

Canadian Turf.

OTTAWA HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASES.

The first races of the above club, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor General, came off on Mutchmor Park on Saturday last, and turned out a decided success, so much so indeed as to surpass the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The day proved to be well adapted to the sport, and the attendance of spectators was quite large, including His Excellency the Governor General and the Countess of Dufferin. The Ottawa brass band supplied music in the intervals between the races. No pool selling was allowed, but bets were freely made, out of hand and booked, on the different events, and considerable money changed hands. The last race was over at 5 o'clock, and the spectators departed well pleased with the programme prepared for their delectation. The following are the names of the stewards:—Sheriff Powell, His Hon. Justice Strong, Lt.-Col. Penet, W. McKay Wright, M.P., Dr. St. Jean, M. P., Hon. James Skead, Dr. Coleman, J. M. Currier, M.P., McLeod Stewart, St. Legor Herbert, Phillip Thompson, W. H. Aumond, David Moor. Judge, Captain McCaffrey.

The following summaries of the different events, have been kindly furnished us by W. H. Aumond, Esq., the very efficient Secretary and Treasurer.

Ottawa, Saturday Nov. 4.—Ottawa Hunt Cup (The gift of His Excellency the Governor General), for all horses bona fide the property of members of the Ottawa Hunt Club and that have been regularly hunted with the Ottawa Fox Hounds during this season; weights for age, members to ride. About 9½ miles over fair hunting country.

H A Palmer's ch g Barrister, 4 yrs, by Don Juan, dam unknown, 149 lbs 1
St Leger Herbert's b m Midnight, aged, by Jack the Barber, dam unknown, 160 lbs 2
Dr Coleman's blk h Phantom, aged, by Don Juan, dam by Rescue, 168 lbs 3
C G Geddes' ch g Marmion, 4 yrs, by imp Hampton Court, dam Rebecca, by Glencoe, 149 lbs
W F Powell's b g The Squire, aged, by King Lear
Owner's b m Nora, 5 yrs, by Sunshine dr
Bolted after 1st fence and did not go the course.

Same Day—Open Steeplechase, for a purse of \$125; for all horses owned in Ottawa and the Counties of Carleton, Russell and Ottawa; weights for age. \$100 to 1st, 25 to second. Cup course.

D White's ch g Harcourt, aged, by Bay Boston, 153 lbs 1
J P Esmonde's b g Count Killrush, aged, by Jack the Barber, dam unknown, 153 lbs 2
J Fitzsimmons' b g The Squire, pedigree unknown, 168 lbs 0
O G Geddes' ch g Marmion, 4 yrs, pedigree unknown, 149 lbs 0
H Palmer's ch g Barrister, 4 yrs, pedigree unknown dr
A Todd's b g Edenton, aged, by Ulverston dr
H L Herbert's b m Midnight, aged, pedigree above dr
Dr Coleman's blk h Phantom, aged, pedigree above dr
J Fitzsimmons' br g Wagram, by Wagram dr
Owner's b m Nora, 5 yrs, pedigree above dr

Same Day—Consolation Handicap. Open to all beaten horses. Same course as Nov. 1 and 2. \$50 to 1st.

J Fitzsimmons' b g The Squire, 168 lbs 1
J P Esmonde's b g Count Killrush, 160 lbs 2
D White's b m Midnight, 158 lbs 3
Dr Coleman's blk h Phantom, 165 lbs 0
O G Geddes' ch g Marmion, 152 lbs 0

WALLACEBURG RACES.

On account of soft weather the races were postponed one week. The meeting could hardly be called a success financially, but the interest taken in it augurs well for the future prosperity of the Association. The Secretary, Mr. Forhan, has forwarded us the following summaries of the different events.

WALLACEBURG, Ont., Oct 31—\$100, trotting, 2:37 class. \$75, 25.

Wm Allen, ch g Croft 3 1 1
B James, gr, Grey Eddie 1 2 2
G Clarkson, blk h Chas Douglas 4 3 3
F Goulding, gr g Grey Bird 2 5 0
J K Doud, b g Quaker Boy 5 4 0
No time.

Same Day—\$70, trotting, 3:00 class. \$50, 20.

Wm Allen, ch g Jerry Manie 1 1 1
W Robinson, b g Doc Griswold 2 2 2
F Restorick, blk g Larkin 3 3 3
No time.

Same Day—\$70; trotting, local horses. \$40, 20.

B Forham, b g Master Freddy 1 1 1
W D McCrea, b m Kitty Mc 2 2 2
Jas McCarron, b l Free Press 3 3 3
No time.

