

DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

Fred J. E. Wright, Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club, writes that the result of the second payment in the maturity stakes has been most gratifying. Nineteen two-year-olds and three-year-olds and 14 four-year-olds have been paid up, making a total of 34, the most since the inception of the stables. Congratulations to the President, Lt.-Col. J.P. Hooper, M.C., and Secretary Wright on this accomplishment.

Yesterday in conversation with Chester Shaw he mentioned having read in our notes last week where Walnut Hall Farm and Two Gates Farm had each purchased a descendant of Zombro, sire of San Francisco, and he further remarked—"I believe the breeders in this Province will not recognize the fact if they do not recognize the worth of Lusty Frisco 2:07 1/4." Mr. Shaw is on firm ground when he speaks that way because Lusty Frisco is one of the best individuals and best bred horses that ever came to this province, being sired by San Francisco, and owned by Guy Axtand, who was a great breeder of champions. She is one of the great brood mares and has produced 12 and six others in 2:10 or better.

Leo Praught, Cherry Valley, has sold his pacing mare, Mandy Budlong 2:15 3/4, by Calumet, Budlong 2:20 3/4 to A. L. Tilden, Waterloo, Que. Mr. Tilden plans to race her through the Quebec circuit and she will be trained and driven by the late Leo Praught, brother of Leo's. We congratulate Mr. Tilden on securing this fast and beautiful mare, and hope that she will show in 2:10 this season over a good track.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of several enclosed photos of race scenes at Old Home Week last August. They were taken by Alderman Frank Adams of Halifax, who so kindly sent them to us. No need to mention that Frank is the proud owner of the Maritime's champion trotter, Watchman 2:07.

We have a friend overseas that never forgets us—Sgt. George R. MacDonald. George is a member of the U. S. A. forces overseas and from time to time sends us a horse publication known as Horse and Hound, particularly devoted to the thoroughbreds and racing horses. We are so glad to receive that George is very busy and quite happy in his new environment. We are glad to play his part when the great test comes this spring.

We are glad to hear from our Toronto correspondent as follows—"Carl Miller, formerly of the Maritimes, who has now resided in Toronto for the past few years, has returned home and will no doubt be in the employ of the well and favorably known racing man, Johnny McManis, who is coming season. We also learn from a reliable source that Johnny McManis is in charge of the George E. Lerol track at Moncton, which includes Lew McKinney, 2:01 1/2, and if so the Sullivan and Mawhinney free-for-all should be very interesting. The high-headed grey pacer will no doubt add considerable color to the Maritime free-for-all. We are hoping that I will have a look at him Old Home Week.

I was glad to read in your column about the veteran E. Lerol, who is being given the honor of an enjoyable meeting him very much last August, which was due to your thoughtfulness in introducing us to him and the paragon with his stallion Special Blend 2:19 1/4, a son of the Island's celebrated Black Pilot.

You will note by the enclosed that the knights of the sulky had vacated Dufferin Park in favor of the bang talls, which I cannot be interested in. Most of the boys have moved to Weston, a nearby track where they can get the horses ready very early.

Lee Jones of Wickham, N. B., came very near losing his pacer, mare Sweet Marie Lee which he purchased up here in December, when his truck and trailer went through the ice of the St. John River on his way to ice races some time in January. I read an account of the accident written in Toronto, and I was so glad to hear that he had saved her by keeping her swimming in the icy water for an hour before help arrived. Had her stablemate, Lyle Axworthy purchased her at the same time, she would have been drowned according to Mr. Jones. The truck was finally raised to the surface with grappling irons but they tore it to pieces, rendering it practically useless when brought to shore.

I was very pleased to read of the Provincial Ice Racing Meet held in Charlottetown being such a success, and those connected with it deserve great credit for having brought together so many good horses and so many good sportsmen.

Hal B., who writes a column of harness notes for Toronto papers, states that Chappy Chapman has moved his stable and home to Weston, near Toronto. It includes Josedale Director 2:05. The Count 2:10 1/4, Easter Parade 2:11 1/4, Lt. Admiral 2:08, Volo Stout, 2:15 1/4 a three-year-old pacer, the stroller Etta Castleton 2:15 1/4 and Roman, last year's two-year-old futurity winner.

Iola Grattan 2:09 was one of the busiest pacers in America last season as she engaged in 33 official races, winning 13 and being second in 8, concluding the season with a record of 1939 by racing at Dufferin Park on Christmas Day. She was then shipped across to Lake Placid, New York, where she won the race and placed second in another.

