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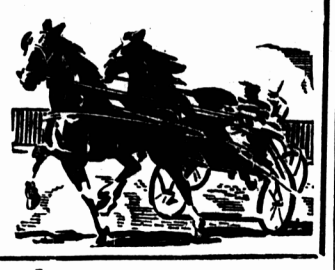

Fred Lahey, Dartmouth, has sold his pacing mare Cochato Princess 2.13 to Henry Wood of Oxford. Mr. Wood is also the owner of Star Pingo by Calumet Pingo 2.04¼, dam Dora Mac 2.16. Cochato Princess is a black mare by His Majesty 1.59½. She started three times in 1945, had two winning brackets and is eligible to the 2.19 pace. Her record of 2.13 does not seem in line with her speed, as in winning the No. 1 Class at Springhill May 24th, she paced the fastest half of the day and also the fastest half paced in the Maritimes this season — 1.04¾. This has since been beaten at North Sydney, The Walnut Abbe 2.06 and Lee McKillop deadheating a fourth heat half mile raceoff in 1.04.

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Don McAulay, Pugwash, owner of Peter Budlong 2.10¼, winner of eight races out of nine starts last season, was in the city the early part of the week buying horses to fill the wants of his numerous customers.

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Lawrence Byrne of Vernon River intends training a number of colts and aged horses this season. One of them is a five-year-old owned by Joe McDonald of Vernon. This horse was given a little work last season and showed a surprising amount of speed and Mr. Brynes believes that he is a real prospect. Two or three other parties have intimated their intention of placing horses in Mr. Bryne's charge and he will utilize the Riverside track for training. We may mention that Mr. Byrnes has had a lot of experience with race horses, having been an owner of several and also having trained for other parties at Waterville Maine.

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R. M. Webber, who will be remembered as having acted as starter at our Provincial Exhibition races, writes an interesting letter from Milltown, N.B., as follows:—"We are having the worst training weather ever experienced. Am afraid the horses will be going back instead of improving. Last week you referred to the dash for a fortune at Readville, Mass. I have a picture of that race on my den wall. The summary may be of interest. Allen Winter (McDonald) $30,000; Prince C. (McHenry) $10 000; San Francisco Hodges $5,000; Ralph Wick (Dore) $2,500; The Huntsman (Hussey) $1,500; Peter Balta (Snow) $1,000. Ed Geer's entry, Teasel, was away back in the dust outside the money.

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"Peck Haley has sent Charles Livingstone's mare Muriel Hanover to Dannie Steele at Charles River Speedway where she will be trained on the trot. She and Chick Haley's three-year-old Royal Mist by Harry Hanover dam Scotch Mist by Scotland, will be raced at Old Orchard Grand Circuit meeting and then down here for the mid-summer meet. James Barnes, who raced the double-gaited Inflation, has bought Worthy Ermine, a lovely black pacing mare from MacDonald Black Stratford, Ont. She has a record of 2.09¼ and is eligible to the 2.13 class. Her sire is Tactful Guy and her dam Ermine. Last season she started in 17 races or dashes and had winning brackets in five of them, Wildcat Volo 2.07¾, a bay pacing gelding by Volo Peter, was recently brought down from Ontario by Creamer and Balkam. He is taking his work very pleasingly and looks like a real pacer. Last season he started in 15 races or dashes and had winning brackets in nine of them. He is eligible to the 2.11 class.

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"Among the horses at the St. Stephen track are the following owned by J. D. Mehan: Sunnymede 2.07¾; The Baker 2.06¾; Harry Direct 2.07; Lone Ace 1.59¼ and Mae Todd 2.12¾. Also Woodcock and Mason's good pacer Dale H. 2.06¼; James Barnes's Worthy Ermine 2.09¼; Walker Hayman's Delilah B. 2.09¼; Hazen Ashley's Archie Lee, a green pacer; Ralph Mear's Ramona Dale 2.13¾; St. Croix Stables' Talugi 2.09¼; and Mary Merk; Creamer and Balkam's Wildcat Volo 2.07¾; C. W. Hanleys' My Partner 2.11; Allison Langille's Pine Ridge Alex 2.06; Ray Sadler's Edna Girl 2.12; W.H. Keyes' Top Hat 2.07; and Harry Haley's Carnation Lady 2.12.

