



**HUMAN ICICLE**

HAMILTON, — "They told me there would be days like this," says rookie fireman Doug Hatch, 21, as he warms up with a hot cup of coffee after helping fight an

all-night blaze in sub-zero weather at Hamilton. Doug has been a member of the Hamilton fire department for only six weeks. (CP Photo).

**Back Stretch**

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ter of our local sire, Jollity, 2.05 1/4, has been a real money winner for Bob, who has raced her since her four-year-old form, and has won \$19,715 dollars with her.

**RECORD ENTRY**

The Hambletonian, the richest harness horse stake in the world, which is annually competed for by three-year-old trotters, has up with a record entry for this year, no less than 80 three-year-old trotters have been kept eligible for their owners, plunking down a \$250 payment that will make them eligible until the \$1,000 starting fee has to be put up some weeks before the race.

The Hambletonian will be raced this year at DuQuoin, Illinois, racetrack on August 26, and it will be the 32nd renewal of the stake which has been named "The Hambletonian" in memory of the great sire of trotters "Hambletonian" 10. The first prize this year should be worth something like \$110,000, and with the final payments it will be the biggest purse in the history of the event.

**IN HEATS**

Last year, the purse totalled \$111,126, and 21 owners of three-year-old trotters made the final payment. Because of this large number, the Hambletonian had to be raced in elimination heats — the first time since the inception of the stake 31 years previously.

The Armstrong brothers of Brampton, Ontario, won the 1953

renewal of The Hambletonian with the trotting filly Helicopter, a brown filly by Hoot Mon, and she took a record that year, as a three-year-old, of 2.02 2/5. Her winnings that year were \$85,028, and that, added to her two-year-old winnings, made her total \$93,014.29.

**80 NOMINATIONS**

The 80 nominations for this year are divided as follows: 56 colts, 23 fillies, and one gelding. The first horse to win the stake was Guy McKinney, in 1926. He was of no account as a two-year-old, but made up for that as a three-year-old by causing a tremendous upset in the Hambletonian, and continuing to an unbeaten season.

The first filly to win the stake was Isola's Worthy; she was followed by Hanover's Bertha in 1930; the Marchioness in 1932; Mary Reynolds in 1933; Rosalind in 1936; Shirley Hanover in 1937; Yankee Maid in 1944; Miss Tilly, and Helicopter in 1953.

The only gelding in the list of 32 winners is "Greyhound" — the winner in 1935. This year, there is a strong possibility of another gelding winning — Record Mat, 2.02 3/5, who has the fastest record of the 80 eligibles. The yearbook shows Record Mat as a brown gelding by Diplomat Hanover, dam Record Express, and he is owned by L. E. Lake, Colfax, Indiana. Last year he made 22 starts, was 5 times first, 4

**ATTENTION MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS**

For the convenience of residents of western Prince County, an office for the registration of vehicles and the issuance of licenses, will be maintained at Alberton, P.E.I., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. commencing Saturday, March 1st, 1958, and every Saturday thereafter until further notice.

This office will be located in the main room of the Service Station, operated by Mr. Charles Gordon, corner of Main and Church Streets, Alberton, P.E.I.

J. A. GALLANT, Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

**P. C.'s Name Candidates In All Seven Nfld. Ridings**

ST. JOHN'S (CP) — The Progressive Conservatives have named candidates to contest all seven Newfoundland ridings in the March 31 general election. Six Liberals are in the running to date.

The only question mark is what Liberal will run in St. John's East against Progressive Conservative James McGrath youngest member of the last Parliament.

Former immigration minister J. W. Pickersgill is running against Conservative Gerald M. Winter, former president of the Newfoundland board of trade, in Bonavista - Twillingate.

Another Liberal member of the last Parliament, Herman N. Batten, and Progressive Conservative newcomer Tom Cahill, news editor of the Corner Brook Western Star, are contesting Humber-St. George's.

William J. Browne, Conservative minister without portfolio, and Leonard Miller, a Conservative - turned - Liberal, are campaigning in St. John's West.

Liberal member C. W. Carter is running against former car salesman Harvey Cole in Burin-Burgeo.

Trinity - Conception will go to Liberal James Tucker, businessman, or Progressive Conservative Arthur Harnett, former radio station manager. The last member, Liberal Leonard T. Stick, did not reoffer.

Liberal Charles R. Granger, former provincial deputy highways minister, and Progressive Conservative Dave Decker, former Red Cross commissioner for Newfoundland, are contesting Grand Falls - White Bay - Labrador. Liberal member of the last House T. G. W. Ashbourne retired from politics this year.

The Conservatives have held nominating conventions but the Liberals, following Newfoundland custom, have not. Mr. Carter and Mr. Tucker are believed to be the only ones to file nomination papers so far.

**TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS**

Good reports continue to come in regarding sales of mink; in fact, it is the strongest fur on the market. Early this month the Hudson's Bay Company offered 104,000 raw EMBA mink pelts in New York, and they were between 92 and 93 per cent sold. The official report stressed the foreign interest in Ceruleans and Argenta types. There was a continuation of previous strength with a fairly well filled, but nevertheless powerful, room on hand.

The largest offering of Demi-Buffs dressed mink was placed on sale in the afternoon of February 18; they also placed 30,000 standard ranch mink and 15,000 raw and dressed mutations, and about 5,000 wild mink, on sale. This offers to the New York Auction Company, whose vendues have been attracting large numbers of buyers since the beginning of the season.

