1958 ** MARITIME HARNESS RACING REVIEW ** 1958

Biggest Racing Season Of All Time Reviewed

With More Horses Racing - Many Thousands More Spectators Than Any Previous Year And More Money Paid Out In Purses. HERE THEY ARE!!

LT.-COL. D. A. MacKINNON, D.S.O., V.D., (Fr. Croix de Guerre)

All records broken for 2.10 miles, more night racing and the largest amount of money in purses of any year since harness racing was introduced to the Maritimes, featured what can truly be called the Maritimes biggest and best racing season.

Nine night racing plants were in operation — Sydney, Truro, Sackville Downs, N.S., Charlottetown and Summerside, P.E.I. and Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton and Woodstock, N.B. They paid out as follows: Sackville Downs, $138,912.50; Saint John (Coldbrook), $105,400.00; Charlottetown, $83,725.00; Sydney, $64,407.47; Truro, $60,449.00; Fredericton, $55,775.00; Moncton (Dieppe), $52,033.00; Summerside, $5,375.00; Woodstock, $4,200.00; Chatham, $3,150.00; St. Stephen, $577.50. In addition races held on the Halifax Commons with $7,774.50 paid out in purses to the owners of horses taking part, making a grand total of $581,878.97.

BIG PURSES

At Chatham, July 1, The Miramichi Stake, purse $1,500.00, was won by Cathy Clegg, owned and driven by W. E. Bowness, Summerside, P. E. I. in 2.11 3-5, a new record for Cathy and a new Stake record.

At Exhibition Park, Saint John, July 1, Major's King, owned by C. F. Durley, St. John, and driven by J. Lang, won the Dr. D. H. MacAllister Memorial Fee For All, purse $2,000. Time. 2.09 3-5, 2.09.

At Saint John, Aug. 27, the $2,000.00 Alexander Memorial Pace was won by Walter Rosecroft 2.06 1-5, owned by R. E. McCoombs, Chatham Head, N. B. and driven by Roy Creamer Time, 2.07 4-5, a new track pacing record.

The Monctonian, purse $3,000, .00, was raced at Moncton Raceway July 15. It drew a crowd of 4,000 people and was a tremendous contest. The winner was Convair 2.01, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, and driven by George Mauger. He won both dashes, time, 2.07 4-5 and 2.07 1-5.

At Fredericton July 24, the Walter Dale Memorial Pace purse was won by Major's King 2.04, owned by C. F. Durley, St. John, and driven by J. Lang. Time. 2.09.

The Donald Turner Memorial Free For All was raced at Truro July 31 with a purse of $2,000.00 It was won by Mighty Glib 2.04 1-5, owned by James E. Given, Halifax, and driven by Harley Harrison. Time, 2.06 3-5, a new track pacing record.

At Sackille Downs on August 23, Dave Grattan 2.05 2-5, owned by L and G. Stables, Halifax, and driven by Doug Walsh, won the Colonel Dan Pace, purse $2,000.00, time, 2.07 1-5.

At Sackville Downs September 20 the Haligonian Stake, open to Maritime born 3-year-old trotters and pacers, was won by Peppy Hal, owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey. The purse was $2,410.00 and the time 2.07 3-5, the fastest time ever made by a 3-year-old Maritime pacer or trotter.

At Charlottetown August 11, the Harry O'Brien Free For All purse $1,600.00, was won by Flagman 2.06 1-5, owned by J. S. Watt, Little River West, Que and driven by Roy Barnett, time 2.09.

At Charlottetoen, August 15, the Col. D. A. MacKinnon Free For All, purse $2,000.00, was won by Walter Rosecroft 2.06 1-5, owned by R. E. McCoombs, Chatham Head, N. B. and drive by Frank Daniels. Time, 2.08 1-5, 2.08 1-5.

TRACK RECORDS

A new track pacing record was made at Saint John on Aug. 27 where Walter Rosecroft 2.06 1-5 lowered the record of 2.08 held by Kahla Byrd 2.05 3-5, to 2.07 4-5. He was driven by Roy Creamer.

At Chatham July 1 Flagman 2.06 1-5, set up a new track pacing record of 2.06 1-5. He was driven by Roy Barnett.

