Savage Harbor

*Mrs. Barbara Doyle of Savage Harbour, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Monday.

Mr. Lewis Moore of Charlottetown, was a visitor to Savage Harbour, over the week-end. Mr. Moore a former resident of this district has a host of friends in this area who are always delighted to have him visit among them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLennan of Peters Road, were visitors to Savage Harbour, during the week; while here they the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell.

Mrs. (Capt.) David McNally of Summerside, is visiting her husband at Savage Harbour. Capt. McNally is in charge of the large suction dredge which operated at Savage Harbour last fall and which is laid up for the winter at this point.

Messrs. Charles and John Morrison of Savage Harbour were visitors to Souris on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell of Savage Harbour, accompanied by their daughter, Shirley Ann, were visitors to Charlottetown on Monday.

Members of the local Women's Institute did a fine cleaning-up job on the Savage Harbour School over the week-end. This very progressive organization maintains a solid interest in the school which tends to make conditions most pleasing to pupils and teacher alike.

Another large crowd greeted the Bingo games held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Mt. Stewart on Monday night. Mr. D. McDonald of St. Andrew's had a regular field night, copping the lion's share of the prizes including the valuable door prize.

The school chums of little Carol Ann MacIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine MacIntyre, greatly regret that she is confined to her home through illness. All are pulling for her speedy and complete recovery so that very soon she will be able to rejoin them at school.

The many friends of Master George Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, Savage Harbour, will be sorry to learn that he is confined to his home through illness. All will be pulling for this popular young chap to make a complete and speedy recovery.

Mr. James MacKay of Savage Harbour, was the first in the area to begin the harvest of this year's ice crop. Mr. MacKay is cutting at the Point DeRoche Pond for Mr. George MacCormack.

Mr. Don MacInnis of Blooming Point, was the victim of a painful and severe accident recently. It appears Mr. MacInnis was cutting wood at his home, a chip flew striking him in the left eye. Dr. George Shepherd of Mt. Stewart, who was quickly contacted, treated the injured organ. It was feared at first that Mr. MacInnis might loose the sight of his eye, but it is pleasing to note that danger has now passed and in a few weeks he will have completely recovered. It will be recalled that Mr. MacInnis is the famed marksman who in 1953 established an all-time record for goose shooting when he toppled three birds with a single shot.

Friends of Clarence Murphy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murphy, Savage Harbour, will be sorry to learn that he is confined to his home through illness. All join in the hope that very soon Clarence will regain his full measure of health and be around again as usual.

Welders from the plant of Bruce Stewart and Co., Charlottetown, were called to Savage Harbour, on Monday to make the necessary repairs to the pump of the dredge which is tied up at the Harbour for the winter.

Some of the local farmers are watching daily in eager expectation of the arrival of the first lambs. The first to come last season made his debut at the farm of Mr. Valentine MacIntyre. It will not be surprising if the honor goes to the same farm this year. Early lambs if and when they receive the necessary attention to keep them growing are a great source of revenue on many farms.

Miss Frances Coffin, nurse-in-training at the P. E. I. Hospital, spent the week-end at Savage Harbour, where she was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coffin.

Mrs. Douglas Coffin and young son Albert, of Savage Harbour, are visiting at Morell, where they are the guests of Mrs. Coffin's father, Mr. Percy Robbins.

One of the largest crowds of the season gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacInnis, Point DeRoche, on Tuesday evening. This is one of the many card parties held at different homes throughout the district. Nine-handers was the choice of the gathering and an exceptionally fine evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all. Mike Doyle and Charles Campbell played off for the freeze-out, which Campbell finally won after a terrific duel with the masterful Mike. Other prize winners were Miss Thelma MacKay, John Morrison, Cyril Morrison, Miss Nora Doyle, Reuben Feehan, Benny MacMocmack, Joe MacKay and Joe S. MacKay. The latter won twice. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess at the end of play.

—CM.

CHERRY VALLEY W. I.

Members of Cherry Valley W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Martin on Feb. 1st. The meeting opened by repeating of Creed in unison. Roll call was responded to by seven members and one visitor. One membership fee was paid.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. School and sick committees gave their report. The treasurer reported $78.40 on hand.

