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Back Stretch

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the way down to Montague. The heats are half-mile dashes and everyone will team right from the word Go. It should be quite an exciting afternoon.

In going over some old papers we found a fire insurance policy on the stallion Parkside 2.21¾, owned by the late W. A. Brennan of Summerside, which had been loaned to us by his grandson, W. R. Brennan of this city. It was issued by E. H. Beer of Charlottetown, the 6th of October, 1895, for $1,500, and the premium was $21. Parkside was purchased by Mr. Brennan from Senator Leland Stanford of Palo Alto, California, in 1890, and he also bought the stallion Balston. They were brought here by Jimmy Houghton and trained over the Summerside track.

Parkside's sire was the celebrated stallion Clay 2.25, by the great family founder Electioneer, out of Maid of Clay by Cassius M. Clay. She was one of the four mares to produce four in the list for the first time. Parkside's dam was Vinta by General Benton, and his second dam was Barnes Idol by Idol. Other dams up to the 12th were thoroughbred. General Benton, the sire of Parkside's dam, was purchased for $25,000 by Governor Stanton—$12,000 more than he paid for Electioneer. He was the fastest trotting stallion of his day—became a great brood mare sire—siring the dam of Sunol 3, 2.10½, a world's record. He also sired the champion four-year-old Sally Benton and was the sire of Balston, brought here with Parkside from California.

Parkside's fee was placed at $50—equal in our money today to at least $200—and even that fee did not keep breeders from all over the Maritimes from patronizing him. Very soon he was founding a family of futurity winners. He crossed particularly well with Hernando mares, thus combining two of the best Hambletonian strains, Abdallah 15 and Electioneer. A few of his get were Parkland, Parkwood, Parklyn, Parklight, Dark Night, Park Campbello and Dannie Steele's great pacing mare Ada Mac 2.17¼, holder of the Charlottetown track record for several years. Parkside not only did stud duty but also took part in the stallion races at our Exhibitions. His blood flows through many of the best performers raised in this Province and just at this time we know of many at the Charlottetown oval whose granddams or great-granddams were by Parkside.

Mr. Brennan was a man who conceived and did things in a big way and certainly it must have taken a lot of courage and money to purchase such a stallion in far away California with transportation as it was then, and bring him to this Province. There were others too, who brought in good Standard Breds including Charles Gardiner and Benjamin Heartz, who paid thousands for Preceptor, a son of Nutwood, then the leading speed sire of the United States. We were told by Dr. John Blake from whom we got much of the above information, that in 1893 Messrs. Gardiner and Heartz planned on going to the United States to purchase one of the best progenitors at a leading stock farm. The panic of that year interfered with their plans and it was some years before harness horse breeding and other endeavors got back to normal.

A letter from Angie Allen, who is assistant trainer with the Del MacTavish stable at Saratoga Raceway, New York, writes: "Our stable is well represented with Maritimers as Carl "Cobb" Miller, Clarence "Red" Horne, and Stanley "Red" MacPherson all come from there. "Red" Horne was the caretaker of Brewer's Gallon the last year he raced at home and "Red" MacPherson used to take care of Colleen Scott for W. G. Stewart. We have eighteen head here and I think we have the best stock at the track. We have been working all of them from 2.15 to 2.20 but will be dropping down from here on. Please remember me to all friends at home."

The popular Bob Brown of Woodstock, N. B., whose harness horse activities have taken him all through the Maritimes and a large part of the U. S. A., is paying us a brief visit and was shaking hands all yesterday morning at the track. Bob is the owner of Indiana Boy 2.06½, Chris McElwyn 2.12 3/5 and Governor Lee. Bob had a nice win with Indiana Boy at Charlottetown Old Home Week last year and other wins elsewhere. Besides being a canny horseman he is also one of the best basketball coaches in Canada. Bob told us that the two colts recently purchased by J. H. DeWitt of Woodstock, have turned out real well. The three-year-old Just Peggy Clegg, full sister to Rhodola D. 2.11 3/5, and the three-year-old Mr. McGee, also by Abner T. Clegg, dam Mae West, have been miles in 2.37. A two-year-old by Abner T. Clegg named Dominion D. has stepped miles in 2.45, but the two-year-old that has really got everybody talking is owned by Bob Ryan of Houlton, Maine. She is named Jollity's Girl, is by Jollity 2.05¼ out of Pine Ridge Norma. She paced a mile in 2.28 nearly a month ago and no doubt has bettered that since. The night racing plant at Woodstock is coming along nicely, Bob says, and opening night will be June 26th and racing will be every Tuesday and Friday nights after that.

