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Charlie Ballard, proprietor of Northside Down race track, at Sydney, C. B. B. has announced three days racing for Labor Day week and one the following week with a \$1,000 Free For All and a \$600 Free For All classified. There will also be a stake race and four classes will be raced each day.

We are grateful to our friend P.H. Copp, M.P., Port Egin, for a very beautiful calendar. Mr. Copp is the proprietor of the Copp Woolen Mills, Ltd., manufacturers of high class coolers for horses and blankets. It is a very worthy industry employing many people at good wages. Mr. Copp is also one of the most prominent fox breeders of New Brunswick.

The Dr. Bill Wonder Medicine Company of Kingston, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Man., as usual remembered us with a very striking advertisement from the original manufacturer of Pal of Mine, showing a beautiful girl in western costume with her pony handsomely accoutred. Dr. Bell's is a concentrated medicine that should be in every stable for stock or horses.

W. R. Godfrey, Marshfield, who has had the modern sound system at the Provincial Exhibition grounds some years ago, importing the expensive English horns in order to get the best tonal effect, has now interested himself in providing a photo-finish camera for use on Maritime tracks. Last October he and Mrs. Godfrey visited several tracks in Maine, Rochester, New Hampshire and Suffolk Downs near Boston and returned with a camera. They were extended facilities by the management to examine the systems there. He then went to New York where he purchased the camera and returned with one similar to those in use at many of the largest American tracks. The exposure is 1-500 of a second and the actual time necessary after the photo is taken to place it in the judges' hands is from five to seven minutes, as the technique improves it can be done in less time. The camera will be accurately aligned with the finish wire which will be painted white to distinguish it. Not only will the leading horses be photographed but all the money winners can be taken in this way. Mr. Godfrey has already signed up the Provincial Exhibition Association for Old Home Week and Goodwill Meets.

S. Thane Blyven writes us from Fredericton that when our review of harness racing is published for 1947 he expects that Fredericton will be included in a meeting in the province. He has already signed up the Provincial Exhibition Association for Old Home Week and Goodwill Meets.

One of the great problems in harness racing is to prevent unscrupulous practices by certain drivers who have tendencies that may be during a race. Often the driver will be in the stand and voice his complaint believing that the judges in the stand or the patrol judges should have noticed it. Anyone who attempts to recognize a person or horse at a distance greater than 200 yards will acknowledge that it is still more difficult to follow horses bunched closely in a race around a half-mile oval. In conversation with Mr. Godfrey he has already signed up the Provincial Exhibition Association for Old Home Week and Goodwill Meets.

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The many friends of R.M. Webster, Milltown, N.B., will be delighted to learn that he has been specially honored by the company with which he has fifty years service. Canadian Cottons, Ltd. He was tendered a magnificent banquet, his fellow overseers presented him with a well-filled leather pocketbook, and a check for a pension and eulogies that were well earned. Mr. Webster feels very good about it. He is not having to pay any more cold, snowy mornings, and will be able to devote a lot more of his time to watching the horses train at St. Stephen track and attending the race meets.

He states that Al Langille's present address is Milltown, and that he is a neighbor. Last year he had things fixed up very comfortably but few brood out and destroyed the buildings. Fortunately his cows were in the pasture and the horses were on the track. He lost a barn full of hay and a number of pigs. He has since built a large barn with four nice box stalls, has 11 lovely cows, a lot of young cattle, 26 pigs and a flock of hens. The outfit costs 400 lbs. of hay besides the grain.

In the stalls are Pine Ridge Alex 2064, co-holder with Harry Dierkes, McKivyo Cash of the Maritime track races in 1946.

2064; Edna's Girl 212; Yankee Girl with a mark of 214. This last fall, Edna's Girl and Yankee Girl are owned by Roy Sadler of Calais, Al. Jr. has brought the nine-year-old George R. by Abbots 211, dam, Mary Volo 2064 which Reed Bros. of made a fine field bred and raised. He is a big, fine looking horse and looks like a real pacer. "I do not hesitate to state," writes Mr. Webster, "that Pine Ridge Alex is in the best condition of any horse in this country." Many thanks, R.M. and we too, and we are sure all our readers will wish you every happiness in your well deserved retirement.

It was in the winter of 1914 that I first met Charles P. Barrett of Park Hill, Ontario. He had come from Toronto to Toronto to drive Grand Opera 2.09 in the free for all and we very quickly became friends. Charlie was even then well on the road to fame because of the remarkable performance he made in picking out from raw material future racing stars. A few years before he had attended an auction sale in Chicago and returned with a beautiful colt called Grattan Royal by Grattan. He gave this colt training on his farm track and after showing a mile very close to 2:10 sold him for \$5,000. In the ice races at Toronto in 1912 Grattan Royal set a world's record and was heavily staked on the Grand Circuit in 1913. He won his first two races taking a record of 2:06 1/2 and might have made a clean sweep that year but for an accident which lamed him so badly that he knuckled completely over on his right front foot.

