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MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

REPORT OF 1953 RACE MEETINGS

Augusta, Maine
November 16, 1953

To: Mr. Harry B. McKenney
Mr. Rosaire L. Halle
Mr. Frederick A. Howell

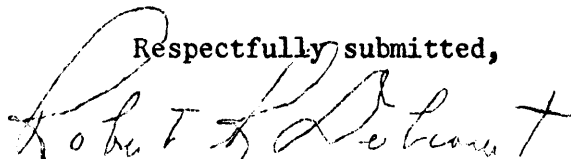
Gentlemen:

I have examined the pari-mutuel records of each of the fair and racing organizations holding harness racing meets with wagering permits, in the State of Maine during the 1953 season.

As a result of this examination, I present herewith a summary of race meetings and a comparative analysis of the amounts wagered for the years 1952 and 1953.

May I take this opportunity to thank each member of the Commission for the cooperation I have received, without which it would have been difficult for me to carry out my work as supervisor of pari-mutuel operations for the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert R. Delcourt,

Supervisor

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT A

SUMMARY OF RACE MEETINGS 1953

DATE	PLACE	AMOUNT WAGERED	5 1/2% STATE COMMISSION	1/2% AGRIC. STIPEND FUND	10% ASSOC. COMMISSION	BREAKAGE	RETURN TO PUBLIC	OUT TICKETS	MEET CLASSES
5/9 - 6/6	Cumberland	\$ 210,488.00	\$ 11,576.84	\$ 1,052.44	\$ 21,048.80	\$ 1,482.27	\$ 175,327.65	\$ 422,35	
6/8 - 6/13	Lewiston	185,803.00	10,219.18	929.00	18,580.30	1,537.47	154,537.05	355.00	
6/15 - 7/11	Gorham	1,004,567.00	55,251.24	5,022.78	100,456.70	7,413.33	836,422.95	1,234.09	(Spring)
7/18 - 8/1	Bangor	456,333.00	25,125.85	2,284.13	45,683.30	3,085.57	380,654.15	1,184.20	\$1,857,691.00
8/3 - 8/8	Bangor Fair	177,025.00	9,736.39	885.11	17,702.50	1,405.65	147,295.35	438.25	
8/11 - 8/15	Presque Isle	108,749.00	5,981.21	543.73	10,874.90	763.86	90,585.30	373.30	
8/17 - 8/22	Skowhegan	271,993.00	14,959.63	1,359.95	27,199.30	1,866.92	226,607.20	691.85	
8/25 - 8/29	Union	129,658.00	7,131.20	648.28	12,965.80	1,008.57	107,904.15	194.75	
9/1 - 9/7	Windsor	163,479.00	8,991.36	817.38	16,347.90	1,098.71	136,223.65	438.95	
9/7 - 9/14	Lewiston	267,993.00	14,739.65	1,339.93	26,799.30	1,999.52	223,114.60	443.45	
9/15 - 9/19	Norway-So. Paris	164,080.00	9,024.40	820.40	16,408.00	816.75	137,010.45	337.55	
9/22 - 9/26	Farmington	153,128.00	8,422.06	765.62	15,312.80	1,130.87	127,496.65	199.25	
9/28 - 10/3	Cumberland	259,962.00	14,297.92	1,299.80	25,996.20	1,638.23	216,729.85	502.25	
10/5 - 10/10	Fryeburg	108,973.00	5,993.52	544.86	10,897.30	827.37	90,709.95	170.30	
10/12 - 10/17	Topsham	213,946.00	11,767.05	1,069.71	21,394.60	1,479.04	178,235.60	753.30	(Fairs)
10/19 - 10/24	New Gloucester	219,881.00	12,093.49	1,099.37	21,988.10	1,485.59	183,214.45	536.60	2,238,867.00
10/26 - 10/31	Lewiston	129,501.00	7,122.57	647.49	12,950.10	767.74	108,013.10	144.50	(Overcoat)
11/2 - 11/7	Cumberland	133,779.00	7,357.86	668.88	13,377.90	875.76	111,498.60	660.60	263,280.00
Totals		\$4,359,838.00	\$239,791.42	\$21,798.86	\$435,983.80	\$ 30,683.22	\$3,631,580.70	\$9,080.50	\$4,359,838.00

