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CANADIAN TROTTERS AT BUFFALO.

Canada will be represented by no less than six trotters at the great Buffalo meeting next week, and as the 2:38 class is the slowest for which a race is announced, it will be seen that Canada is pretty well off as regards fast trotters this season. In the 2:38 class Pete Curran will drive the game little chestnut gelding Varcoe, of Hamilton; Mr. Brown, of Wiser's Rysdyk Stock Farm, near Prescott, has named the gray gelding Capt. Smith, in the 2:34 class, and the bay gelding Orient in the 2:31 class. The former of these is just now owned in Ogdenburg, but he goes from a Canadian stable and is so thoroughly Canadian in his breeding that he may be regarded as a Canadian horse. His sire is a son of the famous old Grey Eagle (first known as the Keiser Horse, a gentleman of that name having brought him when a four-year old from the vicinity of Quebec to Dickenson's Landing on the St. Lawrence). He (Smith's sire), is also a full brother to the Reddy Horse, sometimes spoken of as the St. Catharines Grey Eagle, the sire of the celebrated Dutch Girl, and is a good trotter himself, his record being at or near 40, while his owners say he can get considerably below that figure if private trials mean anything. Capt. Smith is a moderate sized, stout, and wiry-looking horse, showing unmistakably the essentials of a trotter, both in form and action. In the 2:29 class the celebrated Royal George stock is to be represented by the gallant Caledonian Chief, who came to the wire the other day in the second heat, over a half-mile track, in 2:29½, having won the first in 2:30½, and afterwards winning the fourth and the race in 2:30. He hails from Homer.

In the same class Mr. M. Burgess, of Woodstock, has entered his very promising gelding of Champion stock, York State, who began the season with no record below 2:40, but who won a race recently in Detroit where he had to put in a heat in 2:30, and took third money at Dexter Park in a race where Little Fred won in 2:28, 2:25 and 2:27. Last, but not least, Messrs. T. F. & J. Ellis, of Clifton, Ont., have entered their fast bay gelding Derby in the 2:24 class. This horse it will be remembered was second to Lula when she won her third heat at Rochester in 2:17. With such representatives as these at the Buffalo meeting Canada can reasonably expect to win some of the honors.

PRESTO! CHANGE!

We have to congratulate the owner of Alice on his success in converting that fine animal into a Province bred. By this change she will be enabled to compete for purses of 100 Province breds only, and in open to all races she will get her allowance of seven pounds. It must, unquestionably, add very much to her value, and if the gentleman who owns her will only let other horsemen into his secret it might prove of great value to

the run from there to the wire is a greater tax on his muscular power than the whole of the rest of the heat has been. In trotting the case is quite different. The trotter always goes with a reserve power, which he is apt to show by a break if he is called on to put forth all his strength, and this is why he seldom breaks down, but generally remains on the turf till he has reached a good old age. In the grand effort with which the running horse finishes a close race he strains every nerve, and it is manifestly unfair to make him do this again and again at short intervals.

If Associations insist on having heat races for runners, they should always make them two in three, never three in five.

