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**Back Stretch**

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on high when the word Go was given. He also won the third heat in 2:08. Here is the summary—Alloy (Ryan) 3-1-1; Hal Britton (MacMillan) 1-3-3; Millie Kalmuck (Kelly) 2-2-2; Harvest Melody 4-6-5; Dude Potempkin 5-7-4; Squire Hanover 6-4-6; Lusty Frisco 8-5-7; Protestor 7-9-dr; June Evans 9-8-dr. Alloway was owned by Bob Ryan, Bathurst, N. B. and Hal Britton by Hugh Stewart, New Glasgow, N. S. That famous race by no means ended the career of Hal Britton, that went on to win races and be a worthy competitor until 1946. Since then his efforts have been mainly confined to ice racing. The track trotting record at Charlottetown remained at 2:07 1/5 for several years with Watchin and Lee Brewer trotting in the same time. In 1945 Watchin lowered it to 2:07 1/4, where it still remains.

Some recent decisions of boards of review of the United States Trotting Association are interesting. Scot Ebbs, a freelegged pacer won the third heat of the 3:24 pace at Marshall, Michigan, August 25, 1950. The horse switched to the trot and trotted through the stretch but the judges placed him first and he was announced the winner. There were boos from the crowd. The next day the judges decided to change the placings and the records were changed accordingly to set him out of the money. The Board ruled that the decision of the judges at the time was final.

An appeal from the judges' decisions was made by Byron Weber at Batavia, N. Y. where the judges set Clever Sue back for swerving at the stretch. The driver was inexperienced and dropped the rein coming into the stretch and she swerved towards the rail. Clever Sue was two and one half lengths in front of the field and finished in front without interference with anyone, according to the testimony of the other drivers. The decision of the judges was reversed.

First news of a purchase by a Maritimer at the Harrisburg sale came through Thursday morning that Sam Kennedy, well known horseman and haberdasher of Charlottetown, bought the six-year-old pacer Colonel Looker 2:07 1/5. He is a brown gelding by Real Frisco 2:07 1/4 and his dam is Maeve by Guy Abbey, dam, Kashmir 3, 2:03 1/2 by Belwin 2:06 1/4, granddam Seanna 2:06 1/4 by Peter the Great 2:07 1/4. This chap's pedigree sparkles with speed and contains some of the greatest names in the standard list. Last year Colonel Looker raced consistently from early spring until late fall, winning \$5,667.50 and his total winnings then were over \$8,000. He took his record of 2:07 1/5 at Roosevelt Raceway and we understand won a race at Yonkers a couple of weeks ago. He looks like a horse that will do our friend Sam a lot of good.

Wal Hennessey has bought a real one—Cheeky Chief, black horse, six years old by Chief Abbedale 2:00 with a record of 2:04. His dam is Cheeky Red, dam of three in 2:10. She was sired by Braden Direct 2:01 1/4, sire of Louis Direct 1:56 1/4 and three others with records of 2:03 or better. His grandam

was the famous mare Red Chatham, the dam of Louis Direct 1:56 1/4, Myrtle McKillo 2:00 1/4, Enoch Guy 2:01 1/4, Big Black Boy 2:06 1/4 and she is the grandam of the famous pacer Grattan McKillo 1:59 1/5 that is one of the biggest money winners in the world. He was sold to dissolve a partnership. In 1949 he won \$13,733.75 and his total winnings at the end of that year were \$23,245.85, making him eligible to the 2:10 pace. We have no line on him this year but no doubt he has shown up well or Wal wouldn't have invested in him.

Jimmie Power bought a trotting mare without a record, which we have not been able to get the name or breeding of, but our wife said that she was well thought of, and Roy Bevan while visiting Yonkers, bought the four-year-old pacer Silk Hal 2:09 1/5 by Hal Dale 2:02 1/4. This mare raced as a two and three-year-old. Last year in her three-year-old form she won \$3,912.50 and we understand she was a winner at Yonkers a week ago last Tuesday.