Correspondence was read by the secretary. Moved by Mrs. Hayden, seconded by Mrs. MacIsaac we send $5.00 to "March of Dimes."

Mover and seconded we purchase material for card tables.

Mrs. Ivan Docherty invited members to her home for next meeting. Roll call to be "waist measurement." Collection amounted to $1.00. Meeting adjourned, followed by grab-bag, which amounted to $2.65.

A delicious lunch was served by hostess.

Murray River

*Mrs. Florence Young, Halifax, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cuddy, Gladstone.

Mrs. Jane Cook and Mrs. May MacLeod, have taken up residence in their new home in Murray River. A large number of their friends and neighbors called on them on Friday evening, bringing with them good wishes and gifts for their new home, for so many of their furnishings were lost in the fire which destroyed their home last May.

Miss Bertha MacLean, who is employed with the Civil Service, at the R. C. A. F. Station in Summerside, spent the past week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. MacLean, High Bank.

Miss Janet Stewart, Charlottetown, spent the past week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Stewart, High Bank.

A. B. Judson Nicolle has returned to H. M. C. S., Stadacona, after spending his leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lealand Nicolle, Murray River.

Miss Evolia Moore who has been training for a nurse, at the Grace Maternity, in Halifax, N.S., has finished her training and is spending two week's holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Moore, High Bank, after her holidays she will leave for Shelbourne, N.S., where she has accepted a position in the Roseway Hospital.

Miss Donna MacLeod, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall MacLeod, Murray Harbour, recently spent some time at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Livingstone, High Bank.

Mr. George Gasbee, Murray River, left recently for Charlottetown, where he has accepted a position with Bruce Stewart and Co.

A. B. and Mrs. Leon Buell and sons, Clayton and Wade, Charlottetown, were recent visitors to Murray River and Gladstone, guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Buell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cuddy.

Mr. Norman Stewart, Charlottetown, spent the past week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Stewart, High Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Reagh MacLeod, Breadalbane, spent the past week-end at the home of Mr. MacLeod's mother, Mrs. M. M. MacLeod, Murray River.

The many friends of Mr. Merton Ferguson are pleased to see him home again, after been a patient in the King's County Hospital, in Montague.

The February meeting of the Murray River W. I., met at the home of Mr. Peter MacLean on Feb. 7th, with the president, Mrs. W. F. MacLeod in the chair. Roll call was answered with a Valentine verse. Two new members were welcomed into the Institute. The sick committee reported eight sick calls and treats taken to them. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Addie MacConnell. The meeting closed with "The Queen," after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. F. MacLeod and Mrs. John Moore.

The many friends of Mrs. Clarence Moore, Murray River, are sorry to hear she is confined to her home with illness. It is the wish of all that she will have a speedy recovery.

—C.D.

Lorne Valley

*Mrs. Angus Nicholson spent the past week with friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. Lauren MacLeod, Mr. Stanley Ferguson, and Mr. Peter MacLeod were visitors to Montague, Thursday.

A number of young people from this vicinity journeyed to Montague on Wednesday to attend the Scottish Concert in Yeo's Theatre, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Heath MacGrath was a passenger to Nova Scotia on Feb. 5, where he spent the week-end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Christina MacLeod is spending an enjoyable visit in Hamilton, Ontario, where she is the guest of her daughter, Miss Aletha MacLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell were host and hostess to the Jolly Six on January 31, and Mr. and Mrs. James Callaghan entertained at their home on February 7. Following the games delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. John McAulay, Charlottetown, spent the first week-end of February in this vicinity the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mae McAulay, also his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson.

His many friends regret to hear that Mr. Melville Robbins is ill at his home and best wishes for an early return to good health are extended.

Miss Isabell Crane spent a few days in Charlottetown, during the week, where she was the guest of Miss Lottie Crane.

Mrs. Harold Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay motored to Lorne Valley, on February 6. They were guests of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacDonald.

Mrs. Francis MacIntyre entertained the members of Lorne Valley Women's Institute at her home on February 3. With eight members present. Following the meeting a social time was spent, included in the programme was a contest put on by Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod and won by Mrs. Peter MacLeod. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Ferguson and Mrs. Lloyd MacDonald. Mrs. Peter MacLeod kindly invited the members to her home for the March meeting.

