

Sport Echoes
From
Prince County

We had a letter from young Tim McGuigan, Summerside boy who is now in Toronto, and he was kind enough to send a hockey program of a recent game between Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs. Timmie was very much impressed with Lumley's work in nets. Said Boston had it all over Toronto but Lumley kept score down. He says also that Leo Labine is a very colorful player with his rink-end rushes.

Congrats to the Victory Cleaner basketball team for their close, exciting victory over Charlottetown Celtics in the capital city. Score was 73-72, totals which are unusually high for that class of basketball. Dick Deighan and Joe Dalton were the big guns for the winners, and young Windsor Arsenault, who is breaking into the game, made the surprising total of 10 points.

What a windfall the Rinkway Stadium would have reaped this year if they had installed artificial ice! Of course it's easy to be wise after the event, but there seems little doubt that, considering the fact there is no ice anywhere in Prince County, the Stadium would have been the centre of skaters from all parts of the district, and outside hockey teams would also have been glad to come in and play their games here.

Game in Charlottetown tonight should be a natural with two teams tied for first place in the Atlantic Coast League fighting it out for the proud spot on the top of the heap. No doubt there will be one of the biggest crowds of the season if the highways do not clutter up between now and game time.

Everyone will want to see this shty boy named Ross Watson about whom there has been so much controversy. Reports have it that he is certainly worth waging a battle to keep him on or off the Moncton team, depending upon the view of the battlers.

Reports from Prince County fans who saw the game between Annsbury and Charlottetown during the week have it that Hughie Campbell is slowly rounding into the form that made him one of the league's most formidable puck toters in the old major days. Guess it's just a matter of getting into top shape.

Enthusiasm was never higher for curling than it is in Summerside now during the present bonspiel. A lot of first year men are showing exceptional ability for so little experience and this augurs well for Summerside rinks of the future.

Results Of York Rifle Club Shoot

Following are the results of a recent York Rifle Club shoot:

Class 1	
Raymond Vessey	99
George Andrews	98
Albert Court	97
Will Crockett	97
Irene Hardy	97
Ulysses Birt	95
Myron Ling	94
S. J. Birt	94
Jack Andrews	94
Annie Buell	93
Arthur Brown	93
Alan Swan	93
Herman Buell	92
H. T. Vessey	89
Class 2	
Louis Vessey	97
Isabel Swan	97
Betty Andrews	94
Leigh Vessey	94
Stuart Vessey	93
Wilfred Constable	92
Lloyd Vessey	88
Chealey Hughes	86
Frank Watts	85
Class 3	
Cecil Watts	96
Peter Proud	95
Howard Watts	93
Rees Newson	93
Harry Welton	92
Douglas Moore	92
Raymond Watts	91
Dewar Swan	91
Harold Taylor	90
George Proud	89
Grove MacMillan	89
Ira MacDonald	89
Willard Murray	88
Kenneth Bryenton	88
Carol Hardy	87
Bonnel	87
Gerald Robinson	87
Harold Watts	85
Elizabeth Watts	84
Merrill MacDonald	83
Vivian Howatt	80
Harry Lewis	80
Class 4	
Eric Sproule	96
Donald Crockett	89
Joyce Ling	87
Lois Howatt	86
Robert Watts	85
Nelda Murray	85
David MacKinnon	85
Laken Lewis	83
Muriel MacDonald	82
Frankie Lewis	82
Frank Vessey	80
Kenneth MacDonald	80
Clifford Chappell	80
Richard Vessey	80
Hazel Vessey	80
Lowell Watts	80
Jean MacLeod	80
Hilda Birt	80
Lorne Vessey	80
Joan Vessey	80
Robert Cooper	80
Raymond Birt	80
Alan Brown	80

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Back Stretch

In that list, is a shade under 1.58 1/2. "In order to get the last ounce of speed from a horse," continued the master-reinsman, "it is necessary to humour him. Let him have his own way if he has any peculiarities on the track, providing it does not interfere with his speed. At the same time a trainer must be sure that the work given him between races or time trials does not do him more harm than good. I have had a number that required drilling and others that had to skip work.

