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ELEVENTH YEAR. MONDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1890. ONE CENT.

CRACKS OF THE TURF.

The O.J.C.'s Auspicious Opening Day at Woodbine.

DULL WEATHER BUT GOOD SPORT.

Some Surprises to the Visitors—A Great Turnout of Racetrack Patrons—The Ladies Were There by the Hundreds and the Gentlemen by the Thousands—Objection, Kitestring, Mackenzie (Twice), Pericles and Periwinkle the Winners—A Chapter of Accidents and Incidents—Rose Maybud Breaks Her Back and Is Dispatched—To-day's Card.

	First.	Second.	Third.	Time.
Trial Stakes	Objection	Min Palmer	Bledsoe	1.20¼
Queen's Plate	Kitestring	La Blanche	Flip Flap	2.22
Woodbine C.	Mackenzie	Repeater	.....	10.02
The Carslake	Pericles	Redfellow	S'heim'n	2.45
Breeders' Stk.	Periwinkle	Bon Bon	Vesper B	.....
Helter Skelter	Mackenzie	Valour	Sl'kaway	3.00

POSTPONEMENT IS not always the worst thing that can happen a race meeting. A wet afternoon is infinitely worse. The Ontario Jockey Club, however, suffered a little from both these contingencies for the opening day of their May meeting. But nevertheless the event was auspicious, the attendance was large, the ladies turned out en masse, vice-royalty raced the grand stand, the sport was good, the bookmakers thrived notwithstanding their tax of $150 per diem; and barring a few accidents—when was there a race meeting where steeplechasing is one of the important factors that it was otherwise?—the O.J.C. has no reason to complain of the patronage bestowed upon it, the owners and trainers have naught to say of the purses hung up, and the public, the great general public, should be well satisfied with the bill of fare.

True the weather was not all that could be desired, for towards the hour for ringing up the first race, 2¼ p.m., the sky looked gloomy; dark clouds floated over the five or six thousand people who surged around the bookies, filled the stands or made up sweepstakes within the newly-sodded enclosures allotted to members and invited guests. At times the elements tried real hard to make it uncomfortable for those who went to the track without umbrellas and rain coats, but the worst they could do was to bestow a few intermittent showers, not enough, however, to interfere with the carrying out of the full card; and all was over by a few minutes after 6. The horses suffered far more than the visitors, for on the flat they had to work on a very heavy track, while the jumpers did their part over soggy cross-country stretches, which at places was little short of a mire. The unsettled weather, too, no doubt somewhat interfered with the gate receipts; it certainly did with some of the ladies' spring toilets.

A Notable Gathering of Race-Goers.

The gathering was a representative one, old admirers of the turf were there by the score. The chief executive of the Dominion led the van: Lord Stanley of Preston is a devout patron not only of horse racing but of all out-door sports. The bench, the bar, the professions generally, business circles, the man of pleasure, the fair sex, and followers of fortune or misfortune on the racetrack were there in about numbers. But probably the most distinguished turfman in the assembly was Mr. A. J. Cassatt of Philadelphia, the owner of a grand string of racers, a magnificent stud, and the vice-president of Pennsylvania. He had been in the city since Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Cassatt and Mr. Rudolph Ellis, also of Philadelphia. Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton and other points sent strong delegations; Montreal was especially well represented.

The Vice-Regal Box was occupied by Lord Stanley, Hon. Edward Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Hon. J. B. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Patteson, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Col. and Mrs. Sweny.

Among the Montreal contingent were Judge M. Tait and Miss Tait (the Judge is the father of our own Superintendent Tait), B. J. and Mrs. Coghlan (Mr. Coghlan never misses a Toronto meeting), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allan, H. Montague Allan, Percival C. St. George (City Surveyor), H. Joseph, Duncan S. McIntyre, W. C. McIntyre, J. W. B. Davis, J. Vannecik, J. P. Dawes, Alexander McArthur, A. R. McDonald, J. S. Bullick, F. Fairman, H. R. Ives, J. C. McCormack, Charles McEachran, F. R. Batterberg, George McKinnon, George Gillespie, John S. Hall, jr., H. N. Powis, Walter E. Lyman, P. D. McPherson, E. W. Riley, F. T. Campbell, D. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caverhill, Fred W. McGee, J. S. Robertson.

The Capital was represented by Mr. William and Miss Josie Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. "Ned" Skead, C. H. Mackintosh, M.P., Miss Maude Mackintosh, Neil Stewart, Mr. Thompson and others. Mrs. Skead was voted to be the handsomest dressed lady in the stand, her costume being particularly appropriate for a race meeting.

The "sporting contingent" from Ottawa was made up of Mr. "Billy" Moore, Mr. "Jim" Leslie, C. S. Lee, Alex. Gordon and Mr. "Spider" Esmond, the latter being taken in hand by his old friend the West End chemist.

