DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Lem Neal, North Milton, is planning to change his good trotter, Dan McElwyn 2.15 2/5, over from the trot to the pace. Dan has often shown signs of pace and probably may take a faster record at that gait—we hope so. Mr. Neil is very high on a colt that he bought a few days ago from Lorne Thompson. The youngster is by Abner T. Clegg 2.04 1/2 and his dam is Bessie Scott by Bellini Scott 2.09 1/4.

Owners of harness horses often get quite mad at their drivers. In our career we have seen signs of it but nothing like the following, which is from the latest News Week's sports sections - - - "Senor Francisco Percara watched his horse (the betting favorite) lose a race in Uruguay last week, then looked up his jockey, Palermo Lopez, and killed him."

We had a card early this week from George MacDonald of Boston, dated Butler, Indiana. Written on it was—"On my way to Chicago with show horse Treasure Seas." We don't know of anyone who takes more interest in or likes a horse better than George and as a consequence he is well known at the Metropolitan Speedway, Boston, Foxboro race track and wherever horsemen congregate. Every summer for many years he has made it a point to be on hand for Old Home Week and always receives a warm welcome from his many friends here.

And now we hear from S. Thane Belyea of Fredericton - - - "I was up to Woodstock last week and looked the new speed over. Bob Brown has a rugged looking horse in Skelter 2.07. He is a chestnut and Bob feels quite proud of him. I also saw Bill Stiles' horses N. D. Hal 2.05 and the trotter Card Shark 2.06. They are both good-looking horses and all three should be a great addition to Maritime racing. I was very pleased with Henry DeWitt's filly bought at Harrisburg. She is lovely looking, well made and perfect mannered. They had her pitched twice since bringing her home. His other horses are all wintering fine in care of Walter Bustard.

"Jimmie Smith has 15 head on the Island and he showed me a two-year-old, Golden Mac by Simoe Harvester 2.04 1/4 out of Charlotte B. 2.09 1/4 by Cold Cash 1.58. He has a lot of white on him. I don't know where he got it because there was not much white on either sire or dam. He is a good sized colt and according to Jimmie could show quite a lot before they turned him out. Another promising colt he showed me was Dominion D., a full brother to Mr. McGee. I spent an evening with Col. Jim Calkin talking horse and I enjoyed it very much. I am looking forward to your Annual Review of Maritime Racing, which no doubt will appear towards the end of the year." - - - Thanks, Thane, for your very welcome letter and news.

Dr. George Bishop arrived home last Sunday evening from Lexington, Ky., where he has been a member of the staff of Hagyard and Hagyard, leading veterinarians of the U. S. A. There also arrived the afternoon previously the three-year-old pacer Gahagan owned by the Doctor that had a trial as a two-year-old of 2.12 and has been trained and developed by no less an authority on the subject than Claire Wolverton, the man that gave several records around 2.00. Doctor Bishop has been exceptionally busy since leaving here last April and just prior to returning had spent several days at Leo C. McNamara's Two Gaits Farm, near Indianapolis, Indiana.

Drs. Hagyard and Hagyard are employed by all the leading thoroughbred farms and also such top Standard Bred farms as Walnut Hall, Castleton and Gainesway. It was certainly a very wise move for the Doctor to make as he has been able to see and absorb the latest methods of practising veterinary surgery and medicine by the most competent authorities. He says the people he has met are very kind and friendly and he has been enabled to see all the top thoroughbreds and Standard Breds at the various farms and also to witness the racing at Lexington and elsewhere. At the same time he has a very warm spot in his heart for this province and says that he misses his many friends here even though a bigger sphere has its attractions. He expects to stay for about a month.

And here is a letter from the well known driver Wibb Jardine with news of his stable - - - "I am wintering four horses for parties in Quebec—Abbeland 2.10 3/5, Surprise Lady 2.22 and Joe Eves 2.22 1/5, and the latest addition is the two-year-old Maxie Federal by Federal 2.03 1/4, out of Maxie Sandlin by Chief Counsel 1.57 1/4. She was bred and raised by Leonard Barrieau, Lakeburn, N. B., has a nice easy way of going and wears only loose hopples. I hope she will be good for me in the futurity and also our Miramichi Stake at Chatham Dominion Day. You will be glad to know that Dad (Orin) is well and has been asking about you. Please give my kindest regards to all the boys at the track." - - - Thanks, Wibb, and congratulations on your good showing this season.