Joe Hood writes us from Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton that Ross and Powers have the ex-Summerville pacer Hilda Budlong 2:11 1/4 in fine form and are going to race in the 2:20 or similar classes throughout the Cape Breton circuit this year.

Harold McCready, the proprietor of the Blue and White Restaurant, North Sydney, has a full sister to Ethel Bellini 2:14 1/4, that looks like a real trotter. She is called Dinah and is good gaited and does everything right so they are going to give her plenty opportunity to make good.

Mike Jabber has Coronation McKillop 2:15 1/2 out every day. He is, as you know, owned by Richard Jubilee and was one of the good trotters out last season, reducing his record by several seconds. Mike has great faith in this fellow and says that he looks like 2:10 before he gets through with him. He is a green pacer named Manchester Barrier by Todd Stout. He was bred and raced in Ontario. He is big and strong, has smooth way going and is as smooth as a doloar.

Dr. MacDonald, our veterinary at North Sydney, is very high on his four-year-old Britton Lassie, that took a record of 2:26 with limited training last season. She is full sister to Lusty Frisco 2:07 1/4. Ollie Rudderham raced so successfully.

Hugh McSwain has a four-year-old by Calumet Budlong 2:02 3/4 named Jean Budlong that was trained some last year, showed up well and has been jogged and brushed all winter. She looks good. The season in mind is that of Cape Breton horses sent you some weeks ago pretty well comprises the speed that is being prepared for in the 2:20 or similar classes. No doubt there is a possibility of new ones coming in in May and June. Anyhow there is talk that way. As you have quite often remarked, new horses create new interest and that is especially true here, particularly in regard to the free-for-allers. Thanks Joe for the News.

Some time ago Leo C. McNamara, Indianapolis, Ind., purchased the fast record pacer mare Lilydale 3:20 3/4 and the trotting mare Love Song 2:01 1/4, with the intention of placing them in the breeding ranks. Now he has changed his mind and they are being sent to Florida to be prepared by Tommy Berry for the season's pacing and trotting events. Many of our readers will remember that Lilydale was converted from a pacer to a trotter by Earle Avery, Woodstock, who trained and raced her for the Hamilton, Hamilton, MacCormack, Friddgen, Middleton, Goal, Noonan, defunct, Cameron, R. Brashaw, forwards, McKenna, M. Brashaw, DesRoches, Muttart.

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ICE RACING AT TYNE VALLEY Keen racing, a beautiful day, and good attendance made Wednesday's ice meet a real success. The race was sponsored by Tyne Valley Athletic Association. The officials were: Starter, Mr. Thomas Nisbet. Judges, Mr. Henry Yeo, Thomas Pollard and Preston Griggs. Free For All Bonnie Scott (L. Sharp) 1 1 1 Oscar (J. Milligan) 2 2 2 Class A Trot and Pace Tillie the Toller (F. McDougall) 2 2 1 Jackie Forbes (A. Essory) 2 2 1 Teddy Watson (J. Nisbet) 4 1 dr. Queen Axworthy (G. Newcombe) 3 4 3 Queen (Arlin Wait) 3 4 3

In 1936 he was champion two-year-old pacer and took a record of 2:04. He weighs 1300 lbs., is a handsome individual and a young sire with a great future ahead of him. He is by Sandy Flash 3, 2:14-1-4, dam La Petite, 2:20 1/4, by Lee Axworthy.

It is a great pity that some Island horsemen or group of horsemen did not secure the Hanover year ago. We think he brought around \$2000. His size, manners, speed and breeding would have made him an outstanding stock horse for this province and he would no doubt have attracted many man from other provinces to be bred to him.

It was with great regret that we learned yesterday of the death of our old friend, James MacDonald, Euston St. Mr. MacDonald was a farmer, blacksmith and harness horse trainer and of each of these vocations he made success. Some twenty-five or more years ago he moved to the United States and while there was employed in the Metropolitan Speedway near Boston. Very many fine gentlemen were connected with the club and they held Mr. MacDonald in the highest esteem. It is a matter of record that his shoeing was responsible for some of the best performances of horses like Pax Volo, 2:07 1/4 and others equally famous. Hankering for his old home on Prince Edward Island he came back and farmed for a while and raced some horses as a sideline, one of these being the famous Edgerton, 2:14-1-4, that other trainers could not do anything with, but Mr. MacDonald developed him into a good race horse. Much could be written about horses he trained here and snod and the many friends he made and held. His son, Sgt. George MacDonald, is now in the U. S. Army overseas, and it will be sad news to him to learn of his father's death as he was very fond of him. To the family we wish to convey from ourselves and horsemen of this province and elsewhere, who knew Mr. MacDonald, our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