The Hendrie party from Hamilton was strong as to numbers as usual, well horsed and carriaged (if the term is admissable). There were Mr. and Mrs. William (president of the O.J.C.) Hendrie, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hendrie, Miss Hendrie, Miss Annie Hendrie, George M. Hendrie and S. Hendrie (Detroit) and the numerous young gentlemen Hendries from the Ambitious City. Mrs. and Mrs. T. H. Stinson (the gentleman who is going to give the Provincial Secretary a great wrestle or his seat), Supt. Charles Sheriff, "Regie" Kennedy, ex-Mayor J. Roach, Brewer "Jim" Lottridge, well-known citizens of Hamilton, were also on hand.

The Man from Manitoba and the Member from Alberta.

Hon. Thomas Greenway was there, chaperoned by Commodore T. McGaw, who between sweepstakes gave the "Man from Manitoba" pointers as to how to people his province, that being the Premier's present mission in life.

"Who else?" did you say. Why there was Mr. D. W. Davis, M.P. This is the black-whiskered gentleman who represents Alberta in the House of Commons. He is a native of Vermont, who sought fame and wealth in the Canadian Northwest, both of which he obtained, and is a member of the well-known trading firm of I. G. Baker & Co. Mr. Davis lives at Fort Macleod. He is a rustler, as they say in the boundless west, has followed the fortunes of the cowboy, and can give the genuine war dance with true effect.

Among the other visitors from out of town were M. B. Williams, P. Tower, A. R. Hargraft, Roddy Pringle, Cobourg; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stairs, Halifax; Dr. John Ferguson, M.P., Welland; G. E. Boston, Quebec; E. D. Boswell, River du Loup; John Davis, Windsor.

Coming down to our folks there was a grand turnout. The bench was represented by that veteran race-goer Sir Thomas Galt, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and Mr. Justice Osler; the bar by such bright lights as D'Alton McCarthy, M.P., Walter Barwick, G. F. Shepley, A. H. Marsh, Q.C., J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Adam Creelman, J. C. Clarke, Wallace Nesbitt, "Judge" Morson, William Mulock, M.P., W. G. McWilliams, Nicol Kingsmill, Q.C., J. J. Foy, Q.C., John Leys, Hector Cameron, Q.C., Dugald MacMurchy. Others present were Hon. Frank Smith (one of the vice-presidents), T. C. Patteson (the other), Edmund Wragge, Frank Turner, C. E. A. R. Boswell, Col. Dawson, G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., John Small, M.P., Major Harrison, R. W. Patterson (Her Majesty's typefounder), W. A. Murray, W. T. Murray, Ald. Dodds, D. M. Defoe, George Hastings, A. M. Cosby, S. Nordheimer, Dr. Ryerson, Frederick Wyld, Mr. Fauquier, W. S. Lee, H. N. Baird, John Foy, James E. Smith, Andrew Darling, Charles Riordon, C. A. Pipon, Adam Armstrong, Mr. Thwaite, Cecil Gibson (with the first white plug of the season), James Carruthers, Bruce Macdonald, G. W. Yarker, Quetton St. George, Dr. Charles O'Reilly, W. T. Jennings, D. S. Lauder, James Morrison, Robert Crean, Fred Polson, J. B. Muller, Dr. Baldwin, G. W. McMichael, Capt. Heward, A. W. Godson, ex-Ald. David Walker, Henry Duggan, W. C. Crowther, George Crawford.

Among the Ladies.

Among our own ladies were Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Yarker, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. D. Walker, Miss McCarthy, Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Miss A. B. Cameron, Miss Walker, Miss Arthurs, Mrs. H. Ryan, Miss Ryan, Miss Fannie Smith, Mrs. Henry Duggan, Mrs W. S. Lee, the Misses Lee, Mrs. W. C. Crowther, Miss Rachel Lee, Mrs. D. Armour, Miss Spratt, Mrs. W. Mulock, Miss Cawthra, Mrs. E. S. Cox and Miss Cox, Miss Beardmore, Miss Michie, the Misses Crean, Mrs George Crawford, Mrs. Warren, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. C. Riordon, Miss Walker. The costumes of the ladies were exquisite and it was a noticeable fact that there were many of them not behind their escorts in making up a friendly sweepstakes just to make the event interesting.

The officers and officials of the day were:

Chief Cook—T. C. Patteson.

Assistants—J. H. Mead, Dr. A. Smith, G. W. Torrance, Lyndhurst Ogden.

Judges—Lord Stanley, J. H. Mead, T. C. Patteson, Wm. Hendrie, A. J. Cassatt.

Starters—J. Stanton, A. W. Smith.

Clerk of Scales—T. W. Jones; assistant, C. T. Mead.