He then disappeared, having been purchased by a small breeder in the Midwest states. While on Mr. Barrett's farm he had been bred to three or four mares and in a few years foals were shown phenomenal speed. Mr. Barrett, after considerable difficulty located Grattan Royal, bought him and brought him back to Park Hill. Two of the first crop of foals we referred to were Louie Grattan 2:00 and Roy Grattan 2:01 1/2. It was not very long before the breeders only in Ontario but of the United States were making a path to Park Hill and from then on the whole harness horse world was ringing with the fame of the Grattans, probably the most spectacular racing family the world has ever known.

Last night we were delighted to have a letter from our good friend Barrett, who has been at Toronto and Mount Clements and stated that he has not by any means gone out of the horse business. The last year he has had a big success and sold some notable pacers and now has what he believes will be one of the best of all—Steinway Grattan, by Oro Grattan, sire of Dominion Great, heat record, sire of Mr. Herbert 2:08, Canadian champion two-year-old, Oro Grattan was by Grattan Royal 2:06 1/2 and the dam of Steinway Grattan is Lenora 2:06 1/2 by High Private 2:07 1/2. The second dam is Maude Powell, dam of eight in 2:10 or better, by Klatawaw, world's champion at three years old, by Steinway.

This is only a partial review of the pedigree of Steinway Grattan which fairly bristles with champions and record holders. In Charlie's opinion he has as much two-minute speed as any living stallion. Steinway Grattan stands over 18 hands high, is a colt black with a bit of white hind feet, has beautiful pacing action and displays phenomenal speed. "I look for him to go in two minutes," states Charlie, and we would not be a bit surprised to see him do it. Charlie knows his stuff. Thanks, Charlie, and it is grand to know that you are just as interested in our favorite sport as we are.

Interest in ice racing is growing steadily and this afternoon the Victoria Driving Club will put on one of the best programs this season. The course will be laid off this morning opposite Victoria Park. The track committee will have it cleared and

ice racing and City league basketball will provide sporting fans with their entertainment today and in both cases plenty of close competition should be forthcoming.

Preparing for their forthcoming ice duels with Nova Scotia clubs both in Nova Scotia and here, the Victoria Driving Club is planning their third meeting of the season at the Victoria Park Speedway this afternoon starting at 2:15 and given favorable weather conditions a large entry list is expected in each class on the card.

Although the attendance at these ice meetings can never be considered record-breaking nevertheless the fans who do attend enjoy them keenly. For instance last week with the sub-zero temperatures prevailing, there was a surprisingly good turnout and anyone who looks at the bitter cold must have a deep-seated love for the game.

Army and Saints tangle in a City Basketball League encounter at the Prince of Wales Auditorium at 7:15 this evening and although it is a case of the top team meeting the bottom one, hoop fans are looking forward to a better than average setto.

At present tied with the Navy for the league lead, Saints are expected to produce their nearest artillery tonight in an effort to take over undisputed possession of first place, a spot that the Navy had a lease on until Saints finally managed to stalk matters in their last setto with the "Tars".

Just what brand of hockey is being played in the Maritime Big Four League this season will be amply demonstrated here on January 20th next when Saint John and Y-Grads plus the fullest cooperation on the part of manager C.F. Archer of the Forum goes full credit for the forthcoming appearance here of the New Brunswick club.

Out of the province, teams invariably draw packed houses here and the coming game should pack the Forum to the rafters. The Grads Club has gone to a lot of expense in making successful arrangements for Beaver's appearance and with any profits going to worthy causes, fans should show their appreciation by attending in record numbers.

Just what the composition of the local team will be has yet to be decided but there are a lot of smart hockeyists scattered throughout the teams in the City League, and banded together and with a few practice sessions together, they should present a strong front to Saint John's entry in the "Big Four".

We are in receipt of the "Calendar of Harness Racing Champions" from the Maritime Horseman and the publication this year is of its usual high standard. It is of particular interest to harness racing enthusiasts listing, with photographs as it does, the outstanding Maritime turf performers during 1946 and is also a handy reference in the case of arguments over the merits of different horses.

everything in first class order at two o'clock. Yesterday afternoon they tested it, boring holes in different places and found the ice between twelve and fourteen inches thick. There will be at least four classes and plenty of fun. This will be one of the best for the inter-provincial races at Darlington, N.S. on February 5th and 6th and at Halifax February 8th, with the return competitions at Charlottetown February 16th and 19th.