To the Editor of the Mail:—

Sir,—Nothing is less likely to advance the interests and promote the usefulness of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals than sentimental far-fetched attacks upon what is at the most unkindness. Thus the bearing-rein crusade and tirades against the use of the overcheck are conceded to be mere morbid nonsense. Some horses require bearing-reins, some don't. Some horses, as you very properly pointed out some weeks ago, require artificial assistance to attain their maximum speed in an artificial gait—the trot; and hundreds of horses cannot display any trotting action at all, until the artificial balance of the overcheck is afforded to their head and fore-quarter. Others require the use of weights fastened on the feet to change their knee action and make it safer to themselves and their drivers. Artificial appliances are not necessarily cruel. All must admit that it is unkind to leave a harnessed horse standing for any length of time, with his bearing rein fastened to the saddle pad, but even to this exception occur, as when the animal is beside a pavement, and it is undesirable to leave his head loose to nip at the passer-by, or again when in less frequented thoroughfares the animal will get his head down to the grass or weeds, and move on, eventually perhaps overturning the buggy in his pursuit of pasture. The general thoughtfulness of horse-owners, that is to say their own property, if no higher principle actuates them, will generally protect horses against actual cruelty. But if the Society wants to do the "noble animal" an unquestionable service, it will devote its energies to the suppression of a barbarous pastime, as obsolete as cockfighting in the great English home of man's best friend. I allude to the growing inclination of Race Associations to eke out their programmes by the establishment of heat races, three in five. Surely it is butchery enough to run horses heats of any kind, and on all respectable race courses the habit is falling into well-merited disuse, even 2 in 3 being scarcely admissible at the American meetings, and never now heard of in England or France. For horse-owners will who subject their animals to the recurrence at intervals of a few minutes of at least three, possibly double that number of gallops at top speed, I have only the utmost contempt. Such people keep horses to make money with them, and had better do their gambling with manimate tools, as cards or dice-boxes. The maximum, and therefore trying strain on a race-horse is in the last two hundred yards, and no matter whether he has gone a mile or half a mile when he comes to that point, flesh and blood cannot be asked without cruelty to repeat the supreme effort often. And yet what do we see? In the county town of Norfolk, at Simcoe, we see advertised two "running races," half-mile heats and mile heats, both 3 in 5, and in these races the magnificent sum of \$100 is the first prize! The idea of the Association is doubtless to attract spectators by a large bill of fare; by, in fact, three or four races for one prize; but there is even a still more immoral purpose served. Race Associations make money out of that curse of racing—the pool-box. "Broken" heats, i. e., heats won by different horses, are an immense incentive to betting, and consequently provide a corresponding addition to the pool-teller's percentage. Sufficient cruelty may be practised on horses by 2 in 3, unless heats are prevented from being indefinitely multiplied by the adoption of the American system of ruling out all losers at the third heat, but against 3 in 5 I invoke the assistance of the Society. Sport and honesty are alike interested in stopping here what has been abandoned elsewhere on the ground of cruelty. The respectable people of Simcoe would do well to address a remonstrance to their racing folk. All "heat" racing is especially productive of fraud, and therefore to be discouraged. The three in five business is absolutely cruel and inhuman.

Yours &c.,

B. W. W.

Toronto, July 20.

QUININE WINE.—This valuable tonic and preventative of malarious diseases is universally recognized for its efficacy. Purchasers should be careful in buying to ask for "Campbell's," and be sure that they get it genuine, as inferior, and sometimes counterfeit articles, are substituted. For sale by all druggists.

opportune, the first day, August 10th, having been selected for the civic holiday by our city rulers. This meeting will inaugurate the Fall campaign in Ontario, and the successes of the contending horses will be watched with more than ordinary interest as indicating their future chances. The total amount hung up is \$2,400, and is divided into ten events, of which five will take place each day. It is unnecessary to particularize them, more than to say that dashes, as they should predominate—no less than seven of the ten being embraced in that list. The great attraction, doubtless, will be the mile and a quarter heat race on the first day, for which a purse of \$600 is offered, open to the world, with an allowance of five pounds to foreign-bred horses wintered in Canada. To those who were at Carleton in July, 1874, when Lady Washington, Moonstone, War Cry, The Moor, and Protection contended in such another race, it is unnecessary to speak of what may be anticipated in this one, but if this resembles its predecessor of last year in even a small degree, it will be a race worth going a good many miles at a great deal of personal inconvenience to witness. And when it is taken into consideration the class of horses we have in Canada, with the additions of such foreigners as may be attracted by the Canadian gold, it does not require the spirit of prophecy to foretell a grand struggle before the end is reached.

The track, we are assured, will be placed in the best possible condition, and nothing will be left undone to make the meeting worthy the reputation of the Queen City. Arrangements have already been completed with the Grand Trunk and Northern Railways for a large reduction in passenger fares, and it is expected the other railway lines centering in this city, and the various steamboat companies will adopt a like liberal policy. With ample hotel accommodation, and moderate charges, visitors can see the races and enjoy our city's hospitality with pleasure and without much expense.