At Sackville Downs August 16, Frenchman paced to a record of 2.06 which is also a new track pacing record and the fastest mile stepped in the Maritimes this season. He is owned and was driven by James E. Given. Halifax. On July 28 at the same oval Runnymeade Beale, driven by H. Mount, set up a new track trotting record of 2.08 4-5.

At Truro a new pacing mark of 2.06 3-5 was made by Mighty Glib on July 31, driven by Harley Harrison.

NEW RECORD

One of the most sensational performances of the year was the winning at Fredericton by the 3-year-old pacer Peppy Hal by N. D. Hal in 2.07 3-5, a new record for Maritime bred pacers, and he also won thhe next dash in 2.10. Several of the get of this sire distinguished themselves not only on Maritime tracks but also on U. S. A. tracks

The 26th. annual Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's stakes were held at Charlottetown on September 1st. Beautiful trophies were given to the winners and the spectators followed the performances of all the classes with the greatest interest.

The star performance of the evening was the winning of the final dash of the 4-year-old trot by Lady Lakeburn in 2.09 1-5, driven by Myron MacArthur. Palacona (H. Willis) was a very close second. Fast time was made in the 3-year-old pace, the final dash of which was won by Izzie Reynard, owned and driven by George Callbeck, time, 2.14 1-5. Another good performance was in the 2-year-old pace which was won by Lady Lou Hal by True Hal, owned and driven by W. A. Roberts, Durham Bridge, N. B. Time, 2.19.

Great credit must be given to secretary W. G. Gillespie for the time and effort he has given to making these colts stakes an annual success.

2.10 OR BETTER

A sensational number of miles in 2.10 or better were trotted or paced on Maritime tracks this year, the actual number being 161 — forty-three more than in 1957. Here is a comparison for the past ten years: In 1948 there were 42; 1949—57; 1950—60; 1951—48; 1952—38; 1953—54; 1954—24; 1955—71; 1956—107; 1957—118.

Walter Rosecroft 2.06 1-5, owned by R. E. McCoombee, Chatham Head, N. B., was the top fast stepper of the year with 15 to his credit. He was driven in 10 of them by Roy Creamer, in 4 by F. Daniels and in one by T. Etter.

Convair 2.01 is second with 13. He is owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, and was driven by George Mauger.

Tied for third place with seven is Dave Grattan 2.05 2-5, owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax, and Flagman 2.06 1-5, owned by J. S. Watt, Little River West, Que. Dave Grattan was driven in four of his fast miles by L. Walker and in three by D. Walsh. Flagman was driven in four of his by J. Goguen and in three by Roy Barnett.

With six each are Abbeland 2.08 2-5, owned by J. S. Watt, Little River West, Que. and driven in three each by R. Barnett and J. Goguen; Jolley Lad 2.08 2-5, owned by Mrs. Keith Thomas, Halifax, and driven by E. Smith; Top Royal 2.07 4-5 owned and driven by T. C. Collette, Newcastle.

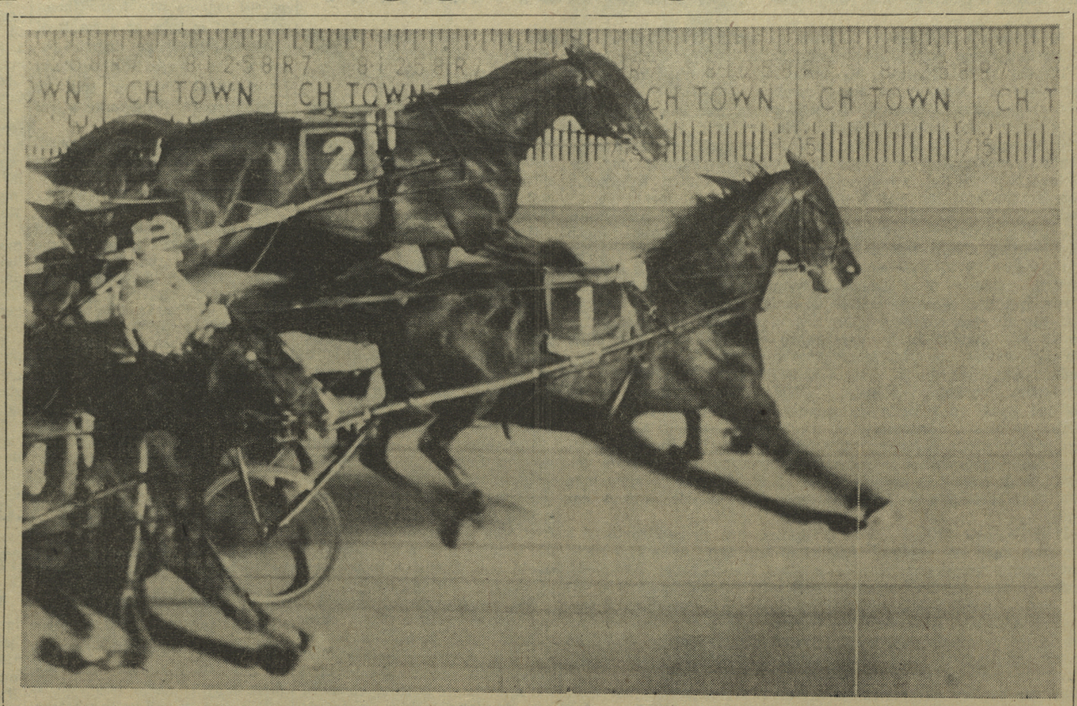
With five each, Dark Yankee 2.09 1-5, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney and driven by George Mauger; Frenchman 2.06, owned and driven by J.E. Given, Halifax; Peppy Hal 3, 2.07 3-5, owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey; Slicker Tass 2.06 2-5, owned by B. L MacDonald, Lincoln, N.B. and driven in three by L. Walker and in two by D. Ratchford.