SPORTING NEWS

1,500 Witness Spectacular Ice Follies At The Forum

Over 1500 people last night witnessed the staging of the Charlottetown Ice Follies at the Forum, the largest crowd ever to witness this event in the five years since its inception and to the last, one they came away satisfied with the performance put on by the youthful cast of Charlottetown figure skaters, directed by Wally Scantlebury. It was a credit to the painstaking work of Director Scantlebury who has spared no effort in his attempts to build up figure skating here and also a tribute to the skill and efficiency of those taking part. Colorful, spectacular and glamorous each and every number on the programme drew loud applause from the crowd as the different costumes being worn with the lighting effects made a veritable fairyland out of the ice surface of the skating palace. The show was under the patronage of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. LePage, Premier the Hon. J. Walter Jones and Mrs. Jones and Hon. Worshipful Mayor Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard. The opening number gave a brief outline of the work being done during the year with the entire cast taking part in spins, whirrs, figure eights, etc.

S' side Takes Lead In So. Shore Finals

The Summerside Club took the lead in the So. Shore Finals on Monday night by winning the Amateur division 8-4 in the final. After being held to a 2-2 tie in the opening period, the Royals really went to town in the second period, outscoring the Bombers 5-2. Middleton took matters in the final period but Summerside scored the only goal shortly before the bell. Both teams were shy on men for the game; however, Middleton were hit, as several of their star players were performing with Jordan Nationals in the Maritime intermediate playoffs. Schurman led the Royals' attack, figuring in nearly all their goals, and giving the fans a wonderful exhibition of play making and poke-checking. The Bombers made many spectacular individual plays, but their passing attack was weak.

Lineups: Summerside—Goal, Frizzell; defence, Shields, Walker; forwards, Schurman, Callaghan, MacCormack, Friddgen. Middleton, Goal, Noonan; defence, Cameron, R. Brashaw; forwards, McKenna, M. Brashaw, DesRoches, Muttart. Referees—Green and Larkins.

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Leafs Home; Confident Of Series Outcome

TORONTO, March 24—(CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs returned from Montreal today, quietly confident for the resumption of their semi-final Stanley Cup series tomorrow night with Montreal Canadiens. The best-of-seven series now is tied 1-1 after two games in Montreal. Coach Clarence (Hap) Day, who expressed himself as satisfied with the showing of his team in Montreal where they won 3-1 Tuesday night and lost 5-1 last night, said "We had to win one game in Montreal to have a chance of taking the series." Day was annoyed over an incident in last night's game in which a spectator seized Bob Davidson's stick before the veteran left winger's check—Maurice Richard—scored the first of his five goals in the game. "That certainly cost us one goal and it may have cost us the game," said Day. "I won't say that Canadian hockey players will have won the game anyway but when Canadiens got the first goal we had to change our style of play and

SKATING SATISFACTION

AFTERNOON AND NIGHT THE FORUM

TO DAY

Deep Brook Drives To Maritime Hockey Title

HALIFAX, March 24—(CP)—The sailor team from H.M.C.S. Cornwallis at Deep Brook, N.S., drove to the Maritime senior hockey championship tonight as they outclassed Truro Bearcats 7-1 to take the best-in-seven final series by a 4-1 round score. Under Navy regulations Cornwallis will be unable to participate in the Allan Cup playdowns and the Maritime team will carry the Maritime colors against Quebec Aces, Quebec Province champions in a series opening here next Tuesday. Classy pattern plays set up by the polished outfit from the big naval training base brought victory to the Navy tonight. Bearcats champions of Nova Scotia's A-P-O League couldn't cope with the dazzling combination work of the Deep Brook team, numbering several pros and top-flight peacetime amateurs.

Sport Shorts From Britain

BY ALLAN NICKLESON Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, March 24—(CP)—Raven-haired Martin Thornton and fiery Pat O'Connor, who have done most of their boxing in London rings, took time out to scampers over to knock out the Irish and pick up a couple of championships. Then they rushed back to England. Fighting on the same card in Dublin, Thornton won the heavyweight championship of Ireland while O'Connor, who already held the middleweight title, added the lightweight crown. The championships were held at the Theatre Royal and recalled that at another Dublin Theatre Mike Figgie and Battling Siki fought for the world's light-heavyweight championship being held doors guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets that came during a spot of Irish trouble March 17, 1923, and during the fight two land mines exploded in a nearby street. There were no such incidents as Thornton debrothered towering Pat O'Sullivan of Cork as titleholder by knocking him out in the third round. O'Sullivan's chief claim to fame was knockout of Chris Coles who had dealt in the same manner with Jack Doyle, the Irish Thrush who gained the cognomen of "Horizontal Heavyweight."

