Canadian Thorobreds Prominent Winners

Popular Woodbine Race-Horses in the Limelight—Miller Bill Situation—King Edward's Best Turf Prospects for Coming Season—Startling Rejuvenation of a Son of St. Damien.

Conflicting testimony at Ottawa has continued to make confusion more confounded before the Mill er bill special committee. The promoters of the bill have pitted the opinion of a former member of the Toronto Police Force against that of Chief Grasett in support of the theory that betting could be entirely suppressed. Col. Grasett deposed that in his opinion the absolute prohibition of betting between individuals would be impossible of enforcement. Carefully prepared documentary statements have been filed by the different horse breeding associations. As an answer the advocates of the drastic new legislation advocated, put in the alleged confessions of several Central Prison jailbirds, who had made horse-racing their scape-goat. The pronounced differences in the attitude of the members of the committee as expressed by their comments indicated that the members were extremely unlikely to readily arrive at an agreement upon a report, and were certain not to adopt the drastic clauses as at present proposed in the bill. While the Dominion Parliament is being appealed to by those who assume a hostile position to the racing interests the facts are accumulating that the European countries are giving the question of horse breeding increasing attention. A report just to hand shows what the Germans are doing in the way of horse breeding. The Prussian Government alone expends a vast sum, but conducts its operations on a business basis calculated to reduce its deficit to a minimum. The Prussian taxpayers, however, were required to supply three-quarters of million dollars to make the books balance. In the Prussian main studs there are 38 stallions, 743 brood mares, and 2450 young. At the country studs 3438 stallions are maintained. In England where the landed aristocracy, headed by His Majesty carry on the production of thorobreds the annual expenditure is estimated at about $18,000,000.

Toronto horsemen have had a sensational week. J. E. Seagram's cast-off the Deuce, came into the limelight by winning at long odds at Juarez. The old horse had been carried along by S. N. Holman, his present Canadian owner-trainer, whose hopes of getting another good race out of the seven-year-old half brother of the one-time popular Woodbine favorite, Merry England, were fully gratified. When the Deuce a few summers ago made his appearance under the Seagram colors the stable and its followers came near making a gigantic coup. The Deuce was bought by Mr. Seagram as a good prospect after breaking down. With good care he became apparently as sound as any horse in the Seagram string and was ambitiously entered to carry the Seagram silks against Diamond, whose six furlongs in 1.11 4-5 on Victoria Day, 1906, at the Woodbine, was and is the Canadian three-quarter mile record. The work-outs of the Deuce had been eye-openers to the stable, but the bookies' clockers were in the dark. Big odds were offered against the Deuce and as freely taken. Then the order came for a new book to be made as Diamond and a stable mate had not been coupled by the pencillers. In the meantime light had dawned on the bookmakers and the Deuce became one of the choices. This did not avert a plunge on his chances, and the St. George colt gave Diamond such an argument that the Thomas crack scantily escaped defeat. Heavier imposts rendered the Deuce's subsequent career less satisfactory, and he was desposed of ultimately, to his present owner's gratification. Holman the same day that the Deuce enriched him had Tiflis, trained by him for A. Grenleir, win at 40 to 1.

Wm. Walker's Apologize, at Juarez, came home on the bit pulling up. The Knight of the Thistle, four-year-old was a 9 to 1 shot. His time was 1.13 for the six furlongs with 105 lbs impost.

R. J. Mackenzie's perseverance with the former Hendrie Loyalist colt, Desperado, has been rewarded in a thrilling head finish at Oakland. His foresight in snapping up Bedwell's dissatisfied Jockey Taplin was again justified, as Taplin on Desperado outrede Bedwell's crack, Jockey Shilling, who was leading on French Cook until the last stride. Fort Johnson also rewarded Mr. Mackenzie's steadfastness by annexing the feature race at Oakland on Thursday. The Mackenzie representative, ridden by Jockey Taplin, was the favorite and did the 1 1-16 miles in 1.47 2-5.

AT SOUTHERN TRACKS.

Owner of Martin Doyle Has String of Eighteen in Training.

Amos Turney, whose difference with H. G. Bedwell over the run-up of Martin Doyle at the Woodbine was one of the sensations of the fall meeting, contemplates racing over the eastern tracks, and is reported at Bennings Track, Washington, with a string of eighteen horses. Bennings has been a favorite spring training ground for several seasons, and is rapidly filling up with thorobreds.

