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ITS ECONOMIC INFLUENCE AND POLITICAL STRENGTH

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There are features of the Canadian Senate, which militate against its present constitution, and, on the other hand, features which argue strongly in its favor. It happens now and then that the press of Canada takes up the subject of Senate Reform and about half the papers carry out for Reform while the other half either defend the upper Chamber or give no opinion pro or con. Occasionally discussion closes with a division which invariably ends with a majority for the Second Chamber. Quite a few pairs off when the division is taken, some are absent through illness, thus it closes without a conclusive verdict.

It is of importance to know that an adverse vote does not defeat the Government of the day or kill the Senate, it having co-ordinate existence with the Lower House and nearly the same legislative functions as the Commons in the enactment of a measure. Besides if the Commons voted the Senate out, the Governor General could exercise his prerogative of calling in others to fill the vacant seats. Then the Commons would submit the question to the people and leave it to the different Provinces for a decision. As it was the Provinces that called the Senate into existence they alone have the power to give a final decision at the polls.

The actual strength of the Upper Chamber has never yet been put to the test and it is well that it has not. As a legislative institution we have always contended that it is modeled in accord with the best interests of the country. If it were submitted to the polls we do not believe that one so representative of the people could now be framed to take its place.

In the first place it is thoroughly Canadian; in the second it has always done its best to maintain the economic position of the country, and it has always been foremost in assisting the business, and especially the industrial activities of the Dominion. That Chamber is often criticized as having outlived its usefulness. This change cannot be sustained either in the Senate Chamber or shown in the activities of its members in the business life of Canada at large. In support of these ideas we present a statement which shows that they are among the most enterprising men of Canada. It reads thus:

50 Senators Directors Of 334 Institutions

"In the Senate fifty members of that body control and direct the economic life of Canada. That is to say, that fifty senators are directors of 334 commercial and financial institutions."

"There are 27 lawyers in the Senate, of whom 12 are Conservatives and 15 Liberals. Some 6 Conservative lawyer senators are directors in 62 financial and commercial institutions, while 6 Liberal lawyer senators are directors in 28 commercial and financial institutions, making a total of 12 lawyers in the Senate who are directors in 88 different concerns."

"There are 11 journalists, editors, publishers, 6 of whom are directors in 34 commercial and financial institutions. There are 11 manufacturers and capitalists who are directors in 131 commercial and financial institutions. There are 8 doctors who are directors in 22 commercial and financial institutions.—Canada Forward."

"This record not only shows a deep interest in the upbuilding of the country; it shows that the membership of the Senate is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress and national development of our country. In our opinion it speaks loudly for the personnel of the Senate, and should make people stop and think before pronouncing the sentence of death on that chamber."



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Bay State Circuit For 1927

BAY STATE CIRCUIT FOR 1927.

By W. H. Grocher

The fourteenth renewal of the Bay State Circuit closed at Northampton after a run of seven weeks. During the trip from Greenfield to that point the members gave meetings at which there were twenty three days racing. Sixty-five races were scheduled for the series. All of them were disposed of, thirty-six of them being for trotters and twenty-nine for pacers.

The only check caused by the weather occurred on the last day at Springfield after four heats were contested. This resulted in five heats being cancelled. As they were all in fast classes it made a marked difference in the average rate of speed for the meetings. In 1927 the total purses brought to the east field of horses ever seen on the New England half-mile tracks and that the clip was maintained at all of the meetings is shown by the fact that the average for one hundred and four heats trotted was 2:12 1/4. The average for the circuit at both gates was 2:10 3/4. The trotters at the Greenfield meetings averaged 2:12 1/4 and the pacers 2:10. The average rate for the meeting being 2:11 1/4. At Springfield the clip was faster. The average for that meeting was 2:10 3/4, the pacers 2:10 1/4, making the average for the meeting 2:11 1/4.

