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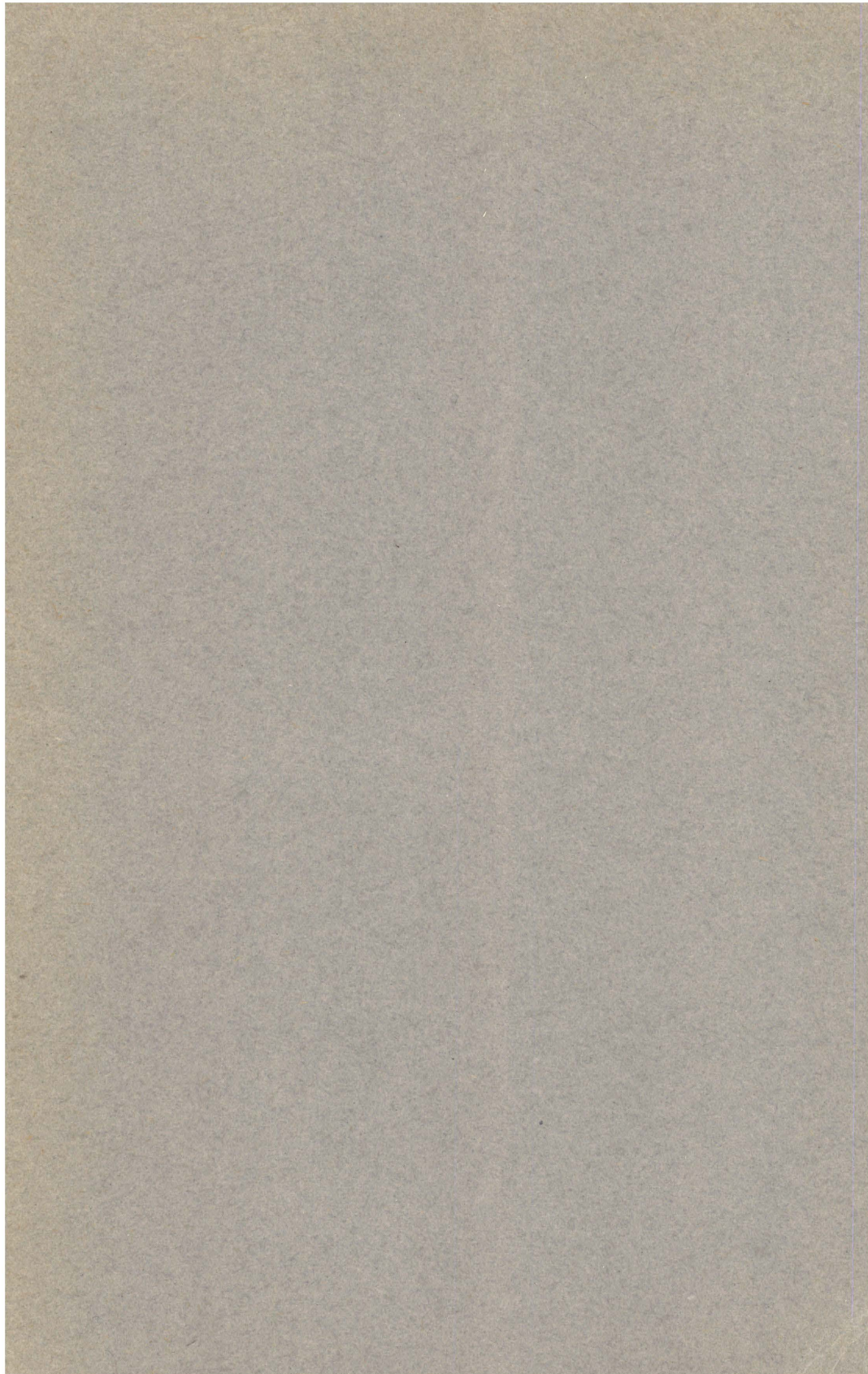
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December 31, 1951

To His Excellency, FREDERICK G. PAYNE
Governor of Maine

In accordance with Chapter 77-A, Revised Statutes, enacted by Chapter 289 of the Public Laws of 1949, the second annual report of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission, covering the 1951 racing season, is respectfully submitted herewith.