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"I had a letter from Clarence Wry which reads in part: 'If Widow's Pride couldn't race in a $50-000 pace we decided to get a share of it some way so we let Mr. C. Hatchell have Widow's Pride's bike and told him if the mare could go as fast as the wheels she would win, so he hitched Kaola to our bike and went on and won the $50,000 trot. It was a great finish and we were very excited'. Our friend Mr. Webber concludes with: "It is very pleasing to note the number of horses at the Charlottetown track and the improvements that have been made to it. What a great place to spend a couple of hours some nice sunny morning." Thanks R. M., and that is just what we concluded after spending a couple of hours at the track Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Nothing could have been more pleasant to the writer; the birds were singing, all the horsemen were out, the track was perfect and peace and contentment reigned everywhere one looked.

And now here's news from Truro and New Glasgow furnished by James L. Read: — "I spent the forenoon at our Truro track saw Wilkin, Judge, Moon Glow, Watchim, Quaker's Boy and one of Harry Breen's horses work out. They all look well and never turned a hair in the several miles. In the afternoon I motored to New Glasgow and Blue Acres tracks. At New Glasgow Joe O'Brien was working his own colt, a nice one, good size easy going and good gaited. Also Tip Abbe 205½, that is in great condition. Joe says he has not missed a workout this Spring with his horses. Saw Peter Brooke 2nd. 2.00 in the stable and he looks good. Joe is much pleased with him, also Leo McCarron's two-year-old mare.

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"At Blue Acres I saw W. G. Stewart's eight horses. They had just arrived at the track a few days before and are occupying ten stalls. Mr. Harrison took the blankets off Billy Jane 2.06 and I must say he is one of the best looking and best turned horses I have seen in a long time. They are getting along well with the Blue Acras track and buildings. Have about 25 stalls finished and will build more. The grand stand is almost finished and the track as well. It is going to be a nice setup in a rather low, green piece of land surrounded by high ground and with a large stream at the back and a small river in front. I almost forget to tell you I saw Billy Hood work McKylo Cash 2.02, wned by George Gay, at the Truro track. I like him. He is sound and seems to have a lot of whiz. In all there are about 25 horses now training at Truro."

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We thank our good friend James Moriarty, Halifax for a wonderful write-up of the $50,000 Grand Pace getaway feature of Santa Anita's most succesfsul season. There is an excellent picture of Blue Again winning with the California Red Streak about a length and a half behind. The Canadian owned Blue Again paid $28.20 and outpaced a massive field of 20 horses.

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Bill Clark, feature writer for Los Angeles Examiner, made the following reference to E. J. Baker's Eddie Havens 2.01, that Baker purchased for $20,000 two weeks before the race: "Eddie Havens was in sixth place and in the clear when the field of 20 thundered into the turn for home but then according to driver Fitzpatrick, the horse appeared to take a misstep and barely missed falling before he could be straightened out. It was long after he was pulled up past the finish line that they noticed Eddie Havens stood on a dangling leg. He was finally driven back to his barn in a horse ambulance, the fans applauding for the gallant try he had made with the great handicap of a broken leg. Afterwards a veterinary, Dr. C. McKim, stated that possibly it might not be a fracture but a ruptured seasmoid bone."

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Sep Palin of Indianapolis, is off to a flying start as leading trainer and driver of Grand Circuit winning dashes for 1946. Sep left Santa Anita, California with 11 victories. Charles Witt of Shafter, Cal., and Denny Shell of Indiana, each have 11. Harry Fitzpatrick, who topped the drivers of the U.S.A. and Canada in 1943, stood fourth with 9 wins. The top winners of the meeting in California were Charlie Witt who drew down $31,250; Carl Hatchell of Timmonsville, S.C., who won the $50,000 trot with Kaola, took away $29,475; Jimmie Cruise who drove Blue Again 2.01 to victory in the $50.000 pace and was credited with $24,400, while Guy Crippen and Jake Mahoney won $28,175 and $22,225 respectively.

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Curiously enough while Sep Palin leads in points his winnings were only $11,225 as he did not capture any of the big stakes. Twelve drivers pulled down a total of $222,200 out of the $404,000 put up by the management to race for. As there were about 600 horses stabled at the track with the intention of racing in the various events it can be seen that a great many owners and drivers will come away from the land of sunshine with the feeling that they have enjoyed a wonderful outing and good time but have very little cash to show for it. The average attendance for the 26 day meeting was 12 037 and the average amount turned in by the mutuels daily was $416,415, both of which are world's records for a harness race meet. It may be mentioned that the Santa Anita meeting was a success financially and that next year another meeting will be held on as large if not larger scale.

