



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The pacer Buster C. 212 2/5 by Commandants has been sold by Dr. J.A. Donohoe to Don MacArthur of Pugwash, N.S. Buster C. won six dashes on Maritime tracks and several dashes at Foxboro, Mass. The past season, Don has sold his fast pacer Peter Budlong 110, winner of first class the year to parties in Maine. No doubt he will be racing over the ice as the Maine horsemen take great pleasure in that sport.

Arrivals at Myron MacArthur's barn Kensington, are Linn Mite 2:07 by Volomite 2:03 1/2, that has been campaigned by Arthur B. McGee for the past two years in the U.S.A. Linn Mite exceeded expectations winning several hotly contested races in the fastest company. She will be placed in the brood mare ranks here. With her came Sally Joe out of Jose The Great that will also be used as a brood mare, and Lucky Spencer 2:10 1/2, owned by Myron.

Myron was a very busy man last week assisting in purchasing colts for Arthur B. McGee, Augusta, Maine, and Edward Webb, Portland, Maine. Among these that have been shipped are Range Hawk by Kalmuck, dam by Aworthy, owned by R.H. Phillips, Summerside. Also the full sister to Range Hawk, Rebecca Kalmuck, a coming two year old, from John Harkness, Summerside, they purchased just by Calumet Budlong, dam a mare by Aworthy. Just Bill was in the best shape of his career and showed a lot of speed when booked up, but the prize package they got from Mr. Harkness was a coming three year old by Abner T. Clegg that Mr. Webb said was the best developed and finest looking colt he ever saw at that age, yes, even among those sold at Harnburg and elsewhere. Certainly a nice tribute to Mr. Harkness as a breeder and developer.

From Sampson Walsh, Albany they bought a coming three year old gelding by Abner T. Clegg, dam by Watson Peter, and from Ed Trainor, Hope River, a coming four year old gelding by Abner T. Clegg. One that they were very high on was purchased from Peter McManion, Kensington, a coming Budlong by Calumet Budlong 2:03 1/2, dam, Bebe McElwain 2:00 1/4. Myron is certainly assisting in bringing a lot of money to this Province and we are glad to report that the parties he has interested in buying our trotters and pacers considered that on the whole they got full value for their money. As we have mentioned before, one difficulty has been registration and we urge all breeders and owners of colts and fillies to get them registered as soon as possible and have a paper ready to show when a buyer calls.

Our friend Percy Walsh who is constantly travelling around the Province, has very kindly given us these particulars of young trotters and pacers that he has seen. James McGuigan, St. Mary's Road, has a coming three year old, Leo Budlong by Calumet Budlong, dam Nell Lacopia by Lacopia 2:09 1/2, also Lady Colorado, a brood mare by a son of Colorado L. 2:13 1/2. Phillip McGuigan of the same place has a Highlong Budlong by Calumet Budlong, dam by Lacopia, and Herb McGuigan has Mickey Mouse that he is getting ready for ice racing. Murdoch MacGowan, Kilmuir, is the proud owner of Money Aids by Real Money, a 2:08 1/2, dam Emma Azoff. He is a coming four year old, very handsome and well bred. Mack McPhee, Heatherdale, owner of Emma Azoff, has her in foal to Real Money and is very high on a coming two year old owned by Preston Peardon, Fenton, which he has in his stable. He is by Real Money, dam Emma Azoff. A high class sire owned by Roddie McKay, Dundas, is Simcoe Harvest 2:04, whose get will be much in the headlines the next few years. Buddy Riley, Montague, has a coming four year old trotter by Real Money, dam by Mayor Todd.

