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and a thick cloud of smoke follows him as he moves in his path.

"It all started in this area (P... County) around 1923," he says. "In the beginning there were just Ted and I. We started a little construction and gravel business."

Now the Armstrongs employ 100 men and 1,200 acres and are the second biggest company in Brampton behind American Motors (Canada) Ltd.

THEY SPECIALIZE

"How did we get there?" Elgin asks himself. "I'd say it was a combination of horse sense and hard work. It's a nice combination. Ted doesn't say anything about the horses and I don't say anything about the construction."

The company covers southern Ontario and northwest to Sault Ste. Marie. The Armstrongs maintain contact with Northern Ontario through a North Bay spur office.

Charlie, who's married with three daughters, lives near the head office on Green Gables stud farm. Ted lives in Toronto and Elgin lives in Brampton.

"We buy 200 trucks a year for about \$2,000,000," Elgin says, "and our company is as big now that if I was to spend a day on each of the jobs I figure it would take me 35 days."

Near the three buildings that comprise the construction company's main section is a 30-horse barn for Mrs. Elgin Armstrong's prize harness ponies, a 40-horse barn for yearlings and a half-mile training track.

About 15 months ago, the Armstrongs added a cafeteria and dormitory for 200 men.



LORETTA'S BOY

One of Cape Breton's most promising colts is the three-year-old, Loretta's Boy. This picture shows him at Charlottetown during one of his many stake races. Driver Mike Chaisson is holding the reins.

Records take beating at Brunswick Downs

The 1966 campaign at Moncton's Brunswick Downs, which stretched over a 25 week period, featured racing over a re-surfaced track that resulted in a dozen new track records... three of them going into the books as new Maritime standards.

Miramichi Fred, owned by Harman and Bob Tingley of Sackville, lowered the tri-province tab for homestead side-wheelers when he copped the New Brunswick Pacing Derby on Sept. 17th in 2:04.2. It shaved the previous mark by one-fifth of a second, set earlier in the season at Charlottetown by Fredricton-owned Starburn.

When the '66 season swung away, Jolly Jerry, Time To Go and Watch Top all shared the tri-province mark at 2:05.3.

Another fine pacing machine from the banks of the Miramichi, a mare by the name of Miramichi Carla, walked off a stake victory at The Downs in 2:05.4. The supreme effort by the four-year-old daughter of Jimmy Counsel and Vesta Bed-

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Virginia owned by Roy Sadler of Calais, Maine, and Winnbury owned by Murray Oliver tied for second spot with nine wins a piece. In the 313 dashes programmed a total of 106 different horses entered the winners' circle.

PROVED FATAL

In addition to Queen Scott, injury proved fatal in two horses and ended the racing career of a third. Bonaventure, a 10-year-old brown gelding by Laurel Chief-Emma McElwya, broke his left front leg and had to be destroyed and Mikeburn was fatally injured in a collision with a tractor during a pre-race warm up on July 21. The full brother to Starburn was preparing to return to active racing after an early year injury. Early Riser, who had returned to free for all form by placing second to Miramichi Carla in 2:05.4 in Moncton in August, broke his front leg while finishing a training mile in Saint John. Owner Charles Furber, in an attempt to save the black stallion for stud purposes, has him back on the farm at New Maryland in a full leg cast. It is also reported that the same Miramichi Carla also suffered a similar injury while racing at Truro.

For the top racing event at the local oval during the 1966 season, you can take your pick from Borderview Roy's capture of the Walter Dale, Andy's Son's performance in the International, Miramichi Posts two fine miles in 2:08 and 2:08.2 in the three-year-old early closing pace, J. Scotch Hal's 2:05 mile, Lloyd's Star's six straight victories, the consistent performances of Chief Budlong and so on. In this corner, the Early Closer for non-winners of \$1000.00 held on July 21 created the most drama and provided fans with the excitement and thrills that only good harness racing can.

Market Report, a 10 year-old chestnut gelding by Hodgen out of Black Market, certainly the gamiest horse ever to race at this oval and a 45-1 long shot not only upset the oddsmakers but the bettors too as he won the feature with a 1-2 in summary and in the raceoff returned better \$102.10 to win a season record and combined with Little Major to return an exactor payoff of \$349.00. While a great effort for driver Willard Carr and owner-trainer Henry Bishop, it was really anticlimactic. For just one hour earlier, Little Major, a 10-year-old bay gelding by Crafty Hanover out of Ninth Day owned by W.W. Barker of Fredericton and trained and driven by Lee McBride, had brought the fans to their feet with a stunning upset in the first division of the stake over the then season's champion on the Maritime Free For All Circuit, Onaway, with a season's mark of 36 wins. Little Major topped the Frankie Daniels raised five-year-old gelding in a time of 2:06, a full three and three-fifths seconds better than his best mark of 2:09.3 set as a six-year-old. Market Report was second to Queen Scott in the second division in a slow time of 2:12. In the race off it appeared as another wire to wire battle between Onaway and Little Major and it was shaping up that way as the field passed the half in 1:08.4. But at the 4 pole Carr has Market put and moving, was

JUST GARY

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ness and toughness he is 100 per cent."

His record, considered unequalled in the race game, is 238 races in three seasons. His 2:07.4 and his present record were given him with Laurie on the bike.

Just Gary is owned by F. R. MacLaine, Charlottetown, who just became everytime the horse's name is mentioned.

Just Gary has given to the Maritime race game. His trainer-driver in 1962 was Claude O'Brien. After the closing down of the plant in Charlottetown, he was taken over by Laurie O'Brien who has handed him since that time. His 2:07.4 and his present record were given him with Laurie on the bike.



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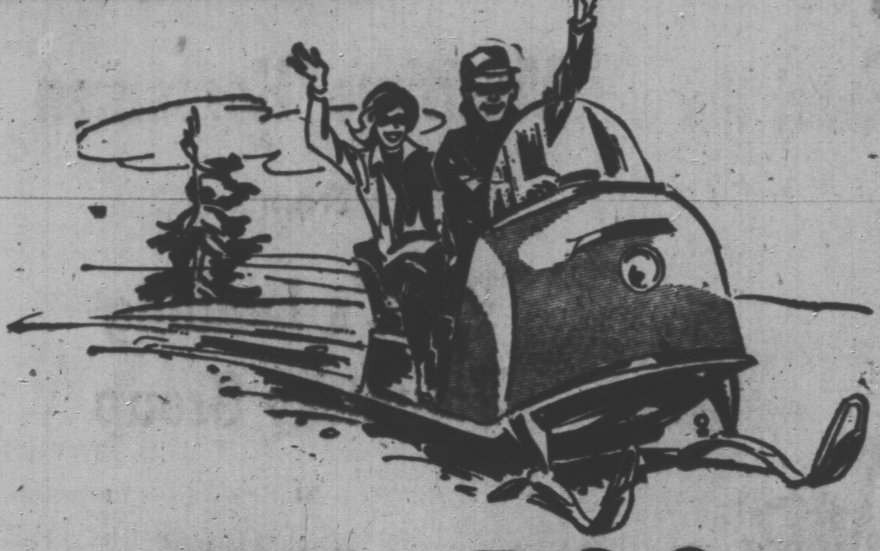
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