

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

Yesterday was Hamilton horses day at two tracks. Capt. Henderson's jumper won at juicy odds at Montreal...

The heavens wept for joy to-day—at the reinstatement of Little Minnie.

Toronto Star says the threat of a prominent C. A. A. U. official to disqualify Controller Geary for acting as an official at recent pro. meets has aroused considerable interest in athletic and other circles.

If the Controller is disqualified, Mayor Oliver, the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier Whitney, and other prominent gentlemen would be subject to the same treatment, as they have also been guilty of acting in the opening ceremonies of the Eastern League at the Island, the lacrosse season, and various other pro. functions.

Can't the Provincial Government suppress some of the silly officials of the C. A. A. U. just as it did the Sufferin Park crowd?

Hon. Jack Mounro, the ex-pugilist, has broken into the front pages of the New York newspaper, but not as a fighter. He is Mayor of Elk Lake, Ont.

Hughy Jennings was just in the act of yelling E-yah! when he suddenly made a wry face and began spitting out grass, says the Toronto Globe.

The entry list for the track and field event at the big Olympic meet at Hamilton is now declared that he did do 100 yards in 9 2-5 seconds. He says that he has accomplished this time on four occasions, and that on the occasion when the record was claimed for him he was not aided by wind or slope.

Toronto Globe: If anyone thinks race-horses can be bought cheaply now, he should get the experience of the representative of a well-known Canadian stable, who asked S. C. Hildreth to put a price on Joe Madden, and in reply got a wire that the colt could be bought for \$50,000.

How far the talent will go when a good boy is up was determined in the first race at Gravesend on Tuesday. Although King Cobalt won his last race from practically the same field, no one wanted him, because McCarthy was in the saddle instead of Dugan, who rode him in his previous outings.

Toronto World: Amelius Jarvis yesterday received a cablegram from Lieut. Proctor, of the Body Guards, to say that the Canadian horses had won six prizes, including the Hunters' championship, and that Hercules, one of the Canadian show horses, was sick. J. Kilgour also received a cablegram from the Canadian military team exhibiting at the International Horse Show at London, Eng.: Messrs. Proctor (Toronto), Leonard (London), and Douglas Young (Toronto), announcing that they earned six prizes during the show, together with the hunters' championship.

FEDERATION IS STILL ALIVE.

Montreal, June 17.—Unless the differences of opinion of the C. A. A. U. and the Federation as far as they relate to track athletics are not settled by the end of next month troubles are likely to spring up just where the fight of last summer started, viz., at Crystal Beach, Ont.

C. A. Springins, the secretary of the Federation, this morning received a letter from the secretary of the St. Andrew's Society of Buffalo, asking for sanction for the annual games of the society to be held at Crystal Beach on August 14. The letter went on to state that the sanction had been received from the A. A. U.

HAMILTON XI. WON IT.

All Day Match at the Cricket Grounds.

College Team Lost by 3 Runs and 4 Wickets.

Yesterday's all-day cricket match at the Hamilton Cricket Grounds between the touring eleven of Haverford College, Philadelphia, and the Hamilton team was a very enjoyable one, and was marked by good cricket. In the second inning the visitors did some remarkable fielding, and several very clever catches were made, which pleased the spectators. The visitors were defeated by three runs and four wickets to spare.

The Hamilton captain won the toss, and as the wicket was soft, took the field. The wicket hardened later in the day under the hot sun. At first the wickets fell rapidly, but the tail wagged, and the last three batsmen made a fine stand for a total of 50. After luncheon the Hamiltons went to bat, and piled up 103 runs. The old reliables, Jack Counsell and W. R. Marshall, made a good showing, the former getting 20 and the latter 29. L. Favez also batted well for 11, not out.

The visitors made a better showing in the second inning, and ran up 64 for four wickets, when they declared their inning closed. H. Howson and R. Brey, not out, ran up a score of 20 and 14 respectively. Furness, the first batter to go in, made 17.

Hamiltons then went in for their second inning, and Counsell carried his bat for 20. Billy Marshall also made a good score, 17, before being bowled by Hartshorne. The locals scored 41 for the loss of four wickets, when time was called.

