

## Queen American Turf Owned in Canada.

Interesting History of Sadie Mac—Entries for the Moncton Races—Tennis Championships.

### THE HISTORY OF SADIE MAC.

A Canadian owned, if not Canadian bred horse is the queen of the Grand Circuit trotters for 1905. The unbeaten five-year-old Sadie Mac, with a record of 2:03.4, has as her owner Miss Katherine L. Wilks of Galt, Ont., and the story of her career, and the honors she and her dam, the Arion mare Fanella, proved to the lucky owner, is one that will be read with interest by breeders and farmers who, if wide-awake and hustling, might develop colts with just as much speed.

Sadie Mac, along with her brother, Todd, and Fanella, was exhibited here in the 1901 exhibition, and when at Mooseport Todd gave an exhibition mile while Sadie Mac, then a year old, trotted by the side of her mother. The story of Sadie Mac and her family is thus told by A. J. Welch in the New York Herald:

"When J. Malcolm Forbes bought Arion, 2:07.4, for \$125,000, to place at the head of his stud, he announced that ten outside mares would be bred to the colt in the following year. The stud fee was to be \$2,500 for each mare, yet there was a rush to breed to him. I booked four mares and handed Mr. Forbes a check for \$10,000 to pay the bill. When I did so he asked me when I would rather return the mares the next year or have my money back if any of them failed to get in foal. I figured that I could always be sure of breeding to the horse for \$2,500, and maybe for less, so I told him I would take the money.

"Well, of the four mares only one produced a foal. Mr. Forbes sympathized with me when he paid the money back, saying it was too bad to have lost the use of the mares for a year. I didn't think so, however, for the panic of 1893 had come along in the meantime and knocked the bottom out of everything, including trotters in general, and high stud fees in particular. Of course, I didn't say so to Mr. Forbes, but I wouldn't have had those three mares produce foals for \$1,000 apiece, because you could buy an Arion colt for about \$800.

"Two or three years later, when I bought all of Major Dickinson's trotters privately and sold them off at auction, I put my one Arion foal—Arlly out of Directress, by Director—in the sale. She brought \$800 and Mr. Forbes bought her. He bred her to Bingen, 2:04.4, and when she foaled a nice colt in the following spring he bred her to Peter the Great, 2:04.4. Then, for some reason or other, he put her in a sale. I went up to Boston to buy her, but the interest of a friend prevented me from doing so, and she went to George Leavitt's bid of \$525 for mare and colt. Leavitt really did not want her, and he let her go at a small profit to J. M. Johnson, the mayor of Calais, Me., keeping the colt, however.

"The colt turned out to be Todd, for which Mr. Forbes offered \$18,000 two years later, and the foal that came the next spring was Sadie Mac. She won about \$30,000 in her three-year-old form, was sold for \$17,000 and resold for \$15,000 last year; has won about \$15,000 thus far this season and should win as much more before the campaign ends. Her owner has refused \$30,000 for her and has said no when asked if \$50,000 would buy her, so you see the Arion mare that was picked up for \$525 proved to be a gold mine. I forgot to say, by the way, that Fanella—this was the Arion mare's name—afterward trotted to a record of 2:13.4 after weaning a colt, and could have been sold for \$10,000.

"The most interesting part of it all to me," continued Mr. Welch, "is the reflection that any wide awake, hustling farmer boy might have owned Fanella and her two great colts and developed them and made a small fortune for himself with a capital of \$525. It is the chance to draw a prize like this in horse breeding that keeps the boys on the farms in these days, and if more farmers would help their boys to get a well bred trotting mare or two the census statistics might show some decrease in the alarming tendency of our population to congregate in the cities."

Sadie Mac is regarded by many as the fastest horse of the American turf, and with Thorton Lane, Sweet Marie in poor form, Lou Dillon and Major Delmar both of color, the mare is the star of the season.

Sadie Mac was foaled on John M. Johnson's farm near Calais, Me., and when a three-year-old was sold to E. E. Smathers for \$17,000. Last winter she was auctioned off, and was then bought by Miss Wilks for \$15,000.

Miss Wilks follows the horse in the grand circuit and takes a great interest in her work.

### MONCTON HORSE RACES.

Sept. 4th and 5th, 1905.

The entries are as follows:

2:27 Trot and 2:30 Pace.

Rosemond, g. m., F. B. Rideout, Medford, Mass.

Lady Patton, Springhill Stables, Springhill.

Miss Antie, ch. m., J. E. Bissailon, Montreal, Que.

Esplanade, b. m., 2:27, Jesse T. Prescott, Sussex, N. B.

Torbrown, R. A. Snowball, Chatham, N. B.

Etta Mac, b. m., F. Duncan, Fairville, N. B.

Kremella, b. g., Frank Boutiller, Halifax, N. S.

