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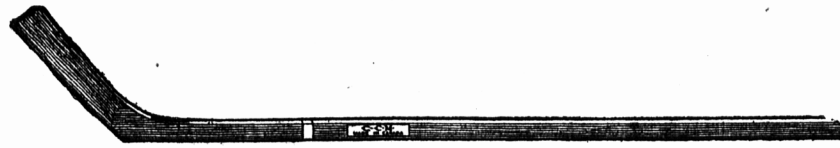
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Back Stretch

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of Mr. McCarr in this Province.

The only Canadian bred two-minute trotter, Lee Hanover, died recently on a farm near Tillsonburg, Ont. at the age of nineteen. He was by Lee Harvester 2.16 1/4 and his dam was Baroness Hanover. After cleaning things up on Canadian tracks he passed to American ownership, winning a number of events on the Grand Circuit and taking a record at Lexington October 16, 1937, of 2:00 driven by Charles Lacy.

Henry L. Straus, inventor of the totalizer, died in a plane crash last week. He had spent six years perfecting the machine, completing his work in 1936. They are now leased to all the big running and harness racing tracks where parimutual betting is in vogue.

Another prominent horseman passed on at Foxboro, Mass. in the person of Francis LaCroix, formerly of Hingham, Mass. Mr. LaCroix loved horses and enjoyed watching them train and race. We met him in 1901 during our visit to the Charter Oak track, Hartford, Conn. and found him a very likeable gentleman. He was the owner of Peter Song 2:00, stallion at the Hanover Shoe Farms and the sire of quite a number of 2:10 trotters. Peter Song and other horses owned by Mr. LaCroix are being sold at Harrisburg this week.

Dr. F. C. Dougan has very kindly remembered us and our readers by sending information re purchases by Maritimers at the Harrisburg Auction. These include the horses bought to us and including Thursday, Crusader Chief, Abbedale, dam, True, dam of True Chief 3, 1:59 3/4, etc. Race record 2:12 pacing—price \$950.

Arlonway, four-year-old gelding by Peter Astra 2:01 1-2, dam Arion Girl 2:02 1-2. Trotter trained in 2:20 with quarters in 32 seconds. Eligible to 2:30 trots and considered a possible 2:10 trotter. Price \$675. Both the above were purchased by P. J. Cadegan, Glouce Bay, N.S.

Gallone, four-year-old by Bill Gallon 3, 1:59 1-2. Green pacing gelding that trained in 2:10 over H.M.T. Sold by the same farm that disposed of Brewster's Gallon two years ago and bought by Heber Sweeney, Bridgewater, N.S.—price \$1,000.

Victory Dale 2:05 4-5, 6 year old bay horse, race record on half mile track—timed in 2:03 on H.M.T. in 1949 by Frisco Dale 4, 2:00, dam Miss Mary G. also dam of Barefoot G. 2:03 4-5. In 1949 won four races, three seconds and four thirds—eligible to 2:13 class. Price \$4,500—bought by B. C. Cruickshank, Halifax, N.S.

Imperial Hanover yearling by Spencer Scott 4, 1:57 1-4 dam Earls Princess Martha 3, 2:01 3-4, full brother to Rodney 1:57 2-5 with winnings of nearly \$100,000 and Egan Hanover 4, 1:59 with

winnings as a two and three year old of over \$82,000 and total winnings of over \$100,000. This colt is eligible to over three hundred thousand dollars in stakes and is a magnificent individual. Price \$72,000 by far the largest sum ever paid for a yearling. The purchaser was Sep Palin acting for Castleton Farm, Kentucky.

The sudden death of Milton C. Bell yesterday afternoon in Moncton will be learned with deep regret by Maritime horsemen. His splendid restaurant, Old Spain, was a favorite for local or visiting harness racing fans and owners. Mr. Bell's welcome nod and words of greeting helped also to make a visit here happier. He loved horses and made notable contributions to the sport. Among those raced by him were Albert E. Grat-tan 2:12, Marjorie Budlong, Lady Bell, Hal McKinnis 2:09 1-4, Scotty McKane 2:14, Lee Brewer 2:06 3-4 that equaled Charlottetown track record of 2:07 3-4, several colts and Worthy Ermine 2:08 2-5. The sympathy of all horsemen will go out to Mrs. Bell and son Myron.

Hunters' Corner

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held in readiness he waited. In a matter of split seconds he saw Brer fox coming belt to the ground swift and silent...so silent he barely rustled the dead fallen leaves. The hunter was ready and the moment the black snout and pointed ears showed in the opening of the Winchester barked and there was a very good fox on the ground...a dead one. It was the end of the trail for Mr. Fox and little brown Peter Rabbit had a new lease on life.

I have a few memories of my own tucked away for winter reference. To begin with, I broke my second season (Oct.22nd) found me on my way to Peakes. Two German Short Haired Pointers, Sambo a veteran of four seasons and Timmy, a pup barely turned 11 months, rode with me. Pheasants were not particularly in mind but as I drove through Dromore I was struck by a stretch of likely stubble flanking an alder swale with a creek flowing through the centre.