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**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE RUNNING HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

On December 15, 1950, the Commission received an application from an association operating under the name of Scarborough Downs to conduct a race meeting at Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, Maine, during 1951. The application requested permission to race from June 30, 1951, to September 3, 1951, inclusive.

Approval of the application was announced and a license issued under date of January 5, 1951, permitting Scarborough Downs to operate during the dates requested subject to the laws of the State of Maine governing running races and the Rules of Racing adopted by this Commission.

The allotted dates covered fifty-six racing days and all programs were run at night. Two additional programs were scheduled for afternoon, one each on Saturday, September 1st, and Labor Day, September 3rd. The increased popularity of running races in Maine was evident at once by the marked gains in attendance and pari-mutuel betting. The total pari-mutuel handle of \$6,867,539 during 1951 showed an increase of 25% over 1950, while attendance increased 27% over the previous year.

Revenue to the State of Maine derived from pari-mutuel commission, breakage, registrations, license fees, unclaimed ticket money, and underpayments amounted to \$404,108.36, an increase of 24.6% over 1950 operations.

Rule No. 530 of the Rules of Racing adopted by this Commission specifies that, "The saliva of the winner of each and every race shall be taken and from such other horses as the Stewards may direct." A total of 517 saliva tests were made. In addition to the saliva tests, urine tests were made on approximately three-fourths of the winning horses. Of the total number of saliva and urine samples obtained, one was reported as a positive test by the State Chemist. A hearing was granted to the trainer and groom of the horse involved, and after considering the evidence presented, the trainer and groom were each suspended for a six months period.

At future race meetings, it is the desire of this Commission to employ more persons in the taking of urine samples so that urine samples may be obtained from all winning horses.

The Commission continued its affiliation with the National Association of State Racing Commissioners and has received much valuable aid from it. Their periodic bulletins are invaluable in licensing proper persons at a race meeting and keeping up to date on the improvements made by other states in their laws and rules and regulations, thereby creating a more or less standard form of racing and supervision thereof. It is interesting to note that an agreement among the states in cases of suspension makes it impossible, in most cases, for a person suspended at a track in one state to be licensed by another until his suspension has terminated.

Edward C. Roundy and Dr. H. N. Eames were reappointed to serve as State Steward and Commission Veterinarian, respectively, during the season covered in this report. Vernon A. Cunningham was appointed as State Supervisor of Pari-Mutuel Auditing.

The Commission desires to express its appreciation of the cooperation received from the Department of Attorney General; Captain Adams and his men of the Scarborough Police Department; to Dr. Campbell, Director of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Department of Health and Welfare; and to James W. Fuller, State Chemist.

RULINGS BY STEWARDS

(Confirmed by Commission)

July 24, 1951—Jockey DONALD BRIGLEY is hereby suspended for ten (10) days for rough riding in the seventh race on Saturday, July 21st. He is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours during this period of suspension.

July 27, 1951—For crossing too sharply in front of his field when leaving the starting gate in the fifth race on July 26th, Jockey JESUS MARTIN is hereby suspended for ten (10) days starting July 28th through August 8th. Jockey MARTIN is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours for the period of his suspension.

August 8, 1951—In the 4th race, this date, "Alyce Weed" finishing first was disqualified and placed second for running out and interfering with "Jaco's Boy" on the stretch turn and through the stretch. The official order of finish for this race is: 1st—"Jaco's Boy"; 2nd—"Alyce Weed"; 3rd—"Restless Joe"; 4th—"Love You." Jockey Andre Emond, riding "Alyce Weed," was held blameless.

August 17, 1951—On recommendation of the starter, Jockey ANGEL RIVERA is hereby suspended five racing days starting August 18, 1951.