Timers—Wm. Christie, Charles Brown.

The turnout of carriages and horseflesh was something above the ordinary. Mr. "Bob" Bond's big drag was carted briskly along by four prancing chestnuts, two wheelers and two leaders. Mr. Bond himself held the ribbons, and he had for passengers Lord Stanley, the Philadelphians and some of the Montreal visitors. The Hamilton four-in-hand was missing, but a trio of elegant double teams took its place.

THE RACES WERE FIRST-CLASS

Notwithstanding Many Accidents and a Sticky Track—The Bockies.

The track was sticky, which accounts for the general slow time made. A very slight sprinkling of rain fell about 2.30, after Dr. Smith had led the parade around the ring. The sport may be said on the whole to have been first-class. The most exciting and best race on the card was undoubtedly the Carslake Handicap. The finish must have satisfied the oldest patron and everyone was pleased as the favorite Pericles managed to get there.

There were half-a-dozen mishaps, chief of which was the fatal accident to Rose Maybud in the race for the Guineas, when the Woodstock mare broke her back and was subsequently despatched. Her rider, Douglas, had his collar bone broken and was removed to the Hospital. Before starting the same race the ugly-tempered Aide-de-Camp threw his jockey and rolled over him, but the hardy Butler was soon up and rode in a couple of subsequent events.

It was a ludicrous sight to see a mounted policeman chasing the runaway Bonnie Gertrude, who had thrown Mattocks in the closing steeplechase. The horse would allow the officer to approach, but in clearing the track rolled over the fence as did the copper's horse, leaving "one of the finest" a sorry spectacle indeed. Mattocks had one of his legs slightly injured.

The crowd was permitted to cross the track and stand inside, threatening serious danger to the steeplechasers. Indeed, an individual barely avoided Repeater in the Woodbine chase, which might have resulted disastrously to both intruder and the runner.

Six bookmakers did business at the track. They were: O'Neill & Co., Brown & Co., Wood & Co., Forbes & Frankland, Maloney & Co. and Davis & Co. On account of the lateness of starting there was plenty of betting on the first race. Bledsoe started at 6 to 5, but the eager demand for tickets sent him to the post a hot favorite. The bookies had not much confidence in Rose Maybud and 3 to 5 said she would not get a place. They at first refused to refund on tickets purchased on Evangeline, but on orders from the committee were compelled to do so. A few lucky individuals bought up Redfellow early and were well rewarded, the betting starting on him at 3 to 1. The bookies were very slow in giving odds on the last race, it being apparently a deep mystery to them.

The Flag Drops for a Start.

The bugler sounded a merry call and every eye was turned towards the paddock. Joe Seagram's Objection had been galloping up and down with Bowman on his back. Minnie Palmer and Bledsoe were given rounds of applause as they cantered around to the ring. It was 2¾ when Starter Stanton dropped the flag at the ¾ scratch for the Trial Stakes.

THE TRIAL STAKES of $250, of which $50 to second; for all ages; maidens allowed. If 3 years old, 5 lbs; 4 years, 10 lbs; 5 years and upwards, 14 lbs. Winners of any race value $300 in 1889 or 1890 to carry 5 lbs. extra; ⅞ mile.

J. E. Seagram's ch h Objection, 4, by Mask—Cinderella, 127.....Bowman 1
W. Hendrie's ch m Minnie Palmer, 4, by Luke Blackburn—Tom Boy, 117.....Shaner 2
Wellington Stable's ch h Bledsoe, 4, by Panerold—Ida Lewis, 127.....Coleman 3
C. Phair's b f Periwinkle, 4, by Peregrine—Lizzie Jeffrey, 95.....Snyder 0
E. Dolleron's b g Hanover, a, by Terror—Sun unknown, 119.....C. O'Leary 0
M. Gorman & Co.'s ch f Ida Girl, 4, by Luke Blackburn—Castilla, 100.....Carter 0
J. P. Dawes' br g Duke of Bourbon, 4, by Duke of Magenta—Edith, 129.....Doyle 0
J. R. Martin's br m Infanta, 4, by Brazil—Lady Mitchell 102.....Harper 0

Time 1.20¼.

Betting: Bledsoe 4 to 5, Minnie Palmer 7 to 5, Objection 8 to 5, Ida Girl 8 to 1, Periwinkle 6 to 1, Duke of Bourbon 7 to 1, Hanover 15 to 1.

The Race: After three false starts, when Bledsoe and Objection were invariably off first, the flag finally fell. The same horses got away in front, Bledsoe first showing, with Minnie Palmer right on the heels of Joe Seagram's horse. Hanover, Ida Girl and Periwinkle were struggling for last place. This position was kept until the stretch was reached. Then Objection forged to the front and had the race easy. Minnie Palmer passed Bledsoe, notwithstanding Coleman's vigorous efforts half-way up, and finished second. Periwinkle came in fourth, Hanover fifth, Ida Girl sixth and Duke of Bourbon bringing up the trail. Infanta never was in it.

