

# The Quebec Star.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1876.

A large meeting of city turf-men was held last Monday evening in Fisher's the saddlers back shop. Among those present we noticed Mr. R. Tozer, Jas. Daly, Jno. Daly, David Rickaby, Jno. Codrille, John O'Connor, Thos. Malone, Sr., P. Colvin, Jacob Hesse and many other well known Sports.

Mr. Colvin having been called to the chair, he said no doubt they would all like to know why the meeting had been called and if they would listen for a few moments he would enlighten them. They were all aware that some time ago, a magistrate had fined and reprimanded, a worthy member of their fraternity, for trotting his horse on the St. Foye road. Now it was very hard if the few gentlemen who keep good horses could not "let them out," occasionally without being watched and exposed to the risk of a fine. The loss might be good, but he (the speaker) was in favour of it being changed, they were therefore meet to form themselves into a protective association, which would have for its object the defence of its members, against iniquitous law in general, and against magistrates in particular. It was for these present to decide how such ends would be best attained.

Mr. Jas. Daly says he was the man who had been fined, and he felt bad about that \$10, especially as turkeys were going down in price. (Laughter) He would explain to the meeting how he had been caught. "You see said he, I took out the mare to give her a run, and as she was feeling well, I shook her up a little when got outside the tool bar, well I drove to Julien's where I had a net, and then started to come back. On the way out, the mare did travel faster and grused lightning, and the habitants were saying "ça c'est un cheval qui marche," I tell you I never seen her trot prettier. Nary a break, but a nice clean trot. That was on the way out, mind you, coming back she went quicker nor that, I'll bet a \$100 I could have liked any thing on the road if—"

Mr. J. O'Connor said, Daly was always blowing about his fast, here and putting on style because he was a turkey merchant but he, the speaker, did not care for that, he did not believe about the fast trotting, and even if it was true Mr. Daly did not have enough of influence to save him from a fine, but he, (Mr. O'Connor) thought, he knew all the big bugs, he went out driving with them, and although he was a merchant

he did even know how to write, still he was something of an in Montcalm ward, (Laughter) and so long as he was able to help the councillors in his road, he didn't give a snap for their association, he would just drive as fast as he pleased, and never pay any fine either, but if he was fined, the city council would give him back his money and beg his pardon for any trouble he might be caused.

Mr. Rickaby thought it was Mr. O'Connor who was putting on style, and if he didn't mind his eye, he would just nail him out of the back door, and put—

The chairman called Mr. Rickaby to order, and that individual sat down.

Mr. Fitzgerald tried to chip in something but Mr. Hesse interrupting him, told if he would be good, he would buy him a watch. (Laughter).

Mr. Codrille was of opinion that they should form a protection association. It was very strange that after a hard day's work a gentleman could not, drive in John street, without being troubled by such disagreeable people as "policemen." An association was necessary and as his Pa had left him lots of money, he was willing to subscribe liberally towards it. But he must impress on them the necessity of doing every thing quietly. He liked very much to help the turf men whenever he could but disliked people to know that he associated with horsemen. His friend Tozer knew this, and was always ready, to buy him a horse, or erup a sleigh, and as he (the speaker) belonged to the church he could not tell them how much he was indebted to Tozer for those services.

Mr. Tozer was very thankful to Mr. Codrille for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and as the trouble he gave himself now and then, it was not worth mentioning as he had nothing else to do.

He favored the formation of an association, but thought he should be exempt from paying anything towards its support, seeing that he was always ready to dance attendance on the "sports" when they went out to hunt. He denounced the magistrate who had imposed the fine on his friend Daley, and wondered much why the government had not nominated him as a justice of the peace. He had just as much money as most of them, and although some J.P. were very clever, still there were some stupid ones, and he would be content to be classed among the latter could he but write the words J.P. after his name. His family, too, he said would like it, as it would sound grand, and he thought the master of the hunt might use his influence to obtain an appointment for him (Mr. Tozer) in return for the fences he had taken down for him during the hunting season.

Mr. T. Malone Sr. thought such a thing as an association was not required. If every man conducted himself as a gentleman there would be no danger of policemen interfering with him. He (the speaker) loved a good horse, and liked to see him travel but he had no sympathy with the lunatics who "boxed" their beast, in crowded streets, and thus put life and property in danger.

To the Editor of the Quebec Star:

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to insert in your valuable columns the following lines. We learn with much pleasure that Piere Lepine is going to get married very soon, God help the poor girl that will marry this poor lunatic who gets about \$25.00 a month at that Insurance where is employed but he try's to make people believe he has a very large salary the end of the world is not far when we here of Piere getting married.

Richelieu Street.

## PRIZE FIGHT.

James Whelan, collier of Bridge Water Cove, has challenged Mr. Leoban collier of Point Levis, to meet him on the 6th of March, a fair stand up fight, to take place at Wm. Murray Hotel, New London Cove, Mr. Whellan will second Mr. Leoban and Thos. McKeazie, second to T. Whelan Battle holder, John McCormack. Full particulars of fight No. of found in the next.

Simon Peters.

## MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

At the Baptist Church on Third ultimo, Mr. Arthur Battis (Engineer) to Miss Mary Jane Reynard all of this city, the happy pair left by truck for Point Levis, where they intend to pass the honeymoon.

—That Big-head John Banfield has been elected leader of the Inferior Order of Gin Thanks is going to learn how to skate.

That Jack Palos has joined the Hungry-Eighth Stadacona Rifles and will perform the "Bear Dance" every Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the amusement of the Rag-Tag of the Battalion.

That Samuel J. Kelly has purchased a Beaver that and is going to sell prize packages at John's Gate next summer.