

Back Stretch

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he will not sell. The world's famous Indian racing king topped the list of winning owners for the 13th time with \$259,850 from 29 victories. He is now 75 years old and has won approximately \$2,645,000 on the British turf, which is also another British record and seems certain to top the million pounds mark this season if Tully keeps his form.

The highest priced horse that has come to the Maritimes in years, Josefale Clansman 2, 209, which was knocked down to Arthur Lipton of Sydney at the Harrisburg sale, is eligible to the 225 pace. He made four starts and won them in 1952 and they were for small purses so that he is only charged up with \$547. He is now a four-year-old and of course showed very fast or he would not have been after him and forced him up to such a high figure. Owner Lipton is one of the best and most popular sportsmen in Cape Breton, a real make-up in any enterprise that makes for more recreation and happiness to the people there. He is a big figure behind the Sydney Millionaires and we trust he will have every success with his new purchase this season.

The trotter Flaxcott, that won in 208 3/5, is a 2-12 trotter for 1953. He is seven years old and won \$6,000 in 1952 although finishing first only twice. Perhaps the biggest bargain that came to the Maritimes is the five-year-old pacer Texas Brewer, that took a four-year-old record last fall of 207 1/5 at Yonkers Raceway. His winnings last season were \$3,475. He is eligible to the 217 pacer and is owned by Frank Campbell, Sydney.

Direct Mite 4, 206 2/5, a handsome five-year-old pacer by the world's champion pacer Billy Direct 155, dam, Eula Mite by Volonte 203 1/2, grandam, Eula H. 206 (former holder of the Charlottetown track record of 208) is a 217 class pacer for 1953. Last year he won three stakes and a total of \$6,500. He is expected to pace a real good half mile track at least as fast as his present record. Another pacer that is highly regarded is Mighty Deb, that took a two-year-old record last year of 208. She won one stake race and other placings with total purses of \$3,269 and with her allowance as a three-year-old is eligible to the 222 class and should be mighty good there for Cecil Letcher of Springhill, owner also of Direct Mite.

Clean Up, the six-year-old trotter that Heber Sweeney purchased at Harrisburg, took a record of 209 1/5 last season and was first to the wire on four occasions with total winnings of \$3,498. He is by Follow Up 3, 200 1/2 and his dam is Beautiful Signal, dam of three in 210. He is a big, tree-going trotter, with a lot of style, is sound and sticks to the trot and those who have seen him taking his daily exercise at

Bridgewater like him very much. Handbook 203 3/8, in the stable of Richard Jabalee, North Sydney, was twice first to the wire last season and won \$3,132. He raced in Ohio where a lot of the purses are not large and he was in with the very best sidewheelers there. As we mentioned in our end of the year review, this horse has real lick, has paced quarters in 28 seconds over a half-mile track so it will be interesting to see him in action in the Maritimes. We would certainly be a bit nervous as to heading him if he was breathing in our ear at the three-quarter pole with that type of speed.

Latest word from the S. A. Camp stable, Joe O'Brien trainer, at Del Mar, California, has ideal Hanover, a two-year-old brown colt by Bill Gallon 3, 159 1/2, dam, Ida Hanover 3, 208 2/5, and Guy Rodney, a two-year-old colt by Rodney 157 2/5, dam, Mad Guy 3, 207, as tops. They have been stepping eights in very close to 20 seconds. Another very close to 20 seconds is Dazzlemite, that has been eights in 21 seconds, and there are at least a dozen others that have beaten 23 seconds for an eighth. From all appearances Joe's string of juveniles have been well selected and there is every probability that some stake winners will emerge from among them.

Charles Coburn, the great moving picture actor, is next door neighbor to Joe at Del Mar and like Rodney is his trainer. Mr. Coburn enjoys watching his four horses and occasionally gets up behind one of them for a drive. The fastest in his stable is Rush Hour p. 3, 200, but his chief interest now is a two-year-old, Steve Harris by King's Counsel p. 158. Approximately 160 horses are being winter trained at Del Mar and later on quite a few of the older ones will go to Bay Meadows for the spring meet there.

The annual meeting of District 11 of the United States Trotting Association will be held in the Hotel Brunswick, Moncton, N. B., at 2:30 p.m., Monday, February 2nd. An added attraction this year will be the presence of John E. DuCharme, who is assistant to E. F. Hackett in the legal department of the United States Trotting Association. Mr. DuCharme was born in Spencer, Iowa, is 25 years old and became interested in harness racing in 1938 when he bought a horse to ride and discovered it to be a Standardbred. Upon learning of its breeding he took it to the nearby fair grounds half-mile track for his first drive. From that experience was born the fever to own a race horse. Shortly after he purchased the pacer Justice Hall by The Laurel Hall and became his own trainer and driver.

