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Down The Back Stretch

interested in many other enterprises and with Mr. Sheppard founded the Hanover Shoe Farms, now the leading breeding establishment of harness horses in the world. He was a big-hearted, very generous man and his passing is greatly regretted by all who knew him and particularly by the citizens of Hanover. A short review of his record shows that no matter what he took up he made a success of it and best of all he was revered by the employees of his various businesses. His death will be a great loss to Lawrence B. Sheppard, President of The United States Trotting Association, who has been so happily associated with Mr. Myers for many years.

The seven-eights of a mile track at Vernon Downs, N. Y., while not putting up purses at all comparable with those paid at Roosevelt, is receiving entries from a great many high-class horses and records are being made there quite frequently. A short time ago Bomb Call, a 4-year-old gelding by Bombs Away, won the 2.18 trot, purse $1,500, trotting in 2.00 3/5 the first dash and 2.02 the second dash. The Vernon Harness Horse Writers' 2.12 Pace, purse $1,500, brought together 11 of the top half-milers and proved a terrific contest. Poplar Dell, a 5-year-old by Volomite, driven by Frank Ervin, won the 1st dash. Going away in 13th position he was parked on the outside all around the track but caught up in the stretch to win in 2.00 2/5. In the next dash Times Square, a 4-year-old by Victory Song, driven by McKinley Kirk of Ohio, won in 1.58 4/5, one of the fastest miles of the year and the ninth 2.00 mile stepped this season at Vernon Downs.

The Canadian driver Clint Hodgins almost every year comes up with a great trotter or pacer. This year it is the trotting mare Katie Key 1.59 1/5 by Long Key 2.00, that recently scored her fifth win in six races and clipped her lifetime half-mile track record to 2.02 1/5 in the free for all trot, purse $6,500, at Roosevelt Raceway. At the beginning of the season it was expected that Pronto Don 1.59 3/5 would be heading the fast trotters as in previous years, but he has apparently fallen by the wayside. That same night Earl Avery won a $4,000 pace with the 4-year-old Knight Star in 1.04 1/5 and Earl has been winning places and firsts right along at Roosevelt. Another Canadian driver who is doing splendidly there is Del McTavish.

Friday night's races last week at the Charlottetown Driving Park had to be postponed after four dashes due to a very heavy downpour of rain, but we were glad to notice that Hon. Dougald MacKinnon's young pacer Colonel Budlong, won the Curtain Raiser from Bobby Hunter and six others and took a record of 2.18 2/5. The beautiful black trotter Tartan, owned by Ray Stewart, Murray River and driven by Cyril Smith, won his dash and trotting to a new record of 2.15 2/5, and the 5-year-old pacer Abner McGraw, owned by Dr. Geo. Bishop and driven by E. Shaw won the 2nd dash in 2.12 2/5—a new record. The trotter Mary Merk won the 3rd race for owner-driver Earle Semple and the big surprise was the excellent performance of the 4-year-old pacer Bob Clegg (C. Smith), that Alyre Pineau of Rustico trained and raced as a 3-year-old and then sold him to Emerson Ford. His performance stamps him as a future star.

The balance of the races were held Saturday night with some extra dashes added. In the Free For All Pace the 4-year-old Jerry's Nightmare, owned by James O'Brien, Elmsdale and driven by Earle Semple, astonished the fans by out-pacing four free-for-allers in both dashes, and also having more brush on the way home. She paced one quarter in 29 2/5. Babe Britton (O'Meara) was 2-4; Gahagen (Shaw-Hennessey) 5-2; A. G. Scott (Moreside) 3-3; Lucky Chief (Stead) 4-5. Time: 2.13 3/5, 2.12 3/5. In the trotting event Tartan (C. Smith) was 1-5; Derrick, owned and driven by Sam Kennedy, 3-1; time, 2.16 3/5, 2.18 3/5. Real Fingo's performance in the second dash of this race was exceptionally good. Getting away at quite a disadvantage he gained on the leaders and finished a good second. He is owned by Mrs. Muscatalis of Halifax and was driven by Len O'Meara.

Emmett Bernard's many friends were glad to see him come out of the pack to win the 3rd race with Miss Donna Mae, with My Darling (O'Meara) 2 in 2.16. With the same starters in the 7th race My Darling came through from fourth position rounding the turn to finish in front in 2.13 3/5 with True Hal (Hennessey) 2. She is owned by Senator G. H. Barbour of this city. A bad accident occurred in the 3rd race when Abner McGraw stumbled and fell just after passing the wire and threw his driver, Ellwood Shaw to the ground. Ellwood had to be removed to hospital where it was found that he had a broken leg just above the ankle. His many friends at the track and elsewhere regret that he will be sidelined for some time. The stable he has trained so conscientiously has been showing improvement in every start and great credit is due him for having brought them along to their present form.