With four each, Ann's Dream 2.06 4-5, owned by Willard MacDonald, Summerside and driven by George Callbeck; Darn Good Pick 2.02, owned by Dr. G. C Bishop, Lexington, Ky. and driven by Ellwood Shaw; Hal's Mac 2.08, owned by Valley Stables Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam; Hal's Man 2.08, owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam; Jet Master 2.07 2-5, owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax and driven by L. Walker; Major's King 2.04, owned by C. F. Durley, Saint John and driven by J. Lang; Mighty Glib 2.04 1-5, owned by J. E. Given, Halifax, and driven by Harley Harrison; Pegaway 2.07, owned and driven by E. C. Haley, Antigonish; Robertdale 2.06 3-5, owned by F. T Stanfield. Truro and driven by C. MacLeod.

With three each, Josedale Clansman 2.07 1-5, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth; Newport Chief 1.59 3-5 owned by Est. B. C. Cruikshank and driven in two by D. Walsh and in one by J. MacMillan.

With two each, H. Volo 2.08, owned by H. W. S. Allingham, Gagetown, and driven by E. Lindon and F. Johnson; Mighty Special 2.04 4-5, owned by Dibbon and Maquin, Halifax and Montreal, and driven by Harley Harrison; Mr. Miller Abbe 2.08, owned by L. Scrimgeour, Newcastle, and driven by E. Lindon; Raven Abbe 2.07, owned by H. R. Bevan, Charlottetown, and driven by D. Constable and J. MacGregor; Super Hal 2.01 2-5, owned by Robinson and Abramson, Moncton, and driven by H. Cormier and J. Kinney; Vici Hi Le 2.08 2-5, owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey; War Cry Ranger 2.08, owned by F. L. Breau, Moncton, and driven by J. Arsenault; Wing Commander 2.04 3-5, owned by R. Jabalee, No. Sydney and driven by P. Pinkney.

