

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A meeting of the Directors of the United States Trotting Association was held at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, of December. F. B. McCurdy, Truro, and the writer represented District 11. A total of 29 Directors were present. A committee was appointed to make a revision of the rule book and they brought in a large number of recommendations which were discussed either passed, modified or rejected. The matter of registration of colors of drivers which is carried on by the Grand Court — the stewards of which are the U.S.T.A. to take it over — a reimbursement fee — was not acted upon. It was felt that a great many drivers would not be interested in registering colors and that an additional fee might be resented by many. It is possible that registration of colors may be put on a voluntary basis some time in the near future.

The Starting Gate and the various methods of using it was discussed quite lengthily and a rule was finally passed authorizing to use the MacDowell System. That way the horses line up and the gate at the three-quarter mile, where the track is wide enough to permit this procedure. The Gate then moves at a speed which will enable the horses to be in the starting position in ten and twelve seconds per hour, until they reach seven-eighths pole where the speed shall be increased to between 15 and 18 miles per hour to allow for readjustment of placement of the field of horses. Near the last one-sixteenth of the Gate shall be gradually closed to bring the field of horses to a maximum speed at or just before the starting point. Where the Gate shall be given, however, speed has been reached the course of a start there shall not decrease in the speed of the gate, no starter shall check the speed of his Gate or slow it down after starting his acceleration at the one-sixteenth pole. . . . Note: There are many tracks where this system cannot be carried out in its entirety with satisfactory results, so some modification will have to be used.

The election of a President to succeed the late lamented Henry Knauf resulted in a unanimous vote for Lawrence B. Sheppard, President of Hanover Shoe Farms and also president of Hanover Shoe Company. Mr. Sheppard has been the official adviser of Vice-President Don R. Millar since Mr. Knauf's death and his sound judgment and advice have been of the greatest value during the time Mr. Sheppard has had a very interesting career in business and has bred many of the greatest trotters and pacers in the world. His daughter when a 13-year-old girl drove Dean Hanover to a three-year-old world's record of 1:58.15, and in the last few years Hanover Shoe Farms yearlings have sold for more money than any other breeding farm in the world, and have also secured the top price for a yearling trotter — \$72,000 for Imperial Hanover in 1949. Mr. Sheppard is a speaker that is always listened to with greatest interest. His talks are terse and to the point and interspersed with witticisms that are quoted all over the U.S.A. In addition to all his other accomplishments he is a top amateur driver, in fact he believes he was the leading amateur driver of 1949 at Lexington, Ky.

Don R. Millar who took over the office of Vice President a few years ago because of the illness of Roger Duncan, who was so greatly admired in the Maritimes, while a young man has worked very hard and familiarized himself with the harness horse sport in a remarkable way. Since the death of Mr. Knauf great responsibility has been shouldered by him but it is pleasing to say that his health has not suffered and the affairs of the U.S.T.A. reached their zenith during 1950. As a reward for his services and an incentive, he was given the new title of Executive Vice President and an increase in salary.

Many compliments were also paid to Messrs Staples, Adamasky and Ken McCarr, the former is Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Adamasky compiler of the Year Book and The Register, and Ken McCarr the Registrar. The amount of work done by these gentlemen has been tremendous and the savings they have made in administration run into many thousands of dollars. The Directors were visitors at the headquarters of the Association on Saturday afternoon. It is situated at 1349 East Broad Street, Columbus, and was purchased for \$20,000, some years ago and a very low tax rate and other privileges guaranteed so as to bring the Association there. Today the building could not be built for a quarter of a million dollars and is ideal in every respect for the purpose it is used for. It is in near proximity to one of the finest printing establishments in the world, where the Year Book and The Register are

turned out by a process called "offset" printing. The work is all done on electric typewriters and this type is photographed to a smaller scale, saving thousands of pages and great expense.

A moving picture which was compiled and arranged for by publicity director James W. Crossett was shown. It is similar to "Silks and Sulkies" that was taken at Charlottetown. Director Bernard Kearney of California also had films which were projected, showing some of the big events at Santa Anita and we clearly distinguished Joe O'Brien riding to victory. These films are available and a large sum was voted so they could be shown wherever it was thought they could be of use in interesting more people in our sport. U.S.T.A. meetings are carried on for long hours and require very intense concentration on the proceedings in hand so most of the directors are very much relieved when they are concluded. On the other hand it is a great pleasure to meet old friends each year and to find their viewpoints very much different from our own. One thing we did notice was the strain that the Korean war has imposed on all Americans. One could feel it all through the Columbus meeting.

