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lead over runner up George Turner of Dartmouth, leading driver in 1954. Johnny started his career with the trotters and pacers in 1912 with the writer and on his return from World War 1 he took a position as trainer-driver and has made it his life occupation. He has always been a credit to the sport and his thousands of friends will be glad to see him occupy this very enviable position. We would also like to congratulate all the drivers mentioned in this list. Their efforts has resulted in racing being on the increase in popularity in every section of the provinces . . . .

	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Average
John Conroy, Truro, N.S.,	109	24	25	30	.439
George Turner, Dartmouth, N.S.	260	70	35	49	.407
D. Ratchford, Sydney, N.S.,	174	42	29	36	.403
Michael Chiasson, Sydney, N.S.,	179	41	37	31	.402
Robert Ryan, Newcastle, N.B.,	130	36	19	11	.386
Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N.S.,	200	42	39	35	.377
Donald Turner, Dartmouth, N.S.,	167	44	22	17	.371
Harvey Cormier, Taylor Village, N.B.,	175	39	30	27	.370
Millett Coughlan, St. John, N.B.,	136	31	25	15	.367
C. Killam, Woodstock, N.B.,	120	32	14	11	.362
Cyril Smith, Hunter River, P.E.I.,	270	47	60	44	.352
Joe MacDonald, Sydney Mines, N.S.,	180	37	31	25	.348
Archie Llewellyn, Charlottetown, P.E.I.,	130	28	22	14	.345
Len O'Meara, Charlottetown, P.E.I.,	263	47	47	50	.342
Ed Haley, Antigonish, N.S.,	142	26	28	14	.326
Thos. Devlin, St John, N.B.,	135	28	19	16	.325
Kirk Pinkney, Truro, N.S.,	243	38	39	51	.317
Aurele Gould, Truro, N.S.,	131	20	29	15	.314
Allison Langille, Sr., Union Mills, N.B.,	167	26	26	35	.312
Edward Goguen, Moncton, N.B.,	100	14	22	15	.312
Harold Stead, Brackley Point Rd., P.E.I.,	108	16	23	14	.310
E. Langille, Union Mills, N.B.,	100	17	18	12	.310
Lloyd Walker, Lower Sackville, N.S.,	299	44	62	40	.307
Frank McAlduff, Alberton, P.E.I.,	105	19	19	8	.307
Worrell Lewis, Reserve, N.S.,	221	33	46	24	.300
Don MacNeill, Summerside, P.E.I.,	121	20	18	18	.298
L. Queen, Coldbrook, N.B.,	105	15	14	21	.284
Willard Carr, Gardners Creek, N.B.,	132	17	19	26	.274
D. C. Rankin, North West Arm, N.S.,	134	15	19	33	.273
Charles Connors, Halifax, N.S.,	173	22	25	23	.252
Frank Daniels, Lawrencetown, N.S.,	400	43	55	52	.227
Eric Moreside, Charlottetown, P.E.I.,	126	12	13	17	.198
B. Bernard, Buctouche, N.B.,	115	13	10	12	.196
Rufin Barrieau, Lakeburn, N.B.,	157	12	15	28	.189

NEW SPEED BROUGHT IN

As usual when the fall sales came around Maritimers were present to make bids on trotters and pacers that they expected would perform well for them on our circuit. At the 17th annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Co., at Harrisburg November 7th to 11th, Heber Sweeney of Bridgewater purchased the 5-year-old bay stallion **Newport Express** 4, 2.04 2/5, that was 14 times first, second or third as a 4-year-old. This season he was a winner on two occasions at Roosevelt Raceway and is described as a very handsome, good-gaited trotter, by Axomite 4, 2.02, dam Jeritza McElwyn p, 2.10, dam of four with records better than 2.07. Heber also bought **Danville Delegate**, a 4-year-old chestnut horse that has paced miles in 2.06 1/5 He is by Hal Dale 2.02 1/4, dam Highland Alberta p, 2.05, the dam of Thomas Hat 2.01 4/5 and two others with records better than 2.10.