RACING AT BRAMPTON.

A mat. race in which considerable interest was taken took place at Brampton on 27th ult. The following is the summary.

BRAMPTON, Ont., Oct. 27—\$100. Running. Match. Mile heats.

John D Orr's (Brampton) Sporting Phoebe... 1 1
E Waterhouse's (Cookville) King Tom.... 2 2
No time.

TROTTING AT MONTREAL.

LEPINE PARK, MONTREAL, Oct. 30—Match trot Mile heats, 3 in 5.

M Lesage's Farmer Boy 1 2 1
M Renaud's Happy John 2 1 2
No time.

SAME DAY—3—

Mr Plante's Village Girl 1 1 1
J Edgell's Jack Draper 2 2 2
W Lesage's Drummer Boy 3 3 3
Time—2:30½, 2:30, 2:28.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

J. H. Monr al.—The last time we heard of him he was at Ottawa. Address Mr. John P. Esmonde, there, who will probably be able to give you the information you desire.

Billiards.

PHELAN BEATS HILL.

On Friday evening a very interesting billiard match took place at Mr. Sam Davis' Billiard Rooms, the International, Hamilton. The contestants were Messrs. James Phelan, the champion of Hamilton and proprietor of the Queen's Billiard Rooms, and M. John Hill, of the Royal Hotel Billiard Room. The game was the French carrom one, 800 points up, and for \$100. Betting was spirited. Phelan, however, was a strong favorite and sold for first choice at \$20, while his opponent only brought \$10. Neither players were extremely brilliant, the highest run being 20, by Phelan, who eventually won the game pretty easily, the score being Phelan 800, Hill 253.

THE HAMILTON TOURNAMENT.

At a meeting of the billiardists held in the rooms of Mr. James Phelan, all the arrangements for the forthcoming amateur tournament for the championship of the city were finally settled. The tournament will commence on Monday evening, Nov. 27, in the rooms of Mr. Phelan, when \$100 in prizes will be given as follows. \$60 to 1st, \$30 to second, \$20 to third. The entrance will be \$10.

Base Ball.

GUELPH.

A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of those who had subscribed stock for the purpose of running the base ball club in Guelph next season was held at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mr. Geo. Sleeman occupied the chair, Mr. John Mitchell acting as secretary. The chairman explained the object of the meeting, and reported that a large amount of stock had been subscribed. After a full discussion, it was decided that the club be known as the Guelph Maple Leaf Club, and that it be managed by a Board consisting of a President, two Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers elected were: Secretary, John Mitchell; Treasurer, J. E. Green; Auditor, J. E. Green; and a subsequent meeting of Directors. Mr. George Sleeman was elected President of the club, which has been re-organized under the most favorable auspices, with every prospect of success.

LONDON.

At the annual meeting of the Atlantic base ball club, on the 81st ult., the following officers were elected: President, H. O. Smith; Sec and Treas. A. McDonald; Capt. Jas.

Obituary.

WILLIAM WHEATLEY, ACTOR AND MANAGER.

Mr Wm. Wheatley expired at his residence in New York, at the hour of two o'clock Friday morning. He was in the sixtieth year of his age, having been born in New York on the 6th of December, in the year 1810, and made his first appearance on the stage at the Park Theatre when he was ten years old, during the engagement of Mo-Cready. Mo-Cready was much pleased with the boy's performance of Albert, in "William Tell," and prevailed on his parents to let him accompany him on a tour through the States professionally. After this tour he returned to New York, where he played in "Tom Thumb," gotten up expressly for him at the Park Theatre. In 1842, when twenty-six years old, he joined the company at the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, appearing as Dorecourt in "The Belle's Stratagem." In 1843 he retired from the stage and visited Nicaragua, raising the first American flag at Virgin Bay. Unable to keep away from the theatre, however, he returned to it in 1853, managing the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia, in company with John Drew. After 1855 Mr. Wheatley remained sole manager up to 1858, when Mr. J. S. Clarke joined him. In 1861 both these gentlemen withdrew from the management, and soon after Mr. Wheatley became sole manager of the Continental Theatre, Philadelphia. His fortunes never became bright until he became lessee of Niblo's Garden, which he did in April, 1862. He continued here until 1868, and during those six years became possessed of all the fortune that he ever made. The immense success of "The Black Crook" contributed to this. After retiring from Niblo's Garden Mr. Wheatley was for many years at Coney Island, passing his life in retirement and only occasionally going among his old friends in the city. A few years ago his wife died, and this unhappy event had of course some effect in making life seem less bright and enjoyable to him than before. One of the most artistic periods of his career was while he was managing the Arch Street Theatre, now under the dominion of Mrs. John Drew. Here many of the old comedies were produced and reproduced, and the characters were delineated by a very able company, among whom might be counted Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Bowers, Miss Emma Taylor (since dead), Mr. Dolman (since retired), Mr. John S. Clarke and Mr. Wheatley himself. Financial success came to him late in life, but having acquired money he was too prudent to squander it.

