

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We were delighted to have a letter from H. E. Hatch, President of the Canadian Trotting Association (Toronto, Ont. Mr. Hatch has been one of Canada's prominent breeders for many years and is the owner of the last surviving son of Peter the Great — Peter McKillop 7, 22 1/2, sire of 18 trotters and 21 pacers, also the sire of the dams of many good ones. We quote from Mr. Hatch's letter: "I have not kept you very well informed of my operations for the past year or two. In explanation I may say the government came along and surveyed the farm and they were going to take it for some military purposes and as you are aware, farming is a long range proposition. If you cannot plan ahead you cannot do very well. As cattle prices were extremely high I disposed of my cattle but kept my horses to see what would happen in regard to night racing in our province. Actually nothing has happened and help is scarce. I have eight three-year-olds, three two-year-olds and five yearlings, all unbroken other than halter broken. I have 13 brood mares, two suds, Willard by Spencer and Glen Hanover by Spencer Scott, and of course the old horse Peter McKillop, also three in training. Peter McKillop was born in 1921 and is therefore 32 years of age. It looks as though he is out to equal or break Kalmuck's record which was established here a few years ago when he died in his 33rd year and that season five foals sired by him were born.

We are glad to welcome to this column Arthur Kendall of 12 Minto Street, Glace Bay, N.S. "Just a few lines to thank you for the New Year's Guardian with the season's racing reviewed. It seems to be getting better every year. At present I have Maxine Duds by Calumet Duds 2:09 on the trot, and a three-year-old fully by Basil Hanover 2:04 1/2, out of my favorite old mare Molly Dale by Playdate 2:04 1/2. This one trots fairly well and may turn out good. I also have an eight-year-old chestnut gelding which belongs to a friend of mine and this horse looks as though he will trot a lot." Thanks, Art, for your letter and we hope your expectations will be more than made good this season.

One of the nicest calendars we have received this season is from George S. Turner, Westphal, N.S. It is a photo finish with "The Three Peppers" placing first, second and third — Buzaway first, Brian Grahan second and Pepper Boy third. They were respectively three, three and four years of age. The two former are pacers and Pepper Boy is a trotter that has a record of 2:22 as a four-year-old and Buzaway a record of 2:17 as a three-year-old. They are sired by Pepper 70658, a brown horse by Volomite 3, 2:03 1/2, dam, Cateful Spirit by San Francisco 2:07 1/2. Pepper was bred at Wainwright Farm, Donnell, Kentucky, and is owned by George Turner. The photograph is one of the clearest we have ever seen and was taken at Truro Raceway the 6th of September, 1952.

The Horseman and Fair World, Indianapolis, Indiana, publishes annually in its Christmas number a compilation of Standard record performers, crediting them to their respective sires. Of course it is not always complete because all information cannot be obtained that early. We notice Abner T. Clegg 3, 2:04 1/2, is shown as the sire of 16 pacers with Clara Clegg 2:15, Mr. McGee 4, 2:10 as new

performers, and Abner Britton with record reduced from 2:11 1/2 to 2:10, Mr. McGee was developed and sold by J. Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, to parties in the United States, and Abner Britton by George A. Cailbeck, Summerside, who sold him to Arthur B. McGee, Houlton, Maine.

Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2 is shown as the sire of 9 trotters and 54 pacers with new performers Judy Budlong 2:14, Marion Budlong 2:13 1/2, Mary S. Budlong 4, 2:10 1/2 and Kay Budlong with record reduced from 2:13 1/2 to 2:11. Calumet Duds 2:09 1/2 is shown as the sire of the trotter Westphal Girl 2:12 1/2, Fast Train 3, 2:05 has a new performer in Little Train 2:14 1/2. Great Doon 2:11 is the sire of Buddy Watts 2:15 and Abby Agile 2:13. Jollity 2:05 1/2 is the sire of Jollity Girl 3, 2:07 1/2; Kalmuck 2:15 1/2, the sire of 14 trotters and 12 pacers, has Old Orchard reducing his record from 2:12 1/2 to 2:10 1/2. Playdate 4, 2:04 1/2, is shown with the trotter Playalong 2:09 1/2. Watchim 2:06 has Watchim's Angel 3, 2:15, a trotter; Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/2, has Joey Harvester reducing his record from 2:13 to 2:09 1/2, and Doctor J. A. from 2:12 1/2 to 2:09 1/2.