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RACE PROGRAMS 1952 and 1953

YEAR	TOTAL WAGERED	PROGRAMS SCHEDULED	PROGRAMS RAINED OUT	PROGRAMS ADDED	TOTAL PROGRAMS RUN	RACES SCHEDULED	RACES RUN	RACES NOT RUN	AVERAGE WAGER PER RACE
1952	\$ 4,495,014.00	145	10	—	135	1214	1130	84	\$ 3,977.88
1953	4,359,838.00	137	12	—	125	1157	1037	120	4,204.28
INCREASE			2					36	\$ 226.40
DECREASE	\$ 135,176.00	8			10	57	93		

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT B

ANALYSIS OF TICKETS PURCHASED 1953

PLACE	\$2 DAILY	STRAIGHT			PLACE			SHOW			COMB.	QUINIELA	VALUE
	DOUBLE	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$3	\$2	
Cumberland	12,491	2,037	3,921	22,148	840	2,107	12,011	379	738	6,242	9,132	5,459	\$ 210,488.00
Lewiston	12,993	1,966	3,906	17,536	881	2,296	10,534	466	944	5,986	7,615	—	185,803.00
Gorham	58,764	8,994	17,318	112,529	4,074	10,215	71,316	1,648	4,730	47,975	19,154 *	—	1,004,567.00
Bangor	24,799	3,207	6,922	34,171	1,580	5,118	29,987	894	2,239	20,458	23,072	20,291	456,833.00
Bangor Fair	9,379	1,646	2,714	13,029	701	2,023	10,929	418	916	7,011	9,046	6,638	177,025.00
Presque Isle	4,511	810	2,024	9,817	341	1,103	7,479	189	564	5,276	6,750	1,239	108,749.00
Skowhegan	13,658	2,315	4,140	19,760	1,282	2,985	15,269	729	1,500	11,687	15,870	8,625	271,993.00
Union	7,093	1,110	2,430	9,515	535	1,746	7,620	184	770	4,591	6,564	4,654	129,658.00
Windsor	10,110	1,624	2,525	12,593	753	1,879	8,525	334	919	5,354	8,378	5,728	163,479.00
Lewiston	19,163	2,727	4,611	25,493	1,415	3,203	16,037	627	1,409	7,957	12,296	—	267,993.00
Norway-So. Paris	10,959	1,576	2,582	14,155	839	1,701	9,752	524	778	5,717	5,999	5,111	164,080.00
Farmington	9,190	304	4,183	12,510	161	2,678	9,260	65	987	5,592	7,686	6,213	153,128.00
Cumberland	16,211	2,036	4,167	22,573	1,020	2,750	13,122	442	1,329	8,075	10,736	15,791	259,962.00
Fryeburg	4,874	889	1,669	9,991	443	1,122	6,482	204	665	5,391	5,645	2,961	108,973.00
Topsham	13,242	1,918	3,323	18,538	912	2,423	13,075	426	1,056	7,360	10,692	5,435	213,946.00
New Gloucester	16,243	1,922	3,632	22,049	1,067	2,465	12,923	464	1,281	7,108	10,605	—	219,881.00
Lewiston	10,344	1,217	1,659	10,794	595	1,303	6,066	235	577	3,173	5,574	6,930	129,501.00
Cumberland	9,495	1,314	2,379	12,459	612	1,506	6,264	239	644	3,065	5,464	5,263	133,779.00
Totals	263,519	37,612	74,105	399,660	18,051	48,623	266,651	8,467	22,046	168,018	180,278	100,338	\$4,359,838.00

