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MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

REPORT OF 1954 RACE MEETINGS

Augusta, Maine
November 19, 1954

To: Mr. Frederick A. Howell
Mr. Elmore C. Edmunds
Mr. Harry B. McKenney

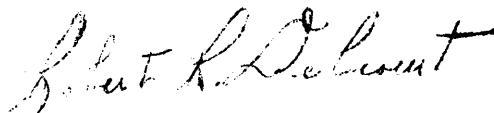
Gentlemen:

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 1954 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 1953 and 1954.

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 1954

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
5/29 - 6/5	Cumberland	\$ 165,098.00	\$ 9,080.41	\$ 825.47	\$ 16,509.80	\$ 1,006.42	\$ 137,675.90	\$ 323.95	
6/7 - 6/12	New Gloucester	186,735.00	10,270.44	933.66	18,673.50	1,241.25	155,616.15	317.35	
6/14 - 6/19	Lewiston	155,934.00	8,576.38	779.66	15,593.40	1,021.31	129,963.25	378.65	
6/21 - 7/17	Gorham	1,055,002.00	58,025.16	5,274.96	105,500.20	7,484.93	878,716.75	1,297.65	(Spring)
7/19 - 7/31	Lewiston	236,205.00	12,991.30	1,181.00	23,620.50	1,671.15	196,741.05	453.80	\$1,798,974.00
8/2 - 8/7	Bangor	216,447.00	11,904.60	1,082.22	21,644.70	1,675.33	180,140.15	484.15	
8/9 - 8/14	Presque Isle	87,119.00	4,791.55	435.59	8,711.90	681.81	72,498.15	435.20	
8/16 - 8/21	Skowhegan	223,379.00	12,285.85	1,116.89	22,337.90	1,159.61	186,478.75	659.10	
8/24 - 8/28	Union	108,487.00	5,966.80	542.42	10,848.70	803.68	90,325.40	270.35	
8/31 - 9/6	Windsor	174,403.00	9,592.17	872.01	17,440.30	1,362.52	145,136.00	404.40	
9/4 - 9/13	Lewiston	160,589.00	8,832.41	802.93	16,058.90	945.86	133,948.90	264.00	
9/14 - 9/18	Norway-So. Paris	105,540.00	5,804.70	527.70	10,554.00	875.05	87,778.55	162.00	
9/21 - 9/25	Farmington	111,147.00	6,113.09	555.73	11,114.70	714.43	92,649.05	272.05	
9/27 - 10/2	Cumberland	271,123.00	14,911.78	1,355.60	27,112.30	1,774.22	225,969.10	305.30	
10/4 - 10/9	Fryeburg	133,314.00	7,332.28	666.56	13,331.40	960.81	111,022.95	183.95	
10/11 - 10/16	Topsham	146,661.00	8,066.37	733.29	14,666.10	838.04	122,357.20	385.15	(Fairs)
10/18 - 10/23	New Gloucester	214,813.00	11,814.73	1,074.05	21,481.30	1,415.27	179,027.65	225.20	1,953,022.00
10/25 / 10/30	Cumberland	94,422.00	5,193.22	472.10	9,442.20	523.68	78,790.80	365.95	(Overcoat)
11/1 - 11/13	Lewiston	327,574.00	18,016.59	1,637.85	32,757.40	2,231.76	272,930.40	294.85	421,996.00
Totals		\$4,173,992.00	\$229,569.83	\$20,869.69	\$417,399.20	\$28,387.13	\$3,477,766.15	\$7,483.05	\$4,173,992.00

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RACE PROGRAMS 1953 and 1954

YEAR	TOTAL WAGERED	PROGRAMS SCHEDULED	PROGRAMS RAINED OUT	PROGRAMS ADDED	TOTAL PROGRAMS RUN	RACES SCHEDULED	RACES RUN	RACES NOT RUN	AVERAGE WAGER PER RACE
1953	\$4,359,838.00	137	12	--	125	1157	1037	120	\$ 4,204.28
1954	4,173,992.00	151	27	--	124	1289	1044	245	3,998.08
INCREASE		14	15			132	7	125	
DECREASE	\$ 185,846.00				1				\$ 206.20

