

of the English thoroughbred extends, and very often these accounts, like those of the celebrated Flying Childers, are very greatly exaggerated. Eclipse was foaled in 1804. When three years old Mr. William Wildman, his owner, ordered him trained, but he was so ill-tempered that no success was attained, notwithstanding the most patient efforts, and his owner was finally urged to geld him. There was a rough rider in the neighborhood who was engaged to conquer the ungovernable four-year-old, for he had now reached this age without ever having started in a race. His new groom and rider, for the fellow was both, and a poacher besides, rode the fiery charger off his legs, using him on business during daylight, and backed him in his poaching excursions at night. The rough treatment partly conquered the unruly spirit, and Eclipse became quiet enough to be trained. The spring he was five years old he ran his first race. It was on the 8rd day of April, 1769, that he won his maiden race, four-mile heats. He continued to race until the 8rd day of October, 1770, his last race having been run on that day. Between these dates he ran eighteen races, from two-mile heats to four-mile heats, and never lost a heat or a race. He never became a quiet horse, and the jockeys, Fitzpatrick and Oakley, one of whom always rode him, invariably contented themselves with a steady rein, and allowed him to take his own gait. He won eleven King's plates, carrying 168 lbs., which was one more than any other horse had ever won in England. Mr. O'Kelly, who purchased an interest in the great horse before his first race, and finally became the sole owner of him at 1,750 guineas, declared that he had realized from his racing more than £25,000, an enormous sum for that period. The great racer and sire died on the 27th of February, 1790, in the 26th year. Upon a post mortem examination his heart was taken out and placed upon the scales, and drew down 14 lbs., indicating, according to the theory of those learned in the anatomy of the equine kind, a great amount of endurance.

POOL-SELLING IN NEW YORK.

ADDITIONAL OPINIONS.

The New York Sportman, edited by Mr. Charles J. Foster, one of the best informed turf writers in America, speaks thus of the absence of pool-selling at Jerome Park:—"The general attendance, however, was not as great as we have often seen, but still it was good. The amiable twaddle of some of our contemporaries to the effect that the absence of pool-selling brings out what they call the respectable classes, is mere moonshine. It has not brought two people there who would not have been there if it had been possible to retain it, and its abolition has kept hundreds away. Besides this, the shameful interference of the corrupt, stupid, and mischievous crew, whose hypocritical antics at Albany have disgusted the people and disgraced the State, annoyed thousands of the most respectable men in America. They do not want to be treated as mere children, and have their personal liberty restrained in this matter by an unprincipled, avaricious gang, who play draw-poker in their bed-rooms, and have the voracity of land sharks for bribes. The moral pretence is the most preposterous humbug that ever was invented, except, perhaps, the pretended honesty of those who mouth and write about it. Nobody who visited Jerome Park ever knew anything about the pools save those who sought out that part of the grounds to which the business was confined. Our three pious neighbours who have clamored against it at times, and two of whom abjured their own doctrines in regard to the subject, know that well enough. In order to be alarmed by the pool-selling, they had to seek it out, and some of them displayed uncommon

led Dennis. Dennis is as ill-tempered, and his owner and trainer, Mr. Gervais, our enterprising carriage maker, says that 2:25 is nothing for him. Mr. Gervais also has the brown mare Belle of Montreal; she is a good one and can beat 2:30. There are a number of other trotters in training at the same place, notably, the fine stallion colt Judge Dewitt, by a son of Ethan Allen, and owned by Mr. Smith, of this place. The Judge is very speedy and has fine action, and Mr. Duffinell, his able trainer, thinks that by fall he will be a mover. Duff, also, has a fine young bay gelding, by St. Lawrence, owned by Mr. Beatty, that can trot in 3:00 and several other youngsters all in good form and looking well. Over at Longueuil, Montreal's Brooklyn, there are a number of good ones in training. Mr. Langevin's stable is as follows: The chestnut mare Village Girl, owned by Mr. Planter, can beat 2:30 handy and looks fit to trot for a man's life. Chestnut gelding, owned by Mr. Levine, is a fine colt and can beat 2:50. Bay gelding Orphan Boy, by Black Hawk, is a fine colt with a promise of great speed; can beat 2:45; he is owned by Dr. McGowan. Mr. Langevin also has several youngsters that can beat 3:00. Mr. Beauchamp has two good ones, bay gelding City Boy, owned by Messrs. Mayer and Charbonneau, is one of the best shaped horses in Canada; he is very speedy, and could he finish his miles as well as he begins them, he would trot in 2:26. The other is a gray gelding Safe, owned by Mr. Beauchamp; Safe has not got a very good reputation, for he generally sulks on the last quarter. The two game and fast little trotters Drummer Boy and Farmer Boy are in training at the establishment of their owner, Mr. T. Lesage, at St. Therese; they are known to be very fast, but have been kept quiet this spring. The boss road mare, White Rose, owned by Mr. Geo. F. Phelps, is not in training, but is used for buggy driving.

