

Back Stretch

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to have him back—they surely would!

It has been said, and we doubt if it can be contradicted, that Montague and vicinity has more trotters and pacers than any similar section of this Province or in fact the Maritimes. A visitor there a few days ago has very kindly given us particulars of some of them. In the Dr. Preston McInyre stable there is the favorite trotter of some years ago, Eva Worthing 2.11 2/5, with a February foal by her side that is as large almost as a nine months old. The sire is Hero Mine 2.11 2/5 by Volomite 2.08 1/4. Others are a two-year-old named Royal Train, by Past Train 2.05, out of Eva Worthing, Penny Royal 2, 2.28 by Real Money 2.09 1/2, dam, Eva Worthing, Miss Commando 2.12 4/5 and the four-year-old Money Royal 3, 2.15-2.5 by Real Money 2.09 1/2 out of Miss Commando. They are all under the care of that experienced horseman, Archie Llewellyn.

Annear and Lowery have also a well equipped stable with Valley Long 2.14 1/5, Vernita Pearl 3, 2.15, that was one of the best three-year-olds out last season, Real Set 2.18 1/5, the eight-year-old Frankie Budlong 2.14 3/5 by Calumet Budlong 2.02 3/4, dam, Dorothy Abbelle, that raced so well last season, and is being prepped for another campaign, is expected to lower his record considerably. Then there is a very handsome two-year-old colt named Premier J. Walter by Real Money 2.09 1/2, dam, Hallie Hal, and a three-year-old of the same breeding called Real Joe. There is also a nine months old colt by Simcoe Harvester 2.04 1/4, dam, Miss Harjorie Hal. In another barn is a foal by Real Money out of a Lacopia mare, the second dam, the famous trotter Miss Belle Rico 2.16 1/4, a year-old of the same breeding named Ruthie and a foal by Real Money, dam, Hallie Hal. The above are all under the care of Alfred Lowery.

At Billy Brennick's farm the visitors saw Real Money 2.09 1/2, sire of so many good performers that are racing locally and others in the list in the U.S. He is a very handsome horse and a full brother to the former world's champion three-year-old Cold Cash 1.38 1/2. Real Money has contributed a great deal towards enhancing the speed and prestige of Montague and vicinity. Nearby they visited the farm where the Standardbred stallion Cyclonic 2.06, by the world's champion three-year-old trotter Protector 3, 1.59 1/4, is located. He is owned by the Battle Todd Driving Club of Cape Breton and is being well cared for by Wellington Nicholson, who considers him the finest horse he has ever seen. Cyclonic has filled out and now weighs almost 1200 lbs. His disposition is perfect and M. Nicholson's little five-year-old girl is a playmate, going around him quite unconcerned. The agreement is that he is to remain there for three years.

At George McIntyre's they saw the brood mare Daisy Budlong and her two-year-old and a yearling that were to be offered at auction on Wednesday. Everyone regrets George's retirement from racing but owing to the accident which he had some months ago no other course was possible. George's father, Dr. J. D. McIntyre, was a great horseman and his sons have continued the same interest in the Standardbreds and have with others kept Montague on the map and more particularly by managing the Montague race track for so many years. Then there is Leo Collins, who as a driver and trainer has been outstanding. He is getting ready Leila Budlong 2.10 3/5, Bessie Budlong 2.15 1/5 and the Laura's Princess by Real Money out of a Lusty Frisco mare.

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the Forum after witnessing Wallie Scantlebury's wonderful Ice Cycles we had a chat with Roy Bevan and he told us that Willard MacDonald was talking over the phone with Del McTavish, who is located at Roosevelt Raceway, New York, and Del said that he likes Ann's Dream and Pet Hanover very much. He believes that both of them will make good and he has staked them quite freely. At present he hasn't beaten 2.40 with brushes at the end, but he expects to let them down considerably in the next couple of weeks. Ann's dream, by Calumet Budlong 2.02-3/4, took a record as a four-year-old last season of 2.14 2/5 and was 8 times first, 9 times second and once third, and is eligible to the 2.23 class pace. She was driven in all her races by George Calbeck. Pet Hanover, that was also a four-year-old last season, took a record on the trot of 2.13 2/5 was 9 times first, twice second and three times third and is eligible to the 2.23 trot. Pet Hanover is by Nibble Hanover 1.58 3/4, one of the best sires at Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pa.

A three-year-old that is attracting a lot of attention at the Charlottetown track is Suffolk Chief by Chief Abbedale 2.00. He was bought as a yearling at Lexington in 1951, and raced lightly last year as a two-year-old. When he came here he was small but now he has filled out and is really a picture horse, is being trained free-legged and shows fast brushes at the end of miles. Another horse in the same stable that has improved a great deal is Dean Swift 2.14 4/5, by Simcoe Harvester 2.04 1/4. This horse had speed enough to take the pole from his opposition last year and we think will reduce his record several seconds this year. The third member of the Cmdr. George Buntain stable is that very game, reliable pacer Miss Knox 2.09 3/5. She is by Highland Scott 1.59 1/2 and is a 2.17 pacer. Miss Knox has always had to race in real tough company and being free-legged is at some disadvantages with the hopped ones, but her gameness makes up for it. The

trainer and driver, Ed Downe, should have a good season with these and others that he will be racing.

Saint John parties are said to be negotiating for quite a number of race horses and three of them have arrived, among them the eight-year-old pacer Thelma Lou by Gay Song 1.59 1/2. She took a record of 2.05 2/5 last year and in 38 starts was five times first and seven times second. Her total earnings to date are over \$7,000, making her eligible to the 2.16 pace. At Richwood, Ohio, Sept. 1st she was 1-2 in the \$1,000 Free For All in 2.06 4/5, and at Centerville, Ohio, Sept. 20th won the first heat in the Free For All in 2.07, and at Northville, Mich. July 25th, she won in 2.05 2/5, which is her record. Thelma Lou races free-legged and was reported to have been halved in close to a minute over a half-mile track. Our best wishes for success go to her new owner, P. Downey of Hillsboro, N. B.

And here's a letter from E. Thane Belyea, Fredericton, N.B. "I just read of the death of V. C. Bruce Wetmore, 77-year-old Boston businessman who was born in Gagetown, N.B., and moved away from there when he was just a boy. I met Mr. Wetmore first in 1924, he used to come to Gagetown for the duck shooting every fall and he and Charles Francis Adams came together quite frequently and they still have a houseboat down there. The year I referred to he came with his big motor yacht and stopped at the Gagetown wharf, was shaking hands with everyone and said to me, 'I don't know you.' Then I told him I had heard tell of him through the mare Jess Y. by Wilask that Walter Cox raced for him. Then he said 'Come over here' and we talked horses for nearly two hours.

"Perhaps you will remember that a good many years ago Hans Ralston of the Metropolitan Speedway was delegated to go to the Old Glory Sale and buy a bunch of colts for the members. The price was not to exceed \$500 a colt. The colts' names were put in a hat and the members drew their names. Wetmore drew Guy Leyburn. He was a fair horse, Harry Brusie gave him a record of 2.11 1/4 and he came to Saint John afterwards. If my memory serves me right Fisks was drawn by W. J. MacDonald in this lot and came to P.E.I. Mr. Wetmore gave all the credit to Harry Stokes for getting Jess Y. to the races. She was very high strung national mare. It

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