

burn" (no record) by "Lakeburn".

RANKS FIFTH

Ranking fifth is another mare with only two colts of racing age is the "Shermar Farm's" "Clever Drive" whose three year old "Shermar David", 2:09 3-5, by "Scotlane" was the fastest Maritime bred two year old of all time in 1965 with a record of 2:11 3-5; her other colt, a two year old this season, "Shermar Larry" was photoed out in the P. E. I. colt stakes in 2:14 2-5.

It is with great sorrow to the breeding industry that we note the untimely death of such outstanding stallions, now proven, as "Ableway", "Down town", and "Post Hanover". This is a tragedy to Maritime breeders.

In a much lighter vein, we should take a moment to name the outstanding stallion prospects entering their first extended season at stud or entering the breeding ranks for the first time. Stallions having been racing and seen only limited service until 1967 are "Adios Alex", 2:02 3-5, by "Adios" 1:57 1/2 --, "Miss Bell Counsel" by Chief Counsel; "Lance Abbe", 2:05 1-5, by "Gene Abbe" 2:00 3-5 and out of "Waylance" by "King's Counsel"; "Newport Frisco", 2:01 2-5, by "Frisco-way", 1:59 1-5 out of "Jane Orr" by "Scotlane"; and the already proven "Frisco Hanover", 2:07 by "Tar Heel", 1:57 dam "Faith Hanover" by "Sandy Flash". Of these four, only "Frisco Hanover" has colts of racing age.

Entering service for the first time will be "Adam's Tom", 2:06 4-5 (the last colt ever sired by "Calumet Adam", 1:59 1/4; "Landy", 2:05 2-5, by "Meadow Lands", 1:59 3-5 and out of "Clever Flo" by "Clever Hanover" 1:59 1/4; and "Starburn", 2:04 3-5 by "Lakeburn", 2:12 2-5 dam "Miss May Hal" by "Lew Hal" 2:00.

I should like to draw your attention to two outstanding sires who don't fit in either category as they have outstanding sons and daughters in the United States but no foals of racing age yet in the Maritimes. These are "Adios Forever", 3, 2:03; by "Adios", 1:57 1/2 and out of "Helga Hanover" by "Billy Direct" and "Adios Larry", 2:02 2-5, by "Adios", 1:57 1/2 dam, "Waneta Direct" by "Norris Hanover".

With the added interest in our colt stakes, the early speed being bred into the youngsters, and the increased purses providing more opportunities for future colts and fillies, dedicated breeders will be burning the midnight oil pondering long hours over the gospels of harness racing, "Hoofbeats", "Harness Horse", and "The Registry of Sires and Dams" to find the best crosses for their stock. No longer will colt raising be a hit or miss affair - a breeding of trotters to pacers etc. One can no longer afford to take the chances of a faulty cross if he wants seriously to compete. With the importation of high class stallions, fees will invariably be higher but so will the quality of the colts produced

Disallows increase

OTTAWA (CP)—An increase of 15 cents a ton in freight rates on Nova Scotia coal has been disallowed this week by the board of transport commissioners, a board official reported today.

The increase was sought by all railways in a tariff amendment filed with the board effective Oct. 10.

It was turned down by the board as being inconsistent with the Maritimes Freight Rates Act which protects the Maritime region from certain railway freight increases.

The 15-cent increase has been applied, with board approval, to Western Canada coal movements.

The board official said it was difficult to express the 15 cents as an average percentage increase because of the dozens of different rates involved and the various subsidies and subventions applied to them.

from selective breeding. Truly, there are exciting days ahead for the colts in the Maritimes and certainly as early as 1967, records will begin to fall and new excitement will fill the racing air.



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SETS RECORD

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Owner thinks highly of Maritime breeding

By HELEN L. BROOKS

It's been a great honor for me to be asked to write this summary of the outstanding Maritime stallions and mares as rated by their offspring this past racing season. In order to get an accurate overall picture of our top producing stock, I went for my information to the United States Trotting Association's Great Register of Sires and Dams for the year 1965 (the latest edition out) and to the 1966 U.S. Trotting Association. Eligibility Certificates for the current records on colts. All information quoted here is taken from these official records.

