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Performances By Dudey Patch Are Outstanding Among Notable Events

Past Racing Season Sees New Tracks Opened, Records Broken And Larger Attendances At Various Meets.

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Once again we take pleasure in presenting to our readers our review of Maritime harness racing with the outstanding happenings of the season of 1942.

It was a great racing season with new tracks opened, greater attendances, new horses brought in and Maritime records broken. These included the pacing of 17 heats in 2:10 or better by Dudey Patch, 2:06, a feat never before accomplished by any Maritime-owned horse.

New track records were made in all three provinces and a Canadian dead-heat record of 2:08 was set up by two of the Maritimes' greatest trotters. Notable, too, is the fact that two Maritime-owned horses, Chestnut Bars, 2:06, and Dudey Patch 2:06, in taking their new marks paced the two fastest heats we have record of in Canada this season.

These are but a few of the many interesting happenings that have caused our sport to not only maintain its popularity but to enhance it.

A GREAT RACING SEASON

The total number of race days held in the Maritimes was 39, beginning at Bridgewater, N. S. the 8th of June and ending at New Glasgow, N. S., and St. John, N.B. October 12th.

Nova Scotia held the greatest number—23—four days at Bridgewater—June 24, September 7, September 30, October 1; four at North Sydney—July 1, July 22, July 27, August 19, August 20; five days at Truro—July 8, July 29, August 26, September 16, October 7; New Glasgow four days—July 15, August 5, September 2, October 12, and one day at Inverness, July 18.

Prince Edward Island was second with 11 days, Charlottetown putting on six days, a four-day Old Home Week meet, August 11, 12, 13, 14, and two-day Goodwill meet September 24 and 26. Summerside with its new and finely appointed track which opened on July 1st, was a popular point to which race fans travelled on for afternoons, July 1, July 15, September 7 and September 16, while Montague, King's County centre, held one afternoon's meet August 5.

New Brunswick had five days racing with Chatham holding meets on July 1 and September 8; St. Stephen two days, August 26 and 27, St. John putting on the final event of the New Brunswick racing season October 12.

In addition to the above regular race meets matinee events were held at Alberton, Northam and Summerside, P. E. I., Shediac, Port Erin and Buctouche, N.B. A rough computation of the estimated crowds published in the newspaper despatches describing the race events at various points throughout the Maritimes, gives over 110,000 as the probable number who witnessed harness horse performances the past season. This exceeds by some 10,000 the estimate of the previous year.

210 Miles Galore!

We can all remember when a 210 mile on a Maritime track was a rarity, but not so now, and the past season no less than 53 were trotted or paced in 2:10 or better. The New Glasgow owned pacer Dudey Patch 2:06 leads the parade with 17, the trotter Watchim 2:07 is runner up with six. Thirteen of the 210 miles were stepped at Bridgewater, 11 at Charlottetown, 8 at New Glasgow, 5 each at Summerside and Truro, 2 at Amherst, two each at Montague, St. Stephen, North Sydney and Chatham.

Fastest Miles Trotted or Paced! The fastest mile trotted or paced was that of Chestnut Bars 2:06 when he paced the second heat of the Free for All at Charlottetown August 13 in 2:06, and also paced in the same notch at St. Stephen August 27. Sharing honors with Chestnut Bars is Dudey Patch 2:06 who paced in 2:06 at Bridgewater, October 1, setting up a new track record.

The fastest heat trotted was the dead heat between Watchim 2:07 and Squire Hanover 2:11 at Summerside, July 15, in the first heat of the No. 1 Classified race. They set up a new track trotting record of 2:08 and came very close to the world's dead-heat trotting record on a half-mile track.