August 17, 1951—"Radiant Night" finished first in the seventh race on August 16th, was disqualified and placed second for running out and repeatedly interfering with "Carolina Star" during the stretch run. The official order of finish for this race is: 1st—"Carolina Star"; 2nd—"Radiant Night"; 3rd—"Excel"; 4th—"Asteroide."

August 17, 1951—Jockey HARRY PLOOF is hereby suspended for the balance of the Scarborough Downs meeting for failing to keep his mount, "Radiant Night," straight during the running of the seventh race on Thursday, August 16, 1951.

August 22, 1951—In the 7th race, August 22, 1951, "This Far," finishing second, has been found ineligible according to the conditions of the race and is disqualified and placed last. The corrected order of finish for proper disposition of the purse money is: 1st—"Crazette"; 2nd—"Cinch"; 3rd—"Khartoum"; 4th—"Ellechor."

August 24, 1951—In the 3rd race, "Silver Flier," finishing first, interfered with "Briar Bay" through the stretch run and was disqualified and placed second. The official order of finish of this race is: 1st—"Briar Bay"; 2nd—"Silver Flier"; 3rd—"Catsup"; 4th—"Bright Boss." Jockey Joseph Santer is held blameless.

August 24, 1951—In the 8th race, Jockey JOSEPH SANTER on "Gay Order," finishing second, claimed foul against Jockey DONALD BRIGLEY on "Duck's Luck," the winner, for interference during the stretch run. The claim was allowed. The official order of finish is: 1st—"Gay Order"; 2nd—"Duck's Luck"; 3rd—"Sagittaire"; 4th—"Fly Pigeon."

September 1, 1951—"Rusty Dusty," winner of the 2nd race in the evening program, was disqualified for running out and interfering with "Desert Code" during the stretch run. The official order of finish is: 1st—"Desert Code"; 2nd—"Rusty Dusty"; 3rd—"Brown Appell"; 4th—"Out Go Tax." The rider was held blameless.

RULINGS BY COMMISSION

September 11, 1951—Upon a report of the State Chemist that the urine sample taken from "Suprograph," winner of the sixth race of the afternoon program at Scarborough Downs on Saturday, September 1, 1951, shows the presence of a drug of the nature of benzedrine, Trainer FRED W. BERMAN of Brooklyn, N. Y., is hereby indefinitely suspended together with all horses owned or trained by him. The purse is ordered forfeited and awarded as in the case of a disqualification as follows: 1st—"Valcoeur Aime"; 2nd—"Prince Flor"; 3rd—"Jim B"; 4th—"Censured."

September 12, 1951—VOTED—The Commission considered the evidence presented at a hearing held this day in the case of Trainer FRED W. BERMAN who had appealed the ruling made against him on September 11, 1951. After due consideration the Commission finds:

1. That it has jurisdiction of the said Trainer FRED W. BERMAN and of the subject matter thereof.
2. That the presence of the drug in the urine sample taken from the horse "Suprograph," winner of the sixth race of the afternoon program on Saturday, September 1, 1951, was not contested by Trainer FRED W. BERMAN.
3. That in view of the evidence presented at the hearing the Commission finds that said BERMAN did not properly protect and guard said horse, in violation of Rule 524.
4. That the ruling made by the Commission on September 11, 1951, redistributing the purse of the sixth race of the afternoon program on September 1, 1951, may be sustained and is hereby upheld.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the indefinite suspension of Trainer FRED W. BERMAN and all horses owned or trained by him be enforced for a period of six months beginning September 10, 1951.

September 12, 1951—VOTED—The Commission considered the evidence presented at a hearing held this day in the case of Groom REGGIE HAYHURST of Williston Park, N. Y., who had appeared in connection with a report of the State Chemist that the urine sample taken from the horse "Suprograph," winner of the sixth race of the

afternoon program at Scarborough Downs on Saturday, September 1, 1951, contained a drug of the nature of benzedrine. After due consideration the Commission finds:

1. That it has jurisdiction of the said Groom REGGIE HAYHURST and of the subject matter thereof.
2. That in view of the evidence presented at the hearing the Commission finds that said HAYHURST did not properly protect and guard said horse, in violation of Rule 524.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Groom REGGIE HAYHURST be suspended for a period of six months beginning September 10, 1951.