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And now the harness racing scene shifts to New York where the trotters and pacers got under way the night of May 24th, performing under the lights at Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury. From now on there will be action there 106 nights except for a brief respite during the racing of the Grand Circuit race meeting at Goshen N.Y. According to race secretary Walter Gibbons, the principal trouble is to find room for the many horses which the owners wish to race there. Actually applications have come in from trainers for stalls for 1,400 horses and only 900 can be taken care of, so the others had to be turned away.

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Harry Knauf, president of the United States Trotting Association, made several announcements upon his return from the Santa Anita meeting. One was that Frank J. O'Neill expert sports reporter of the Washington Post, will be the new chairman of public relations for U.S.T.A. and will have associated with him Bob Kenefick, J. D. McGlynn and Jerry Shively of Indianapolis, formerly connected with principal harness horse papers. These men will put out a constant stream of press and radio publicity, featuring the harness horse sport. So that the public, owners, trainers, drivers and grooms will be au fait with the racing doings all over the U.S.T.A. sphere, Hoof Beats, the official organ will be published twice monthly on the 5th and 20th and all race summaries, transfers, registrations and other matters interesting to members will appear in it.

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Teddy Weir is now located in New Glasgow, N.S. where he is training three horses, one of them Scotty Budlong 2.11¼, wend by C. E. English, Pictou.

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We have received an entry from C. E. English, Pictou, N.S. for the Pictou County and North Colchester Exhibition races September 4th and 5th. There are seven big classes for $3,300. The closing date is June 18th. The program includes a OFCY Trot and Pace, purse $600; Irving's 2.13 Trot and Pace, purse $500; W. C. Wetmore, Ltd. 2.27 Trot and Pace, purse $400; also four classes for September 5th with total purses of $1,800. A post card to Mr. English will bring full particulars. The races will be conducted on the new R. A. Ferguson Memorial Race Track.

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Some of the workouts at the Charlottetown Driving Park track the past week are: Anti-Aircraft 2.03—2.24½; Lela Budlong 2.13—2.35; Coleen Adams 2.12—2.35; Nellie Worthy 2.20—2.42; Lorraine Abbe 2.07¾—2.36; Wait N'See 2.11½—2.36; Nell Kaimuck 2.12¾—2.38; Kelly's Nightmare 2.13½—2.34; Pagliacci 2.09—2.31; Guy Harvester—2.48; Royal-at-Law 2.04—2.24, the fastest mile so far this season; Bright Spot 2.09½—2.25; Royal Tell 2.14¾—2.27; Kavola 2.06¾—2.24¼; Alcyone 2.09—2.32; Lillian Budlong 2.17½—2.36; Lady Rose 2.13—2.35; Bonnie Spruce—2.35; Winnie Scott 2.12½—2.34; Shirley H. Temple 2.13—2.34; Sir Francis Drake, four-year-old trotter—2.35; this colt is owned by Ray Phillips, McNeill's Mills; Just Betty 2.13—2.32; Helen Budlong, three-year-old—2.47; Helen and Colleen Adam 2.12 are owned by Laurie O'Brien of Halifax, who was present on Friday to see them work.

City League Ball Meeting On Monday

A meeting of the City Baseball League scheduled for last night was postponed when it was found it conflicted with the Inter-scholastic bike race.

The meeting will be held Monday night at 7.30 in the office of the Director of Physical Fitness and President Sam Doyle requests a full attendance from team representatives as many important league matters will be discussed.

The league has been forced to delay its opening date due to the inclement weather which has handicapped work on the new diamond but it is expected the schedule will be drawn up Monday night and every effort will be made to get the league underway on June 9th.

First Stage Presidents Match Today

The first stage in the President's Match will be played this afternoon at the Charlottetown Golf Club. It is expected that the increased membership in the club will see a large number of competitors take part in this match which is regarded as one of the most interesting offered on the club program.