The track on the race days can be easily reached by special trains from Union Station which will make it as convenient of access as if it were within the city limits. The management have determined it shall be a model gathering so far as lays in their power, and it only requires the hearty support they have a right to expect to make it a success that will be a household word.

The Races will be governed by the Dominion Rules, and the entry fee will be ten per cent on first money only, a provision we hope other clubs will establish. The Sec. Treas. informs us that the wording of the programme means business, so that gentlemen entering horses will be sure of not meeting with disappointment if their entrance money accompanies their nominations. The entries close on Thursday, Aug. 12.

TURF SHINPLASTERS.

Billy Irwin is recovering from the injuries he received in his fall with Frank Ross at Hamilton.

Jonathan Scott has Vespucci in training for the Fall campaign. He will probably show his form at the Newmarket Course next month.

Paul Wood has removed his string to Elliott's Newmarket track and they are in strong training for the August meeting over that track.

Mr. Lowell's stable, it is reported, will soon take up its quarters at the Newmarket track. It will consist of Gil D Roy, two or three youngsters, and probably Longueil.

Charley Boyle has taken Helen Bennett to Saratoga. This is not an elopement but a simple horse item.

Mr. Thomas Peniston, of this city, drives a slashing gaited, big bay gelding, for which he traded his little mare Fleety Goldust, jr., with Mr. R. Paul, of this city.

Harry Giddings, of the "Terminus," Queen Street west, has Silas Rich looking pretty well and stepping nicely.

A large number of Torontonians will have business at Buffalo next week. A few of them go to see the Races, while the others will just happen to be there that week.

The Canadian horses are cutting down their records, vide York State, Caledonia Chief and Dominion Boy.

The Canadian delegation, particularly from the western part, is heavy at Cleveland.

Billy Bookless' Derby Club, 168 Longo St., will be the headquarters for horsemen in Canada the next few weeks. He is fitting up a nice pool room in the open air for the Newmarket Races, for evening use. This is a move that will be appreciated by all hands this hot term.

Trouble, Helen Bennett, and Prodigal Son were in the steeple-chase at Saratoga, on Tuesday; the latter fell at a stone fence, the little mare did not get to the wire soon enough, and the Trouble-some gelding obtained second place.

In answer to numerous enquiries this week, we would say we know nothing further of the Barrie meeting than was mentioned in our issue of the 16th inst. It is possible we may have the programme entire by next week.

ST. CATHERINES AND VICINITY.

From "our own."

St. CATHERINES, July 22, 1876.

Editor Gentleman's Journal,

SIR—I herewith send you some items from the city of the Saints for your valuable and widely read journal, which I hope may be of sufficient interest for your columns.

Sporting matters, like the times, are beginning to improve—slowly. No doubt before the snow flies, we will have sufficient sport to satisfy the fraternity. St. Kitts, including its suburbs, possesses more trotters of the three-minute class than any other city in the Dominion. This is big talk, but it is a fact. I visited Mr. Robert James' farm yesterday, and there found that worthy gentleman superintending the breaking and training of several of his splendid colts. He possesses some of the most promising youngsters in Canada. His stock consists of 85 head of horses; amongst which is the noted flyer Toronto Chief. I have learned since my visit that he has disposed of the Chief, for the sum of \$2,000, to some gentleman from Uxbridge, who intends to place him at the stud.

Mr. James also has the fast mare, Lady Kimball, who shows a fine burst of speed. Dominion Boy and Gray Eddy are likewise quartered here for their summer vacation, previous to the fall campaign. Besides a fine 4-year-old by Highland Boy, who promises to be a fast one, and for which Mr. James refused \$500 last winter, he has several colts by Toronto Chief, Highland Boy, and Winfield Scott. The boss remarked, "I tell you, some of them fellows will make the boys open their eyes." After promising to call again, and look at the stock running out on his spacious premises, we took our departure, highly pleased with our visit. As my friend remarked, you always find Bob cheerful and accommodating, and willing to tell you what he knows about "pharmin'."