Thornton was welcomed with burning lit barrels when he paid a quick visit to his native village of Spiddal, County Galway, after winning the title. Hundreds of persons from nearby villages joined in the welcome and Thornton adroitly to welcome and Thornton adroitly to defend his title only in Galway County in a contest to aid the Mayor of Galway's fuel fund. Wearing the North Africa ribbon and Eighth Army clasp, Dick Turpin and Eighth Army clasp, Dick Turpin rode into London gaining for an underweight title match. Under the rules of the British Boxing Board of Control he cannot fight for British championship because he is a negro. Birmingham's Turpin had cleaned up most of the present topweighters when war came. He served 2 1/2 years abroad and raised this query on returning to find his brother Randolph has won an Amateur Boxing Association junior championship. "If my brother can fight for the British amateur title, why am I barred from doing so in the professional ranks?"

Nel Tarleton, 37-year-old British featherweight king, outpointed Petty Officer Ben Duffy of the Royal Navy at Manchester, avenging a defeat Duffy handed him in a non-title bout last summer. Duffy is a leading challenger for the title held by the veteran master of ringcraft. Jess Willard, with a finger fractured in the second round, successfully defended his world's heavyweight title against Frank Moran in 10 rounds at New York. Willard lost his crown in 1919 to Jack Dempsey, taking a terrific beating from the Manassa Mauler at Toledo, Ohio. That gave them a chance for more goals. Referee, Bill Chadwick judging incident.

Remember When

Where there is fighting you will find men of the Royal Canadian Signals. In Italy, the signallers have written new and heroic chapters into military history, keeping communications open during bitter and earth-shaking battles. These two recent pictures show the front line. On the left is Gnr. R. G. Marquis, M.M., of Baker Brook, N.B., testing a telephone line strung over a section balcony in a farmhouse used by Canadian artillery spotters. Marquis won his M.M., at Cambosasso. Right—keeping open lines of communication in a forward area. Mortar shells exploded out this signaller's camp. Making repairs is Gnr. G. Anderson from Italy show two R.C.S. men near the front line. On the left is Gnr. R. G. Marquis, M.M., of Baker Brook, N.B., testing a telephone line strung over a



The war was going on in full cry only eighteen miles away when this photograph was made in Italy of Nursing Sister Sadie Gibson of Edinburgh coxing Private Spinney of Aldershot, N.S., to eat his dessert. The Casualty Clearing Station to which Sister Gibson belongs took over a former museum, unloaded 39 trucks, prepared an operating theatre and ran electric cables through the building, getting everything working in less than 24 hours.

Trinity Church Choir Banquet

The members of Trinity United Church choir were entertained last night at a sumptuous banquet at the Charlottetown by the board of the church. Mr. J. P. Crockett made a very capable chairman. A most enjoyable song was sung by the choir. Mrs. M. Stewart presided at the piano. Miss Marian Morris, who had the gathering with three beautiful rendered piano selections. The chairman called on the Rev. T. E. McLennan for a few words. The minister expressed his appreciation to the choir on behalf of the congregation for the splendid service they are rendering each Sunday. A hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the choir was moved by Mr. Russell Finlay and seconded by Prof. A. Roy Kendall, expressing their grateful thanks to the board of stewards for the splendid banquet. This motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote and presented to Mr. John A. MacNair, chairman of the board of stewards. Mr. MacNair, in a few well-chosen words told the choir what an extreme pleasure it was for the board to entertain them, and trusted that it would be made an annual event. Mr. George Tweedy was then called on for a few remarks, which he gave in his usual happy and humorous manner. The banquet then was brought to a successful close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Home-Made Still Explodes, One Dead Six Injured

ACTONVALE Que., March 24—(CP)—One person was killed and six others, including four children, were injured when a home-made still exploded today in this town about 45 miles east of Montreal, police said. The explosion took place in Leo Loiselle's home. Mrs. Victor Blanchard died in hospital at nearby St. Hyacinthe, Que., shortly after the accident. Also taken to hospital were Leo Loiselle, Victor Blanchard and four Blanchard children ranging in age from two to five years. Their condition tonight was said to be "not serious" by hospital officials except for one of the children.



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BOMBS FOR BERLIN—Pair of 4000 pound bombs are rolled by ground crew men in England into Halifax bomber that will unload them on Berlin and Nazi Europe. Allied round the clock air-raid is smashing industrial centers with bombs as heavy as six tons.