B. C. Cruikshank of Halifax was the high bidder on the 5-year-old black stallion **Newport Chief** p, 3, 1.59 3/5, 4, 2.00 1/5 on a half mile track. As a 3-year-old he won the $5,000 Utica Stake at Saratoga's half mile track in 2.01-3/5—a season's record — from such stars as Hillsota and Chestertown. He won the $30,000 Village Farm Stake at Roosevelt Raceway in 2.02 2/5 from the best half mile track pacers in America and two years ago won the first and fastest heat of the Little Brown Jug in 2.02 3/5. His record of 1.59 3/5 was taken at Lexington and from there he went to California where he won the Western Pace in 1.59 3/5. His sire is Chief Abbedale 2.00 and his dam Home Girl, dam of three with records better than 2.05. With a record of 2.00 1/5 as a 4-year-old over a half mile track he should be able to set up new track records at practically all of our Maritime ovals.

The 5-year-old chestnut stallion **Downtown** p, 4, 2.03 3/5, 3, 2.05, record taken over a half mile track, was knocked down to Andrew Perry of Summerside. In 1954 he had earnings of $28,000 and has been winning on New York tracks this season. He is a brother to Atomic Bomb 3, 2.00-3/5 and three others with records better than 2.05. His dam, Sue Adam 3, 2.03 3/5, was a former world champion 3-year-old pacing filly on a half mile track and is the dam of four in 2.10.

Andrew also bought Eric's Peg, a 3-year-old brown filly that has paced miles in 2.15 free legged. She is by Eric Hanover 4, 2.09, dam Powder Puff, 2.11 1/2.

Sam Walker of Halifax bought the 3-year-old pacer **Mr. Rock** 2, 2.08 1/5 over a half mile track. He is by Chestertown 3, 2.01 1/4, 4, 2.00 2/5, that was the winner of the Hambletonian and his dam is Evelyn Watt, dam of Janet Volo 2.04 3/5 and Carpetbagger 2.07. He is eligible to any class.

Joe O'Brien winning $75,000 Trotting Stake at Hollywood, California, with Scott Frost 1:59.

B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, also was the high bidder on the pacer **Record Pearl** 2.07 4/5, over a half mile track. He is a 5-year-old bay horse by Phonograph 3, 1.59 1/4, dam Pearl Hanover 2.05 1/2. He finished up the season winning three races at Foxboro and his former owner stated that if shifted to the trot he will take a very fast record at that gait.

Willard MacDonald of Summerside was the buyer of **Airlock** 4, 2.05, a 4-year-old bay gelding by Spud Hanover 4, 2.03, dam Anna Bradford's Miss McElwyn, p, 2.08 1/2, t, 2.08 3/4. He is described as a sensationally fast trotter that took his record this summer by heading Hersey Hanover 2.00 3/5 and other fast trotters.

Clayton MacLeod of Westville, N. S., bought the 7-year-old mare **Czarina Hanover** 2.08, that trotted in 2.06 this season. She is by Hecantrot 2.07 1/4, dam Czarina, dam of Czar Volo 2.03 3/5 and three others with records better than 2.10. She is considered a real good buy.

Len O'Meara, acting for George Gregory of Charlottetown, bought the 4-year-old pacer **Perfect Hal** 4, 2.08 2/5. He is a bay horse by Hal Dale 2.02 1/4, dam Peerless Princess 2.04 1/4, also the dam of Super Hal 2.01 2/5, owned by Harry Hirsch of Sydney. His dam is a sister to the famous sire Volomite 3, 2.03 1/4, and his ancestors on both sides teem with speed.

Lorne Letcher's bid made him the owner of **Flaming Way** 3, 2.04-3/5, a chestnut colt by King's Counsel 1.58, dam Jane Azoff 1.59-1/2, whose name was a household word throughout the Maritimes some years ago. She is also the dam of Fearless Way 2.04 3/5, Echoway 2.05 3/5 and several others. Flaming Way was consigned by Sol Camp, and was raced with success by Joe O'-Brien. Lorne also bought the 5-year-old brown gelding pacer **Bothwell** 3, 2.02 2/5. He took his record two years ago at Hollywood Park, Calif., and won a mile and one-sixteenth race in 2.09. He has terrific speed and as a 4-year-old was timed close to 2.00. He has paced Roosevelt Raceway in 2.05.