Kitestring Captures the Guineas.

THE QUEEN'S PLATE of 50 guineas, for all ages, for horses owned, bred and raised in the Province of Ontario that have never won public money, added to a conditional sweepstake, payable $5 at the time of entry, Feb. 1, 1890, and an additional $5 unless declared out on or before May 1, 1890. The club will give $75 to the second horse and $25 to the third, plate and stakes to winner; 1¼ miles.

T. D. Hodgens' bl m Kitestring, 3, by Strachino—Curcolima, 101.....Coleman 1
A. E. Gates' ch m La Blanche, 4, by Caligula—Blanche Chapman, 117.....A. E. Gates 2
Orkney Stable's b m Flip Flap, 4, by Blenkiron—Nettie, 127.....Gorman 3
Col. Milligan's b h Aide-de-Camp, 5, by Milesian—Morena, 136.....Rowan 0
G. Kennedy's ch g Johnny Hunter, a, by Clear Grit—Lady Lightfoot, 126.....Reardon 0
J. R. Martin's b h Dom Pedro, 4, by Brazil—Ethel, 122.....Harkley 0
H. S. Douglass' br f Rose Maybud, 4, by Strachino—Simoon, 117.....Douglass 0

Time 2.22.

Betting: La Blanche 4 to 5, Rose Maybud and Kitestring 6 to 5, Flip Flap 3 to 5, Aide-de-Camp 10 to 1, Dom Pedro 12 to 1, Johnnie Hunter 20 to 1.

The Race: It took a mighty effort for the starters to get the horses away together. La Blanche had her place next the outside with Flip Flap the farthest from her. Kitestring was sandwiched in between Rose Maybud and Dom Pedro. The horses could not get away together. "Now, you come right back here," shouted Mr. Stanton to Butler. Away broke Aide-de-Camp up the stretch and the ugly brute threw her rider as stated above. Rowan was weighed in and had more trouble with the treacherous son of Milesian. The bugle sounded and everybody cried, "Here they come." True to her supporters La Blanche was first off with Kitestring second and Flip Flap third, followed by Dom Pedro, Aide-de-Camp, Rose Maybud and Johnny Hunter in the order named. Passing the stand Kitestring was right on the heels of Allie Gates' mare and Flip Flap still third. Dom Pedro had replaced the last named at the quarter and thus the four first flyers remained across the field. Coleman gave Kitestring her rein at the three quarters and came abreast with the leader and Flip Flap got ahead of Dom Pedro. Maybud made an effort to replace Mr. Martin's entry which cost her her life. It was at the opposite corner that she took an awful fall on her head and shoulders, broke her own back and the collar bone of Douglass, her rider. When the mile was finished Flip Flap was up to second place with the London mare on her flank. This way they entered the home stretch and almost in a bunch. Half way up Kitestring was let out and easily took the lead, which Allie Gates made a giant effort to regain, but in vain. Flip Flap was a fair third, Aide-de-Camp was fourth and Johnny Hunter fifth. Dom Pedro did not finish.

Mackenzie First Over the Hurdles.

THE WOODBINE STEEPLECHASE of $400, of which $75 to second and $25 to third; 28 pounds above the scale; winners of a steeplechase value $350, 3 lbs. extra; of two such, 5 lbs.; maidens across the country allowed 5 lbs., and half-breds allowed 5 lbs.; about 2½ miles.

Bayview Stable's b g Mackenzie, a, by Legatee—Mary, 148.....Flair 1
A. Shields' b g Repeater, a, by Revolver—Regards, 164.....Rowan 2
A. E. Gates' ch m Evangeline, 6, by Long Taw—Lady Albert 148.....Hamilton 0

Time 10.02.

Betting: Evangeline 3 to 5, Mackenzie 7 to 5, Repeater 3 to 1.

The Race: Everybody expected Evangeline would easily go over the hurdles ahead of the other two, but not being at the post the judges sent off Mackenzie and Repeater without her and fined her owner $10. This was a severe disappointment to the stand. Repeater took the lead at the start and held it until every jump was cleared. Just before entering the lower turn Mackenzie shot past and cantered up the stretch a winner, Rowan pulling up in front of the stand.

A Great Race and Exciting Finish.

THE CARSLAKE HANDICAP $1000, of which $200 to second and $100 to third; for 3-year-olds and upwards; $5 to accompany entry, and $15 additional for horses not declared out by May 1; winners after the publication of weights (April 15), once 5 lbs. extra, twice 7 lbs.; 1⅛ miles.

