

## Aquatic.

### THE PREMIER OARSMAN QUESTION.

A correspondent in one of our daily contemporaries struck the key-note when he stated that Courtney would have to publicly challenge Hanlan if he wished to row for the championship. This is a public title, and the match for its possession should be publicly made, and no private arrangement for a trial for this trophy would hold good in the eyes of the sporting fraternity of America. There is another thing—a most important one, too—that seems to have been lost sight of by the parties who are manipulating this encounter, and that is, if these two exponents of the shell boat boat do contend for the championship of America the battle will have to take place upon United States waters. As we understand it, the title was not originally made to cover the Canadas, and such being the fact, a Canadian battle-ground cannot be used for the decisive contest for the title of champion rower of the United States. To row such a race at Montreal would be about as sensible as shooting for the American championship at Monaco. The title is not an international one. It is simply local, so to speak, and any competition for its possession would have to transpire in the locality which presents the prize. In England they row for the championship, either on the Tyne or the Thames, according to the holder's locale, or according to agreement. Englishmen would think it preposterous to decide any such match at the Isle of Wight or on Shannon or Liffy. A great deal, too, has been said and written about Hanlan's mode of procedure in making his different matches, and many people have been unjust enough to accuse the Canadian of 'beating about the bush' when approached in reference to a match with Courtney. These wisecracks only betray their profound ignorance every time they open their mouths. To our mind, the Toronto oarsman has shown consummate policy in his match-making. He has met and defeated all the scullers who had any claim to be ranked as oarsmen of note. His progress has been similar to ascending the steps of a ladder—slow, but sure. He did not seek for some new fangled way of getting to the top rung in the shortest space of time imaginable, but contented himself with a gradual ascent. His mode of procedure is exactly what he outlined to us in a letter at the early part of the year, when every one was stigmatizing him as a 'poor tool of a rower.' One by one he has disposed of all his adversaries, and while gaining fame he has put ducats in his purse. Had he begun at the top of the ladder the case might have been different. In the advent of a victory over Courtney he would have been elevated to the highest pinnacle of his ambition, doubtless, and he would also have reaped a rich harvest; but, in our opinion, it was far better to pick up the crumbs before grabbing the loaf. Great umbrage has been taken because these two watermen have sold their ability to the highest bidder. So long as they row on their merits we think they have a perfect right to decide their match at Montreal or anywhere else. At the present moment it looks as though these two will meet at Lachine on the 2nd prox., but it is not improbable that there will be some changes in connection with the match.—*Sportsman*.

### SPLASHES.

A grand shell race—the oyster.  
**JOKE.**—An Auburn, N. Y., paper says that Courtney is receiving cedar boats by every mail, and if enough of them arrive, he ought to become very fleet.  
**BELLEVILLE.**—The Belleville, Ont., Rowing Club on the 12th, received a double skiff from a Toronto maker.  
**NOT COMPLIMENTARY.**—The Chicago Times says Charley Courtney is a big fraud.  
**POSTPONED.**—On account of bad weather the Sturgeon Point Regatta was postponed.

Rowing Club are under the impression that it would be advisable to postpone the regatta until Dominion Day, next year, and it is more than probable that this course will be adopted.

**OLD COUNTRY.**—The race on the 14th between Joseph Sadler and John Hawdon for \$500 from Putney to Mortlake on the Thames was won by Hawdon by four lengths. The winner belongs to Newcastle-on-Tyne; he first came out in 1876, and was the winner of second-class sculls in the late International regatta. He has engagements to row Lumsden and Cannon.

**A SQUEALER MATCHED.**—J. A. Gould, of Napanee, the squealer, who sued the referee for his stake in a late match against time, and J. H. Dryden, of Mill Point, have been matched to row four miles with a turn on the 19th for \$100. Gould is to propel a skiff weighing 125 pounds, while Dryden will pull in a 60-pound shell. Mr. Frank Wager, of Mill Point, is stakeholder. He must be a reckless sort of a man to hold the stakes in a match where Gould is concerned, or must have a guarantee from that noble individual that he will not be sued for Gould's share of the stakes in case that gent should be defeated again.

