

Back Stretch

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body asked what horse? I said "Walt N'See". This race brought a picture to my mind to what I believe is the best and most honest sportsman we have in the east—Willard Kelly. I remember watching a race he drove in Summer-side. Willard won the first heat with Walt N'See and the next time lowered his record. I asked him if he sold Walt N'See and he said "Yes, I think I sold him too quick". Well, it was a pleasure to read about Walt N'See's last race and many will regret that the age rule will put him out of competition in the future."

Lloyd's enclosure was the summary of the B B Pace at Dufferin Park. Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 2nd. Here it is:—Dale Mc I Win (Walter) 4-1, Moneymaker (Gilmour) 2-1, Prim Peter (Pelletier) 2-2, Tim Worthy (Morse) 3-3, Skeety Hal (Day) 5-5, Eleanor Henley

(MacDonald) 7-6, Bradford's Peter (Quinn) 6-7, Lucy B. Grattan (Leboeu) 8-8. Time, first heat 1 1/16 mile, 2:16 4/5, second heat, 1 1/16 miles, 2:25 2/5. Money Maker 2:07 4/5 is 12 years old and was bred by Harry O'Brien, Alberton, and was raced by Joe O'Brien for several years for the New Glasgow Driving Club, Joe giving him a record of 2:08. His sire is Singing Sam 2:10 by Sampson Hal 2:02 1/2. He is certainly a tough one, racing all year for several seasons and always getting his share of the money.

Our faithful friend Louis Najac, 64 Pinehurst Ave., Providence, R. I., harness horse editor of the Providence Evening Bulletin, writes that the boys up there have put the sulkes in the lot and are taking it easy until spring, though logging their horses regularly. Louis is recovering after being in hospital for a long spell and his friends throughout the Maritimes will be glad to know that he is getting ready for Christmas with as much enthusiasm as ever. He

said that Santa is said to be fatter than ever and will have difficulty in getting down some of the chimneys. Christmas trees are coming in by truckloads from Nova Scotia and other eastern localities, with prices up.

In his column Harness Gossip is the following:—Pat Downey of Worcester, owner of the late world's champion pacer "Billy Direct" 1:56, recently purchased Springfield Chief, the four-year-old Peter Song trotting gelding at the Harrisburg sale. It is doubtful if any present day trainer of harness horses has anything on Phil Dussault, who campaigned until closing at Yonkers Raceway, when it comes to travelling during a campaign. After the regular week of racing at the New York track he goes to Three Rivers in Canada to race Saturday and Sunday evenings. In between he travels to Montreal to race Sunday afternoons at Richelieu Park.

William R. "Billy" Haughton, ex-farm hand from Fultonville, N.Y., is the nation's leading money winning harness horse driver for 1952. At 29 he becomes the youngest reinsman ever to win the title. According to official U. S. T. A. records Haughton earned \$311,728 this year, a figure topped only once in the history of the sport—by Johnny Simpson, who collected \$333,136 last season. Simpson, who took over the Hanover Shoe Farms Stable, Hanover, Pa., this season, driving for them exclusively, finished tenth with \$185,148. Jimmie Jordan, Westbury, N.Y., who handled a section of the famous Del Miller string which raced mostly at Roosevelt and Yonkers, wound up second with \$259,839. In third place is a Canadian, Clint Hodgins, Glandorve, Ont., with \$228,340. Fourth is Frank Erwin, Sealdala, Ma., driver of the famous Good Time, with \$227,646, and in fifth place is Prince Edward Island's Joe O'Brien, now in Del Mar, California, with \$224,260.