Mr. DuCharme graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in June, 1952. During his stay there he was one of his top athletes, was a member of the football team until injuries terminated his gridiron career. During World War II he served in

the U. S. navy. He is now married and with Mrs. DuCharme resides in Columbus. Mr. DuCharme will no doubt familiarize those present with some of the changes in the rules and be ready to answer other questions which may come up for discussion. The meeting will be in a position to discuss various matters in connection with racing and everyone will be afforded an opportunity to speak. All who can possibly do so are requested to be present so as to make this a representative meeting of horsemen of the Maritime Provinces.

In the February issue of Hoot Beats is the following - - Len O'Meara, 30-year-old sulky pilot from Alberton, P.E.I., won the 1952 edition of the British Consols. Trophy, donated annually by the Macdonald Tobacco Co., for being the leading driver during the Old Home Week Fair at Charlottetown, P. E. I. O'Meara piled up a total of 77 points in winning the award. His nearest competitor was Worrell Lewis, Glace Bay, N. S. with 63. Following in order were Willard Kelly, James MacGregor and Claude O'Brien. O'Meara also was leading driver for the season of Island night racing. He had 23 firsts, 27 seconds and 24 thirds. He has been driving for the last 10 years throughout the Maritimes. He first started in the sulky sport as an employee of Joe O'Brien.

Hunters Corner

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Service, Washington, D. C. summarizes reports from a number of the refuges where migrating waterfowl congregate. Increases are variously estimated from 35 to 135 per cent. The following are reports from a few refuges picked at random: Mattamuskeet Refuge, North Carolina: Close to 100,000 geese were reported to be present in the refuge area on December 4th, as compared with an estimated peak concentration last year of 70,000 birds.

Lacassine Refuge, Louisiana, between October 26 and November 1, approximately 20,000 geese were observed on the refuge. The birds were spreading out through the entire area. Crab Orchard Refuge - Illinois: Census figures for November 16 to 21 revealed approximately 37,000 Canada geese and 750 blue and snow geese on the refuge during that period. The period of October 25 to November 12 showed a heavy migration and tremendous build-up of geese in southern Illinois. It was estimated that the kill in this area might reach an all-time high of over 30,000 geese.

For some reason or other wild geese started migration earlier than usual in 1952. They reached the southern states in thousands the last week in October. This province experienced its heaviest concentration of geese between October 25th and November 11th. The goose kill in this province ran into the thousands in 1952. Returns coming in from hunters indicate a total far in advance of any previous estimate. The number of hunters who bagged from one to four geese each is amazing. The highest return to date lists 14 while a kill of 8 per hunter is commonplace.

If the time ever comes when country gunners are required to make census returns in respect to the amount of fish and game taken many urban hunters will get the surprise of their lives. The farm boys can sure bring home the game. A few days ago a return came in from a teen age hunter in the country who lives and works on a farm. He was not required to purchase a hunting and fishing license but bought one just the same. He had one in 1951 too. This is his 1952 return: Trout 217, Hungarian partridge 20, Ruffed grouse 3, pheasants 20, Rabbits 7, geese 8, ducks 47, Wilson's snipe 1. It's the rural hunters who know how to handle the pheasants. This return is not exaggerated as I have personal knowledge of the most of it. The one who submitted the return just itemized is a natural hunter and a good shot and owns an Irish water spaniel that is good on anything... upland game or waterfowl.

If a complete return was made by hunters and fishermen in the province as to the number of trout and game taken the total would reach a staggering figure. The food value alone would pass the one hundred thousand dollar mark and then some.

King's Lynn, England-(CP)-Dick Butcher, oldest resident of this Norfolk community, achieved his great ambition - to celebrate his 100th birthday. He died a few days later without knowing he was only 97. Relatives who had discovered the mistake made no mention of it at the centenary party.

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MacDonald Rink Takes Lead As Schoolboy Curling Ch'ship Opens

The Barry MacDonald rink from Charlottetown yesterday took a tooth on the Island Schoolboy Curling Championship by sweeping to two straight victories at the local club.

In their opening match with the MacKenzie rink from Summerside they won handily 10-3. Later they defeated clubmate George Dillon and his rink 8-6. The winner of the competition qualifies to represent the Province at the Dominion Championships at Saskatoon.

