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Back Stretch

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Matt McAdam writes from Gloucester, N.S. "The horses here are all in good shape and waiting for the winter. We are having a great winter and our horsemen's banquet, sponsored by the Sydney Pier Club was a dandy. I met quite a number who served under you in the First World War and they all wished to be remembered to you. We would like to see you attending races at the Cape Breton Sports Centre. You will be pleased to know that I have Redwood Gratlan 2.12 in great shape. Glad to hear from you Matt, and there is no reason why Redwood Gratlan should not beat 2.10 this season. He has one very necessary quality—intense speed.

Attention is called to an ad in this issue of the 19th annual colts stakes of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club. This should be the banner year for colts racing and we look to see the largest entry in the history for energetic secretary, W. G. Gillespie.

Clarence Schuman, well known harness horseman, who has been laid up for a number of months writes to W. G. Gillespie, Charlottetown, as follows: "I have intended to write you for some time but my hands have bothered me very much, also my legs. I had to go back to hospital for the third time with an abscess on my back. However, I am feeling fine now and am very much encouraged as I get up and around every day. My heart doesn't seem to bother me either but of course I have to be very careful. My great hope is that I will be able to be around again training as usual this summer. I would like to thank Down the Back Stretch to thank all my friends who have done so much for me, Charles Willis for the use of his track and help, the merchants and others who contributed and the many people who went to the races and helped thereby, also Harold Gaudet, owner of the Summerside track, and merchants and others there and the spectators, and the horsemen who raced their horses at both tracks—in fact there are so many people who helped me that it is difficult to name them all, but I would also like to particularly thank my standbys, George Brookings of Kensington, and William MacDonald, Summerside. I have never known such kindness shown to anyone anywhere as I have experienced from the good people of Prince Edward Island."

Joe O'Brien was in a new role a couple of weeks ago at Orlando, Florida, where he served in the capacity of best man for trainer-driver Jimmie Jordan. Jimmie is a State of Maine man and he and Joe have been good friends for

several years.

Walter Gibbons, manager and race secretary of Roosevelt Raceway, will have as assistant racing secretary this season, his son Glen Gibbons. Glen is 29 years old and has grown up with the harness horse and knows the game quite well. He was a flight instructor in World War Two, serving in many faraway places. He is married and has four children. Walter and brother Ted, who is manager of Yonkers Raceway, were born in Halifax and spent their early years in the Maritimes. Both were harness horsemen and Walter became one of the top drivers in New England. Those of us who were racing at Saint John in 1931 will remember the good stable that Walter had there. This can be said about him, that he never forgets a Maritimer and endeavors in every way to make him feel at home and his visit pleasant.

Bernard Kearney, general manager of the Western Harness Racing Association, that was the first in recent years to sponsor big stakes in California, has come out with a gigantic program for 1951. Starting October 5th and racing through to December 1st they will put up \$300,000 purses—222 races of \$1,000, 40 races of \$1,250, 22 races of \$1,500, 15 races of \$2,000, five races of \$2,500 and 12 races of \$3,500. These are overnight events. In addition there will be the Golden West Trot with \$25,000 added to entries, the Golden West Pace with \$25,000 added to entries, and a dozen other purses ranging from \$7,500 to \$2,500 of added money. Our congratulations to Bernard on his big program and our confidence that it will be the same success as his previous big ventures which have really astonished and delighted the harness horse world.

A letter from Colonel James Calkin, Woodstock, N.B., gives us news from New Brunswick. "We had an excellent meeting of the New Brunswick Harness Racing Circuit here and the film Silks and Sulkies was shown and greatly enjoyed by everybody. Our meeting decided not to hold mid-summer races at Fredericton or St. Stephen as Woodstock with its new track—in fact there are so many people who helped me that it is difficult to name them all, but I would also like to particularly thank my standbys, George Brookings of Kensington, and William MacDonald, Summerside. I have never known such kindness shown to anyone anywhere as I have experienced from the good people of Prince Edward Island."

Hunters Corner
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trout in particular, will not stay long in alkaline water. It takes shade and full flowing springs to create pools of deep, cold water. I could write for hours of pools and springs that were deep and full flowing 20 years ago that are today silted in or whose stream beds are now a mere trickle, or else dried up altogether. In some cases filled with brush and dead limbs from the trees that once flourished on their banks.