Jimmie Given of Halifax bought what some believe will be a future two minute pacer, in the 2-year-old bay colt **Frenchman** by Nibble Hanover 1.58 1/2, dam Valerie Hanover 3, 2.13 1/5. He was a winner at Vernon Downs in 2.08-3/5, is free-legged and is said to have plenty of class.

Willard MacDonald of Summerside bought one of the best bred fillies in the sale, **Queen Rodney**, a yearling by Rodney 1.57 2/5, one of the top sires of early speed, dam Queen Victoria 3, 2.04 1/5, dam of Royal Vicki 2.03, and others. Her breeding traces back to leading sires of speed such as Peter Volo 2.02 and Margaret Arion 3, 2.10 1/2, dam of three in two minutes, ten in 2.05 and 15 in 2.10.

Cyril Smith of Hunter River, who had made bids on several good horses, had **Gay Spirit** p, 2.08 2/5 knocked down to him. This horse's record was taken on a half mile track the past season and he was several times a winner. He is a 7-year-old brown gelding by Clever Hanover 1.59 1/2, dam Chloe 3, 2.17, dam of several better than 2.10. Her sire is Protector 3, 1.59 1/4 and her dam is Worthy Spirit 2, 2.14 1/2. In 20 starts Gay Spirit was five times first, five times second and five times third.

The well-known horseman Jack D. Mehan of St. Stephen, N.B., bought **Genghis Khan** 2.08, a 7-year-old brown stallion by world's record holder Billy Direct 1.55, dam Perk Up, dam of five better than 2.10.

Richard Jabalee, harness horse enthusiast of North Sydney, bought the extremely fast pacer **David Caudle** 2.03 1/5, record taken over a half mile track. He has earnings of $67,844 and is a 6-year-old brown gelding by Voldstadt 3, 2.03 1/4, sire of 18 in 2.05 including Bay State Pat 2.02 3/5. His dam, Louisa, is also the dam of Mighty Jet 3, 2.03 3/5 and others and his dam's sire is Dick Reynolds 1.59 1/4, and his grandam is the dam of nine in 2.10 or better. David ended the season with a bang, wining two races in two weeks during October.

With an eye to the big pacing stakes Mr. Jabalee bought two yearling fillies at the Harrisburg sale, **Grand Hazel Hal** and **Grand Miss Volo**. Both are by High Volo 4, 2.03, p, 2.05, a proven sire, and both are staked in engagements that total over $100,000.

Dave Grattan p, 3 2.05 2/5, a 3-year-old black gelding by Congressional 2.04 1/2, dam Diana Grattan by Silent Grattan, grandam Cheeky Red, dam of seven including Cheeky Chief 2.04, formerly owned by Walter Hennessey of this city, was knocked down after spirited bidding to Lloyd Walker, L. and G. Stables of Halifax. He took his record at Maywood Park, Chicago, where he had three wins, 4 seconds and 5 thirds. With his allowance he will be a 2.22 class pacer in 1956. His former owner predicts that he will go in 2.04 or better over a half mile track next year. He is sound, perfect in manners and has never made a mistake.

The other new purchase by the L. and G Stables is the trotter and pacer, Singing Sword t, 3, 2.01-2/5, p, 2.01. This double-gaited stallion, is 5-year-old, raced on the pace in 1955 for the first time, taking his record free-legged at Lexington. His earnings this summer were $8,522.34. His pacing record on a half mile track is 2.04 4/5. As a two, three and 4-year-old on the trot he earned $64,193.77. At two he won a $19,400 stake in 2.04 4/5 and various other stakes. At three he reduced his record to 2.01 2/5 and was 19 times first, second or third and in the 1953 Hambletonian in which there were 23 starters he was 2-3-3. He is a bay stallion by Dean Hanover 3, 1.58 1/2, dam Song Girl 2, 2.09 2/5.