Johnny Campbell, the man who set up the track pacing record at Covehead of 2:06 1/2 with Chuck Worthy 2:02 1/2, in 1946 and paced other good performers in the Maritimes, is at present racing a part of the Del McTavish stable at Dufferin Park, Toronto. Many Maritimers will remember Johnny's stay with us some years ago. We all liked him and were sorry when he left for other parts. Angie Allen, who acted as assistant trainer for Del McTavish two years ago, has given up harness horse racing and training and has good positions with a construction concern in Toronto, but we understand whenever he has a holiday he can be seen watching the races at Dufferin.

Edward P. Jones, well known horseman of Oswego, N.Y., was found dead in his tack room at Dufferin Park, Toronto, January 7. He had been racing horses for upwards of thirty years and was a capable driver and conditioner. Jackie Quinn was employed with him one or more seasons and has a high regard for his ability. With others we regret his passing.

A very important harness horse sale was completed this week when the pacer Doctor J. A. 2:09 1/2 was sold by Dr. J. A. Donahoe of Truro, N.S. to Mr. Franklin of New York, a patron of the Del McTavish stable, Sherbrooke, Que. Del had been angling for Doctor J. A. for some time and flew down to Halifax and was met there by the Doctor and taken to Truro where he looked over the handsome son of Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/2, and the sale was concluded. The price is one of the highest ever paid for a harness horse in the Maritimes. Doctor J. A. is absolutely sound, with the very best of legs and has never been hurt in any way and with his breeding is expected to take a fast record. Let us see what makes him click.

His sire is Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/2 and Simcoe Harvester was one of the greatest race pacers ever developed in Canada. In 1938 he was at his peak and on September 5th he won the 2:12 class at the Quebec City track in 2:08 1/2, 2:10. Two afternoons later

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IN THIS CORNER

The summers spent working mine claims by the hockey playing Marshall Brothers of Kirkland Lake paid off in a big way recently when the Marshalls sold their shares of an iron ore mine for a total of \$275,000. Connie Bonhomme, who is a very close friend of ex-Islander Willie Marshall, stated last night that Willie spent most of last summer working on the claim with his father. Willie did not invest much money in the mine and as a result received the smallest share of the profits, \$12,000.

However Willie's older brothers Leonard and Ray spent considerable time and money in aiding their father work the claim. Connie estimated that Ray alone put more than \$1,000 into the venture. The gamble paid off handsomely for he will collect \$30,000. Bonhomme believes that Ray has quit playing hockey in Newfoundland, and has returned to his home in Kirkland Lake. From now on he won't have to worry much about playing hockey for money.

According to Bonhomme the Marshall boys' father knew that he had a good find for quite some time. The discovery was made in easily accessible. The Marshalls used to load up with eating and sleeping supplies and spend several days at a stretch working around their claim. Old-man Marshall is a miner by trade and a prospector by hobby. This is one time that a hobby really paid off.

Ex-Islander Jimmy MacKenzie may have suffered a fractured cheek bone in the game against Halifax Atlantics on Thursday night. Jimmy was hit on the cheek with a flying puck in practically the same spot he was struck when he suffered a similar injury earlier in the season. Last night MacKenzie's face was slightly swollen and his left eye was blackened. He had X-rays taken of the injury yesterday and if he is suffering from a fracture he may be out for quite some time.

Young Chuck Holdaway of the Islanders will undergo an operation for the removal of a diseased tonsil in a little over a week's time. Chuck plans to enter hospital on February first for the operation. The tonsil has been bothering Holdaway for several weeks. At first it affected his stomach and recently it has been making it difficult for the young hockey player to eat.

Murph Chamberlain was officially back in action as coach last night for the first game since his six game suspension commenced over a week ago. Chamberlain will serve the last game of the suspension tonight when his Islanders play the Halifax Atlantics in Halifax. A win tonight for the hard driving Islanders will cut the Halifax lead to seven points. The Islanders have now won 21 out of 44 possible in their last 14 games. In baseball they would be travelling at a 750 clip which is a very neat pace.