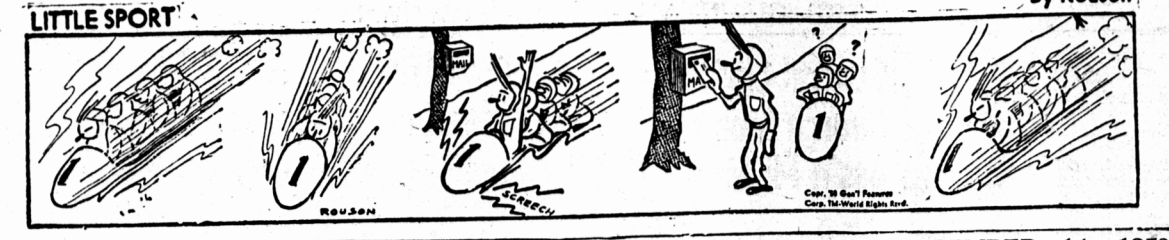
The many friends of Loul Praught, Sherbrooke, Que., brother of Leo and Wilfred Praught, will be glad to learn that during the past season he has had one of the best winning stables in his part of Quebec. A three-year-old colt trotter, George Brooke, that was one broken in January, took a wire race record of 2:15 in August in a classified race with aged horses. Despite illness he won three \$1,000 stakes and was second in a fourth. Now we hear from Louis: "Next season I intend to stake him in five or six \$1,000 events for thirty class pacers, although he never paced until after the races finished. Then I pulled off his front shoes one day, cut down his feet, and he started pacing and showed so much speed and came so fast that I could have gone in 2.2 easily. I hope to place him in the 2:10 list next season.

"I also had good success with Harvest Brook by Wedgemere Vase giving him a record of 2:11. I lost out twice in photo finish for first in 2:11 2/5. A short time ago we sold this gelding to Hodden Brook of Bridgetown, Maine, together with his three-year-old sister. I still have twelve head, they are Peter Hanl, a 2:19 class trotter, Star Boy, a 2:23 class trotter, Guy Brook, a great pacer, Tony C. Brook, started three times and won twice, The Great Brook, a two-year-old brother of George Brook, and Miss Sherbrooke a four-year-old, Miss Victory Queen a 2:21 class pacer with a record gave her of 2:11 2/5 last season. She is a full sister to Cox Brook 2:06 and George Brook 2:15. By the way, I only paid \$175 for George and refused \$2,500 for him. Lucie Denaull, my second trainer, is the man who is holding George Brook in the picture I sent Leo and me. Don R. Romeo Veilleux is standing right behind the sulky. The Doctor has one of the best Year Book libraries in existence with only one volume missing since 1869. He probably knows more about breeding than any horseman in Canada and I am sure it would be a treat for you to talk with him.

"There are five other stables at the Sherbrooke track besides mine the Fabel and Fields with both ten and the stars being Cyr Hanover 2:05 and Storm Hanover 2:10. Jimmie Boutillier is head man of this outfit. Albert Toutant has three head with the free for a pacer Derby Day 2:02 as the leader. Next is the Lucien Dugre stable with six head, among them Texa Hanover 2:04 and Hardy Fer 2:06. Emile Larente is head trainer for them, and finally the Adele and Dumas string with Miss Burr pace 2:05 1/2, the star and the trainee is Jimmie Larente.

"I was greatly pleased to find that I stood second in the list of drivers scored on the point system at Quebec City up until last week. Later I will send more particulars to Loul and the stars with. Please give my best regards to all the boys down there. I certainly would enjoy visit home but with a big stable one has to be on the job." The last time I saw Louis was at Hartford Conn. in 1950, when he advised me to buy a horse that would have done me a lot of good had I followed his advice, but the trouble was that I had loaded up to my financial capacity when I got the tip. It is a pleasure to chronicle his success in a circuit that is tough.

We are very pleased to quote from a letter written by F.B. Rogers to Mr. McGibbon, R.C.A.F. station Summerside. "I have been stationed here for the last five years and am very much interested in my horse attending as many race meetings as I possibly could. I don't



LITTLE SPORT



Those responsible for the conducting of the third annual hockey school for coaches and referees, Brigadier W. W. "Bill" Reid and his Department of Physical Fitness, and instructors George Hayes and Leo Lamoureux, can relax for another year with the assurance that they have again accomplished another fine job. The school concluded its three-day sessions here Wednesday, and the some 35 or more students attending, have returned to their respective training cities, towns and districts, with the satisfaction that they have really learned something about hockey they didn't know before.