From New York our friend Dick Hegan remembers us with an article on harness racing by Ed Binneweg, from which these are extracts - - - A year ago the talk of the south was Johnny Simpson heading for Orlando, Florida, with a string of 66 horses in the largest public stable in the present era of harness racing. Delvin Miller was the contract trainer-driver for W. N. Reynolds with a small but well-bred string of 25 including several choice of outside talent and three of the greatest three-year-old pacers of all time, Solicitor, Tar Heel and Direct Rhythm.

Today the picture is changed. Now located at Orlando with a string of 60 horses is Delvin Miller, who is running a public stable since the unfortunate passing of "Uncle Will" Reynolds. Simpson is General Manager and trainer for the Hanover Shoe Farm interests with a stable somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 horses including Tar Heel and Solicitor. Miller has engaged three second trainers in Jimmie Arthur, who was with him during the Reynolds regime, Bill Harvey and Jimmie Jordan. Present plans leave Miller touring the Grand Circuit, Arthur racing through the Maryland circuit and Jordan and Harvey operating at Yonkers and Roosevelt. Presently Jordan is on a thirty day lend lease to the Simpson stable to replace ailing Foster Walker.

The "roof fell in" at Hollywood Park on closing day but the $33,750 Golden West Pace went on as scheduled and Irish Hal, ably handled by youthful Jimmie

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SKATING THIS AFTERNOON

2:30 to 4:30

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

THE FORUM

FORUM DATES—DEC. 10 to 15

MONDAY—HOCKEY—MONCTON—8:30.
TUESDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING ..... 4 to 5:30
WEDNESDAY—HOCKEY—ST. JOHN—8:30.
THURSDAY—HOCKEY PRACTICES
FRIDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING ..... 4 to 5:30
GENERAL SKATING ..... 8 to 10
SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SKATING ..... 2.30 to 4.30
JUNIOR HOCKEY ..... 7 to 10

It was a year ago tonight that right winger Johnny Morrow was signed by coach Leo Lamoureux to play with the Islanders. Today or tomorrow he will leave for Halifax where he will lineup with the Halifax Saints in the M M H L. and in his place on the Islanders will be right winger Denis Smith. Johnny will still be the property of the Islanders but it is reasonably certain that league rules will prevent his being recalled by the Islanders this year.

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In his year with the Islanders Morrow proved himself to be a dependable and efficient though probably never a colorful wingman. He possessed a hard shot, had a good head on his shoulders, seldom ever allowed his check to score and in addition was a tough customer with whom to pick a fight. It was not too often that Morrow ever fought but when he did he never came out second best.

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Last year with the Islanders Morrow scored 10 goals and 17 assists and this season he had six goals and 16 assists for a total of 22 points. He was the right winger on the Whitlock, MacKenzie, Morrow line which was considered as good as any forward line on the team two weeks ago. Morrow saw only two minutes of action in the last two and a half games and in that time the Whitlock line has failed to score a point.

Morrow should be a valuable addition to the Halifax squad and we wish him the best in his play with his new team. The player who will be taking is place Deny Smith has shown himself to be quite a useful player and is one of the fastest skaters in the league. Smith will be happy to return to the Islanders as he was not keen about joining the Saints. In the games which he played against the Islanders Smith appeared to be one of the Saints outstanding players although he never scored against the local team. His speed will keep any defence off balance and he should team up well with Whitlock.

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If anyone tells you that there aren't many junior or intermediate hockey players around the City look him in the eye and tell him in the immortal words of Mike Jacobs "You Shoudda stood in bed." Last night the Abbie junior and intermediates took to the ice in their first practise and the spectacle that greeted the eyes of coach Jack Kane and Paul Williams caused them to shake their heads in disbelief. On hand for the first workout were somewhere around 60 would be hockey players, all of them eager to wear the colors of the red and black for the coming season.