Clayton MacLeod of Westville, N.S., had the high bid on **Merriment**, a 4-year-old black pacer with a record of 2.11 2/5. He is by Gay Song 1.59 3/4 and his dam, Miss James, is a sister to Wilmington 4, 1.59 1/2. He has been a close second in 2.07 1/5.

Roy Creamer of St. Stephen, bought Shye Jacky 2.06 1/5, a 7-year-old gelding by His Honor 1.59 3/4, dam Indiana Lady 2nd 2.07 by Single G. 1.58 1/2. He took his record at Topsham, Me., half mile track. Roy also bought **Walter Rosecroft** 4, 2.07 1/5, record taken over a half mile track. He is by Henry Volo 2.01, dam Ester Dean by Dean Hanover 3, 1.58 1/2. He was a winner at several tracks the past season.

Maritimers were much in evidence at the Delaware, Ohio, 18th annual Fall sale, November 29-30 and December 1st. Lloyd McAulay, a Ford dealer of Sydney, N.S., bought the following: **True Linn** 2.04 3/5, a 7-year-old black pacing stallion by True Chief 3, 1.59 3/4. At the end of 1954 he had won $11,095.62. This year he competed at Rosecroft, Laurel, Baltimore, Chicago and Brandywine Raceway and is described as perfect mannered and a real pacer.

Sandy Song 2.10 3/5, a bay trotting stallion, eight years old by Peter Song 4, 2.00. In his last nine races he was three times first and only once out of the money.

Becky Counsel 3, 2.11, is a 6-year-old brown mare by Hal Counsel 2.04 4/5. She is a perfect race mare, started this year in the 30-class and was raced by a lady driver all through the season and was mostly 1-2-3 in her starts. She is expected to pace in 2.07 next year.

Maid Dillard 2.11 3/5, took her record last year as a 3-year-old and is by the famous pacing sire John Dillard 2.01 3/4 and her dam is Belle Amour 4, 2.11 2/5 by Peter Volo 4, 2.00. This mare has been raced very conservatively and is eligible to the 2.24 class.

Price Tag 2.05 m, 2.06 4/5 h.m.t., is a 6-year-old bay horse by Scotland 1.59 1/4, sire of 16 in 2.00 and sire of dam of May Tag 2.00 3/5 and ten others with records better than 2.10. Last year he made 25 starts, was 5 times first, 5 times second and 3 times third.

Direct I Guy p, 2.11 3/5, is a 5-year-old chestnut gelding by Tactful Guy 2.03. We have no record of his races this year.

Tronia's Bob is a 4-year-old pacer, half brother to Tronia Worthy 2.06 4/5, by the Canadian sire **Bob Lee** 2.03 3/4.

Mr. Waldo 3, 2.09, is a 5-year-old chestnut pacer by The Widower 1.59 1/2. He started 28 times this season and was in the money 21 times, and was electrically timed in 2.06 4/5. In several races he was timed around 2.07. The Widower is one of the top sires of the world and a 2-year-old by him this season made a world's record over a half mile track, and several of his get have beaten 2.00.

Great credit must be given our friend Lloyd for the time and effort he has used in travelling and selecting these horses and making arrangements for bringing them back. They will help to make the racing in Cape Breton much more interesting for spectators next season.

Saint John buyers were also right to the fore at Delaware. Heading the list of their purchases is **Hi-Lo's Baron** p, 2.09 4/5. He is a 4-year-old pacing gelding by Hollyrood Hermes 2.00, and his dam is Starlight Girl 2.09 2/5 by Volomite 3, 2.03 1/4. This was his first year to race and he had competed in five events before consignment. He is absolutely sound and never makes a break.

Earl Forbes of Hi-Lo 2.09 2/5 is a brother to Hi-Lo's Forbes 1.58 by Frisco Forbes. He is an 8-year-old bay gelding, sound, and good mannered.