Del Miller, Meadowlands, Pa., with his section of the stable won \$191,155. Haughton started driving at the age of sixteen and burst into prominence at Saratoga, N.Y. Raceway in 1947 and has been making the headlines ever since. Last year he finished second to Simpson in the dollar column with \$220,816. In the early '40's he worked on a farm during the day and raced at Saratoga in the evening. This season he drove almost exclusively at Roosevelt, and Yonkers. His large public stable was on the go from April to the middle of November. At New York's richest harness horse stake, the \$50,000 Roosevelt Two Mile Trot, he was selected by Dunbar W. Bostwick, to drive Chris Spencer and he won with him. Chris is the horse whose principal preparation was swimming during spring and summer months and it cured him of lameness and he won two \$50,000 stakes with Haughton in the driver's seat. Haughton also won a heat in the Little Brown Jug \$50,000 pace with the three-year-old Wilmington Star. The biggest money winning stable that has ever been known in the history of harness horse racing was that of Del Miller, which won \$547,000 this season. Miller himself won \$191,155, Jimmie Jordan, his first trainer, \$259,839, and Jimmie Arthur his second trainer, \$68,502.

In the sport page of the Sydney Post-Record is a splendid photo of Syl Phalen's new pacer Futuramic 2:08 3/5, bought at the recent Harrisburg sale. The four-year-old pacing gelding was third as a three-year-old in 2:04 3/5 and has trotted in 2:20 with pacing shoes. We imagine, however, that he will be campaigned as a pacer next season.

Now we welcome to our column Carl MacKenzie, Race Secretary of Truro Raceway, with the latest news from that province and also the entries in the \$5,000 Jolilly Three Year Old and Pace foals of 1952. It is a splendid list, fully representative of the Maritimes and its future course will be followed with the greatest interest by Maritime horsemen. Here they are!!! (Sire of foal and owner): Calumet Budlong—C. F. McKay, Northam, P. E. I. Widow's Pride—Frank Kennedy, Truro, N. S. Jolilly—Mrs. G. E. Woodside, Fredericton, N. B. Argot Pointer—H. B. Willis, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Basil Hanover—Dr. W. J. Lamond, Sydney Mines, N. S. Abner T. Clegg—C. L. Dauphine, Halifax, N. S. Abner T. Clegg—C. L. Dauphine, Halifax, N. S. Jolilly—Grattan McHugh, Tignish, P. E. I. Pagliacci—Archie Ferguson, Bunsbury, P. E. I. Renown—Ed Birtch, Smith Falls, Ont. Fast Train—V. H. Irving, Shediac, N. B. Fast Train—V. H. Irving, Shediac, N. B. Simcoe Harvester—Jack Annear, Montague, P. E. I. Federal—Stewart Inor, Truro, N. S. Pagliacci—George A. Callbeck, Summerside, P. E. I. Jolilly—Linus Mulligan, Kinkora, P. E. I. Jolilly—Dr. J. A. Delaney, Sum-

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trapped since the season was declared open but no one trapper is making any great haul. I talked to a trapper the other morning who has several colonies of beaver on his property. He is quite experienced in the trapping game but to date his catch is limited to four. He confided to me that once one took a beaver or two from a colony it was hard going to catch any more.

He told me that particular morning he attended two traps at day-break that he fully expected to hold a pair of beaver. They had been set under water in runs used by the animals regularly every night. When he looked at his traps he found them buried under a foot of mud and twigs. . . and neither had been sprung. He commented ruefully: "They're pretty dumb at the start but learn fast". That's something I found out years ago. A beaver is not dumb at any time. . . just trusting. Once he discovers that trust doesn't pay, he can be as cute as any fox.

So far as I can learn there is a distinct possibility that beaver inhabited this province at some period in the far distant past but not within the memory of our oldest living inhabitants. The late Peter Horton, Mount Albion, who was a firm believer in the use of dried peat for fuel purposes, found sections of trees buried deep in peat bogs that had been cut down by some animal. Teeth marks were plainly discernable and an attempt was made to preserve several specimens but the wood disintegrated quickly once exposed to the air.

Beaver were first introduced into this Province in 1909 or 1910. I am not positive as to the exact year but anyway during the period in question the Ontario government found it necessary to live trap beaver on the Algonquin National Park and transplant them to other sections as they had over-populated the park.

