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The Ontario Jockey Club.



HE ONTARIO Jockey Club was first organized at a meeting held at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, in the month of June, '81, Col. Gzowski, A. D. C. being chosen chairman.

Among those present were Dr. Strange, M. P., Major Milligan, Dr. A. Smith, Messrs. T. H. Patteson, T. McGaw, T. P. Galt, J. H. Meade, C. T. Meade, J. McFarlane, E. King Dodds, T. W. Jones, John Cosgrave, E. S. Cox, T. Eccles, H. T. Smith, Jos. Duggan, J. E. Elliott, and Lyndhurst Ogden, the last named being unanimously elected

secretary. Col. Gzowski, in opening the proceedings, referred briefly to the objects of the meeting. He said there were two objects which brought him there. The first was a statement in the original circular calling a meeting to consider the organization, to the effect that racing would exist at all times and that some such association as they proposed to form was necessary to lift horse-racing out of the debasing

and degrading influences and the mire it was in at that time. His second reason was that he was satisfied if the Club was placed in the management of gentlemen of position, quite as attractive meetings might be held in Toronto as in the United States. Canadians, he said, succeeded admirably in most things they undertook. Riflemen had done well in England. Hanlan, again, had swept all before him, and he did not see why, in the time to come, a Canadian horse should not win the Derby. We give briefly the chief items of the prospectus under the consideration of the meeting:—

Mr. Joseph Duggan, proprietor of the Woodbine Race Course and Club house, waited upon Mr. T. C. Patteson and urged him to take part in the establishment of an association which would rent the Race Course and Club House and endeavor to have racing there on better principles than had lately marked the conduct of sporting affairs in this province. The first step taken was to invite the editors of the Sporting press to meet Mr. Patteson and Mr. Duggan to hear what was said and express an opinion on the merits of the scheme. Both the *Mail* and *Globe* published favorable and encouraging reports of the work in hand. Indeed everybody spoken to viewed the project with favour. Racing, the national sport of Old England, had here sunk into a slough of despond—and a pastime, followed here with great