James Hewit's three-year-old, Pulka, has been again in the limelight in a sensational contest at Jacksonville. Pulka finished first in a field of seven, but interference in the race occurred in the last furlong, when Pulka suddenly shot across in front of Barney Schreiber's Sager, ridden by Jockey Butwell, to pull up. Butwell laid a claim of foul and Pulka was placed second. His owner is reported to have refused an offer of $7500 for this blood relative to Sir Martin, Pulka, who was bred by John E. Madden. His was sick for a goodly portion of 1909 and never raced to his real form as a two-year-old. He is a candidate for the Suburban, as well as some of the other handicaps and is the first eligible to pick up a penalty since the publication of the weights. His handicap of ninety pounds in the Suburban will be increased by an additional four pound thru his recent victory in the Old Town Handicap at Jacksonville.

WELL EARNED PROMOTION.

Former Canadian Racing Official Made Judge For New York Club.

One of the best-known and esteemed Canadian racing officials has just had his high personal qualifications recognized in a manner very gratifying to his many Toronto and Montreal friends. This was by the appointment of C. J. Fitzgerald as placing judge for the New York Jockey Club tracks for the coming season. The appointment was made at the regular monthly meeting of the stewards held at the Windsor Arcade, New York, and was made necessary by the death of Clarence McDowel last fall. Mr. Fitzgerald has been associated with racing for several years and for many seasons was a starter over the jockey club tracks, later filling the same position at the Fair Grounds track in New Orleans. He has filled several other offices for the jockey club and his last active connection with racing about New York was the management of the Brighton Beach Racing Association.

When the Brighton Beach Association declared off its second meeting in 1908, Mr. Fitzgerald associated himself with racing in Canada, and last year he was managing director of the Montreal Jockey Club. He also has on various occasions served in the stewards' stand.

The American spring racing season is likely to open fourteen days ahead of the New York circuit by a two-weeks' meeting at Jamestown, Va. The Jamestown Jockey Club has applied to the New York Jockey Club for a license to hold a meeting, lasting two weeks, beginning April 1. The club has named Joseph Murphy as judge and general manager.

The Brooklyn, Suburban and Brighton Handicaps will have an interesting contender in Prince Imperial, who has been assigned the lightweight of 97 pounds.

The Royal Prince, a brother to Prince Imperial, astonished the spectators at Juarez by displaying amazing two-year-old form. He vanquished with ease opposition of superior class and equalled the American record. His run was three and one-half furlongs in 40 seconds. The Royal Prince, 2, br. g., by Star-Shoot—Dixoletta, is owned and trained by John Marklein.

The closing date for the new winter track at Juarez, Mexico, opposite El Paso, Texas, has been fixed for Sunday, February 27. Altho the opening season has been marked by several streaks of unusual bad weather, the stewarts expect to come out without loss. A feature event of the closing day will be the Terrazas Park Derby. Among those who will be present is Governor Enrique C. Creel of the Province of Chihuahua.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Prospects For the Royal Stable in This Year's British Classics.

Last year was notable for the success of His Majesty's colors. This year the royal stable has thirty horses in training with prospects none to alluring. Minoru, winner for King Edward of his third Derby, was appropriately given the Japanese name, meaning success. He provides a host in himself, but is matched against rivals whose chances appear equally as good as his own. Minoru is a four-year-old by Cyllene—Mother Siegel.

The King has a fair chance with Princess de Galles, br. f., 4, by Gallinule—Ecila, who won one of the richest stakes at Ascot.

A possible candidate to carry the royal colors in the Derby this year is Capture, 3, ch. c., by Cyllene—Kore. Capture is one of a quartet owned by Lord Marcus Beresford, who will race for His Majesty this season.

His Majesty's best three-year-olds are considered to be Orellius, by Orme—Ecila; and Border Prince, by Persimmon—White Lilac.

The royal two-year-olds embrace eight colts and four fillies. Thirty in training are completed by a colt and a filly owned by Lord Beresford.

The Earl of Roseberry's Neil Gow, is believed by the leading English handicappers to be a sure thing in the Two Thousand Guineas.

Sir W. Ross' Maid of Corinth is strongly supported as the probable winner of the One Thousand Guineas.

