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finishes. Free For All, Shamrock Thoughts (Mount) 1-1, Royal Jr. (Langille) 2-4, Time Table (Downey) 3-3, Abbelland (Gouguen) 4-2, Thelma Lou (Downey) 5-5, Time, 2:11 1/2. 2:12 Shamrock Thoughts owned by J. E. Forbes, Fredericton, N. B. Race No. 1, True Fingo (Armstrong) 1, Norah Dale (Yarrowood) 2, Time, 2:23 1/2. Races No. 1 and 7—Sandy D. (Cormier) 1-3, Adagio (Wood) 2-1, Arlene's Money (Langille) 3-2, Time, 2:15, 2:16 1/2. Race No. 4—Mopet (Carr) 1, Harriet Dale (Downey) 2, Time, 2:21 1/2. Races No. 6 and 9—Dixie Belle (Gallant) 1-4, Ramona Chips (Lawson) 7-1, Honan Crowley (Cormier) 2-3, Pure Gold (Langille) 4-2, Time, 2:15, 2:16. Race No. 8, Viola McKinney (Wood) 1, Billy Whistler (Harty) 2, Time, 2:16 1/2. Prior and Pace Harry Mount said believed that Shamrock Thoughts would be the winner. The track was very heavy which accounts for the slower time than usual.

There will be plenty of racing the next two weeks. The Nova Scotia Exhibition opens in Truro and Truro Raceway co-operates with fine programs during that Exhibition. Fredericton Exhibition will be held September

7th to 12th and St. John will hold a \$1000 Free For All Labor Day night with supporting classes. The Cape Breton Exhibition will be held in the second week of September with race meets in connection with it.

Secretary W. G. Gillespie has handed us the program of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Colt Stakes which will be raced at Summerside Raceway September 16th and 17th and a two-day meet will be held in conjunction with these stakes, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 16th, 2 Year Old Trot—Purse \$700.00, 4 Year Old Trot—Purse \$700.00, Junior Free For All—Purse \$600.00, Wednesday Night—3 Year Old Pace—Purse \$700.00, Classified Event 2 Dashes @ \$200.00—Purse \$400.00, Classified Event 1 Dash @ \$200.00, Thursday Night, Sept. 17th—2 Year Old Pace—Purse \$700.00, 3 Year Old Trot—Purse \$700.00, Free For All—Purse \$1,050.00. A beautiful Cooler and also a Trophy will go to the winner of each colt class. The winner of the Four Year Old Trot will also receive a silver tray donated by Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon. In addition to other contests, the starting fee is due on or before September 9th. Mail to the Secretary, W. G. Gillespie, P. O. Box 304, Charlotte-

town, P. E. I.

An important purchase during the past week was the trotter Vella Gratton 2:05 1/2 that has shown ability to trot many seconds faster. She is a beautiful black mare with perfect action and her new owner in Summerside should do well with her. The former owner, J. E. Given, would not have parted with her except for the fact that it was difficult to get trotting classes to start her in. She is in the stable of Don MacNeill, who has been so successful with other horses this season.

The latest figures released from Foxboro race track show Harry Coleman being for third place among the drivers. He had 22 winners. . . . Jack Brooke, a Miller Brooke two-year-old colt, looks like one of the bargains of the 1953 Saratoga Spring Sale. He was purchased by Jacob Enders of Oneonta, N. Y. for \$135, and last week he won his fourth dash this year at Saratoga. In ten starts he has only finished once back of third. Another big bargain was the purchase by Fred Miller of Jackson, Tenn. Last fall looking through the Harrisburg catalogue he liked what was written about the three-year-old pacer Rebel Land and bought him. Now a four-year-old this black son of Scotland has captured his seventh and biggest win, Saturday night when he head-

ed Congress Lad home by two lengths in 2:05 1/2. It was only the second defeat in ten starts this season for Congress Lad.

Aubrey Rodney, one of the oldest drivers now in harness and the man who drove Baden 2:05 1/2, the son of Biagara, to so many victories on the Grand Circuit in 1913 and made him the biggest money winner so that he was sold that fall to the Russian government for a reported \$30,000, is heading for his ninth summer sulky crown at Saratoga. He began this final meet of the week with a lead of 39 percentage points over his nearest rival, Charlie Fleming. Charlie is the son of the noted race driver of years ago, Vio Fleming, that gave Billy Dirner his world record of 1:56 and won three \$25,000 stakes with Gratton Bars 1:56 1/4.