Alfred Lowery, colt futurity man of Montague, is with Jack Annear, the owner of the A. & N. Stable and Brood Farm where the Valie Long 2:14 2/5, winner of eight dashes the past season, is top favorite. Another almost equally well liked is Real Set 2:20, by Real Money, dam Aliset 2:11 by Long Set 2:06 1/2. Then there is a three year old, Bruce Budlong by Calumet Budlong, dam by Lacopia, that is expected to be a good pacer next year. The well liked two year old filly, Bison, by Real Money, dam Calumet Climatic, is well grown and a real prospect. Hallie Hal is carrying a foal to Real Money and the mare Fannie Bonash is also in foal to Real Money. They also have a yearling filly by Real Money, dam Fannie Bonash, and a colt and weanling colt by Real Money out of a Lacopia mare. It was a pleasure, said Mr. Walsh, to look over the A. & N. Stable and see the evidences of good care and good horsemanship as the rugs were taken off each of the above named. As a colt man, Alfred Lowery certainly is among the tops in the Maritimes.

The popular Johnny Gay has as the star in his stable Real Money 2:09 1/4, a full brother to Cold Cash 1:59 1/2, one of the best sires in the U.S.A. He also has Mary Stuart 2:19 1/2, (22 p.) in foal to Real Money, and Miss Marjorie Hal in foal to the Great G. 2:02 1/2. Clarence McInnis, Elliotville, has a coming three year old by Real Money, dam Prince Girl by Lusty Frisco 2:07 1/4, grand dam Quinia 2:04 1/2 by Belwin 2:06, and Jack McGuigan, Montague, has the four year old New Money by Real Money, and a two year old by Calumet Budlong, dam Edith Gray, also a weanling by Calumet

Budlong out of Edith Gray. . . . Our friend Myron MacArthur would do well to cut out this list and have it handy for future prospective purchasers. There is a lot of breeding represented in it.

Too late for last week's notes was the letter from a valued friend, James T. Duran, 18 Meadows St., St. John, N.B. . . . "As an old P. E. Islander born at Margate in 1877 I take great interest in reading Down the Back Stretch, as it brings back memories of long ago. I first attended horse races when I was about eleven or twelve years of age. My father, John C. Durant, drove horses at that time and I particularly remember the races at Summerside. After they were over we would go to John MacDonald's livery stable where a lot of horsemen would meet and the races would be run over again. The time was slow then but we enjoyed the sport just as much as if the horses had been travelling in 210.

W.A. Brennan had some wonderful horses at that time, particularly the stallions Parkside 2:21 and Bridgton 2:24 brought by him from California. I was well acquainted with Robert Fitzsimmons of Long River, owner of Dean Swift and Island Chief. They sired a lot of speed and at every race meet their get would be in action. John T. Mullins of Kensington had some good horses also. We liked to go to the races at New Annan, Wellington and Tryon — three tracks that are now closed. Perhaps sometime you would give summaries of races held there. They would be interesting to us old timers. I knew Professor S.A. Rockford very well, he was quite a man in his time, also Tom Holmes, Ronnie Steele, ex-Mayor P.S. Brown and other great drivers of the past.

A few years ago I was at the races at Hamilton and saw Tom Holmes throw off the sulky. He was driving Lusty Frisco. He got hurt pretty badly but I noticed he recovered. The people on P.E.I. are almost all strangers to me now but I hope to live there again before long as I have yet to see a place to compare with it.

We were delighted to have a letter in the mail the other evening from Louis B. Najac, harness editor of the Evening Bulletin, Providence, R.I., and well known throughout the United States as a clever writer on horse topics. Mr. Najac writes . . . "Enclosed is a local paper with my column that appears 'Thursday nights in the Providence Bulletin and Sundays in the Providence Journal. My mother came from Sutherland's River, nine miles outside of New Glasgow on the Antigonish Road, where we visit every summer. In the Evening News of New Glasgow that I brought today was your column as taken from the Charlottetown Guardian and I hastened to reply and tell you that it is a very interesting column that you write. A Charlottetown boy on our paper tells me that he is in fact a native of the Island. Is there someone in the Maritimes that gets a yearly review of the harness horses similar to what Frank Power used to get out on the Halifax paper? The season's winner, Lou, we will be sending you a copy of our Maritime Harness Racing Review around New Year's, and thank you for your very fine harness notes.

