

**HUNTERS' CORNER**

**It's Good To Get Away To The Woods Occasionally**

Nothing can beat a woodland as a tranquilizer. On Wednesday evening, feeling the need of relaxation, I loaded my three short-haired Pointers in the back of the car and headed across the river. Tim, the old timer, and the matched pair of seal brown females, Samkin and Tiny, pretty well filled out the back seat. I had a beaver dam that sits back from a secondary highway in mind. It is reached by traversing a wood road better than a mile. In the old days it was known as Gaul's Road and served as a connecting link between the 48 and 49 Roads. It has been reclaimed by Nature as her own and fields that at one time grew farm crops now produce lumber.

The young dogs were full of pep. Timmy was eight years old last November and is beginning to show his age. As a matter of fact he always looked after himself pretty well. The white stern of a rabbit bobbed along the road in front of two long gunshots. I saw a brown streak a few feet in front of the dogs. Tim and Tiny peeked their ears with a "whats that" expression on their pans, but Samkin took off as if jet propelled. A minute or two later she was back all out of breath and looked like a brown streak a few feet in front of a complicit. She looked so pleased with herself I had to pass out the blarney and did she ever top it up.

**LIKE A POWER SAW**

Every dog has a different temperament and Samkin is going to be the real go getter hunter. She ranged well out and investigated both fox and coon sign before moving on for other interesting reading. The quiet of evening enveloped the beaver dam. A deep, narrow ditch dug by the beaver as a canal to float sections of tree trunks to the main dam showed muddy near the bottom and I knew a beaver had used it some minutes earlier. They are well named busy beaver for approximately 40 popular trees were felled from a stand of such trees bordering the dam. One would think a man with a power saw had been at work.

The dogs, trying to navigate the embankment in a body instead of Indian file, kept shouldering each other into the water and a beaver hidden by a screen of flooded trees snapped the water with his tail

**Back Stretch**

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Since then Argot has been retired and is now in the stud and is the sire of Nell's Lad that is being trained as a pacer, and the grandsire of a 2-year-old pacer that looks as though it will carry the colors with honor. Howard has that good race mare Keppoch Playgirl 2:10 3-5 that during her short racing career in the Maritimes has won over \$4,000 and never stops trying until the wire is passed. In training also is Miss Pointer by Argot Pointer, dam Miss America 2:05 1-2 by Abbedale 2:01 1-4, and Nell's Lad by Argot Pointer, dam Nell Cochato-dale.

**FASTEST MILE**

The Sheik, owned by Mrs. James Poulton and driven by Harry Poulton, trotted the fastest mile of the season at the Charlottetown track Wednesday morning — 2:18, last quarter in :30 4-5. Last eighth in :15 1-5—remarkable speed for a trotter eligible to any class that has never faced the starter at that gait.

Two Charlottetown horses will be starters at Sackville tonight. Don Seaman will be up behind the 4-year-old Just Betty's Mark 2:12, owned by Mrs. Don Seaman, and Scotland's Ace 2:09, owned by James MacGregor, will be a starter in one of the fast classes. He will be up against a recent import, the trotter Abba-song 2:04 1-5, that raced in the

twentieth of August 1914—before heading overseas on the great adventure. Strange as it may seem this was not the picture that flashed across the screen of my mind. It was of the late Dave Keefe sitting on a bench beside his ivy covered cottage, a clay pipe in his mouth and a pair of kittens playing around his feet and the creak of oarlocks in the deepening dusk as father returned from a successful bout with a three pound rainbow trout. Yes, its good to get away from the city's noisy bustle once in awhile.

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Billy Haughton stable last year, and other good ones. The racing season opens tonight at Moncton with eight dashes. At Saint John the races will be held either in the afternoon or night. Charlottetown's first race meet will be next Saturday. There has never been such a large number of horses at the track and great interest is being taken in the workouts. Dozens of them have been around 2:30 or better.

Cecil H. McGinley writes from Houlton, Maine, giving the summaries of the first two days' racing at Lewiston. Monalisa Bell (W. Collins) by Bell Boy won in 2:15 1-5 and the star of the meet was Precursor (R. McCaleb), that beat a good field in 2:11 4-5 and 2:09. He is five years old and cost \$175 as a yearling at the Harrisburg sale.

There are a lot of Bell Boy's and N. D. Hal's in training at Woodstock and Houlton. Clayton Killam has been working a pair of 3-year-olds by N. D. Hal out of the Calumet Budlong mare Miss Lady May, sister to Billy McVay 2:09 3-5 and Ola Budlong 2:10. Several 2-year-olds have been around 2:30, one, an N. D. Hal 2-year-old has beaten 2:30. Walter Davis of Houlton has a 2-year-old by Bell Boy that has been in 2:34 for Jud DeWitt. Matinee races will be held in Woodstock the first week in June. Thanks, Cecil.

Two horses changed hands at Sackville Downs this week, the pacer Dr. F. Chips 2:14 4-5 was purchased by Frank Daniels from Peter Karas of Halifax, and Frank

sold the trotter Jack C. Chips 2:14 1-5 to Vinc Turner of Windsor.

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**SOL CAMP**

Horsemen at the Charlottetown track were shocked to learn that the very popular harness horse owner, Sol Camp of Shafter, Calif., had passed away. Race secretary E. Frank Acorn brought the news and expressions of regret were heard everywhere. Mr. Camp visited here two years ago with Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Brien and took a friendly interest in everyone he met. He was just that kind of man. Great wealth and success didn't change his outlook or his

kindly ways. During the last few years he has invested a tremendous amount in harness horses, racing equipment and built a new training track and residence for Joe near Shafter. He was no doubt looking forward to seeing his horses, particularly Scott Frost and some of the younger ones, win victories as they have been doing for several years. Last year the stable won over \$440,000 and it has been the leading Grand Circuit stable for several years.

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