Correspondence.

LISTOWELL.—Some of the horsemen in this town, feeling the need of a driving park, have purchased a plot of thirteen acres, and are now busily engaged in fencing it and making the track. They expect to have it completed by the 12th of July, and propose holding their inaugural meeting about the 1st of September. Further notice will be given of the exact date. The Park is beautifully situated at the east end of the town, and, when completed, will be one of the best half-mile tracks in Ontario. Messrs. Bolls & Henderson, who are the owners, are energetic business men, and the lovers of the turf can rely upon getting due courtesy and consideration shown them. From its location, Listowell should have one of the most successful meetings in the Western Ontario circuit, and we have no doubt but it will. Gil De Boy, the property of Stephen McLean, of this town, is making a good season. At the conclusion of the season Mr. McLean intends to fit him for the course again. George Brown, the well-known Royal George, is in this section and has met with remarkable success. Several of the "sports" seem to be sunnimering here, and are anxiously awaiting for something to turn up.—T. OTTAWA.—Hardly anything in the way of sport having occurred lately, I have little to write about, but will send you all the news I have. On Wednesday, June 3rd, the stud of His Excellency the Governor General were brought to the hammer, but very few buyers were on hand, and times being hard the prices realized were small. The first on the list was a bay gelding of good appearance, which was knocked down to Mr. Williams for \$140. A black gelding of great style and action fell to the bid of Mr. Edward S. Read, price \$180. Mr. Harris took his mate at \$70; and lastly came a chestnut mare, the property of Captain Hamilton, A.

SPRING MEETING AT OSHAWA.

OSHAWA, June 6—\$150. Trotting, 2:48 class. \$100, 50. J Bradburn, g g Monk Boy..... 4 5 2 1 1 1 W Slack, br m Lillian..... 0 2 3 2 4 2 W Kennedy, ch g Avenue Boy.... 0 4 1 3 2 dis J Fleming, ch m Jenny Vincent... 3 1 6 6 3 dis C Ray, gr m Queen..... 6 6 5 5 dis R Russell, spt g Cool Burgess.... 5 3 4 4 dis Time—2:45, 0:00, 0:00, 2:43, 2:40, 2:40. Same Day—\$100. Running, half-mile heats, for Dom.-breds. \$70, 20, 10. P Murphy, ch g John Logan, 6 yrs, by Al-landale, dam by Wait-a-while..... 1 1 F Martin, ch g Pilot, 6 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot..... 2 2 Time—52, :53. June 7—\$175. Trotting, 2:35 class. \$100, 50, 25. W Staples, b g Barlow..... 1 3 2 1 1 A F Lee, ch g Little Ethan..... 3 1 1 3 3 J Clark, ch g Uncle Ned..... 2 2 3 2 2 Time—2:37, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 0:00. Same Day—\$5 sweepstake, with \$15 added. Trotting. For County horses. Owner's blk g Black Jack..... 2 1 1 1 Owner's blk m Lady Roe..... 1 2 2 2 Owner's ch g White Tail..... dis Time—3:15, 3:03, 0:00, 0:00. D. LEPINE PARK, MONTREAL, SPRING MEETING. LEPINE PARK, Montreal, June 11—\$50. Trotting, for beer-driver's horses. \$30, 15, 5. T Hogue, br g Garcon du Village..... 1 1 1 L Lecroix, b g L'oiseau Rouge..... 2 2 2 J Domprouse, br g Porter..... dis Time—3:06, 3:01, 3:04. Same Day—\$100. Running, mile heats. \$75, 25. J Lawlor, br g Noll, 6 yrs, by Asteroid, dam by Australian..... 1 1 J P Dawes, b g Baronet..... 2 dis Time—1:53, 1:53. Same Day—\$150. Trotting, 2:35 class. \$90, 45, 15. E Plante, ch m Village Girl..... 1 1 1 D Gervais, br m Belle of Montreal..... 2 2 2 Time—2:33, 2:37, 2:34. June 12—\$50. Trotting, for butchers horses. \$30, 15, 5. Alphonse Monique, b h Tabb..... 1 1 1 P Mallette, Belle of Hochelaga..... 2 2 2 Geo Martineau, c m American Girl.... 3 3 3 No time. Same Day—\$100. Running, dash of two miles. \$75, 25. J Lawlor, b h Aerolite, aged, by Asteroid, dam Edith..... 1 Owner's filly, by Thunder..... 2 J Watkins, b h Young Niagara..... 3 No time. Same Day—\$100. Trotting, 2:30 class. \$60, 30, 10. D Gervais, br m Belle of Montreal..... 1 1 1 C Piskard blk m Beloeil Speed..... 2 3 3 N Pinard, ch m Princess..... 3 2 dr No time. June 13—\$50. Trotting. Green race. \$30, 15, 5. Owner's ch m City Girl..... 1 2 1 1 Owner's blk g Wait-a-Minute..... 2 1 3 2 Owner's b g Bailey..... 3 3 3 3 Owner's br g Traveller Boy..... 4 4 4 4 No time. Same Day—\$400. Trotting, free-for-all. \$235, 125, 40. E Plante, ch m Village Girl..... 3 1 1 1 D Gervais, b g Denis (for Hotspur)... 1 2 dr Owner's br m Belle of Montreal..... dr No time. *Pulled up very lame.