With one each, Bob Lee Boy 3, 2.08, owned and driven by Jud H. DeWitt, Houlton, Me.; Bruce's Sister 2.09, owned by L. McKinney, Gagetown, N.B. and driven by T. Devlin; Bucky Hal 2.08 4-5, owned by C. M. Dickison, Debec, N.B. and driven by C. M. Dickison; Congressional Boy 2.03 2-5, owned by Langille and Smith, Union Mills, N.B. and driven by A. Langille; Danville Delegate 2.09, owned by MacRae and Myers, Dartmouth, and driven by G. Mauger; Direct Mite 2.06 3-5, owned by C. H. Letcher, Springhill and driven by E. Moreside; Dixie K. 2.08, owned by Wilson and Nicholson, Saint John, and driven by L. Collins; Dominion's Pride 2.07 3-5, owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N.B. and driven by H. DeWitt; Farscud 2.07 1-5, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth; Fred Scott 2.00 2-5, owned and driven by J. E. Given, Halifax; Impact 2.05, owned by Mrs. E. Mustacalis, Truro, and driven by D. Pinkney; Jollity's King 2.09 1-5, owned by A. J. Arseneau, River Hebert, N.S. and driven by J. Goguen; Lady Lakeburn 2.08 3-5, owned by Mopco Stables, P.E.I. and driven by M. MacArthur; L. G. Hal 2.09 4-5, owned and driven by E. C. Haley, Antigonish; Lorna J. 2.10, owned and driven by F. G. Daniels, Truro; Newport Dean 1.59 2-5, owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax, and driven by L. Walker; Our Con 2.04 2-5, owned by Est. B. C. Cruikshank and driven by J. MacMillan; Paramount Hal 2.09 4-5, owned by W. D. Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by G. Inman; Rainbow Clegg 2.08 3-5, owned by W. E. Peers, Pugwash, and driven by K. Pinkney; Runnymede Beale 2.08 4-5, owned by J. S. Savage, Fredericton, and driven by H. Mount; Scotch Feather 2.08, owned by L. D. Scrimgeour, Newcastle, and driven by E. Lindon; Sir Joseph 1.58 4-5, owned by H. R. Bevan, Charlottetown, and driven by H. Willis; St. Regis 2.07 1-5, owned and driven by Allison Langille, Union Mills.



FRANCES GALLON, 2.12:3, owned and driven by D. MacDonald, Sydney. Fastest new performer trotting Charlottetown, August 12—2.12:3.

WHERE 2.10 MILES

Sackville Downs had a record number of 2.10 or better miles — 67 — which is a truly remarkable showing. In second place is Moncton with 28, followed by Fredericton with 26. Truro had 15, Charlottetown 13, Woodstock 5, Saint John 3, and Chatham and Sydney two each.

George Mauger with 19, is the leading driver of the fast miles, L. Walker second with 12, R. Creamer third with 10, J. Goguen and C. Killam tied with 8 each, A. Harvey 7. With six each are R. Barnett, T. C. Collette, J. E. Given, H. Harrison and E. Smith. With five each, F. Daniels, E. C. Haley and D. Walsh. With four, George Callbeck, J. Lang, E. Lindon, C. MacLeod, E. Shaw and G. Turner. With two, J. Arsenault, Jud DeWitt, A. Langille, J. MacMillan, P. Pinkney and D. Ratchford, and with one, L. Collins, D. Constable, H. Cormier, T. Devlin, C. Dickeson, T. Etter, G. Inman, F. Johnson, J. Kinney, M. MacArthur, J. MacGregor, E. Moreside, H. Mount, D. Pinkney, K. Pinkney and H. Willis.

FASTEST PERFORMERS ON

Maritime Tracks Season 1958.

Fastest Pacing Stallion, Frenchman 2.06, by Nibble Hanover. Owned and driven by James E. Given, Halifax, N.S. Aug. 16, Sackville Downs — 2.06.

Fastest Trotting Stallion — Ronald Hanover 2.11, by Nibble Hanover. Owned by Richard Jabalee, North Sydney and driven by H. Jabalee, July 17, Truro — 2.12.

Fastest Pacing Gelding — Dave Grattan 2.05 2-5, by Congressional. Owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax and driven by L. Walker. Aug. 16, Sackville Downs-2.07.

Fastest Trotting Gelding — Runnymede Beale 2.08 4-5, by Realistic. Owned by J. S. Savage, Fredericton and driven by H. Mount. July 28, Sackville Downs — 2.08 4-5.

Fastest Pacing Mare — Hal's Mae 2.08, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam. July 24, Fredericton — 2.08. Scotch Feather 2.08, by Scottish Pence. Owned by L. D. Scrimgeour, Newcastle and driven by E. Lindon. Aug. 4, Fredericton —2.08.

Fastest Trotting Mare — Dark Yankee 3, 2.09 1-5, by Yankee Hanover. Owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney and driven by G. Mauger. Aug. 13, Sackville Downs — 2.09 1-5. Lady Lakeburn 2.08 3-5 by Lakeburn. Owned by Dr. J. T. Akins, Fredericton and driven by Myron MacArthur. Sept. 1, Charlottetown — 2.09 1-5.

Fastest New Performer Pacing — Peppy Hal 3, 2.07 3-5, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey, Sept. 1, Fredericton — 2.07 3-5.