As in the past two years, when the Department of Physical Fitness first conceived and put into practice the holding of such schools, the full scale program was run off with the maximum amount of success. Devised for the purpose of bringing a wider knowledge of hockey to the public, by means of giving special instruction to representatives from districts and towns throughout the Maritimes who in turn would carry that knowledge on to others in their community, the school has accomplished much in that respect.

Particularly fortunate in being able to acquire the services of such competent men to instruct the students as George Hayes and Leo Lamoureux, the students have been able to get the very best in first-hand information on the aspects of refereeing, coaching and general knowledge of the game both in theory and practical use. Again this year those attending the sessions were keen hockey enthusiasts and are in a position to carry on the work, and possibly even other schools in their own districts. They got the most out of the opportunity of hearing and discussing with Hayes and Lamoureux the rules and how to apply them, and referees the psychology of coaching, conditioning and training of players and playing techniques and many other factors of the sport.

Probably the greatest feature of the school was the manner in which the two instructors put over their subjects and the way they conducted discussion. These were nothing strained or drab about the sessions. They were carried on more as a free discussion between instructor and student, rather than straight lectures. Take Mr. Hayes on the rules for instance; first he would read over the rule and explain its interpretation. Then throw it up to the students for discussion on personal problems or incidents in connection with the rule under discussion. It is surprising what angles can crop up out of such a system, too, and the students kept Hayes busy digging up answers and explanations.

As an active official of the National Hockey League's refereeing staff, Hayes' wide experience of the game, also enabled him to explain the rule even farther by means of comparison in connection with certain incidents that have occurred in the "Big Leagues" that applied to the particular rule under discussion. These anecdotes not only caught the interest and fancy of the students, but were invaluable in getting the point across.

Quoting Hayes in one of his remarks regarding rules he said: "Practically every rule in the book has a story behind it. I would like to cover some incident that has actually taken place in a game at some time or another — just the same as some of the rules now will be amended or changed because of something that will happen in some future game that the rule doesn't cover." Regarding referees, he stated, "every referee makes mistakes, and if he didn't he'd be in a glass case."

Islanders coach, Leo Lamoureux carried out his side of the school in the same free manner. His experience in seven years of hockey in the N.H.L. and other professional leagues, gave him a fund of knowledge to draw from. His familiarity with great names in hockey, their styles and individual techniques, was a great factor in putting his subject under discussion over to his students in a manner not to be forgotten. His stories and incidents concerning many N.H.L. players also added to the zest and interest of his talks and practical demonstrations.

AMHERST, N.S., Dec. 15 — (CP) — A line comprised of three former Maritime Senior Hockey League players, Don Larlee, Ron Gaudet and Art Lager, accounted for 11 goals tonight as Amherst Bombers defeated Springfield Miners 2-4 in a Central League fixture.

New Executive Elected For Islanders Club At Lively General Meeting

Major T. B. "Tom" Rogers was elected President of the P. E. I. Islanders Hockey Club, Inc. by an entirely new body of Club Directors elected at a special meeting of some 200 shareholders held at the Vocational Training School last evening.

Following the general meeting at which all former members of the executive, headed by President Dr. F. C. Dougan, had resigned their positions as officers of the Club, the new president was elected by an executive of eight new directors who were nominated and elected from the floor of the general meeting.

Their resignation followed a motion made by Vernon L. MacDonald and seconded by Charles MacArthur that "the present directors resign and that a new slate of directors be elected by nominations from the floor." The motion was carried by a standing vote.

The meeting was called by the retired executive on receipt of a petition of 51 shareholders of the P.E.I. Islanders Hockey Club "for the purpose of considering matters affecting the welfare of the club." Other new officers and directors elected are as follows: 1st Vice-President, W. E. Massey; 2nd Vice-President, Robert Rogers; Secretary-Treasurer, Aubrey Ward; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Leo Callaghan; other directors, Dr. L. D. Storey, Gordon Storey, R. J. MacDonald.

Utilizing their power to add to their number of directors under the Constitution, a ninth director was appointed, Dr. Frank MacMillan receiving the appointment. The meeting, which waxed fiery at times, was originally presided over by the now resigned president, Dr. F. C. Dougan, and was later presided over by Major Rogers, who had been appointed as chairman on a motion, following the resignation of the former executive. Mr. Aubrey Ward was also appointed secretary for the balance of the meeting, following the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Arthur Clark.

The purpose of last night's meeting was explained by Mr. Vernon MacDonald, who stated that the shareholders at a previous meeting held on December 3rd, had shown they were one hundred per cent in favor of Major Rogers' administration. He said that the shareholders were of the opinion that Major Rogers would continue as president, but "less than twenty-four hours later the directors took it upon themselves to elect a new president."

