

Back Stretch

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7th to 31st, and Labor Day, Sept. 3rd. Among the Truro events we notice the Junior Free For All, Classified Two Mile Trot, Free For All and One and One-Half Mile Pace and another Free For All to be raced Labor Day September 3rd. These close August 16th with Carl MacKenzie, Race Secretary, Truro, N.S.

World's records are falling thick and fast. Last week we mentioned several and now the trotter Pronto Don, driven by Benny Schue, won the \$10,000 Free For All. That over the half-mile track at Saratoga Raceway, N. Y., in 2:07. The time is a new record for trotting geldings on a half-mile track. He is owned by Gene Hayes whose Fair Ace Stable was the biggest money winner in America last season. Over the same Raceway the three-year-old pacer, Floating Dream, by Billy Direct, won the \$25,000 purse of \$5,000 over a stretch of the fastest three-year-old in the world in 2:02 2/5, which is just one-fifth of a second off the world's record set over the same raceway last season by Tasman Hanover. An offer of \$60,000 was made and refused for Floating Dream last fall at Lexington.

In the Three Year Old Trot, \$10,000, Spennib by Napoleon Hanover, was the winner, fastest heat 2:06 2/5, and the \$5,000 Two Year Old Pace was won by Volonte by Volonte in 2:08 2/5. Benny Schue was the driver. Schue has been rapidly coming to the front, one reason being that he is handling the Gene Hayes stable which has some of the best in the land. At the same raceway Prince Jay 1:59 4/5 (Smart) in 2:01 2/5 and came back again to win in 2:02 2/5. It was Joe O'Brien who put this horse on the road to fame by the great drive he gave him in California and afterwards at Lexington where he gave him his record. It is a pity that he had not been in Joe's stable this season since he is training so sound and racing so well.

Dr. Corrigan's great friend Chris O'Donnell was the winner of the three-year-old pace purse \$1,500 at Roosevelt Raceway recently with Bay State Tom in 2:09 4/5. Joe O'Brien won the Directum I. pace, purse \$2,500 with Direct Wyn at Roosevelt Raceway in 2:05 1/5. Baltimore Raceway, one of a chain of four night racing plants in Maryland, has been drawing immense attendances and having some great racing. Last week among the money winners there was Sally Fingo that captured the \$2,000 purse for two-year-olds

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from a good field in 2:11, driven by Earle Avery. Earle also won the three-year-old First Division 2:25 trot with Flashy Princess in 2:07 3/5 and the 2:18 pace with the three-year-old Goldie Fingo in 2:10. He had other placings also. Harry Clukey won the second division of the three-year-old 2:25 trot with Quick Tempo in 2:10 3/5 and the 2:13 pace with Winnie Direct in 2:06 3/5, also the 2:15 trot with Adam Hal in 2:09. Harry also won the 2:12 pace with Rena Gratian in 2:04 3/5, which was the fastest time of the meet. The former State-of-Mainer has only had the Dominion Gratian mare a week but made radical changes in her shoeing and rigging with the above results. Wendell Wathan, another driver well known to Maritimers, won the 2:21 trot with Ann Volo by Volomite, in 2:07, and Earle Avery was second with Freddy Hawk in the 2:16 pace, purse \$2,500, in 2:05 2/5.

A letter from Guthrie Ballingall dated Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta, July 30th, has the following: "You will be much surprised to get this letter from me but last night in this hotel they put on a moving picture show and the second reel was Old Home Week in Charlottetown. The first thing that loomed up was Willard Kelly and yourself, both perfect pictures on the sulky. It was certainly good advertising for P.E.I. The man putting on the show asked me to write some comments and I certainly boosted Old Home Week and told them a Charlottetown was the Kentucky of Canada. We have had a wonderful trip, going as far as Victoria, B.C., and are now on our return home. The scenery here is beautiful with the snow capped mountains in the background - but P.E.I. is still good enough for us. Even more surprising is the fact that friends of Frank Acorn wrote that they had seen the same picture on television in California. The boys that made that picture were certainly nice chaps and they no doubt builded better than they know. It will be shown all over Canada and the U. S. A.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Hambletonian, world's richest purse for trotters, will be raced at Goshen, N. Y. mile track.

With the largest entry list of all time in the Prince Edward Island Col. Futurity Stakes, Secretary W.G. Gillespie has made ambitious plans in cooperation with the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association to stage a monster colt race meet. These Futurities consisting of Two Year Old Trot, Two Year Old Pace, Three Year Old Trot, two divisions of the Three Year Old Pace, Four Year Old Trot and two divisions of the Four Year Old Pace, making a total of eight classes, will be raced afternoons and nights of September 12th and 13th and in connection with them the Charlottetown Driving Park will put on eight other classes for older horses. In order to keep colts eligible for this event the starting fee of \$10.00 must be paid to Mr. Gillespie on or before August 22nd.