**A TURKISH SCHEME.**—Just before the Russian army left the vicinity of Constantinople a grand regatta was held on the Bosphorus, in which Russian, English, and Turkish boats' crews took part. To the intense astonishment of the spectators, the Turkish crew brought their boat in first at the winning stake, but when the English boats came in the mystery was explained, and a specimen of Turkish guile was exposed that would have done credit to the "Heathen Chinee." Although the Turks started out with but twelve men in their boat, they had two more, and a couple of extra oars, concealed under the thwarts. Once fairly off, these men sprang to their work with the oars, and the boat was actually rowed over the course by fourteen men. The English coxswain luckily detected this stratagem, and the Turks accordingly lost the trophy and the honors.

**QUEER.**—The Hamilton Times says the Hosmer-Johnson boat race has now been definitely fixed for the 20th inst., to take place on Burlington Bay. The fact of no particulars being known of the race, about distance or stake, makes it have a queer look.

## Athletic.

### TORONTO L. C. ANNUAL GAMES.

The annual games of the Toronto Lacrosse Club were held on their grounds on Saturday last. The attendance was good, considering the threatening weather, and the competition in the various races, etc., was very interesting. The Judges were Messrs. James Hughes, W. E. Matthews, J. Henderson, D. Carey, and A. McMurchy; the time-keeper George Massey, and the starter, C. E. Robinson.

The competitions exclusively for members of the Club were as follows, and resulted as detailed:—

**Bowling Cricket Ball.**—G. F. Alexander. **Throwing Lacrosse Ball.**—R. McKenzie, 1, 123½ yards; H. C. Ross, 2. Three competitors.

**Three-mile Walk.**—J. Newell, 1; W. Fisher, 2. Three competitors. Time, 30:30. **Long Jump.**—Arthurs, 1, 18ft. 5½in.; Suckling, 2, 16ft. 10½in.

**High Jump.**—Pearson, 1, 5ft. **Quarter-mile Run.**—W. T. Arthurs, 1; H. E. Suckling, 2. Four ran. Time, 55s.

**Throwing Cricket Ball.**—Arthurs, 1. Five entries. Distance, 110½ yards. **Hurdle race, 120 yards.**—W. T. Arlagh, 1; H. E. Suckling, 2.

In all of the games only amateur were allowed, and the prizes were silver and gold medals. The following were the open competitions and their results.

**100 Yards Dash.**—W. T. Arthur., To-

the Canadian says he will give him any. up to 200 yards in two miles, and if the gentleman who told Captain Fraser that he was willing to bet \$500 to \$800 that Kaine could not beat Cummings' time (4m. 28s.), will call at this office he will be accommodated. O'Brien says he will run anyone in New York or Boston 440 yards. Any or all of these matches can be made by applying at the office of the New York Sportsman.

### ATHLETICS AT LUCKNOW AND LISTOWELL.

The Caledonian games of the Lucknow and Listowell, Ont., Societies came off on Sept. 11th and 12th respectively. The leading prize takers were Messrs. E. W. Johnston and D. C. Ross, a resume of their doings being given below:—

#### AT LUCKNOW.

**E. W. Johnston.**—Standing long jump, 1st, running long jump, 1st; hop, step and jump, 3rd; tossing caber, 2nd; hurdle race, 1st, running high jump, 1st, standing high jump, 1st, heavy stone, 2nd, light stone, 2nd, half-mile race, 1st.

**D. C. Ross.**—Heavy stone, 1st, light stone, 1st; heavy hammer, 1st, light hammer, 1st, tossing caber, 1st, standing high jump, 2nd, standing long jump, 3rd, hurdle race, 2nd.

#### AT LISTOWELL.

**D. C. Ross.**—Heavy stone, 1st prize; light stone, 1st; heavy hammer, 1st; light hammer, 1st; tossing caber, 1st; 100 yard race, 1st; 300 yard race, 2nd.

**E. W. Johnston.**—Heavy stone, 2nd prize; light stone, 2nd; tossing caber, 2nd; 100 yard race, 2nd; 300 yard race, 1st; half-mile race, 1st; standing high jump, 1st; standing long jump, 1st; running high jump, 1st; hop, step and jump, 1st; running long jump, 1st; vaulting with pole, 2nd; heavy hammer, 2nd; light hammer, 2nd.

#### SPRINTS.

**OLD COUNTRY.**—At the Kilkenny, Ireland, athletic sports, on Aug. 20, Mr. F. Davin, a nephew of N. F. Davin, Esq., of this city, won the first four events, 42-lb shot, 24 ft 8 in; 10 lb shot, 86 ft 8 in; running high jump, 4 ft 11 in; and running broad jump, 22 ft 1 in.