New track records were made at some points, notably at New Glasgow, Sept. 2, when Millie Kalmuck trotted in 2:08 1-2, and the pacing record was equalled by Dudey Patch stepping in 2:06. At Bridgewater, October 1, Dudey Patch set up a new track pacing record of 2:06. At Summerside, July 15, a new track trotting record was made when Watchim 2:07 and Squire Hanover 2:11 went a dead heat in 2:08, and a new pacing record was made by Hal McKinney 2:06 1-4 on September 16 of 2:09. New Brunswick had one track record broken, at St. John, October 12 when All Grattan 2:06 1-4 paced in 2:11 1-2.

Maritime Record Broken!

The Maritime record for Maritime bred trotting mares was lowered to 2:08 1-2 by Millie Kalmuck, owned and driven by Willard Kelly, Southport, at New Glasgow, September 2. The former record of 2:09 1-2 was made by Millie Kalmuck last season. In stepping the New Glasgow mile in 2:08 1-2 Millie also equalled the trotting record for Maritime bred mares regardless where made, equalling Gwendolyn Aubrey's record of 2:08 1-2 at Lewiston, Maine, in 1932.

The Maritime record for Maritime bred pacing mares of 2:08 1-2 is held by Josie the Great (driven by Johnny Conroy) made at Woodstock, September 23, 1938.

New Speed Brought In!

New race horses were brought to the Maritimes and most of them made good. Among those who can recall are Chestnut Bars, that lowered his record to 2:06 at Charlottetown, Highland Worthy 2:03, Hal McKinney 2:06 1-4, Victor Lee 2:07, Reuben Lee 2:10, H. M. Volo 2:11 3-4 and Jacob Withrow 3, 2:14 1-2. After the season closed new racing material came in that should play a big part in next season's contests.

These include Basil Hanover 2:04 3-4, Rhea Mae p. 2:04 3-4, Dale H. p. 2:06 1-2, Real Money p. 2:07 1-4, Josedale Chieftain 2:07 1-4, Pagliacci 2:08 1-2, Morgandale all trial 2:12 and Morgandale Jim a three-year-old pacer.

Following are the horses that trotted or paced in 2:10 or better over Maritime tracks in 1942. Dudey Patch 2:06 - 17 - Bridgewater, June 24-208 1-2; New Glasgow, July 15-2:09; Truro, July 29-2:09 1-2; 2:09; New Glasgow August 5-2:08 1-2, 2:09 1-2; Amherst, August 20-2:10; St. Stephen, August 27-2:09 1-4; New Glasgow, September 2-2:08, 2:09; Bridgewater, September 7, 2:08, 2:08 3-4; Charlottetown, September 26-2:08 3-4, 2:08 3-4, Bridgewater October 1-2:03, 2:06, 2:09.

Watchim 2:07 - 6 - Summerside, July 15-2:08, 2:08 1-2, 2:08 1-4; Montague, August 5-2:09; Charlottetown, August 14-2:09 1-4; Bridgewater, September 30-2:06; Chestnut Bars 2:06 - 3 - Charlottetown, August 13-2:07 1-2, 2:06; 2:07; St. Stephen, August 27-2:06; Chatham, September 8-2:10.

Jean Hanley 2:08 1-2 - 4 - Charlottetown, August 13-2:10; New Glasgow, September 2-2:08 1-2; North Sydney, September 7-2:10; Charlottetown, September 24-2:09 1-4. Joe Direct 2:07 - 3 - Bridgewater, September 7-2:10; Bridgewater, September 30-2:09 1-2, 2:09; Highland Worthy 2:03 - 2 - Bridgewater, June 24-2:08, 2:06. All Grattan 2:06 1-4 - 2 - Amherst, July 22-2:08 1-2; Truro, September 16-2:09 3-4.

Maritime Race Winners

A check up of the race winners of 1942 shows that Peter Reamore 2:11, owned by Dr. O. B. Clough, Inverness, and driven by Joe O'Brien, stands at the top with 11 wins. The free-for-all Dudey Patch 2:06, owned by The Dudey Patch Club, New Glasgow, was next in order with 10 wins. He was also driven by Joe O'Brien.