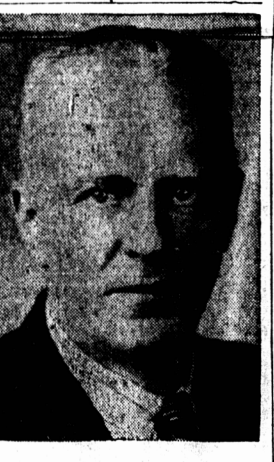
Mr. MacDonald then made his motion that the present executive resign and predicted that all the members resigning would be re-elected. Dr. Dougan stated that the motion amounted to a vote of non-confidence in the executive, to which Mr. MacDonald replied that such was not the case.

Dr. Dougan then requested that he be allowed to withdraw with his executive to discuss the matter. After meeting with his executive, he informed the shareholders that "in the opinion of the executive they could not see anything in the motion but a vote of non-confidence. I am no name will not come up for re-election."

In tendering his resignation, he thanked the shareholders for his short tenure of office and paid high tribute to Coach Lamoureux. He wished the team the best of luck, stating that he hoped they'd win the Maritime title, after which he left the hall amidst a tremendous ovation.

Messrs William Boyles (1st vice-president), Arthur Clark, (sec.-treasurer), Clarence McGinn (assistant sec.-treasurer), and Harry McInnis, announced their resignation and their intention of refusing any further nomination to a new executive.

HUNTERS' CORNER



Major Rogers

On Tuesday evening, December 5th, the curtain dropped on the goose season for 1950 as far as this province is concerned. Feeding conditions are perfect at time of writing and it is certain the concentrations of honkers will remain with us until a heavy fall of snow sets in. If gunners behave themselves the blocks of big black and white birds will be able to fill up on plump kernels of wheat, oats and barley in peace and safety.

It was a good goose season as far as the number of birds present is concerned but the kill was somewhat lower than last season if reports of the take given by goose hunters is authentic. The flight this season was on a par with last fall, maybe a little on the up, but the comparison with this spring's migration is doubtful if we had one goose at the peak of the flight in November for every 10 we had last April when the spring migration was at its height. The bulk of the geese this fall fell in the stubble although a few concentrations elected to spend most of their time on the salt water flats where cel grass was abundant.

Tracadie Bay and The Narrows were two places where geese showed a tendency to revert to old feeding habits and this season for the first time several hundred birds preferred the security of the salt water off Point Prim in southern Quebec rather than the open fields of gunfire that awaited them on the inland stubble fields.

Suitable food and environment has a lot to do with the table qualities of game birds. On the night of November 27th I talked to a Nova Scotia sportsman. It was on the occasion of the Northumberland Strait joint game meeting at the Car Ferry Abegweit.

He informed me that geese were quite plentiful along the south shore of N. S. He and his shooting partner had bagged a good share but were disappointed in the table qualities of the birds. The bulk of the food found in their crops consisted of a type of marsh grass. In consequence the geese were in fair condition only without any

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Millionaires Win 8-2 From Vics

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 15 — (CP) — High flying Sydney Millionaires took a powerful 8-2 win here tonight over the Sydney Victors in a regular Cape Breton Senior Hockey League fixture, after piling up an eight-goal lead in the first two periods.

First Period
1—Sydney, Marchant (Hildebrand, Matthews) 7:43
2—Sydney, McRae (MacInyre) 11:51
Penalties: None

Second Period
3—Sydney, Hildebrand (Berry, Brukow) 2:00
4—Sydney, Roach (Bowness, Matthews) 3:59
5—Sydney, Bowness (Marchant) 9:33
6—Sydney, Marchant (Bowness) 10:01
7—Sydney, Cupolo (Roach, Bowness) 15:22
8—Sydney, Cupolo (Roach, Bowness) 19:35
Penalties: — Marchant, Whalen

Third Period
9—North Sydney, Bellringer (Robertson, Verrier) 17:40
10—North Sydney, Bellringer 19:01
Penalties: — Roach, McBride, Hildebrand.

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by Bernard Christensen, his brother, Charles MacKay, arriving on Sunday, Dec. 3.

They bought the first cattle this trip in the Kensington area, and went to King's County on Monday, Dec. 4. The witness stayed at the Sea View Hotel, Souris. Christensen was there also. Charles MacKay was at his wife's place near Sturgeon.

They loaded a car at Souris on Thursday, Dec. 7, made up of sheep and cows, bought in the Rollo Bay, Fortune, Bangor, St. Peter's, Morel area.