Tenniswood p, 4, 2.09 2/5 is by the famous Ontario sire Corporal Lee 2.04. The owner raced him for five years and he was never lame, has the best of manners and is considered a perfect race horse. He had two campaigns at Blue Bonnets Raceway, Montreal, and won his share of races there.

John Frederick p, 2.07 3/5 is a 9-year-old bay horse by Harold Ganoniam. In 1954 he was four times first, seven times second and four times third and won $3,762. He was still racing when the catalogue was compiled.

Windsor Volo p, 2.10 is a 4-year-old bay pacing mare by Alliewyn Volo 2.08 3/5. She is described as a sound, perfect race mare that anyone can drive.

DeSota Girl is a 3-year-old pacer by DeSota Hanover 3, 2.04 1/4, sire of Hillsota 1.59 3/5, winner of upwards of $150,000 and co-winner of the $75,000 American Classic Pace at Hollywood recently.

Jerry's Queen p, 2.10, is a 4-year-old black pacing mare by Jerry M. 2.02 3/4, whose get have made a big impression on U.S.A., tracks the past year, notably Jerry the First 1.59 4/5. winner of $127,000, and a lot of others with records better than 2.10. Jerry's Queen took her record this year, has the best of manners, is sound and should take a much faster record.

St. Regis 2.07, is a 6-year-old black pacer consigned by the T. O. W. Stables of Regina, Sask. His sire is Scotland 1.59 1/4, sire of 15 in 2.00. His dam is Portia Adam by Lamplighter 4, 2.03 3/5 by Volomite 3, 2.03 1/4. His second dam is the famous race mare Margaret Spangler 2.02 1/4, winner of a $50,000 pacing derby and dam of three with records better than 2.00. This horse took his record of 2.07 to hopples, but has won in practically the same time free legged.

Katie Direct p, 3, 2.12, by Direct Son p, 2.04 1/5, dam Katherine Direct by Merry Direct 2.06-3/4, is a young mare that won in 2.12 this season and was close up in 2.10. With her breeding we would predict a good future for her.

Linda Abbedale p, 2.08 3/5 is a 5-year-old black mare by Chief Abbedale 2.00, sire of seven with records better than 2.00. Her dam is the dam of Betty M. C. Grattan 2.01 1/2 and several other good ones. This mare is well mannered and eligible to the 2.22 pace. The above were knocked down to Bruce Lawson of Saint John, N.B.

Bud Wilson of Saint John, N.B. was the buyer of Guy Adam and Flaming High. **Guy Adam** 2.13 is by Calumet Adam 1.59 3/4. He is a 4-year-old bay gelding, sound, with excellent manners and can pace in 2.09.

Flaming High 2.08 3/5 is by Brookdale p, 1.59 1/4, one of the great mid-West sires of pacing speed. His dam is Flaming Lady, dam of Memory Lane 2.08. She is by Calumet Adam 1.59 3/4 and has extra good breeding on her dam's side. Her second dam is Frances Knight 3, 2.08 1/2, dam of Lovely Lady 2.03 1/2 and others. Flaming High is a 3-year-old bay gelding and comes from one of the best campaigning stables in the Western United States.

Late this fall Bob Ryan, popular reinsman of Newcastle, N. B., bought the 2-year-old pacer **The Sheik** 2.10 2/5 by Algiers 1.57 1/2, dam Air Express by Guy Day and later sold him to Mrs. James Poulton of Charlottetown. This horse has a world of speed. He took his record last May over a very heavy track at Painesville, Ohio, driven by Harry Short. A few days later he was second over a muddy track and on July 7th racing at Vernon Downs he finished fourth in 2.04. He is considered one of the best young pacing prospects brought to the Maritimes for 1956. With his allowance as a 3-year-old he will be eligible to slow classes. Bob left detailed instructions for training and feeding this young chap, of which he has made predictions of coming greatness.

