

Back Stretch

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The latest news from Orlando, Florida, has been released by Mary Louise Bock, whose column is right up to the mark in everything that goes with good harness horse news. We quote... "Training time is getting shorter and stables heading for the early raceway meetings are beginning to bear down in their work. Miles in 2:20 and better for the older horses are commonplace and the California bound horses for the fast classes worked in 2:10 or better before leaving Ben White Raceway. Bull tops among the large groups of two-year-olds here is the glib-gated pacing filly Fearless Way by King's Counsel 1:58, dam, Jane Azoff 1:59, owned by Jordan Bros. Rockford, Ill., and trained by Henry Thomas. She has been a standout through all of her training. Her mile in 2:18 still stands as a season's record over the mile oval and this week she copped the half-mile title as well by a sparkling mile in 2:19. She came the last half in 1:08 and turned

in a quarter in 32 1/2 over the twice around. The two year old trotting gelding title is held by Carter Hutch, that worked in 2:25 with the last quarter in 33 seconds over the half-mile oval, and the two year old trotting filly title is held by Lively Lady. She stepped in 2:23, last quarter in 34 over the half-mile oval. In Miss Bock's interesting column we note where the aged horses in Nat Ray's stable have worked in 2:22 or better and his three-year-olds in 2:21. His only two-year-old worked in 2:44. Nat Ray is not too far from eighty years old and has been training and racing horses since a small boy. His father, Charles Ray, was a trainer of runners in England. He emigrated to Canada and trained runners in Toronto and Nat rode them. When he got too heavy for the runners he started training harness horses and was one of the top men both over the ice and over the turf in Ontario for a number of years. It was Nat that gave Grattan Royal his lifetime mark of 2:06 1/2 and but for an accident which caused lameness, he no doubt would have given him a mark of 2:00 or better. Ernie McTague and Johnny Conroy will remember Nat well, he was very friendly to all of us when we raced in Toronto, and we are glad to see that he is still keeping up his successes.

Another trainer that we always take an interest in is Sep Pain, who holds more world's records than any other man with trotters and pacers. Sep is back again handling the stable of the millionaire octogenarian, E. C. Baker, owner of Greyhound 1:55 1/2, world's champion trotter and the former owner of such great horses as King's Counsel 1:58 etc. Sep and he parted company for a while and a few years ago Sep's second trainer, Jimmie Wingfield, went on his own. Now the trio are united and are making speed slowly with their charges in Florida, but from what we can glean they have some top notch prospects and it may be that once again Sep and his stable will be winning a lot of the big awards.

At Azalea, Florida, mile track, Earle Avery is getting quite a bit of the spotlight because of the performance of his two-year-old Victory Mon, that stepped in with the last quarter in 33 seconds, and Ulfest Fingo by Calumet Fingo, was in 2:22 with the last quarter in 32 1/2. Bert Fingo by Calumet Fingo, paced a mile in 2:23 1/2, and the green three-year-old pacing filly, Bonnie Fung, hung up a season's track record of 2:16 1/2, half in 1:04 1/2, quarter in 30 1/2!!! Hants Hanover, the Ensign Hanover trotting colt, was in 2:42 and two three-year-old pacers Jupe Fingo was in 2:26 and Hastv Fingo in 2:20. The three-year-old Watchin's Daughter by Watchin 2:08, is now on the trot and trained a mile in 2:33, last quarter in 35. Earle, whom we used to regard as a pretty severe trainer, has certainly learned to modify his system so that he is getting real results with colts.

At Del Mar, California, Joe O'Brien has let down his two-year-olds a few seconds and his aged horses several seconds. Joe no doubt has now moved to Santa Anita with his stable to take part in the races which started March 14. There is quite a good program for this Saturday, which will be watched by the Directors of the United States Trotting Association, who are meeting in nearby Pasadena the following two days.

Japan must be making a real comeback as we notice where last week three Japanese gentlemen, an interpreter, another, the owner of a breeding farm and a veterinarian were at Del Mar, California, race track where they purchased for export to Japan, the trotter V. J. 2:07, by Scotland 1:59 1/2, Miss Highway Guy 2:07 1/2 by Guy Leaf, and Torpedo 3, 2:07 by Guy Abbey 2:06 1/2.

The above was taken from a recent issue of The Horseman and Fair World and on the same page is shown a photo of Joe O'Brien driving the two-year-old Modern Counsel in a workout with the two-year-old Merritt Hanover, driven for export to Japan, the trotter V. J. 2:07, by Scotland 1:59 1/2, Miss Highway Guy 2:07 1/2 by Guy Leaf, and Torpedo 3, 2:07 by Guy Abbey 2:06 1/2.

The Miramichi Stake Races, sponsored by the M.A.E.A. to be raced at Chatham, N.B. July 1st, have been announced by Race Secretary A. D. Nopke, Newcastle, N.B. They are: No. 1 Stake - Miramichi Fifth Renewal Stake for 30 class horses (any horse that has won \$100, or more at either gait not eligible). Purse \$1,000. No. 2 Free For All Trot and Pace \$402. - 3 dashes - \$134. per dash. No. 3. Trot and Pace - 2 dashes - \$125. per dash. No. 4 Trot and Pace - 2 dashes - \$125. per dash. Nominations close March 31st with the Race Secretary.