Winners of 7 races—Jean Hanley 2:10 1-2, Oakhurst Queen 2:09 3-4. Winner of 6 races—Scotty Watson 2:11 1-2. Winners of 4 races—Millie Kalmuck 2:08 1-2, Hildaide Scott 2:11 3-4, Uscita Britton 2:09, Jacob Withrow 2:14 1-2, Watchim 2:07, H. M. Volo 2:11 1-2. Winners of 3 races—Highland Worthy 2:03, Bonnie Scott 2:10 1-2, Peter at Court 2:11 1-2, Emily Grattan 2:13, Chestnut Bars 2:06. All Grattan 2:06 1-4, Singing Sam 2:10 1-2.

Winners of 2 races—Lady Hal 2:12 1-4, Aaron L. 2:07 1-4, Hal Boojum 2:15, Calumet Emerald 2:10 1-2, Hal McKinney 2:06 1-4, Raymond Budlong 2:13, Hal Britton 2:09 3-4, Oliver Grattan 2:09, Joe Direct 2:07, San Ton 2:07 3-4, Major

Bowen 2:10 1-8, Silent Joe 2:10 3-4, Aubrey Dillon 2:11. Winners of 1 race—Squire Hanover 2:08, Bessie D. Scott 2:19 1-2, Volo Ray 2:04 1-2, Mart Harkaway 2:04 1-4, Sister Martha 2:19 3-4, Manchester's Alberta 2:19 3-4, Bob Neill 2:18 1-2, Dinah G. 2:13, Peter Budlong 2:15 1-2, Victor Lee 2:07, Teedy 2:12 1-2, Miss Admiral Mac 2:14, Lucky Guy 2:17 3-4, Trilzie Budlong 2:26, Jack Clyde 2:14 3-4, Loretta Abbe 2:27, Paulabbe 2:11, Juse Evans 2:09, Calumet Dillon 2:15 1-4, Model T. 2:14 1-2, Winnie Scott 2:13 1-2, Sunnymeade 2:07 1-4, Tracey Hanover 2:03, The Baker 2:06 1-2, Bebe McElwain 2:10, Skippydale 2:12 1-4.

Fastest Performers on Maritime Tracks Season of 1942. Fastest two-year-old pacer—Loretta Abbe (T. Semple) Charlottetown, Aug. 13-2:27. Fastest three-year-old pacer—Jacob Withrow (B. Hood) Charlottetown, Sept. 26-2:14 1-2. Fastest four-year-old pacer—Hilda Budlong (C. Schuman)—Summerside, July 15-2:11 1-2. Fastest pacing gelding—Dudey Patch 2:06 (J. O'Brien) Bridgewater, Oct. 1-2:06. Chestnut Bars 2:06 (B. Poley) Charlottetown, Aug. 13-2:06. St. Stephen, Aug. 27-2:06. Fastest trotting gelding—Sunnymeade 2:07 1-4 (H. Harrison) Charlottetown, Sept. 24-2:11 1-4.

Fastest pacing mare—Jean Hanley 2:08 1-2 (B. Hood) New Glasgow, Sept. 2-2:08 1-2. Fastest trotting mare—Millie Kalmuck 2:08 1-2 (W. Kelly) New Glasgow, Sept. 2-2:08 1-2. Fastest Trotting stallion—Watchim 2:07 (M. McArthur) Summerside, July 15-2:08. Squire Hanover 2:08 (T. Semple) Summerside, July 15-2:08. Fastest new performer pacing—Singing Sam 2:10 1-2 (J. O'Brien) Bridgewater, Oct. 1-2:10 1-2. Fastest new performer trotting—Ruby Volo 2:14 3-4 (T. Semple) Charlottetown, Aug. 11-2:14 3-4. Fastest new pacing gelding—Singing Sam 2:10 1-2 (J. O'Brien) Bridgewater, Oct. 1-2:10 1-2. Fastest new pacing mare—Winnie Scott 2:13 1-2 (C. Schuman) Summerside, Sept. 16-2:13 1-2.

