

communication contains. Dominion Boy was a valuable horse, was quite speedy and a good looker all over. He had not been very successful on the Canadian turf. He was a difficult horse to keep in racing shape from bad habits he had contracted. One day he would be all right and the next day all off. He obtained considerable notoriety for a marauding campaign, a la Small Hopes, he made in Michigan and the West some years ago, and for which he was expelled, and we believe never reinstated. We have been informed he was purchased by Mr. Wait from Mr. Fralick, of Suspension Bridge, at a high price some four or five years ago. In 1875 he was placed in the hands of Mr. R. James, jr., who campaigned him with a moderate degree of success. Since then he has not been at all prominent on the turf, his services being devoted to the livery. The loss of Dominion Boy to Mr. Wait will be a severe one.

HAMILTON RACES.

NOT TO TAKE PLACE.

A communication from R. R. Waddell, Esq., the proprietor of the track at Hamilton, informs us that the meeting announced in our last issue to take place next week has been declared off. Mr. Waddell went to the trouble to communicate individually with the major portion of the owners of racing and trotting stock in Ontario, asking their encouragement for a meeting in Hamilton, but so apathetic were owners that he received replies from only about one in ten of the circulars sent out. Some of these contained conditional promises, such as engaging to make entries if "no time" was given; others asking for payment of purses due by the defunct Association before they would attend, etc. Mr. W. is not the kind of a man to be bulldozed into anything that he does not know is right; and rather than pander to the "no time" parasites and other Ishmaelites, concluded he would drop the meeting this Fall. We know if he had received anything like encouragement at all he would have given a meeting that would have been a credit to the city. As owners were so lukewarm, however, discretion appeared to be the better part of valor, and he consequently declined to go on with it. It is the intention to give a summer meeting July 1, 2, 3, 1879.

THE GREAT CRICKET MATCH.

There does not seem to be the enthusiasm about the cricket match between the Australians and the Canadians, to be played here next week that would be expected in an event of such apparent magnitude. This can be partially accounted for by the excitement over the Hanlan-Courtney boat race, but the main reasons we opine will be found in the fact that the popular old country game has not this season the hold on the public it enjoyed a few years ago. The lack of proper advertising has also had no doubt much to do with this apathy. While cricket has not been able to maintain the pre-eminence it commands in England and Australia, there is still sufficient interest in the game to enable the Canadians to turn out a team that will compel our antipodean visitors to show their best points. A list of the players of both teams will be found in our inside pages. Lacrosse and base ball have made serious inroads on the cricketing element in this country, but we have no doubt that the attendance at this great match will be sufficient to repay the enterprise displayed in obtaining a game from the Australians to be played in Toronto.

nio Snedecor, aged twelve. The distance, one-half of a mile, was made by Miss Little in 4m. 56s., Miss Smith arriving second in 5m. 20s. A quarter-mile race followed, for Misses from ten to twelve years of age, which was won by Mary Little, in 2m. 50s. In the first race Miss Bennett's time was 7m. 35s. A gold badge, on which was a wreath and oars crossed, and the words "Fair Haven" and "1878," was then presented to each of those who had made the best time.

ENGLISH ESTIMATION OF PROFESSIONAL ROWING.

The London correspondent of the St. John Daily News says:—
"Englishmen of the better class take no interest in professional rowing, as a general thing. Your correspondent had a message from Hanlan for Higgins. Although the latter is known throughout the whole aquatic world, no person, here, outside a few journalists, was met who seemed to know much about the English sculler. One gentleman, who seemed very anxious to oblige, thought he had heard of Higgins—remembered reading something about his rowing on the Thames with some one named Boyne (Boyd). The poorer classes watch aquatic news very closely; can tell you all about how Renforth was poisoned on the Kennebecasis; how Hanlan easily defeated Plaisted, Morris and Jones, and how he will get worsted by Higgins. They regard the latter as a better man than Trickett, and claim that Trickett would not now hold the championship if he had rowed Higgins after defeating Saddle.
"Why do not the better classes of English people take an interest in professional aquatic?"
"Londoner—"Because, sir, they have learned to look upon professional boat racing as a big fraud. In races between home rowers the better man scarcely ever wins, and people are swindled to an alarming extent."
"Higgins not being home when your correspondent called at his residence, Hanlan's regards and message were left for him."

SPLASHES.

