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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Cincinnati, Ohio Oct. 16 to 19
Massillon, Ohio " 10 to 19
Cynthiana, Ky " 23 to 26
Dover, N. H. " 23 to 26
Providence, R.I. Oct 30 to Nov 2

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 15 to 21
Baltimore, Md. " 23 to
New Orleans Dec 1 to 4
Charleson, S. C. Feb to 9 (1878)

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CANADIAN.

Hunt Club, Ottawa Oct. 17 to 19
Woodbine Oct. 20
Goderich Oct 23 to 24

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine Oct 19
Goderich " 22

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CANADIAN.

Oshawa May 24

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EDWARD HANLAN.



WALLACE ROSS.

THE GREAT BOAT RACE!

HANLAN AND ROSS.

HANLAN WINS EASILY.

The great aquatic event of the year, which has kept the Dominion in a fever of excitement for the past two weeks, was brought to a successful conclusion on Toronto Bay on Monday afternoon last, and the result proved that the reputation our Toronto man, Hanlan, had gained at the Centennial Regatta in Philadelphia last year, was well and honestly earned. There can be no doubt now that Hanlan is a phenomenal oarsman, and his defeat of Ross has again placed him among the premier scullers of the world.

The manner in which this match was brought about is by this time pretty well known to our readers. After a little correspondence, the following articles of agreement were signed and the race was then assured:

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Articles of agreement made this 10th day of September, 1877, between Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, Ontario, and Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to row a sculler's race in best and best boats over a course on Toronto bay, Toronto, to be mutually agreed upon, under the following conditions:

1. The stake shall be one thousand dollars a side, half forfeit. Five hundred dollars to be posted with the editor of the *SPORTING TIMES*, Toronto, whom we agree upon as temporary stakeholder, at the time of signing these articles, and the other five hundred dollars to be posted with Angus Morrison, Esq., of Toronto, whom we agree upon as final stakeholder, the 8th day of October, 1877; the said Ross to be allowed \$800 for expenses, which shall be paid to him at the time of making his final deposit. The stake money to be paid over on the written order of the referee.

2. The race to be five miles, two miles and a half and turn, and to be rowed between the hours of two and five p. m., on Saturday, the 18th day of October, 1877, in perfectly smooth water, the referee to be judge of the same, and have a right to postpone from day to day between the same hours.

3. The start to be made from boats anchored fifty yards apart, each man to turn his own stakeboat from port to starboard, said boats to be moored fifty yards apart.

4. The race to be started after preliminary warning by the word "go."

5. The Referee to be chosen before 10 a.m. on the day of the race.

any one acquainted with the frail construction of a shell boat will readily recognize the difficulty of making such a repair. It was not therefore surprising to learn that the boat sprung a leak and had to be again overhauled before the race on Monday.

On Friday afternoon, at a meeting of the friends of both men held at the Queen's Hotel, the following gentlemen were selected to fill the various official positions:

THE OFFICIALS OF THE RACE.

Referee—Henry O'Brien.
Judge (for Ross)—George Faulkner.
Judge (for Hanlan)—George Warrin.
Referee at finishing point—P. D. Conger.
Judge at finishing point (for Ross)—B. Brennan.
Judge at finishing point (for Hanlan)—Jas. Heasley.
Turning stake boat judge for Ross—R. Tinning, jr.
Turning stake boat judge for Hanlan—R. Irvine.
Starter—James Louden.
Time-Keeper—P. Collins.

His Worship the Mayor, on Friday evening, published a request to the citizens, asking them to exert themselves to keep the course clear of all obstructions.

Saturday was the day originally fixed upon for the race, but between the hours provided for in the articles for it to take place, the water was too rough, and consequently it had to be postponed until Monday. On Saturday there must have been fully 30,000 people on the steamers and wharves, and the disappointment at the postponement was great. While speaking on this matter we must express our unqualified dissent to an article that appeared in the *Leader*, of this city, on Monday morning, in which the motives of the referee in postponing the race were severely questioned. The articles called for perfectly smooth water, and any man at all conversant with rowing must have known that on Saturday afternoon the water was entirely too rough for such boats as the race was rowed in.

The betting in the city, taking everything into consideration, was very limited. \$10,000 would exceed the amount that passed through the hands of all the pool-sellers, and the speculation outside, with a few exceptions, was quite light. When the rooms first opened Hanlan had the call, but by Friday night, when Ross' friends became centered, the New Brunswicker went to the front, and