Reduced Records

(Record first shown is mark at beginning of season) Trotters. Scotty Watson—2:15 to 2:11 1-2—Summerside, Sept. 16, (E. Semple) owned by Geo. Brooks, Kensington, P.E.I. Squire Hanover—2:11 1-2 to 2:08—Summerside, July 15, (T. Semple) owned by Semple & Alexander, Kensington, P.E.I. Millie Kalmuck—2:09 1-2 to 2:08 1-2—New Glasgow, Sept. 2 (W. Kelly) owned by Willard Kelly, Southport, P.E.I. Hal Boojum—2:17 to 2:15—New Glasgow, July 15, (E. Johnson) owned by E.M. Johnson, Great Village, N.S. Bob Neill—2:20 to 2:18—Inverness, July 8 (J. Hood) owned by Mat McAdam, Glace Bay, N.S. Coronation McKillop—2:21 1-2 to 2:14 1-2—North Sydney, Sept. 7 (B. Hood) owned by Tom McKinley, Sydney, N.S. Pacers. Dudey Patch—2:06 1-3 to 2:06—Bridgewater, Oct. 1 (J. O'Brien) owned by Dudey Patch Club, New Glasgow, N.S. Chestnut Bars—2:06 1-2 to 2:06—Charlottetown, Aug. 13 (B. Poley) owned by Dr. J. J. MacPherson, Campbellton, N.B. Peter Reamore—2:13 to 2:11—Bridgewater, Oct. 1 (J. O'Brien) owned by Dr. C. B. Clough, Inverness, N.S. Oakhurst Queen—2:11 to 2:09 3-4—North Sydney, Sept. 9 (H. Harrison) owned by Cape Breton Horsemen's Club, Sydney, N.B. Emily Grattan—2:16 1-2 to 2:13—New Glasgow, Sept. 2 (J. O'Brien) owned by P. C. Coates, Amherst, N.S. Jack Clyde—2:24 1-2 to 2:14 3-4—Charlottetown, Aug. 14 (G. Callbeck) owned by George A. Callbeck, Summerside, P.E.I. Lady Hal—2:13 1-2 to 2:12 1-4—Summerside, July 15 (W. McNeill) owned by Will McNeill, Southport, P.E.I. Jean Hanley—2:10 to 2:08 1-2—New Glasgow, Sept. 2 (B. Hood) owned by William Cruickshanks, Halifax, N.S. Bonnie Budlong—2:17 1-2 to 2:15—New Glasgow, Oct. 12 (Smith) owned by William Cruickshanks, Halifax, N.S. Hildaide Scott—2:10 1-4 to 2:10—Montague, Aug. 5 (J. Power) owned by Daniel Rice, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Calumet Dillon—2:18 to 2:15 1-4—Chatham, Sept. 8 (B. Poley) owned by B. P. Poley, Chatham, N.B. The Following Horses Took Records of 2:30 or Better Trotting, or 2:25 or Better pacing on Maritime Tracks in 1942

Trotters. Lucky Guy—2:17 3-4—Montague, Aug. 5 (P. McKenna) owned by Lee Chappelle, Stanhope, P.E.I. Ruby Volo—2:14 3-4—Charlottetown, Aug. 11 (T. Semple) owned by Semple & Simmonds, Kensington, P.E.I. Singing Sam—2:10 1-2—Bridgewater, Oct. 1 (J. O'Brien) owned by C. L. Dauphinee, Halifax, N.S. Winnie Scott—2:13 1-2—Summerside, Sept. 16 (C. Schuman) owned by John Farmer, Kinkora, P.E.I. Peter Budlong—2:15 1-2—Summerside, July 15 (C. Schuman) owned by Ensor Bonness, Summerside, P.E.I. Jacob Withrow—2:14 1-2—Charlottetown, Sept. 26 (B. Hood) owned by J. Harry Brown, Halifax, N.S. Wait N'See—2:15 1-4—Charlottetown, Aug. 11 (W. Kelly) owned by Willard Macdonald, Charlottetown.

