

AN OPPORTUNITY.

There is nothing that is so universally desired in Canada to place the Turf Interests on a sound footing, as the proper organization of the several managers of our tracks. This action accomplished, the individual interests would be no identical, and a feeling of co-operative friendship created that would not only in the financial success of all interested, but, also, in what is more desired, the elevation of Racing in this country to the position which it is entitled to hold. In the older European countries, the sport has become identified with the wants of the people, and is made the subject of much study in the economy of the nation. As a means of amusement, it is classed among the highest, and is indulged in by all classes of society—alike by the poor and peasant; while considered simply as an inducement to improve the breeding and condition of the horse, has been a success that few would be bold enough to deny. This desirable position has only been obtained by careful, watchful, and assiduous attention on the part of those who have been its guardians. Public confidence has been established in the management of such matters, and as a consequence, the people have not been slow in their appreciation by supporting a sport that may be said to be ingrained in human nature. It is to this degree of perfection that we should be pleased to see the Turf raised in Canada, and to accomplish this very desirable end it is absolutely necessary there should be a unity of feeling; and this can only be done by a well-digested system of co-operation, in which anything affecting one portion of the body would be felt by the other.

To arrive at this starting point in the welfare of Canadian Racing, there is no time more opportune to commence than the present. Our Associations run on the individual principle have not proved the success that sportsmen would desire. There has been clashing of dates, jealousy has crept in among some of our Clubs, which has not resulted financially favorable; and a feeling of single-handedness, a doubtfulness of themselves, has taken possession of some of our Managers, which have all tended to produce dissatisfaction, that has not escaped the notice of the general public, and has been used over and over again as a text by the Partisan opponents of Turf sports. To change this condition of affairs requires affiliation—fraternal and practical—consulting one another's interests and carrying out to the letter the obligations which each one would possess towards the other. And so soon as this mutual assistance and dependency have been agreed upon, just so soon may it be expected that Racing will take its proper place in our country. In union there is strength, and in no department will this be found to be more effective than in putting our Turf Associations on a solid basis with themselves and the great mass of the people.

During the present and incoming week, there will be in this city representatives from almost all sections of the country interested in the welfare of the Turf, and it would be a very opportune time to take the initiative steps towards forming a Canadian Association for promoting the Turf interests. Changes are absolutely required in the Rules—Trotting especially—and a Board of Appeals is as certainly necessary. An entire revision of the Dominion Rules is called for; the weights re-adjusted, and some arbitrary provisions expunged or amended, and the whole system adapted to better meet the requirements of the present time. To do this is a matter of considerable labor, and it

will take place. The management has been very industrious in endeavoring to make the gathering a success, and with the encouragement received has little doubts of the result. The entry lists in many of the races are large and favored with a class of horses sure to create fine sport. The track has been put in good repair, and the stands overhauled, so that everything is in apple-pie order. As in all former meetings at this place we expect to see the finest gathering of beauty and fashion that our city can afford. Arrangements have been made for a special train on the Grand Trunk from Union Station to carry visitors to the Park, and return on conclusion of the races. The admission has been placed at 25 cents, a democratic figure which will likely prove attractive to the masses.

MORTALITY AMONG RACE HORSES.

Within the last week two Canadian race horses have succumbed to the grim monster. These, with the death of Frank Ross, at Ottawa, make a ratio of mortality among our flyers that our limited stock cannot well afford. The first one, Norlander, was shot at Montreal on Friday last, on account of lock-jaw. Norlander was owned at the time of his death by N. J. McGillvary, Esq., of Montreal. He was bred by the late John Shedden, Esq.; was by Lightning out of Vinnie Ream, by imp. Knight of St. George, and was foaled in 1869. In 1878, July 1st, he ran second to Mignonette for the Queen's Plate at Barrie, which was won by the latter in 2:57. He was a fine large bay horse, and was looked upon very favorably at one time as a very promising race horse.

