



# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We have missed seeing John A. Lea, whose many activities have included that of champion fox breeder, engineer and businessman, and last night we learned his whereabouts from a picture post card received from him on which was written: "Hi Dan. Up here at Pickering, Ont. We had 40 birds till near the end of March. April was bright and mild with cold nights. The snow is gone, roads are dry and in May our road building will be in full swing. I'm with Bergman Construction at Pickering—in the wilderness. Our camp, 60 to 90 men is the best I have ever seen. Our motto is 'The Charlottetown'." I miss the horses and Down the Back Stretch. Best regards, John A. Lea."

The Harry Hirsch stable of Sydney, N.S., which has been training at New Glasgow, N.S., will definitely race at Foxboro where the trotter Annie Scott 2:06 1/2 will make her first start on June 12th. Annie will be remembered as trotting the fastest mile over a Maritime track in 1951-2.10. Other members of the stable are Joan Chief 2:14 1/2, eligible to the 23rd, and Trotter 3, 2:11 1/2, and Super Hal 2:01 1/2, that Mr. Hirsch purchased last fall. This horse is six years old and has winnings of \$21,613. Super Hal will make his first appearance at Foxboro in a \$3,000 stake on June 21st and in a \$10,000 stake on June 27th. We believe that if he has sufficient preparation to keep him up he will be able to hold his own with any of the pacers he meets at Foxboro. The same goes for the other members of Harry's stable. He has been either very fortunate or very unlucky in his extremely good judgment in the various buys he has made in the past and the Hirsch stable has always been right in the front ranks in Maritime racing events. Later in the summer we have every expectation of this stable coming back to the Maritimes as no doubt Harry likes to have the opportunity of seeing them race and Foxboro and Saratoga are quite a distance away.

Sinclair Cutcliffe, son of A. B. Cutcliffe of this city who has been in faraway Texas for several months, motored up from there and was a visitor at Yonkers Raceway last Saturday night and on Sunday had a good chat with Earle Aver and Jackie Quinn, who sent their regards back to the horsemen here. Earle and Jackie had a great win at Yonkers with Major Hal, while Jackie won a second place with the trotter Pable Hanover. Sinclair is expected home next week.

Montague Race Track, that has been in operation for almost 45 years, is closing down this season. The first ground for a track was broken at the back of the farms of Edgar White and John Fraser, who operated its first season in 1907. Then the track was operated with Dr. John D. McIntyre, Joe McGregor, Garfield Ellis, Dr. Albert Fraser, dentist, and T. Gordon Ives, merchant, as secretary. Mr. Ives continued as secretary for twenty years until his first big race meet was held with splendid attendance. One of the horses that performed that day was Ozen D., owned by Mr. Ives. That fall, Ozen D., with Tom Trim, owned by the late P.S. Brown, were raced at Brockton, Mass., Ozen D. being handled by Jack Irving and Tom by his owner.

Every year since its opening, races have been held at Montague and before the time of autos, spectators sat on the ground around the track in the morning and returned in the evening after the races. Hundreds of people went to these special and had a really good time. The return was featured by singing with various types of musical accompaniment which everyone enjoyed. Of the original five proprietors, only Joe McGregor of Montague and Gordon Ives of Charlottetown, are living. It was in 1925 that George McIntyre, son of the late Dr. John D. McIntyre, took over the full management of the track, buying out the other shareholders, and every year since there has been one or more race meets held at Montague. It is to the credit of George that he kept the track and its appointments in excellent condition, building a capacious grand stand, excellent stables and improving the track until it was one of the fastest in the Province. Credit must also be given to the Ladies Aid of Montague who always had good, appetizing meals for the many people who arrived early and stayed late after the races. Then, too, it was a pleasure to drive to Montague by auto. Of course in the old days those who did not come by train came in buggies or wagons and it was quite a sight to see hundreds of these hitched to the fences. During the years we have been at home in this Province we have

It would take pages to tell of the fast drivers and pacers that have performed over Montague track. Among the great race meets we can recall at Montague was that of August, 1934. That afternoon the 215 trot was won by Frank J. Ortolan, driven by Mac Steele, with 2:17.1. Lusty Frisco (Cameroon) 1-2-1, Captain Cope 4-5-3, Mr. Squires 3-4-5, Miss McTyre 5-3-4, Addie McGraw 6-6-6. Time: 2:12 1/2, 2:13, 2:12. The winner was owned by Captain Sampson Grady, Summerside.