P. E. I.

Marguerite Ross—2:23 1-3—Charlottetown, Aug. 11 (E. Johnson) owned by E.M. Johnson, Great Village, N.S. Manchester's Alberta—2:19 3-4—Sydney, July 1 (J. MacMillan) owned by John A. Macdonald, New Glasgow, N.S. H.M. Volo—2:11 3-4—Bridgewater, June 24 (Sweeney) owned by H.M. Sweeney, Bridgewater, N. S.

FOLLOWING ARE THE MARITIME TRACK RECORDS PACING AND TROTTING

NEW BRUNSWICK Fredericton Pacing—2:02 1-2—Walter Dale 2:00 3-4, Sept. 15, 1937, (Clukey) Trotting—2:07—Peter Fokey 2:08 1-2, Sept. 13, 1934, (Clukey) Secretary—D. W. Griffiths. Woodstock Pacing—2:05 Ray Henley 2:02 1-4, July 14, 1938 (Avery) Trotting—2:09—Alloway 2:04 3-4, July 13, 1937, (Ryan) Secretary—B. R. Brown. St. Stephen Pacing—2:05—Walter Dale 2:00 3-4, Sept. 2, 1937, (Clukey) Trotting—2:10—Hetherbell 2:08 1-2, Aug. 31, 1938, (Hayes) Secretary—F. D. J. Graham.

Buctouche

Pacing—2:09 1-2—All Billy Bondeer 2:09 1-2, Aug. 4, 1939, (Clarke) Trotting—2:06 1-2, Aug. 24, 1940, (Jones) Secretary—J. F. McLaughlin. Port Elgin Pacing—2:12—Bud Wenger 2:06 1-4, Sept. 26, 1938, (Barrieau) Secretary—F. H. Copp. Shediac Pacing—2:10—Happy L. 2:06 1-2, Sept. 5, 1938, (Belliveau) Trotting—2:15 3-4—Playdale 2:04 1-4, Sept. 3, 1941, (Kelly) Secretary—L. C. Atkinson.

Bathurst

Pacing—2:12—Jeanne Trux 2:06 1-4, July 30, 1941, (Poirier) Secretary—C. M. Alexander.

Chatham

Pacing—2:06 3-4—John A. Hal 2:08 1-4, Sept. 26, 1919, (J. Boutiller) Trotting—2:09 1-2—The Exposer 2:08 3-4, July 1, 1920, (Jewett) Secretary—T. C. Collette.

Saint John

Pacing 2:11 1-3—All Grattan 2:06 1-4, Oct. 12, 1942, (Clarke) Trotting—Mr. Squires 2:10 1-2. Secretary—C. M. Alexander.

NOVA SCOTIA

Amherst Pacing—2:08—San Ton 2:07 3-4, Aug. 20, 1941, (Conroy) Trotting—2:12—Hal Britton 2:09 3-4, Aug. 30, 1941, (MacMillan) Secretary—L. F. Bickerton.

Bridgewater

Pacing—2:06—Dudey Patch 2:06, Oct. 1, 1942, (O'Brien) Trotting—2:07—Watchim 2:07 Oct. 3, 1941, (B. Hood). Secretary—H. M. Sweeney.

Halifax

Pacing—2:06 3-4—Toll Gate 2:00 3-4, Sept. 3, 1934, (Sweeney) Trotting—2:08 1-2—High Toby 2:08 1-2, Sept. 2, 1936, (Cummings) Secretary—E. F. Lordy.

Inverness

Pacing—2:08 3-4—Dermat 2:07 1-4, July 27, 1939, (Jabbie) Trotting—2:16—Model T. 2:15 1-2, July 27, 1939, (Jabbie) Secretary—Jos. LeBlanc.