HORSES CLAIMED DURING 1951

<i>Date</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Claimed by</i>	<i>Claimed from</i>	<i>Price</i>
7/2	Mislead	Apalucci & Tellier	A. Villa	\$2,000
7/4	Nostrilia	L. Madonna	D. F. Harrington	1,500
7/5	Fiesta	J. Mede	Mrs. L. Wolfe	1,000
7/12	Jalopee	J. K. Wynkoop	S. Garfield	1,000
7/18	Stray Tiger	Mrs. C. A. Smith & Mrs. H. A. Smith	Maripet Stable	1,000
7/25	This Far	L. Madonna	H. Faulconer	1,500
8/4	Jim B	Mrs. R. V. Jamieson	L. Barbieri	1,000
8/4	Pitfall	H. Trainor	D. Caliri	1,000
8/7	Gay Skipper	Limerock Stable	Mrs. C. P. Baldi	1,500
8/16	Gedney Val	J. L. Murphy	Mrs. A. Vainosky	1,000
8/24	Silver Flier	A. S. Moore	J. Allen	1,500
8/25	Nomorwar	J. K. Wynkoop	L. Barbieri	1,500
8/30	Silver Flier	J. Allen	A. S. Moore	1,500

COMPARISON OF 1950 AND 1951 RACING SEASONS

	1951	1950
Pari-Mutuel Handle.....	\$6,867,539.00	\$5,476,814.00
Total Attendance.....	217,456	171,271
Average Daily Attendance.....	3,749	3,005
Average Daily Handle.....	\$118,406.00	\$96,084.00
Average Wager per Capita.....	\$31.50	\$32.00
Total Purse Distribution.....	\$426,000.00	\$485,700.00

Note: Because of double programs on two days, averages are computed on the basis of 58 programs rather than 56 racing days.

DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS

1951 Racing Season

	State of Maine	Scarborough Downs	Total
Commissions.....	\$343,376.95	\$ 686,753.90	\$1,030,130.85
Breakage.....	50,736.91	50,443.24	101,180.15
Paid to Winning Patrons ...	—	5,735,741.00	5,735,741.00
Underpayments to Public...	487.00		487.00
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Totals.....	\$394,600.86	\$6,472,938.14	\$6,867,539.00

REVENUE TO STATE

	1951	1950	Increase or Decrease
Commission on Wagers (5% of Handle)	\$343,376.95	\$273,840.70	\$69,536.25
Breakage ($\frac{1}{2}$ of Total)	50,736.91	40,871.45	9,865.46
Registrations, License Fees and Fines	6,207.50	6,866.25	(658.75)
Unclaimed Ticket Money ($\frac{1}{2}$ of Total)	3,300.00*	2,781.20	518.80
Underpayments to Public	487.00		487.00
Totals	\$404,108.36	\$324,359.60	\$79,748.76

*Estimated.

DENOMINATION OF TICKETS WAGERED
Scarborough Downs---1951 Racing Season

Wagers	DAILY DOUBLE		STRAIGHT POOL			PLACE POOL			SHOW POOL			Total Amount Wagered	%
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%		
\$50.00			3,052	\$152,600	4.5	839	\$41,950	2.4	470	\$23,500	2.0	\$218,050	3.2
\$10.00			110,652	1,106,520	32.5	38,309	383,090	21.6	18,214	182,140	15.1	1,671,750	24.3
\$5.00			102,427	512,135	15.1	54,130	270,650	15.2	31,906	159,530	13.2	942,315	13.7
\$2.00			815,592	1,631,184	47.9	539,714	1,079,428	60.8	419,637	839,274	69.7	3,549,886	51.7
	242,769	\$485,538										485,538	7.1
TOTALS		\$485,538		\$3,402,439	100.0		\$1,775,118	100.0		\$1,204,444	100.0	\$6,867,539	100.0