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#### Dog Sled Race at Newport, N. H.

The first race to be run off under the auspices of the New England Sled Dog Club was run at Newport, N. H., on Friday, January 23, 1925. This event was known as the New England Sled Dog Club Derby and while the course covered only 12½ miles the race was quite interesting, for not one of the competitors had ever been in a real race before; another thing which added interest was the fact that two

young ladies each entered teams in the contest.

As is the custom at dog races the teams started out at intervals. H. E. Mason of Tamworth, N. H., started first and held his lead all the way around; he drove a team of grade dogs which showed considerable Collie blood, altho his leader was a descendant of Walden's famous Chinook. His time was 17 minutes faster than that of the second winner, Walter Channing of Dover, Mass. Mr. Channing had recently brought

down a team of Eskimo dogs from the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, but unfortunately lost two of them from dis-temper; consequently he placed two of his Norwegian Elkhounds in the team. These, tho smaller than the huskies, were plucky and speedy. Third money went to Miss Caryl Peabody of Cambridge, Mass. She drove a team of five dogs in a gang hitch—

are full litter brothers and sisters and very closely mated as to size and color and markings, as will be seen from our photograph. Richard S. Stearns, Jr., of Jamaica Plain, Mass., finished 5th with a team of huskies which he has just recently imported from The Pas, Manitoba. This is a very good, serviceable team and when they have been thoroly acclimated and accustomed to this

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Team of Greenland Eskimos. Owned by Town of Meredith, N. H.

two pairs and a leader; her leader (a special pet named Jules) is a very attractive dog; he, as are all of his team mates, is by Chinook. It was a really remarkable feat for this girl to brave the cold (for the thermometer registered far below zero) and drive her team around the 12-mile course to third victory. It certainly demonstrates the ability of the modern American girl and the value of Winter sports for both sexes. Fourth place was achieved by the town team from Meredith, N. H., driven by Percy Estes. This is a splendid team of pure bred Greenland Eskimos which were brought down by H. A. Whitehouse, an engineer on one of MacMillan's former trips. The dogs

region they will make worthy contestants at any race.

While failing to finish within the time limit, the work of Miss Clara Enebuske, driver of the 6th team, was perhaps as noteworthy as any of the others. When the time for the start of the race drew near Miss Enebuske discovered that her lead dog had gone lame; Dr. H. A. Souther of Boston, who was the judge, pronounced it a foot infection and that the dog was unable to race. Mr. Walden (who was present with his team for exhibition work) loaned her Koltag to replace her own leader; but Koltag, while a fairly good leader under a familiar driver, failed to respond to the

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commands of the new mistress and simply laid down; the girl was obliged to put him back in the string and place one of her own puppies, Scamp, in the lead. Despite all these hindrances and altho she must have known that she was hopelessly out of the money, Miss Enebuske valiantly fought her way around the course and stabled her own team at the finish.

Altogether it was a very interesting race. The best time was 1 hr., 27 minutes, 40 seconds for the 12½-mile trip and the 5th time was 1 hr., 56 minutes and 30 seconds, with the others in between; so it will be seen that the finish was close enough to make it interesting. This race was run off in conjunction with the Newport Winter Carnival and was the most interesting feature of the event. On Saturday, the last day of the Carnival, Edward P. Clark of West Milan, N. H., was present with his dog team and did some exhibition driving.



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We have this month a photograph of three fine Springers from the Avandale Kennels. Two of these were introduced to our readers in the September number; the other, Prince of Avendale, is a handsome black, white and tan dog bred by the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon and is a litter brother to Rag of Avendale who won the open stake at the recent Canadian

field trials. Prince has won 40 times in open field trials against the best Springers in the United Kingdom; he is also the only sire of a field trial champion in America. The embargo has been removed and it is again possible to bring English dogs to Canada. Mr. Chevrier now has 15 fine Springers on the way over.