North Sydney

Pacing—2:07 1-2—Royal Hanover 2:04 1-4, Sept. 5, 1938, (Purvis) Dermat 2:07 1-2, Sept. 4, 1939 (B. Hood) Trotting—2:09—John Dean 2:08 1-2, July 25, 1938, (Sweeney) Secretary—Chas. Ballard.

New Glasgow

Pacing—2:08—Jane Asoff 1:59 1-2, Sept. 11, 1940, (Kelly) Dudey Patch 2:06, Sept. 2, 1942, (O'Brien) Trotting—2:08 1-2—Millie Kalmuck 2:08 1-2, Sept. 2, 1942, (Kelly) Secretary—John A. Macdonald.

Truro Pacing—2:06 3-4—Calumet Budlong 2:02 3-4 Aug. 12, 1936 (Hood) Trotting—2:10—Alloway 2:04 3-4, Aug. 28, 1940, (Ryan) Secretary—F. C. McCurdy.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Alberton

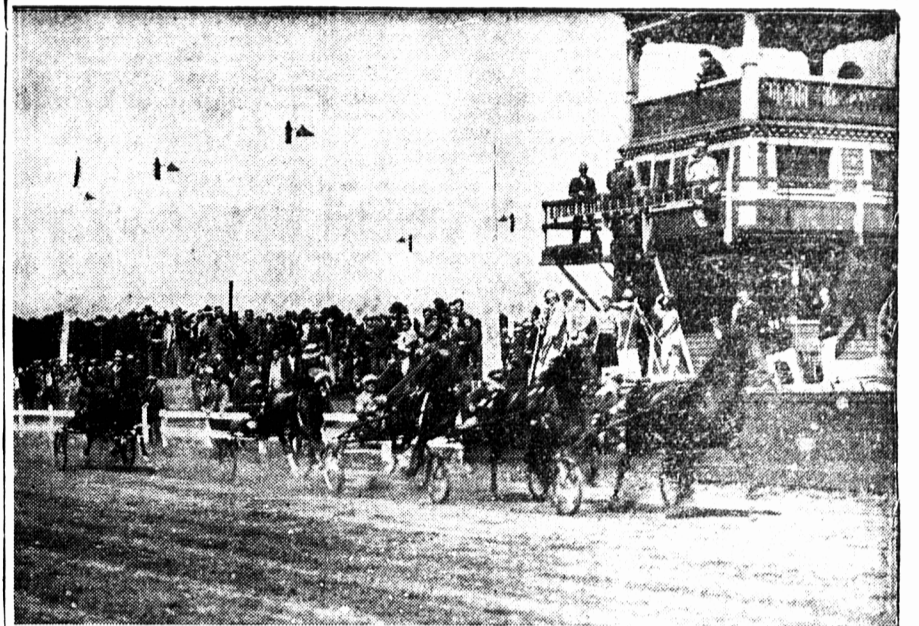
Pacing—2:09 1-2—Direct L. 2:09 1-2, July 6, 1939, (J. O'Brien) Trotting—2:09 1-2—Dude Potemkin 2:07 1-2, July 5, 1939 (L. O'Brien) Secretary—Harry O'Brien.

Summerside

Pacing—2:09—Hal McKinney 2:08 1-4, Sept. 16, 1942 (Moresick) Trotting—2:08—Squire Hanover 2:08 (T. Semple) and Watchim 2:07 (M. McArthur) July 15, 1942 Secretary—Willard Macdonald.

Kensington

Pacing—2:08 1-4—Jane Asoff



Down to the half at Charlottetown Track

1:59 1-2, July 12, 1939 (W. Kelly) Trotting—2:10 1-4—Lusty Frisco 2:07 1-4, July 27, 1938 (C. Schuman) Secretary—Myron McArthur.