1966 has been the greatest year yet in Maritime harness racing history. For the first time in Canadian harness history, a stallion bred in the Maritimes has sired a 2:05 performer. Many 2:05 stars have come from the East but they were all, up until now, the products of stock imported from the United States. With the importation of the Adios - Billy Direct - Tar Heel - and King's Counsel stallions, the old saying, "You can't expect anything from a two year old" has gone out the window. Two and three year olds were drawing the biggest crowds and producing the most excitement in our racing circles this past year. The three year olds, "Speedy Con", "Miramichi Post", "Shermar David", "Mr. Jollity", and "Miramichi Frisco" have kept crowds throughout the Maritimes on their feet all summer rattling their feet all summer rattling their feet. Good colts, yes, colts that could be a credit to their country, their province, their breeders, and their owners wherever, under USTA jurisdiction they may race.

I have tried to select the 5 top studs as shown by their 4 seasons performers. I considered only those stallions still living and in service for 1967 throughout the Maritimes.

In number one spot, being the Maritime-bred stallion in his 3rd season, "Starburn" with his produce "Starburn" pacing Charlottetown in 2:04 3-5. Another "Lakeburn" reduced record performer in 1966 from a small crop racing is "Mikeburn" 2:09.

In second spot and always a top producer is the 30 yr old chestnut son of "Calumet Adam", "Jollity", imported from the states roughly 25 years ago. His colts have added class and courage to our racing scene. His noted performers this year are "Mr. Jollity", 3, 2:10 2-5; "Jollity", 2:07.

A stallion which rates a third notch is the imported "King's Counsel" horse, "Fred Scott"

06 has proven a tough campaigner in the US as well as Canada. Other outstanding pacers by this score are "Queen Scott", "Biddy Scott", and "Miss Betty M."

A young horse by "Tar Heel" and out of the "Sandy Flash" mare, "Faith Hanover" with only 4 colts racing, "Frisco Hanover", would be in fourth position. His 4 racing colts and their 1966 records are: "Monie's Dream" 2:09; "Miramichi Frisco", 3, 2:12 (race timed in 2:06 in the Donnie Turner Stakes); "Countess Frisco", 3, 2:14 (race timed in 2:10); and "Miramichi Jill", 3, 2:12.

IS UNDERRATED
A very under-rated stallion who has produced quite a change in New Brunswick racing and now his colts are moving into the other provinces as well as New England is the Shermar Farm star, "Victory Gong", p. 3, 2:02 (1, TT 2, 2:12 1-5) by "Victory Song", 1:57 3-5 and out of "Miss Abbey Morris" by "Guy Abbey". Among his produce include the two year old filly sensation of 1965, "Shermar Sue", 2, 2:11 3-5. This season's reduced record performers include "Shermar Bill" 2:06.

For brood mares, I have again scored them according to the USTA Sires and Dams Register for 1965. We take into consideration the numbers of foals of the dam and the number of records attributed to them.

Number one is the outstanding producer, "Top Notch Can". Of those foals of racing age, she has to her credit: "Royal Onyx" 2:08 1-5 by "Stimcoo Hawkster"; "Izzie Reynard", 2:08 3-5 by "Watchim"; "Watch Top", 2:05 3-5 by "Watchim"; "Pay Roll" (no record) by "Watchim"; "Top Way", 2:06, by "Ableway"; "John L. Jollity", 2:13 2-5 by "Jollity"; and "Jollitop", 2:07, by "Jollity".

Rating second is "Lee's Night mare". The following are her produce: "Just Rita", 2:11 2-5 by "Abner T. Clegg"; "Jerry's Nightmare", 2:06, by "Abner T. Clegg"; "Jollity's Dream" (no record) by "Jollity"; "Jollity Leigh", 2:11 1-5 by "Jollity"; "Jean Clegg", 2:09 1-5 by "Abner T. Clegg"; "Jimmy Gallon", 2:10 2-5 by "Dean Gallon"; "Just Gary", 2:05 4-5 by "Abner T. Clegg"; "Just Gary" has received the distinction of official recognition as holding the most dashes ever raced in USTA history for a 3 year period and his record is still continuing to be made: "O'Brien's Nightmare", 2:09 4-5 by "Hedgewood Chief".

A young mare with only two racing colts to her credit takes third spot in this division. "Miramichi Lady" has only two foals registered in the Sires and

both proven campaigners; "Miramichi Fred" 2:05, by "Fred Scott" and "Miramichi Jill", 3, 2:12, by "Frisco Hanover". Another outstanding mare is "Miss May Hal" whose racing colts include: "Lord Lakeburn", 2:10, by "Lakeburn"; "Mikeburn", 2:09, by "Lakeburn"; "May Willie Winn" (no record) by "Lakeburn"; "Colburn", 2:15, by "Lakeburn"; "Starburn", 2:04 3-5 (the fastest Maritime-bred pacer on a Maritime track in history) by "Lakeburn"; and "Lady May".

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