The other is the well-known ch m Dame Light dy. She was five years old; was sired by Lightning, dam by Vandal. Light body was imported into Canada by Dr. Smith of this city in 1873, from Kentucky. She was very weedy looking, and the name given her was very appropriate. Her first essay on Canadian soil was at Dundas on Oct. 8, 1878, when she was beaten by Jack Bell and Pleasantville in a mile heat race, won by the former in 1:54, 1:53. Previous to this we believe she ran a mile heat race, 3 in 5, at Buffalo, N. Y., when, on Sept. 25th, she was defeated for the Tift House purse of \$600 by War Cry and Jack Vandal, running second to the former in the first heat in 1:47. Since then she has been engaged in numerous races throughout this section on the flat and over hurdles with what might be called average success. Her best efforts were at Carlton in May, 1874, when she won the Tally-Ho stake, a hurdle race, beating Frank Ross, Edenton, Goldfinch, Lottery, which success may be largely credited to her rider, Mr. M. A. Thomas, of this city; and at Barrie, on July 1st, 1874, when she defeated Mitchell and St. Andrew in a hurdle race for a purse of \$800. Johnny O'Connell had the mount in this race.

She was never considered a "crack" in any sense of the word, and her victories are as much to be credited to the good judgment of her handlers. At the time of her death last Saturday, she was the property of D. Mitchell McDonald, Esq., of this city. The immediate cause of her death was congestion of the lungs.

TURF NOTES.

Mr. Torrance's Woodfield (late Harry Felter) 4 yrs, by Daniel Boone out of Sigma, pulled up lame at Jerome Park on Monday after taking a two mile gallop. Frank Ross was a full brother of Woodfield.

The jockey Jimmy Lee who was so fearfully injured in one of the hurdle races at Ottawa, is improving rapidly and will be all right in a short time.

Mr. Hallock, of Forest, has matched his mare to trot fourteen miles in one hour over the Watford track.

On Oct. 9, at Chester Park, Cincinnati, Lula failed to beat 2:18 for a purse of \$2,500. She had a running horse to accompany her. She was to trot yesterday (Thursday) at Rochester, against Goldsmith Maid's

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THE MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The inauguration of this new building took place on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, in connection with the ninth inaugural lecture. The building, which is of a three-story Mansard roof, brick construction, is fitted up with all the modern appliances necessary for such an institution, including a dissecting room, a dog infirmary and other modern improvements. The stabling is after some of the latest plans, being well lighted, thoroughly ventilated and well drained, giving also plenty of room to the horses. A large number of prominent gentlemen were present, who, after viewing the premises, including the museum, which we have almost omitted to mention, where a large number of skeletons and bones of horses and other domestic animals, including a variety of anatomical charts and diagrams, were exhibited, the company repaired to the lecture room, where a most promising lecture was delivered by Professor McEachran, and which was listened to by the following gentlemen with appreciative interest:—The Hon. P. Garneau, Minister of Agriculture, in the chair, Attorney-General Church, J. T. Ross, Rev. F. Pilot, His Worship Mayor Hingston, Dr. J. W. Dawson, A. W. Ogilvie, Thomas White, jr., G. A. Drummond, Esq., James Ferrier, jr., Dr. Scott, Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Bell, Alex. Summerville, Alex. Waddell, M. R. C. V., of Quebec, Dr. Fisher, N. B. Blackwood, J. W. McGauvran, including a number of students from the Veterinary Colleges. A number of letters of apology had also been received from J. M. Browning, President of the N. Y. Council of Agriculture; L. H. Massue, Vice-President of the N. Y. Council of Agriculture; Prof. G. W. Campbell, Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University; Prof. Leontard, M. D., V. S., Principal of the American Veterinary College, New York.

At the conclusion of the lecture several brief addresses were delivered by Dr. Dawson, Mayor Hingston, A. W. Ogilvie, and T. White, jr. The meeting, after a few more remarks from the Chairman, was brought to a close.

THE MANSION HOUSE.

During the present and following week there will be a large influx of visitors into the city to witness the Carlton Park and Woodbine Park Races. Doubtless many of them will be strangers to Toronto, and we desire to draw their attention to the advertisement of the well-known Mansion House, situated on the corner of King and York streets, within two minutes walk of all the leading business houses of the city, and contiguous to all the different places of amusement, it offers very desirable advantages as a stopping place. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Harry Nolan, the proprietor and clerk respectively, are unceasing in their efforts to contribute to the comforts of their guests. The rooms are large and airy, the dining room a show of taste and elegance, the drawing and sitting rooms superb, and last, though not least to a traveller, the cuisine is such as would tempt an anchorite. The hotel possesses all the requirements of a first-class house, while the tariff is free from anything that savors of extortion. A free buss meets all the trains, the street cars pass the door every ten minutes, and, taken altogether, the Mansion is a fit representative of what a metropolitan hotel should be.