Hamilton

Pacing—2:13 1-2—Guy Ann 2:11 1-2, July 6, 1938 (G. Callbeck) Trotting—2:12—Lusty Frisco 2:07 1-4, July 6, 1938 (C. Schuman) Secretary—Roy Woodside.

Northam

Pacing—3:08—Barney Hanover 2:07, July 26, 1939 (T. Semple) Pacing—3:08 Ralney G. Hanley 2:06, Sept. 10, 1941 (R. Barnett) Trotting—2:06 1-2—John Dean 2:08 1-4, July 13, 1938 (H. Sweeney) Secretary—Roy Woodside.

Charlottetown

Pacing—2:05 1-3—Bud Wenger 2:06 1-4, Aug. 30, 1936 (E. Avery) Trotting—2:07 3-4—Alloway 2:04 3-4, Aug. 16, 1940 (R. Ryan) Secretary—J. W. Boulter.

Montague

Pacing—2:07 1-4—Patrick Direct 2:07 1-4, Aug. 8, 1934 (R. Inan) Trotting—2:08 1-4—Heatherbell 2:08 1-4, Aug. 5, 1936 (D. A. MacKinnon) Secretary—George McIntyre.

THE MARITIMES' LEADING DRIVER

The race for the Maritimes leading driver which has been so close the past two seasons, was a runaway one for Joe O'Brien, who topped the list with 219 points. In second place is a new-comer, Earle Semple, son of veteran driver Tyndall Semple, with a score of 100 points. Billy Hood, who is always knocking at the door, has 90 points others as follows: Tyndall Semple, 85; Harley Harrison, 70; Allison Langille, 69; Willard Kelly, 66; Johnny Conroy 62; Elmer Campbell 58; Heber Sweeney 57.

WELL KNOWN HORSEMEN PASS

During the year death robbed us of several well known horsemen, men whose names and contributions to the sport were outstanding, such as Hedley T. Fulton of Upper Stewiack, N.S., who was a prominent breeder and raced a stable both in the Maritimes and on the Grand Circuit. It was Mr. Fulton who brought down the great brood mare, Helena Constantine 2:12 1-2, from the Old Glory stable in 1913 and bred her to Captain Aubrey 2:07 1-2. The resulting foals were among the greatest race horses the Maritimes has produced. Peter Pokey 2:06 1-2 is the fastest half-mile track trotter ever bred in the Maritimes and holds the record for three heats over a half-mile track, made at Fredericton in 1934. Gwendolyn Aubrey 2:08 1-2, full sister to Peter Pokey, shares honor with Millie Kalmuck of being its fastest trotting mare ever bred in the Maritimes. This mare dominated the trotting events in Maine for two or three years. There were others that have also made a contribution either to racing or breed-

ing. Among the race horses Mr. Fulton campaigned our readers will recall High Toby 2:08 1-2, holder of the track trotting record at Halifax, Baromette 2:06 1-4 and Tease 2:06 1-2. All three raced with success on Maritime tracks, and Gallant Heart 2:04 1-2 made two campaigns on the Grand Circuit as also did Jane Asoff 1:59 1-2, sold by Mr. Fulton a few years ago to C. H. Horton, Murray River, P.E.I.

As a sportsman and as a man there was none better than "Hedley T." who made friends wherever he went and held them through the years. His memory will long be cherished by all who knew him. W. B. "Bart" Lint was another of the old-timers greats who left our ranks during the year. Bart raced horses for over a quarter of a century and was usually in front when the finish was reached. His business was hotel keeping and visitors from far and near journeyed to his hotel and received the kindest and most considerate treatment.

Among the real ones that he raced of chance 2:08 1-2, one of the fastest horses that ever stepped on a Maritime track, and when sold by Mr. Lint to Walter Cox became a star on the Grand Circuit. We are sure many will remember the erratic and difficult-to-handle Roy Volo 2:08 1-4 that when he did get away with the crowd was a hard horse to head. These are but two selections from dozers that our great friend Bert handled the ribbons over.