Harry Hirsch, who has the ambition - which has been gratified several times - to own the fastest horse in the Maritime Provinces, (Scott Spencer, Little Brown G., Peach Butter), did not return empty handed from his recent visit to the U.S.A. He is now the proud owner of the three-year-old pacer Globe Trotter 2, 2:11 4/5 by Wilson Scott, dam, Wilma Hanover. Globe Trotter will be one of the horses seen in action in the Free For All at

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Montreal Lady Golfer Clings To Slim Lead

By W.R. WHEATLEY LAVAL-SUR-LE-LAC, Que., Aug. 3 (CP) - Mrs. A.B. Darling, Montreal Whitlock's gallant veteran, hung grimly to her lead over Laval's par 77 - to give her a 36-hole total of 159, two strokes ahead of the field.

The challengers from yesterday's first round just couldn't catch up. Their last chance comes tomorrow in the final round of the 54-hole tournament. Game little Marlene Stewart, 17-year-old junior from the Lookout Point Club in Ontario, put up a great show in an effort to overhaul the veteran.

Marlene shot a one-over-par 78 in the miserable weather for a two-day total of 161, tied for the runner-up place with Mrs. Peter Patch of Montreal Whitlock who shot a consistent 81 along with her 80 of yesterday. Miss Stewart's round was the best the field could produce and she still remains to be beaten. She was out in a fine 38, one under par, but came home in a two-over-par 40.

Miss Dainty Chisholm of Royal Montreal, only one stroke behind her pace-setting aunt yesterday with a 79, took an 85 today and dropped back to 164, tied with Miss Babs Davies of Vancouver Marine Drive. Mrs. J.H. Todd of Victoria moved in ahead of them with 163, four strokes away from the leaders, with an 81 today.

Consistent play by the Quebec golfers brought the inter-provincial team championship, won last year by Ontario, to this Province. The tournament was played simultaneously with the close championship but ended after 36 holes. Quebec finished with an aggregate medal score of 664, nine strokes better than British Columbia's quartet which nosed out Ontario for second place by a single stroke.

Our grateful thanks to our good friend Colonel Jim Calkin, Woodstock, for the following telegram: "Abner Hanover (MacArthur) wins \$1,000 Trot Stake at Presque Isle in straight heats from six others. Best time 2:13 1/5. Donald G. R. (Barnett) wins feature \$1,000 Stake Pace in straight heats from seven beatracts, time, 2:08 4/5, 2:08 3/5. Ola Budlong (DeWitt) was second both times."

We notice that Brewer's Gallion 2:00 4/5, owned by B. C. Crull-shank of Halifax and in Joe O'Brien's stable, is entered in the \$16,000 Sportsmen's Trot which will be raced tonight at Sportsmen's Park, Chicago. Several of the fastest trotters in America including Demon Hanover and Pronto Don will take part.

Double Baseball Bill Scheduled Here Sunday

Baseball fans will get a full afternoon of diamond entertainment at Memorial Field Sunday afternoon when the cellar dwelling East End Stars and the second place Northwest Falcons will clash there in a postponed City Baseball League fixture at 1:30 on the top half of a double bill, while the Junior Abbies and the Summerside Curran and Briggs junior squad will meet in an exhibition tilt at 3:30 as the concluding feature.

The City League tilt is a postponement from Sunday, July 29th and a win for the Falcons could put them within a half-game of second place Rovers. The junior tilt will be the second exhibition meeting between the Abbies and C. and B. nine, the former taking the Western Capital boys into camp by a 7-1 verdict at Summerside on Wednesday.

The new entry was permitted 12 imports. Judge Hudson and George Slater, president of the Quebec Senior Hockey League, were asked to appear before the C. A. H. A. to discuss the future of the major series. Quebec and the Maritimes have the only circuit interested in the Alexander Trophy. A meeting of Maritime clubs Saturday at Truro, N. S., will discuss the question of playoffs with the Q.S.H.L. Quebec is believed to be willing to compete.

LONDON (CP) - The Evening News, with a circulation of nearly 2,000,000 copies daily, has just celebrated its 70th birthday. The newspaper started in July, 1881, as a four-page issue and went two years before showing its first profit, amounting to £7.

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Hunters Corner

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Each was examined it contained two undigested trout and seven trout tags. Apart from my own observations evidence against the cranes keeps piling up. This week George E. Saville, M. L. A., Annandale, informed me that pulp wood cutters near Brown's Cape in his district found a 14-inch trout in a crane's nest that had been carried there by the mother bird to feed her family of long-necks.

Now I do not wish any of the readers of this column to get the impression that I am advocating an all-out war on the crane, (Great Blue Heron to give him his real name), but I do feel that birds of this species who make it a point to continually frequent speckled trout waters, such as mill ponds and inland streams, should be eliminated if the best interests of the trout are to be taken into account. This natural habitat of the crane is, or is supposed to be, the tidal flats and estuaries. In such surroundings coarse fish and minnows comprise the bulk of its diet. Incidentally frogs are not scored by the crane.

