

Back Stretch

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Workout one afternoon Dodge said to a group of trainers and owners who were sitting on a bench...

then a new high of \$1,466,476 set a record.
The harness horse papers are full of Hi-Lo Forbes and Henry Clukey since his wonderful mile at Roosevelt Raceway half-mile track last Saturday night...

H. B. Birmingham of Houlton, Maine, whose farm and breeding interests have been referred to in this column frequently, has a good pacer in the Wathen Stable pacer in the Wathen Stable. She is at Roscroft, Maryland. She is a 2:08 and Fred recently won...

Our friend W. R. Godfrey dropped in to see us on his return from Montreal this week, where he was overseeing his photochart system at Blue Bonnets track. He showed us pictures of the finishes that were taken at such a fast pace...

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On the opening day the thousands of people passed \$191,000 through the mutuels and on Coronation Day, \$210,000. Last Saturday afternoon there was a tremendous crowd, upwards of 15,000. It rained out the ball games and Richelleu Park harness racing and this helped Blue Bonnets. The condition of the track was listed as "sloppy", said Mr. Godfrey...

of the Photochart and he will probably remain there until late next fall. The running races continue every week until July 27 with two breaks of four days, then the harness racing takes over. Mr. Godfrey had a chat with Elmer Ferguson, who is sports editor of the Montreal Herald, and he is also one of the judges at Blue Bonnets. During the intervals between the races Elmer is pouncing out an account of the races for his newspaper. He is a Prince Edward Islander, was born at 18 Douglas Street, Charlottetown, and has quite a number of relatives here. In his write up Elmer has this:—"The reason why results are being flashed on the board much more rapidly than previously, after a camera flash is that the judges' stand is now equipped with a large-size projector, on which the finish is flashed less than a minute after the end of the race... one of the many improvements at the course... that is a photochart production... and by this is a Canadian company leased to Godfrey Racing Services at Charlottetown, P.E.I., and covers the extensive Maritime harness racing circuit."

as compared to 1,864... A total of 990 harness racing yearlings sold for \$1,957,200 last year. The average is \$1,976, the highest in the history of the sport.
Ralph Sheppard, well known caretaker and star hockey player who was injured while playing hockey last winter, has returned from Bridgewater, N.S., hospital, where he was undergoing treatment, and told the boys at the race track that he will soon be as well as ever. He says that Heber Sweeney's horses that he bought at Harrisburg last fall, are training nicely. Shelby Vic, that took a 3-year-old record last year of 2:10 1/2 over a half-mile track, is a smooth pacer with a lot of whip. He is extremely well bred being by Victorius Hal 2:03 1/2, dam, Mary Belle, dam of octor Worthy 2:08 1/2. He is a chestnut gelding and is eligible to the 24 pace. Clean Up is a big rangy trotter not at all handsome, but according to Ralph he can leave like a runner and never makes a break. He has a record of 2:06 1/2, in eight years old and followed Up 2:00 1/2, dam, Beautiful Signal, dam of three in 2:10. Last year he raced consistently and won \$3,498 in fast company. Heber has received attractive offers for both of them from parties in Cape Breton but he may possibly decide to race them himself.

Eddie Cole, well known blacksmith of Mayfield, and the man who started Buddy Clegg 2:16 1/2, Clegg 2:14 1/2 and others on their racing career, will take over the blacksmith's quarters at Summerside Raceway. He will have a commodious and properly equipped shop with good facilities for working at that trade at which he is an expert. Eddie will also do a bit of training with the two pacers, Ill Conto, that he received as part payment for Mona Clegg, and Gingerbread Man, that paced quarters in 30 seconds over the ice last winter.

Alfred Webster, Malpeque Road, has sold the very beautiful filly Ada Harvey, by Simcoe Harvey 2:04 1/2, dam, Rose Worthy, granddam, Shawnee Rose by Colorado L. 2:04 1/2, great-granddam Orwell Belle 2:19, to William Cahill of Sydney, N.S. A great many visitors have been to see this filly that is strikingly handsome.

At Roosevelt Raceway last week Earle Avery won the B Pace, purse \$2,500, with Uhlen Fingo, a 3-year-old by Calumet Fingo, dam Uhlen Abbe, in the fast time of 2:06. A couple of nights previously he won the 2:22 Trot, purse \$2,000 with the 3-year-old Memory Song by Victory Song, in 2:14 1/2, and the B Trot, purse \$2,500 with Jackson Dale in 2:15 over a very heavy track. In the 1953 contest conducted by The Harness Horse, entitled What Horse Is This, John Beaver of Greenfield, Ohio, was the champion picker with 15 correct choices. Miss Molly O'Reilly of Houlton, Me., picked 11 to finish fourth. In fifth place was Gib White, son of the noted trainer Ben White, with 9. Next in a four way tie with 8 are Bert Travis, St. Catharines, Ont., S. Thane Belyea, Fredericton, N.B., and two others. Thane writes:—"A new horse arrived here since I last wrote to you, but I don't know anything about him. His name is Revolo's Boy. He came here from Saint John but previous to that came from St. Stephen. He is owned by Alvin DeWitt."