It was a quiet scene. To my left lay a vacant farm the farmhouse standing stark and lonely, its windows broken and doors un-

hinged and open. Eastward a vast alder swamp lay mellowed by the slanting rays of the westerling sun. It was a promising spot to let the Pointers have a chance to stretch their legs and an opportunity for Sambo to teach his offspring the fine points of the game of hunting and pointing.

While Sambo ranged in quest of game Timmy chose to stick close scouting along the fringe of the alder swale. I noticed the pup making game in some tall grass and short spruce bushes. He'd crawl on his belly for a few yards and then get on his feet and point and then back to some more belly work. Once while he lay in the grass he turned his head and looked up in my face with a pleading look in his brown eyes as much as to say: 'Have patience Boss, I've got something here but can't figure out what it is' I knew it was a pheasant by his actions. Sambo had also learned the hard way.

Finally he got to his feet and sniffed his way deeper into the alders. I figured it was time to get Sambo and walked a few yards to the edge of the stubble and whistled for him. I guess Mr. Pheasant thought this was an opportune time to make his getaway—a way for behind me I heard a terrific flapping and cackling and turned in time to see an immense Cock pheasant climbing straight into the blue and a thoroughly scared puppy tearing back to me with his stub tail pointed downward. The range was extreme but chances for a kill were about even if I held straight.

As I lined up the sights the sun shone on the red, white and green head and neck and glinted on the golden brown of his back and long streamer tail. At the second shot he rolled in the air like a rocketed boat but continued on albert making heavy going. Suddenly he started to climb straight up until he was fully 200 feet in the air and then, like a stricken bomber over the target area, he started earthward in a long slant, with wings set and gaining momentum every moment, till he crashed deep in the alder swamp... a full 300 yards from where I stood.

I knew that my prize was dead but finding him would be a job for Sambo and that I couldn't depend on an inexperienced pup. The old Cock had fallen deeper in the swamp then I had thought but Sambo found him after some hard hunting.

He had fallen on his back on a bed of alder leaves, this drab background set off his bright markings of red, white, green, brown, gold brown and other mixtures too numerous to mention. He was a year old bird, full breasted and fat and lived up to all expectations when presented for carving.

I'll always carry a picture and

remembrance of my first sight of this beautiful bird lying in a bed of leaves with two seal brown Pointers standing guard, their interest fading once the bird was found but their stub tails moving in unison as they sensed the pleasure of their master. The Cock pheasant is a beautiful but cruel bird. His beak is hooked like an Eagle's and he can use his beak or his spurred legs to equal advantage in either fighting or destroying. After all is said and done half the pleasure in hunting is watching a good dog do his stuff.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

The following is the standing of the Summerside Commercial Bowling League. (Men's): City Slickers—33, Westenders—32, Curran & Briggs—31, R.C.A.F.—30, Dough-boys—28, Dodgers—28.

Standing of Ladies' League—Beavers—17, Fliz Kids—16, Happy Gang—15, Dodgers—15.

If the first game of the Summerside High School's Basketball League is any criterion this circuit will be a bang-up affair with the teams evenly matched. The Knickerbockers won the first game from the Spappywackers (or is it Wackysnappers?) by the close score of 15 to 14. The low score indicates, of course, that the snipers are not throwing accurately as yet, but that the boys will improve and both Eckley, who is quite a basketball player himself, we hear, and Jack Murphy, a smart baseball pitcher and also a basketball player of parts, were impressed with some of the youngsters' playing.

The following players did the scoring in the first game: Knickerbockers—E. Lafursey 6, C. Mac-brokers—G. Beer 2, D. Harvey 1, Spappywackers—P. Schurman 6, M. Schurman 6, D. Blacquire 2.

Next Wednesday the Knickerbockers take on the Fliers, the third team of the school league, and report has it that the Fliers will be the team to beat for the championship.

The possibility of the old Crystal Rink operating again this year is fast developing into a probability. From what we have heard recently, we believe the prospects of the venerable old structure's being whipped into shape for a bright future service are pretty bright. Taking this into consideration we believe the idea of entering the proposed Island League is a good one. It would mean that Summerside would get home and home games with the other teams all winter, and that is much better than having to play most of our games in Charlottetown. It

must be admitted, however, that the executive of the City League has been very fair to the Summerside team in the past two years, and because of this, there may be considerable reluctance on the part of our hockey heads to break away from this organization.

The question of whether the R. C. A. F. will enter an Island League on their own or join the Summerside team is still pretty much of a bargain at sixty-four dollars. We have been hearing reports from the local station that there are some mighty smart puck manipulators among the airmen. Whether these stories are authentic or of the bedtime variety is something that time (say, two months of it) will tell.

The R. C. A. F. will probably come up with a pretty strong basketball team this year. They still have Bayne, Mickus and Carlson, and among the newcomers

are Lowe and Eckley who have done pretty well in the hoop game, according to reports.

Bowling

Y. ALLEYS
Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League

Team 1—1860—0 points.
Team 4—2219—5 points.
High single and high three Mrs. Mutch 220—545.
Team 2—2227—1 point.
Team 3—2318—4 points.
High single and high three Mrs. J. P. Clark 253—681.

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HISTORIC BATTLE

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Large advertisement for Greendal Ladies' Wear, featuring fur coats and dresses, with a 15% off promotion.