Pytchley Stable's b g Pericles, a, by Strachino—Grecian, Maid 120.....Steeds 1
J. P. Dawes' b h Redfellow, 4, by Longfellow—Red Woman, 120.....Gorman 2
J. E. Seagram's ch c Stonemason, 5, by Stonenmpe—Lady Buckley, 112.....Wise 3
W. Hendrie's ch h Gladiator, 5, by Glen Athol—Letitia, 118.....Shaner 0
Wellington Stable's ch g Echo, a, by Osceola—Sunshine, 109.....Coleman 0
J. E. Seagram's g g Felix, a, by Fonso—Lucy Lake, 105.....Forester 0
M. Gorman & Co's ch f Sallie O, 4, Pat Malloy—Lady Olive, 112.....C. O'Leary 0
W. Moore's b h Remsen, 4, by King Alfonso—Anxiety, 118.....Butler 0

Time 2.46.

Betting: Redfellow 2 to 5, Pericles 6 to 5, Gladiator 2 to 1, Stonemason 12 to 5, Sallie O 8 to 1, Echo 5 to 1, Felix 6 to 1, Remsen 7 to 1.

The Race: Pericles got away first and Stonemason second with Redfellow third and Sallie O. fourth. Rounding the lower turn the positions were unchanged. Passing the stand the racers were in this order: Pericles, Stonemason, Redfellow, Gladiator, Remsen, Felix, Echo and Sallie O. Felix and Sallie O. changed places rounding the upper turn, and at the back Stonemason and Pericles were battling for the lead. At the opposite corner the Pytchley Stable's entry had dropped back to third place and Redfellow was in front, Gladiator fourth, Echo fifth with Remsen, Felix and Sallie O. bringing up the rear in the order named. Just before entering the stretch Stonemason passed Pericles, and Redfellow was still in front. In this order they tore up the stretch. At the betting ring Mr. Seagram's colt was passed by Pericles. The crowd yelled "Redfellow, Redfellow, the race is Redfellow." But it was not to be. Steeds applied the lash most vigorously and with telling effect. Passing the press box the horses were more and more bunched and in the next few yards the Montreal horse forged ahead barely enough for the judges to award him the prize of honor. Stonemason had shot his bolt and could do no better than finish third. Gladiator, whom a great many fancied, was fourth, Echo fifth, Felix sixth, Sallie O. seventh and the Ottawa son of King Alfonso saw them all home.

Periwinkle, as Everybody Expected.

THE BREEDERS' STAKE, sweepstakes for 3-year-olds foaled in the Dominion of Canada, $20 each; $10 to be paid at the time of entry, with an additional $5 for starters; $300 added, of which $75 to second and third to save his stake; winners, 5 lbs. extra; 1⅛ miles.

A. Sinclair's b f Periwinkle, by Peregrine—Miss Jeffrey, 117.....Snyder 1
J. E. Seagram's br m Bon Bon, by Strachino—Bonnie Dic, 117.....Wise 2
A. Shields' b g Vesper Bell, by Newcourt—Miss Vanquish, 117.....Butler 3

No time taken.

Betting: Periwinkle 8 to 10, Bon Bon 8 to 5, Vesper Bell 3 to 1.

The Race: There were only three starters in the Breeders' Stake. Periwinkle took the lead and held it throughout, winning easily with ease. Bon Bon was sandwiched in during the whole race, finishing second, Vesper Bell coming home several lengths behind.

Mackenzie a Double Winner.

THE HELTER-SKELTER STEEPLECHASE of $200, of which $50 to second, $25 to third; the last two divided between second and third, winners of a race value $300 to carry weight 168 lbs; maidens accordingly allowed 5 lbs, half breds allowed 5 lbs; short course.

Bayview Stable's b g Mackenzie, a, by Legatee—Mary, 138.....Flair 1
Wellington Stable's br h Valour, a, by Virgil—Sister to Jim Dandy, 168.....Smith 2
H. Paton's b g Sickaway, 6, by St. Martin—Hypatia, 168.....Graver 3
G. F. Sharpe's b g Foundling, 4, by Orphan Boy—Diana, 159.....Hamilton 0
C. Pettey's b m Bonnie Gertrude, 5, by Lord Byron—Blink Bonny, 158.....Mattocks 0

Time 3 min.

Betting: Sickaway 7 to 5, Mackenzie even, Foundling and Valour 8 to 1, Bonnie Gertrude 6 to 1.

The Race was a procession for Mackenzie, who took the start with Foundling second, Sickaway third, Bonnie Gertrude fourth and Valour the last horse. After cantering and deavoring to shake off Valour Bonnie Gertrude made a bad attempt to clear the water jump, stumbled and threw Mattocks off her back. This was when the copper's chase took place. On the opposite side Sickaway fell, but Graver remounted before the horse was up and received a cheer. This put the Montreal horse out of the chase and the contest was between Mackenzie and Valour, as Foundling balked at the stand and pirouetted ungracefully. Mackenzie galloped up the stretch an easy winner as he had done in the third race.