The old war horse, O.U. Volo 2:10 1/2, that has been racing around the Maritimes for 12 or 13 years and is now 17 years old, got a new lease of racing life by a change in the U.S.T.A. rules permitting horses 15 years and over to race in the Maritimes and he showed fans that he had lost none of his finishing punch by putting on a last desperate sprint and winning in 2:19 from Jean Aubrey, driven by Roy Creamer. O.U. Volo was a favorite here years ago when in the stable of Harold Stead and many fans will be glad to learn about his activities. The 4th and 8th dashes were sort of a junior free-for-all and advertised as a handicap race with the Ohio pacer Thelma Lou 2:05 1/2, owned and driven by Martin Downey, handicapped 100 feet, turned out to be

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a split dash affair with Josedale Clipper, owned by H. E. Johnston Saint John, and driven by Walter Craig winning the 4th in 2:16 1/2. The recently imported pacer star, Ramona Chips, owned by the Bright Spot Club, Saint John, and driven by D. Lawson, won the final dash in 2:15, which equalled the fastest time made this season. Thelma Lou is a free-legged pacer and sometimes jumps off but when she is on her stride she is really a high class mare.

Next Tuesday night will be opening night at the Cape Breton Sports Centre, Sydney. There will be a junior free-for-all and four other classes. A total of 40 horses are on the eligibility list but only eight horses can start in a dash.

Glancing over last week's summaries at Roosevelt Raceway we notice that Earle Avery has been quite active. He was 4th in the BB Pace, purse \$4,000, with Snap Up, time 2:07, was 3rd in the 2:22 Pace, purse \$2,000 with Todd El-Kington, time 2:09, 4th in the 2:22 Pace, purse \$2,000 with Royal Bank time 2:07 1/2, 2nd in the B Trot, purse \$2,500 with Jacksonville in 2:05 1/2, 3rd in the BB Trot, purse \$3,000 with Bertha Roscroft in 2:06 1/2 and 3rd in the A Pace, purse \$3,500 with Choice Hanover in 2:05 1/2. We notice that Joe O'Brien has arrived at Roosevelt and was second in the free-for-all trot purse \$6,000 with Beck Hanover in 2:05 1/2 and 2nd in the BB Pace, purse \$3,000 with Mr. Primrose in 2:06 1/2. It will probably take a couple of weeks before Joe will hit his stride as the change from the west coast to New York State will make quite a difference with the horses.

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ceding season the bounty paid by the Department concerned for each pair of crows feet was 15c and with shells costing from fifteen to seventeen cents each they were bound to wind up in the red, whether they killed a crow with each shot or not. This year they have a leeway of three or five cents per crow depending on the grade of shells they buy... Canuck's are plenty good for crows... and if they manage to break into the prize list they stand a chance to wind up on the credit side of the ledger.

The Prince County Branch Game Association have already announced their prize list in the 1953 Crow Contest. Senior Division: 1st prize \$25.00 plus sporting goods — 2nd prize \$15.00 plus sporting goods — 3rd prize \$10.00 plus sporting goods. Consolation prize, sporting goods. Junior division: 1st prize \$15.00 plus sporting goods; 2nd prize \$10.00 worth of sporting goods. In addition they have offered a prize of \$15.00 for the heaviest speckled trout caught—consolation prize sporting goods. Rainbow trout are not eligible. Some hefty trout of this species are taken from Scales Pond every season. King's County Branch have announced a \$25.00 prize to the hunter shooting or trapping the greatest number of foxes for the period ending December

31, 1953. At time of writing the Queen's County Branch have given no sign that they intend to put on the customary Crow Shooting Contest this season but it is presumed some action along this line will be announced shortly.

The Big Brook dam has created wide interest among the sporting fraternity. On Tuesday afternoon of this week I rowed over the site with the owner Mr. Ross. It is even larger than the first estimate of 100 acres and is closer to double that figure. Allowing for bends and curves the water is backed up for approximately a mile or better and it took us three hours to make the survey. We got caught out in a thunder squall but even the downpour of rain around 6:00 p.m. failed to dampen our enthusiasm. Our wildlife will benefit greatly with resultant increase in numbers.

The fear has been expressed by a number of sportsmen that this dam has been created expressly for the benefit of private interests and there will be little or no public fishing. I brought this subject up during the course of our row around the dam and Mr. Ross assured me that nothing was farther from the truth. He informed me that he had received assistance in building the dam but he had full control of the fishing rights. A number of safe seaworthy boats were being built which would be rented to anglers for \$1.00. No boats would be allowed on the pond except his own but everyone who applied for a boat would be given one if it was available. The rules governing fishing on the Big Brook dam will be on practically the same basis as those in effect on dams built and controlled by the Department of Industry and Natural Resources.

Furthermore Mr. Ross informed me that public fishing free of charge will be allowed on the Mc-Innis Brook with the proviso that such fishing must be indulged in from the road bridge or from the banks. No free fishing from boats allowed. The McInnis Brook ran a close second to the Big Brook in trout fishing merits when the tide was right and many the 3 and 4 pounder blundered into a

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