Mr. Francis MacIntyre spent a recent week-end with friends in the City.

Mr. Ralph Nicholson was an over night visitor to Charlottetown, on Saturday, he was the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacLeod.

Mr. Samuel Johnson was a recent business visitor to Montague.

Mr. Wendle Crane, Montague, spent the week-end of February 5 in this vicinity. He was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crane.

Dr. A. E. Ings, veterinarian, Montague, was a business visitor to Lorne Valley on Saturday.

—AM.

CARDIGAN W. I.

*The February meeting of the Cardigan W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Alban Brothers, with seven members present and two visitors. The meeting opened with the creed read by the president, Mrs. Alban Brothers, roll call was answered and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The secretary reported that bills amounting to $30.80 had been paid. It was announced that prices on the blinds for the school and the blackboard had been received, and it was decided that the first project would be to make new blackboards for the high room. A delicious lunch was then served by the hostess and the meeting adjourned.

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Back Stretch

itimes was not a popular one with most of those present. They felt that the Maritimes might be a dumping ground for overage horses from other parts of Canada and the United States. Defenders of the new rule believed that it would help to interest more new owners and give them an opportunity to acquire a love of the sport.

Welcome visitors to the meeting were Mr. Jacques Gravel, president of the Harness Racing Club, Quebec, and one of the principal owners of the Quebec City Race Track, and Mr. Henri Bertrand, manager of that track.

Mr. Gravel called on spoke of the racing in Quebec City and how pleased they were to have several Maritime horses and drivers there the past season and invited others there. Mr. Bertrand also spoke to the same effect. It was their first trip to the Maritimes and they both said they enjoyed it very much.

Discussions then took place on the racing situation and were taken part in by Mr. Frank Acorn of the Charlottetown Driving Park, and other speakers were William Babineau, A. J. Kelly, Prowse MacArthur, Cecil Alexander spoke of the Saint John track and the good results this year and stated that they had 103 horses stabled there at present.

The matter of overage horses was discussed by Laurie O'Brien, Leigh D. Scrimgeour, Eddie Dalton, Ken MacDougall, Marshall Govang, Harry Downey, Ivan Taylor, Orin Jardine, Wib Jardine, Ambrose Leger and Telex Leger and Cecil Alexander.

Hon. Henry Murphy gave a very interesting talk, referring particularly to pri-mutuel betting. He was followed by another brilliant young lawyer, Cladius Leger.

The chairman said that through the efforts of Jim Harrison, director of the Publicity Department of the United States Trotting Association, moving picture films of the 1954 Hambletonian Stake with a purse of $102,000 for 3-year-old trotters, which was raced at Goshen, N. Y., and the $69,000 Little Brown Jug Stake for 3-year-old pacers which was raced at Delaware, Ohio, were now ready to be shown by the operator. They were both a surprise and a delight and beyond all expectations, in colors and remarkably clear and on the large screen one could see each heat, and, accompanied by a very vivid description of the race and everything connected with it, one could picture the horses and drivers at all parts of the track, sense the pleasure of the crowd and their excitement and in fact obtain an almost better conception than if one had been present in person.

The two films took about three-quarters of an hour and many of those present said it was well worth the trip just to see those pictures. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Jim Harrison and the Publicity Department of the United States Trotting Association for sending the film to Moncton.

Mention was also made of the great improvement in hoof Beats, and particularly of the story of Joe O'Brien. Many of those present referred to it and also to other articles in that magazine.

In addition to those mentioned being present others were, Dr. J. T. Atkins, Thomas Etter, Reg Younker, Meddy Goguen, Robert Cameron, Archie LeBlanc, S. H. Horseman, Henry Wood, Leonard Barrieau, David Pellerin, Frank Barry, Pierce Downey, J. A. Delaney, Alfred Quartermain, B. J. Ryan, Ellis Thompson, Milton Downey, L. C. Dysart, Dick Steele, Clifford Rankine, Harry MacIntosh, A. H. Scribner, Doug Neill, Herman Renaud, Edward Louden.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of sympathy was moved by E. Frank Acorn and seconded by Ken MacDougall, to the families of the horsemen who had passed away during 1954. Many of them had made outstanding contributions and the influence of their good deeds would be felt for many years and all had been helpful and honored members of the harness horse sport during their lives.

