

TORONTO CHIT CHAT.

THE burden of my news this week is furnished by the races of the Ontario Jockey Club on Saturday and Monday last. Like a pleasant vision the scenes which clustered around them are past, but their memory will linger for some time in the minds of the spectators. I will venture to say that no concourse at any out-door meeting in Canada ever surpassed in beauty and *élite* the gathering that graced the spring meeting of 1890. The whole length of the members' stand was one beautiful array of fair faces and magnificent costumes. Beauty in all its variety and brilliance was present. When I remember the fair faces that beamed out from the benches, I cannot forbear to mention some of those whose loveliness was most captivating to the eye.

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OF the reigning belles one naturally first bethinks oneself of the fair young daughter of Government House, who with such infinite grace and excellence performs the duties that her position asks from her, Miss Marjorie Campbell. To many the beauty of Mrs. Montague Allan of the Hendrie party was most entrancing. One could not readily pass by Mrs. George A. Kirkpatrick, of Kingston, whose charms seem only to have gained in opulence since, as Miss Macpherson, she was one of Toronto's fair daughters. Mrs. Albert Nordheimer, to whom many would assign the sovereignty of fairness as far as Toronto is concerned, looked as fetching as is her wont. Close by I noticed a charming and hospitable member of society in Mrs. J. K. Kerr. Another belle was Mrs. Fitzgibbon. Among the unmarried ladies whose beauty calls for notice I would mention Miss Walker, Miss Hodgins, Miss Annie Hendrie, Miss Small, the Misses Seymour, Miss Bunting, Miss King Dodds and Miss Michie.

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FAIR as were the faces, the costumes were almost as fair. Every dame and damsel seemed to be radiant in some new and pretty gown that made its first appearance at the Woodbine. Delicate shades of blue and grey seemed especially favored, but most prominent was the fashionable color heliotrope, and some of the charming wearers did wear it with most captivating effect. The lowering skies on Saturday prevented some of the ladies from coming out in all their splendor, but Monday's fine weather presented no hindrances to fine apparel.

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IN every respect, the races were a magnificent success. The quality of the horses was the best Canadian stables have yet turned out. The gathering was most representative. Amongst those whom Montreal sent up were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Allan, Judge Tait, Miss Tait, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Caverhill, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell, Miss Gillespie, and Miss McKenzie. Well-known horsemen were seen in Messrs. J. P. Dawes, Hugh Paton and James H. Wardlaw. The executive of the Ontario Jockey Club must have contemplated with

feelings of pride the grand concourse whose presence lent so much success to the meet. To these gentlemen belongs the praise of making the Jockey Club meet a glory to the province, and an event that in the fashionable world at least marks quite an epoch in its annual history. Certainly the labors of Messrs. T. C. Patteson, G. W. Torrance, J. H. Mead and Dr. Smith are worthy of unlimited commendation and recognition. To-day (Saturday) has been fixed on as an extra day, and will undoubtedly bring out another notable gathering.

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TO the races we owe several festivities that cluster around them. On Thursday night Mrs. Sweny at Rohallion gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cassatt, who came up from Philadelphia for the races. With the Cassatts were the Misses Cassatt, and a Philadelphia belle in the person of Miss Struthers.

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THE postponement of the races on Friday, owing to the heavy track, left time hanging heavily on the hands of some of those who had been prepared to adorn the Woodbine course that afternoon. The afternoon tea organized by Mrs. Kirkpatrick at Chestnut Park came in very pleasantly, and helped to pass away what might otherwise have been a dull afternoon. On Friday morning a thoroughly enjoyable dinner was given at McConkey's by Messrs. G. W. Torrance, L. Tilley, H. D. Gamble, Melfort Boulton, and a few other members of the Jockey Club.

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FRIDAY evening saw a double gaiety at Government House. In the earlier part of the evening a dinner was given in honor of Lord Stanley. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Patteson, Mr. and Mrs. William Hendrie, Mr. and Mrs. Cassatt, Miss Cassatt, Miss Struthers, Mr. R. Ellis, Miss W. Hendrie, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Tait, Miss Gillespie (Montreal), Miss McInnis (Hamilton), and Miss Otter. The ball that followed was one of the jolliest that Government House has seen for many a day. The number—about two hundred—were such as comfortably tenanted the spacious rooms. Perhaps the men were a little too much in the minority, but otherwise the ball transpired with the greatest enjoyment. Corlett's orchestra was in excellent tune, while the floor of the Governor's ball-room is famous for its excellence. Space will not permit a list of the names which would include a goodly array of Toronto's beauty and fashion.

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THE Toronto Minstrels after several months practice gave an entertainment on Friday and Saturday in the Academy of Music which I cannot notice this week. Their performances will undoubtedly meet with fashionable and appreciative audiences even though it does come late in the season.

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One Hundred Dollars in prizes.—See page 9.