Avon and Windsor each gave four days racing. This result in a few slower classes appearing on the card. The clip, however, was as fast as was seen on the mile-tracks a few years ago. At Avon the average rate of speed for trotters was 2:12 1/4, while the pacers averaged 2:10, making the average or the meeting 2:11 1/4. The average for the Windsor meeting was 2:11 1/4, the trotters rate being 2:12 and the pacers 2:10 1/4.

Springfield, as usual leads in the matter of speed notwithstanding the check by a sharp shower on the last day of the meeting. At that point the trotters averaged 2:11 and the pacers 2:08 1/4. The meeting averaged a small fraction under 2:10. Several new circuit records were also made at that meeting. Carolyn Logan paced in 2:05 1/4, Millie W. and Billy D. in 2:05 1/4 while the two year old filly Miss Eclipse trotted in 2:12 1/4. The returns for Northampton also show that the high speed was continued up to the last heat. At this point the sixteen heats trotted averaged 2:14 while the twelve heats paced averaged 2:10, making the rate for the meeting 2:10 1/4.

With Fleming had Guesswork on edge when the circuit opened at Greenfield she won by a narrow margin from Billy D. She came through again in 2:06 at Sturbridge and 2:06 1/4 at Norwich. At Avon she was defeated by Silver Weather while Billy D. defeated the pair at Windsor. Of his other starters Fleming before shipping west won with Sister Worthy in 2:10 1/2 and in 2:08 1/4 with Mills W.

Ackerman failed to make his usual showing in this circuit. He scored two points with the Peter Volo gelding. The Buccaneer while Oscawana was sent back to Goshen after he pulled up lame at Avon. Neil Frisco proved a disappointment to Moshier. The San Francisco gelding showed fast in his first three races but after that seemed to lose form. It is beginning to look as if he were a horse that came to his best form in the fall. Guy Reaper, his stable companion was on the firing line from the first heat at Greenfield which he own in 2:09. The race went to Preston Wats. Guy Reaper won at Sturbridge and Windsor where Moshier defeated a formidable field in a \$10,000 event.

Crozier shipped west after the Windsor meeting where he won

The five year old black mare Millie W. was the only starter in the Bay State Circuit in 1927 that made the trip without being defeated. Her names goes into the record with Earlwood L. Colonel Bidwell, Anokla, Iskander, and Tipple Volo. Her fastest trip was made at Springfield where she won in 2:05 1/4 but her mile in 2:06 1/4 at Northampton must not be overlooked. Wayne Hal proved her most formidable rival. He grabbed a heat from her at Norwich where the pair paced the first half of a mile in 1:04 1/2.

Hodson drove Millie W. in all of her races except at Windsor. While he was in the hospital Fleming was given the mount. Hodson also won with Bert Abbe at Norwich, Avon, Springfield and Northampton. Crozier drove him at Windsor the week that regular pilot was on the shelf and marked him in 2:07 1/4 when he defeated Carolyn Logan in the \$10,000 event.

During his trip through the Bay State Circuit Hodson won eleven races, six with Millie W. four with Bert Abbe, and one with Preston Wats. The shagging places him in line for the Bay State Circuit drivers' cup which is now held by Harry Brusie.

Walter Breitenfeld made a splendid showing with the Niles horses. At Greenfield he won with Bob Maxey and Carolyn Logan. He also repeated with the Logan mare at Sturbridge where she paced in 2:06 1/4.

Skipping Norwich Breitenfeld dropped into line again at Avon where he failed to score. The tide turned his way at Windsor where he won a \$10,000 event with Billy D. This airy going pacer scored again at Springfield where Carolyn Logan defeated Bert Abbe in 2:05 1/4. As Carolyn Logan hit her knee at Springfield she did not start at Northampton where Billy D. won again for Mr. Niles.

The two year old colt Plucky was one of the first bright lights in the circuit. He made his first flash at Greenfield where he won in 2:14 1/4. He won again at Sturbridge in 2:15 1/4, repeated in 2:16 1/4 at Norwich and came back again at Windsor in 2:15 after losing the 5,000 event to Azure Volo at Avon.