The 212 Trot and Pace brought together one of the greatest fields of pacers owned in the Maritimes. It was a stirring battle between these stars, with Patrick Direct, owned and driven by Robie Inor of Halifax, N.S., carrying off the honors with 1-2-1, Betty S. 2:07, recently brought to the Maritimes from Ohio by C.M. Alexander. Saint John, N.B., was 3-1-2, Marjorie M. 2:07 1/2, was 2-5-4, Heatherbell 4-3-2, Billy Cope 5-4-5. Time: 2:07 1/2, 2:09 1/2, 2:09. The first heat mark has survived the assault of hundreds of pacers since that time and will be for all time, the track pacing record. Patrick Direct was a big bay pacing stallion brought here from Western Canada by Mr. Inor. His sire was the California owned Copra de Ora.

Other winners that afternoon were: The 129 Pace, The Willis, owned by Charles Reardon of Charlottetown, with 3-1-1, Winnie Winkle, 1-3-4, Joe the Great 2-4-2, Hush, 5-2-3, Johnny Miles 4-5-5. Time: 2:13, 2:13 1/2, 2:13. The 225 Trot and Pace, Trixie Volo, owned by Brenton Ramsey, Alberton, 2-1-1; Firelog, 1-3-2; Real Great, 3-3-2; Lacopia Lass, 4-5-4; Billy White, 5-4-5. Other starters were Barbara Martin, Jollyset, Tote and Mildred K. Time: 2:14 1/2, 2:15, 2:14. Another exceptional performance at a meeting in Montague was the pacing of a mile in 2:10 by Hush, by Longset 2:06 1/2, out of a thoroughbred dam owned by Dr. J. S. Jenkins of Charlottetown.

In 1936 two good meets were held at the Montague track July 15th. The 224 Trot and Pace was won by Peter Onward, owned by George Mathieu, Campbellton, N. B., with 1-1-6; Soviet, 2-4-1; Lela Kalmuck, 4-3-2; Baronette, 6-2-4; Leona, 3-5-2; Rosebud, 7-5-5; Jollyset, 5-6-2. Time: 2:14 1/2, 2:13, 2:13 1/2. The 215 Trot and Pace was won by Heatherbell, owned and driven by Col. D. A. MacKinnon, with 1-1-2; Ross K., 4-2-3; Star G., 5-4-2; McElwyn the Great, 2-7-4; Hanover Courier, 3-5-5; Winnie Winkle, 7-5-7; Katharine C., 6-6-6; Billy Cope, 8-8-2. Time: 2:11 1/2, 2:11, 2:10 1/2. The first heat equalled the track trotting record, the next two lowered it. The 215 Trot: Lusty Frisco, 1-1-1; High Toby, 2-2-2; Hackfast, 3-3-4; Calumet Bee, 4-6-3; Helen D., 1-1-5; Mae West, 5-7-6; Oh Boy, 6-7-7; Tiger, 7-7-7. Time: 2:12 1/2, 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2. Lusty Frisco was owned by C. H. Chandler, Charlottetown, and was driven by Clarence Schumann.

