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# THEY'RE OFF AT THE WOODBINE

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Woodbine on Victoria Day.

It was the old, familiar scene which has lost none of its charm thru annual repetition any more than the allurements of the springtime itself. The Woodbine meet is one of the things

which time does not wither.

It was freely remarked, however, that the King's Plate was the least spectacular race for many years. The wild excitement of many past occasions when the horses swung down the stretch was lacking, and it was in comparative silence that Parmer crossed the line a winner. It was not that Hon. Mr. Hendrie, the owner, is not widely popular, but that there was general disappointment over the poor showing of the much heralded Jane tory struck the public dumb with sur-

Still, everybody who passed thru the gates yesterday, excepting, perhaps, those who extract livelihood from the sport of princes, felt that it was good to be there again, to gaze upon the white fenced enclosure, green as em-

Patronage Above Average. ventured an estimate of 12,000, but he probably leaned to conservatism. He added that the patronage was larger than on either King's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger than on either king's Plate described by the patronage was larger to be ackers of the Waterloo stable were inclined to blameTaplin for running Jane Shore into the ground when he was only riding to orders the patronage was larger than the patronage w than on either King's Plate day or Victoria Day last year, and that, while not speaking from certain knowledge, it probably exceeded in size any previous gathering at the

There were several reasons why this should be so, chief of which was that, for the first time since the early '90's for the first time since the early of the King's guineas were contested on a public holiday. Some sentimental interest also belonged to the fact that it is a single fact that it is a sin it was the first plate event under King George the Fifth. The shortening of the meet might also be expected to serve as a factor, tho the results of curtailment will likely be more apparent in the succeeding days.

The absence of His Excellency Ear;
Grey undoubtedly dimmed the sociallustre of the occasion, but the box dedicated to the vice-regal party look-ed quite as attractive as ever with its floral embellishments, the club house seats were never better filled and the

lawn was never more thronged.

A Glorious Spectacle. All that was needed to complete the beauty of the picture was a flood of sunshine, for the vivid green of the grass afforded the best of settings for the gaily colored dresses and efflores-cent millinery. It wasn't necessary to be a rhapsodist to enjoy the scene presented by the prettiest race-course in America, and the least emotional might well be thrilled by the clarion call of the bugle announcing that the barrier was up and another spirited contest in the making.

Automobiles and vehicles of all kinds, rom the smartest turnouts to the oldfashioned democrat, were utilized as means of transportation to and from the faces, altho, of course, the trolley

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Winners.  1. Seiwik, 6-1.  2. Darling, 7-10.  3. Ragman, 1-1.  4. Indian Maid, 3-  5. Parmer, 5-2.  6. Tourney, 9-1.  7. Rio Grande, 3-	J. Shore (3). Byzantine (2).	Winning Jockey Paims. Troxler, Davis. Taplin. Wilson. Lucas. Davis.	R. Winning Owners A. Turney. R. D. Williams F. McCabe. H. L. Shaw, Valley Farm. C. H. Smith. J. C. Sturgia
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## PARMER WINS, COMMOLA SECOND FIRST KING'S PLATE OF GEORGE V.

Behind Valley Farm Runners Comes James Jane Shore in Third Place - Other Races and the Betting.

Woodbine Park, being their fourth plate victory, while the Seagram colors Littlefield told his friends that it looked the easiest plate in the history of the race, and Mr. Seagram has had some soft wins. Johnny Walker was tolerably sure that Frolic had a roya chance and the Thorncliffe filly was backed from as high as 10 to 1 down to ed in an impaired attendance at the Kirkwood for a good thing. John Nixon opening of the Ontario Jockey Club had his trio on edge, but no one knew it outside the immediate stable connection, and Nixon was the only trainer of inspiration, to judge by the volume of the human tide which, defying the uncertain weather, flowed towards the Woodbine on Victoria Day.

It was the old, familiar scene which has lost none of its charm thru annual repetition any more than the allure-

from 15 to 40 to 1.

As to the alacrity in sending them off Starter Dade likely made a new record for the race. Sandy Kirkwood was led to the post while the classiest breed of province-breds were on parade, and they all reached the chuteright on scheduled time, 4.30. In less than a minute, or at the first line up, they were off.

The running showed that the orders

Commola and Parmer, with the outsider Onaping, were in front of the rest on the back stretch, the last named tiring at the turn. But it's at the wire they pay out, and that's what Parmer was after. Little Taplin looked round for Tollendal, with which the president had declared to win, but the transfer of the president had declared to win, but the transfer of the president had declared to win, but the transfer of the prize in many events.