L. S. g., 2:26.4, L. A. Wright, Salisbury, N. B.

Jessica, ch. m., 2:23.4, C. A. Ridley, Oakland, Maine.

2:15 Trot and Pace.

Lady M., 2:14.4, F. B. Rideout, Medford, Mass.

Gen. Fiske, 2:14.4, D. R. Gahan, Waterville, Me.

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### THE YACHT RACE TO SHELBURNE.

CHESTER, Aug. 23.—The first stage of the yacht race to Shelburne ended today with the Hope Leslie at 2:56.20, followed by the Hope Leslie at 3:00.05, a difference in favor of the Gloria of 3 minutes 45 seconds. The yachts left Halifax at 9:15 o'clock with a northwesterly breeze of twenty miles an hour, a breeze that freshened all the time.

The Hope Leslie turned the automatic buoy off Sambre first about a mile in advance of the Gloria. The Cosack, the other boat that started, did not turn the Sambre buoy, but followed on to Chester. The breeze would have suited the schooners admirably, but it was a little too strenuous for the sloops.

It was while the Hope Leslie was changing her spread crossing Margaree's Bay that the Gloria came up with her and passed the American yacht.

The race will be continued tomorrow to Liverpool, and the next day the final stage will be from Liverpool to Shelburne.

The organization of the International Football League will be completed at a meeting to be held in the Neptune Rowing Club's rooms on Tuesday evening, 29th.

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## THE BAD ROADS ACT

More Complaints About the Highways.

Moncton Expects a Record-Breaking

Crowd for the Labor Day

Programme.

MONCTON, Aug. 23.—Complaints continue to come in from all directions of the desperate state of the public highways and bridges. The new highway act appears to be a case of going from bad to worse. On many of the principal roads leading out of Moncton not a shovel of earth has been turned, and in some places the roads are fairly impassable, though the season has been favorable. As an instance of how the provincial government does business, the Shediac river bridge on the McLaughlin road may be cited. This bridge has for a long time been in an unsafe condition, and tenders were invited last March for the necessary work. A contract is said to have been let to the Corps of Sackville, but no work has been done to date. The general feeling is that instead of taking firm action to get the roads in shape, the government would be better employed in looking after the public highways.

Five hands have been engaged for the Labor Day demonstration in Moncton, two from Sackville, one from Amherst, and the Moncton band. There will be about fifteen entries for the 2.30 trot and pace, seven for the 2.15 trot and pace, six for the free-for-all, nine for the 2.24 trot and pace, and nine for the 2.27 trot and 2.30 pace. J. C. Mahon, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is considerably improved, and his recovery is now looked for.

THE WILL OF THE LATE

FRANCIS G. PARKER

Gives Small Amounts to a Number of

Halifax Institutions.

(Special to the Sun.)

HALIFAX, Aug. 23.—The will of the late Francis G. Parker, Halifax, provides for the following charitable bequests: The executors are directed to pay within six months after testator's decease the following legacies, free from all succession and legacy duties: To the W. C. T. U., Halifax, \$400; West End Baptist church, \$300; Deaf and Dumb Institute, \$200; School for Blind, \$200; Protestant Industrial School, \$200. The sum of \$24,000 is to be invested for the use of his widow. There are several other bequests to relatives, among them to three daughters of the testator's brother, Daniel M. Parker, each \$200; to Kate B. Parker, wife of testator's nephew, Wm. F. Parker, to niece, Annie Chandler Parker, \$500; to niece, G. B. Parker, \$500. The estate is estimated to be worth \$50,000.

STOESSSEL'S DEFENSE.

PARIS, August 23.—General Stoessel has put in the hands of St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Matin" a long statement in which he defends himself against the accusations of the Russian press and violently attacks the Russian admirals for their management of the fleet at Port Arthur.

Speaking of Admiral Uchtomski he says: "What sort of respect can one have for an admiral who, terrified at the Japanese shells, remains at a distance and invisible, reduces his flag to the size of a pocket handkerchief and then lowers it completely? There is probably no other case on record of an admiral lowering his flag out of fear of the enemy's bullets."

In reference to articles written praising the Russian fleet he adds: "By what right have so many excellent qualities been attributed to the Russian naval heroes? Heaven preserve Russia from heroes of a sort able in three or four days to lose an immense squadron of battleships and cruisers."

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Aug. 23.—A number of Italians who had been attending a christening in the North Saugus woods, held up an electric car of the Boston and Northern line to-night, nearby the place of their festivities. Constable Petersen, who says the men had been drinking, attempted to put them off the car. They turned upon Petersen who fled into the woods where he was forced to remain for an hour or more.

The passengers, mostly women and children, were terrorized. Word was sent to the Lynn and Saugus police. A detachment of officers was sent to the scene and four of the Italians were arrested, the others making their escape.

Traffic on the road was delayed nearly two hours.

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