**MATCH.**—Duffy, of Ottawa, and Fitzgibbon, of Waddington, N. Y., have been matched for \$800 to run a 100 yard race in heats, best 2 in 3, at the county fair at Canton, N. Y., this week.

**AMATEUR GAMES.**—The annual fall games of the Montreal Lacrosse Club will be held on the club grounds, Sherbrooke street, Montreal, Oct. 5, commencing at 2:30 p.m.

**HAMILTON.**—The athletic sports of the Hamilton Cricket Club will take place on Saturday, 23rd inst. The entries close tomorrow. Not having seen a programme we are unable to say what the open events are.

**STONE.**—Stone, the Australian, says the reason he did not win the 100-yard heat race at Ottawa was because he had a sprained ankle. People who saw him there think if he can run as he did with a sprained ankle, he must be a veritable flyer when his locomotory powers are intact.

**SHARP PRACTICE AT NEWPORT, R. I.**—Some residents of Newport recently sent to New York City for a sprint runner, and J. Wheat (colored), of Pittsburg, was forwarded to them. Sept. 8, Wheat ran a 200-yard match against a Newport colored waiter, named W. Noble, beating him easily. Next morning the same parties ran 100 yards, and, of course, Noble won, and the sharpers pocketed \$2,000. Newport people must be very green to be caught by a simple trick, which has been exposed in the newspapers years ago.

**FOOT BALL.**—The Ottawa Foot Ball Club held its third annual meeting on the 11th inst., when the following were elected officers for the ensuing season.—President, A. P. Sherwood, re-elected; Vice-President, James Fletcher; Captain, A. L. Jarvis, re-

the first time at a 100 yard race, and Melbourne two following in 10 and 10 seconds. Stone of Australia, also entered, but did not run for first place, it being understood between the two that McIver should win."

## Lacrosse.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.**—A match for the championship will be played on the grounds of the Toronto Lacrosse Club, Jarvis street, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, between the Torontos and the Caughnawaga Indians. The Caughnawagas in their matches with the Shamrocks this season have shown themselves to be able exponents of the game, and the match to-morrow will doubtless be one of the most interesting of the championship series. The ball will be faced at 9 o'clock sharp.

**WONDERFUL LACROSSE.**—A western contemporary publishes a remarkable account of a lacrosse match at Strangtown, Chocoma Nation, Indian Territory, between teams of thirty five men from Atoka and Sack Fork Counties. Atoka won 8 goals out of 10, and the game broke up in a free fight. Each team has a conjuror, who can make his side win by hocuspocus. Notwithstanding the supernatural assistance, the selected players are dieted for two months, and are not allowed to eat anything for forty-eight hours before the match! The play is frequently throw the ball the great (?) distance of 200 ft. We should think that a player who had eaten nothing for forty-eight hours could throw a ball just about 200 ft. Before the game the players scratch the cords of their legs to prevent the muscles from contracting!

**CHARITY.**—On Wednesday afternoon a match was played on the Toronto Lacrosse Club's grounds, Jarvis street, between the twelve of the Torontos and an All Comers team selected from the leading city clubs, for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers of Memphis. Up to the time of making up our forms the result of the match had not reached us. The players were:—Toronto—J. Hughes, Ross McKenzie, J. Innes, H. C. Ross, John Logan, J. McLean, S. Hughes, W. T. Arthurs, S. Johnson, T. Mitchell, R. H. Mitchell, H. E. Suckling. All-Comers—J. Ross, E. Grainger, J. Aird, J. Dain, W. Wright, W. Hook, E. Gerry, I. Fitzgerald, F. Martin, T. Blachford, W. Rough, R. McDrew.