A handicap match, it is played in five stages, opening today and closing 17 August. The first three posting the lowest net score in the day's competition collect 10, 9 and 8 points respectively. Following the conclusion of the final stage the total points are added and the winner declared.

Trials Are Rained Out

MONTREAL, May 31 — (CP) — Doubles play in Canada's Davis Cup trials at the Monkland Tennis Club courts was rained out today.

The matches, with slight adjustments, will be played tomorrow when play gets underway at 11.00 a. m. In the first match Brenden and Jimmy Macken, the two Montreal brothers, play the combination of Henri Rochon and Roger Durivage, also of Montreal.

Brenden Macken then teams up with Laird Watt of Montreal against Henri Rochon and Roger Durivage. In the last doubles match Watt and Rochon combine against Brenden Macken and Durivage.

Selection of the team which will square off with the Mexican Davis Cup team here June 13 to 15 is expected to be made over the week-end.

Prince Of Wales Pedaller Winner Of 10-Mile Grind

In the van all the way, 16-year-old Solomon Tweel, racing under the colors of Prince of Wales of College won the 10-mile interscholastic bike race held last night in conjunction with the Kinsmen's Carnival in the fast time of 34:40. Tweel was always up with the leaders but it wasn't until they passed Douse's Bridge coming in the North River Road that he was able to open up a gap on young Jimmy Cameron, pedalling for West Kent. The winner put on a sprint coming in the North River Road and had a 100-yard lead on Cameron, his nearest competitor as they hit the Willow Corner. He kept coming very strong and further increased his lead around the Park Driveway finishing comparatively fresh while young Cameron was pretty tired as he wheeled across the finish line.

Seven of the fifteen starters finished the tough grind with West Kent having three, Prince of Wales two and East Royalty and Kensington one each.

When they left the starting line and wheeled out the Malpeque Road past St. Dunstan's College the first eight riders were travelling in a bunch with the remainder of the pack struggling behind. As they passed the turn to the Queen's Arms one racer put himself out of the running by taking the wrong turn and as they came up the hill to the Highfield Church six riders were leading the rest by over 200 yards. On the return hike into the City past Douse's Bridge Solomon Tweel and Johnnie Cameron were racing neck and neck with five other contestants, Doug Pierce, Ernie MacInnis, Keir Smith, Bill Bevins and Tom Pendergast a short distance behind. Tweel gradually opened a lead on Cameron and finished with plenty to spare while Cameron grabbed second place. The other four riders finished in a bunch Doug Pierce from P. W. C. getting third, Keir Smith of East Royalty and Ernie MacInnis and Bill Bevins Jr., both of West Kent, fifth and sixth. Tom Pendergast from Kensington got seventh position a few seconds behind the rest.

At the conclusion of the race, Fred Pickard congratulated the winners, presenting Tweel and Cameron with handsome gold-plated trophies and Pierce, Smith and MacInnis with suitable silver cups.

Following were the officials:
Starters: S. F. Doyle.
Timer: William Bevins.
Start and Finish Judges: W. A. Gaudet; Col. Wm. Reid; Don Grant.
Patrol Judges: Bill Moreside and Blair Moore.

Yanks Batter Philadelphia

NEW YORK, May 31 — (AP)— Aided by Charlie Keller's three-run homer in the first inning, New York Yankees battered Philadelphia Athletics tonight, 8-1, to gain a half game on the pace-setting Boston Red Sox in the American League.

The Sox were idle today, as the Yankee-Athletics game was the only one scheduled.

Over in the National League, the only slated game, Cincinnati at Chicago, was rained out.

A crowd of 60,835 cash customers watched the Yanks pound Toronto's Dick (No Hit) Fowler and Bob Savage for 10 hits, four of the runs coming in the first frame.

Sam Chapman's muff of Nick Etten's fly and Aaron Robinson's single climaxed the Yankee's four-run opening-inning rally. Successive singles by Stuffy Stirnweiss and Tommy Henrich with a fly by Keller added another tally in the second, while singles by Joe DiMaggio and Etten with a fly by Joe Gordon produced the sixth Yankee run.

A pass to Phil Rizzuto, sacrifices by Joe Page and Stirnweiss and a single by Henrich resulted in the Yankees last two runs.