Without question the F.J. Cadogan stable from Glace Bay, with driver W. Well, created as much or more interest here this season as any other stable that has been campaigned in recent years. Now we hear from Mr. Cadogan . . . "As the year 1940 is over, I am writing you a few lines to let you know that I often think of you in my spare moments. I have been very busy since returning from Harnburg. It was a wonderful trip down and a great sight to see all the beautiful horses that were sold and to be present when Imperial Hanover was knocked down for \$72,000. To look at the faces that Sep Pallin was making at his two opponents from Texas that ran Imperial Hanover up so high, was worth the trip alone.

While there I bought Crusader Chief and I think he is one of the best bred horses that sold at the sale. I feel that I got him for a gift. Had he been sold later in the day he would have brought five or six thousand dollars. I did not have him five minutes when I was offered over double what I paid for him. The Arionway horse I purchased is a nice big horse, well bred and a sweet gaited trotter. He was only trained a month and a half and was going miles in 2:20 when they laid him off. I had a letter from the former owner the other day and he told me he is the makings of a real nice trotter. Just watch out if he does not take a fall out of Ned Kalmuck before the season is over next year.

"The Cobbleston horse was bought by Mr. Dibbins on my recommendation and sent down here for Worrell to get him ready for the stakes in America. I was talking to Mr. Dibbins the other day over the phone and he told me he has him staked in four or five stakes. He was very sorry he would not be racing in our country as he is due back in the United States July 1st. Mr. Dibbins is a former Islander that went to the U.S. when only a small baby. On his annual trips down here he always spends a week in P.E.I. He

# SPORTING NEWS



### HUNTERS' CORNER

When this column appears in print, Christmas Eve will be a matter of hours away. Then it will be New Year's Eve with the watching of the old year out and the making of new resolutions. The days will be getting longer, and before we know it we'll be watching for spring and looking over the old fishing tackle.

From a hunters' viewpoint the season of 1949 was a good one. October was a beautiful month and only the odd hunting day marred by disagreeable weather. Rabbit hunters are the only ones who are experiencing a let down feeling. The general rabbit picture is not encouraging. One has to hunt hard for a glimpse of the short tailed ghosts of the swamps. There are exceptions of course. A party of four hunters entered a small swamp with hounds early this month and in a few hours had bagged 12 rabbits. The general rule is for a couple of gunners to hunt hard all afternoon for a brace of bunnies each.

A pair of rabbits is plenty to take in one afternoon. Its enough for a couple of delicious pot pies or a tasty stew or fricasse. Rabbits keep better on the hoof and if left in the cover are there for the taking whenever the opportunity offers. In the old days the number of rabbits shot depended on the number one could carry home. My first experience in rabbit hunting came when I was very young. When only seven or eight years old, I tagged along with my brother Dan and Dave Horton, a neighbor, on a hunt in Alex's swamp.

They had a single barrel muzzle leader between them and were to take turns shooting. There was no snow on the ground and the rabbits were pure white except for their eyes which stood out like black marbles. I remember crossing a creek and following a path through a swamp that was mostly alders and juniper. We hadn't gone far when Dave whispered: "There's one". I could see it sitting off to one side, its ears lying flat on its back crouched as if ready to run.

Dave was a big lumbering man and I can see him in my mind's eye pulling back the hammer and swearing because the percussion cap came with it. He put the gun to his shoulder and took aim and then brought it down again and looked at the cap the second time. After what seemed to me like a half hour the gun went off with a roar and a cloud of white smoke belched back in my face. When it cleared we could see the rabbit kicking on the ground.