I am well aware that cutting alone is not the entire cause of our dwindling fishery. Stands of Fir, Birch and Beech have been decimated by disease but on the whole man himself is the chief culprit. However, it is encouraging to learn that the Department concerned is taking cognizance of a situation that might well be calamitous unless some form of reclamation is instituted.

A meeting of the Queens County Branch of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association will be held in the Vocational Training School (next to P. W. O.) on Friday night, February 10th at 8:00 P. M. Rabbit hunters are requested to be in attendance. Twice this winter our Hungarian partridge were saved from a thinning out by timely thaws. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we have no more sustained periods of icy crusts but also let's have the ground work laid so as to be able to act quickly should an emergency arise. Forewarned is fore-armed.

Borden Nationals Play Tonight At Summerside

The Borden Nationals travel to Summerside tonight to cross sticks with the Summerside Crystals in an East Prince Hockey League fixture. Borden has been flying high during the last two weeks and they have opened a wide gap between them and the other two teams in the circuit. The Crystals are expected to be back to full strength for tonight's game, with Gerard Bernard added to the squad and Plum MacDonald once more behind the blue-line. Borden has a high-scoring team and is difficult to defeat, but the Crystals believe this is their night to turn the trick. With a perfect sheet of ice for the encounter, the game should turn out to be one of the fastest played in Crystal Rink this year.

Stolen Bus Recovered But Islanders Return By Plane

The Charlottetown Islanders Hockey Club arrived back in the City about 4:30 yesterday afternoon from Halifax by the regular M.C.A. flight after being stranded in Nova Scotia's Capital City during most of Friday when their chartered bus was stolen.

The team had made the trip to Halifax on Thursday in one of the Island Transport Company's new Courier, 37-passenger buses, and after winning a contest there against Saint Mary's by a 6-4 score, were left stranded there the following morning when they found the bus had been stolen during the night. The bus was recovered later in the morning in a ditch some 6 1/2 miles outside Halifax by members of the City's police force, but the local team had to return by plane in order to be here in time to meet Saint John Beavers in a regular Maritime Senior Hockey League contest last night.

The bus, \$20,000 vehicle that was brought here only last month by the I.M.T., was apparently stolen sometime during the night or early morning from a parking lot a short way from the Carleton Hotel, where the team stayed overnight. It was discovered missing about 7:30 in the morning when the driver of the bus, Elmer Buchanan of City, went to bring the bus up to the hotel in preparation for the team's return trip to the Island.

Mayor Wires Displeasure
In connection with this same hockey match played at Halifax on Thursday night, His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald sent a wire of disapproval to the Canadian Press concerning their account of that contest, and it is understood that a number of other prominent citizens took similar action. The following is the text of Mayor MacDonald's telegram: "Frankness obliges me to call your attention to biased Canadian Press Report last night Charlottetown Halifax game. Canadian Press ascribes Halifax defeat two penalties awarded Brown. Report did not say what effect eleven penalties handed Charlottetown had on game. Halifax total penalties four. Throughout winter Islanders have been penalized to extreme. Last Saturday night in St. John, Islanders had seven penalties, Beavers one. Islanders are asking if it is a league rule that their team get the short end of the deal on penalties. Usually the ratio is two or three to one against us."
Replying to the Mayor's wire, the C.P. Bureau chief at Halifax said he was sorry about the whole affair but assured His Worship it was unintentional. But he added, the fact was that Islanders scored twice while Brown served his two sentences.

Announce Mixed Curling Schedule For Week-End

Mixed curling will again be a feature of the regular week-end bonspiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club when a number of matches will get underway there tonight at seven o'clock.
A draw has been made up for matches to be played at seven and nine o'clock, but there are still two rinks open for others who have not been included in the draw and may arrange their games at the rink tonight.
The following is the draw for tonight's mixed matches:
Ice 1—Dr. L. E. Prowse, Mrs. Dockendorff, Miss B. Prowse, Mrs. C. Gallant vs. Dr. C. Gallant, Mrs. S. MacMillan, Miss E. Taylor, Mrs. L. E. Prowse.
7:00 p.m.
Ice 2—Mr. A. Howatt, Mrs. O. Morrison, Mrs. E. Bell, Mrs. A. MacNeill vs. Mr. A. MacNeill, Miss Mary MacLennan, Miss L. Duchesmin, Mrs. A. Howatt.
Ice 3—Mr. W. Hoyt, Mrs. W. Hoyt, Mrs. Campbell, Miss E. Sutherland vs. Mr. J. Campbell, Miss J. Grant, Mrs. A. Mahar, Miss Mary Robins.
8:30 p.m.
Ice 1—Mr. Bill MacNeill, Mrs. J. S. MacDonald, Mrs. Giddings, Mrs. H. MacKenzie vs. Mr. Clifford MacDonald, Mrs. W. R. MacNeill, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Elmer MacDonald.
Ice 2—Mr. J. S. MacDonald, Mrs. Mellish, Mr. F. Clark, Mrs. W. Pickard vs. Mr. M. Mellish, Mrs. Clark, Mr. L. Burnett, Mrs. I. Sweetwood.
Ice 3—Mr. W. Wen Worth, Mrs. Wen Worth, Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonald, Mrs. A. Burnett vs. Mr. Walter Pickard, Mr. Wendell Barbour, Mrs. Kay Mustard, Mrs. Wendell Barbour.