S'side Girls Win Game

In an exhibition softball game last night at Victoria Park diamond, Summerside Convent Girls beat the the P.W.C. Coeds by the score of 16-11. Summerside built up an early lead of seven runs and held it up until the fifth frame at which time the stage was set for Stephanie McDonald's circuit clout into deep right field, scoring two runners ahead of her making the score read 10-7 for the Convent girls.

In the sixth and seventh innings, miscues by the local girls which went for extra bases, proved their undoing and the game finished with the above mentioned score.

Officials at the plate, Earl Goss; on the bases Donnie MacLean.

Charlottetown Players Win From S'side

Charlottetown badminton players defeating their opponents six matches to two last night took a home and home series from Summerside High School players nine matches to seven, their margin last night overcoming a 5-3 lead the youthful western racquet wielders built up last week at Summerside.

Played at the P.W.C. Auditorium a large crowd of fans saw the visitors take a 6-3 lead as they captured the opening match of the night's play but Charlottetown started their comeback in the second match, winning five straight matches to lead 8-6 and then breaking even in the last two played.

Results:

Mixed Doubles:—

Allen Stewart and Annabelle Allen won from Earl Goss and Mrs. Ben Rogers Jr., 15-11, 15-13.

Bill Henry and Mrs. MacLean won from Jack MacFarlane and Barbara Currie, 15-7, 15-12.

Gordon Foster and Mrs. Simpson won from D. R. Morrison and Sally Schurman 15-11, 15-6.

Ralph MacLean and E. Bourke won from Bill Stewart and Janet Baker, 15-7, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles:—

Mrs. Rogers Jr. and Mrs. MacLean won from Barbara Currie and Annabelle Allen, 15-6, 15-8.

Mrs. Simpson and E. Bourke won from Sally Schurman and Janet Baker, 15-8, 15-2.

Men's Doubles:—

Allan Stewart and Jack MacFarlane won from Earl Goss and Bill Henry, 15-9 15-18, 15-10.

Gordon Foster and Ralph MacLean won from D. R. Morrison and Bill Stewart, 19-16, 18-13.

DISMISSED

ST. LOUIS, May 31 — (AP) — A temporary injunction obtained by Brooklyn Doogers against so-called agents of the Mexican baseball league May 6 was dismissed in federal district court today by Judge Rubey M. Hulen.

Dog Daze

(This column is sponsored by the Charlottetown Kennel Club Inc.)

Everything is swinging along nicely in preparation for the biggest and best show yet, on June 19; committees are using experience of other shows to make their special jobs as near perfection as possible; special mention is due the advertising committee under Stewart Jones.

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If you have been preparing your dog for the Show for some weeks, you have taught him to lead, to walk, to pose, and to obey commands — yours, or the handlers. You have groomed him carefully to have him in the best condition possible. To do this:

A day or two before the Show bath your dog; if he is light in color or shows some white markings, a pinch of bluing in the bath water will improve the lustre of the white patches. Oily dressings, such as hair grooms should be used sparingly after bathing. Brush and brush and brush the coat, using the comb as sparingly as possible. Some breeds need to be trimmed before showing and this work should be done by a person familiar with the various methods of trimming of different breeds. The nails should be trimmed and the teeth cleaned.

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Allow your dog to rest for the last twenty-four or forty-eight hours previous to the Show. Feed lightly, and remember it is a strenuous occasion for the dogs. Be sure you have all the accoutrements and appliances you need to show your dog in the ring. Do not borrow from your neighbors. Make certain your dog is made comfortable at the Show. If he is benched, do not tie too long or too short. Feed lightly; and water and exercise regularly during the periods provided for that purpose.

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Now for your own behavior. Read up on Show Ring deportment for the exhibitor or handler. Keep alert yourself. Keep your dog always on his toes, and in the judge's sight and on your left side, except when gaiting, then your place is on the other side of your dog. Watch how other exhibitors handle their charges, particularly the experienced showmen. Observe the judge, and obey, without question, his instructions or commands. If you are not satisfied with a placing do not argue the point in the ring. Remember the judge is always right.

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A dog which is kept in a heated house will shed all the year, as you may have observed. This is a normal condition and cannot be checked.

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Ringworm is readily passed between man, dog, and cat. Therefore extreme care should be taken of the affected animal. After contact with the dog, it is advisable to scrub the hands thoroughly with soap and water.