won the championship belt of Ontario, offered by the Toronto Rowing Club, single sculls, two miles; and on the same day was one of the winning crew in the fishermen's race. Although Hanlan won all these sculling races with the utmost ease, his great powers as an oarsman were not fully shown until his exploits at the Centennial Regatta, Philadelphia, lifted him at once to the top of the tree. On the first day of the single scull heats (4th September) he pulled against Harry Coulter, of Pittsburg, and H. Thomas, of London, beating them with the greatest ease, three miles, in 21:34. Next day he rowed against Pat Luther, of Pittsburg, (who had beaten Higgins, of London, and Morris, of Pittsburg, the day before), and Fred Plaisted, of New York, who had defeated McKeerl, of New York, and came in as he liked in 21:54. On the 6th, he rowed the final heat for the championship against Brayley, of St. John, N. B., who had beaten Greene, of London, and Ellis Ward in a previous heat, and defeated him very easily, in 21:09, which up to that time was the fastest on record for that distance, and which continued to be the *premiere* mark up to August 28, of this year, when it was cut down to 20:47, by C. E. Courtney, at Saratoga. Upon returning from his victory at Philadelphia, Hanlan had a regal reception at the hands of the people of Toronto, and shortly afterwards embarked in the hotel business. This brings us down to the present year. After looking around for a match with some of the aspiring ones and getting no one to pick up the glove, Hanlan betook himself to Boston, Mass., and engaged in the Silver Lake Regatta near that city on June 18, where he was defeated by Fred A. Plaisted, and others in a three mile spin for a purse, in 21:29, the Canuck having the misfortune to break an outrigger, which put him *hors de combat*. On June 25, at same place, he won a single scull race, beating Frenchy Johnson and Driscoll, three miles, for a purse of \$150. This purse was given to allow Plaisted and Hanlan a chance to come together again, owing to the accident the latter met with on the 18th, but Plaisted declined the chance. He next appeared at the Boston Civic Regatta on the 4th of July, and was disqualified for fouling Plaisted, who proved to be the winner in 14:24. This finishes his record up to the present match. During his absence in the East, his hotel was shut in consequence of the action of the License Commissioners in refusing to extend his license, and since his return home he has figuratively been laying on his oars, and waiting, Micawber like, for something to turn up. Hanlan is a well built young fellow, broad shoulders, a small head set on a powerful neck, with long reach. He stands 5 ft. 8 in. high, and weighed on Friday last with his clothes on 160 lbs. Hanlan's rowing abilities are very favorably looked upon by the best aquatic authorities of the continent, and if he succeeds in winning the present

form he exhibited, led his friends to believe that there was more in Ross than had been made manifest, and they concluded put the matter to a test by matching him against Brayley. An agreement was entered into to row for \$400, five miles, turn, they measured oars June 15 of last year, Ross winning by a length a half in 41:02. Ross did again row in public until Oct. 19, following, when he once more met Brayley, who in the interim had won second place in the professional scullers' race at the Centennial Regatta, and sought another counter with his former conqueror. The tance rowed was four miles, with a turn, the Kennebecasis, the stakes \$200 a side, and the result another easy conquest. Ross, who accomplished the fastest time record—28 min. 30 sec.—nearly two minutes better than that made by Joe Sadler, who won the international race on San Lake, in September, 1871. Last year Ross took a trip to England, combining business with pleasure, and upon his return after a brief sojourn in the "black country" as they term Newcastle-on-Tyne and region round about, he brought with him shell built by Swaddel & Winslow, 29 ft. 11 in. beam, 3 in. deep, 8 in. high at stern, 2 in at stern, and weighing 28 lbs. This the boat in which he rowed his race with Fred A. Plaisted on the Kennebecasis River, N.B., on June 6. The race was four miles straight away, for \$1,000, and was won by Ross, Plaisted being disqualified for a foul. Although the foul would have given the victory to Ross, he continued to row on and finish in 27:07; it being however claimed that the course was fully a quarter of a mile short. This time, of course, goes for naught as record, but shows that Ross is not only a man but a stayer as well. On July 25, he met Warren Smith, of Halifax, N.S., on Kennebecasis River, for a stake of \$1,000 and the championship of the Maritime Provinces. The race was three miles with a turn, and again Ross was the winner, Smith having upset after two and a quarter miles had been rowed, in seventeen minutes. The time of the upset Ross was slightly the lead, and his friends think he had the race easily in hand. Since then he has been looking around for some one worthy, his metal. The match with Hanlan was first to present itself, and negotiations were concluded without difficulty.

THE RACE.

Upon going over the course on Monday the referee decided the water was good enough for the race, and the men were ordered out. Although the number of spectators was not so large as on Saturday, an immense crowd thronged the steamer and wharves. Ross was the first to show the "Scotwood"; and he was followed almost immediately by Hanlan. The men were enthusiastically cheered as they made their way to the starting point, near Gooderham distillery. Ross objected to the water, but the referee decided it was good, and the race should take place. Ross' boat was fitted with a rudder, while Hanlan dispensed with the valuable adjunct. Ross had the outside position. No delay took place, and the word "Go" was given, both men apparently striking the water at once. From the position the press boat it was impossible to see who was ahead for a couple of hundred yards, but about that point Hanlan commenced to draw away and was never afterwards headed in the race. The race admits of no description further than Hanlan won as he pleased, frequently stopped both in going up and coming down the course. The two-and-a-half miles to the stake boat was timed in 18 min. 25 sec. Coming home Hanlan apparently had the victory in his own hands, and never allowed Ross to get near him. Passing the different wharves and steamers Hanlan was loudly cheered, and he gracefully acknowledged these evidences of encouragement. He continued with his long, powerful swing to increase his lead, and passed the winning line fully two hundred yards ahead, the winner of this great match and the championship of Canada.