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The one practise was held for the two groups because it was feared that not enough players might show up if separate practises were held. But it was a needless fear. There was possibly close to 40 juniors all between the ages of 16 and 20 and slightly over 20 intermediates in attendance. The boys went through a shooting practise and a scrimmage session and showed that they were willing to give it the old college try regardless of their ability.

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This is not insinuting there was not plenty of hockey ability around. There was enough to show that the Abbies could ice reasonably strong junior and intermediate teams and give a good account of themselves in competition this coming winter. Coaches Kane and Williams have a big task mapped out for them in whipping the payers into smooth working squads but it's one they have taken on before and been successful at.

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Tonight the younger players get their chance. The really young players, those under ten, will go on the Forum ice at six o'clock. They will not provide the best hockey in the world but they will give it their best and as far as they are concerned its as good as any around. Each hour an older group will play and this will continue until nearly midnight with the juveniles being the last to practise.

SNAP SHOT FINISHING

Rolls of film developed and printed and sent out the same day Prints double size at no extra cost. Any 8 exposure roll 35c. Reprints 4c each or 10 for 35c. Mail Film Service, Charlottetown.

Millionaires Clip Islanders 3-1 In Game At Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 14 — (CP) — Nick Pidsodny, Sydney Millionaires goaltender, lost the bid for his third shutout of the Maritime Major Hockey League season with only four seconds to go tonight as Millionaires clipped Charlottetown Islanders 3-1 before 1,971 fans.

The tally, dubbed long after the game was over as "the mystery goal," climaxed a five-forward Charlottetown ganging attack and came as a direct result of a goalmouth skirmish with three Islander players in the vicinity.

Referee Larry Heffering gave winger Wally Pawlyshyn credit for the goal, indicating that Sydney defenceman Joe Levandoski had tipped the puck back into his own net.

Charlottetown players claimed Jim McKenzie had touched the puck last while scores of fans in the vicinity of the Sydney nets were equally certain that Bob Gray had scored.

In any case, Pidsodny had made two brilliant stops and then lost the puck from view. It rolled slowly behind him over the goal line.

Fourth Straight Loss at Sydney

It was Islanders' fourth straight setback on Sydney ice this year and represented Sydney's sixth win in their last seven starts, moving them into sole possession of fourth place, the highest standing they've held in schedule play so far.

Both sides were defensively brilliant and while play was rough in the corners it was considerably off the rugged pace usually set by these clubs. Islanders remain in Cape Breton to tackle Glace Bay Miners tomorrow night.

Islanders had many cleaner scoring chances but failed against the sensational work of Pidsodny until the last big scramble. Pidsodny stopped breakaway efforts by Pawlyshyn in the first period and Favero in the third and made many more good stops on Charlottetown shooters.

Islanders gave big Ray Frederick excellent protection throughout but it proved too good on two occasions.

The first period was scoreless. Don McRae broke the goose-egg after the 7.32 mark of the second frame but he slid a shot from the blueline that headed squarely into the net, untouched and undiverted by at least six players strung out in front of and blocking Frederick's view completely.

Don Whalen roamed from his own end to rap a 30-foot shot at Frederick early in the third period. Frederick cleared it directly onto Lorne Pirie's stick who fired back into the short corner for Millionaire's second.

Sydney's third came at 9.12 of the final canto and was a carbon copy of McRae's second period effort. Joe Levandoski loosed the low shot from a position two feet inside the Charlottetown line and again the puck zipped without deflection into the Island nets.

Charlottetown—Goal, Frederick; defence, McLagan, Dutchak, Vitale, Travis; forwards, Beaudry, Beaudry Favero, Pawlyshyn, Whitlock, McKenzie, Gray, Marshall, Bonhomme, Bellringer.

Sydney — Goal, Pidsodny; defence, Matthews, McRae, Whalen, Levandoski, McBride; forwards Roach, Cupolo, MacIntyre, Peterson, Robertson, Frezell, Bathgate Pirie, Hildebrand.