My father, the late Robert Jenkins, Mount Albion, purchased a pair from the Ontario government for release on his property at Mount Albion. Unfortunately the pair escaped from their cage while en route across the strait on the Empress of Summerville. The female

Mersey, P. E. I. Argot Pointer—Mrs. R. B. Stevenson, Parkdale, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—Reid Stevenson, Hunter River, P. E. I. Jolilly—G. E. Crozier, Hamilton, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—Arnold Weeks, Fredericton, P. E. I. Playdale—Vernon MacRae, Milton, P. E. I. Jolilly—Earle Keeffe, Kinkora, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—Murdoch Nicholson, New Westliffe, P. E. I. Jolilly—W. Fred Taylor, Kensington, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—Myron MacArthur, Kensington, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—W. D. Proffitt, Kensington, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—F. H. Callbeck, Summerside, P. E. I. Spencer Grattan—Mrs. L. Pettigrew, Sydney, N. S. Calumet Budlong—R. D. McFadyen, Hunter River, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—James W. O'Brien, Elmsdale, P. E. I. Jolilly—Keith Boswell, Victoria, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—Gordon Rodd, Milton, P. E. I. Basil Hanover—Gordon Rodd, Milton, P. E. I. Federal—J. E. Given, Halifax, N. S. Abner T. Clegg—George Sobey, Summerside, P. E. I. Abner T. Clegg—C. E. Sobey, Summerside, P. E. I. Jolilly—Roy Murphy, McNeill's Mills, P. E. I. Simcoe Harvester—Orville Morrissey, East Royalty, P. E. I. Calumet Budlong—James Power, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Peter Piper—Bevan B. Poley, Tide Head, N. B. Jolilly—E. W. Turner, O'Leary, P. E. I. Real Money—Bert Steele, Truro, N. S. Pepper—E. C. Haley, Antigonish, N. S. Alpha Hal—E. C. Haley, Antigonish, N. S. Jolilly—Albert Arseneau, River Hebert, N. S. Jolilly—Colin W. MacKenzie, Truro, N. S. Argot Pointer—H. P. Cudmore, Brackley, P. E. I. Jolilly—Harry Poulton, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Peter Piper—J. C. Underhill, Campbellton, N. B.

Carl writes:—"John Jewell, who attended the Harrisburg sale, purchased for himself the five-year-old Cardinal Prince gelding Cardinal's Echo 2:10 4/5, and he also brought back for Harry Breen a yearling by Watchin, dam, Semper Fidelis, and a brood mare in foal and a weanling for Bill Stewart of New Glasgow which I understand were purchased from C. T. Black. Dr. Johnson of nearby Great Village purchased at a sale in Ohio a yearling filly by Paul McPherson, dam by Scotland, and parties that have seen her say she is a well made filly. Karl McCully of Truro has purchased from parties in Moncton the bay gelding Nelson Budlong by Calumet Budlong, dam, Charlotte B., and Jerry Nelson, a teammate of Bert Steele's on the local hockey team, has purchased in Montague Money's Worth, a three-year-old by Real Money. Colin MacKenzie, whose three-year-old by Jolilly, Lahey's Dream 2:15 3/5 showed up so well this past summer, spent a weekend on the Island recently and came back with a six months old filly by Jolilly, dam by Simcoe Harvester. M. B. MacDonald of Pictou (owner of Iris Abbe), bought All Federal by Iris Abbe, he will be two next year and he is in Balbo Gould's stable at the local track, and finally, Donald Turner of Dartmouth is now the owner of Tonymitz 2:13 8/5, record taken in 1952. The many friends of Fred Lahey of Dartmouth, will be glad to know that he is progressing very favorably and back in his harness again and attending to his business every day now. I guess that's all the horse dope around here and I hope you are in the best of health."...Thanks, Carl, for all the news.

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