Ed Lindon of Newcastle, N. B., bought two young pacers at Harold Birmingham's, Houlton, Me., sale. Both are by Bell Boy 2.01. One is Betty S. Belle out of Betty Budlong, grandam Betty S. 2.07, that many will remember when she raced through the Maritime Circuit years ago. The other is **Janet Belle**.

Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, also made a purchase at the above sale securing **Ima Belle** a 3-year-old filly by Bell Boy 2.01, and George Carpenter of Woodstock bought the 4-year-old colt **Sunset Boy**. A. E. "Skipper" Quartermain also bought two colts, both by Bell Boy 2.01, one out of Betty Budlong and the other out of Janie Canuck. The "Skipper" has been an owner or interested in race horses for over 40 years and has had some real good ones.

Forever Rosecroft p, 7, 2.09, black gelding by Symbol Gantle, is Kirkpatrick Bros., of St. John addition to the speed brigade In the Year Book for 1954 he shows 22 starts with 9 firsts, 3 seconds and 2 thirds, making him eligible to the 2.17 pace. His last race that year was at Bloomsbury, Pa., half mile track and he was 4-4 in 2.07 4/5, 2.06 2/5. He looks like a pacer that should tramp the Saint John oval in 2.13 or better.

The Mackin Stable of Saint John brought in the black gelding trotter **Shandon** 2.05 3/5 on a half mile track, by Cardinal Prince 1.59 1/4. He is eligible to the 2.10 class and in his career has won almost $25,000. He raced through the Upper Canada circuits last year and should be a strong contender for the fast class trots in the Maritimes next season.

The Mackin Stables also brought in the 9-year-old brown pacing gelding Holbert Grattan 2.07 2/5. He was five times first in 1954 and is eligible to a 2.16 class. Last year he won in 2.09.

Shortly after the discontinuance of racing at Charlottetown Roy Bevan and Rankin McLaine made a trip to Quebec City track and while there Roy purchased the trotter Jerry A. Hanover 2.06 1/5, that was a good performer there for years. He was raced with success there by James MacGregor and will certainly be a good addition to the fast trots in the Maritimes. Roy also bought the 4-year-old pacer Ralph Hal 2.11 3/5, by the super sire Hal Dale, dam, that good brood mare Ella B. by Bifty Worthy. He will be a good horse in his class here.

OUR DRIVERS AWAY FROM HOME

Joe O'Brien, our native son, about whom year after year we have been chronicling some of the most important happenings in the harness horse world, has come up with an almost astounding list of victories this season. In this he has been aided by the fact that the owner of the horses he trains and drives, S. A. Camp of Shafter, Calif., is a man who has spared no expense or co-operation in helping to produce the results which follow. Joe drove to victory what is described as "the most incredible 3-year-old trotter that has ever been known—Scott Frost." This year he made 28 starts, won 23 with two seconds and a third. He never lost a race to a 3-year-old, winning ten major stakes, including the Hambletonian —$86,863; the Yonkers Futurity—$73,840; the Kentucky Futurity—$62,702; the Review Futurity —$17,600 and he also won the $75,000 Free For All Trot in California, beating the best aged trotters in the world. He won three dashes in 2.00 or faster, the first time that any 3-year-old trotter has ever accomplished this feat. His earnings were a record $186,-101.

Joe won the Grand Circuit driving championship with 62 wins and he won more money with one horse (Scott Frost) than has ever been done in harness racing history. He drove the great 4-year-old pacing stallion Diamond Hal to a race record of 1.57 2/5. He won two dashes of the $10,000 Springwood Pace with him in 2.00 4/5 and 2.00 at Saratoga Raceway, N. Y., and his 2.00 mile was a new track record for the oval.

At Richelieu Park, Montreal, he set a new Canadian pacing record with Diamond Hal of 2.00 2/5, Sept. 2nd in the $15.000 Invitation Pace, in which he won both heats.

Joe also gave the 3-year-old stallion Home Free a trotting record of 1.59 3/5 in a winning race at Lexington, Ky., and he was sold to an Italian syndicate for $60,000. The Camp stable paid the most money for colts, two yearlings costing $45,000 each, a yearling filly $35,000, another yearling colt $21,000 and two more fillies $10.000 each. Diamond Hal's winnings totalled $75,000.