Friends of Cecil H. McGinley, Houlton, Maine, will be glad to know that he has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to drive his own car, and last week visited the stock farms of Harold Birmingham and Robert Ryan . . . . "At the Birmingham farm there are upwards of 70 horses and with foaling starting there will be a dozen more in a few weeks. The good brood mare Colie Lee, dam of several fast performers including Sam H. 2.05, has a nice foal as has Miss Charmer 2.-10, with several other mares due soon. There are around a dozen yearlings and about the same number of two and 3-year-olds. Breaking and jogging started on the farm track February first. At the Bob Ryan farm is the stallion Lusty Frisco 2.07¼—now 26 years old—and the brood mares Pine Ridge Norma, Miss Westcott, both good breeders, Pine Ridge Norma being the dam of Jollity Girl 2.-07⅝ by Jollity 2.05¼, and Fleet's Lady 2.09 by Fleet Hanover 2.09. She has a nice yearling by N. D. Hal 2.05. Miss Westcott by Jim Haines, is the dam of Merry Feet 2.12 by Hot Feet 2.03⅛, Wry's Pride 2.12 by Widow's Pride 2.06 and Lusty's Gaiety Girl t. 2.10⅝ by Lusty Frisco. She has a 3-year-old brother to the last named mare and a yearling and is due in April to Lusty Frisco.

"Bob is wintering for me my mare Sudden Mary 2.11⅛, that is in foal to N. D. Hal 2.05. This is the only horse I own at present. I wish to own a good trotter that can hold his own with the fast class trotters at the Maine fairs. That kind are hard to pick, however. Bob Ryan has the largest stable at the Houlton race track, numbering a dozen head, with Colonel Dan 2.06⅜ looking like a colt. There are five stables wintering here with 29 head. Alvin 'Red' Brewer has Mr. McGee 2.07 and five others. Bob Simonson has four. The only record horse is the 3-year-old Tab Direct 2. 2.13 by Morris Hanover 2.02½, dam June Morning 2.04⅝. The Stackpole and Irving stable of Bridgewater, Me. has three aged trotters—Barrage 2.09, Darbyway 2.11⅛ and Jack Arion 2.09¾ and a couple of 2-year-old pacers, one by Bronze Star 2.05⅛ and the other by Mr. McNamara 2.02.

"Walter Davis and Philip Daigle of Houlton, have Marcia Clegg 2.-12 and Vickie Hi Lee 2.15⅝. I was invited out to the track last Wednesday noon to a beef stew which "Red" Brewer put on in his tack stall. There were all of the local horsemen as well as John E. Kelly of Bangor and George Dumont of Presque Isle present. The stew was good and "Red" was voted a real chef. While the dinner was in progress a good-natured argument developed over who had the best 2-year-old at the track. All agreed that the Mighty H. 2.04—Queenly Chief 3, 2.08, gelding in Bob Simonson's stable and owned by Nemir Green of Presque Isle, can show more than any of the others. The filly by Morris Hanover 2.02½, dam June Morning 2.04⅝ had her admirers as did the gelding by The Abbott, dam Airwave 2.17⅛ by Protector 1.59¼, owned by Harry Bass and trained by "Red" Brewer. Others getting favorable mention were the trotting filly in Bob Ryan's string, by Lusty Frisco, dam Pine Ridge Norma and the Bronze—Lady Hall colt in the Stackpole stable. We have had a lot of snow here this winter but the track has been kept plowed and the footing is good most of the time and the youngsters are taking their work in hopples." . . . Thanks, Cecil, and we are sure the readers of this column will be glad to hear that you are so well and give such an interesting account of harness happenings in Maine.