A reason that is being advanced for the American horses not being more successful in England during the past season is that it was chiefly caused by the prohibition against the using of sharp plates and calks. American horses are accustomed to being so equipped over the dirt tracks and the sharp plates were doubly missed when they had to race over the grass courses.

A drop in the temperature to fourteen degrees below freezing, put a crimp recently in the winter steeplechase meetings. The Gatwick meeting was abandoned altogether and the Windsor meeting postponed.

The acceptance for the Epsom City and Suburban foreshadows a very interesting contest, as Sir Martin is entered here, and partisanship will run high between the admirers of the American-bred colt and King Edward's Minoru, for it has been argued that had the former kept his legs he would have beaten the royal candidate in the Derby.

The high water mark for big purses has been reached by the Baden-Baden, Germany, Jocky Club for their summer meeting. They will distribute an average of more than $25,000 a day in purses.

GILT EDGED GIFT-HORSE.

Remarkable Episode on the British Steeplechase Turf.

An equine rejuvenation has just been witnessed on the British turf. Sometime ago a lame old French steeplechaser, named Honore II, was given away to a race course employe, who was about to quit as gate-keeper after thirty years service. The old man was supposed to be as likely to rejuvenate as the horse. The recipient of the old gift-horse used him to draw a four-wheel carriage for the conveyance of officers to and from the Upper Warkingham Barracks. The former steeplechaser recovered his gait, and attracted the attention of E. Woodland, a clever steeplechaser trainer. All traces of unsoundness had disappeared and the trainer induced the old gate-keeper to have him train Honore II again for the races. He came on so well that he was entered for a 150 sovereign purse ($750), at Lingfield. A field of seven went to the post. Honore II was a rank outsider at 25 to 1. His owner a thrifty, careful old man had become excited over his horses chances and put on a good bet. "Put a pony on the old fellow," he said to a friend, who caught the contagion enough to back Honore with four sovereigns at 25 to 1, and later added three more at 20 to 1. Despised alike by handicapper and bookmakers Honore II had a pull of 16 lbs. on the favorite, The Pilot, and carried 19 lbs. less than Rough Pup, the second choice. In the running, which included a water jump, Rough Pup fell, and the favorite suddenly broke down. Honore II who had been well up thruout then drew out and won by four lengths. Honore II proved that he could once once more both gallop fast and jump quickly. Honore II is of high pedigree, being a son of St. Damien, sire of Lutteur III.

Honore is a brother of the winner of last year's Grand National.

The following are the English flat race fixtures, opening days, for March and April.—March, 14, Lincoln; March 17, Liverpool; March 22, Nottingham; March 28, Easter Monday, Birmingham, also on Easter Monday at Newcastle; March 31, Catterick Bridge.

April 1, Alexandria Park; April 4, Warwick; April 6, Leicester; April 7, Bogside; April 8, Newburry; April 12, Newmarket Craven Meeting; April 15, Derby Spring Meeting; April 19, Epsom Spring Meeting; April 20, Pontefract; April 21, Sandown Park; April 22, Stockton; April 26, Newmarket Spring Meeting; April 29, Thirsk; April 30, Hurst Park.

August Belmont has the following horses in training at Newmarket—Norman III, Hasty Pudding, Merry Task, Boudoir Amical, Belfry II, Sands of the Orient, Sandwich and Prickly Pear.

RACING IN FRANCE.

Features of the Turf at the Parisian Courses.

H. M. Ziegler, in an interview at Cincinnati, on his recent visit to France, gave an interesting account of the French turf. "I went a great many times," he said, "to the tracks around Paris, such as St. Owen, St. Cloud, Auteul and Maissons Laffitte. It is splendid sport there. The racing is conducted by the government, and the racing associations are allowed to make only five per cent. on their investment, the balance of the receipts going to the state. The plants are magnificent parks, far superior from an artistic standpoint to anything in America. None of the tracks has such large, and elaborate grand stands as that at Belmont Park, for instance, but that is because the French racegoers do not seem to care so much for going into the stands. They prefer to walk about the lawns, which are large, well-kept and beautiful. The very best class of people attend the races and the sight is one never to be forgotten, with the ladies in gala costume and the gentlemen dressed in the height of fashion.

