

out at the interview the Harbor Trust had with the Privy Council authorities, that an Order was about to be issued which would affect most stringently the wharves now used for "unscheduled" counties, defining them as strictly as those where compulsory slaughter is enforced. This is a serious matter, and the Dominion authorities must increase their efforts to keep Canadian stock free from suspicion of disease.

Manchester to-day (Tuesday) was well supplied with Canadian stock, too well in fact, as buyers were shy, and except where simply robbing the seller, difficult to close with.

Taking London, Liverpool, and Manchester together, the average price for good conditioned steers would not give a fraction over 13½c., and though some well-fleshed bulls made 10½c., in the majority of cases 10 to 10½c. is a fair quotation. Trade on the whole is decidedly worse, and with heavy advices for next week, the probabilities are a repetition will be found. For Wakefield and Bristol on Thursday there are not so many cattle as last week, but with the extra purchases then made, buyers are not likely to be in good form.

It is stated that much irritation has been caused among English agriculturists by the new features introduced in the forms just sent out by the Agricultural Department to occupiers of land for filling up the agricultural returns. To the numerous columns in which horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs are to be entered there have been added this year columns in which turkeys, geese, ducks, and fowls are to be returned, besides a special return of all young stock born during the year on the farm, and of all animals which have been slaughtered. Many farmers, it is stated, will be unable to go into these minute details, and the result will be that a large number of returns will not be sent in at all.

ENGLISH CROP PROSPECTS.

The *Mark-lane Express* of 15th June says:—"The effect of the cold spell which followed the copious rainfall of the early part of last week has been to check the rapid growth which might otherwise have been expected to result, but there is very general testimony to the improvement in the crops, although some of them do not move very fast. On best wheat lands which are in good condition wheats look exceedingly well, and they are growing fast; but, on the other hand, where clays are poor, and on some of the second and third-rate lighter soils, they do not regain their color so fast as many seem to suppose. With regard to trade, which has been very dull, the few samples of English wheat offered in London on Monday were unsaleable except at 1s. decline, and on Friday another shilling would have had to be conceded to transact business. In most provincial markets supplies have been short and values nominally unchanged. Country flour is down to within 6d. of its lowest point in November and December last year. Trade for foreign wheat off stands in London has become even further depressed from its previously recorded position. Other branches of trade are also depressed, and values are mostly of the nominal character."

The *Farmer* says:—"Brilliant weather and liberal supplies make the market very dull. Prices are not generally changed from last Monday for wheat; English samples neglected, not cheaper; foreign wheat unchanged, but some sellers accept reductions, others refuse. Flour dull and rather cheaper to buy. Barley unaltered; feeding dull. Maize, oats, beans, and peas are irregularly 6d. cheaper. Crop reports are becoming satisfactory, wheat earing about ten days late. Forage crops are being occasionally harvested."

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC TURF CLUB RACES.

The summer meeting of the Province of Quebec Turf Club took place over Blue Bonnets on Thursday and Saturday of last week. The weather was all that could be wished for, and though the track was somewhat dead from recent rains, the time in some of the races was exceptionally fast.

THURSDAY'S RACES.

FIRST RACE.

Purse, \$160, of which \$125 to 1st, and \$26 to second horse.

- W. E. Owens' b m Minnie Meteor, 6, by Meteor—imported Lady Glasgow, 115 lbs. (Steeds) 1
- E. Burgess' b g Willie W., 4, by Princeton—Roxaline, 115 lbs. (Jamieson)..... 2
- B. J. Coghlin's br f Lady Lucy, 4, by imported Kyrle Daly—Endeavour, 113 lbs. (Warder) 3
- O. Morton's blk h Charlie Ross, H. B. (aged), by Joe Bowers, 120 lbs. (Owner) 0
- N. Stanley's b g Ben Brace, 5, by Tubman—Alzora, 117 lbs. (Owner)..... 0

Time—1.19½.

Betting—Minnie Meteor, \$10; field, \$7.

THE RACE.—Charlie Ross was first to show in front, but the speedy daughter of Meteor soon usurped the post of honor, which she held to the finish, though Willie W. making a grand effort inside the distance post lapped her out in 1.19½. The others were beaten off.

SECOND RACE.

Queen's Plate, 50 guineas; the gift of Her Majesty the Queen, for horses foaled, raised, and trained in the Province of Quebec, and that have not previously won public money. Entrance \$10, to go with the Plate, for first horse; distance 1½ miles.

- Dr. Craik's ch m Wish-I-May, 5, by Helmbold—imp. Sweetbread, 116 lbs. (Cook)... 1
- Dr. Craik's ch f Iolanthe, 4, by Helmbold—imp. Sweetbread, 113 lbs. (Pearson)..... 2
- J. R. Woodward's b m Music, aged, by Sexton—Vivandiere, 117 lbs. (Jamieson) 3

Time—1.56½.