In the 1880's and early 1890's Prince Edward Island supplied a great number of handsome carriage horses to other parts of the Maritimes and to the United States. A considerable revenue of our farmers was obtained from this source and there were a number of large breeding farms that produced ten or more foals annually. The largest of all was the Robert Fitzsimmons farm at Long River. It was in those days one of the show places of the province and Mr. Fitzsimmons was a man of great energy and determination. The top stallion at his farm was Dean Swift, registered number 19796. He was sired by one of the original imported horses here, Bush Messanger, sire of Messanger Boy 2.37½, Kingbird 2.39 and others. Dean Swift's dam was the famous Fairy Queen 2.32 on ice. She was by Farmer's Glory, sire of the dam of Princess 2.26, Whistler 2.32, and Bijou 2.25½. His second dam was Lady Gray by Royal Sporter by imported Revenge, and his dam was a thoroughbred.

A great deal of the harness horse conversation was about Dean Swift and Island Chief and also about the imported horses that were being brought in, such as All Right, Hernando and later Parkside, which W. A. Brennan brought from California. The Dean Swift and Island Chief clan had a great following and in those days people took harness racing very seriously. There were 20 or more tracks on the Island that held meetings and a great many more that were just used for training purposes. Through the kindness of our friend, James Pendergast, we have been handed the ads of Dean Swift and Island Chief that appeared in the Island papers 65 or more years ago. And now we quote Jim:

"Heath Campbell of Long River, present proprietor of the famous breeding farm of the late Robert Fitzsimmons, has handed me itinerary advertising cards of three famous stallions of yesteryear. Mr. Campbell discovered them recently in some secluded nook of the old Fitzsimmons residence. The names of the horses are Dean Swift 2.36, Island Chief 2.-34½ and Princeptor. The remotest date in those ads is that of Island Chief—1889. Dean Swift was travelled as late as 1893. Princeptor bears the date of 1897. It is our opinion that Dean Swift antedates the others, and that it was prior to 1889 that he raced on the Mainland and made a sweep of Maritime race tracks. (This is correct). "His successes no doubt gave a great impetus to the breeding of race horses on P. E. Island at that time. The horses are beautifully silhouetted in black on the advertising cards, printed by the Summerside Pioneer. The grammer and phrasing reflect credit on advertising writers of the day.

"To most people the year 1889 seems far back in the distant past, but many will remember the (then) great performances of Robert Fitzsimmons' race horses, Dean Swift, Island Chief, Princeptor, Lady Chief, Brilliant Wilkes, Breezy Jane and many others with fond recollection and nostalgia for the glorious past. The influence such men as Robert Fitzsimmons, W. A. Brennan (Parkdale), Capt. John Richards (Captain Aubrey), rates among the imponderables—not forgetting the ardent devotees of later days, who have imported scores of racehorses bred in the purple. All have co-operated, perhaps unwittingly, to verify the cognomen 'Kentucky of Canada' as applied to this Garden Province."

Horsemen are reminded that the closing date for nominations to the 23rd annual colt stakes of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club for 1955 is March 1st. The events are open to colts foaled or bred in the Maritimes and classes are Two Year Old Trot, Two Year Old Pace, Three Year Old Trot, Three Year Old Pace, Four Year Old Trot. Full particulars can be obtained from the secretary-treasurer, W. G. Gillespie, Box 304, Charlottetown, P.E.I. These annual colt stakes have been the means of developing hundreds of good trotters and pacers that have made their presence felt not only on Maritime tracks but in nearby Maine and further afield. We trust our breeders will continue to give them the rich measure of support they deserve.

We were delighted to have a letter from Charles H. Sutherland of Thompson and Sutherland, Sydney, who had just returned from a visit to Florida to find our Maritime Racing Review awaiting him and we thank him for his kind words regarding it. Mr. Sutherland has been one of the good supporters of the sport in Cape Breton and at present has a sister to Bettyplay 2.18, and a Jollity colt in training in Sydney.

J. G. Cavanaugh, Saint John, N. B. is another reader of the Back Stretch who gives us helpful information which we greatly appreciate. It is from friends like him that we are able to keep this column a going concern, and a full measure of thanks is due them.