"All the betting is done by the pari-Mutuel system, which is satisfactory to the public. The horses carry heavier weights than on this side of the Atlantic. They run longer distances. Nearly all the races are at distances greater than a mile, and many are three or four miles. The French would laugh at the five and six furlong dashes. We have a vast amount to learn from the French, and the English too, in the matter of conducting race meetings. They take a keen interest in the spectacular end of the game."

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WILL SET ASIDE ROLLER TOWEL

Kansas Health Board Calls It More Deadly Than Public Drinking Cup

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—All our favorite gods and sacred traditions fall one by one before the onslaught of reform. So closely have the clippers of the political zealots shorn us of those personal privileges enjoyed by our sires that the modern man stumbles in his melancholy pathway to the grave, beget on all sides by proscriptions, regulations and rules of conduct, and feels himself lucky if he dies out of jail. In Kansas, beautiful, proud, prosperous and far famed Kansas, the reformers have found their paradise. Topeka is the latter day Delphi and the oracle of reform speaks in many tongues.

The latest reformatory utterance is a condemnation of the roller towel, according to The Kansas City Journal. It has been officially declared that the roller towel is even more dangerous than short sheets, drinking cups and cracked dishes. Per square foot the roller towel contains a greater number and variety of germs than are to be found anywhere else in the Sunflower State, and for the protection of society the time honored rotating rag must go. Perhaps this is all for the best, yet it is permissible to pause and sigh at the passing of the old roller towel. It has served long and well, and millions of our most respected citizens have left their sooty imprints upon its inviting folds.

Its rattle has been soothing music to sputtering patrons of public washrooms, and in spite of the progressive cycle of its layer upon layer of discolorations it possessed a simple dignity that could not be defied. Even when, limp and discredited, it festooned in unloveliness from its scaffold, the roller towel was not without virtue. Always some one came to toy gingerly with its edges, in the hope of finding one small area less dirty than the rest.

Bowing to the decree which banishes the roller towel from sight, we yet remember with something like affection the long years of intimate association with it in which it never failed. It has represented human democracy and comradeship. It was the bond that united the high and low, and it touched all mankind with a welcome if humid salute. The arrogant foreswore the roller towel in the days of their affluence, but it remained faithful and its very form typified unchanging purpose.

Legions of men and woment have vainly sought the end of the roller towel. It has remained for the Kansas State Board of Health to lay a vandal hand on this ancient institution and tear it from its honored place behind the door.

LANTERNS OF THE SEA

Inside Large Lighthouses Are Simple But Powerful Lamps.

Many people who have seen lighthouses only from a distance imagine that the machinery necessary for the mighty rays of light is extremely complicated and powerful. The fact is just the opposite.

All that can be seen in the top of even the biggest lighthouses, those known as "first-class" and "second-class," is a big glass lens, a lamp with an argand burner fed by ordinary oil, and a simple device of clockwork to revolve the lens.

The clockwork is wound up with a crank that a child can operate, and the power that moves it is merely a heavy weight, which is suspended thru a hole in the floor. The weight is so adjusted that it falls only very slowly, so that it will keep the clockwork going for 12 hours with one winding.

The lamp is strong, but otherwise not vastly different from common lamps.

From a little distance the lens presents the appearance of a great fruit jar made out of cut glass, that flashes from hundreds of facets. It's a big fruit jar, however, for a lens in a lighthouse of the second-class is as large as a 14-year-old boy.

When one approaches it more closely, it is discovered that this "fruit jar" has no bottom. Also, the cut glass effect is due to the fact that the big apparatus is composed of hundreds of pieces of fine glass, each forming a lens of its own. All these lenses are so cunningly put together that the various rays that go thru them are combined to make one blinding beam of light.

The big lens is supported by steel balls, which in turn run on a circular track. So delicately is it adjusted that, altho it may weigh a ton, the touch of a finger will set it revolving. The clockwork moves it with ease.

The lamp is set and is stationary. So, it will be seen the light itself never moves, whether the lighthouse is a "stationary" or "fixed" one, or whether it is of the "revolving" or the "flash" kind. The movement of the beams of light is produced entirely by the movement of the big lens.

If the light is to be an "occulting" one—that is, one whereby the beam of light shows only in certain directions or at certain intervals—the glass windows of the upper room, or "lantern," in which the lens is standing, are covered atp roper places with curtains. These stop the beam as the lens turns in their direction, and thus the light disappears for a second or a fraction of a second, to reappear again as soon as the beam passes the curtain.