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT B

ANALYSIS OF TICKETS PURCHASED 1954

PLACE	\$2 DAILY	STRAIGHT			PLACE			SHOW			COMB.	QUINIELA	VALUE
	DOUBLE	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$3	\$2	
Cumberland	10,463	1,366	2,669	15,824	451	1,663	9,054	224	577	5,087	6,855	9,361	\$ 165,098.00
New Gloucester	12,815	1,823	3,333	20,482	739	2,014	12,239	286	664	6,426	8,092	—	186,735.00
Lewiston	11,540	1,408	2,969	15,795	591	1,809	9,925	324	780	4,916	6,854	—	155,934.00
Gorham	63,345	8,855	18,491	127,667	4,001	10,757	80,275	1,637	4,120	45,801	* 18,176	—	1,055,002.00
Lewiston	19,271	2,052	3,673	24,068	1,137	2,310	14,957	536	1,025	8,657	10,003	—	236,205.00
Bangor	10,792	2,146	3,471	15,701	927	2,559	13,326	373	1,117	9,215	11,640	6,632	216,447.00
Presque Isle	3,400	782	1,318	8,417	243	701	6,787	63	374	3,827	5,080	2,086	87,119.00
Skowhegan	13,422	1,673	3,426	17,146	915	2,491	12,321	448	1,239	7,714	12,827	8,776	223,379.00
Union	6,464	—	2,932	9,498	—	1,851	6,623	—	778	3,627	6,238	4,772	108,487.00
Windsor	8,431	1,229	3,103	16,095	735	2,101	11,581	189	792	5,875	8,325	6,977	174,403.00
Lewiston	10,728	1,781	2,663	15,925	893	1,759	9,943	242	800	4,890	7,449	—	160,589.00
Norway-So. Paris	5,256	888	1,737	9,817	466	1,145	6,670	197	518	4,148	5,344	2,608	105,540.00
Farmington	8,128	—	3,004	9,034	—	2,199	6,441	—	909	3,936	5,733	4,155	111,147.00
Cumberland	16,330	2,352	4,422	25,493	1,134	2,945	15,015	487	1,260	8,706	11,584	11,209	271,123.00
Fryeburg	7,781	—	3,775	11,249	—	2,061	8,138	—	889	6,588	7,191	5,302	133,314.00
Topsham	8,460	1,113	2,310	12,309	550	1,605	8,380	268	661	4,997	7,923	6,205	146,661.00
New Gloucester	17,225	1,826	3,547	21,595	917	2,343	12,789	353	966	7,504	10,449	—	214,813.00
Cumberland	5,864	747	1,466	8,885	376	972	5,249	210	381	2,717	4,175	4,521	94,422.00
Lewiston	24,081	3,141	5,752	32,121	1,582	3,724	18,667	705	1,833	10,275	15,487	—	327,574.00
Totals	263,796	33,182	74,061	417,121	15,657	47,009	268,380	6,542	19,683	154,906	169,425	72,504	\$4,173,992.00

* \$6 Combination sold at Gorham Raceway

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT C

ANALYSIS OF RACE PROGRAMS 1954

<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 - 6/5	Cumberland	\$ 18,708.00	1	8	\$ 146,390.00	5	38	6	46
6/7 - 6/12	New Gloucester	25,154.00	1	8	161,581.00	6	46	7	54
6/14 - 6/19	Lewiston	22,630.00	1	8	133,304.00	4	32	5	40
6/21 - 7/17	Gorham	---	-	-	1,055,002.00	21	183	21	183
7/19 - 7/31	Lewiston	---	-	-	236,205.00	8	67	8	67
8/2 - 8/7	Bangor	216,447.00	5	44	---	-	---	5	44
8/9 - 8/14	Presque Isle	87,119.00	4	35	---	-	---	4	35
8/16 - 8/21	Skowhegan	223,379.00	6	52	---	-	---	6	52
8/24 - 8/28	Union	108,487.00	5	44	---	-	---	5	44
8/31 - 9/6	Windsor	174,403.00	5	49	---	-	---	5	49
9/4 - 9/13	Lewiston	---	-	---	160,589.00	6	49	6	49
9/14 - 9/18	Norway-So. Paris	105,540.00	3	28	---	-	---	3	28
9/21 - 9/25	Farmington	111,147.00	5	36	---	-	---	5	36
9/27 - 10/2	Cumberland	64,772.00	2	16	206,351.00	6	48	8	64
10/4 - 10/9	Fryeburg	133,314.00	5	42	---	-	---	5	42
10/11 - 10/16	Topsham	146,661.00	4	35	---	-	---	4	35
10/18 - 10/23	New Gloucester	34,467.00	1	8	180,346.00	6	48	7	56
10/25 - 10/30	Cumberland	---	-	---	94,422.00	3	28	3	28
11/1 - 11/13	Lewiston	148,143.00	4	36	179,431.00	7	56	11	92
	Totals	\$1,620,371.00	52	449	\$2,553,621.00	72	595	124	1044

Total Wagered \$4,173,992.00

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT D

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF AMOUNTS WAGERED FOR THE YEARS 1953 and 1954