The excitement really commenced when another rabbit was spotted a few yards off to one side. There was an awful sputtering as he carried in a groove under the barrel and the wedging tamper home with the iron ramrod that was carried in a groove under the barrel. This was followed by a charge of shot and some more wadding and last of all the cap was placed on the nipple. All through this performance Dan was hoping around and saying: "Hurry, Dave, hurry" and Dave would swear some more.

By the time Dan got the gun, there was a second rabbit in sight. The new comer was sitting straight up on a cradle hill in front. There was more delay while he made up his mind as to which one he'd shoot. I have no distinct recollection of what happened later but I do remember their shooting three rabbits before moving from where we stood. That was rabbit hunting fifty odd years ago. They'd become so numerous that the woods appeared to be alive with them and then a disease would almost wipe them out or at least it seemed to almost wipe them out by comparison in numbers left. In a few years the rabbit population would be back to full strength.

Rabbit hounds were an unknown quality in those days in our district. Today hunters are equipped with the best in rabbit hounds and the 3-shot automatic loaded with the latest in long range smokeless shells is a cry from the old single barreled muzzle loader and black powder. Disease is not considered a factor where rabbits are kept thinned down by hunting. It is only when they become as thick as flies that Mother Nature takes a hand. They haven't

## Sunday Sport Lively Issue Now In Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 23 (CP)—You can't make a speech in Toronto these days—or even visit your barber—unless you are prepared to say whether you think City Council should seek legislation to make legal Sunday sports here, now banned by the Lord's Day Act.

Voters will be asked their views on the question in a plebiscite Jan. 2 in conjunction with the annual civic elections.

If Torontonians have not yet made up their minds, it is not for lack of advice.

A lot of a Torontonian who has argued in a plebiscite Jan. 2 in conjunction with the annual civic elections.

Some opponents of Sunday sports have conjured up visions of Toronto on the God gone to pot with "wide-open" Sundays. Sunday drinking, dancing and movies.

Some of those in favor of seeking the necessary legislation bemoan the fact that Torontonians who are experiencing a let down feeling. The general rabbit picture is not encouraging. One has to hunt hard for a glimpse of the short tailed ghosts of the swamps. There are exceptions of course. A party of four hunters entered a small swamp with hounds early this month and in a few hours had bagged 12 rabbits. The general rule is for a couple of gunners to hunt hard all afternoon for a brace of bunnies each.

## Big Four, Cape Breton Hockey

SYDNEY 8, NORTH SYDNEY 4 (First Period)

1—Sydney, Gray 8:37  
2—North Sydney, Menzies (Storey) 14:20  
Penalties — Jeanneau, Beaton, Myketyan.

Second Period

3—Sydney, McRae (Rattray, Bowness) 2:45  
4—North Sydney, Hall (Storey, Menzies) 3:36  
5—Sydney, Beaton (Roach) 10:33  
6—North Sydney, Gibson (Stark, Kromm) 13:10  
7—Sydney, Rattray (Bowness, McRae) 13:45  
8—Sydney, Gray (Myketyan, Birukow) 15:08  
9—Sydney, Myketyan (Birukow, Gallagher) 16:54  
Penalties — Rattray, Gibson (2), Kelly, Gallagher.

MONCTON 6, AMHERST 2

First Period

1—Amherst, Ripley (H. Mosenko, Robertson) 6:50  
Penalties — Auger (minor and major), Fleet, Agnew, Imont.

Second Period

2—Moncton, Larlee (Ryan, Robinson) 7:55  
3—Moncton, Larlee (Fleet) 8:10  
4—Amherst, H. Mosenko (Poirier, Gaudet) 9:10  
Penalty — Robinson.

Third Period

5—Moncton, Leckie (Barkwell, Porter) 1:55  
6—Moncton, Ryan (Larlee) 4:40  
7—Moncton, Fitzpatrick (McEwen, Milani) 14:05  
8—Moncton, Milani (McEwen) 14:35  
Penalties: McIntyre, W. MacDonald.

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Antigonish 6, Truro 2.