A FUNNY FOX HUNT.

"Rupert," the Hamilton correspondent of the Mail, gives the following ludicrous account of a fox hunt in that city on Thanksgiving Day:—

"A few of the more erratic and vigorous bloods had a fox hunt upon the race course, and such a hunt. The fox, besides being an old resident and well acquainted with the huntsmen, was prevented by a cordon of boys from jumping the fence, one of the sportsmen was on horseback—like General O'Neil at the battle of Ridgeway, or G. P. R. James' solitary horseman on a November evening—the rest being on foot. Whenever the dogs threatened to catch the fox, the horseman would ride up and put the game in a bag. After considerable of this "excellent fooling," Reynard was taken home and well fed, and is now enjoying a rest in order to make at some future time another Roman holiday. Surely this is humane sport—for the fox—whatever it may be for the other parties to it."

STARTLE'S GREAT PERFORMANCE.

TESTIMONY OF AN EYE WITNESS.

The Spirit of the Times has received the following communication from General Withers, in reference to the wonderful performance of Mr. Bonner's horse Startle drawing a wagon loaded with 1000 lbs. of shot and 1000 lbs. of powder. The testimony of a competent observer as General Withers, the genuineness of the performance, and his account of the manner in which it was done, will be read with interest by all.

FAIRLAW STOCK FARM,
LEXINGTON, KY., Oct. 23, 1876.

DEAR SPIRIT:—On my arrival home I read to-day, for the first time, your brief mention of the fact that Mr. Robert Bonner's stallion Startle had recently drawn a wagon loaded

over made. Startle accomplished the feat so easily, and finished so well within himself, that I was convinced that great as was the performance, he was capable of readily accomplishing a still greater.

Startle, in his physical conformation, is a marvel of power, and the fact that a horse of his size could draw a wagon a 2:10 gait under such unfavorable circumstances, and without any special preparation, stamps him as the most wonderful horse of the age. The skillful and artistic manner in which he was handled by his amateur driver excited my admiration to a degree only excelled by the emotions excited by the wonderful performance of the horse.

WM. T. WITHERS.

WINNERS AT BALTIMORE.

At the head of the list of the winning owners at the recent Fall Meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, stand the names of the firm of Dwyers Brothers of Brooklyn, a new accession to the turf, who are credited with the handsome sum of \$13,000, won by Vigil and Grey; the former having the largest share \$12,000 attached to his name. P. Lorillard comes next with \$3,800, won by Bombast, Shirley and Parole. D. J. Crouse takes back to Ohio \$3,000, won by Add and Sallie McCrea. A Belmont is indebted to his only winning representative Susquehanna, for \$1,700; and B. G. Thomas must thank Heretog for the \$1,300 appended to his name. G. L. Lorillard ranks sixth with \$750, won by Ambush and Warlock. J. G. K. Lawrence \$650, won by Resolute and Shyluck. M. Robinson, Jr., for \$550, including \$400 in plate, to Jackson, in the Gentlemen's Steeplechase, Burgoon won \$325 for Mr. Bethune; Bill Braco \$350 for Messrs. Forbes & Armstrong; Virginia \$300 for Colonel McDaniel; and Inspiration \$275 for Dr. A. Smith. The other winners were of lesser amount from \$250 to \$75.

HURLING.

A hurling match was played in the Queen's Park, Toronto, on Thanksgiving Day, between sides headed by Mr. Joseph Campton (Captain), Alex. Wilson, M. Johnston, and Richard Flock, and Messrs. W. G. Gibson, (Captain), W. Milligan, James Collaghey and John Taylor, respectively. Mr. Gibson's team won three straight games, the conditions being the first three in five. Mr. Campton's side played with vigour, but were altogether overmatched, as they frankly admitted.

The Norwood Registrar says: "Our neighboring townships are reported to be thickly populated with bears, which are doing mischief among the sheep and cattle. A few nights ago a bear entered the yard of Mr. Burgess, of Belmont, and partly demolished the contents of a hive of honey. Mr. Burgess determined to play sharp on his bearship, and on the following night, placed a lighted candle on the hive to guard the remaining contents: but the solitary light didn't scare old bruin worth a cent. He paid no attention to the sentinel, quietly opened the hive and finished the honey, and then departed in peace, feeling thankful, no doubt, for the thoughtfulness of the kind proprietor in providing him light for his meal."