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>1954 AMOUNT WAGERED</u>	<u>1953 AMOUNT WAGERED</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>NET DECREASE</u>
5/29 - 6/5	Cumberland	\$ 165,098.00	\$ 210,488.00	—	\$ 45,390.00	
6/7 - 6/12	New Gloucester	186,735.00	—	\$ 186,735.00	—	
6/14 - 6/19	Lewiston	155,934.00	185,803.00	—	29,869.00	
6/21 - 7/17	Gorham	1,055,002.00	1,004,567.00	50,435.00	—	
7/19 - 7/31	Lewiston	236,205.00	—	236,205.00	—	
8/2 - 8/7	Bangor	216,447.00	633,858.00	—	417,411.00	
8/9 - 8/14	Presque Isle	87,119.00	108,749.00	—	21,630.00	
8/16 - 8/21	Skowhegan	223,379.00	271,993.00	—	48,614.00	
8/24 - 8/28	Union	108,487.00	129,658.00	—	21,171.00	
8/31 - 9/6	Windsor	174,403.00	163,479.00	10,924.00	—	
9/4 - 9/13	Lewiston	160,589.00	267,993.00	—	107,404.00	
9/14 - 9/18	Norway-So. Paris	105,540.00	164,080.00	—	58,540.00	
9/21 - 9/25	Farmington	111,147.00	153,128.00	—	41,981.00	
9/27 - 10/2	Cumberland	271,123.00	259,962.00	11,161.00	—	
10/4 - 10/9	Fryeburg	133,314.00	108,973.00	24,341.00	—	
10/11 - 10/16	Topsham	146,661.00	213,946.00	—	67,285.00	
10/18 - 10/23	New Gloucester	214,813.00	219,881.00	—	5,068.00	
10/25 - 10/30	Cumberland	94,422.00	133,779.00	—	39,357.00	
11/1 - 11/13	Lewiston	327,574.00	129,501.00	198,073.00	—	
	Totals	\$ 4,173,992.00	\$ 4,359,838.00	\$ 717,874.00	\$ 903,720.00	\$ 185,846.00
	License Fees Collected	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			

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EXHIBIT E

AVERAGE WAGER AT EACH TRACK 1954

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAGERED</u>	<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>RACES</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGER PER PROGRAM</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGER PER RACE</u>
5/29 - 6/5	Cumberland	\$ 165,098.00	6	46	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 3,589.00
6/7 - 6/12	New Gloucester	186,735.00	7	54	26,650.00	3,458.00
6/14 - 6/19	Lewiston	155,934.00	5	40	31,186.00	3,898.00
6/21 - 6/26	Gorham	228,454.00	5	47	45,690.00	4,860.00
6/28 - 7/3	"	194,562.00	4	35	48,640.00	5,558.00
7/5 - 7/10	"	327,278.00	6	51	54,546.00	6,417.00
7/12 - 7/17	"	304,708.00	6	50	50,785.00	6,094.00
7/19 - 7/24	Lewiston	108,667.00	4	34	27,167.00	3,197.00
7/26 - 7/31	"	127,538.00	4	33	31,880.00	3,864.00
8/2 - 8/7	Bangor	216,447.00	5	44	43,289.00	4,919.00
8/9 - 8/14	Presque Isle	87,119.00	4	35	21,780.00	2,460.00
8/16 - 8/21	Skowhegan	223,379.00	6	52	37,229.00	4,295.00
8/24 - 8/28	Union	108,487.00	5	44	21,697.00	2,465.00
8/31 - 9/6	Windsor	174,403.00	5	49	34,880.00	3,559.00
9/4 - 9/13	Lewiston	160,589.00	6	49	26,765.00	3,277.00
9/14 - 9/18	Norway-So. Paris	105,540.00	3	28	35,180.00	3,766.00
9/21 - 9/25	Farmington	111,147.00	5	36	22,229.00	3,087.00
9/27 - 10/2	Cumberland	271,123.00	8	64	33,890.00	4,236.00
10/4 - 10/9	Fryeburg	133,314.00	5	42	26,663.00	3,174.00
10/11 - 10/16	Topsham	146,661.00	4	35	36,665.00	4,190.00
10/18 - 10/23	New Gloucester	214,813.00	7	56	30,688.00	3,837.00
10/25 - 10/30	Cumberland	94,422.00	3	28	31,474.00	3,372.00
11/1 - 11/6	Lewiston	146,639.00	5	40	29,328.00	3,666.00
11/8 - 11/13	"	180,935.00	6	52	30,156.00	3,479.00
	Totals	\$ 4,173,992.00	124	1044		

Average Wager Per Race \$ 3,998.08