Canadian Golf Club Ass'n Annual Meeting

MONTREAL, Feb. 9 — (CP) — The Royal Canadian Golf Association at its 52nd annual meeting today raised the ante for the Canadian open tournament by \$5,000 and reported progress in efforts to make Canada a participant in the international Walker Cup matches. Prize money of the Canadian open was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000, making it the richest national open in the world.
Dates for the 1951 Canadian open at the Toronto Mississauga course have been tentatively fixed for July 4-7, with a qualifying round July 3.
Charles Watson of Toronto, who was succeeded as R.C.G.A. president by J. Gordon Bowers of Vancouver, said confirmation of the July 4-7 dates for the 1951 Canadian open is expected shortly from the United States P.G.A.
The tournament at Mississauga will open the day after the P.G.A. championships end at Pittsburgh. Today's meeting was confirmed venue and dates for the Canadian amateur and Canadian junior championships and the Willington Cup interprovincial team matches. The team and junior titles will be decided Aug. 25, a Saturday, at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and the week-long Canadian amateur, match-play competition, will start the following Monday, Aug. 27.



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MAY 3—SEPTEMBER 30

FESTIVALS OF THE ARTS

The Calendar below shows the dates of the many Arts Festivals which, with the exhibitions and other events throughout the United Kingdom, make the Festival programme the greatest ever planned.

MAY

- 3rd—LONDON Festival Season, two months of gaiety and colour in the theatres, concert-halls and art-galleries of the capital (till June 30).
- 5th—STRAFORD-UPON-AVON Shakespeare Festival, with outstanding new productions in the famous Memorial Theatre (till October).
- 7th—BRIGHTON Festival, including exhibitions of paintings, books, architecture and photography, symphony concerts and plays (till June 30).
- 20th—BATH Assembly, coinciding with the Sheridan Bi-Centenary, with concerts, operas, ballet, music in the Abbey and a Gainsborough Exhibition (till June 2).
- 27th—PERTH Festival, centred around the contemporary Scottish theatre movement (till July 16).

JUNE

- 3rd—YORK Festival, with performances of medieval music and pageants in the Great Minster, and a Festival Architectural Exhibition (till June 17).
- 3rd—BOURNEMOUTH and WESSEX Festival, including sporting and New Forest events as well as Festival performances in the theatres and concert halls of Bournemouth (till June 17).
- 8th—ALDERSBURY Festival, based on the work of Benjamin Britten and the English Opera Group (till June 17).
- 17th—INVERNESS Festival, the most northerly of the Arts Festivals, presenting a composite picture of Highland life (till June 30).
- 18th—NORWICH Festival, with music in the Cathedral, plays in an Elizabethan-style playhouse, and exhibitions of the famous Norwich school of painting (till June 30).
- 24th—DUMFRIES Festival, with concerts by the Scottish National Orchestra and the newly formed Festival Chorus, ballet, and a Burns night (till June 30).
- 2nd—OSEL TRINHAM Festival of BRITISH CONTEMPORARY MUSIC, with concerts by the Halle Orchestra, ballet, opera and chamber music (till July 14).

AUGUST

- 6th—LLANWYRNOI NATIONAL Festival of Wales, devoted to song, poetry and performances of great choral works (till August 11).
- 19th—DUNDEE International Festival of Music and Drama, one of the outstanding occasions of the artistic world, now held annually in the Scottish capital (till September 8).

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd—WORCESTER THREE CHOIRS Festival presented since the 16th Century by the combined Cathedral choirs of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester (till September 7).
- 16th—WANSLEY Festival of Music staged in the magnificent concert hall and drawing on the long tradition of Welsh choral singing (till September 29).

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