The Lord crew, of Carleton, N.B., have issued a challenge to row any four-oared crew in America except the Paris and Smith-Nickerson crews, distance four miles, for the sum of \$400 a side.
CHALLENGE.—There is a prospect of another two-mile race before the season closes. Plaisted challenges either E. Morris or Wallace Ross to row a two-mile race with a turn for \$500.
LONGUEUIL—LACHINE.—The four-oared boat race at Longueuil on Saturday between the Longueuil and Lachine crews, about three miles, was won by the Lachine, by five boat lengths.
A FIZZLE.—The international regatta at Jamestown, N. Y., was a grand fizzle. The management claimed not to have money enough and the men would not row. Hosmer, of Boston, and Powell, of Pittsburgh, then rowed two miles and back for \$100, Hosmer winning by half a length; time 25 min.
BELTED.—Warren Smith was last week presented with the emblematic belt for the championship of Halifax Harbor by the Mayor in the Council Chamber; Smith having won the belt three years in succession, it now becomes his property.
ROSS—PLAISTED.—It is said that Wallace Ross has accepted the challenge of Plaisted to row a two mile race for \$1,000, the race to take place on the Kennebecasis river.
UP HEAD.—The fifth annual regatta of the Eureka boat club of Newark, N. J., was rowed over the Passaic River course on Sept. 28. The course was a mile and a half with

440 yards (open)—W T Arthurs (I L C), 64 seconds.
220 yards (closed)—D Buchanan (H C C), 28 seconds.
One Mile Handicap (open)—H M Pellatt (T L C), 4 minutes 47 seconds.
Hurricane Race (open)—H E Saklung (T L C).

BUTCHERS' GAMES AT TORONTO.

The games under the auspices of the Butchers' Association were held on the Cricket Ground on Monday afternoon last. The attendance was fair. Considerable interest was centred in the one hundred yard race (open), in which four or five professional runners were entered, and was won in good style by McIver, of Montreal, Carruthers, of Toronto, coming in a good second, and Ironsides third. The following programme was successfully carried out:—Mile race (open), McIver, first; Dixon, second; Alberta, third. Half-mile race (open), Conche, Crocker, Sparks. Quarter-mile race (open), Johnson, McIver, Dixon. 100 yards race (open), McIver, Carruthers, Ironsides. 400 yards race (open), over hurdles, Johnson, Ray, Ruddle. Three-legged race (open), Wright and Warwith, Conche and Ruddle, Fitzgerald and Ray. Catching greasy pig, Reeves. Consolation race, Wyness, Biddingsfield, Meehan. Butchers' sons race, quarter mile, Biddingsfield, Robinson, Knight. Journeyman butchers' race, quarter mile, Biddingsfield, Ford, Cobbul. Butchers' boys' race (employees), 300 yards, Knight, Potter, Frost. Journeyman butchers' race, 100 yards, Biddingsfield, Bills, Robinson. Throwing cricket ball, Adams, Pitt, Blake. Consolation race, half mile, Stark, Boston, Levack. Butchers' son's race, 100 yards, Knight, Moxon, Wenman.

TWO MATCHES.

A couple of pedestrian matches were made this week. John S. Barnes matched himself for \$500 a side against Webster, of London, Ont., to run 100 yards from the crack of a pistol on the Toronto Cricket Ground, Oct. 15. A forfeit is already up, and the remainder of the money is to be made good on or before the morning of the race.
Charley McIver, of Montreal, has also been matched against Gus Carruthers, of this city, for \$200, dash of 100 yards, flying start, to be run on the same day and at the same place as the Barnes-Webster match.
Stone, the Australian, is said to be behind McIver, and the "Broom Boy" is looking after Webster. These two races should attract quite a large attendance, as the four men engaged are, bar Stone, about the fastest in the country.

JOHNSTON WILL ACCOMMODATE BARNES' "UNKNOWN."

Toronto, Oct. 2, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times
Seeing a challenge in your last issue from Mr. J. S. Barnes to match an "Unknown" against me or any other man in America; he is just the man I have been looking for for several years, and I will make a match at the competitions specified for \$250 a side or \$500 the match. If it takes place in Canada, to come off within two weeks. The rules of the N. Y. A. C. to govern all the competitions. Mr. Barnes will oblige by sending articles to your office. I herewith deposit \$50 in your hands as an evidence of my good faith
E. W. JOHNSTON.

SPRINTS.