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Hiccoughs are often seen in puppies, and usually accompany stomach distress. Be sure that the bowels move regularly, and if necessary give a mild laxative. The diet should be carefully regulated and at this age should be confined to milk cereal, and meat regularly eaten three or four times a day.

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Our four-legged friends can look forward to a rosier post-war world, too. Comfortable kennels, special care and privileges are extended canine travellers on several trans-Atlantic airliners. Seagoing dogs have the promise of enjoying travel care and comfort aboard ocean liners.

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Alsatian dogs were brought into London to direct the work of searching for and rescuing people who were trapped in ruined buildings by the buzz bombs. They are credited with a keener instinct for this sort of work than any other canine breed.

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Bring your children to the Dog Show — stay with them and share their fun and delight. The boy of today who goes through a phase where he views mother, sister, and the little girl next door with studied indifference, lavishing all his affection on Rex or Rover. In his grief over the loss of his dog a little boy gets his first rueful glimpse of the real sorrow of life. Man has benefitted immensely by his association with the dog, but what, says James Thurber, has the dog got out of it? The muzzle, the leash and the tether; he has suffered the indignities of the show bench, the tin can on his tail; the ribbon in his hair; his love life with the other sex of his species has been regulated by the frigid hand of authority; his digestion ruined by the macaroons and marshmallows of foolish women. But he also has his fun. The dog has got more fun out of man than man has out of the dog. Cocking his head inquiringly to one side he has watched and listened to the strangest goings on in the world. He has seen men sing together and fight one another in the same evening. He has observed them destroying soil in vast areas and nurturing it in small patches. His sensitive nose has caught the bewildering smells of hospital and munition factory in the same locality. He has seen men raise up great cities to heaven and then blow them to hell.

The dog has not always been successful in pulling man up to his level of sagacity but man has frequently dragged the dog down to his; he has instructed it in sloth, gluttony, pride, and has even taught it to drink; Rover is terribly funny when he gets stiff—he bumps into things, hiccups, grins foolishly and even raises his muzzles on high in a version of 'Sweet Adeline."

It did not take man long—probably not more than a hundred centuries—to discover that all animals except the dog were impossible round the house. (There is no deliberate intention here to offend admirers of the cat, although we do not much care whether we do or not).

The dog has come a long way with man and he is destined to follow him down all the pathways of the world to the end of time.

Beau Jack Winner By Decision Over Montreal Fighter

(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, May 31 — (CP) — Looking more like the windmill walloper he used to be and less like the fancy dan he tried to become lately without luck, former lightweight champion Beau Jack punched out a 10-round decision over Johnny Greco of Montreal tonight in Madison Square Garden.

Greco scaled 146 to the Beau's 141½.

Jack brought his bolo punch, a favorite with the fans back into the ring tonight after failing to use it when the two tangled here in a 10-round draw Feb. 8.

Although neither fighter managed to land anything like a knockout punch, the Atlanta, Ga., Negro was hitting more consistently.

The Canadian Press score card gave Jack six rounds, Greco two and called two even. The judges and referee Eddy Joseph disagreed on the point score but were unanimous in giving the decision to Jack.

Judge George E. Crawley and Josephs each gave eight rounds to Jack and two to Greco, Judge Frank Forbes gave seven to Jack and three to Greco.

Greco lost the fourth round, although it was his best, on low blows which hurt Jack.

The fight was virtually a carbon copy of the pair's last encounter although it had not as much action. Both fighters drove in hard for the first three rounds and then faded in the latter half of the fight.

Greco, although he continually drove the Beau around the ring, was unable to connect heavily often; whereas Jack missed many of his punches but was ahead on the aggregate. The victor was specially effective in counter-punching his way out of corners into which the Montrealer had driven him.

Jack opened a scratch over Greco's right eye and had his nose and mouth bleeding and swollen.

A crowd of 11,407 chipped in to a gross gate of $66,922 to see the return match.

Greco's Best Round

Only in the fourth, when he opened up and practically drove the Beau through the ropes, and the seventh, when he connected with a series of swinging hooks and some solid right hands to the body, did Greco make serious trouble for the former 135-pound champion.

For the rest of the tussle it was the Jumping Jack nearly all the way. After taking his time for the first half minute, Jack exploded through the rest of the first and had Greco covering up before the round ended. In the second he opened a cut over Johnny's eye with a long jab.