The Trotter Westphal Girl, an eight-year-old mare by Calumet Duds 2:09 1/2, formerly owned by George Turner, Dartmouth, N. S., has been winning regularly over Quebec tracks at Richelieu Park she won the D. Trot from a field of seven in 2:14 1/2 and had won a week previously in practically the same time.

We acknowledge with thanks an official program of Yonkers Raceway for Thursday night, August 20th, marked by our friend W. P. Edwards of Fredericton, N. B. One of the starters in the 6th race at one and one half miles was Prince Jay. He was driven by Stanley Dancer as Joe O'Brien was not in shape to handle him. The winner was Wilmington Star and the time 3:06. Our friend also sent us a copy of the Trotting and Pacing Guide for 1953, special Metropolitan edition featuring Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways, which has a wealth of information in it on harness racing horses and their records.

Earle Rowe, M. P. for Newton-Robinson, Ont., and one of that province's most prominent horsemen, recently set up a new world record by hitching his two trotting mares, Celia's Counsel and Volo Van and driving them in 2:07 1/2 over the Thorncliffe Raceway half-mile track, Toronto. The world's record for a mile track is held by the world's champion trotter Greyhound and the world's trotting mare Rosalind and is 1:58 1/2. The previous record for a two-horse hitch on a half-mile track had as one of its holders Roy Miller 2:11 1/2, owned and raced here by the writer years ago. Earle Rowe paid us a visit here in 1934 and was expected back to take part in one of our Exhibition meets but as he is a very busy man, being president of a large paper company and other concerns, he never had the time to make it.

The great pacer Argyle Grattar that set up a record of 2:03 1/2 over the Thorncliffe track recently, has at last met defeat and it was at New Hamburg, Ont. before a crowd of 7000 and the event was the \$4000 Canadian Pacing Derby. Hy-Lee Baldwin, owned and driven by Lake Morgan, Chatham, was 1-2. Argyle Grattar (Campbell) 2-1. Time, 2:06, 2:08 1/2. Hy-Lee Baldwin was recognized as the winner of the trophy because of having paced the fastest of the two heats.

Racing programs this season have been remarkably free from accidents but last Saturday night a rather serious one happened and the popular driver, Sam Kennedy, of this city has been hospitalized ever since. He is receiving the very best of medical attention but we believe it will be some time before he will be permitted to return to the sulky. In the meantime his many friends will be thinking of him and hoping to see him out soon. On Tuesday night another accident occurred to the Island's leading driver and winner of the British Consols Trophy, again this season, Len O'Meara, who, was thrown to the ground and his face

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align on the farm buildings. With the coming of spring they moved off and no trace of them was found. Now after an absence of three years a covey is back on the MacLeod farm 10 or 12 were flushed from a grain field on Tuesday of this week. The binder was in operation at the time and some moved out into the stubble while others remained in the standing grain. There could have been more than 12 in the covey but the important thing is they were definitely chukkers. Last fall a covey of eight or nine was spotted in the North River district. I put them down as Chukkers from the description of their actions. Chukkers are the only upland game birds that weave in and out through the flock while running on the ground. They also hold their heads high and stride out like trotting horses. The sixty-five dollar question is: where were they all these years? It could be possible that we have more of

severely injured by coming in contact with the horse's hook. The sulky which Lorne Kelly was driving was badly smashed but Lorne escaped injury. Len, with his face plastered up, was around the following day and has been driving since. We are glad that nothing more serious happened in his case as it certainly looked bad.

them than we realize. Introduced species act like that sometimes. They seem to disappear for years and then suddenly blossom out from seemingly nowhere.

Blue-wing teal are showing up well and duck prospects are quite bright for the coming opening day although it will likely be mid-September before the final tally will be announced. The first Pintail brood for the province was reported this year from Glenwood (Big Pierre Jacques district) in Prince County. A young pintail of the year arrived at Moore's Sanctuary in Kings County this week. The bird was discovered on the nest at Glenwood by Wesley Currie who operates Currie's Mill at Glenwood. The young haven't been seen since the eggs hatched.

Before I ring off, Jonathan Beaver is still in my hair, short as it is. I had him down for the count of three in the 2nd round but he was saved by the bell. He is now doing some pretty fancy shadow boxing and I'm beginning to have serious doubts on just how this scrap is going to end.

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