The Successful Kitestring.

Kitestring, the winner of Her Majesty's Guineas, was bred by her present owner, Mr. T. D. Hodgens, the ex-Mayor of London, at his stables in the Forest City and is a pretty black mare three years old, by the celebrated sire Strachino out of Curcolima. When a yearling the late "Billy" Owens purchased her for $200, posting a forfeit. Mr. Owens died shortly after the bargain was made and Mr. Hodgens agreed to take back the mare that on Saturday acquitted herself so nobly. She has since remained in Mr. Hodgens' stable and started in Saturday's race a maiden. Lord Stanley heartily congratulated Mr. Hodgens on his success after the race.

Woodbine Whispers.

Mr. Cassatt and his party and the Hamilton party left the city about 8 o'clock Saturday evening by special train. From Hamilton Mr. Cassatt went to Eastwood to spend Sunday with Mr. Patteson.

The Governor-General left Saturday evening for Quebec.

Messrs. Gilman and Bryan issued the neat and correct card.

There was a great deal of kicking about the Carslake on account of a "nigger" bet of $400 between the owners of Sallie O and Echo, as to where their respective horses would finish. Outsiders put up enough to make the bet $500 a side. It was claimed that Echo fouled Sallie O. at the post. Neither of them was placed, but Echo was in before Sallie. There is a rank kick among the parties to the wager, and the stakeholder refuses to give up the money. Some of those who backed other horses than Pericles, the winner, say they lost their money on account of this bet and the alleged foul.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAM.

The Candidates for Six Events of This Afternoon's Card.

The racing will be continued at Woodbine this afternoon, the first event being an-

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A Thin Skinned Colonel.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 24.—Col. Ferrar has taken offence at an editorial in The Sun referring to him as "invincible in peace and invisible in war," and has challenged Editor W. G. Smith to fight with pistols, swords or fists.

A SUNDAY POLITICAL SHINDY

DISGRACEFUL SCENES AND NOISY MEN AT ST. VINCENT HALL.

The Outcome of the Attempt to Put a Catholic Candidate in the Field—The Police Called in to Eject Trespassers—George Evans, the Ghost of Public Meetings "Distinguishes" Himself.

The Catholics of Toronto have no reason to congratulate either the promoters of the meeting held yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Hall, at Shuter and Victoria-streets, or those who attended it. The proceedings were such as to disgrace any community having the slightest respect for the sanctity of the Sabbath. Ex-Ald. George Evans, the man who haunts public meetings with a constancy almost amounting to mania, took the opportunity of making a rabid political speech. Pretending to deprecate the desecration of the Sabbath for any such purpose as the one for which the meeting had been called, he redoubled the desecration he so much decryed by pouring torrents of abuse on the Conservatives and lauding Mr. Mowat and his Government to the skies. The meeting showed its disgust by refusing to hear him further, and if he had not stopped when he did the indications were strong that he would have been forcibly removed from the platform.

And in order to hold the meeting in St. Vincent's Hall the promoters of the farce were compelled to sin against the law by committing forcible entry. The caretaker, Michael Quinn, refused to allow them in without an order from James Ryan, chairman of the Hall Committee, but the lock was picked in some mysterious fashion, and the meeting continued until the arrival of the police, who had been summoned to eject the intruders. The behavior of not a few present savored too much of the ward politician to meet with approval.

And the Door Suddenly Oped.

In response to Patrick Boyle's circular, which called the meeting for 3 o'clock, fully 200 Catholics from all parts of the city gathered on the sidewalk long before that hour. The difficulty about getting in delayed matters another half hour, by which time the impatient audience had swollen to fully 400. Among the crowd were: Eugene O'Keefe, Senator O'Donohoe, N. Murphy, Q.C., John Stormont, J. L. Troy, Dan Kelly, Dan Kennedy, J. W. Kennedy, John Ryan, James Ryan, Charles Burns, D. E. Kaffey, Pat Finnigan, C. P. Archabold, F. O'Connor, D. P. Cahill, Dick Dissette, Charles O'Mahoney, P. Curran, James Gilmore, P. Boyle, Tom Tracy, Dan Hartnett, James Byrne, James Boyle, Charles Murch, William Ryan, Bernard O'Byrne, J. P. Sullivan, the two John O'Connors, M. O'Halloran, P. Bonner, Hon. T. W. Anglin, P. Foley, P. Egan, W. J. Smith, George Harding, Ed. Fitzgerald, J. J. Cosgrove, M. Kielty, William Burns.