The following report on the Canadian Fur Auction Sales (Quebec) Ltd., held in Montreal last week, was taken from a report cabled to Women's Wear Daily from Montreal, and it is quite encouraging. "Advances of from 10 to 15 per cent were reported at the mink sale of Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company Limited, held in Montreal. Standard ranch mink advanced 10 per cent, as did Pastels, Topaz and Sapphires. Percentages sold were

generally high, hovering around the 85 per cent mark for Wild Mink and Mutations, and a high of 90 for Standard Mink.

**GENERAL UPSWING**

The general upswing also made itself felt in other furs — notably Marten and Fisher. The Company's report states — wild mink, 85 per cent sold; advance 15 per cent. Standard ranch mink 90 per cent sold, advance 10 per cent. Pastel, 80 per cent sold, advance 10 per cent. Topaz, 85 per cent sold, advance 10 per cent. Palonino, 50 per cent sold, price unchanged. Whites, 50 percent sold, unchanged. Sapphires, 80 percent sold, advance 10 per cent. Gun Metal firm and Silverblue 50 per cent sold. Good demand.

Highest prices in standard ranch mink was \$35.00 for extra dark males, and \$16.50 for females. The Mutation mink offering of 15,452 skins included pastels and autumn haze, which sold at \$31.00 top for males and \$15.00 for females. Highest in Topaz was \$29.50 for males, and white males

**Post Office Dept. Moves To Assist Stamp Collectors**

OTTAWA (CP)—Concessions to stamp collectors who go in for plate-number blocks, reducing the quantity of stamps they must buy to get them, were announced Tuesday by the post office department.

The plate number, indicating the plate from which a particular printing run of stamps was made, appears in the four corners of every sheet of 400 stamps.

Some collectors specialize in acquiring four-stamp blocks from each corner of a given run and assembling them into what are known as "miniature sheets." Such sheets, comprising 16 stamps, show the plate number in each corner.

**CHANGED WHEN WORN**

A plate may run off hundreds of thousands, even millions, of stamps before showing wear. Then, however, it is changed. For some Canadian issues the plate numbers now are in the 90s.

To get plate-number corners of the one- to six-cent denominations, collectors until today had to buy panes of 100 stamps. That meant buying 400 stamps to assemble a 16-stamp miniature.

Effective Tuesday the required quantity in the three lowest denominations has been reduced to 20 stamps.

Quantities of the four-, five- and six-cent stamps have been reduced to 10.

**MONEY PLENTIFUL**

The Japan of the present day is almost as different from that of pre-war years as white is to black. There has been a tremendous inflow of money into Japan, and because it has been the residence of American troops, and because the Japanese are great exporters and importers, money is plentiful and living standards have improved tremendously.

It was Dr. Leo Frank of this City that made the first shipment of mink to Japan, according to our information.

Tremendous interest was taken in the debut of EMBA Autumn Haze Dawn at the Hudson's Bay Company sale in New York. The offering of 2,290 skins was 100 per cent sold, with highs of \$80.00 for males and \$32.00 for females recorded.

Among the biggest buyers were Ritter Bros. and J. Weinig and Son, names well known to our fur farmers here, and men who, when the fox industry was the choice of the fashion-conscious world, paid the highest prices for pelts.

**NEW PASTEL**

A fur reporter for a New York Paper made the following observations on the above sale. "Dawn as a man said in the sales room, was breaking out all over at yesterday's Hudson's Bay Company dressed Autumn Haze sale. The presentation of the new pastel shade brought the usual banner crowd to the selling room. Conspicuous too, was the tremendous turnout of ranchers, many of whom had part-lot merchandise in the Dawn collection of 2,290 skins. One rancher put it this way: "We know there are really no new basic colors to discover; what we get now are new shades that represent a combination of established colors, and what many of us want, with rising costs are combinations that provide good kit yields."

**FOUR CATEGORY TOO**

Also reduced to four are the 50-cent and \$1 stamps, which previously have had to be bought in quantities of 10.

There was a brief interval during which plate numbers were dropped, and the department said numbered blocks of stamps run off then are not available. They included the Press and Geophysical Year stamps, plate numbers 13 and 14 of the regular four-cent issue and plate number 15 of the regular five-cent stamp.

Also reduced was the minimum deposit permitted in the department's deposit account service, a facility operated for collectors. The minimum now is \$20, as against \$50 formerly.

While the service may be used for all types of purchases, the department's philatelic collection, it is not necessary to use when buying plate blocks.

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**IN REPLY**

A great admirer of the pacer, Laddie Seymour, 2.10 2/5, by Pagliacci, dam Melburn's Magic, has asked us regarding Laddie's winnings in 1957. In tough company, he was three times first, three times second, and four times third, with winnings of \$1,460.

The 11th Annual Spring Speed Sale, at Delaware, Ohio, commenced yesterday morning at 9.30 and it is expected that it will conclude this afternoon. A total of 265 trotters and pacers are catalogued, some of them with records close to 2.00. There are several that we would like to own, and possibly some of these will come back to the Maritimes.

Several buyers are there from New Brunswick, and three from this province, and possibly others from Nova Scotia.

On the front cover of the February 12 edition of The Harness Horse is a photo of Hillsoto, p. 1.59, owned by the Clearview Stables, Winthrop, Maine. His earnings in six years on the race track totalled \$221,556, and he was driven by ex-Maritime Earl Avery of Woodstock, N. B.

**STRANGE MALADY**

TOKYO (Reuters) — Police rushed a Shinto priest and his family to a hospital Saturday when they learned the family had danced non-stop in the nude for a week after being stricken with a "strange malady." Reports from the island said many villagers believed the priest and his family were cursed by the "guardian diety" of the local Shinto temple.

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