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During the afternoon the players were entertained at tea by the Ladies' Tea Club, and a pleasant time was spent. The visitors were taken to the R. H. Y. C. house, where they were entertained at dinner. In the evening dancing was enjoyed in the ball-room.

IN THE "SOFT" BALL LEAGUE.

The Central Soft-Ball League met last evening at Fred Skerrett's and organized for the coming season. The Night Owls, Beavers and Wellingtons will again be in line with strong teams, while St. Patrick's B. A. nine will supplement the soldiers who did not put in an appearance. However, if the later team

HOW TEAMS IN THE BIG LEAGUES STAND

Table showing standings for Eastern, American, and National leagues with columns for Clubs, Won, Lost, Pct.

LIKE OLD TIMES.

Charlie Conkle talking Wrestling Again. Charlie Conkle's off time is not being fully occupied in managing the affairs of the baseball team of the West End Pleasure Club, and he is returning to the wrestling field. He does not come back as a wrestler, however, as he intends to adhere to his declaration that he will never wrestle in public in Hamilton again. He now appears in the role of manager, and says he has an "unknown" that will weigh 155 pounds and meet Max Schmidt, the new flying Dutchman, who defeated Brown, Zeller and two other grapplers at Britannia Rink a fortnight ago. "I can't sit still," he said yesterday, "and see Schmidt and his backers get away with such a challenge as was issued at the bout—to meet any 160-pound grappler in America. If these people mean business let them make a deposit with any of the sporting editors, Billy Carroll or Billy Daniels, and I'll show them where they get off at. I'll bet \$100 I can produce a man Schmidt's weight that can beat him—and in straight falls, at that."

THISTLES LOST BY TEN SHOTS.

Four rinks of the Brantford Bowling Club defeated the Thistles on the Thistle lawn yesterday afternoon by 10 shots. The Thistles: H. Thistles, Lloyd Harris, H. Thistles, Dr. Hart, E. G. Payne, H. E. Gline, J. Wilson, W. F. Paterson, J. P. Bell, skip 19.

LEAFS WON TWO.

Toronto Defeated Jersey City Twice Yesterday.

At Jersey City—Joe Keller and the attendant Leafs left this town last night in a happy mood. They had good reason to rejoice, too, for they pulled off a neat stunt this afternoon, defeating the Skeeters in both parts of a double-header that had been counted sure meat by the locals. One of the victories can't be attributed to good ball playing, however, for it was a gift pure and simple, and Jack Hanifan, the Skeeters' second baseman, was the donor. Racing was in a generous mood in the first game, and the Leafs are very grateful to him. His three errors, all coming at crucial times and all ridiculously easy chances, permitted three Canadians to cross the pan and opened up the refrig error door when the Insects had the game laid away on ice, apparently. Scores: Jersey City, 3, 9; Toronto, 5, 2. Second—Jersey City, 3, 6; Toronto, 7, 8. 1. At Baltimore—Baltimore, 3, 10, 3; Buffalo, 4, 7, 4. 2. At Providence—Providence, 4, 7, 1; Montreal, 1, 6, 4. 3. At Newark—Newark, 4, 8, 4; Rochester, 1, 4, 2.

LONDON WEDDING.

London, June 17.—Ida M. Wynne, second daughter of Robert J. Wynne, the outgoing United States Consul-General in London, was married in this city to Hugh Donald French, a first lieutenant in the Seventh Dragoon Guards, who is a crack regiment of the British army. The ceremony took place at Brompton Oratory, only relatives and personal friends of the bride and groom having been invited.

CATCHERS DISLIKE "SPITBALL" HEAVERS.

Billy Ritchie, of the Minneapolis Journal, tells this story about "spitball" pitchers. Bill Chappelle paused long enough before he started from Cincinnati to the Eastern League to remark that Boston was weak because Bowerman could not hold the spitball pitchers. It always fills a catcher with glee not to stand up behind the bat and attempt to herd spitballs. No one ever knows where the thing is going, or when it is a Parthian arrow shot into the atmosphere, and the pitcher trusts that it will go near enough to the plate to save him from a wild pitch. Joe Judge, the veteran, whose hands looked like the frayed edges of a rag carpet, hated to catch a spitball pitcher with a holy hate. His last year at St. Paul was made uneasy by one of Lennon's moisture distributors, and every time Joe had to catch this fellow he did so under pressure. Old Joe was one of the finest old chaps who ever donned a baseball shoe. He was on good terms with all of the players, no matter where they might be playing, and always spent the time while the batter was up talking with the club swinger.