To-Day.—The annual games of Upper

Canada. Some of the playing was extraordinary, and "the Swede" showed to some of the games his wonderful power with the ivory—in one instance pocketing 13 balls in succession. Bennett, we fancy, owes his victory as much to his safety play as to his skill with the cue. Wahlstrom was continually felt the most difficult shots from which he had to play himself into position or else miss the shot. Bennett, it may be said, rather astonished the audience by his playing, especially toward the end of the match, when skill and nerve were both required. Wahlstrom was much dejected at his defeat and attributed it largely to the position of the lights, which he claimed were defective for such a purpose. Mr. Sam. May furnished the table, a 5x10 six pocket one, and both the players spoke in the high terms of its merits. Play commenced at 8.05 p.m., and lasted to 12.35 a.m., thus occupying four hours and a half. Following is a complete score of the games played. It will be noticed that credit is given to Wahlstrom in each game for the total number of balls he pocketed, without counting forfeitures. Mr. James Maginn, of the Royal Opera Billiard Room, was referee.

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Total put in .. 408 235

* Including re-spotted balls.

AT THE EXHIBITION.

The display of Mr. Samuel May, the billiard table manufacturer, was beyond doubt one of the most interesting in the whole exhibition, and repaid a more than usually close inspection. It comprised two really splendid billiard tables and everything requisite for the game, besides Indian clubs and bowling green balls in great variety. One of the tables is made of silver maple, inlaid with ornamental rosewood. The other is an English pool table, built of rosewood, inlaid with a variety of woods. Both tables are of the very best workmanship and finish, and are fitted with levellers which allow the table to be adjusted high or low as required, and do away entirely with the unsightly pieces of wood which are generally used to elevate the tables. Mr. May showed a magnificent and varied collection of cues, besides markers,

On the last day of the races at Dan Mac, Dan Mac met with an accident, the result of a runaway. During the fourth heat of a free for all race, in which five horses entered, a man ran across the track just as the horses were rounding a curve and was knocked down by Lucille, who was a length and a half behind the other four, and was not noticed. The jockey (the driver) out and dislocating his right shoulder. He was carried into a stable and the physician, when he was removed to a hotel. No bones were broken, but that he will drive no more horses this season is the opinion of the physicians. The sulky immediately righted, and away went two more around the course, the public laughing at her antics, the straps being broken. Away she went, running headway and each struggling for the lead. Drivers gave her a wide berth, expecting a moment to see her jump on top of the grandstand after running half a mile, she was stopped without any injury to herself. The man run out was not hurt and skulked away to avoid the derision of the crowd.

Amusements.

CITY.

For Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings Mr. Geo. Fawcett Rowe and his combination furnished the bill at the Grand Opera House. It is unnecessary to speak of Mr. Rowe's impersonation of Micawber. It is universally acknowledged to be one of the most artistic representations on the modern stage. The support was good, while the stage setting and scenery did credit even to the Grand. On Thursday evening Fraser's Pantomime and Specialty company commenced an engagement of three nights and one matinee in Humpty Dumpty's Dream. The regular matinee to-morrow afternoon.

Bob Butler's New York Pantomime Co. have been occupying the boards of the Royal Opera House all week with Humpty Dumpty, assisted by several specialty artists. Business has been fair so far. On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given especially for ladies and children, who are unable to attend the evening performance. Next Monday, Mr. C. W. Barry will appear in the sensational drama of Broken Fetters.

The Lyceum has been giving an exceptional good programme this week. On Monday evening the regular company was strengthened by seven new people, most of whom are first-class in their lines. All the leading features of a variety entertainment are presented in good style. The attendance has been large, but not more than the enterprise of the managers or the merit of the show deserves. Next week several additional people will appear.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Miss Fanny Davenport remained three nights longer at the Academy of Music, and did not close her engagement until October 2. Thorne & Christie's Pantomime Troupe Oct. 3, 4 and 5. Kellogg and Carey Grand Operatic Concerts Oct. 7 and 8.—At the Theatre Royal Foy Sisters' Mirth Makers, Oct. 1 and 2; Chas. E. Newton's Dramatic Combination with Theresa Nowcomb as the star Oct. 3, 4, 5.—D. Minion Theatre, same as usual, full time of success.

HAMILTON. Mechanics' Hall—Ada Cavendish and company Sept. 30 for three nights. Hoy Sisters, Oct. 7 for three nights. Nellie Blye, Oct. 7 for three nights.—Richardson's Variety Theatre, Pronguey's Hall, is doing a fair business under the management of Mr. A. S. Casper.—It is expected the new Opera House John St., will be ready for business by Christmas.

LONDON.—Holman Opera House.—The Holman Opera and Dramatic Companies are playing this week to big business.

BRANTFORD.—Geo. O. Boniface in the Soldier's Trust and Micawber, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

BLACKVILLE.—Foy Sisters, Sept. 30.

BRANTFORD.—Dramatic entertainment, for benefit of Christ Church Parsonage, Oct. 1.