Oct 1. Purse \$100, running, mile heats. 1 1
M McManigle Sambo..... 2 2
Gaunce & Russell Flora..... 2 2
Time—2:15, 2:12.
Oct 1 and 2.—Sweepstakes \$400, free for all; \$250 to first, 100 to second, 50 to third; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
1 McDuffie b s King William..... 1 2 2 3 1 1
J McBrine b g Honest Billy..... 2 2 5 5 6 2
Frank Sparrow b m Hattie..... 3 4 3 1 2 1
Geo H Bailey b g Shepherd Kuapp 5 5 1 2 3 5
J B P Wheeldean r n g Andy J'uson 4 3 1 4 4 3
Time—2:52, 2 48, 2:50, 2:49 2:48.

SECOND DAY OF FERGUS RACES.

During the night one of the severest and longest continued thunderstorms we have had this summer raged, completely flooding the track in one place; but by hard work it was made fit for use before the time appointed for continuing the races, at which time the track was in even better condition than on the previous day. The weather, also, was brighter and looked warm, enticing a great many more spectators than on the previous day, the amounting on the whole to about 1,000 people.

Fergus, Sept 30.—Running; open to all. Purse \$175. Mile heats, 2 in 3.
Dr Morton's Goldfinch .. 1 2 1
E Meredith's Galt Reporter .. 2 1 2
F Lowell's Gil D Roy .. 3 3 3
Time, 2:00, 1:59, 2:00.

Goldfinch lost the second heat solely through the almost helpless state of the Jockey who rode her so badly that the Judges were inclined at first to think that he was selling the race. However, he started again in the third heat, and the mare won by a nose of her own accord, receiving but very little assistance from her rider, with Galt Reporter pushing her hard.

2:40 Trot. Purse \$125. Mile heats, 3 in 5.
Alex Porteous' Little Sam .. 1 1 1
James Daley's Venderbilt .. 2 2 2
M Nichol's King John .. dr
Time, 2:44, 2:45, 2:49.

In this race King John did not start, and the work was between the other two. After the conclusion of the second heat there being a suspicion in the Judges' minds that Venderbilt was not trotting his best, they removed the driver and put Carney on the sulky; the result, however, was the same and it was satisfactorily shown that such suspicions were unfounded.

Running. Open to all bar winners in races Nos. 2 and 4. Purse \$100; mile heats, 2 in 3.
E Meredith's Galvansess .. 1 1
P Gilmartin's Dan Donnelly .. 2 2
L Nelson's Jenny Slammerkin .. 4 3
F Lowell's Gil D Roy .. 3 4
Alex. Burnett's Tom Sayers .. dis
E Meredith's Galt Reporter .. dr
Dr Morton's Goldfinch .. brd

Galt Reporter did not start, neither did Goldfinch, she being barred as winner of races Nos. 2 and 4. Galvansess took two straight heats easily, Dan Donnelly getting second place with ease, also with a tight race between Slammerkin and Gil D Roy for third money, the mare, however, winning. The last heat was run when it was almost too dark to distinguish the horses; however, it was done by the wish of all the contestants.

THIRD DAY.

On Friday, the 1st of October, was held the first horse fair ever held as such, pure and reliable, in Canada. There were about sixty entries in all classes, and some very fine beasts shown notably among the Heavy draught, Single Roadsters, and Saddle-horses.

At the conclusion of the horse fair a local trot for horses owned within 10 miles of Fergus came off for a purse of \$50. There were five entries.

A Anderson's Black Duke .. 2 1 1
Geo Davis' Dick .. 3 5 2
Dr Orton's Capt. Webb .. 1 4 dis
Dr Orton's Lady Polham .. 4 2 dis
A Anderson's Morgan Queen .. 5 3 dis

There was a fair attendance of about 200 on this day, being bright and comparatively warm.

BRAMPTON RACES.

FIRST DAY.

Oct 11. Trotting.—\$125; Open to all Horses owned in Canada on the 1st of April last that have never beaten Three minutes. 1st \$90, 2nd 25, 3rd 10.
S D Page's g g White Thorn .. 2 1 1 0 1
Thos McConnell's b m Dominion Girl

Time, 2:50, 2:51, 2:53.
Trotting.—\$200; Open to all. 1st \$140, 2nd 40, 3rd 20.
(Did not fill).

PORT BURWELL FALL RACES.