Another great race meet was held on August 5th of the same year. The 225 Trot and Pace was won by Bud Cope, owned and driven by George A. Calibek, Summerside, with 2-1-1; Balbo, 1-2-2; Hal Boojum, 4-3-3; Helena Wit, 3-8-7; Rosebud, 9-4-4. Time: 2:15, 2:16, 2:15 1/2. Named Race: Peter Onward, owned and driven by George Mathieu, Campbellton, N. B., 1-4-1; Soviet, 3-1-2; Billy Bonder, 2-2-4; Mac Volo, 5-3-3; Baronette, 4 dis.; Allie Burnham, 6-5-5. Time: 2:11 1/2, 2:14, 2:14 1/2. 215 Trot: Lusty Frisco, 1-1-1; High Toby, 2-2-4; Helen D., 1-1-5; Calumet Bee, 3-4-6; Hackfast, 7-3-5; Captain Cope, 4-6-6; Jollyset, 6-7-7. Time: 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2. The winner was owned by C. H. Chandler, Charlottetown, and was driven by Clarence Schumann.



The Maritimes Hockey Yearbook with its reviews of the Maritime hockey leagues and selections of the M.M.H.L. All Star and alternate teams has just been published. The All Star team, selected from a poll of Maritime columnists and sportsstars, has three Islanders on its lineup with Ray Frederick in net, Larry Travis on defence, and Don Bellinger on left wing. Hughie Campbell of the Halifax Saints was selected for right wing, Bud Poole of the Glace Bay Miners for centre ice and Carl Smells of the Saint John Beavers for defence. The coach is Cliff Roach of Sydney and his selection is unique in that it is probably the first time that the coach of a cellar dwelling team has ever been selected to coach an All Star squad.

The alternate team sees Don Lorkhart of Moncton in net, joined by Dany Nixon of the Halifax Saints and Bill Dinning of Sydney on defence. Dusty Blair of Saint John was picked for centre with Len Haley of the Miners on right wing and Walt Pawlyshyn of the Islanders on left. "Bud" Poole and Johnny O'Flaherty were both selected as alternate coaches. Pictured on the front cover of the book is Ray Frederick.

Another prominent young Charlottetown athlete left yesterday to commence a tour of duty with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He is Howard Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Glover, Hillsborough Street. In recent years Howard has been starring in several branches of athletics particularly in hockey, football and basketball. During the past year he played with Abegweit the senior football team, the junior Abbies hockey team and the Y.M.C.A. basketball squad.

The Old Lampighter, Hector "Toe" Blake, who two years ago brought the Valleyfield Braves to the Alexander Trophy and who coached them into a play-off berth in the Q.S.H.L. last year, has again been signed to coach Braves. It was announced yesterday in the Q.S.H.L. that rumors that the Valleyfield might drop out of the Q.S.H.L. next year but nothing of the sort was contained in the announcement. Actually there have been stories going the rounds to the effect that several teams in the Q.S.H.L., including Shawinigan Falls and Ottawa, might be entering another league. In fact one source had it that all teams except Quebec were in favor of dropping out of the circuit and entering other and smaller loops.

There seems to be little truth to these rumors. Valleyfield is apparently prepared to go ahead and form another strong squad. In the announcement yesterday it was stated that last year's Braves players along with several players from the Maritime Major League and a complete junior team from an Upper Canadian team were being invited to the training camp. Another bit of hockey news from Sydney has "Hub" Macey, captain of the Glace Bay Miners negotiating for the job of golf pro at North Sydney this summer.

And speaking of golf it won't be long until the local wood and iron artists will be thinking in terms of birdies and eagles, sand traps and water holes. Both the Charlottetown and the Green Gables golf courses will commence activities on May 24, it was learned from Don MacDonald and Cecil Dowling yesterday. Marc Sandow, the pro at the Belvedere Golf and Country Club, has arrived back in the City. During the winter Marc was pro at the P.G.A. National Golf Club, Dunedin, Florida.

The principal event at the Charlottetown course this summer will be the Maritime Ladies Tournament which will be held some time in August. Throughout the summer club competitions will be held and the Island tournament will be played both here and on the Summerside course. The season will likely open with a tournament and a week later the "Beat Ben Hogan Tournament" will be staged.