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Wide open all the way, the game was less than seven minutes old when Legionaires drew first blood as Lorne Howatt went in alone to dent the twines. Fighting back strongly, the Dairy Kings notched the equalizer six minutes later as Bisco scored on a pass from L. Hennessy and for the rest of the session, the two squads battled it out on even terms.

Less than three minutes after the start of the middle canto, Howatt came through with his second goal on a shot from the blue line as the Legion into the lead for the second time, but again it was short-lived as Dairy Kings on the strength of Brown's unassisted counter at 7:59 knotted the count at 2-2.

In the last few minutes of the period, Dairy Kings assuming the offensive, hemmed the Legionaires in but could not battle their way into the lead.

Springing to the offensive as the third period opened, Legionaires forced the Kings goal to a couple of smart saves in the first couple minutes until they again yielded the offensive to their opponents. At 4:15 Gillis of the Dairy Kings gathered in a loose puck inside the Legionaires blue line to go right in and score the goal that put the Kings in front for the first time in the game. It was the turning point of the encounter. Less than three minutes later, Flannigan, on a pass from Dolron, made it 4-2 and as a parting salute to the Legion squad, L. Hennessy, on a smart passing play with Daniel, scored his final counter to give the Dairy Kings their 5-2 margin.

Coming from behind a two goal deficit in the third period, Buck White's Juvenile Abbies forced a 2-2 tie with the favored Juvenile Kinsmen in a juvenile encounter that saw both squads engage in a spirited encounter all the way. The stalemate also left the two squads tied in first place in the league standing.

Generally favored to chalk up their second straight victory, Kinsmen could not break through the stubborn defence of the Abbies in the first twenty minutes of play as the session ended in a scoreless deadlock.

Coming out for the middle canto, Kinsmen, pressing all through the period raced into a two goal lead on the strength of unassisted goals by Clarke on a shot from the blue line after four minutes and 26 seconds of play and an individual effort by Downe just shortly past the halfway mark. For the remainder of the period, Kinsmen continually hammered away but could not increase their margin due mainly to fine goalkeeping by the Abbies' netminder.

But the complexion of the game suddenly changed in the third period. Seeking to get back into the running, Abbies, checking closely and sending four and five man forays into Kinsmen territory, finally clicked, for their first counter after the 15 minute mark had been reached to make it 2-1. Burke snapping a low drive into the cor-

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The 32-power binoculars seen above were used, say Los Angeles police, to get race results from Santa Anita racetrack, so operators could place "last-minute" bets and be sure of winning. Eddy Kop-lansky, alias Ed Smalley, of Chicago, and his son-in-law, Daniel Sheehan, were arrested while using the glasses in a covered truck, a mile from the racetrack. Above, Walter Lentz, of district attorney's office, examines the giant glasses.

Dairy Kings Beat Legion As Kinsmen And Juvenile Abbies Play 2-All Draw

Summary
First Period
No score.
No penalties.

Second Period
1-Side, L. Schurman.
2-Ch'town, D. McLean.
Penalties: B. Grady, S. Grady.

Third Period
3-Ch'town, Allen.
4-Side, L. Schurman.
5-Side, Deighan (Gallant).
Penalties: J. White.
Referee: C. Hogan.

Lineups:
Summerside: Goal, DeLaury; defence, L. Schurman, B. Grady, D. Morrison, J. Waite; forwards, B. Gay, R. Gallant, E. Deighan, J. Schurman, B. Stewart, D. Simmons, J. Wedge, C. Perry, S. Grady.
Charlottetown: Goal, D. McLean; defence, Stull, Hodgson, McCarr, Flynn, McEwen, Allan, G. McLean, Shepherd, Kelly, Hughes.

Ice Racing Meet This Afternoon

Five classes are scheduled for the Victoria Driving Club's ice race meeting this afternoon at the Victoria Park Speedway scheduled to get underway at 2:15 sharp and a glance over the entries in the various classes ensured the fans of the best competition of the season.

Owners are again reminded to have their horses ready in time so as the meeting will get underway at sharp 2:15.

The entries:
Class A Trot: Lucilia, Nell Kal-Drake, Captain Abbe.
Class B Pace: Jimmy A. Honey, Jim Jonette Dale, C. Albert, Budlong, Gwendolyn Harover.
Class A Pace: Peggy Witte, Sampson Royal, Just Flicka, Robert Baldwin.
Class B Trot: Vera Britton, Guy Spencer, Miss Ireland, Mac Watson, Lucky Guy.
Class C Pace: Nellie Watson, Laddie Volo, Skippy Budlong, Lynn-mite, Little Abner, Lilly Marlene.

