

Groom To Go Back Stretch

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slowed up while the Starter gets the "laggards" to catch up. With trotters, it means that Nos. 1 and 2 are very liable to make breaks, and those who have their money on them are greatly disappointed.

Of course if the rules were carried out by the started, the "hanging-back" would be permitted. In Aubrey Keizer's column, where we got our information re the starting gate, we

also learned that they are building new stables to handle horses moving in from other tracks. As it now stands, there are so many horses around Cape Breton—about 135—that there is not sufficient accommodation.

The pari-mutuels were certainly clicking at the recent harness race meeting at Rockingham Park, New Hampshire. The total "handle" was \$3,377,471.

It seems remarkable that so much money would be wagered in about three weeks, with weather conditions such as they were. Most of the horses that raced there are moving to Foxboro the June 16 opening of the 64-night meeting.

BIG TIME

A horse that will be shooting at a new world's record for money-winning earnings on a harness racing track this season is Lord Stewart, 3, 2, 02, an 11-year-old bay gelding by Darnley, owned by Ralph H. Kroening, Milwaukee, Wis.

At the end of 1957, he had won \$323,117. The all-time record

money earnings for a trotter is \$332,363 held by Prono Don, 1, 59 3-5. Lord Stewart added \$600 last week when he was third in his first start, and no doubt he will add sufficient to his earnings in the remainder of the season to make him the leading money-winning trotter of all time.

Prono Don raced from 1947 to 1955. Third on the list of money-winning trotters is Scott Frost, 1, 58 3-5, that raced in the years 1954 to 1957, inclusive, and won \$310,685. And if a

groom hadn't left a tub in his stall which Scott Frost tramped on with his hind leg and received a damaging injury, he would have broken all existing records and left a record that would have been difficult to shoot at.

PREDICTION

We are looking forward with great interest to seeing the results of the three-year-old stakes which will be raced this year in the United States. Between three and four hundred thousand dollars will be completed for, and we predict that unless injuries occur, that Shadow Wave, that never faced a starter until the early meeting in California this year, will be one of the tops.

Our readers will remember that he took a record of 2.01 over the mile track at Santa Anita, and he has since won three races in the Eastern United States. Shadow Wave is owned by the Camp stable and has been given all his training and driving by our native son, Joe O'Brien.

Harness horsemen throughout the Maritime provinces learned with regret some days ago that the noted driver of years ago, Allie Lewis, of Glace Bay, had passed on. He had attained his 73rd birthday last August, but was in good physical condition and his death was unexpected. He had worked his usual shift as a night watchman on Saturday, became ill on Monday morning, and on Tuesday afternoon died at the General Hospital.

During his career, he had held the position of Chief of Police at Glace Bay and he was also liquor inspector during the

years of the N. S. Temperance Act. But it was his skill as a driver and fitter of race horses that made him known throughout the Maritimes. He drove his first horse at 16, and from then on until he retired some years ago was right in the forefront of the sport. Among the great horses that he drove may be mentioned Lambert Todd, 2.02 1-2 and Lee Brewer, 2.05.

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Hunter's Corner

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nearer the water. I knew from past experience that two or three six foot spruce grew on this spot but not eight or ten. When I investigated the trees looked quite natural until I took a look at one that was close to 3 inches in diameter and gave with a heavy lift. It came out and left a neat hole on the turf. It had been cut and sharpened with an axe. Five or six others were cut like this. I'd say off hand they had been cut about a month. The limbs were green and sappy. I found two other such blights further back in the woods. A neat pile of spruce bows had been cut with a sharp knife and arranged in a mound for a seal. A knife cut were so fresh they had commenced to yellow out. The three blights were perfectly camouflaged with the natural growth and the Japs at Okinawa had nothing on the men who connected these blights. I figured it would take at least half a day to build the blights in question. It seemed as if they had come prepared to stay all day judging from the number of tinfoil pie tins, chocolate bar wrappings and empty bottles lying in the bushes. Pie washed down with beer and rum with chocolate for dessert would make a suitable one for some.

It thinks it was labour lost to me extent for I don't think many geese were bagged. Geese had been used to drag at the four geese ashore at the high side. Methinks the flight is busted up before the blights are built. I was told since, by a farmer, that early in April one night the roar of their honking like him up. He didn't hear the geese but the night was filled with a disturbed crying of geese. It was the permanency of the blights that set me thinking. There was no thought of the builders of having a hit and run shoot and that of being caught never entered into the picture.

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