Cecil Dowling is the pro at the Green Gables course and he will commence work out there on July 1, a little more than a month after the course will open for play. This year Green Gables is a member of the N. B.-P. E. I. Golf Association for the first time. During the summer Cecil plans to stage a Green Gables Open and a Ladies Open tournament.

Unless there is a change in present plans baseball officials

## PWC Cadet Corps Presented With Rifle Shooting Trophy

Presentation of the Strathcona Trust Cadet Shield for rifle shooting highlighted the annual inspection of the Prince of Wales College Cadet Corps. The shield was won by the corps this year and it is the second time they have captured it.

The presentation was made by Brig. W. W. Reid, D.S.O., who conducted the annual inspection on Kent Street outside the College. Accepting the shield for the unit was Cadet Major Joseph Revell, commanding the Corps.

After the open air inspection the cadets marched into the college gymnasium where they staged demonstrations of their skill with various types of weapons. Included in the group were Sten guns, Bren guns and hand grenades. The boys showed the reviewing officers how they could take the guns apart and put them together again to prove their knowledge of all the different parts.

In a brief talk to the corps after the inspection Brig. Reid expressed the appreciation of all Army men to the boys for the way they turn out for cadet week. He said he hoped they would get as much fun out of their last year of Army life "as we who have been in it for a long time." He suggested that during the long summer

holidays some of the boys might be interested in visiting the Armouries and seeing the work done by members of the Reserve Army and offered the thought that joining one of the units would be an excellent way of filling in the summer months.

In congratulating the cadets on their work yesterday the inspecting officer said he had personally noted a vast improvement in the corps in the past two years.

Accompanying Brig. Reid for the inspection was Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, officer commanding the P. E. I. Regiment with which the Prince of Wales cadets are affiliated. Also present was Major R. G. Bewley, G.S.O., 2 Cadets, Eastern Command, Halifax; Major F. J. B. Corbett, G. 2, Ottawa; Captain George Halliwell, Command Cadet Officer, Halifax; Cadet Instructor Sergeant Major William Pushie, Halifax.

Officers of the corps this year are Cadet Major Revell, Capt Robert Hutcheson, Lieut. V. Ainsworth and Lieut. William Ives. The Company Sergeant Major is Thomas Scantlebury.

Prior to the map reading and weapon demonstrations a large class of girl students at the college showed various physical training routines under direction of Instructor Earl Nicholson.

Man, although he is the crown's worst enemy, provides a living for the crown albeit unintentionally. Farmers have reported crows sitting on trees and fence posts watching the planting of potatoes and immediately after the crew has left the field, they'll fly down and start digging out the sets. They are also very fond of corn and show great interest when the crop is being planted. The process of preparing land for a crop uncovers many tid bits dear to a crow's stomach such as white grubs etc. If the crow confined his menu to harmful grubs, mice, etc., he would rate high in the farmer's esteem as a valuable helper. However, the crow destroys many equally valuable crops as insectivorous birds, the robins for instance, and thus neutralizes the good he does when seeking out harmful crop pests to both feed their nestlings and fill their own stomachs.

Last week I was watching a large flock of wildgeese with a pair of field glasses. They were approximately half a mile distant and were feeding on a marsh. As I watched I spotted a crow circling over a small point of dry land that jutted out into the marsh. It was covered with matted grass and small bushes, a typical nesting site for ducks. As I held the glasses on him he dropped down to the ground and immediately became as busy as a beaver digging at something near the edge of a clump of small trees. I hadn't the time to investigate, even if I had a gun with me, but I feel certain in my own mind that it was a nest of some kind or other gone West.

The crow is an expert in finding nests. A few feathers that are blown from the nest into the open is all the clue he needs. I found this out quite by accident a few years ago. A nephew of mine who lives in the country asked me to set a couple of traps for skunks. He had his eye on a dollar bounty but told me he hadn't much success with bait as the skunks passed it by. I got myself a dozen blood spot eggs, that were unfit for human consumption, and a paper bag full of black duck feathers saved from the preceding fall.