Betting—Wish-I-May, \$10; field, \$6.

THE RACE.—There was nothing in this race worthy of note. Dr. Craik had declared to win with Wish-I-May, and as it was found that either of his pair could beat Music, his jockeys had no difficulty in fulfilling his orders, though had Music been able to make a better race it is not improbable that it would have been found necessary to send Iolanthe to the front, as she appears to be considerably the faster of the sisters.

THIRD RACE.

The Merchants' Purse, \$300, \$250 to first horse, \$50 to second; weight for age, mile heats. Entrance, \$15.

- John Forbes' blk. f Zamora, 4, by imp. Saxon—Zoo-Zoo, 113 lbs. (Jamieson) ... 1 1
- B. J. Coghlin's b m Easter, 6, Vicksburgby Roxaline, 117 lbs. (Warder)..... 2 2
- W. E. Owens' br g Blanton, aged, by imp. Bonnie Scotland—Minnie Brown, 119 lbs. (Steeds) 3 3

Time—1.46½, 1.46.

FIRST HEAT—Blanton made the pace for about three furlongs, after which Easter took command, and led until they had turned into the home stretch, when Zamora came on, and won handily in 1.46½. Blanton was pulled up just inside the distance flag.

SECOND HEAT.—Easter managed to get nearly or quite three lengths the best of Zamora at the drop of the flag, and Warder sent her along with all his might to prevent her losing

the advantage thus gained. The heat was a splendid one from wire to wire, but in a very keen finish Zamora was winner by a short half length. Time, 1.46.

FOURTH RACE.

Hurdle race, \$250. \$200 to first horse, \$50 to second. Over 8 hurdles, 3 ft. 6 in.; welter weights; distance, two miles; entrance, \$12.50.

- Geo. Watson's ch h Oakdale, 6, by Tom Ochiltree—Black Slave, 152 lbs. (Rettan) 1
- F. Elliott's ch g The Wizard (aged), by Ventilator—Jennie Alman, 149 lbs. (Pearson) 2
- John Halligan's b g Williams (aged), by Terror—Ada, 149 lbs. (C. Smith)..... 3
- A. Shields' ch g Driftwood (aged), by Stockwood—Vanetta, 149 lbs. (Curtain), did not finish.

Time—4.00.

Betting—Oakdale, \$15; Williams, \$10; field, \$5.

THE RACE.—The Wizard and Williams went away in the lead, but the latter began sulking and left The Wizard undisputed sway for the time being. Driftwood left the track before they had finished the first mile, and though The Wizard was leading it was evident that Oakdale's long sweeping strides were sure to carry him to the front bar accident. In spite of the most vigorous applications of the whip Williams continued to sulk, and as he was the only one left in the lot supposed to be able to make the favorite extend himself the spectators began rapidly to lose interest in the contest even before it was concluded. In the upper turn of the second mile the son of Tom Ochiltree went to the front and came home an easy winner. Curtain, who rode Driftwood, was suspended for the remainder of the meeting because the judges were of the opinion that he did not make a suitable effort to do justice to the horse he had undertaken to ride.

SECOND DAY.

FIRST RACE.

Members' Purse, \$125; \$100 to first horse, \$25 to second. Heavy welter weights. Over weight allowed if declared. To be ridden by members of the club. Distance, 1½ miles. Half-breds allowed 7 lbs. Entrance, \$6.25.

- F. Pearson's ch g Lennox, aged, by West Roxbury, dam by Joe Stoner, 162 lbs. (Mr. Penniston) W. O.

SECOND RACE.

Dominion Stakes (Canadian Derby). For three-year-olds foaled in the Dominion of Canada, a sweepstakes of \$25 each; \$10 forfeit, to be paid at time of entry, with \$500 added; \$100 from the stakes to the second horse, and the third horse to save his stake. Distance, 1½ miles. Closed with 12 nominations, of which only three came to the post.

- E. Burgess' ch c Brait, by Princeton—Roxaline, 118 lbs. (Butler) 1.
- T. D. Hodgins' ch f Curtolima, by Judge Curtis—Tolima, 113 lbs. (O'Leary)..... 2
- John Forbes' ch c Bonnie Duke, by Judge Curtis—Bonnie Brae, 118 lbs. (Jamieson) 3

Time—2.44½.

Betting—Curtolima, \$30; field, \$15.

THE RACE.—As the youngsters were brought to the saddling paddock and stripped in the presence of an admiring crowd of privileged spectators, it was seen that none of the three was very far from the mark. The favorite, with her glistening satin-like coat of golden chestnut, picked out with the bright canary-colored ribbons on her plaited mane, looked the very ideal of a racing filly in perfect fit. Every muscle stood out clean-cut and well defined, and her ribs were plainly visible, but her