REMEMBER WHEN
Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of the great right-handed pitchers of all time, was added to baseball's Hall of Fame nine years ago today. "Old Pete," who did all his playing for Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis in the National League from 1911 to 1930, was first choice of 212 of 262 experts, members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Miniature Rifle Range Competition

The following are the scores of the 8th Divisional Signals Regiment miniature rifle competition held last evening:

Capt. R. J. Letourneau	92
Capt. T. D. Cobb	91
Lt. R. H. Jewell	90
Sgt. H. L. McCaul	83
Capt. D. D. Ross	82
Lt.-Col. D. N. Bell	82
Sgt. W. L. McKinnon	82
R.E.M. J. F. Smith	82
Major F. S. Jenkins	82
C.O.S.M. M. L. McEwen	81
Major F. J. Storey	81
Cpl. L. H. McAuley	80

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S'ide Midgets Defeat Knotty Niners 3 to 2

The Summerside Kinsmen Midgets took a close game from the Charlottetown Knotty Niners at the Crystal Bink last night, winning by 3 goals to 2. The locals outplayed the visitors by a wide margin in the first period but were held at bay by really fine net tending on the part of D. McLean, and the period ended without a score. From then on the Charlottetown boys played a much improved brand of hockey.

Layshie Schurman, husky rear-guard for the Kinsmen scored the first goal in the second period, rounding the net and beating the goalie to the open corner. G. McLean evened it up for Charlottetown on an individual effort.

In the final session the visitors forged ahead when Allen wrested the woffer from a home defence. Layton Schurman tied it up a man and beat Delaney from close minutes later on a close in shot that was hotly disputed by the visiting team. Seconds before the bell, "Nooner" Deighan trapped a pass out from Roy "Chick" Gallant and drifted one pass; McLean from right in front of the cage.

Confederation 'Spiel Will Mark Diamond Jubilee Of Curling In Province

Prince Edward Island curling history which dates back to 1887 will open a brand new chapter early next month when the First Confederation Bonselpiel will be staged in Charlottetown. Officials of the Bonselpiel have announced that 68 rinks will compete for the seven trophies and 60 individual prizes which have been put up for competition. At least 40 of the competing rinks will be from outside the Province and entries have been received from representative communities in Ontario, Quebec, Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Preparations for the bonselpiel were begun last year under the direction of the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, a trustee of the Macdonald-Brier Tankard and himself an ardent curler. Associated with the Chief Justice on the Executive Committee are Mr. J. Finlay MacLeod and Inspector Norman Anderson. The voluminous correspondence handled by Mr. MacLeod testifies to the amount of detailed work required in staging a curling event of this kind.

First Curling Club
The first curling club in the Province—the Charlottetown Curling Club—was organized February 3, 1887, with the object, according to the first record book, "to promote the game of curling." The original club had barely 10 members at its birth 60 years ago. Today the local club membership totals almost 200.

Executive of the first curling club was as follows:
Patron—Lieut.-Governor A. A. MacDonald; President—George MacLeod; Vice-President—John J. Davies; Chaplain—Rev. J. Carruthers; Secretary—Treasurer—A. A. Bartlett; Committee of Management—A. D. McKinnon and W. A. Weeks.

In November 1887 a committee consisting of George MacLeod, J. J. Davies and Rev. J. Carruthers was appointed to draft the Charlottetown Club's rules and regulations. In 1891 the club was reorganized and it was decided to build a rink. Shares were sold and within a few months the game was established again as securely as ever. The site selected was where the Sporting Club now stands.

Hunter's Corner

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The six birds out of it. There should be several coveys in the immediate area next season, although it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes a covey will scatter over quite an area when the time comes for pairing off in the spring.

The next bunch noted was a covey of seven picking up grit in a bare ploughed field not far from the Tannery Corner. The last covey seen was one of eight feeding in a weed patch at Millview. In addition, to those coveys mentioned an Orwell farmer told me that approximately 30 Huns were feeding around a cluster of grain stacks on Sullivan's Point.

If present winter conditions hold and we escape the sleet storms that keep up the landscape and plays havoc with all species of bird life the prospects for a bumper linn crop in the coming shooting season is extremely bright.

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STAKE NO. 3—COVEHEAD, JULY 16th	2:22 TROT
STAKE NO. 4—RIVERSIDE, JULY 23rd	2:30 PACE
STAKE NO. 5—COVEHEAD, JULY 30th	2:25 PACE
STAKE NO. 6—MONTAGUE, SEPT. 1st	2:29 TROT

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