In justice to Mr. Boyle it must be stated that he was no party to the surreptitious opening of the hall. He had returned from the meeting of the last at the door, and was announcing from the steps that the meeting would have to be adjourned owing to the hall not being obtainable when the door behind him opened under the touch of Caretaker Quinn, who owed much to bearing the author of the circular on its crest. Mr. Boyle was in the act of explaining to the meeting that it was necessary to elect a chairman when in rushed Caretaker Quinn in a high state of excitement. Approaching Mr. Boyle he exclaimed:

"You are trespassing here. Get right out. There will be no meeting here."

Mr. Boyle: "Now, you be quiet; that is a good man."

Mr. Quinn: "I won't be quiet. Now go out or I will have the police put you out."

As neither Mr. Boyle nor the audience gave any indication of "getting a move on," he telephoned to fetch his threat. He did bring in two stalwart officers, but they arrived too late to be of practical benefit, as the meeting had adjourned some five minutes previous to their advent.

Mr. Charles Burns Takes the Chair.

After a little cross-firing and back talk Charles Burns was elected to the chair and D. K. Haffey made secretary.

There were cries for Mr. Boyle, and he mounted the platform to explain his position and the reason why he had issued his circular. "I have been asked, gentlemen," he said, "you saw the circular I have issued. It was published in some of the city papers. [A voice: "How much did you get for it?"] I would just like to say to that gentleman, whose name I do not know," continued Mr. Boyle, "that I have been some 30 years in Toronto and no one can impeach my political honesty. I make this explanation in justice to the gentleman, being convinced that he does not know me. I do not deny that sometimes I may have been wrong in what I have done; but I have this excuse, that I thought I was right. I do not think that it would be wise at the present juncture to bring up the question of the treasurer on account of the near approach of the elections, but I think the time has come for us to join hands and form such an organization as will enable us to demand that recognition from both political parties we at present denied us. What we have to decide is whether we will continue mere voting machines for the parties or assert ourselves. I am willing to confess that at present it would be unfair to a Catholic to ask him to stand for the House on such short notice. [Cheers.]

Denouncing a Sunday Meeting.

Mr. O'Keefe censured Mr. Boyle for calling the meeting for Sunday. "Are there not other days of the week," he said, "which would have filled the bill? I am happy to hear that at the last moment Mr. Boyle has concluded that a nominee would not be in order. Of course I knew from the first if there had been a candidate put in the field it could only be from a sinister motive, simply done to injure one of the political parties. I think that the people right here should show their disapprobation of this meeting being called for Sunday. [Cheers and cries of "Yes, yes."] I know those who ought to have been consulted, who are high up in power—["Name!" "Name!"]—are highly indignant at the proceeding." [Cheers.]

Mr. W. J. Smith of the West End also heartily condemned the Sunday meeting and wound up by formulating this resolution, which was seconded by ex-Ald. Evans:

That the present is an inopportune time for the nomination of any Catholic gentlemen of this city to enter the coming contest for seats in the Provincial Legislature; that such nomination would be inexpedient on the grounds of nearness of elections taking place as they do, eleven days hence, consequently the Catholic electors of this city as well as their nominee would be placed at a cruel disadvantage, inasmuch as Catholic voters throughout the city are already distinctly pledged to one or other of the already named candidates; therefore to support such Catholic nominee they (the Catholics) would have to stultify themselves.

The West End Crank Severely Sat On.

As the seconder of the resolution Mr. Evans made one of the rankest speeches on record. It was Grit from start to finish and did not touch upon the subject of the resolution in one particular. He spoke of the "grand old Liberal party" and the "bigoted Tory," hinted that the meeting was a "Tory" scheme to injure the "grand old Liberal party," and worked himself into a white heat in his denunciation of the Conservatives. He met with his reward. He was hissed from start to finish, called down, told to shut up and requested to drop politics. So rampant in fact was his harangue that Mr. Smith, whose motion he was seconding, got ashamed of his backer and closed up his eloquence by moving an adjournment. The good sense of the meeting saw the point, and to the platform haunter's great chagrin he saw that his hour had come.

But the meeting did not end quite here. The chairman tried to put the Smith motion after Mr. Evans had subsided, but it was no use. The meeting would have none of it. Then a funny scene took place. D. P. Cahill handed The World a copy of a resolution he would have put under happier circumstances. Mark Kielty tried to grab it out of the reporter's hands, declaring it should not be published, but was compelled to take a bluff. It was a noticeable fact that neither Senator O'Donohoe nor Mr. N. Murphy took any share in the debate, in fact if they entered the hall at all they left quietly about the time Evans got the floor. Just as the meeting broke up Caretaker Quinn arrived on the scene with the two policemen, a diversion which materially assisted in the clearing of the hall.

Resolutions Which Would Have Been Put.