FAST ZELMA HAS BEEN REBUILT.

Toronto, June 17.—The R. C. Y. C. racing season will be opened with Saturday's big regatta. There will be races for all classes, starting and finishing in front of the clubhouse. In the first class it is not expected that John C. Eaton's new craft Teckler or Geo. H. Gooderham's laid-headed three-masted schooner, Azarah, will start. In the first class there may be some surprises, owing to alterations in some of the boats. W. H. Pearson's Vreda, Maerona's Strathmore, Staunton's Merrythought, Amelius Jarvis' Zahra, C. H. McArthur's Yama, and Commodore Marlot's Aggie will start, and so will the rebuilt Zelma, the property of Rear Commodore Frank M. Gray. Zelma is all new except her name and her spars and lead. She was rebuilt all the way, and has new Ratsey canvas. She may wake 'em all up.

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Between the heats a match race between two thoroughbreds took place, the owners being in the saddle. Bert Hope on Waterway defeated F. Smetton on Molta by a length. The race was a good one. Smetton looked like the winner at the far turn, but went wide coming into the stretch, and lost two or three lengths. The time for the half was 57. Waterway carried 185 pounds and Molta about 165. The officials were: Starter—Sam Hammill, Judges—A. G. Bain, George Martin and James Gordon. Time—1:18 1/2, 1:02 1/2, 1:13 1/4.

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Seaford, June 17.—The second and last day of the races was attended by a large crowd. A feature of yesterday's racing was the fact that the local track is only breaking the record of the half-mile track of 2:09 3/4, but doing the fastest mile ever paced on this continent in the month of June. Time by quarters: 31 3/4, 1:03, 1:35, 2:08. Summaries: Ideal: P. Baird, Hamilton 1 1 1 1; Celia B.: P. Parr, Goderich 2 2 2; Flossie H.: S. G. Hodgson, Clandebye 3 3 3; Sweetheart: Prince, Notting-ham 4 4 4; Kniff: Kniff, London 5 4 6; Perry, N. Y. 6 6 5; Time—2:04 1/2, 2:19 1/4, 2:18 1/4. 2:14 pace— Ian Bars: J. W. Prangley, Strahroy 1 1 1; Anna V. Brino: J. Gentles, Kincardine 2 2 2; Sidney Mack: Joe Brady, Chatham 3 3 3; St. Anthony: Perry, Burnham, Perry, N. Y. 4 4 4; Stonewall: W. W. Dundas, Toronto 5 5 5; Springer: W. Tyson, Guelph 6 5 6; Time—2:18, 2:17, 2:17 1/4. Running half-mile heats— Potent: T. Carter, London 1 1 1; Tackbut: P. Petri, London 2 2 2; Midas: J. McCartney, London 3 3 3; Uncle Ned: R. Erskine, London 4 4 4; El Tebe: J. Sibbons, Stratford 5 5 5; Time—51, 51.

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and incidentally win the pennant for the Flowmakers. The quartette including a couple of "bases" is made of Clark, the London southpaw; Kerr, an infielder from the Forest City; Jack McHugh, the big first baseman; and Dunc. O'Reilly, the clever Toronto shortstop. The fielding of the team by these acquisitions will not only be improved but the hitting will jump up as well. Several of the present players, as a matter of course will be released, and the players in question are not kicking a bit, as everybody is pulling hard for victory. However, Manager Bone has not yet announced his intention, but it is a sure thing there is going to be an all round shake-up in the team.

The meeting of the Senior Baseball League, consisting of the Barristers, Royal Oaks, Blue Labels and Eureka, which was held at J. W. Nelson's last evening, was very largely attended, and the election of officers was as follows: President and Treasurer—J. Cooper. Secretary—S. Lucas. Mr. W. Engel was elected as umpire. The league opens at Victoria Park on Saturday next. Seats have been installed in the park and everything fixed up to ensure good accommodation to the hundreds of fans who turn out every Saturday to see fast ball.