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Under New York State Athletic Commission rules, three knockdowns in one round—except title fights—call for the referee to stop the "contest".

Pellone, streaming blood from a gash beside his left eye, went down for nine from a left hook. The second knockdown came as he swung wildly and missed, floundering before Martinez's attack. A right-hand punch dumped Tony for the third and last time.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

In the realm of our wildlife, this is the season of homemaking and homebreaking. A few days ago I watched a pair of crows busily engaged in building a nest in a small spruce grove overlooking Black Pond sanctuary. A crow is a real strategist. He believes in establishing headquarters in good hunting country for it requires a lot of food to keep a nestful of hungry fledglings quiet. To my way of thinking a young crow is one of the yappingest creatures alive. This pair of crows chose a good nesting site. Its both good and safe. Every spring and summer many pairs of wild ducks either nest or attempt to nest on the sanctuary.

As hunting, or discharging a firearm on the sanctuary is forbidden, this pair are reasonably safe unless some crow hunter, or worse, comes under the border with a crow call. Such a contingency could happen.

Crows account for a lot of duck eggs in the run of a season. This week a young farm lad told me about finding a black duck's nest under the limbs of a small, squat juniper bush atop an old dyke. The nest was built near a tidal creek estuary that flows out into a good duck marsh. The nest had nine eggs in it when first discovered and held 11 on his last visit. He made the mistake of visiting the nest too often and early on morning heard the crows holding a pow wow down near the marsh. Later on he found all 11 eggs scattered about with a neat hole in the end of each. A crow is a curious bird and will investigate any spot in which a two legged creature shows interest.

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## Fort Frances Team Winner Of Allan Cup

FORT FRANCES, Ont., May 2 (CP)—Fort Frances Canadians tonight won the 1952 Canadian senior hockey title and the Allan Cup, defeating Stratford Indians 4-1 in the sixth game of their best-of-seven series.

Underdogs from the start and seriously weakened by old and new injuries, Stratford fell easy victims to the powerful Forts. Canadians took the series four games to two. In all except the final tonight, they had come from behind in the third period.

They were never headed tonight as they rapped in one goal in the first period, traded another with Indians in the second and counted a pair, without reply in the third.

Ric Ricard started it off for Canadians followed by Samba Fedoruk in the second period, Vern O'Donnell and Doc Johnson counted for Forts in the third. Bruce Burdett scored the lone Stratford marker in the second period.

## Guelph Wins Memorial Cup In Four Straight

TORONTO, May 2 (CP)—Guelph Biltmores, an unbeat combination of sure firing forwards and fast closing defencemen, tonight defeated Regina Pats 10-2 to win the Memorial Cup final series in four straight games.

The junior hockey championship was the first for the Southwestern Ontario city and their representatives showed marked superiority over the Western Canada champions from the opening game of the best-of-seven series in Guelph a week ago.

Biltmores started off with an 8-2 victory at home and counted 4-2 and 8-2 triumphs in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens before tonight's one-sided clincher.

Guelph led 4-0 at the end of the first period, added four more goals in the second and rammed in another two in the final frame before Regina finally hit the scoreboard to maintain their two goals-a-game average over the series.

Dean Prncite and Jim Connelly each scored a pair for Guelph. The easterners other markmen were Ron Stewart, Bill Chalmers, Andy Balgathe, Bill McCreary, Gordon Henderson and Harry Howell.

Gordie Gowen and Ilnemate Ed Litzberger saved the Pats from a whitewashing.

The crowd of 3,447 fans—plainly showing a liking for the underdogs—gave the Regina goals the biggest ovation of the night.