Defenceman Orvall Lavell of the Charlottetown Islanders has been recalled by the Providence Reds of the American Hockey League. It was announced last night by coach Murph Chamberlain. Lavell will leave this morning by car.

The 23-year-old Lavell joined the Islanders more than a month ago but has seen only limited service with the club due to illness. He has been on the sick list several times with influenza.

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Rinks from Ladies Curling Clubs at Moncton came to Charlottetown by special flight of a Maritime Central Airways plane—piloted by Capt. H. S. Jones—yesterday for matches with Charlottetown Clubs. Pictured above are members of the Beaver Curling Club (ladies branch) of Moncton. Front row left to right: Mrs. R. D. Mitton, Mrs. D. R. MacPherson, Mrs. R. S. Dickie, Mrs. F. M. Dayton. Back row: Miss Bernice Steeves, Miss Lois Little, Mrs. W. R. MacNeill, President of the Charlottetown Ladies Curling Club, Mrs. C. Harrison, Mrs. W. R. Colpitts.



Moncton Ladies Curling Association—Front row left to right: Mrs. C. R. Baxter, President of Moncton Ladies Curling Association; Mrs. V. P. Doucette, Mrs. P. C. Colpitts. Back row: Mrs. Ray Wetmore, Mrs. Omer Steeves, Mr. J. E. Burden, President of the Charlottetown Curling Club, Mrs. Cecil Reid, Mrs. R. H. Cox, Mrs. Elmer Milton.

Moncton Lady Curlers Take Top Honors Here

Lady curlers from Moncton took top honors in a points competition yesterday with lady members of the Charlottetown Curling Club. Four rinks, two from the Beaver Curling Club and two from the Moncton Curling Association made up the visiting rinks.

A Beaver rink skipped by K. Colpitts won the competition amassing 154 points. Runner-up was a rink from the Moncton Curling Association skipped by R. Wetmore with 118 points. Third place went to a Charlottetown foursome skipped by Doris MacDonald who scored 102 points.

Personnel of the rinks which took part follows:
Beaver Club, L. Dayton, first, H. Harrison, second, B. Steeves, third, K. Colpitts, skip.
MCA, O. Steeves, first, P. Doucette, second, C. Baxter, third, R. Wetmore, skip.
Charlottetown, K. Mustard, first, L. Pickard, second, B. Howatt, third, D. MacDonald, skip.
Beaver Club, L. Little, first, H. MacPherson, second, M. Dickie, third, H. Mitton, skip.
Charlottetown, E. Bell, first, A. Mahar, second, P. Burden, third, A. Hoyt, skip.
MCA, C. Reid, first, E. Milton, second, R. Cox, third, P. Colpitts, skip.
Charlottetown, Y. Wilson, first, H. MacKenzie, second, G. Campbell, third, R. Hill, skip.
Charlottetown, D. Stewart, first, J. Giddings, second, M. Allan, third, M. MacNeill, skip.

Ken Watson To Join Miners

GLACE BAY, N.S., Jan. 23 (CP)—Ken Watson, 24-year-old centre who starred with Saint John Beavers last year, arrived here today and will line up with Glace Bay Miners against Sydney Millionaires tomorrow night.

Watson joined Smith Falls of the Eastern Canada Hockey League after his discharge from the United States army, but was awarded to the Maritime Major League club by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

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Bob Gray Performs Hat Trick As Islanders Turn Back Glace Bay Miners 3-1

"Bullet Bob" Gray of slap shot fame rapped home three goals last night to lead the Charlottetown Islanders to a 3-1 victory over the cellar-dwelling Glace Bay Miners in a Maritime Major Hockey League game at the Forum.

The big right winger scored twice in the second period and knocked in his own rebound in the third frame to account for all the Islanders goals and score his first hat-trick of the season.

The victory enabled the Islanders to keep pace with the League leading Halifax Atlantics who squeaked past the Sydney Millionaires with a 4-3 win. The Islanders increased their lead over third place Sydney to a dozen points.