Dean Elawah was Fred Hyde's first circuit winner. He came through at Greenfield and Sturbridge where his trainer also defeated John Gallagher with Bee Worthy. An accident at Norwich placed Hyde on the side line until the horses reached Windsor. He failed to score at that point but won at Springfield with the two year old filly Miss Eclipse in 2:12 1/4. This filly also won at Northampton where Bee Worthy again appeared at the top of a summary.

Three of the members of Ed McGrath's stable scored. Prince Charming made his first start at Greenfield where he defeated John Gallagher and scored in the \$10,000 purse at Cherry Park with Silver Weather, Jean Grattan and Guesswork being his most formidable rivals.

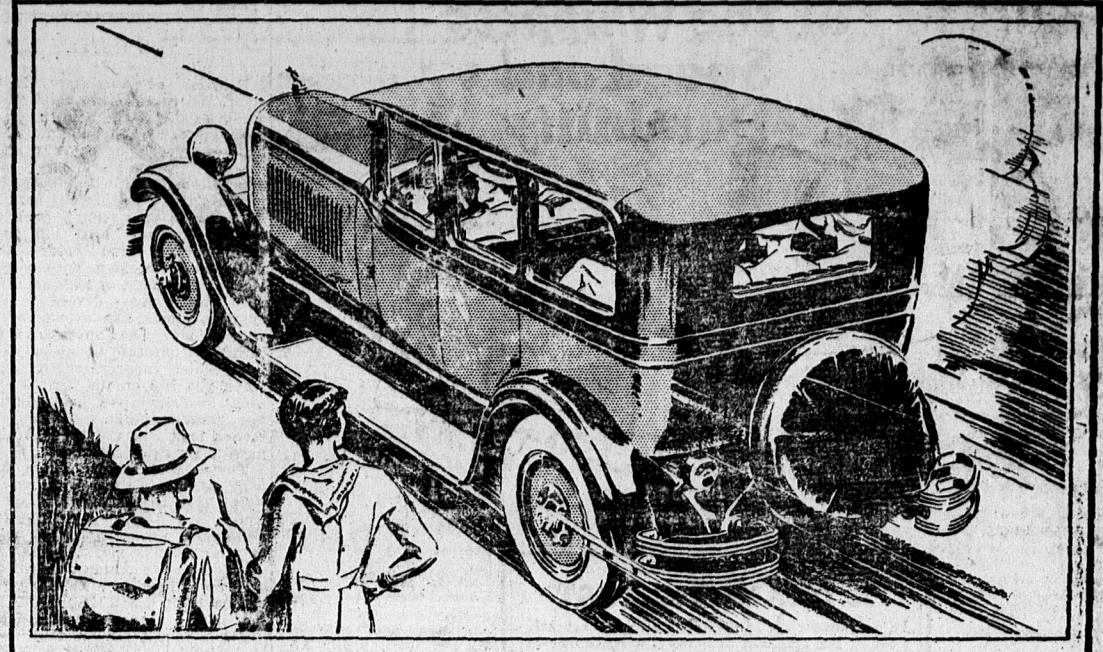
Pitman dropped into the circuit at Norwich, after that meeting he won all of the three year old pacing races with Ace High. This colt will in all probability make his next start at Goshen mile track meeting where he has a stake engagement. Pitman made a mud record of 2:08 1/4 with Senator Scout at Springfield and scored with him in the same time at Northampton where he defeated Viola Sunshine, Blackstone Dillon and Prince Charming. Harry Brusie was seen behind three winners in the Bay State Circuit this year. The three year old filly Gipsy Star won him at Norwich in 2:13 1/4. He also scored with Azure Volo in a \$5,000 event for two year old trotters at Cherry Park where he took a catch mount behind Blackstone Dillon and won in 2:10.

Cy Becken dropped in from North Carolina with the youngsters Doane and Nettie B. The filly was unsteady but her stable companion after putting up four heats battles at Avon before he landed the \$5,000 three year old event from Dock Dillon and the Buccaneer had everything his own way from that point to Northampton.

After Lease met with an accident at Avon Crozier got in and won the deciding heat with Jerritza. He was also up when she was

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