The races at Summerside on Saturday night were featured by the outstanding performance of the 4-year-old pacer Robert Bruce, by Abner T. Clegg 2.04 1/2, dam. Uscita Britton 2.09 1/4, that in the first heat of the Junior Free For All headed other fast pacers to win in 2.09 2/5—the season's pacing mark for Summerside oval and a reduction of two seconds from his former record. He is owned by George Brookins and our congratulations to him and to driver Rogers on that great performance. Yuta (Burbine) was 2nd; Ann's Boy (Bowness) 3 and Ann's Dream (Callbeck) 4. In the 2nd dash of the same event, Ann's Dream, owned by Jack Curran and driven by Geo. Callbeck, out-paced Robert Bruce to win in 2.14 3/5 with Yuta 3, Ann's Boy 4. Our congratulations to owner-driver Bob Holman of Summerside who made his first appearance as a winner with Rubison in the Class C. Pace; Sunkist Joe (Callbeck) 2, time, 2.23 1/5—a new record for Rubison. The 2nd dash in this event was won by Bruce's Sister (Rogers), owned by Geo. Brookins; Rubison (Holman) 2, time, 2.18 4/5—a new record for Bruce's Sister. There were eight trotters started in the Class C Trot and Winnifred G., owned by Syndicate Stables and driven by Burbine won both dashes with Bonnie's Girl (Callbeck) 5-2, Robert Lee (MacGregor) 2-6; best time 2.21—a new record for Winnifred G. The old favorite Hilda Mac (MacGregor) won the first dash in the B Pace from Ruby P. Dale (Simmonds) in 2.16 4/5. She is owned by John Harkness. Jay's Hope, owned and driven by Art Jay, Borden, won the other dash in this event, taking a new record of 2.17, Yankee Joan (MacRae) 2.

A large crowd, big payoffs on the parlee and fast time featured Saturday night's card at Truro. Halifax-owned pacers were out in the limelight. Jimmie Given's free-for-aller, Headway 2.06 3/5, driven by him, won both dashes in the feature event, heading Future Counsel (Conroy) twice second and Judge Miller twice third. Time, 2.10 3/5, 2.09 4/5. A Maritime bred pacer that startled the race fans a few years ago by pacing in 2.08 3/5—Seven Up Direct, owned and driven by Lloyd Walker—won races 3 and 7 with Texas Hanover (Barrieau) 2-dnf, Nell Kalmuck (Harrison) 3-2. Time, 2.09 4-5, 2.12 1/5. Prince Jollity won another race for owner-driver C. W. MacKenzie from Mae Josedale (L. Walker), time, 2.18—a new record. Other winners were Cocoanut Flash (Mauger), owned by D. MacAulay, Pugwash; Black Hawk's Flash 2, time, 2.20 1/5—a new record. Race 5 was won by Peter Budlong, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, with Rockford (Conroy) 2, time, 2.18 2/5, and Race 6 by Dr. F. Chips, owned and driven by Clayton MacLeod, with Follow Up Jr. (Fletcher) 2. Time, 2.15—a new record.

As usual Saturday night's races at Saint John drew another big attendance and the fastest mile of the season over that track was paced by the old Warrior, Peter Lee Brewer, owned and driven by M. Coughlan, Saint John; he was 1-1 in dashes 6 and 9 with Time Table, owned by T. P. Downey and driven by M. Downey, 2-4, Morris Direct (Wood) 6-2. Time, 2.11 2/5, 2.13 1/5. This is only one second off his record taken on an Ontario track four years ago. Billy Protestor (Renault), owned by T. Leger, Buctouche, won dashes 1 and 5 with Guy Song (McIntosh) 2-4, Ima Corporal (Devlin) 3-2, best time 2.22 2/5. In dashes 3 and 7 Abbie's Boy, owned and driven by S. H. Horseman, Moncton, was 1-4, Monty Budlong (Armstrong) 3-1; time, 2.15 1/5, 2.13 4/5. Monty is of the long-wearing kind and in his tenth year he is racing right up to form. His record is 2.12 2/5 taken as a five-year-old. Other winners were: dash 2, Danny Dale Boy (Crawford), owned by the Bright Spot Stable, Saint John; Valuable Doc (Jones) 2, time, 2.19. Dash 4: Norah Dale (Devlin) owned by Hugh Yearwood, Saint John; Amy Girl (Wood) 2, time, 2.21 4/5; and the 8th dash: Bye For Now (Govang), owners, Bye For Now Stables, Saint John; Miss Playfair (E. Goguen), 2, time, 2.15 2/5.