Eric—Conspicuous among the fast representatives of the Mambrino Chief class that trotted into prominence at the late Lexington meeting, is Mr. Robert S. Strader's entry, Eric, by Ericsson, son of Mambrino Chief; 1st dam by son of Deumark, who was by top. Hedgeford; 2nd dam the dam of the "Slaughter" horse. In addition to reducing Allie West's four-year-old record of 2:29½, to 2:28½, on the first day of the meeting, he defeated a fine field in the 2:30 class, in first, fourth and fifth heats, in 2:34½, 2:34½ and 2:34½. Eric began his career, in his three-year-old form, in the hands of the well-known trainer, Mr. Richard Lowell, who named him Willy Woodman in honor of Mr. Frank T. Bruce, and upon Mr. Lowell's removal to N. Y., passed into the stable of Mr. Strader, with whom he achieved such lasting honors.

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Amusements.

CITY.

Mr. John T. Raymond has been the stellar attraction at Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House the present week, appearing as Col. Sellers in Mark Twain's drama of The Child-Edo. Mr. Raymond's name is as intimately connected with Col. Sellers as Southern's is with Dundreary; and as the over-speculating unfortunate, Mr. R. has really created the character. It is a wonderful piece of comic acting, and the peculiar talent evinced by Mr. R. in this piece has placed him in the front rank of dramatic stars in America. The audiences have nightly testified their appreciation of his abilities. The support by the members of the Grand is very fair. Only three more representations of the piece will be given—to-night and Saturday matinee and evening. Those who have not seen Mr. Raymond already should not lose the opportunity. "There's millions in it."

The event of the week was the production of Julius Caesar at the Royal Opera House by the Barrett Davenport Combination, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Such a strong combination is rarely seen in any theatre, and the treat has not escaped our amusement patronising citizens. Mr. Lawrence Barrett appeared as Cains Cassius, Mr. E. L. Davenport as Brutus, and Mr. F. B. Wards as Marc Anthony. The latter has the fattest part in the piece, and his oration over the dead body of Caesar met with tremendous rounds of applause. Barrett's Cassius and Davenport's Brutus were polished pieces of classical acting, which were heartily appreciated. Our space will not permit us to give an extended notice, suffice it to state, that it was the greatest dramatic representation that was ever given in this city, with every character properly held, and all due attention paid to costume, scenery and effects. The houses were very large, notwithstanding the increased rate of admission.

Miss Maud Branscombe's benefit at the Royal Opera House on Monday evening was not very successful, the unpromising state of the weather probably keeping many away.

Keywood's New York Sorenaders gave a couple of very fine entertainments in St. Lawrence Hall on Saturday and Monday evenings. The company are very strong, both in numbers and talent, and presented rich programmes, the cream of the variety profession.

General Tom Thumb and wife, accompanied by Miss Minnie Warren and Major Newell, will be at Music Hall on the 10th, 17th, and 18th inst., giving two performances daily. Their entertainment is unique, and no doubt the little people will meet with a large share of patronage from our citizens.

The Gungoro Troupe of Royal Japs occupy the Royal Opera this Friday and Saturday evenings. They are accompanied by the Blaisdell Specialty Artists and Lancashire Bell Ringers.

Prof. Fowler delivers a free lecture at the Music Hall to-night.

GENERAL.

Mr. E. A. McDowell, on Monday evening, produced for the first time at the Academy of Music, Montreal, Dais's Under the Gaslight. It will probably be continued all week.

The Montreal Star, in speaking of Miss Sallie Holman in Grosse Grosse, says: "As a vocalist she has had no equal here, not even excepting the lively Almee, whose voice cannot be placed in comparison with our own prima donna's for richness and power."

The Holman Opera Troupe are at Ottawa this week for five nights, closing their engagement on Friday.

Mr. Martha Farquhar Tupper, the distinguished English litterateur, will give a reading from his own works, at Mechanics Hall, Hamilton, on Nov. 16.

Bengough, the caricaturist, puts in one evening at Peterborough, this Friday.

McEvoy's New Pictorial Entertainment at Peterborough on Saturday, 11th.

Gen. Tom Thumb and party show at Lindsay 10th, Ft. Hope 11th, Bowmanville 12th, Oshawa 14th, and Whitby 15th.

Mr. Dan Thompson opened at Toronto's Opera House, New York, on 15th.