

### Back Stretch

real sound. We used the old-fashioned remedies and common sense. If he stays sound he will be hard to beat. He is a big horse, game and wears only 60-inch girths. He does not pull or lug and goes a long way. I hope to get a chance to compete in the \$3,000 Free For All at Truro with him on July 1st. After he is through racing he should make a great stock horse as he is by Volomite and is a half brother to Leto Long and to a \$10,000 brood mare, and out of a great mare, mare Gall by Arion, both champions on both sides. This horse won his last race last fall at Harrington, Delaware, Oct. 8th in 2.05% and was second and third several times last summer in 2.02 and 2.03. I hope he will show a good showing. We should make a good showing. He would make a good showing. He would make a good showing. He would make a good showing.

Toll Gate 1-1-1. Guy the Tramp 2.02. 2-2-2. Sampson Hal 2.02%. 4-4-4. Hunter Hedgewood 2.04%. 6-3-4. Calumet Brownie 2.01%. 7-3-3. Darkie Gratian 2.02%. 4-5-5. 2.06%. 2.05%. 2.06%. Toll Gate held the track record until 1936 when Bud Wenger lowered it to 2.05% where it still stands. Another great horse that we remember very well was the trotter John Dean 2.08% that won many tracks and set track records in doing so. Of course these are just a few of the many Heber owned, trained and drove and we hope he will continue doing so for many years.

S. F. MacKinnon of Glace Bay, N. S., is the owner of the standardbred and registered mare Free Song by Peter Song 2.00 by Peter Volo, and he would like to contact a horseman who would give this mare a chance as a brood mare. The Peter Song bred mares are showing up exceptionally well and this may be an opportunity for some of our friends to secure this daughter of a famous sire.

Frederick Exhibition Association has announced that it will have two nights of harness racing a week this season. The tentative opening date will be Thursday, June 16, and starting the week of June 20 racing will be held Monday and Thursday nights the same as last year. Frederick is one of the four lighted tracks in New Brunswick, the lighting system having been installed last year. The other tracks are Saint John, Moncton and Woodstock.

Carl MacKenzie, secretary of Truro Raceway, states that the number of applications for horse stalls received by him for this year's racing season is the largest in years and he is enthusiastic over the prospects for racing which gets under way May 23rd. The management plans to hold eleven more events than last year with the bi-weekly racing schedule opening Saturday, May 28. In addition to last year's horsemen several newcomers are expected to bring their string to the Truro oval. Ed Haley of Antigonish has booked 16 stalls. Ed raced through Dufferin and Quebec tracks last year and brought down with him a number of horses purchased at these tracks. Laurie O'Brien, who will race at Truro, has also a large stable and a newcomer is Ned Linden of Newcastle, N. B. He will train and drive the horses owned by James Watt, Little River West, Que. as well as the purchases made recently by L. D. Scrimgeour of Newcastle.

Mr. Watt is the owner of Prince Colby 2.05%, Surprise Lady 2.15%, and Maxie Federal 2.14% and Mr. Scrimgeour's top horse is Robert Bruce 2.08%, that he

purchased from George Brookins last fall and that won 7 firsts, 10 seconds and 2 thirds last year. Others owned by him are Hope Spencer 2.17%, Vanity Lee 2.20% and Diana Carroll 2.20%, and Mr. Linden is the owner of Clipperdale 2.15%. On July 1st Truro management will stage a \$3,000 Invitation Free For All in August will race the Jolity Stake for Canadian bred 3-year-olds with a purse of \$5,000. Kept eligible for it are 34 colts from Nova Scotia, N. B., Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Maine and New York.

That Canadian-born drivers are making a deep impression on the race fans at Roosevelt Raceway is shown by the following taken from a New York paper: Canadian-born drivers are expected to score heavily again in trotting races at Roosevelt Raceway this season. The contingent includes such able reinsmen as Clint Hodgins, Joe O'Brien, Cecil Champion and Earl Avery. Canadian racing has been a popular sport in Canada for many years. Races are held regularly at Toronto, Quebec City, Montreal, Prince Edward Island, Kingston and London, Ont. The diminutive Scotia, a prime example of Canada's contribution to the riding. The Top Grand Circuit driver in 1954, O'Brien was third in the national standing with 111 victories. His most impressive showing was in the money-winning department. O'Brien won \$307,777 in purses. This was exceeded only by Billy Haughton's record \$415,577.

