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## DOWN BACK STRETCH

Gagetown, N. B. Tom Devlin from Saint John expects to winter here and will have eight or ten horses. Altogether the horse population for the winter will number about forty. I suppose you know that Henry De Witt traded the trotter Tyndall Semple 2.14 2.5 with John Jewell of Halifax for a 3-year old colt by Jollity 2.05% called John Jollity. Thanks Thane, for remembering us and helping us with results of the season's racing at Fredericton.

A story which redounds to the credit of driver Hugh Bell comes from Yonkers Raceway. A driver named Scotty Welch was badly injured in an accident a couple of months ago. Bell and Welch were driving in the same race. Their wheels became locked and Welch was thrown from his sulky, suffering injuries to his left knee and has been unable to drive ever since. Hugh Bell took over his horses, added them to his stable and has driven them in their races while Welch is being treated for his injuries. Altogether Bell has won \$12,900 for the Welch stable and won't take a cent of it. He drove the horses in 25 races, won nine and was four times second and four times third.

### HORSE AUCTION

The 17th annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Company got off to a record start last Monday with 204 trotters and pacers selling for an average of \$872. The total sales amounted to \$177,910 and the average was almost \$100 better than for the first day's sale of 1954. The top price of the day, \$9,000, was paid by Lamont Bourgeois of Toronto for the 7-year-old trotting gelding Victor Darnley 2.04 3.5. He is by Darnley 4, 1.59 4, and his dam is Victory Mite, also the dam of Scotch Victory 2.00, the horse that has raced so successfully for Sol Camp and has been leased by him for stud services at Hanover Shoe Farms. Victor Darnley's records are 2.18; 3. 2.12 3.5; 4. 2.04 2.5; 5. 2.07 4.5; 6. 2.06 1.5; 7. 2.04 2.5. Taken over a half mile track. During his racing career he has earned over \$45,000.

Maritime buyers were active also on Monday. Heber Sweeney of Bridgewater, purchased the 5-year-old bay stallion Newport Express 4. 2.01 2.5 that was 14 times first, second and third as a 4-year-old in 1954. This season he has been a winner on two occasions at Roosevelt Raceway and is described as a very handsome, good-gaited trotter, by Axomite 4, 2.02, dam Jeriza McKlavin p. 2.10, dam of four with records of better than 2.07. Heber also bought Danville Delgate 2.09, a 4-year-old chestnut gelding with records of 2.06 1.5; 2.06 1.5; he is by Hal Dale 2.02 4, dam Highland Elberta p. 2.05, the dam of Thomas Hat 2.01 4.5 and two others with record better than 2.10.

B. C. Cruikshank was the high bidder on the 5-year-old black stallion Newport Chief p. 3. 1.59 3.5; 4. 2.00 1.5 on a half mile track. As a 3-year-old he won the \$5,000 Utica Stake at Saratoga half mile track in 2.01 3.5—a season's record—from such stars as Hillside and Chestertown. He won the \$30,000 Village Farm Stake at Roosevelt Raceway in 2.02 2.5 from the best half mile pacers in America and two years ago won the first and fastest heat of the Little Brown Jug in 2.02 3.5. His record of 1.59 3.5 was taken at Lexington and from there he was sent to California where he won the Western Pace in 1.59 3.5. His sire is Chief Abbedale 2.00 and his dam Home Girl, dame of three with records better than 2.05. With a record of 2.00 1.5 as a 4-year-old over a half mile track he should be able

to set up new track records at practically all of our Maritime ovals. The next Maritime buyer was Andrew Perry of Summerside, who had the high bid on the 5-year-old chestnut stallion Downtown p. 4. 2.03 3.5, 3. 2.05, record taken over a half mile track. In 1954 he had earnings of \$28,000 and has been winning on New York tracks this season. He is a brother to Atomic Bomb 3. 2.00 3.5 and three others with records better than 2.05. His dam, Sue Adam 3. 2.03 3.5, was a former world champion 3-year-old pacing filly on a half mile track and is the dam of four in 2.10. His sire is Brookdale 1.59 3.5. Andrew also bought Eric's Peg, a 3-year-old brown filly that has paced miles in 2.15 free-legged. She is by Eric Hanover 4, 2.09, dam Powder Puff 2.11 4.