The many friends of Sinclair Cutcliffe are welcoming him back after an absence of several months during which he was employed with the Massey Harris Manufacturing Co. in Toronto, and later was in hospital in Montreal where he was operated on for sinus trouble. Sinclair looks in the pink now and has lost none of the happy manner which has made friends for him wherever he is. On holiday afternoons while in Toronto he saw the racing at Thorncliffe and in Montreal at Richelleu Park. Neither tracks appealed to him as much as Charlottetown which he thinks is tops, also the racing here.

A New Zealand horseman, H. R. Brien, has returned home after a 25,000 mile trip around the world. He is the owner of Globe Direct, that was second in this year's Australian championship, and is also the owner of the largest hotel in New Zealand's capital, Wellington. He left New Zealand a little over four months ago, visited Sydney, Melbourne, Perth in Australia and was impressed with the crushed oystershell tracks which they are using for night racing in these cities. From Australia he continued to England where he found the trotting sport at a very low ebb, although there is a possibility there will be an attempt to revive it by the introduction of night racing there.

From England he journeyed to Sweden, Norway and Denmark. He found several brothers of the celebrated American sire Volomite 2:03 1-2 in Sweden. They had been imported many years ago. In France he found amazing popularity and interest in the trotting races and said that the French were making great strides in the production of good trotters, particularly those for long distance racing. As is well known they have captured some of the principal stakes on the running race tracks of Great Britain as well. One of the outstanding French trotters that he saw was Camdon. He said that French breeders continued to receive some of the proceeds of their wins as a certain amount is set aside for the breeder of the winners at many race meets.

Leaving France he went to Italy and saw the trotting races at Florence, Milan and Rome at night. No pacers perform at any of these places—trotting only is allowed. He said that the owners were mostly men of wealth and mostly from the nobility and that was the reason they could pay such large prices for American trotters. Leaving Italy he landed at New York and visited such tracks as Goshen, Good Time, Roosevelt and Yonkers. He said that these tracks are the most modern, the fastest and that the showmanship—in fact everything connected with the sport, was of the highest order and the most impressive he had seen in all his visits. He finally took in the Kentucky race meet of a few weeks ago and was a welcome visitor at the various stud farms.

**Hunters Corner**

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ed him up was the fact that the pheasants were shot by hunters who had their own farms posted with "No Hunting" signs. I could go on indefinitely with incidents of this nature. Suffice to say that the general reaction among a great many farmers is this: "Farmer hunters who want to roam all over the country in search of geese or pheasants should be willing to grant the other fellow the same privileges on their own farms".

Providing of course that they conduct themselves in the proper manner.

At Mount Albion lies a spruce bordered gem of a lake that since time immemorial has had a great attraction for wild geese. The major portion of the north boundary of this lake lies on the old homestead property. One evening early in the month I happened to be driving past the old home farm. Six cars and trucks were parked on the highway opposite the lake so I decided to tramp the half mile along the path through the barren and find out just what shooting hours they were keeping. About a dozen gunners were at the lake this night with a tendency to run the time limit pretty fine. One group of seven I checked had two plump geese and both those were carried by Mount Albion gunners who had their own farms "posted".

This lake is controlled by four farmers. Two residing in the district of Village Green to the south and the other two living on the homestead property at Mount Albion. I found myself wondering just what would be the reaction of those hunters if they arrived at the lake some night and found it ringed in with "No Hunting" signs. Forty odd years ago my Dad taught me the art of hunting at this same lake. Ever since it was formed by nature it has been a community lake. Everyone was welcome to hunt there and that's how it should be. Whether this new "fad" that has come into being will effect the status of the old home lake in respect to public hunting remains to be seen.

Some landowners have good reason for closing their properties. Not long ago a lady living in the country wrote and told me of two hunters who shot two of her rooters, grabbed them and made for their car and drove off at top speed. She went on to say that it cost money to raise chickens to the marketing stage and wondered what protection farmers wives were going to receive in respect

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