A short drive landed us at the "King Bee," of the horsemen, Tom Brown, who is known throughout creation as a solid man on the equine topic. Tom has been known to talk several men to death on the everlasting "boss" question. Mr. Brown ordered his "corps" of artists to bring out the "animals," and a finer collection it would be hard to find in any stable. Among the most noted is the celebrated Caledonia Chief, who is in splendid condition and trotting like a bullet. It is intended to place him on the turf the coming fall, and probably in the Buffalo campaign. The Gregory colt is also quartered here, preparing for the contest which he is about to attempt against the Fulton horse for \$1,000 on the Buffalo track, on the 31st of August. The next "critter" in the procession was Lady Urlocker, who is acting finely. Then came the Depotty colt, who is going in the colt stake in Hamilton next September—my impression is that she will take a piece of the purse. The remainder consist of Caractacus, Garibaldi, Lady Boughner, Gray Colt, and three youngsters, that will not take dust from everybody's horse. No lover of the horse that visits our city should fail to call on Tom, as it would repay him for his trouble.

In the city we have the gelding W. H. Brownlee, who took second money in the 8 minute class at Hamilton. The gentlemanly proprietor of the Murray House, Mr. Mat Whitbeck, possesses six as likely young trotters as any gentleman in the Province. Among the number is a four-year old he pur-

Transfer; P. Wineman, Chicago, b g Duke; John D Benton, Cortland, N Y, b g J D Benton; L C Lannon, N Y city, blk g The Forger; E K Bradbury, Albany, s g Utica; Peter Curran, Hamilton, Ont, ch g Varcoe; Chas S Green, Babylon, L I, b g Breeze; Jas M Patterson, Pekin, Ky, ch m Gum Ball; M Higbee, Canton, Ill, b g Gov Sprague; C L Bailey, Midway, Ky, b g Calmar formerly Honest Joe; N B Emerson, Cleveland, b g Gen Hood.

No 2—Purse \$5,000, for 2:24 class; 2,500 to first, 1,250 to second, 700 to third, 500 to fourth.

John Trout, Boston, g m Sea Foam; T F & J Ellis, Clifton, Ont, b g Derby; W C Trimble, Newburgh, N Y, ch m Music; J A Chambers, Augusta, Ga, b m Molsey; R Patterson, jr, Pittsburgh, b m Belle Brasfield; J M Leach, Kokomo, Ind, r s Monarch jr; Van Ness & Henderson, Rochester, b m Lady Star; M McManus, Buffalo, b m Carrie; E K Bradbury, Albany, blk m Catskill Girl; Chas S Green, Babylon, L I, b m May Queen formerly Nashville Girl; Abner Rush, Sharon, Pa, b g Brother Jonathan; C L Bailey, Midway, Ky, b g Gen Garfield formerly Bedford; N B Millsbaugh, Walden, N Y, b g Frank Wood.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

No 3—Purse \$5,000, for 2:29 class; 2,500 to first, 1,250 to second, 700 to third, 500 to fourth.

John Trout, Boston, br m Jean Ingelow; S A Brown, Grand Rapids, blk m Lady Turpin; W H Crawford, Chicago, br m Annie Collins; A F Fawcett, Chicago, b g Albert; John George, jr, Irwin, Pa, g g Gen Picton; C H Olmsted, Cleveland, b g Sam West; W H Wilson, Cynthiana, Ky, g g Gen Mac; M Burgess, Woodstock, Ont, b g York State; Ewing & Williams, Nashville, Tenn, b g Scott's Chief; Geo J Burt, Elmira, N Y, b m Eva formerly Swallow; D Kirkover, Buffalo, ch s Caledonia Chief; E K Bradbury, Albany, br g Berkshire Boy; J O Foster, Chillicothe, Ohio, blk g Scotland; M Higbee, Canton, Ill, b g Little Fred; B Bailey, Cleveland, g g Shanty.