SOME FAST TROTTING.

There was some grand circuit trotting at the Hamilton Driving Club's matinee yesterday afternoon at the Maple Leaf Park. A half was done by Wesley Smith's Lulu Hal in better than 1:07, and W. J. Anderson's Fairview Belle did one heat in less than eight, which is certainly good going for so early in the season. The fast time was made in class A, of course, in which three horses started. The third was A. B. Baxter's Lady Baxter, who was third in both heats, but in the third heat she sent the full distance, a mile, which she did in 2:19 1/4. She, too, will be sent to the races on the big tracks. In the other two classes the winners won in straight heats, and very good time was made in class B. A very pleasant feature of this race was that the time made in the third heat was almost as good as that of the other two heats, which had won the race—there was no laying up on the part of the best horse.

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Following is the summary: Class A— Wm. Anderson's Fairview Belle 1 2 1; Wm. Smith's Lulu Hal 2 1 2; A. Baxter's Lady Baxter 3 3 3; Time—1:17 1/2, 1:06 1/4, 1:08. Class B— H. Smith's Miss Philadelph Springs 1 1 1; A. Dewey's Wilkes Arb. 2 2 2; R. Simpson's John R. 3 3 3; Time—1:11 1/2, 1:02 1/2, 1:13 1/4. Class C— J. Rattenbury's Topsy McGre. 1 1 1; M. Dean's Sir Francis 2 2 2; W. H. Shaver's Joe Miller 3 3 3; T. Powell's Dolly 4 4 4; B. Hope's Bessie B. 5 4 4; Time—1:18, 1:18 1/2, 1:13 1/4.

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Good Racing at H.D.C. Matinee Yesterday.

Dick Baird's Ideal Won at Seaford.

Capt. Henderson's Big Bear Won at Montreal.

The first race, Mr. Chinn was successful and secured the mare. The claim is said to be a friendly one. Results: First Race—\$400 added; for three-year-olds and up; selling; 6 furlongs—Fulford, 101 (Herbert), 6 to 1; won by a length; Cloitress, 112 (Howard), 20 to 1; 2; Rarecrown, 107 (Rettig), 12 to 1; 3; Time, 1:15 1/5. Osorine, Refined, Sal Volatile, C. W. Burt also ran. Second Race—\$500 added; two-year-olds; 5 furlongs—Compton, 107 (Goldstein), 6 to 5; won by a hand; Dalhousie, 107 (Hinchcliffe), 6 to 5; 2; Dress Parade, 112 (Herbert), 3 to 1; 3; Time, 1:02 3/5. Merman also ran. Dalhousie and Compton coupled.

Third Race—\$400 added; three-year-olds and up; selling; 1 mile—Victoria, 119 (Harty), 6 to 1; won by four lengths; S. S. B. 124 (Howard), 7 to 10; 2; Okis, 117 (McCarthy), 4 to 1; 3; Time, 1:49. Zetha, Zeator, Orphan Belle also ran.

Fourth Race—Steeplechase Handicap; \$400; four-year-olds and up; about 2 miles—Big Bear, 140 (Beamish), 10 to 1; won by two lengths; Commodore Fontaine, 156 (Lynch), 6 to 1; 2; Denier, 140 (Kelleher), 9 to 1; 3; Time, 4:04 2/5. Villahala, Andrew Summers, Braggadocio, Wuerzburger, student King and Stollaland also ran.

Fifth Race—\$400 added; three-year-olds and up; selling; 6 furlongs—Topsy Robinson, 103 (Goldstein), 7 to 10; won by three lengths; Blue Coat, 108 (Devonport), 50 to 1; 2; Security, 103 (Montgomery), 9 to 1; 3; Time, 1:15. Piesing, Flarney, Firebug, Youthful, Matha Jane, Hands Around and Edgely also ran.

Sixth Race—\$400 added; three-year-olds and up; selling; 1 mile and a furlong—Crawford, 101 (Whiting), 25 to 1; won; Zipango, 104 (McCarthy), 4 to 1; 2; Petulant, 101 (Herbert), 7 to 1; 3; Time, 1:50 1/5. Henry O., Neokalesta, Hold-er, Irish Duke, 10's Cavanagh also ran.