This afternoon's racing on the Hon. Dugald MacKinnon Speedway will be a very important one, as from the horses whose names appear below will be selected the Victoria Driving Club's entries for the International Trot and the International Pace to be raced on the Dartmouth Lakes Speedway February 19 and 20. The trottin class appears to be a particular good one. Interest is added to by the fact that the Quebec trotter Moppitt 2.09 will be racing off with such good ice trotters as Lusticia 2.13, Rajah Hanover 2.-13⅜, Guy Harvester 2.13, Peggy Ellis 2.11⅜, Sunny B. 2.18⅛, Buddy Budlong 2.15 and Dot's Pal. The latter will represent that lively racing centre, Montague, and the well known driver Alfred Lowery will be trying hard to place her in the first spot.

The Free For All Pace has also a strong card of entries with Esso 2.11⅜, Keppoch Playgirl 2.14, Skipper's Pride 2.13⅜, Bob Dale 2.18 and Wait N'See 2.11⅜ back on the pace. Besides the above there will be two other classes so it will be one of the biggest meets held here in years. For that we must give credit to the new speedway and to the strenuous efforts being made by the Victoria Driving Club to revive ice racing here. The Club intends taking over three horses. They regret that they cannot take more, but the Dartmouth Club expects entries from Cape Breton, New Brunswick, Maine and various parts of Nova Scotia. The Halifax Harness Club had races on February 9th to select their champions for the International meet and after an elimination contest Lusty's Queen 2.12⅝ was selected as a candidate for the Trot and Azalea Boy 2.22⅝ for the pace. The Dartmouth Harness Club also held elimination races and Josedale Clansman 2.09, owned and driven by Don Turner was the winner.

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Hunter's Corner

crusted over but when faced with starvation or migrating they decided to move.

To this columnist's way of thinking it was all to the good that the wildgeese had to leave. The aerial waterfowl census conducted in mid-January tabulated twelve hundred Canadas in the province but local observers estimated around the two thousand mark. The last week in January there were approximately eleven hundred geese in two concentrations . . . 600 at Rollo Bay and 500 in the Alberton area with flocks of from two to three hundred each in Orwell, Hillsboro River, New London and between St. Peters's and Holman's Islands. Its very simple to miss geese or ducks from the air unless visibility is perfect and it can happen even then.

Six years ago while on an aerial waterfowl census on January 10th The following winter there were approximately 80 and they continproximately 80 and they continued to increase until 1953 there were in excess of 300. Last year (1954) there were approximately 600 in late January at Rollo Bay with smaller flocks in all three counties. The vogue set by the eastern Kings geese appeared to be gathering adherents and if this years set-back hadn't occurred there is no telling what the situation would have been this coming season.

This province is no place for geese when the thermometer drops to 10 below zero or even less. Black ducks will get by as they repair to alder bordered creeks and open springs and manage to glean enough food to eke out an existence. Geese shun too restricted feeding grounds and are not so adaptable as ducks to severe winter conditions.

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Its apparent that the geese moved out practically in a body on the evening of Thursday, February 3rd. At Moore's Sanctuary an old gander, the one who challenged the original boss of the Sanctuary for leadership, took his Charges into the air at 2.00 p.m. and after circling the pond three times headed south. He didn't return. Its approximately 200 miles from Milltown Cross to Port Joli on Nova Scotia's south coast between Liverpool and Lockeport. This is the site of a Federal Bird Sanctuary where it is estimated 10,000 wildgeese wintered in 1953-54. Late Thursday evening about one thousand geese were sighted on the water off Squaw Point and toward midnight of the same evening an immense flight of geese was reported to be passing over Halifax. They'd make it from the Island to Port Joli in 5 hours or thereabouts. Moore told me he knew there was exceptionally bad weather brewing from the actions of the geese on his sanctuary. They moved out ahead of the storm.

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They'll be back . . that's something to look forward to. Some day in March we'll listen to their bugle like notes and watch a black V moving against a blue sky and know that spring is here. Several times during the past few winters the Rollo Bay geese had to be fed a large quantity of grain in a kind of half and half weather that wasn't severe enough to cause the General Staff to hold a conference and decide to break camp and yet younger and weaker flock members were showing signs of distress until life sustaining grain was supplied by local farmers. King Winter meant business this year and they moved out pronto. Maybe its just as well he made his mind up in a hurry otherwise there would probably have been casualties unless they were fed and who would be in a position to feed a thousand or more wildgeese. Operation Huns took top priority this winter.

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