## Too Late To Classify

WON LOST

Alexander Campbell 5 0  
Robert Ellis 3 2  
Clive MacDonald 3 2  
Thane Bagloe 2 3  
Wyman Miller 2 3  
Derwyn Huests 0 5

Souvenir prizes were presented at the close of the game to the members of the winning rink, who were as follows: John Doucette, Frank Lockhart, Elwyn Mills, Alexander Campbell, Skip.

Another series will begin on Friday afternoon. The two leading boys' rinks from the Summerside Club will compete in the Provincial playdowns on February 10th and 11th, and the winning rink in the Provincial playdowns will compete in the Dominion playdowns at Quebec on February 20-23.

## High School Curling At S'side

The first round robin series, played by six school boy rinks at the Summerside Curling Club was completed on this week, each rink having played five games. A summary of the results of the games is as follows:

Alexander Campbell 5 0  
Robert Ellis 3 2  
Clive MacDonald 3 2  
Thane Bagloe 2 3  
Wyman Miller 2 3  
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## HOLIDAY SKATING

MONDAY—  
AFTERNOON . . . . . 3 to 5  
EVENING . . . . . 8 to 10

TUESDAY—  
AFTERNOON . . . . . 3 to 5  
EVENING . . . . . 8 to 10

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SEASON'S Greetings

We're checking our list to see that we wish each and every one of you... a most MERRY CHRISTMAS and a glorious, bright, NEW YEAR!

W. R. JENKINS



### IN THE CORNER

Yes, tomorrow is Christmas. The one and only for the year 1949, and sporting enthusiasts and fans alike will spend the next few days with their families and friends to enjoy a well earned respite from ardent sporting activities and will no doubt indulge to the fullest in the good things that come with the seasonal festivities.

In fact what they will enjoy in the way of massive turkey dinners etc., will no doubt cause grave concern to coaches who will probably have to resort to such drastic measures as those used by Connie Smythe of the Toronto Maple Leafs to his wards "Turk" Broda etc. in an ultimatum of "take those pounds off or else" in order to get them in shape again for the renewal of sporting activities to follow.

But as the saying goes "who cares?" Christmas only comes but once a year, and if the boys are a little slow on their pick-up in the aftermath of festivities, it will be the same on both sides, and the fans, who will be no doubt suffering from the same ailment, probably won't know the difference anyway.

To those who have been the means and support of our wide variety of sporting activities and to those who have happily suffered along with this writer, in an effort to bring to you in a small way, through the medium of this column, views and reviews on Island sport, we would like to take this opportunity of wishing one and all a MERRY CHRISTMAS; and may it be the biggest and best ever.

## Rejoins Canadiens

MONTREAL, Dec. 23 — (CP)—Gerry Plamondon rejoined Montreal Canadiens today after a few weeks' stay with Cincinnati Mohawks and will take over the first-line left-wing job with Canadiens against New York Rangers tomorrow night.

Plamondon was sent to the American Hockey League club to get more work. He returns to his National Hockey League team to help out in the midst of a flock of injuries.

### Christmas Holiday Schedules

We will operate the following schedules Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 25th, 26th, 27th:—

Lv. Charlottetown 9:15 p.m. for Summerside and Tignish.  
Lv. Tignish 2:45 p.m. for Summerside and Charlottetown.  
Lv. Charlottetown 10:10 a.m. for Summerside.  
Lv. Charlottetown 4:00 p.m. for Summerside.  
Lv. Summerside 9:55 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:15 p.m. for Charlottetown.  
Lv. Charlottetown 9:15 p.m. for Souris and Elmira.  
Lv. Elmira 4:30 p.m. for Charlottetown.  
Lv. Souris 5:15 p.m. for Charlottetown.  
Lv. Summerside 12:01 p.m. for Borden.  
Lv. Borden 8:30 p.m. for Summerside and Charlottetown.

We will return to regular schedules on Wednesday, December 28th. All dirt road operations subject to road and weather conditions.

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