The Neighbor



By George Clark

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Seems there has been a minor rhabarb regarding the picking of the most valuable player in the Summerside Mercury team, and we were one of the judges, we should like to present our view of the case. First, our fellow sportswriter, John MacNeill, has come forward to defend the judges in their decision, and we thank John for this gallant gesture, but just the same we'd like to give the hockey fans of Summerside an idea of how we feel about the matter. We do this without more ado. Stanley "Mooney" Gallant won the award by a majority of points as given by three judges, of which we were one. Each judge had to pick his first, second, and third choice with three, two and one points given to the candidates in that order. "Mooney" Gallant was not on our list. Layton Schurman was. Yet "Mooney" was ahead on points when the votes were all in, and that, fellow members of this democratic country, is good enough for us.

It was a free election. No bribes were offered or accepted. We were not even driven to the polls, and on our way dazed with the sight of folding money pressed into our itching palm. Admit it, folks, you can't always get such simon pure elections as that in this Garden of the Gulf. None of the candidates offered us a job as road foreman or forty-second assistant to the minister of public curbs and catch basins. In voting, we let our conscience be our guides. Can you ask anything more pure and undefiled than that? We repeat "we didn't vote for the winner. But who are we that should think our judgment is something over and above the judgment of other men? How do people get that way? That they fondly think that because they rate a certain player the best, he must be. Presumptuous, to say the least. Congratulations, "Mooney" Gallant, on your award. We have often watched you with a great deal of pleasure. You have been in the past years before the "rinkless" era, undoubtedly one of Summerside's talented players.

A small circle of dark water surrounded by a rim of blue ice; strips of lean meat and a section of fishing line with a hook attached is a combination that resists outdoorsmen find hard to resist. Reports seeping in to Fish and Game Headquarters indicate that a number of the angling fraternity have already yielded to temptation. Several have been seen carrying gads of trout. It's a foregone conclusion that those trout didn't get there without some assistance. These gentry are in about the same position I was in when a small boy, I had committed a slight misdemeanour and father was too busy at the moment to be distracted. He merely announced: "I'll tend to you later" and he was a corker for keeping his promises. A check on the Creel Census returns submitted to date shows that the anglers have averaged 87.5 trout each. Hunters have averaged 9.5 Huns, 1.5 pheasants and 1.2 Ruffed grouse. Considering that a few have reported having caught no trout or shot any game and others as low as one or two as their total bag for the season the general average is surprisingly high. A conservative estimate places the number of hunters in the province, both urban and rural, in excess of ten thousand. Returns from approximately 20 per cent of the licenses issued have been received and tabulated. This return is sufficient for an overall picture and there is no reason to believe that future creel census returns will greatly change the present trend. On the basis of an estimated 12,000 anglers in the province the present average of 87.5 trout per angler would indicate a catch of trout last season in excess of one million. On the basis of the percentage to date the estimated ten thousand hunters in the province bagged last season approximately 95,000 Huns, 15,000 pheasants and 12,000 Ruffed grouse. Who said we had no trout or game in the province? Game returns are valuable and should be made compulsory.

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Mixed Curling Schedule Today

Following is the schedule for mixed curling at the Charlottetown Curling Club tonight: Seven O'Clock Ice 1-L. Duchemin, J. H. Helloffs, Jean Grant, J. Larrabee, skip, vs. B. Conway, E. Jardine, M. MacLennan, J. F. MacLeod, skip. Ice 2-A. MacDonald, Gordon Raynor, S. MacMillan, Arnett Howatt, skip, vs. Emily Raynor, W. MacDonald, M. Dockendorff, Frank Acorn, skip. Ice 3-R. Lamoureux, James Burden, Laura Pickard, W. Worth, skip, vs. D. Stewart, Ken Anderson, Pauline Burden, Walter Pickard, skip. Ice 4-Jean MacLean, Dr. C. Gallant, Bessie Frowse, Frank Hobbs, skip, vs. E. Sutherland, Ed. Tanton, Inez Gallant, Cleaver MacLean, skip. Nine O'clock Ice 1-Holly Taylor, Art Hogan, Georgina Campbell, Arthur Roper, skip, vs. Barbara Roper, Jack Taylor, Ada Mahar, James Campbell, skip. Ice 2-Nora MacDonald, Dr. W. Allan, Agnes Hoyt, Wm. MacNeill, skip, vs. Bell, Waldo Hoyt, Marie MacNeill, Clifford MacDonald, skip. Ice 3-Jessie Parker, Ralph Jones, Doris MacDonald, Dr. W. M. MacDonald, skip, vs. M. Jones, Ron Parker, Elizabeth MacDonald, Stirling MacDonald, skip. Ice 4-Shirley Storey, Ed Wood, Veima Mellish, Andy Likely, skip, vs. Helen Likely, Wes Storey, Anne Wood, Murray Mellish, skip.

Y. M. C. A. News

Continued from page 5 ing a large variety of handicrafts. On Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. Ladies Auxiliary the girls had a sale of these articles with very gratifying results. Congratulations girls on a fine project. On Thursday, March 13 the Beta Phiats had as their guest speaker Mrs. Robert Large, Continuity Editor of radio station C. F. C. Y. Mrs. Large explained how many of our favourite programs are broadcast and outlined the different phases of radio operation. She also spoke of the opportunities which are open for young women in radio work and invited us to C. F. C. Y. where we could see the program being broadcast. Miss Lois MacLean was chairman for the evening and the speaker was thanked by the President. Alpha Hi-Y The Alpha Club's Monday evening was in the form of a party held in the banquet room. To get the ball rolling Dr. George Fisher gave a very interesting and in-

Hunters Corner

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