Fastest New Performer Trotting — Frances Gallon 3, 2.12 3-5, by Bill Gallon. Owned and driven by D. MacDonald, Sydney. Aug. 12, Charlottetown — 2.12 3-5.

FASTEST MARITIME BRED PERFORMERS

Fastest M. B. Pacing Stallion — Jollity's King 2.09 1-5, by Jollity. Owned by A. J. Arseneau, River Hebert, N.S. and driven by J. Goguen. July 30, Moncton — 2.09 1-5.

Fastest M. B. Trotting Stallion — Baby Train 2.13 1-5, by Fast Train. Owned by C. C. Pratt, St. Peters, P. E. I. and driven by J. Arsenault. July 1, Summerside — 2.13 1-5.

Fastest M. B. Pacing Gelding — Peppy Hal 3, 2.07 3-5, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey. Sept. 1, Fredericton — 2.07 3-5.

Fastest M. B. Trotting Gelding — Big Boy 2.12 1-5, by Pagliacci. Owned by D. M. MacAulay, Pugwash, N.S. and driven by H. Walsh. July 21, Sackville Downs — 2.12 1-5.

Fastest M. B. Pacing Mare — Hal's Mae 2.08, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam. July 24, Fredericton — 2.08.

Fastest M. B. Trotting Mare — Lady Lakeburn 2.08 3-5, by Lakeburn. Owned by Mapco Stables, Summerside, P. E. I. and driven by M. MacArthur, Sept. 1, Charlottetown — 2.09 1-5.

Fastest M. B. 4-Year - Old Pacer — Hal's Man 4, 2.08 by N. D. Hal. Owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N. B. and driven by C. Killam. July 31, Woodstock — 2.08. Hal's Mae 4, 2.08, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Valley Stables, Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam. July 24, Fredericton — 2.08.

Fastest M. B. 4-Year-Old Trotter — Lady Lakeburn 2.08 3-5, by Lakeburn. Owned by Dr. J. T. Akins, Fredericton and driven by M. MacArthur. Spet. 1, Charlottetown — 2.09 1-5.

Fastest M. B. 3-Year-Old Pacer — Peppy Hal 2.07 3-5, by N. D. Hal. Owned by Walter Davis, Houlton, Me. and driven by A. Harvey. Sept. 1, Fredericton — 2.07 3-5.

Fastest M. B. 3-Year-Old Trotter — Mary Leah 2.29 2-5, by Dean Gallon. Owned by Leigh O'Brien, Alberton and driven by H. Willis. Sept. 1, Charlottetown — 2.29 2-5.

Fastest M. B. 2-Year-Old Pacer — Lady Lou Hal 2.18, by True Hal. Owned by W. A. Robert, Durham Bridge, N.B. and driven by S. Campbell. Sept. 1, Charlottetown — 2.18.

Fastest M. B. 2-Year-Old Trotter — Miss Honey Fingo 2.38 1-5, by Watchim. Owned by Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Durham Bridge, N. B. and driven by S. Campbell. Sept. 1, Charlottetown — 2.38 1-5.

Fastest Miles

Fastest Mile Paced — Frenchman 2.06. Owned by James E. Given, Halifax, and driven by Mr. Given. Aug. 16, Sackville Downs — 2.06.

Fastest Mile Trotted — Runnymede Beale 2.08 4-5. Owned by J. S. Savage, Fredericton and driven by H. Mount. July 28, Sackville Downs — 2.08 4-5.

318 RACE PROGRAMS

There were more race programs in the Maritimes this year than any previous year, 318 programs with 2,561 dashes. Nova Scotia had the greatest amount — 153 events with 1,204 dashes, made up as follows: Sackville Downs 65 events with 511 dashes; Sydney 51 events with 399 dashes; Truro 36 events, 283 dashes and New Waterford 1 with six dashes.

In New Brunswick Saint John held 45 race programs with 371 dashes, Moncton 38 events with 310 dashes, Fredericton 31 events with 248 dashes, Woodstock four with 32 dashes, Chatham one with 12 dashes and St. Stephen one with 8 dashes, for a total 120 programs and 981 dashes.

In Prince Edward Island races were held at Charlottetown and Summerside, the former presenting 42 programs with 331 dashes and the latter three programs with 25 dashes.