Sharing the spotlight with Gray last night were line-mate Buck Whitlock and goalie Al Millar. Whitlock set Gray up for two of his goals while Millar came within two minutes of picking up his sixth shutout of the season.

Billy McCracken, a right winger playing on his wrong wing last night, spoiled Millar's great bid. He scored on a long shot that struck a player in front of the Islanders net.

The Miners played without the services of left winger Jimmy MacKenzie. He suffered a possible fractured cheek bone in the Halifax game on Thursday night and may be out of action for some time.

The teams played through a scoreless first period with the Islanders controlling the play. Goalie Don Lockhart in the Glace Bay nets was a busy man as he turned aside 17 shots against nine by Al Millar.

Play opened at a good clip and slowed down around the midway mark of the period as the teams came up with some scummy hockey. The tempo speeded up again in the last minutes with the Whitlock line standing out for the Islanders.

Gray scored early and late in the second period to climax Islanders scoring attacks. He broke out of the Islanders end with Buck Whitlock on the first effort. Whitlock raced around the lone defenseman and tried a low shot that Lockhart blocked. Gray picked up the rebound as he crossed in front of the net and fired the rubber into the open side of the cage.

George McLagan and Walter Pawlshyn combined to set up Gray for the second goal. McLagan carried the puck out of his own end and Pawlshyn picked up the piece at centre ice. He crossed the Glace Bay blueline and dropped a pass to Gray. Bob let go with a back hand screened shot from 30 feet out and the puck landed high in the corrdage.

Between the goals there was plenty of action and fans saw some smart stopping by Al Millar. The Islanders goalie came up with good saves off Macey and Cooper. On another occasion he had a bit of luck riding his way when Coper hit the far goal post on an angle shot.

Chuck Holdaway came close to scoring for the Islanders. Holdaway took a long pass from Larry Travis and broke into the clear. He drew Don Lockhart but Bill Burega held his stick with the result that the puck rolled on past the open corner.

The third period was only a minute old when Bob Gray came back to score the Islanders final goal. Whitlock and Gus Gustavson drew assists on the play.

Big Gus fed Whitlock a pass at centre ice. Buck skated over the

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Our beaver have taken a beating this past fall and by the look of the situation at present their days in this province are not numbered. They could have stood up to trapping reasonably well, as there is an art to taking them in steel traps, but it was the guns that really whittled them down. Beaver are vulnerable to shooting. They have to move out to secure food and make repairs on their dams, cut and store up an ample supply of poplar for winter use, etc. The Game Act, along with the Migratory Bird Regulations, prohibits hunting or shooting between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise, but many hunters pay no attention to this regulation if they think they are reasonably safe from apprehension.

I don't suppose it really means any difference to a beaver how he dies, whether by shooting or trapping, the ultimate end is the same, but for every beaver got by shooting there are at least one or two that get away who eventually die of their wounds. A beaver is a strong, compact animal and one that is hard to kill outright. If they have any life left they'll make a determined effort to submerge and gain the shelter of some underwater refuge and the hunter is robbed of his prize. I have seen the bodies of beaver dislodged in spring freshets that the fall before had had half their heads blown away and yet managed to escape the hunter's grasp. This winter I have received reports of beaver pelts with holes torn in them one could easily pass grapefruit through and of beaver still living that were sick and ailing from gunshot wounds.

Many people are asking this columnist why an open season on beaver was necessary. The reasons have already been covered in this column but as the weeks go by I am more convinced than ever that only a small minority wanted the beaver killed off. Some trappers thought a fortune was in their grasp when the beaver season opened but their minds were changed for them. One trapper reported that he received only \$3.00 for a nice pelt he shipped away and remarked: "Beaver are not worth trapping." He found that out too late to help the beaver. Like many others who trap and hunt he learned his lesson too late.

A few days ago I talked to a friend of the beaver who lives in eastern King's County. He summed up his opinion of the beaver in a few sentences condensed as follows: "Beaver do no harm. They don't kill poultry, game fish, eat or destroy eggs. They are strict vegetarians. They are intelligent."

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