No 4—Purse \$4,000, for 2:18 class; 2,000 to first, 1,000 to second, 600 to third, 400 to fourth.

H O Goodrich, Chicago, b g Bodine; John E Turner, Philadelphia, b m Nettie.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

No 5—Purse \$3,000, for 2:31 class; 1,500 to first, 750 to second, 450 to third, 300 to fourth.

H W Brown, Prescott, Ont, b g Orient; J S Mead, Chicago, b s Anglo-Saxon; C H Olmsted, Cleveland, b g Lewinski; W O Fair, Cleveland, b m Idol; H A Hollis, Buffalo, b m Lotta; O H Wood, Knoxville, Pa, m m Blue Mare; J J Myers, Cleveland, ch g Jeremiah; E K Bradbury, Albany, br g Berkshire Boy; R Peniston, Lexington, Ky, ch g Richard; J J Bowen, Boston, m g Honest Harry; R R Bissell, Terre Haute, Ind, b m Moss Rose.

No 6—Purse \$4,000, for 2:22 class; 2,000 to first, 1,000 to second, 600 to third, 400 to fourth.

John L Doby, New York, ch g Thos L Young; John Trout, Boston, g m Sea Foam; Wm L Simmons, New York, b m Bella; Van Ness & Henderson, Rochester, b m Lady Star; C S Green, Babylon, L I, br m Lucille Goldust; Abner Bush, Sharon, Penn, b g Brother Jonathan; R Peniston, Lexington, Ky, ch g Grafton.

No 7—Purse \$2,500, for 2:34 horses; 1,250 to first, 625 to second, 375 to third, 250 to fourth.

O avis, Harrodsburg, Ky, br m Sophia Temple; John Trout, Boston, b s Sir William Wallace; George W Voorhis, Detroit, ch g Sam; W Kilpatrick, Erie, Pa, b m Lady Johnston; J Jamison, Buffalo, m m Ann, formerly Lady Alice; E Wilcox, Olean, N Y, b g Billy Paver; Ewing & Williams, Nashville, Tenn, blk s Carlelo; A M Wilson, Youngstown, O, br m Frank; R B Bissell, Terre Haute, Ind, g g Transfer; J D Benton, Cortland, N Y, b g J D Benton; L C Lannon, New York City, g m Minnie Sanders; E K Bradbury, Albany, s g Utica; M S Forbes, Cincinnati, ch g John W Hall; N Thompson, Penn, Yarr, N Y, blk m Lady Thompson; H W Brown, Ogdenburg, N Y, g g Capt Smith.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

No 8—Purse \$4,000; free for all; \$2,500 to first, 1,000 to second, 500 to third.

H O Goodrich, Chicago, b g Bodine; John E Turner, Philadelphia, b m Nettie; Chas S Green, Babylon, L I, b m Lula.

No 9—Purse \$5,000, for 2:27 class; \$2,500 to first, 1,250 to second 750 to third, 500 to fourth. J J Bowen, Boston, br s Ben Morill; M McManus, Buffalo, b m Carrie; E H Broadhead, Milwaukee, Wis, ch g Mazomanie; R Patterson, jr, Pittsburgh, b m Belle Brasfield; W R Armstrong, Chicago, ch m Mollie Morris; George J Burt, Elmira, N Y, b m Eva, formerly Swallow; R B Conklin, Greenport, L I, b g Rarus; E K Bradbury, Albany, blk m Catskill Girl; M Higbee, Canton, Ill, g m Bertie.

RACING AT HAMILTON.

On Saturday, J L Ryan's c g Comet, in harness, beat F A Ashbaugh's b g George, under saddle, and R L Ashbaugh's b m Maggie, in harness. On the same day, J Gage's g g Doo won the purse for gentlemen's roadsters, to road wagons, taking the second, third, and fourth heats, the bay mare Nellie taking the first. Mr Robertson's b m Hecker, and Mr Fairchild's b g Captain White were also in this race. Time—3:08, 3:06½, 3:03, and 3:05.