Mr. Boyle handed The World this amendment to Mr. Smith's motion, which he would have placed in the hands of the chairman had opportunity offered:

Resolved: that owing to the shortness of the time between this and the day of election, it would be placing a Catholic candidate at a disadvantage to nominate him at this juncture for the Local Legislature. But this meeting is strongly of opinion that the policy hitherto adopted by the political parties has been unfair and unjust to a large and influential section of the people of this city, whom they have studiously ignored in the matter of Parliamentary representation. That while not prepared at present to resent this wrong practically by nominating a candidate from our own body, we deem it an imperative duty on the part of Catholics to avail themselves of the strength that comes of union and earnestly recommend that the Catholic electorate of Toronto at once take measures looking to a mitigation of the grievances of which we justly complain and fair recognition in the representative positions of public life. That this result can only be secured by the formation of a society whose efforts should be directed to the accomplishment of Catholic representation, irrespective of party. That we believe it is the duty of Catholics, not only in this city, but throughout the province, to act together politically till such time as the prejudices which now operate to their almost total exclusion from the public life of the country are happily removed forever.;

Then Mr. Smith told The World that he had intended to present the following:

That in the opinion of the Catholics here assembled, That upon the approach of the Dominion elections it would be right and proper that such steps be taken in the matter of Catholic representation as would enable the not only placing in the field for such election one or more Catholic candidates to contest the City of Toronto, but that all essential to such successful issue be done; that such steps be taken at an such early date prior thereto as will be necessary to such desirable end, and that for such purpose a committee be now named.

Moved by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Gilmore:

That this meeting strongly condemns the system of race and creed representation, and is of the opinion that political parties founded on race and creed distinction are injurious to the best interests of Canada and ought not to be tolerated.

SATURDAY'S CONVENTIONS.

Russell Conservatives Put Up A Broder Against Robillard.

RUSSELL, May 24.—About 300 electors were present at the Conservative convention here to-day to select a candidate to contest Russell for the Assembly. A. Broder was selected to carry the party's standard in the coming fight.

Mr. Fraser Renominated.

BROCKVILLE, May 24.—At the Liberal convention held here to-day Hon. C. F. Fraser was renominated for the Ontario Assembly. He made an hour's speech to the convention.

GOOD-BYE, GARSON.

Lincoln Will Atone Its Disgrace by Returning Hiscott for the Local.

ST. CATHERINES, May 24.—Now that the Federal election is a thing of the past interest in the provincial contest had suddenly revived. It is pretty generally conceded, however, that Mr. Garson, who sat in the last assembly in consequence of a combination of Labor and Ministrial votes, will be replaced by Farmer Hiscott who will put the full conservative strength and also has a large following of Equal Rights. Well-informed observers place Hiscott's majority at 300, and the candidate himself says he expects to head the poll by 500.

Rykert's Cheap "Vindication."

ST. CATHARINES, May 24.—It was anticipated by that class of electors who always try to obtain compensation for loss of time in voting that they would have a good opportunity of being corrupted in the contest for the Dominion. They were doomed to disappointment, however, as Pattison did not spend much money on the free and independent and Rykert kept a tight hand on his provision for old age. At the outside his "vindication" didn't cost him over $5000 and the total is placed at $2000 by some keen observers on the inside.

A Hiscott Meeting at Niagara.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, May 24.—A meeting in the interests of Wm. Hiscott, the Equal Rights and Meredith candidate for the Assembly, was held here to-night. There was a large attendance and much enthusiasm. Dr. W. H. Montague, M.P., of Haldimand and Mr. Hiscott addressed the meeting. This town, which voted a tie in Friday's election for the Commons, will give Hiscott about 40 majority.

AN EXPLANATION IS IN ORDER.

Mr. Mowat Owes it to His Good Name And That of His Colleagues.

[From The Week, May 24.]

* * * To appoint an inferior man to any position requiring knowledge, skill or ability of a high order, because of his Canadian or provincial birth, would be, in our opinion, not only to violate sound economic principles, but to pay a very poor compliment and do a decided injury to the Canadian institution or profession concerned. But in this case, so far as appears, the opposite course was committed. * * * The gravamen of the charge is that after adopting the report of a committee of experts appointed to decide upon the merits of the plans submitted by competing architects, such report being to the effect that one of two plans should be accepted, the Government handed those two plans to Mr. Waite, himself one of the committee of experts, that he might report as to which of the two was preferable, and that, after long delay, Mr. Waite, instead of reporting in favor of either, made a report which resulted in the adoption of plans submitted by himself and in his being commissioned to erect the buildings. If it be further the fact that while the competing architects were strictly limited in regard to cost to $500,000 or thereabout, the plans accepted without competition from Mr. Waite involve a probable expenditure of something like $2,000,000, it is evident that a g