O'Brien, a 5-foot, 5-inch, 135-pounder from Prince Edward Island is finishing his Western chores before shipping his stable East. He is a contract driver in charge of the S. A. Camp Stable of Shafter, Calif. While consistency seems to be O'Brien's forte, Hodgins has made his mark more spectacularly. A 6-footer who is considered among the best in the business, he is a contract driver with Katie Key, the mare owned by Pat Tuccio. Although Katie Key is now seventh in money winnings for trotters, it was Proximity who brought Hodgins' greatest fame. Racing from 1944 through 1950, Proximity accounted for nine world records and ran up seventeen straight triumphs. Proximity's string was snapped by Pronto Don but she was impressive even in defeat. The mare won \$259,929 before retirement.

Hodgins has started slowly this year at Roosevelt. He had won only \$3,100 until early last week. Stanley Dancer, on the other hand, in a record early-season driving campaign, has topped the \$30,000 mark. Hodgins finished his season money earnings in 1954 with \$237,800. Avery also placed high in that department. This season he started slowly, like Hodgins. Until last Tuesday night, he did not have a victory to his credit, having brought home two seconds and four thirds in thirteen starts. On Tuesday he gained the winner's circle with a vengeance. His Uhleen Fingo, formerly a pacer and the track record-holder at 2.03% as a 3-year-old, trotted a 2.04% mile. The 4.08% total is a track record for a converted pacer.

er. Champion won the \$25,000 American Trotting Championship with Royal Pastime last year. Other ace Canadian reinsmen from Canada are Morris MacDonald, Del MacTavish, Floyd Milton and Phil Dussault.

In Trotting & Pacing News issued by Saratoga Raceway, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., is this: Don MacNeill, 27-year-old Canadian reinsman who has posted healthy Universal Driver Rating System averages of .492 and .446 in the past two years, has been engaged to drive for the Saratoga-bound Smithgall and Ging Stable of Williamsport, Pa. MacNeill, who hails from Summerside, Prince Edward Island, has never driven here before.

Don R. Miller, executive vice president of the United States Trotting Association, predicts that harness racing will establish a new national attendance record in 1955. Last year's attendance including those who watched County Fair racing, was 19,147,225. At these meets horsemen collected \$18,961,265 in purse money. Both figures were all-time records. "Over a period of years," Mr. Miller said, "we have found that there is a direct relationship between the attendance figures and the quality of the racing. As the quality of the racing improves, the attendance increases. This is true in all sports." Mr. Miller's prediction is based on the fact that the United States Trotting Association is planning to improve the quality of the racing by expanding facilities, etc. On the basis of fine early season showings in each of the three categories at Santa Anita Park, Roosevelt Raceway and Magnolia Park, La., it seems certain, barring an economic setback, that new records will result.

Great interest is taken in the expected arrival here early next week of the 9-year-old pacer mare Prudence Hy 2.05. This mare took her record on a half-mile track and has consistently paced in races very close to that figure. Last season she made 25 starts in very fast company, was four times first, twice second and four times third. In her second last start of the season she won at Harrington, Delaware, Oct. 14, in 2.08%. She is a handsome mare, extremely well bred being by Bob Lee 2.03% and with winnings of \$9,500 is eligible to the 2.16 pace. We understand she will be trained and raced by the very capable reinsman Ike Moreside. Prudence Hy is just one of a stable which has been raced by H. B. Birmingham of Houlton, Maine, who has conducted a large breeding farm and this year has disposed of several of his race horses and colts.