### OGDENSBURG RACES.

Our returns from Ogdensburg Races are incomplete, no report of the second day's proceedings having come to hand. The rain storm caused repeated postponements, and the meeting was not concluded until Monday. The first day running, dash of a mile and an eighth for \$250 was won by the four-year-old gelding Diamond, by Leamington, dam Black Slave by imported Eclipse, a recent Saratoga purchase of Mr. Henry Ford, 1 recott, the owner of the dead Ella Wooten, the little "blue nose" Island being second. Maritime was the favorite. There were ten entries and eight starters. Time—1:59. The 2:40 class had eleven entries and nine starters. \$300 was the purse. It was won by the Ottawa gelding The Moose easily enough in three straight heats, 2:33, 2:32½, 2:33½. The horse appears to have come to himself this fall and is trotting very fast. Another Ottawa horse, Decet, was second. He is a pretty good horse to back for second place, but somehow or other he scarcely ever gets to the front, possibly because he can't trot fast enough, or, may be his driver has not got the gauge of his mouth and pulls on the bit too hard. Dan Jenkins' Jim Ward was third. In the 2:28 class nine started, but in a four-heat race Mr. Wiser's promising young stallion Chestnut Hill came to the front in 2:32½, 2:33½, 2:33½; Mary Russell taking second place, and the grey gelding Capt. Smith third, the Toronto gelding Cooie fourth. On Monday Clifton Boy won the free-for-all trot, with Huntress second, Sadie Bell third, and The Moose fourth. Mr. Ford's Diamond again came to the front in the handicap mile and half heats, having the "old mare" Goldfinch behind him. Mr. Wm. Carson's Montreal mare Kate F. won the handicap hurdle race, dash of two miles over eight hur-

## Amusements.

The success of the season so far at the Grand Opera House has been the engagement of the C.ville City Company, of which Mile Erno Roseau is the bright particular star. They opened on Monday night to an immense house, despite the election excitement, in the burl esque of Robinson Crusoe, in which Miss Roseau appeared as Fanny Hopkins. The same bill was repeated on Tuesday, to good business. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings the bill was Our Cinderella. To-night Miss Roseau takes her benefit in the funny burlesque of the Babes in the Wood. Mr. Charles Drew, formerly of the Holman Opera Troupe, is the leading tenor of the company, and he had a fine reception on the opening night. For to-morrow a matinee and evening performances Babes in the Wood will be presented. The C.ville Company is a strong one in point of numbers and talent, while their pieces are devoid of anything objectionable. Next Monday evening Miss Ada Cavendish, the distinguished English actress, will commence a week's engagement, opening in the Lady of Lyons, to be followed by her New York success, The New Magdalen, Jane Shore, &c.

The Royal Opera House has been doing a fine stroke of business this week with the new opera of The Chimes of Normandy. The strength of the company is in the cast, and the music is more than acceptably rendered. Miss Sallie Holman is to be congratulated on this addition to her repertoire. Owing to the disappointment caused by Miss Buckingham breaking her engagement to appear as Mazoppa on Wednesday, opera was continued throughout the week. To-morrow the regular matinee at 2 o'clock. Next week, on account of the Fair, an extraordinary attractive bill will be presented.

The Lyceum is making a big bid for public patronage. This week they have no less than six new faces in addition to the regular company. They are Adele Leonard, Winnetta Graven, Lydia Rosa, Tom Hedges and the Perry Bros. Business has been good all through the week despite the other attractions in the city. A grand double company has been engaged for next week. The usual matinee to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

#### GENERAL.

**MONTREAL.**—The Theatre Royal is occupied this week by the Bertha and Ida F. y Combination.—Harry Wood and Ned West are running the variety business here in first-class style.

**HAMILTON.**—Mechanics' Hall—Furbish Fifth Av Combination, on 19th, in 1st night.—Hyier Sisters, in out of Bondage, Oct. 3 and 4. Mr. Wm. Richardson has leased Pronguey Hall and will run it as a variety theatre, Sept. 29.

**ST. CATHERINES.**—Cole's Circus Sept. 21. From here to the States.

**BRANTFORD.**—Hamilton Corbett at Wickliffe Hall, Sept. 18 and 14.—The Lingards at Palmer Hall, 18th.

**WOODSTOCK.**—Hamilton Corbett, Town Hall, Sept. 19 and 20.

**QUEBEC.**—Town Hall—Sullivan's New Mirror of Ireland, Sept. 17th to 20th.

**SALE OF BILL ARLINGTON.**—C. A. Carey, Camden, N. J., has sold to English parties the fast pacer Bill Arlington.

**MR. A. WELCH.**—This gentleman, the proprietor of Chestnut Hill Stock Farm, Philadelphia, Pa., sailed Sept. 7th on the City of Chester for England with his sons William and James A. He intends to place two boys at school in England, and will doubtless inspect some of the leading breeding establishments before his return home.