"When Walter Cox raced Mabel Trask 2.01 3/4 she had a habit of stopping after a score and taking a look at the surroundings. She could have been broken of that habit, but Cox did not interfere with her; the mare being permitted to enjoy the privilege and after she had had her peek she was ready to race all the better for it. Anna Bradford, the filly which placed the 2-year-old pacing record at 2.00 3/4, was very high strung. Whenever she was turned to score she dropped her head, giving it a swing to one side before getting under way. She would then put her head in place and flash off like a bird. On account of this habit she always wore a very loose check-rein which flapped on her neck when she was racing. This filly could carry her head as far as any pacer I ever had, but she would not go away smooth-gaited unless she had that she with her head, nor would she stand for rough treatment or harsh bits. As soon as she was in trim to race she was never taken to the track for work.

"The day Anna Bradford took her record I looked at my watch as she passed the half, and it registered 1.01. She buzzed along from that point to the three quarters in .29 1/2, then paced the next quarter just as comfortably in 30 1/4. The week before she won a race in 2.01 1/2, the middle half of the mile being paced in a minute; she could have paced either of these heats in two minutes if she had been sent for it. All that I had to do was to sit still and let her go. Nature had balanced her perfectly, all that she wore being a three-ounce shoe on each foot. The summer she was a 4-year-old I worked her in 2.02, but as I also had Frank Bogash Jr., I told her owner that he would have to turn her over to another trainer. She moved on, but was not again heard from, a few changes having closed her racing career.

"Frank Bogash, Jr. 1.59 1/4, was a wonderful little horse. Like Peter Scott 2.05 and Peter Volo 2.02, he was a regular racer, taking his training just like an ordinary horse and being ready to race at any time. From the day Peter Volo 2.02 came to me as a 2-year-old he acted like an all-age horse. He always felt good and acted perfectly in or out of his races. Peter Scott I knew would give all he had in every heat he raced. Some times he would trot in 2.07 and a fraction and I would think he was all out, only to have him come back two seconds faster. There are few horses of that kind.

"Native Belle 3.206 1/2, the first 2-year-old to beat 2.10, was a nervous, high-strung filly. In June she worked a mile at Terre Haute in 2.42. Anvil 2.02 3/4 was the same age, and that week Mr. Geers worked in 2.16 1/4. Mr. Thompson, the owner of Native Belle, came to me and said we might as well turn Native Belle out, but I told him she was not expected to race until October. At Syracuse in September I worked her in 2.14, and she could have trotted in 2.10 that day. At Lexington she won in 2.07 3/4. That was in 1909. Two years before I won the same event, the 2-year-old division of the Kentucky Futurity, in 2.12 1/4 with Trampfast. The Kentuckians crowded around the colt and said that none of them would live to see that time beaten, and when Native Belle trotted in 2.07 3/4 they considered it a calamity. They said there was no use trying to get a 2-year-old to reduce it.

"Seven years later The Real Lady,

bred on the same farm as was Native Belle, won the same event in 2.07. The Real Lady always was a champion. She was good-headed and pleasant to drive, never making a break and having perfect manners. In her 3-year-old form she was sick for a greater portion of the summer, but notwithstanding that handicap she won the Kentucky Futurity in 2.03 3/4. Susie N. 3, 2.00 1/4, my first futurity trotter, was a good-headed filly, and raced from behind like Trampfast. The morning after I won with her at Columbus, Henry Schmulback of Wheeling, W. Va., offered \$50,000 for her. It was declined. Miss Adbell defeated her in the Kentucky Futurity after Susie N. had won a heat. I drove that race with one arm in a sling on account of a broken shoulder, and I am satisfied that if I could have given her a little help at the finish of the heats the result would have been different.