The Heron undoubtedly has its place in the scheme of Nature. Our tidal flats would be bare indeed if there were no long legged birds, etched against a drab expanse of mud, waiting patiently for the makings of a meal. Nature lovers thrill at the sight of these lumbering birds, snake necks arched and long legs straight out behind, clearly etched against a summer sky as they wing their way to or from their rookery or feeding grounds.

In some quarters they are regarded as scavengers. In an area of flats at the mouth of the Wilmet River numbers of Gaspereau pools are left stranded in shallow water by the receding tide. At times the smell of decaying fish nauseated shore-side farm homes. After the Herons (Cranes) estab-

lished a rookery in the district they took care of the Gaspereau stranded on the flats and henceforth the onshore breeze smelled sweet and clean as Nature intended.

The American Mergansers (winter shell ducks) have the cranes backed off the map when it comes to destroying trout. This species of duck hunts in packs and will dive and catch trout in their natural element. I have watched mergansers swimming under water and they can twist and start just like a fish. A dozen or more of these black and white birds will approach a trout pool and silently split up and deploy on either side. Suddenly, as if at a given signal, they'll dive simultaneously and come up in a tight circle in the pool's center. They've been known to kill and swallow trout up to a foot in length. Eye witnesses have seen them pounce such big trout up on the ice surrounding a pool and peck them to death before commencing the swallowing operation.

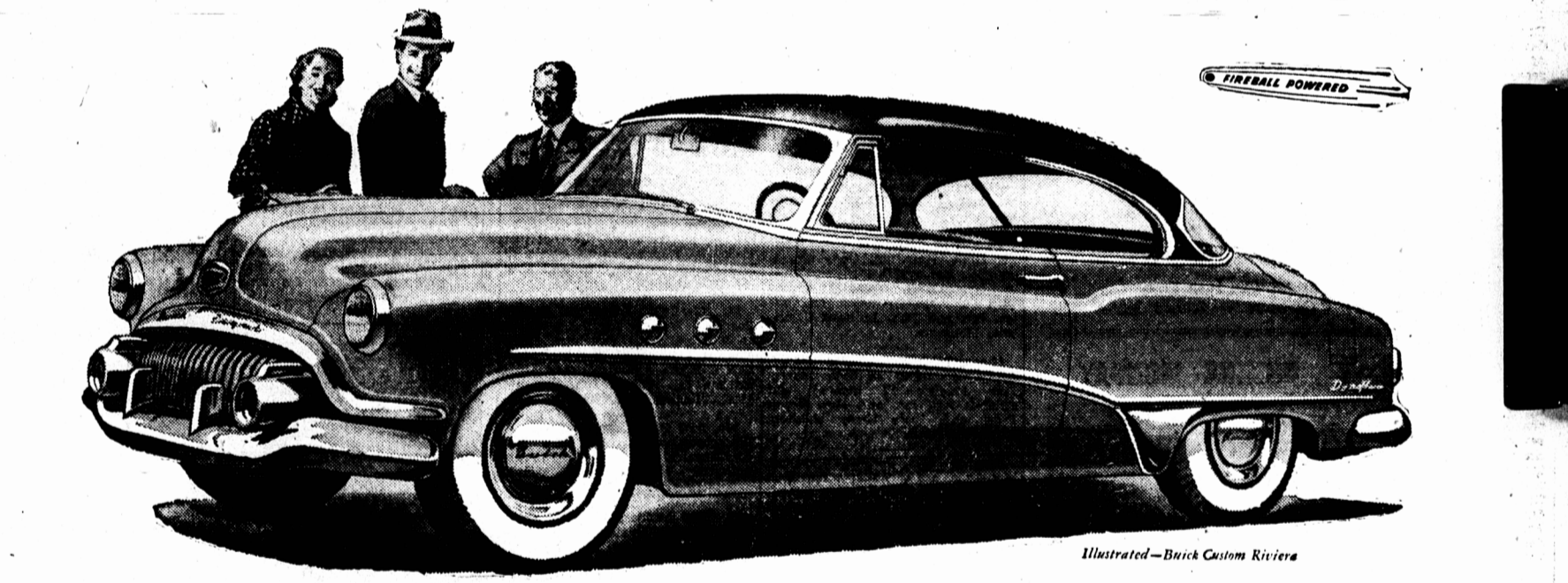
If these two species of birds would stick to the salt water and its marshes their effects upon the trout population would be practically nil. When they visit inland areas where trout and no other form of food are congregated in restricted areas, the same number of anglers fishing the year through would have to work hard to kill the same number of trout. The birds have the advantage. They

don't have to wait until the trout are in a biting mood... they'll do the biting regardless.

This Great Blue Heron and Merganser problem in respect to trout is one that must be approached with a sensible viewpoint. A few trained and reliable observers could do a lot toward eliminating these cranes and shell ducks that have developed the habit of making trout the main item on the menu without endangering the life of the species as a whole. On the other hand an army of trigger-happy hunters turned loose along old shores and streams on the pretense of shooting these trout eaters would do far more toward throwing the general wildlife picture out of focus than any acts the Herons or Mergansers will ever do against the trout.

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