Fredericton under the lights has brought harness racing back to popularity in that beautiful city whose track still holds the Maritime pacing record and has been the scene of many of the fastest contests held in the Maritimes. On Monday night the only double winner was Ableway, owned by Miss Lorraine Halliday of Calais, Me., and driven by Frankie Carr, who is making a great comeback this season. Second in the 4th and 8th dashes was Nottingham Chuck, owned and driven by George Walker, St. Stephen, time, 2.12, 2.13 2/5. The 1st dash was won by Prince Abner (Hamilton), owner, J. Fraser, Woodstock, with Donald B. (Bishop) 2, time, 2.20—a new record. Linda Belle (Langille), owned by C. H. McGinley, Houlton, Me., was 1-6, Hero's Child (Burt), owner, W. Nevers, Hartland, 4-1. Time, 2.16 2/5, 2.18 2/5 In dashes 3 and 7 the trotter Tyndall Semple, owned and driven by G. Woodside, was 1-3, the 3-year-old Slicker Tass, owned and driven by Bruce MacDonald, 2-1. Time, 2.15 2/5, 2.16 2/5. In the 5th and 9th dashes Ritakey (Linden), owned by P. W. Bridges, Gagetown, was 1-2, Dominion's Pride, owned and driven by Henry DeWitt, 5-1. Time, 2.10, 2.11.

Race classifier E. Frank Acorn came up with another crowd-pleasing card for Tuesday night at Charlottetown, and gratifying to all is the increased attendance each race night. The track was lightning fast and the finishes among the most exciting of the season. In the curtain raiser Bellhop B., owned by Mrs. James Poulton and driven by Cyril Smith was a winner with Calumetta (McFadyen) 2, time,. 2.16 3/5—a new record. The starters in the 1st and 5th dashes were all trotters with good records. The 1st was a close battle between Feather Duster (MacKinnon), Tartan (C. Smith) and Derrick (Kennedy), with Feather Duster getting the nod. Time, 2.14 3/5. In the 5th with the same field except Feather Duster, Tartan, owned by Ray Stewart, Murray River, won in a photo finish from Waymark, given a splendid drive by Don Seaman. Time, 2.17. Harold Stead showed first-class reinsmanship when he steered Keppoch Playgirl to first in dashes 2 and 6 and lowered her record to 2.14. Avalon Girl, owned by Heber Sweeney, Bridgewater, with driver McAlduff, a son of the well known reinsman Frank McAlduff, was just nosed out in the 2nd after leading all the way, and Suffolk Chief (Downe) was a very close third. In the 6th Suffolk Chief finished second to Playgirl, being out-brushed in the stretch, and the 4-year-old Chevie G. (Moreside) made a gallant try in both heats, being 4-3. Keppoch Playgirl is owned by H. B. Willis of this city.

The real surprise of the night was the performance of Abner McGraw, owned by Dr. George Bishop, that has been so nicely trained by injured driver Ellwood Shaw. Substituting for him was Emmett "Cowboy" Bernard, who certainly did a high class job, winning dashes 3 and 7, the third in 2.10 4/5, which cut a big hunk off his former record. The trotter Mary Merk was greatly admired and in the field of hoppled pacers acquitted herself like a real champ for owner-driver Earle Semple, being 2-2. Esso, given a dandy drive by Len O'Meara, was 3-3. All six horses were close at the finish. The 4th and 8th dashes, really a junior free for all, probably provided the most excitement of the night and friends of Joe Hennessey were glad to see him win with Gahagen, owned by Dr. George Bishop, in the 4th, with Whispering Hope (C. Smith) 2, Direct Mite (Moreside) 3, time, 2.12. The 8th dash saw some of the closest driving of the night with positions changing several times during the mile. Babe Britton, owned by Bruce Thompson, Summerside, and driven by Len O'Meara, stepped one of her best heats this season, with Ensor Bowness' splendid pacer, Ann's Boy, a very close second and Gahagen third. Time, 2.10 4/5. When the news reaches Dr. George Bishop in far away Lexington, Kentucky, that his horses won three of the eight dashes he certainly will wear a smile.