* \$6. Combination sold at Gorham Raceway

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT C

ANALYSIS OF RACE PROGRAMS 1953

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DAY WAGERS</u>	<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>RACES HELD</u>	<u>NIGHT WAGERS</u>	<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>RACES HELD</u>	<u>TOTAL PROGRAMS</u>	<u>TOTAL RACES</u>
5/29 - 6/6	Cumberland	—	—	—	\$ 210,488.00	6	48	6	48
6/8 - 6/13	Lewiston	—	—	—	185,803.00	6	48	6	48
6/15 - 7/11	Gorham	—	—	—	1,004,567.00	23	190	23	190
7/18 - 8/8	Bangor	\$ 236,096.00	7	58	397,762.00	11	89	18	147
8/11 - 8/15	Presque Isle	108,749.00	4	34	—	—	—	4	34
8/17 - 8/22	Skowhegan	271,993.00	6	56	—	—	—	6	56
8/25 - 8/29	Union	129,658.00	5	43	—	—	—	5	43
9/1 - 9/7	Windsor	163,479.00	5	44	—	—	—	5	44
9/7 - 9/14	Lewiston	50,592.00	2	16	217,401.00	7	57	9	73
9/15 - 9/19	Norway-So. Paris	164,080.00	5	42	—	—	—	5	42
9/22 - 9/26	Farmington	153,128.00	5	44	—	—	—	5	44
9/28 - 10/3	Cumberland	38,682.00	1	8	221,280.00	6	49	7	57
10/5 - 10/10	Fryeburg	108,973.00	4	40	—	—	—	4	40
10/12 - 10/17	Topsham	213,946.00	5	44	—	—	—	5	44
10/19 - 10/24	New Gloucester	42,857.00	1	8	177,024.00	6	45	7	53
10/26 - 10/31	Lewiston	34,023.00	1	8	95,478.00	4	26	5	34
11/2 - 11/7	Cumberland	—	—	—	133,779.00	5	40	5	40
	Totals	\$1,716,256.00	51	445	\$ 2,643,582.00	74	592	125	1037

Total Wagered \$ 4,359,838.00

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EXHIBIT D

YEARS 1952 and 1953

<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>NET DECREASE</u>
206.00	\$ —	
-	174,140.00	
-	131,979.00	
-	351,630.00	
567.00	—	
444.00	—	
-	32,635.00	
-	17,794.00	
353.00	—	
934.00	—	
-	21,276.00	
-	36,476.00	
-	4,033.00	
887.00	—	
-	7,896.00	
-	38,407.00	
-	38,740.00	
-	61,128.00	
-	302,472.00	
-	98,961.00	
<u>391.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,567.00</u>	<u>\$ 135,176.00</u>

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COM

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF AMOUNTS WAGERED FOR THE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>1953</u> <u>AMOUNT WAGERED</u>	<u>1952</u> <u>AMOUNT WAGERED</u>	<u>INC</u>
5/29 - 6/6 1952	Cumberland New Gloucester	\$ 210,488.00 --	\$ 198,282.00 174,140.00	\$ 1
6/8 - 6/13 1952	Lewiston New Gloucester	185,803.00 --	317,782.00 351,630.00	
6/15 - 7/11	Gorham	1,004,567.00	--	1,00
7/18 - 8/1	Bangor	456,833.00	374,389.00	8
8/3 - 8/8	Bangor Fair	177,025.00	209,660.00	
8/11 - 8/15	Presque Isle	108,749.00	126,543.00	
8/17 - 8/22	Skowhegan	271,993.00	224,640.00	L
8/25 - 8/29	Union	129,658.00	110,724.00	1
9/1 - 9/7	Windsor	163,479.00	184,755.00	
9/7 - 9/14	Lewiston	267,993.00	304,469.00	
9/15 - 9/19	Norway-So. Paris	164,080.00	168,113.00	
9/22 - 9/26	Farmington	153,128.00	136,241.00	1
9/28 - 10/3	Cumberland	259,962.00	267,858.00	
10/5 - 10/10	Fryeburg	108,973.00	147,380.00	
10/12 - 10/17	Topsham	213,946.00	252,686.00	
10/19 - 10/24	New Gloucester	219,881.00	281,009.00	
10/26 - 10/31	Lewiston	129,501.00	431,973.00	
11/2 - 11/7	Cumberland	133,779.00	232,740.00	
	Totals	\$ 4,359,838.00	\$ 4,495,014.00	\$ 1,18
	License Fees Collected	\$ 300.00	\$ 310.00	