Draw For Mixed Curling At Local Club Tonight

Drawing for mixed curling matches at local club tonight:

6:30 P. M. Sharp
Ice 1-M. Beaton, G. Rayner, D. Stewart, F. Driscoll; vs. N. MacDonald, J. Cameron, B. Howatt, K. Anderson.
Ice 2-B. Conway, M. McKenna, B. Prowse, F. Hobbs; vs. E. MacPherson, E. Soper, E. Rayner, D. Cameron.
Ice 3-A. MacDonald, J. H. Hell-ols, E. Sutherland, C. J. MacLean; vs. F. Cameron, M. MacDonald, J. MacLean, E. MacInnis.

8 P. M. Sharp
Ice 1-Mrs. G. Michael, W. Hoyt, J. Gallant, J. H. MacNeill; vs. E. Sutherland, G. Michael, Y. Wilson, A. Howatt.
Ice 2-Mrs. W. Michael, R. Barrett, M. Dockendorff, W. Worth; vs. P. Henry, W. Michael, S. MacMillan, J. Campbell.
Ice 3-A. Barrett, C. A. Tait, J. Beer, J. A. Likely; vs. R. MacEachern, T. Gillies, A. Mahar, J. Wilson.
Ice 4-M. Worth, A. McEachern, G. Campbell, C. Gallant; vs. L. Gillies, G. Henry, A. Hoyt, B. Beer.

9:30 Sharp
Ice 1-M. Cordell, M. Jones, A. Wood, R. Jones; vs. H. Taylor, A. Hogan, J. Giddings, A. Roper.
Ice 2-M. Stewart, A. Cordell, B. Roper, J. E. Burden; vs. L. Duchemin, E. Wood, M. McNeill, J. S. MacDonald.
Ice 3-J. MacKnight, G. Stewart, L. MacDonald, R. Parker; vs. G. Campbell, J. S. Taylor, M. Allan, C. MacDonald.
Ice 4-M. Robin, G. MacKnight, K. Johnston, D. Saunders; vs. F. Burke, D. MacDonald, R. Hill, D. Hill.
Substitutes are always needed. If not listed, please come anyway.

Fear Skier Drowned In Jump From Trestle

LENNOXVILLE, Que., Jan. 30-(CP)-An unidentified skier jumped from a trestle to escape an approaching train today and is believed to have drowned in the Massawippi River.

The man was crossing the trestle when a CPR train came around a bend. Still wearing his skis, he jumped into the water, which was not frozen because the river is swift-flowing. Two students from Bishops University, Murray Greenwood and David Conliffe, heard the man's cries and saw him in the water. Conliffe discarded his overcoat, jacket and shoes and plunged into the river but was unable to find the skier. The bridge is the same from which Dr. A. H. McGreer, principal at Bishops for 25 years, fell in 1947.

The Neighbors



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Sport Echoes From Prince County

The Summerside Mercurys need a complete overhauling, including a new engine and body job if they are to stay in business in the North Shore League. Their 19-2 drubbing by the star-studded Spring Valley team was a spectacle which hockey fans will probably not want to see more than once in a lifetime.

This morning at 9:30 the Dillon rink will meet the Silliphant quartet for the right to meet the MacDonald rink in the finals. The finals will commence this afternoon at 12:30. Personnel of rinks in the play follows: Charlottetown No. 1, R. Partridge, first, B. Auld, second, D. Reardon, third, B. MacDonald, skip.

Summerside, No. 1, G. Harris, first, Geo. Smallman, second, J. Noonan, third, T. MacKenzie, skip. Charlottetown No. 2, M. Pineau, first, A. Burke, second, D. Whelan, third, J. Dillon, skip.

Summerside No. 2, D. Noonan, first, C. MacArthur, second, J. Simpson, third, D. Silliphant, skip.

York Rifle Club Shoot

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Lists results for various rifle categories including W. E. Hardy, H. T. Vessey, W. L. Crockett, etc.

was roughly played with most of the goals resulting from scrambles. Angle Carroll scored twice for Parkdale while single goals were notched by Norm Larter, Richard Carroll, Ted Bradley, Sam Gregory, Cy. Gregory, Louis Gaudet. H. MacLean scored the hat trick for Georgetown. Landry, Stevens and MacDonald each got one goal.

Parkdale Defeats Georgetown 9-6

The Parkdale Bombers defeated the Georgetown Eagles 9-6 Wednesday night in an exhibition game at the Georgetown rink. The game

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