SIR-MARTIN ALSO RAN. London, June 17.—For the Ascot Stakes yesterday Teddies, Howick, Phalaron finished in the order named. The odds were 2 to 1 on Teddies, 100 to 8 on Howick, and 10 to 1 on Phalaron. The also-rans were Strickland, Prester, Jack, Pop, Mosento, Fudorus, Orange Bud, Barney, Bogaie, Mashwela, Carousel.

BIKE RACES TO BE HELD HERE.

The revival in bicycle racing has been noticeable all over the continent and Hamilton is not going to be behind in helping to revive the sport. A local club is arranging to hold a big bicycle Marathon race at Maple Leaf Park within two or three weeks' time and while the arrangements have not been completed, it is likely that the event will be held at night, as the night is the lighted, and people in the stand would have

H. J. C. PLANT IS READY FOR BIG OPENING.

Another day's work on the plant of the Hamilton Jockey Club and the track will be ready for the opening of the club's spring meeting, which takes place next Tuesday, and promises to be the most brilliant of the many big openings at that track. For weeks a large force of men has been engaged improving the track—building new stables, bleachers, painting the stand and whitewashing the fence and outbuildings. The biggest improvement so far at the track is concerned, is the providing of additional seats. Rows of bleachers have been built in front of the grand stand, and field bleachers have been erected east of the old betting shed. These will accommodate about 1,200 persons.

FROM THE SCRAP HEAP

for stabling, and a horseman stated yesterday that the Hamilton meet will have more horses than the Woodbine opening meet. The Hamilton Derby will be run on opening day. Among yesterday's arrivals at the track was McKenzie's Direct. Halifax, the New York crack, pulled up lame yesterday, but his owner hopes that he will return to before the end of the week. Dorothy Webb, Little Minnie, Advance Boy and Cherry Picker were admitted on the track yesterday afternoon, the Canadian Racing Association having very properly reinstated Mr. Jas. McKay's string. Mr. McKay advanced a large sum of money on the horse's last fall to help the owner, who was in financial distress. The owner afterwards took them to Dufferin Park, where they became outlaid. As the horses could not run on recognized tracks, Mr. McKay was not able to sell them except at a very big loss. Now that they are in good standing, Mr. McKay will likely dispose of them.

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within ten days from date, and as a result of that acceptance cover my forecast of \$5,000, which I have already posted, within two weeks. "I have the greatest respect for Jeffries as the once champion of the world," says Johnson, "but I will not stand for his abuse and slurs any longer. If he means to fight me why don't he come out like a man and set the time and place? Why don't he cover the \$5,000 that I have posted ever since I returned from Australia?"

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New York, June 16.—Jeffries has an energetic press agent who makes him say that if he meets Johnson he will hit the negro as hard as he can and that if Johnson fights Ketchel he hopes the Michigan lion will "kill the negro." Those who know Jeffries laugh at these alleged warlike declarations, for the boiler-maker has never indulged in personal abuse and has always refrained from boasting or indulging in hot air. Jeffries is a big good-natured fellow, who is anything but a fire eater. Johnson says he will begin training in earnest about the middle of July. He declares that his proposed fight with Al Kaufman will take place on September 17 or 19, but he cannot name the battle ground just yet. That promoter Coffroth will get the match for his Colima arena.

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no trouble in following the riders throughout the race. The race will be a 25-mile event, and to prevent any lagging, prizes will be given to the man who is leading at the end of every third mile. Valuable prizes will be given and a committee of men who have been actively connected with the sport will have charge of the event. Fuller details will be arranged at a meeting to be held to-night and the entry blanks will be out the latter part of the week. The date will also be arranged at to-night's meeting.

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London, June 17.—Newmarket defeated Bradford in the juvenile C. L. A. game here yesterday by a score of nine to three. London, June 17.—The Meadowbrook (Long Island) polo team defeated the Beauchamp Hall team 7 to 3 this afternoon in the first of the semi-finals of the open cup tournament. Fochall Keene and L. E. Stoddard played on the defeated team. Mr. Keene had an ugly fall near half-time. His pony rolled on him, but Mr. Keene was only wounded and summed play after a delay of half an hour.

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