Another New Brunswicker—the oldest horseman of that province—James Alingham of Gagetown, who had almost reached the four score years and four, passed away on October 13th. He was a noted blacksmith but retired from that occupation about twenty-five years ago. He was a great lover of horses and animals of all kinds and any neighbor who had a sick animal always called for Mr. Alingham. His good deeds will be remembered by neighbors, for he never made a charge to a neighbor but received his recompense in the knowledge that he had performed a worthy action.

In this province we mourn an old friend in Captain F. W. Peters of Summerside, who never missed a race meet at Charlottetown Exhibition from the day it opened. While Mr. Peters did not make a practice of campaigning horses he had a great love for them and owned among others the incomparable Orwell Belle 2:18 1-2. Everyone liked to have a few minutes with Captain Fred as he always had something pleasant to say and, possessing an excellent memory, could recall incidents of the past full of interest.

At Campbellton, N. B., just recently, W. H. Miller, large lumber merchant and father of Bill Miller of the famous Moncton Hawks, died, regretted by a large circle of friends and associates. While he did not race horses to any extent yet he had a great interest in them and owned many good drivers.

Just as the year is closing we learn of the death of Patrick Doherty, a native of Sussex, N.B., who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. R. Fitz-Gerald at Sydney, N.S. He had been a resident of the Steel City from 1904 until 1910 when he moved to the United States, residing at Houghton, Me., and Readville, Mass., until 1938 when he returned to Cape Breton. He was a great follower of horses and horse racing and in his day owned some of the best in the Maritimes and Maine. In the fall of 1912 he purchased the Indiana pacer Dan Payne, it being a cologne between him and the pacer William Dan Payne was a very fast pacer and won a number of races on our tracks but William became a world's champion. Others, our older readers will remember are Stella D., 2:17 3-4, the late-sided Nick R. 2:18 1-4 and Thomas East 2:14 1-4. While living in Houghton and Readville he raced many good horses over the circuits there. Mr. Doherty had attained the good old age of 82 and continued until his death, his interest in horses.

Just as this review was going to press we learn of the death of a very esteemed horseman, William A. Toombs of Kensington. Mr. Toombs bred and raced several good trotters and pacers and attended to their training himself. He also drove horses once in a while for other parties and was esteemed as a fine sportsman and honorable man. He leaves behind him a memory and reputation that will be cherished by all who knew him and the people of Kensington any vicinity as well as all that knew him.

With the above we conclude our review of the sport we love so well. No doubt there are many things we could have touched on at greater length and very probably some things which should have been written about that we have overlooked. It is a pleasure for us to play a part in giving publicity to the harness horse sport in furnishing this review.

We are glad to note that Frank Power, son of our esteemed friend the late James W. Power, whose Review of Harness Racing in the Maritimes was outstanding for fifty years, is taking an active part in turf journalism, and this Don MacLeod of North Sydney is also giving very valuable publicity in Cape Breton. We are pleased to note the United States Trotting Association has recognized the value of constant interesting publicity in increasing and newsmen. As a result perhaps of this and good racing material this season, the harness horse sport has catered to more people than any year in its history—certainly than any year we can remember. Harness horse racing has a definite value in keeping up the morale of our people in these trying times.

Anyone who attends a good race meet and gets interested in one or more of the contestants must inevitably throw off restraint and cheer and get genuine, helpful exhibition. With the increased interest now exhibited in Quebec, Ontario and throughout the Maritimes, I am sure 1943 will be an even more successful season than 1942.

A TOAST TO THE HORSE Here's to the horse of all grades, fast or slow, That's ready to bear as whorl ever we go. Over mountains or vales, over desert or snow, And are called in all lands, men's best friend.



Dudey Patch, 2:06, Maritime champion money winner, driver Joe O'Brien up