone unturned to meet the menace.

In the shelling of Halfaya and Bardia, Admiral Cunningham said the British naval force, including both destroyers and cruisers, poured shells into the Axis bastions for half an hour with no sign of answering fire.

The reason this dawn assault went unchallenged, he explained, was because the Axis guns were too busy replying to our army's artillery."

He said Rommel's remnants apparently were falling back upon reserve supplies at Tripoli where they might make a new strong stand against the British push.

JAN. 2, 1917—British made gains on the Tigris in Mesopotamia, east and northeast of Kut-el-Amara. In East Africa British force retook Tigogwall River, 11 miles north-west of Addis Ababa. German army made further gains in Rumania.

JAN. 4, 1917—Russians evacuated the Dohrudja. Germans attacked British lines after heavy bombardment east of Amertieres but were driven off.

appeared in Wednesday's issue of this paper. We incorrectly credited Uescla Britton 2.09 with being the fastest pacing mare ever bred in the Maritime Provinces. We confess we do not know how we slipped up on this. The fastest pacing mare ever bred in the Maritime Provinces is Josie the Great 2.03 1-2, by Captain Aubrey 2.07 1-2. This mare was in good form for several years but made her best performances the season of 1938. These are the highlights: Charlottetown, August 17, 1-1-1, time 2.10, 2.09, 2.10; Fredericton, September 17th, 5-1-1, time 2.07 1-4, 2.10, 2.08 1-4; Woodstock, September 23rd, 1-1-1, time 2.10 3-4, 2.06 1-2, 2.07 1-2. Josie also won other races that season when she was in the ownership of L. F. Bickerton of Amherst, and driven by Johnny Conroy.

Juvenile hockey To be organized In Maritimes

KENTVILLE, N.S., Jan. 2.—(OP)—Juvenile hockey will be organized throughout the Maritimes for the first time this winter. C. Murray D-edge of Kentville, Secretary-Registrar of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, announced tonight.

Following policy laid down at the last annual meeting, the M.A.H.A. will back the move financially and organize provincial playdowns with the winners meeting for the Maritime crown.

Miners blast Victorias 8-3

GLACE BAY, N.S., Jan. 2.—(CP)—Glace Bay Miners blasted North Sydney Victorias 8-3 tonight in a fast game to climb out further in the Cape Breton Hockey League lead.

The circuit leaders counted once in the opening period, and then rapped four goals past Jimmy Foster in the second, winding up with three in the final session. Vics got one of their goals in the second and the remaining pair in the third.

McE White and Vince Gallagher spearheaded the Miners' offensive, each coming up with a pair of goals. Charlie Phillips got assists on three.

Hard-working Bill Snelder led the Vics' attack, setting two goals and figuring in the third.

Frankie Frisch says 'Baseball can take it'

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Frankie Frisch said today "baseball can take it" when war starts dealing "em off the bottom of the deck."

"I don't know what this war is going to do to the game," Frankie commented at a hospital where he is laid up with an old foot injury, "but I'm certain it won't wreck it—any more than the Japs will wreck the nation, even if they'd slip over a few dirty punches."

The Pittsburgh Pirates' manager believes the United States needs recreation as a war-time morale builder and baseball can help fill the prescription.

If the draft decimates his relatively young Pirate lineup, Frankie wisecracked.

Frisch doesn't expect to resort to that expediency.

Flyers hand Pats 4-1 setback

CORNWALL, Jan. 2.—(OP)—Cornwall Flyers made the most of the breaks to hand Montreal Pats a 4-1 defeat in a Q.S.H.L. game played here tonight and climb in to a three-point lead in the league standing.

Fred Gardner, Steve Latoski, Larry Thibeault, and Cliff Maundrell got the Cornwall tallies, with Jack Eagen getting the lone Pats score after Cornwall was in front 4-0.

Leafs have Chance to break Tie for second

(Canadian Press) Toronto Maple Leafs have a fair chance of breaking their second-place tie with New York Rangers and a remote chance of sharing the circuit leadership this weekend. They stack up against the lowly sixth-place Brooklyn Americans tonight while the Rangers remain idle.

The game will also give Leafs' No. 1 scoring ace, Gordie Drillon, a chance to overhaul his Ranger rivals—Hextall, Watson and Patrick—now holding down the three leading spots in the point column.

Drillon, in sixth place, is also behind the Boston pair, Bill Cowley and Bobby Bauer, in fourth and fifth place respectively, and it is likely he'll still be behind them at the end of the weekend for the Bruins are also meeting the inconsistent Americans.

The league-leading Boston machine will hardly have to fear a threat to its position with a win almost assured against the Dutton sound. However, if they do lose and Toronto wins the teams would be in a first place tie.

Detroit's fifth place Red Wings meet the cellar-dwelling Montreal Canadiens in the other two weekend games and here is an opportunity for Jack Adams' boys to grab a double-header and sneak past the fourth place Chicago Black Hawks who are idle.

LOOK OUT BELOW! In season a glacier usually moves forward 18 to 24 inches a day.

YOUR WEEK-END FROLIC
HOURS OF HEALTHY APPY SKATING
FORUM—TO-DAY—2-SESSIONS—2 3-5 AND 8-10

DISASTER

(Continued from page 1) As the southern claw of the Red army snarled up, the Red drive was swinging around Moshinsk from a point hinged in the vicinity of reclaimed Navominsk, some 30 miles southeast of the exposed German stronghold.

With Maloyaroslavets back in their hands, the Russians appeared further to have blasted the Germans from the entire 100-mile length to the rail line from Moscow to Kaluga.

In order to straighten their line from Staritsa to Kaluga, to use the German term, it therefore appears necessary for the Nazis, fighting more defensive battles, to fall back on Vyazma, 140 miles from Moscow.

Smolensk is reported to be the scene of Hitler's new Moscow front headquarters. It is some 230 air miles from Moscow and is half between the capital and Minsk, first major city within the former Russian-Polish border.

The correspondent of Pravda, Moscow Communist newspaper, reported from the Kalinin-Staritsa front that Staritsa, 125 miles northwest of Moscow, was part of a powerful defensive line. This line was cracked when the Red army took Staritsa on New

Boys Parliament Is prorogued

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 2.—(CP)—The 19th session of the Maritime Tuxis and Older Boys Parliament was prorogued late last night following election of a speaker, party leaders and camp representatives.

Speaker for the 1942 parliament is Ronald Mont, Halifax, with Frank Phillips, Woodstock, N. B., as alternate. The new party leaders are Reconstruction, Orval Troy, Woodstock; alternate, Phillips; Construction, Ronald Drysdale, Halifax; alternate, Elmer Matthews, O'Leary, P. E. I.

Elected to represent the parliament at the annual leaders camp to be held at Chippaway, N. B., were Drysdale, Phillips, George Jones, Pownal, P. E. I., Bruce Keddy, Dartmouth, N. S., Wendell Phinney, Kentville, N. S., Eric Kinsman, Kentville, and J. Farrell, Newcastle Bridge, N. B.

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By J. R. Williams

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