"Arion Guy 1.59 1/2 is one of the sort that must be worked and handled with a great deal of care. He is as high-strung as any horse in the world and his performances have shown that he is one of the fastest. A driver cannot be sure of him like he can with Peter Manning 1.56 3/4, who always is ready when you want him. He never misses a feed, is absolutely sound and good tempered. Another peculiarity about him is that he requires only moderate work to go fast. Sanardo 1.59 1/2, on the other hand, had to be lightened up with plenty of work to race good. He always was anxious to go and wanted to make his own pace. If his manners had been a little different in company Sanardo would have taken a faster record. I found Margaret Dillon 1.58 1/4 an easy mare to train, and as soon as she was filled up and strong she could fly. Last summer when she made her first start at Toledo a few said she was too fat, but I thought differently, and she won in 2.00. Between races she never was worked faster than 2.20. Still, she kept making speed all season, and in her last race at Lexington she won in 1.59 1/4, 1.59. The following week she reduced her record to 1.58 1/4. Miss Harris M. 1.58 1/4 was a mare of a different type. If she was not worked in 2.07 or 2.08 between races she would cord up. Directum J. 2.01 1/4 was one of the same kind. Both of them required a lot of drilling.

"Directum I. 1.56 3/4 was a nervous little horse and an exception to all rules of training. After I got him ready to race I worked him like any other horse, giving him a few fast miles between races. With this I found he could go in two minutes, but that he had none of that brush that wins races or makes fast records. For a couple of weeks he did not have any engagements and I let up on him. Then I worked him and he could literally fly. The next week he raced William, 1.58 1/2 at Cleveland and was beaten in 1.58 1/2, 2.00. He could pace in about two minutes that day, but acted dull. Dr. McCoy told me that if I wanted to do any good with him I would have to stop working him. I heeded as I knew that a fast horse raced under such conditions was sure to cord up and get into all kinds of nervous trouble, but finally I decided to try it. The result was that he paced in 1.58 1/2 at Hartford and a week later in 1.56 3/4 at Syracuse. In 1918 Directum I. paced a quarter to 1.58 1/4. Miss Harris M. 1.58 1/4, but after each of his flights of speed every nerve in his body seemed to be shattered, and it would take three or four days to get him back to normal. However, it made him the fastest pacer in the world.

"A Poor Feeder . . . With the exception of Directum I., Hetty G. 2.04 1/4 was the most peculiar horse I ever trained. She had been raced before I got her and cast aside because she would not eat for two or three days after a race, and she had gotten so she would rush to the half like a flash, then stop almost to a walk on the trip to the wire. When I took her I knew if she did not eat she would not do me any good, and I began experimenting with her and found she was fond of carrots. A few

brooke track and Leo was shown all through it and said that the equipment and horses were valued at a couple of hundred thousand dollars. This stable raced through the United States last season and the head trainer and driver is Don Larlee, a Maritimer. It was featured in The Harness Horse Christmas number and Don had the distinction of placing several horses in the 2.10 list last year. Asked if he would like to live in Toronto or Montreal Leo said No, there's no place like home on the farm.

We regret to learn of the illness of George McIntyre of Montague, well known horseman, who is now in the P.E.I. Hospital. We trust that he will soon be around again in good health. Allie Cutcliffe, another horseman friend, has been laid up at home for several weeks but we understand it is not serious and we hope that Allie too will be well and around again very soon.

"R.T.C. 206 1/2 was another peculiar horse. He carried more weight than any horse that ever paced as fast as he did, his shoe, pad and quarter boot weighing thirty-one ounces, and, furthermore, he always was troubled with corns. The old plow horse, as Mr. Thompson called him, was much faster than his record indicates. He also was fortunate in not meeting any extremely fast horses. His long list of winning brackets would have looked different had he bumped into a few which have been raced since 1911. R.T.C. now is a pensioner at Walnut Hall Farm. I regret that I did not pension Frank Bogash Jr. 1.59 1/4 and Royal Mac 2.04 1/4.

We had the pleasure of a call from Leo Praught, Cherry Valley, proprietor of Riverside Raceway, who has recently returned from a visit to Toronto, Montreal and Sherbrooke. Leo has three daughters and a son in Toronto, also grandchildren, who were greatly pleased to see him. He was at Dufferin track on New Year's Day and saw their race through several inches of mud and slush and had a chat with several of the drivers including Pat McKenna of Charlottetown. While in Montreal he noticed that the temper-ature and conditions were very much different from Toronto, being much colder and a heavy fall of snow. At Sherbrooke they were jogging the horses to sleigh on the track. His brother Louis is there with a nine horse stable, two of his own and seven for other parties. He intends to go to Quebec City in April and race there during the spring months. The Rimouski Stables, the highest priced in Canada, is at Sher-



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