Maritimers will be glad to know that Dean Gallon is continuing his winning streak at Roosevelt Raceway. Last weekend he won the 6th race, a \$3,000 trot, from a very fast field in 2.07%, Bengazi 2.05%, 2. Sheraton 2.03%, 3. five other starters, Bob Lybrook, that finished fifth, had won some nights previously for driver MacTavish in 2.06% and several of the other horses had been winners at earlier meets. Bannerway, a 3-year-old pacer also owned by R. J. Logue, has won two events since going to Roosevelt and has taken a record of 2.10%. Sanders Russell, who races both of these horses, is having quite a number of wins, coming through with a \$3,000 A Pace with Hal Adam in 2.08 and an A

Trot, purse \$3,000 with Highland Sterling in 2.06%. Second to him in that race was Dallas Hanover, driven by Del MacTavish. Stanley Dancer still continues to be the leading driver at Roosevelt.

The publicity department of the United States Trotting Association has released a roster of drivers who won races valued at \$10,000 or more in 1954. Joe O'Brien tops the list with 15. They are: \$32,775 Golden West Trot, with Scotch Victor.

\$23,589 Castleton Farm Stake, with Butch Hanover, with \$19,022 Horseman Futurity, with Diamond Hal.

\$18,295 Hanover Filly Stake, with Stip Lively.

\$16,886 Reading Fair Futurity, with Mig Hanover.

\$14,820 Walnut Hall Stud, with \$15,141 Review Futurity, with Scott Frost.

\$13,964 Matron Stake, with Meadow Pace.

\$12,861 Hoosier Futurity, with Scott Frost.

\$11,700 Los Angeles, with Beck Hanover.

\$11,295 Geers Stake, with Diamond Hal.

\$10,948 American National, with Diamond Hal.

\$10,795 Lexington, with Butch Hanover.

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\$10,000 Arden, with Scotch Victor.

Joe's winnings totalled \$232,458. In second place is Delvin Miller, who won 8 stakes with a total of \$190,880. Frank Ervin is in third place winning seven stakes. Benny Schu is fourth with six stakes, and Howard Camden Adelbert Cameron, William Haughton and Clint Hodgins have five each. Cameron won the richest stake of all, the Hambletonian, \$106,830.

Henry Clukey, who set up a Maritime and Canadian pacing record of 2.02% with Walter Dale 2.00%, September 15, 1937, at Fredericton, N. B. and which is the Maritime record, is still going strong. At Magnolia Park race meet in New Orleans which recently ended, the top race winning stable was piloted by Henry Magnolia Park is a five-eighths mile oval and has only been operation two seasons. Prior to that there was very little horse racing in Louisiana but this night racing plan has all the people greatly interested. A 2-year-old gelding named Cleve Counsel, won the \$2,500 Louisiana pacing derby and set up a new track record—and also a new record for himself—of 2.03.

Through the good offices of the United States Trotting Association and the energy and enthusiasm of E. Frank Acorn, race secretary of the Charlotteville Driving Park, the film of the Hambletonian, 3-year-old trot raced at Goshen, N. Y. in 1953, and also the film of the Little Brown Jug for pacers raced at Delaware, will be shown at the Clover Club next Monday night at eight o'clock, with no admission charge. The Hambletonian is the richest trotting stake in the world and the Little Brown Jug is the richest pacing stake in the world, so every horseman who can possibly do so should make it a point to see the greatest 3-year-old trotters and pacers of 1953 in action.

### Sport Echoes From Prince County

Johnny Carroll's flying visit to Summerside injected enthusiasm into some of the townfolk for the coming season of summer sports, but on the whole we are facing a rather apathetic sporting public as regards our summer sports program. At least, the nominating committee of the Summerside Athletic Association is discovering it has a tough assignment to get officers to lead the body, which has definitely done in its few years of existence, a lot for the youth of our little town in keeping them occupied with clean healthful sports.

They say you never miss the water till the plumber turns it off. Should the Summerside Athletic Association fade out of existence because of lack of interest and funds, we feel sure that a lot of Summerside parents would notice what a vast difference it would make in the welfare and well-being of their offspring. As an outlet for youthful excess energy there is nothing better than well-organized, well-conducted sports.

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### Sunrise Service

The Young People's Societies of Murray Harbor North and Peppers Road, held their third Easter Sunrise Service in Cambridge Hall

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