SUMMARY

First Period

Scoring — None.
Penalty — Favero 14:37

Second Period

1—Sydney, McRae (Peterson, Robertson) ... 7:2
Penalties — Dutchak 2:3 major, MacIntyre 2:27 major.

Third Period

2—Sydney, Pirie (Whalen) 3:35
3—Sydney, Levandoski (Cupolo, Roach) 9:12
4—Ch'town, Pawlyshyn, 19:55
Penalties — McLagan 10:28, Dutchak 18:06.

Stops:

Fredericks	10	2	7	—19
Pidsodny	6	6	9	—21

Imperial Service Medals Presented

In recognition of meritorious service with the C. N. R. in this Province, seven retired employees were awarded the Imperial Service Medal yesterday.

The medals, each engraved with the name of the recipient, were awarded by His Majesty, King George VI, and were presented by C. T. Montgomery, Superintendent of the Island Division of the C.N.R., to Lt.-Col. P. W. MacNevin, D. C.M., Michael G. Mooney and John W. Dickie, all of Charlottetown; Joseph J. Murphy, Coleman; John McKearney, Mt. Stewart; Willard P. MacNeill, Borden, and Hubert Nelson of Montague.

Lt.-Col. MacNevin served from 1904 to 1950, retiring as General Foreman, Motive Power Department; Mr. Mooney from 1910 to 1950, retiring as Conductor; Mr. Dickie entered the service in 1917 as a boatman in the ice boat service at Cape Traverse, and retired as freight checker at Charlottetown last year.

Starting as a section man in 1923, Mr. Murphy retired last year as Section Foreman at Coleman; Mr. McKearney also retired last year as Section Foreman, having joined in 1916. Mr. MacNeill retired as car checker at Borden, serving from 1917 until 1950, and Mr. Nelson from 1906 until this year, a total of 45 years, retiring as a sectionman.

TRAWLERS TO BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO—(CP)—Five modern fish trawlers and a training ship arrived in Brazil recently from European shipyards. The boats will be used to speed up the country's fishery program, aimed at supplying increased demand.

M.M.H.L. Standings

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
St. John ..	23	10	2	157	76	48
Ch'town	17	15	3	120	108	37
Moncton ..	14	16	5	95	133	33
Sydney	14	17	4	103	109	32
Glace Bay	13	18	4	110	117	30
Halifax	12	17	4	93	130	28

Phantom Bandit In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14 —(CP)— A phantom bandit, armed with a pistol, terrorized Christmas shoppers in downtown Winnipeg this afternoon.

Squads of city police and detectives sought him through the crowds.

The bandit, first described as "quite drunk", appeared in three different business premises on Portage Avenue within less than a half-hour.

As soon as police arrived, he would be gone. Within seconds a report of the lone bandit would come from another establishment.

We got our first real taste of winter this week—fluffy frost crystalled snow, bright sunshine and a temperature hovering around zero. To this columnist's way of thinking it's a welcome change to unseasonable rains and a sea of mud. Winter too has its own peculiar charm. On Thursday night, for instance, a cold moon rode amid scattered white clouds and bathed the snow covered landscape in brilliant whiteness. I longed to be out on some secluded beaver dam. I have been on just such a night when the dark spruce spires stood out in bold relief and the mournful hoot of a great horned owl and the yap of a fox, that barked for the sheer joy of living, only deemed to deepen the silence.

On Thursday afternoon I was out across the river with "Bud" MacMurtry, the man who helped me wrestle the raccoon into submission, to look the deer situation over. As the afternoon waned we found a herd of nine bedded down on the south side of a hedge row. They were as comfortable lying in the snow as if wrapped in blankets. As we approached several of them rose to their feet and came to meet us. If one remained perfectly still they would come up and lick our gloved hands or nibble at our clothing. It impressed me that they needed salt and arrangements will be made to place out a salt block or two.

