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## VALLEY FARM THOROBREDS HAVE WINTERED SPLENDIDLY

Horses in Training Will Be Shipped to the Woodbine Early Next Week—Rockspring the Only King's Plate Candidate.

The big collection of thorobreds at the Valley Farm, Hamilton, owned by the Hon. Col. John S. Hendrie and George M. Hendrie, and in charge of Trainer Eddie White, have wintered admirably, and the popular trainer is more than pleased with their condition at the present time. The horses in training, thirteen in number, have all done well in their early work, which has necessarily been light, and they will be brought here to the Woodbine early this coming week to be prepared for their engagements at the Ontario Jockey Club's spring meeting, and other meetings to follow.

There is but one candidate in the spring for this year's King's Plate, the four-year-old gelding, Rockspring, a gelding son of Martinus—Springwell, and it is one sure bet to the post and well he is sure to give a good account of himself. His sire, Martinus, the only Canadian-owned durability winner, was a stayer, and has set a number that could stay, while his dam, Springwells, had plenty of speed.

Three famous stallions—Martinus, David Garrick and Harvey—and sixteen, choicely-bred mares, are in the Valley Farm stud, and the foals of 1912 number ten. Of these, now yearlings, four are by David Garrick, five by Martinus and one by Red Fox, the son of the great Flying Fox, that is now at the Brookline Farm, Paris.

Winner of the Chester Cup, England, 24 miles, beating a field of 10 horses. Winner of the Ontario Jockey Club Cup at 24 miles, in 2:56, beating the best distance horses of the year. Winner of the Great Trial Stake, Sheephead Bay. Second Epsom Gold Cup, England, 15 miles, beaten a length. Harvey is one of the best-bred sons of the noted Hymyar, living today, and was very fast performer. He broke the track record over the Woodbine for half-mile in 1897, and won seven out of his first eight starts as a two-year-old, and after winning in his first two starts as a three-year-old, he went amiss and was retired, ending a career on the turf which was most promising.

The horses which will be in training at the Woodbine are:

Denham, aged, ch.g., Derwentwater—Cottonade.  
White Caps, 4, ch.g., Martinus—Splash.  
Rockspring, 4, ch.g., Martinus—Springwells.  
Tankard, 3, ch.g., Burghmaster—Tanya.  
Milosukee, 3, br.f., Hamburg—Bally Sweet.  
Slipper Day, 2, br.f., Martinus—Blue Grouse.  
Saltfleet, 2, ch.g., Martinus—Firewater.  
Henham, 2, ch.f., David Garrick—Flicker.  
Kit, 3, br.f., Lord Esterling—Brief.  
Stony Creek, 2, b.g., David Garrick—Springwells.  
Martens, 2, br.f., Martinus—Placena.  
Martola, 2, blk.f., Martinus—Loisla.  
The last four are the property of G. M. Hendrie.

Seven of the brood mares have foaled this year, as follows:

Blue Grouse, brown filly, by David Garrick.  
Springwells, chestnut filly, by David Garrick.  
Tansam, chestnut filly, by David Garrick.  
Firewater, chestnut filly, by Martinus.  
Makland, bay filly, by Martinus.  
Oskitka, bay colt, by Martinus.  
And the foals are due to foal shortly: Sally Cohen, the Lintie, Amara, Percussion, Flicker, Kelpie, Piffie, Rushwater and Placena.

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## SPRING SHOWS ARE POPULAR

Farmers Are Enabled to Pick Up Valuable Information.

The growing popularity of spring shows is very apparent this year. The department of agriculture has set aside \$4,000 to be expended on these shows. The shows are held under the auspices of the local agricultural societies. The judges are sent to each show. The farmers are able to see the best service animals and make their arrangements. Many sales of good breeding animals are made, particularly of young stock to the farmers. The seed fair has the same purpose as the bull and station shows. Seed is exhibited and judged. Those wishing good seed can attend these fairs and are put in touch with those that have good seed for sale. The following list gives place and date of shows and fairs taking place in Ontario:

April 8—Wellesley.  
April 8—Palmerston.  
April 8—Bathurst.  
April 11—Orangeville and Grand Valley.  
April 15—Orangeville.  
April 15—Tiverton.  
April 15—Shelburne, Kincardine.  
April 15—Hillburg, Milton.  
April 15—Wallaceburg.  
April 22—Shelburne, Forest.  
April 22—Woodstock, Tara, Freehold.  
April 22—Schomberg, Dundalk.  
April 22—Dunnville.  
May 7—Menford.