Sam Walker of Halifax bought the 3-year-old pacer Mr. Rock 2, 2.08 1.5 over a half mile track. He is by Chestertown 3, 2.01 4, 4. 2.00 2.5, winner of the Hambletonian, and his dam is Evelyn Watt, dam of Janet Volo 2.04 2.5 and Carpet Bagger 2.07. He is eligible to any class.

On Tuesday B. C. Cruikshank had the high bid on the pacer Record Pearl 2.07 4.5 over a half mile track. He is a 5-year-old bay horse by Phonograph 3, 1.59 4, dam Pearl Hanover 2.03 4. He finished up the season winning three races at Foxboro and his former owner believes if shifted to the trot he will take a very fast record at that gait.

Willard MacDonald of Summerside was high bidder on Air Lock 4, 2.05 a 4-year-old bay gelding by Spud Hanover 4, 2.03, dam Anna Bradford's Miss McKlavin 3.09 4, p. 2.08 4. He is described as a seasonally fast trotter that took his record this summer by heading Hersey Hanover 2.00 3.5. Speedy Roscroft, Phyllis Eden, etc. He has trotted halves in one minute on several occasions. Clayton MacLeod was the buyer of Carina Volo 2.09, a 7-year-old mare that trotted in 2.06 this season. She is by Hecantrot 2.07 4, dam Carina, dam of Carz Volo 2.03 3.5 and three others with records better than 2.10. She is seven years old and is described as a good honest trotter that can trot much faster than her record.

On Wednesday Len O'Meara acting for George Gregory bought the 4-year-old pacer Perfect Hal 4, 2.08 2.5. He is a bay horse, royally bred being by Hal Dale 2.02 4, dam Peerless Princess 2.04 4, also the dam of Super Hal 2.01 2.5. Niece Hal 3, 2.04 4.5 and several others with records better than 2.10. His dam is a sister to the famous sire Volomite 3, 2.03 4, and his ancestors on both sides team with speed. As he was racing at time of sale we have no line on his eligibility.

Lorne Letcher's bid made him the owner of Flaming Way 3, 2.04 3.5, a chestnut colt by King's Counsel, 1.58, dam Jane Azoff 1.59 4, whose name was a household word throughout the Maritimes some years ago. She is also the dam of Fearless Way 2.04 3.5, Echo Way 2.05 3.5 and several others. Flaming Way was consigned by Sal Kemp and was raced with success by Joe O'Brien. We have noticed his name in the summaries quite often. Lorne also bought the 5-year-old brown gelding pacer Bothwell 3, 2.02 2.5. He took his record two years ago at Hollywood Park, Calif. and won a mile and a sixteenth race in 2.09. He has terrific speed and as a 4-year-old was timed close to 2.00. He has been



## DOUBLE TROUBLE IN CHINESE

Resting up between periods are defencemen Danny Wong, left, and centre Larry Kwong, two Canadians of Chinese extraction who play for the Trois-Rivieres Lions of the professional Quebec Hockey League. Wong moved up to the Western Junior League. Kwong, a high-scoring veteran, played last season for the now-defunct Valleyfield Braves.

in 2.05 over Roosevelt Raceway. All Trot, first elimination, heading Scott Frost, driven by Joe O'Brien, and seven of the fastest trotters in America. Time, 1.59 3.5. The same field race again today and events at Blue Bonnets Raceway if Gayleway wins the balance of Nov. 8th. Erza Dean won both dashes in the Free For All pace, \$10,000 consolation purse. If an best time 2.15. Bay State Pat was the other horse wins the entire field 7.7. In far off California Oct. 27 in the B Pace, purse \$1,750. Doctor J. A. by Simcoe Harvester, driven by Valles Key was the winner. Time, 2.03 4.5—a new record way.