Matinee races were held at various tracks and on the three-eights of a mile track at Halifax. These races were enjoyed

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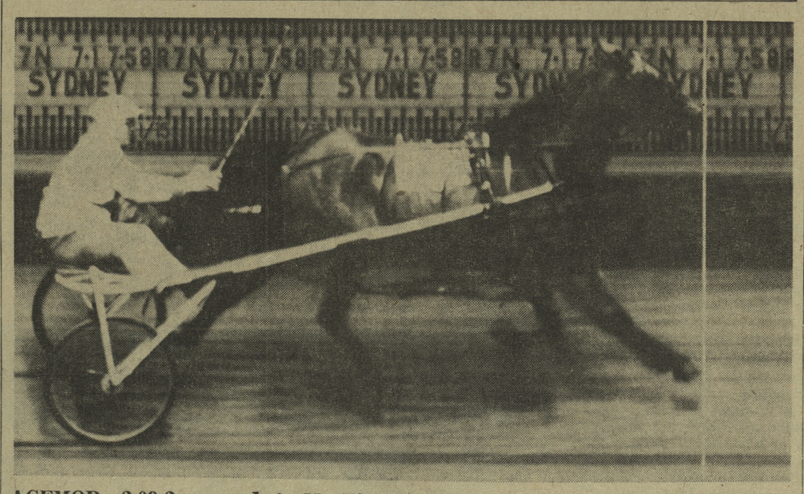

ACEMOR, 2.09:2, owned by Dr. J. A. Roach and D. A. MacKinnon, New Waterford, N.S. and driven by M. Chiasson. Winner of the most dashes—21.

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and may the 1959 Maritime Racing Season be the finest ever!

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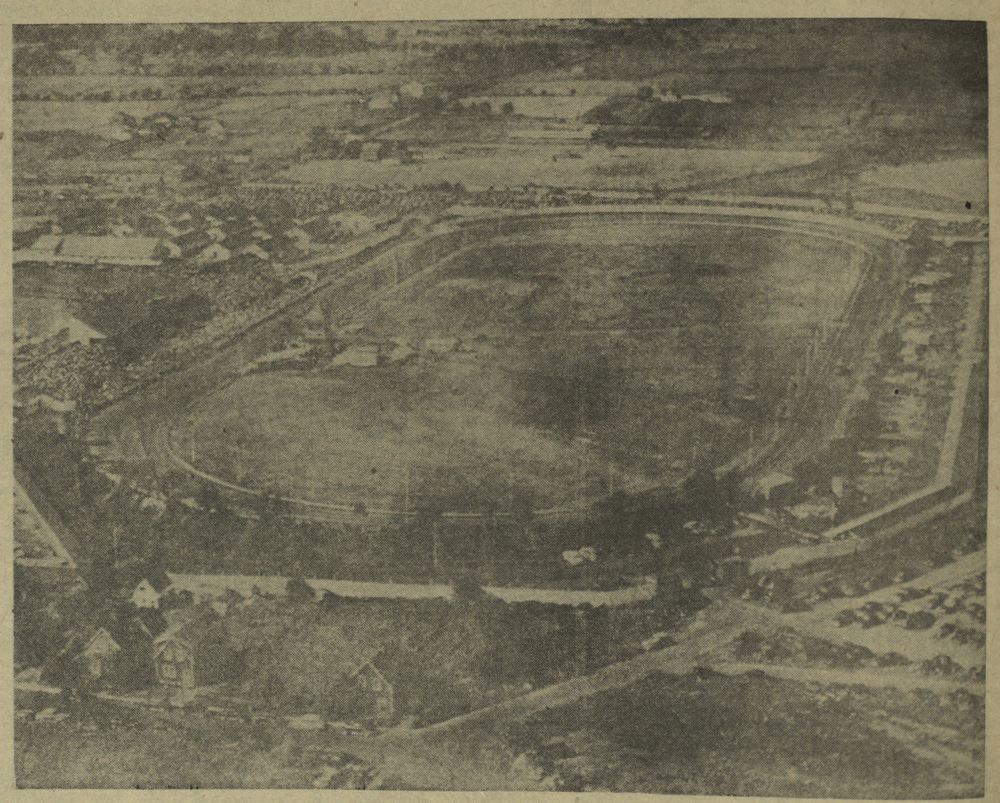

Season's Greetings To One and All

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