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Queen's Plate

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FIRST DAY.

1—Running Race—\$125.00. Open to all. Mile heats, \$100, 25.

2—Queen's Plate—Fifty Guineas with a sweepstake of \$10.00 each added; dash of one mile and a half; the Association will give \$50.00 to the second horse.

3—Trotting Race—\$300.00. Open to all. \$200, 70, 30.

SECOND DAY.

4—Running Race—\$125.00. Open to Dominion bred horses. Mile heats, \$100, 25.

5—Trotting Race—\$150.00. Open to three minute horses (bar Deceit and Deck Wright) \$100, 35, 15.

6—Hurdle Race, \$200.00. Two mile dash, over eight hurdles, welter weights, \$140, 40, 20.

Entries for the Queen's Plate close 26th June, entrance \$10.00; for the other races, 25th June, entrance 10 per cent. For further particulars see large bills.

In all races but No. 2, four to enter, three to start. Dominion Bred to govern, in running, and National Association in trotting.

Racing to commence each day at 2 p.m.; admission to the ground 25 cts.; to the grand stand 50 cts.

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THE EXETER DRIVING PARK!

Association Spring Meeting will be held in EXETER Monday & Tuesday, JULY 2 & 3.

PROGRAMME OF RACES:

FIRST DAY.

Running Race—Purse \$50. 1st prize \$25, 2nd 15, 3rd, 10. Open to all horses owned within 25 miles of Exeter, at date of this bill, that never won a race. Half-mile heats, 3 in 5.

3-Minute Trot—Purse \$150. 1st prize \$90, 2nd 40, 3rd 20.

Running Race—Purse \$200. 1st prize \$125, 2nd 50, 3rd 25. Open to all. Province-bred allowed 10 lbs. Mile heats, 2 in 3.

2:45 Trot—Purse \$150. 1st prize \$90, 2nd 40, 3rd 20.

SECOND DAY.

Medal Race—Purse \$50. 1st Medal and \$20, 2nd 20, 3rd 10. Open to all horses owned in Exeter.

Running Race—Purse \$125. 1st \$80, 2nd 30, 3rd 15. Open to all. Catch weights. Half mile heats, 3 in 5.

2:30 Trot—Purse \$200. 1st \$125, 2nd 50, 3rd 25.

Running Race—Purse \$175. 1st \$100, 2nd 50, 3rd 25. Open to all. Province bred allowed 10 lbs. Two mile dash.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Entrance ten per cent of Purse. Any horse distancing the field only entitled to first money. Entrance money must accompany each nomination. Three to enter and two to start in each race. Any person protesting against horses starting in any race shall deposit ten per cent of Purse, and case of protest not being sustained, the money shall revert to the Association. Trotting to be governed by the rules of the National Association. Running by Dominion Turf Club Rules. Races to start at 1 p.m. sharp each day. All Trotting Races to be mile heats, 3 in 5. Entries to close at 6 p.m., June 30th. Horses to be eligible at date of entry. Decision of Judges in all cases to be final.

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