The Port Burwell Fall Meeting taken altogether was quite a success. The weather was rather unfavorable for a large attendance, but everything passed off pleasantly. The following are the summaries of the two days' proceedings:—

FIRST DAY, Oct 4.—Purse \$40. open to all horses that never beat 3:00; \$25 to first, 15 to second.

J McKlerie g s Grey Warrior..... 3 1 1 1
A Becker b g Brown George..... 1 2 2 2
A J Arnold c g Jim Fisk..... 2 3
H W Dimon b m Daisy..... dr
E W Eells b m Lady Dextress..... dr

No time.
*Ruled out for foul driving.
Purse \$25, running. Open to all five-year-olds and under owned in the counties of Norfolk and Elgin; \$15 to first, 10 to second.

G W Wilcock s m Little Nell..... 1 1 1
G Sales b m Lady Ruric..... 3 2 2
C McDermond s g Clear Creek Boy..... 2 3 3
F Raymond c g War Path..... 4 4 4
Woodruff b g Bay Billy..... dis
H Matthews b g Bay Dan..... dr

No time.
Purse \$45. Open to all horses that never beat 2:10; \$30 to first, 15 to second.

R Briody b m Tecumseh Girl..... 1 1 1
J Lambert b g Victor Hugo..... 2 3 2
H W Dimon c s Sorrel Cloud..... 3 3 3
E W Eells b m Lady Dextress..... dr

No time.
SECOND DAY, Oct 5.—Purse \$40. Open to all trotting stallions owned in the counties of Norfolk and Elgin; \$25 to first, 15 to second. (Did not fill.)

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G W Wilcock b m Little Nell..... 0 1 1
G Sales b m Lady Ruric..... 0 2 2
C McDermond s g Clear Creek Boy..... dr
F Raymond s g War Path..... dr

No time.
Purse \$60. Open to all horses that never beat 2:35; \$40 to second.

A Woods b g J H Boyle..... 1 2 2 1 1
R Briody b m Tecumseh Girl..... 2 3 1 1 2
J Lambert b g Victor Hugo..... 3 1 3 3 3
A Becker b g Brown George..... dr
E W Eells b m Lady Dextress..... dr

No time.

TROTTING AT AMENIA, N. Y.

ARMENIA, Oct. 5.—Purse \$100, for double teams, mile heats, 3 in 5, to the pole.

C Redavat b m Dady and s g Uncle Dave..... 1 3 3 1 1
J O Conklin s m New Berlin Girl and b g Harry Conklin..... 3 1 2 2 2
Issac Winan b m Nellie Jones and s g F H Weeks..... 3 2 1 3 3
Time—2:49, 2:46, 2:46, 2:50, 2:45, 2:48.

TROTTING AT ELMIRA, N. Y.

ELMIRA, Sept. 28.—Purse \$800, for 3:00 class; \$400, 200, 100, 80; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

T J Johnson ch m Tillie..... 1 1 2 1
A Davis ch m Jennie S..... 4 2 1 3
Ben Mace b m Countess..... 2 4 3 2
H Beckers ch g Billy Moscow..... 3 3 4 4
Time—2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:42.

Purse \$150; \$75 45, 30; half-mile heats.
Green & Byrre br m Nettie B..... 1 1 1
A Saffern b g Joe Elliott..... 2 3 4
J Fletcher ch s Hartland..... 3 4 2
John Coffee b f Ida Wells..... 4 2 3
H G Woodford blk m Black Squirrel..... dis
:52, :52, :52.

Sept 28 and 29.—Purse \$1,200, for horses that never beat 2:34; \$600 to first, 300 to second, 180 to third, 120 to fourth; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

D D Ormsby blk g Frank..... 1 3 1 2 2 1
J G Gillett ch g Frank Munson..... 9 5 2 6 1 1 2
—'s Laura Williams..... 4 2 6 1 3 3 3
M Boden ch g Dan Bryant..... 2 1 3 4 6 4 4
Thorn & Caldwell blk g Clinton Boy..... 6 4 5 3 5 r o

A Lee b g Dennis..... 5 7 4 5 S r o
O C Knapp ch g Charlie..... 8 6 8 7 4 r o
R Dempster b g Chauncey M Beadle..... 3 9 7 8 dr
A A Snyder ch s Andrew..... 7 8 dr

Time—2:34, 2:34, 2:32, 2:32, 2:32, 2:33, 2:34.