## WILL REVIVE RACING IN NEW YORK STATE

N. Y. Jockey Club to Open Belmont Park Maintaining Purses With an "Owners' Fund."

NEW YORK, April 4.—Horse racing is to be revived in New York State. This was announced tonight in an announcement by the jockey club that an "owners' fund" had been subscribed for the purpose of maintaining the racing season. The fund was inaugurated with a meeting at Belmont Park, beginning Monday, May 20.

At the close of the Belmont Park meeting on July 3, a twelve day meeting will be opened on the Jamaica track, and during this time there will be racing at Saratoga all the month of August.

Should conditions warrant, autumn meetings may be considered, says the announcement. It is probable, it was learned, there will be fall racing at the Aqueduct and Empire City tracks, as well as at Belmont Park and Jamaica again.

The revival has been made possible by a recent decision holding that oral betting was not bookmaking and that such betting did not make directors of racing associations liable to prosecution under the anti-betting laws, and by making of the horse owners' fund announced tonight. The subscribers announced include August Belmont, Thomas E. Ryan, H. P. Whitney, H. T. Oxward, Joseph E. Widener, George D. Widener, James Butler and R. T. Wilson.

While racing associations would be put to great expense in an effort to re-establish racing, the necessity of their charging hard-earned entry fees to horse owners and of receiving the amount of the horse owners' stake and overnight events, the horse owners decided upon the raising of their fund.

"The races which have to be revived at Belmont Park according to the announcement, include the Metropolitan Handicap, Withers, Juvenile, Grand National Steeplechase, the Belmont, Brooklyn Handicap, Great American, Brooklyn Derby and Astoria Dinner Stakes. The racing season is to be run at Saratoga in August."

BOWLING TOURNEY OPENS TODAY AT ROCHESTER.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., April 4.—The annual tournament of the National Bowling Association will open here tomorrow night with 122 five-man teams, 221 men and 671 individuals. Prizes aggregating \$812 will be given.

First prize in the five-man will be \$200. The winner of the all-around will receive \$40.

## HOLLY TO STAY WITH THE LEAFS

Sale Was for Failure to Report, But Shortstop Patches it Up—Gossip of the Leafs.

The Leafs are all signed and the contracts have been turned in to President Barrow of the International League. Every city on the circuit looked for Toronto to fall down on the signing up of their championship outfit, and President J. J. McCaffery is patting himself on the back for the achievement.

The president is back from the south after a three week's sojourn, and is just full to the overflowing with glowing reports of the 1912 roster of the championship team. He is particularly full of the likely looking youngster that the Leafs have ever had on a training trip. He is sure to land a regular berth.

While Mr. McCaffery would not state whether Holly would be a Leaf this year or not it looks as if the shortstop will be doing business at the old stand. Holly was sold to Montgomery after failing to reply to letters and wires, and the Leafs' president says that it was all in good faith. Holly talked the situation over when James J. was in the south, and it was put up to Manager Kelley.

President McCaffery gave Holly permission to go to the camp and stay for a few days, and Manager Kelley was told to do as he thought fit. Kelley will likely keep him, if by any chance he should be turned adrift a shortstop of big league calibre can be secured with a day's notice.

The Toronto Club has friendly relations with several of the big league clubs, and an outfielder is to join the Leafs early in June. A right hand pitcher is coming also. Just who he is the president will not divulge, but he is likely a member of the Giants.

Pitcher Hearn is another to impress the management favorably, and if he keeps up his good work he will be carried. He is a big heavy built fellow and a left hander.

While Hub Northern is not in the same class with Benny Meyer in the speed line he is as fast as the majority, and he is a heady player—that is where it counts.

With Holly to stay and Jordan now in camp the full team is on the job, and ready for the opening. A few deals are being made, but they will not disturb the team as it stands at the present.

Now they are talking of a salary limit for the major leagues. The magnates are getting tired of having the players' salaries run up and down like a roller coaster. They will not disturb the team as it stands at the present.

Pitcher Kubat, formerly with Ottawa, and trying out with the Leafs in the south, will be sent to Mike O'Neil's club of the New York State League.

The Leafs have arranged to bring John McGraw and his New York Giants, National League champions, for an exhibition game at the Island on Sept. 9. The Chicago Cubs may come on July 25 if Mr. Murphy doesn't want the earth.

Our dear and respected friend "Grouch" McCallings tried to have the Toronto Club a double cross of the first order. Cheerful Grouch tried to beat the Leafs to a Macdonagh grounds for next year by lining up the Macdonagh Club Council, but President McCaffery went him one better by signing with the president of the Macdonagh Club, who leases the grounds, for 1914.