A real good pacing prospect has been sold by James O'Brien of Elmsdale, to Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro, N. S., in Freddie Scott. We understand the price was an excellent one and we trust that Freddie will fulfill all the expectations of his former owner and new owner. By the way, Jim was pleased the other morning at the arrival of a lovely foal from Lee's Nightmare 2.10 1/5, sired by Jollity 2.05¼. Lee's sire was Bud Axworthy 2.14, full brother to the former world's champion trotter Lee Axworthy 1.58½. Bud Axworthy had quite as much speed as his famous brother and was timed a half over the Summerside track in 1.00 3/5 but he would make wild breaks that ruined his racing chances. When he was fourteen years old he was turned over to the writer to give him a record. We cut his front toes down to 3½ inches, gave him a 3 5/8 toe behind, shod him with four ounces square toe shoe in front and a 7½ ounce shoe behind and gave him his record over the Charlottetown track. Had he been shod that way when he was young he might have been a world's champion.

Last week at Yonkers Raceway the trotter F. J. E. 2.13 2/5 by Calumet Budlong 2.02¾, dam Helen D. 2.11¼, was a close third in a $1,000 classified trot won in 2.11 1/5. He was bred by Urban Gillis, Miscouche...At the Saratoga Sales Auction a couple of weegs ago Beckdale, a six-year-old brown mare by Victor Dale, went to the high bid of Allison Langille, St. Stephen, N. B. She is eligible to the 2.28 pace....Betty Rennie, daughter of Frank Rennie, Elmsdale, P. E. I., has placed her two-year-old Betty's Boy by Abner T. Clegg, dam by Bud Axworthy, in Roach MacGregor's stable at the Charlottetown track for training. He is one of the best developed and handsomest two-year-olds we have seen in a long time. The Abner T. Clegg-Bud Axworthy cross has already proved itself, several with that breeding acquiring records last season.

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Hunters Corner

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the penertating chill of the oncoming night, I heard something that sounded very much like a shot. I dismissed the thought for I couldn't figure why anyone should be abroad with a gun at this time of night. A few minutes later, while driving over a wooded ridge that skirted the edge of a swamp, I saw a beautiful Ruffed Grouse atop a poplar tree busily engaged in filling its crop with buds. Etched clearly against a winter sky this lovely game bird was a picture of grace and beauty.

At this moment I had a hunch that it was a gunshot I had heard a few minutes previously. I was not long in doubt. As the last rays of the setting sun faded in the west and a sickle moon rode a stormy sky there drifted to my ears from somewhere in the wooded area along the lower reaches of the Enmore River, muffled by distance, the unmistakeable WHUMP of a heavy gauge shotgun. I may have crossed the Inverness border at this moment.

I spoke to my companion: "I wonder what that shot was fired at?" "Probably some of the boys out after 'Natives' having their evening meal", was his casual comment. As an afterthought he added: "It's a wonder there's any left". I made a mental note to keep this out-of-season Ruffed Grouse hunting in the records for future action.

The next fall, as a hazy mid-November afternoon drew toward evening, I turned the car off the Western Road at West Devon. Somewhere along the road in the Grand Dig I spotted a youth ahead of me riding a bicycle. He turned his head when I was 50 yards distant and then swung the wheel to his right and bounced across a shallow ditch and unto an old wood road. It was then I noticed the .22 calibre rifle held across the handle bars. I stopped the car pronto but all I found was the bicycle lying on its side in a bed of ferns. The youthful rider had vanished.

Nearing late evening I swung the car off the Beaton Road unto the Terry Boylan Road. This is a lonely secondary road that runs for four miles through swamp and woodland till it reaches Coleman. If my memory serves me correctly there is not a single human habitation along the first three miles. This is natural Ruffed Grouse country. A few minutes later I picked up a passenger. He was an elderly man, quiet and sociable and was hiking through to the Coleman Road.

"Huntin'?" he queried. "Yes," I replied, and I wasn't tellin' lies at that. It depended on the kind of huntin' I meant. "Am I ever lucky to get this lift" was his comment as he settled back on the cushion. The road was so narrow in spots the alders rattled against the car sides but it was quite passable. About two miles in we met a lad in his early teens riding a bicycle. As he wobbled by along the side of the ditch I had a good view of the cheap, single shot .22 calibre rifle lying athwart the handle bars. A pair of ferrety eyes looked into mine and then he was behind us.

"That's the second youngster I've met this evening carrying a rifle on a bicycle. What are they huntin'—rabbits?" "Nope' ' ,was the reply; "pat'ridge." I continued: "Theyre a long way from home, they must be anxious to get them?" "Yes, that's the way they get their smokes and chocolate bars. They exchange them or sell them at X's store". "How much do they get for them?" "It depends" was his reply; "if they are large and not shot up too much he gives them seventy-five cents each." The fact that the season was closed for over two weeks didn't make any difference.