They were beautiful creatures fat and sleek and coated with a dense mat of soft greyish hair that will withstand any degree of cold. MacMurtry fed one of the trusting creatures pieces of a chocolate bar that he happened to have in his

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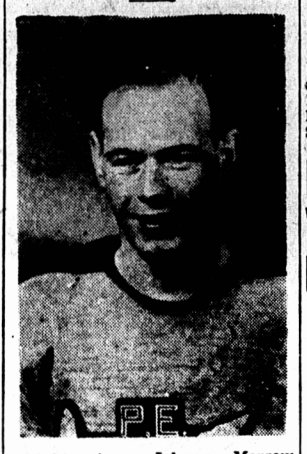
NOTICE

A meeting to discuss the organization of the King's County Hockey League will be held in the Cardigan Legion Hall Tuesday, December 18th at 8 P. M.

This UNION LABEL appears in every TIP TOP garment

Islanders Recall Smith, Send Morrow To Halifax



Right winger Johnny Morrow (above) will join Halifax Saint Mary's over the week-end and Dennis Smith of the Saints will be recalled to the Islanders, it was announced last night.

Morrow will join the Saints on a loan basis and will continue to be the property of the Islanders. He is expected to lineup with the Saints when they play Glace Bay Monday night.

Morrow played right wing on the Whitlock, MacKenzie line this season. He scored six goals and picked up 16 assists for a total of 22 points. He came to the Islanders from the Moncton Hawks one year ago tonight.

He is a native of Montreal and has had several years professional experience. He played with Tulsa Oilers and the Fresno Falcons before coming to the Hawks last year.

Smith started the season with the Islanders and was loaned to the Saints several weeks ago. One of the fastest skaters in the league he has a total of six goals and seven assists for 13 points. He will likely play with the Islanders Tuesday night against Sydney.

Kid Gavilan Wins By Kayo; Non-Title Bout

By Jack Hand

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 —(AP) — Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan left blood-spattered Walter Cartier sprawled in midring after a vicious closing rally tonight to win on a technical knockout in 1:31 of the 10th round at Madison Square Garden.

Gavilan weighed 151 and Cartier 159 1-2 for the non-title fight.

Curling Results

The first section of curling in the Turkey Bonspiel was played last night at the Curling Club and following are the scores:

T. A. Campbell 8, P. W. Turner 7; E. Tanton 12, W. H. Worth 6; H. Spillet 9, A. W. Hyndman 3; E. F. Acorn 8, J. J. Larabee 4; J. S. MacDonald 9, Dr. W. L. MacDonald 5; F. Hansen 8, R. Spillet 5; F. R. McLaine 8, G. G. Hughes 5; M. A. Howatt 15, E. J. Clark 1.

Today's program scratch curling in the afternoon; mixed curling tonight. There will be a card play for geese this afternoon.

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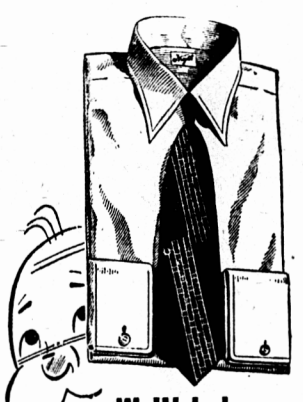

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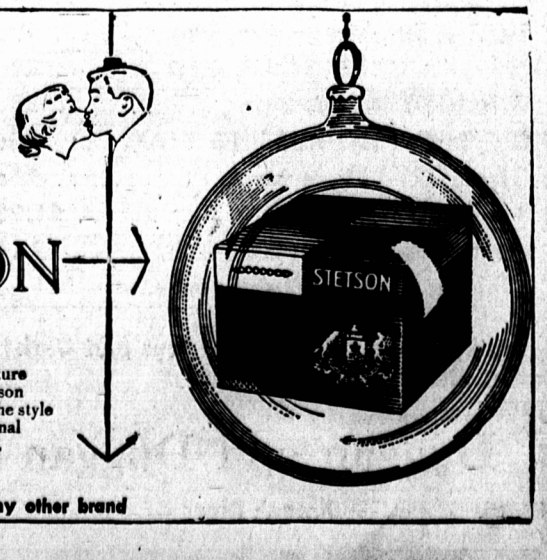

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