Joe won 111 dashes during the year and total money winnings of $421,660.70. When we look back to

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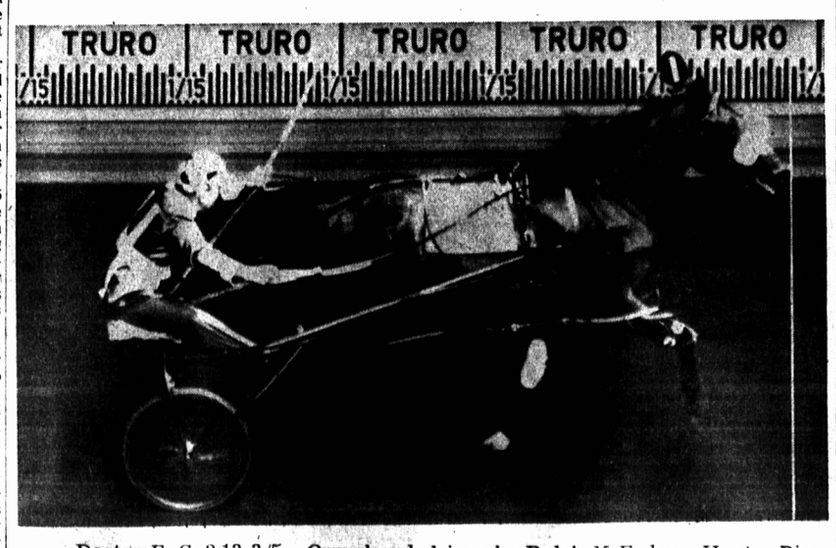
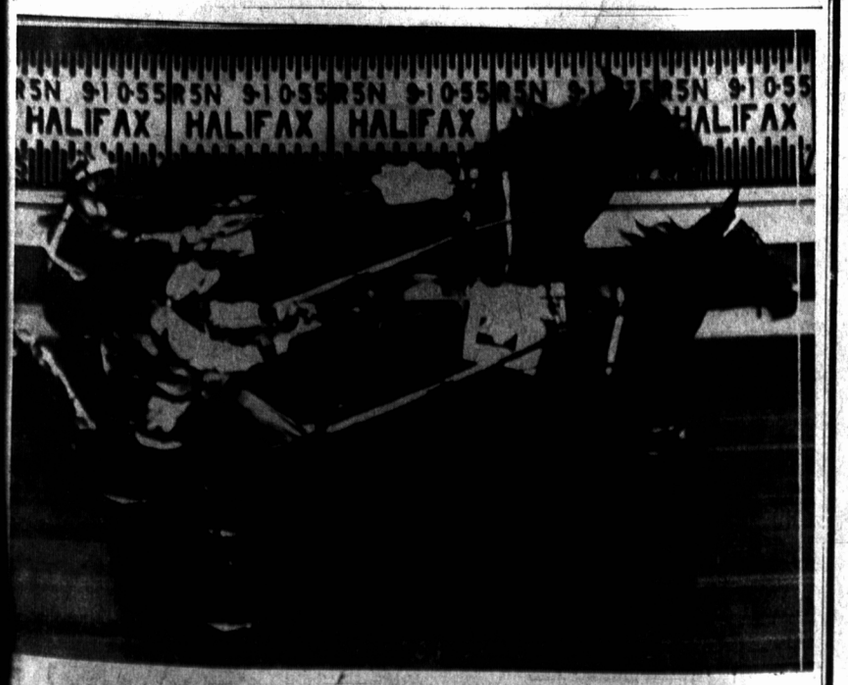


Doctor F. C. 2:13 3/5. Owned and driven by Ralph McFadyen, Hunter River. Winning final heat of the $5,000 Jolity Pace at Truro, August 3rd.



Barbara Ann Queen 2:09 2/5, owned by Hugh L. Monaghan, Sydney, N. S. and driven by Cyril Smith. Winner of 13 dashes.

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