The agreement calls for the Leafs to put in three weeks in Macdonagh next spring and bring along a major league club to train with them. This will mean the establishment of a real training camp, and there is a probability that the two clubs will carry their own chef to cook for the players. Left once again, Mr. Stallings.

Mrs. Dick Rudolph is making the southern trip with the Leafs.

Catcher Trout is making good, and will be carried for a month or so at least if not regular. Charley Isaacs, the local boy, is another to show promise. He may be given a year's seasoning in the New York State League.

Alleged dissension between Manager John Evers and members of the Chicago National League Club came to a head with the return of the team to Chicago yesterday after a seven weeks' training trip, when Trainer Simmons presented his resignation in the form of a blow to the manager's jaw.

The fight occurred just as the train was pulling into the city from Kansas City. The Journal this afternoon declares that the training trip has not been as harmonious as had been reported. Evers, the Journal learns, from persons who took the trip, had not been able to control his temper, and there have been numerous minor squabbles. The new manager is said to have been rather sharp in his criticisms and has engaged in feuds with newspaper correspondents, as well as with members of his staff.

While there were no open outbreaks, resentment was obvious, and Simmons brought the matter to a crisis today.

The fight started when Evers and Simmons if he had ordered the team to

report for practice this afternoon. The trainer replied that he gave such instructions when instructed to do so by the manager.

At this Evers lost his temper and is said to have applied foul language to the trainer, and the latter replied with the players ended the fray and prevented further damage. Evers was not knocked out, but was pretty well shaken up by the punch. He admitted using the language to which Simmons objected, but said he did not mean it the way the trainer took it.

Simmons left the scene at the railway station. He said Manager Thiker wanted him at Cincinnati, and that he would sign a contract to train that team.

## Only Three Horses Finish In Grand National 'Chase

Long Shots Run One, Two, Three in Big Jumping Race at Aintree.

LIVERPOOL, April 4.—The Grand National Steeplechase Handicap was won today by Sir C. Ashton-Smith's Covertcoat. Irish Mail was second and Carsey third. Twenty-two horses ran. The Grand National is a race for a prize of \$17,500, and a trophy valued at \$625, over a distance of four miles and 856 yards.

The American horse, J. R. Fell's Highbridge, fell early in the race in jumping a fence, and most of the field followed suit. Only three finished.

The betting was 100 to 9 against Covertcoat, 100 to 9 against Carsey, 25 to 1 against Irish Mail and 100 to 3 against Highbridge.

Oswald Jones' Rationally, favorite in the preliminary betting, was scratched, leaving K. Macdonagh's Bally Hackle, the favorite at 7 to 1, Sir Charles G. Ashton-Smith's Covertcoat was also well backed at 8 to 1.

Also ran were Axlepin, 100 to 3; Ballyhackle, 5 to 1; Highbridge, 100 to 3; Vaselet, 100 to 3, and fifteen others. All except Jamnasia ran.

Blowpipe, after a mile, was in front of four miles was in front and eventually won by a distance. Carsey fell at the last jump when second, but was remounted and placed third. No other competitor completed the course.

## FRIDAY HORSE SALE AT THE REPOSITORY.

Spring business opened up good this week at The Repository and Proprietor point to greater activity in the market. The regular sales Tuesday and Friday were well attended and a number of private sales were made on the off days.

With there were no horses bought for shipment to the west yesterday's sale was particularly good and late indications point to greater activity in the market. Mr. Burns informed The World that he had a consignment of 20 head of good delivery horses from the City Dairy sold next Tuesday and these should attract considerable attention.

Gathered from yesterday's sales were the following: The Hendrie Co., two; George Lawrence, three; McKay & Carr of Cobalt, got part of a car load of the very best kind: George Irvine, Shallopers, three; Bear Widdicombe, three; Newton Oliver, Wyckwood, three; Al. Gordon, three; Canadian Transfer Co., two; Abel Boyd, three; W. Kennedy, Agincourt, a pair of bay geldings for \$225; Maple Farm Dairy, a bay gelding, \$147.50; David Bain, brown gelding, \$185; Roy Collins, black gelding, \$175; John McConnell, br. mares, \$140; P. G. Hayward, bay mare, \$155; New Method Laundry, bay gelding, \$185; Dan McCallan, bay gelding, \$185; E. Pullan, bay gelding, \$235; J. Darling, Lambton Mills, bay gelding, \$195; private owner, a bay gelding, \$192.50; J. B. Leslie, Georgetown, bay mare, \$190; S. Gottlieb, Hamilton, brown gelding, \$90; K. Cairns, bay gelding, \$87.50.

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