Maritime buyers were again in evidence at Thursday's sale, Jim's the biggest sired ever seen at Hollywood Park was in the American Classic Free For All high bid on Frenchman, a 2-year-old bay colt by Nibble Hanover trainer-driver Clyde Tisher of Sherman Oaks, Calif. bought for \$25, as a yearling for a patron, when the patron sold out he bought him for \$65, gave him all his training and education and won several races in California a year ago with him and gave him a record of 2.12 2.5. On Oct. 29 he won the American Classic Free For

Victi 2.03, Delhi Lady 2.04 4.5 and others. Queen Victoria's sire was Peter Volo 2.02 and her dam Margaret Arion 3, 2.10 2. dam of three in 2.00, ten in 2.05 and 15 in 2.10. Queen Rodney is entered in all the top 2-year-old stakes for 1956. On several good horses, had Gay Spirit p. 2.08 2.5 knocked down to him. His record was taken on a half mile track the past season and he was a winner at several other tracks. He is a 7-year-old brown gelding by Clever Hanover 1.59 4, dam Chloe 3, 2.17, dam of several better than 2.10. Her sire is Protector 3, 1.59 4, and her dam worthy Spirit 2, 2.14 4. She is a well known brood mare. In 20 starts Gay Spirit was five times first, five times second and five times third. The well known horseman Jack Mehan of St. Stephen, is the new owner of the Genghis Kahn 2.08 a 7-year-old brown stallion by world record holder Billy Direct 1.55, dam Perk Up, dam of five better than 2.10.

Our thanks to Roy Bevan and Rankin McLaine for telegrams with the above news which we are readers.

There is a hot battle going on at Hollywood Park, Calif. for the Guy Rippen Memorial Trophy for leading race driver there. At present Valles Key is out in front with Joe O'Brien, Clint Hodgins and Stan Adams moving up on him. On November 3rd Joe won the \$4,400 Burbank Trot for 3-year-olds with Scott Frost in 2.04. He also won the B Trot with the 3 year old Littlestown in 2.05 2.5, the CC Trot with Tom Sue in 2.05 4.5 and the Free For All Trot, time 2.00 4.5. All the fast trotters were in this race. Maritimers will be glad to learn that Earle Avery pulled off a big stunt Nov. 6 at Hollywood Park when he won the first dash of a \$75,000 pace with Hillsota, Phillip Scott (Safford) was 2, B Haven 3, Times Square 4. Time, 1.59.

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## Hunters' Corner

pheasant wise German Short-hairs drove deep into such a swamp a few days before season's end. Two hunters were taking things at the edge of the 3 acre tract of alders, juniper and spruce but came to life quickly when the roars of a company of old cocks taking off sounded like a bunch of Model T Fords warming up. They didn't get a shot at any. Had to be satisfied with a glimpse of a brace of big thick-tailed gunshots distant. That's the luck of pheasant hunting. If they'd have got a move on when they saw old Sambo gazing intently swampward, head up, ears cocked in a listening pose and his knob of a tail doing a semi-phosphate dance they might have an opportunity to burn some powder. When the old Master acts like that it means pheasants. When he starts bouncing around like a rubber ball trying to look over the bushes it means a cat. He'll pass up pheasants for a cat any day.

The season just passed will go down on record as our top pheasant crop. Thousands of them were shot and there are thousands left. Hunters bagged pheasants this season who never did before and yet there are plenty left. Given favourable weather conditions during the breeding season following a normal winter no one needs to worry about or twice a week an old flock once or twice to vary the cell grass diet with a crop full of oats or barley but the majority are sitting pretty tight on the tidal flats and clear of the daily exercise flight over salt water their actions are pretty well routine at the moment. A good sharp blow should tend for a change of behaviour.

The latest goose story had its inception last week. Two hunters were rigged out on a stubble field in the hope a flock would find a craving for a fill up on plump grain to hard to resist. Shortly after daybreak a flock of 10 shove in sight. One of the gunners started tooting it up on the goose call and gave such a realistic performance

off the hat until next October the whole flock seems to rest among the decoys. All well and good as far but he got so excited he still kept calling after the birds were on the ground. His companion watched the geese standing at attention amid the decoys until he could stand the strain no longer and levelled the trusty single barrell and flattened the nearest goose as flat as a pancake. That broke the spell. The musical serenade feeling to have goose called ended pronto. It must be glued to one lips but anything can happen in the goose hunting game. There was just one shot fired.

ALGONQUIN PARK, Ont. (CP)—A jealous, prong-horned buck gored a 55-year-old man here Thursday as he was feeding an apple to a doe. Matthew Girouard of Sudbury, Ont., staggered to his car and collapsed on the front seat after the horns pierced his back.

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