In December I dropped in on this storekeeper. It was one of my lucky days. He had eight plump Ruffed Grouse (Native Partridge) packed in a basket ready for transportation to Charlottetown. He was considerably out of pocket on this shipment after the Court case was over. Two of the birds had .22 calibre bullet holes through them while one had evidently been snared as the neck was torn badly.

I got to know this country (West Prince) pretty well. I've "biled" the kettle on Baptiste Point while the crickets chirped in the noon day heat and listened to bacon and eggs sputtering in a frying pan on a lonely stretch of shore at Black Banks as the gulls and plover greeted an August dawn. Yes, and I've watched the smoke from an open fire beside a wood road at McNeill's Mills curl upward as a soft summer wind rustled the spindling poplars and blueberry pickers filed past in silent wonderment. Yes, I had a fair idea of what went on in that country.

Strangely enough, as I type this I find myself thinking of the little doe and the words of a song comes to mind: "Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes, I'll never love blue eyes again."

GRAIN

WINNIPEG, May 18 — (CP) — All prices recorded sharp declines in active trade today on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, with all contracts of flax dropping the maximum 15-cent limit. October barley and flax hit new seasonal lows.

Selling was fairly general, with offerings in oats and barley including selling for American account as well as hedging and liquidation. Minor recoveries were made in oats as commercial demand came in on the declines.

Flax fell off under heavy hedging and liquidation. Support was thin. Rye also dropped off sharply under increased offerings.

Export loadings were light, involving only 440,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to the United Kingdom.

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Closing prices:

Oats — May 89⅝B; July 90⅝-½; Oct. 87⅞.

Barley — May 1.23B; July 1.24 ¼-⅜; Oct. 1.21⅜.

Rye — May 2.07; July 2.06¾-2.07; Oct. 1.92½-¾.

Flax — May 4.25AN; July 4.28A; Oct. 4.00A.

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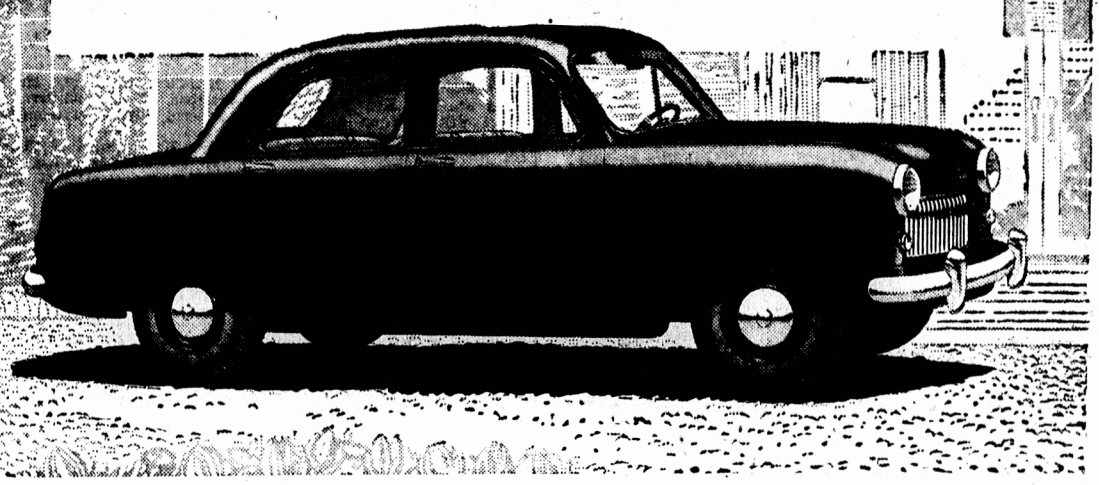

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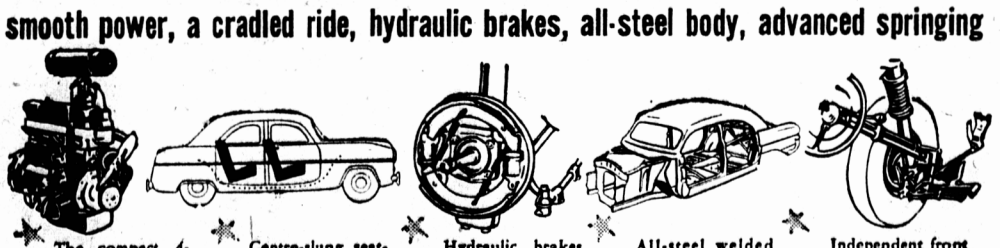

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