Dave Pellerin, Shediac, N.B., has brought in from Quebec a very handsome 2-year-old pacer Madeline Smart, that is exceptionally well-bred being by Curly Smart 2.03 1/4 by Volomite 3, 2.03 1/4, dam, Kitty Kent 2.11 by Kent Bumpas 2.03 1/4, second dam Miss Direct 2.01 1/4. He plans to train and race her.

The biggest event in the harness racing world, the Hambletonian for three-year-old trotters, was raced at Goshen, N.Y. last Wednesday and Newport Dream, that had been somewhat sidelined during the season and had only made one start, won the lion's share of the $106,830 purse. He made it in two straight heats. The favorite, Stenographer 2.01, a daughter of Bill Gallon 1.59 1/2, was second, Princess Rodney third and Harlan fourth. Time, 2.02 4/5, 2.02 4/5. Two weeks ago at Saratoga, Stenographer lowered the world's record for fillies of her age and gait on a half-mile track to 2.03 1/5 and later she won the $7,000 Flora Temple stake at Vernon Downs in 2.02, 2.03 3/5. Del Cameron recently won over the half-mile track at Saratoga with Newport Chief 2.01 1/5 and at Harrington, Dela., he won with the 2-year-old Newport Mon in 2.06 2/5. Del developed, trained and drove all three Newports and his boss, Octave Blake, is president of the Grand Circuit.

Rain played havoc with some of the racing programs throughout the Maritimes this week. At Summerside Thursday night they had to halt after two dashes were completed and the races were postponed until last night. The 3-year-old Janet Clegg, owned and driven by George Sobey was first in the BB Class Pace with Bay State Pat (MacGergor) 2, time, 2.16—a new record for Janet. The Class A Trot was won by Senator Craigmyle (Burbine) owned by Syndicate Stables, with Vella Grattan (MacNeill) 2, time, 2.18 3/5.

At Wednesday night's races in Truro Herb Wisener's good pacer May S. Grattan was 1-2 in races 1 and 4, David G. (C. MacLeod) 5-1, time, 2.13 3/5, 2.14—a new record for David G. Honors High Jinx (Ripley), owned by Kaiser & Nicholson, Halifax, won races 5 and 8 with Daniel Hal Scot (Wisener) 2-2, time, 2.13 3/5, 2.12 2/5—a new record for Honors High Jinx, that started the season with a record of 2.19. In races 2 and 6 Lady Ruthie T. (MacLeod) was 1-2, Gracie Lou (S. Walker) 2-1, time, 2.18, 2.18 2/5. Lady Ruthie T. is owned by Carl McCully, Truro, and David G. by G.E. MacLeod, Westville. In races 3 and 7 Tonymite (Turner) was 1-2, Seven-Up Direct (Walker) 6-1. Time, 2.13 4/5, 2.11 3/5. Tonymite is owned by Don Turner, Dartmouth, and Seven-Up Direct by Lloyd Walker, Halifax.

Next week Old Home Week, the Maritimes' greatest holiday week, will be in full swing at the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition grounds. Between 250 and 300 entries have been made in the harness racing classes which will bring together the fastest trotters and pacers in the Maritimes. Old friends will meet, many that have not seen each other for years, for Charlottetown is always the spot where horsemen get together and races of the years ago are discussed. The racing is only part of the doings at this big show which will include many other entertainment features and the biggest display of livestock in the Maritimes. Don't miss a day or night, there is only one Old Home Week.

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TORONTO (CP)—Combines and threshing machines were in full operation across most of Ontario this week as farmers harvested their fall wheat and spring grain crops. Eastern and central counties reported "serious damage" by an invasion of army worms which in some areas have damaged up to 50 per cent of the oat crop. The worms have also damaged barley and corn fields. Haying was in full swing in parts of northern Ontario where some districts reported the highest yield in more than 20 years.

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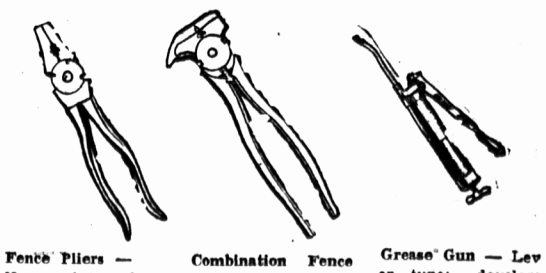

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