The witness said each of the three had a truck.

The night of Dec. 7 they spent at Souris and left there after 6 a.m. on Friday morning, Dec. 8, for St. Peter's. They had cattle marshaled there to go by railway car that morning. The witness and Christensen went in one truck and Charles MacKay in another. Charles arrived at St. Peter's first as the witness and Christensen made a call on the way to pick up a calf previously bargained for.

Islanders Edge Hawks 4-3 In Keenly Contested Encounter At Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 15 — (CP) — Moncton Hawks absorbed another defeat in Maritime Senior Hockey League play here tonight, going down 4-3 at the hands of Charlottetown Islanders. However, Hawks showed more fight than they have in any previous appearance here this season.

Bruno (Red) Favero's goal at the 1:50 mark of the third period was the winning tally, and also his second counter of the game. The Islanders led 2-1 at the end of the first period. Hawks tied the score early in the second and the visitors again went out in front seven minutes later only to see the Monctonians pull a 2-0 tie in the 13th minute mark.

Forward Weston Trainor opened the scoring for the Islanders and Fred Denny of Moncton tied the count before Walter Pawlyshyn gave Islanders the edge near the end of the frame.

Frank (Todine) Imonti put Hawks back in the running early in the second period, then Favero scored for Islanders. Lou Milani's goal at the 15 minute mark of the second period was Hawks final tally.

Hawks kept the pressure on in the third period in an effort to gain the equalizer but were unable to capitalize on several scoring chances. They outshot the Islanders 24-16 in the game.

Twelve penalties were called, one a misconduct to big Phil Vitale of the Islanders and two majors to McLagan and Barkwell for fighting. It was Barkwell's first penalty of the season.

With only 12 men in their lineup, Hawks pressed the league-leading Islanders all the way. The game was fast and rugged with the locals giving their home fans the best display of hockey this season.

Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Duchak, Vitale; centre, Trainor; wings, Pawlyshyn, Favero; subs, Travis, McLagan, Bathgate, D. Horeck, J. Horeck, Beaudry, Beaton, Clements.

Moncton — Goal, Colvin; defence, Dunville, Delmonte; centre, Dowling; wings, Milani, Imonti; subs, Galpeau, Jeanneau, Demchuk, Barkwell, Mousseau, Denny.

Morrow Signed By Islanders



Jack Morrow, (above), husky high-scoring right winger of Moncton Hawks, who was released from the Hub City club earlier this week, has been signed to play with the Charlottetown Islanders.

The announcement was made at Moncton by Islanders coach Leo Lamoureux, who signed the former Hawks forward there last night.

Morrow will play with the Islanders at Saint John tonight.

Coach Lamoureux also announced that a satisfactory financial settlement had been reached with the Vancouver Canucks concerning Kevin Conway's release to the Pacific Coast Club. Johnny Black, a former member of the Canucks, will arrive in this City on Tuesday to join the Islanders club.

It was also learned last night that Jack "Spy" Ready, Islanders defenceman, will leave the City by air today for Saint John where he will join the Islanders in tonight's game against Beavers, to replace an injured defenceman in last night's game against Moncton. The name of the injured player was not released.

Hornets' Goalie Near New Record

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Little Gil Mayer who couldn't skate fast enough to be a hockey defenceman is just 18 minutes away from a shutout record as a goalie.

The Pittsburgh Hornets flash kept the puck out of his net for 203 minutes and four seconds. The American Hockey League record established by Nick Damore of Hartford during the 1939-40 season is 221 minutes.

The Hornets and 20-year-old Mayer will be fighting for their fourth consecutive shutout in Saturday night's battle with Providence Reds.

Famechon Wins From Flanagan

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Ray Famechon, European featherweight champion from France, chased Glen (The Wrong) Flanagan for 10 rounds tonight to whip the retreating St. Paul Minn., Irishman by a unanimous "round" decision to a chorus of boos. Famechon weighed 127 1/2 Flanagan 127.

There never was the least doubt about the decision in this bout that marked the 25th anniversary of the opening of Madison Square Garden. Only question all night was whether Famechon would pitch a shutout.

six calves on board parked against the stockyard gate or alongside it at St. Peter's. He had gone to Souris with the MacKay's.

He denied ever being in Pratt's barn or of taking any calves from the barn at Pratt's.

HOCKEY MEETING

An adjourned meeting of the Crystal Hockey Club will be held in the Armories on Summer Street, Summerside Sunday, December 17th, at 2 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

J. W. McNEILL
Sec'y-Treasurer

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