## Royals Make It 3 In Row With Win Over Cards

The Brian MacCallum coached Royals made it three wins in a row yesterday evening as they won a 5-4 squeaker from the Cardinals in a seven inning City Bantam League game.

Two runs in the last half of the seventh enabled the Royals to come from behind and win the game. Jackie Kane, who started on the hill for the winners, doubled some Arsenault with the tying run. Kane then stole third and came home when the catcher threw wild to third.

Art MacLeod was the winning pitcher. He took over from Kane in the sixth inning. MacQuarrie went all the way for the losers, striking out 11 and limiting the Royals to seven hits. R. Dolron, Royals third sacker led the winners attack at the plate with two safes.

The next league game will be played Sunday afternoon at 2:30 on the old diamond with the Cards meeting the Bearcats. This morning at ten o'clock the Royals will practise on the old diamond.

Yesterday evening's game was umpired by Whelan with MacWade and Connelly working the bases.

Royals—Curley, If. Dolron 3b, Lund rf, MacKenzie 1b, Dillon 2b, MacLeod ss, P. Steele cf, Arsenault c, Kane p. Cards—MacQuarrie p, Lee c, MacDougall 1b, Lamoureux cf, MacGonnon 2b, Vall as, LeClair lf, Hennessey rf, G. Dillon 3b. Linescore: Cards—001 030 0 4 4 2 Royals—100 002 2 5 7 2 MacQuarrie and Lee; Kane, MacLeod (6) and Arsenault.

Kinsmen Plan For Spring Carnival

A brief outline of plans now underway for the annual Spring Carnival to be held in the Forum, June 12, 13 and 14 was given to members of the Kinsmen Club at the regular bi-monthly meeting held at The Charlottetown Thursday night.

Co-chairmen were Joseph Shurland and Ned Dooley. It was a straight business meeting last night with no guest speaker. The Kinsmen were given details of the district convention which will be held in Sydney, N. S., starting today.

## British Soccer Cup Final Today

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters)—A throng of 100,000 takes over Wembley Stadium tomorrow for Britain's top sporting event of the year—the Football Association Cup final.

It will be biggest, noisiest, most-follwed event of Britain's sporting calendar.

Arsenal, most glamorous of the capital's five first-division teams, meets the top northern crew, Newcastle United, in the final play-off of an elimination of some 100 eleven which began six months ago.

When it's over, Prime Minister Churchill—deputizing for a mourning Queen—will present the winners with the huge Football Association Cup. Then the professional game takes a brief vacation. Players and fans will be back in the stands in August.

Guests present last night included four members of the Kinsmen Club of Pictou. They were James D'Coste, Dougald MacDonald, Lee McCully and Alben Richards. A new member of the local club was introduced to the members. He is Mr. Keith Tingley, a former member of the New Glasgow, N. S. club who has been recently transferred to this city.

GOOD MANAGEMENT

SYDNEY, N. S. — (CP) — One of the most notable features of the credit union system is the extremely small margin of losses incurred through bad debts, said Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of Acadia University, opened a new office here of the Sydney Credit Union.

## IN STUD

Standard bred stallion, Calumet Duds, 70448, by Peter the Brewer.

Service Fee \$15 for season.

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Rolls of film developed and printed in 1/2 hour service. Double exposure prints. 40 cents. Reprints 6 cents each. Mail Film Service, Charlottetown.

FOR SALE—ONE STEEL BOX and host. Apply 59 Spring Park Road.

FOR SALE—GAS WASHER, used two years, perfect condition. Firestone, Bryenton and MacKay.

## ATTENTION ALL WAR VETERANS

You are requested to attend the Annual V-E Day Memorial Church Parade on Sunday, May 4th.

Service will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica and Trinity United Church at 11 a.m.

Parade will fall in at 10:15 a.m. at the Charlottetown Canadian Legion Home. Poppies will be worn.

The Ladies Auxiliary are invited to attend. All ex-service women are requested to attend these services with the members of the Ladies Auxiliary.