The Beau was at his best in the third and when Greco got back to his corner blood showed from his mouth and nose.

Most of the rest of the way the action was at close quarters, with Johnny taking a mauling, cuffing beating around the head.

OMAHA, May 31 — (AP) —Billy Earle, 79-year-old baseball oldtimer who was crippled from years of catching without the modern protection, died at his home last night.

Earle, who caught 119 consecutive games with only a finger glove while with Sioux City (Ia.) of the old Western League, played baseball 31 years.

After taking part in A. G. Spalding's world tour of two American teams in 1888 and 1889 he signed with Cincinnati and later with St. Louis Browns. In 1891 he joined the Sioux City club.

VETERAN PLAYER PASSES

Wrestling fans who took in Thursday night's card at the Sporting Club went home well satisfied with the rugged show staged for them by the skillful grapplers. Cowboy Hughes proved he has lost none of his old-time crowd appeal as he defeated the showy Frank Valois in a torrid encounter cheered on by the vocal support of the local bobby soxers. Members of the fair sex have been turning out in ever-increasing numbers for the mat tussles but it is very doubtful if these top-notch artists can continue making this town a regular stop on their circuit unless the male attendance swings to the upbeat.

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It's a well known fact that such competent matmen aren't in there taking their lumps for the good of their health and it would be too bad if this popular summer pastime had to be discontinued just at a time when plenty of good material is available for booking. Some of the more sophisticated fans are inclined to look down their noses at wrestling but just the same it takes some rigorous training and well-conditioned physiques to stand the slamming around they are subjected to without winding up stretcher cases.

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Handsome Larry Moquin made his first appearance here an impressive one in his bout with the rugged Fred Carone. The speedy French-Canadian had Carone baffled with his fleetness and escaped from the Brooklyn grappler once by propelling himself across the ring on the back of his elbows and using his head as a shock absorber. Jack Thomas the man who arranges these bouts and incidentally was a former Australian heavyweight champion wrestler was here in his initial appearance as the very capable referee.

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Today is a red letter one in boxing circles in Moncton when the big Maritime Veterans Boxing Convention gets underway. According to reports emanating from the Hub city most of the boxing centres in the Maritimes are sending representatives—Charlottetown will be represented by the Sporting Club team. This is the first event of this nature to be staged in the Maritimes and the promoters have gone all out in an effort to make it a successful one. Two-Ton Tony Galento has been engaged to act as the referee and should provide some added color to the affair.

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Montreal Royals of the International League are in the process of building up a new attendance record for a minor league club but this happy state of affairs has its sadder aspects for their President Hector Racine and his associates. The increased following also attracted the gambling element who were getting so bold before they were squelched that they were announcing prizes for extra base hits over the public address system.

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The American League, definitely regaining its pre-war status as the sluggers' circuit, also dominates the National in pitching and other important phases of the game, a check-up of the statistics reveals. Homers in the American League have taken the biggest jump where 100 more have been hit in contests to date than for the same period last year. The National League with 136 homers, shows an increase of 11 over the 125 that hitters in that circuit had made up to this time last season.

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The National League has always been known as a pitchers' loop, but here, too, the American shows an edge—at least in individual performances. With the season one-fourth completed, there are five pitchers in the American League with an excellent chance of scoring 20 victories or more compared to two in the National. The five American League pitchers with five or more wins are Mickey Harris and Boo Ferriss of the Red Sox, Hal Newhouser of the Tigers, Spud Chandler of the Yanks and Bob Feller of the Indians. The only Nations League pitchers with over five victories are Vic Lombardi of the Dodgers and Johnny Sain of the Braves.

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American League pitchers also have been more liberal applying the whitewash brush having chalked up 27 shutouts as compared with 11 to date for National League hurlers. Three American Leaguers, Ferriss, Feller and Chandler have three shutouts apiece while two others, Newhouser and Al Gettel, of New York Yanks have two blankings to their credit. Max Lanier who recently departed for Mexico and Harry Brecheen are the only senior loopers with more than one shutout having two apiece.

The second-place St. Louis Cardinals traded themselves into a National League pennant two years ago today when they sent outfielders Coaker Triplett, Buster Adams and Dain Clay to Philadelphia Phillies for Danny Litwhiler and Earl Naylor. Litwhiler's timely hitting sparked the Cards to their second straight flag.

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