"Bobs," who attended the range, expressed his pleasure at seeing the Canadian lads present, and praised their shooting. He emphasized especially the value of snapshooting at short distances, such as he had seen club house lawn and the less bright lenge. Then he went to the bat. Jane but considerably more animated pubwould not have complained of lack of human interest if he essayed to paint a picture of the public lawn, for it a picture of the public lawn, for it was now all over as far as first place. a picture of the public lawn, for it never before held so tightly wedged a mass of humanity. Outside of speculation on the chances of the equines, the size of the gathering offered the biggest field for surmise and calculations ranged as high as 20,000, but perhaps 15,000 would be nearer the mark.

Was now all over as far as first place was concerned, but not so for second, as here Davis rushed along Commola, another good string to the Hendrie bow, and the filly just had enough in her to get the place by a nose, Jane Shore third, both out to limit, Whaup colors up fourth and Valydon a neck behind fifth the rest all strums out. behind, fifth, the rest all strung out.

Some backers of the Waterloo stable 18 victims of the collision last night in

> some on the back stretch.
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> Tho the track was far from fast, the fractional time shows the province breds compare favorably with campaigners like Darling and Ragman. Indeed the 2.12 2-5 for 1 1-4 miles was the best performance of the day, and the winner will surely earn other brackets in open races before the sea- starters, judges, timers. That's more!



HON. J. S. HENDRIE Who is Again a Winner of the King's

### How Torontonians Spent Yesterday Military review ..... 50,000 Baseball (two games) ... 21,000 Woodbine races ..... 12,000 Scarboro Beach Lacrosse match ...... Nia., St. Catharines .... \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Street rallway ... Theatres Richmond Hill Fair ....

Liddy Wins the Medal for Snapsheoting from Behind Cover-Praised by Lord Roberts.

LONDON, May 24.—The shooting in the imperial cadet meeting, held in London to-day, was of a most brilliant character. The Canadian cadets did very well, Liddy especially distinguishing himself. He won the from Waterloo were for a killing pace Rockliffe Cup gold medal presented by by Jane Shore and so the Seagram filly Lord Strathcona for snapshooting was a clear length in front first time from behind cover, with 46 out of a past the stand. Rounding the turn possible 50. One of the most difficult she kept her lead and down the back competitions was the second grand stretch she had six lengths to the good aggregate, with 220, the winner scorand it looked all over but the chasing to the ordinary spectator. Well, tho they failed to lift any of the chasing to the ordinary spectator. Well, the they failed to lift any of the Commola and Parmer, with the out-

The Canadian cadets have an excellent round of entertainments before them, including visits to Eton and

steamers "Wood" and "Goodyear," rehe was only riding to orders, tho it did look as if he might have saved her was steersman on the "Goodyear." sulting in the loss of the latter. Pitt

Chicken, Feathers and Giblets.

The Seagrams and the Hendries control the Ontario Jockey Club. That's some-

They appoint the director's officials

the breeding of the thorobred horse. But how can you encourage breeder if you, who control everything about the meeting, allow yourselves to enter as many horses as you can name, if not breed, for the especial stake of the meet ing-the King's Plate?

Why not make the rules so as to en courage the greatest number of breeders and "breeder" is another and better class than "stable"-and best of all encourage the small breeders.

But how can you encourage the smaller breeders if the men who own contro and appoint all the officials and make all the rules allow themselves to enter as many horses as they can get together to capture the one blue ribbon (and all that goes with it) of the Canadian turf? It is not the practice if it is even the rule in England.

Why not limit each breeder to one starter in the King's Plate? The World has advocated such a rule for several



UNVEILING THE S. A. MEMORIAL MONUMENT—Gen. French has just pulled the cord unlessing the folds of the Union Jack from the figures at the base of the monument.

# STRICT DISCIPLINE, EXPERT SHOOTING, TRENCH WORK, NIGHT OPERATIONS GEN. FRENCH'S MESSAGE TO MILITIA

Science of War Greatly Changed Since South Africa-These Are the Days of Long Distance Rifles, Obedience and Brains--Compliments Toronto Regiments.

General Sir John French greatly emphasized four points, namely, greater efficiency in discipline, a better knowledge of and greater expertness in rifle shooting, the importance of night operations, and the necessity for soldiers being able to handle shovels and picks, in an address to the officers of the Queen's Own Rifles, the Royal Grenadiers and the 48th Highlanders, delivered after the regimental inspection yesterday afternoon in Riverdale Park. All the officers gathered around General French in a place on the field, out of ear-shot of spectators and the rank and file, and he gave them a heart-to-heart talk.

General French also impressed on his hearers that he came, not to criticize, but to help. Shortly before he left England, King Edward had sent for him and told him he was on a special mission. He came to bear a message of best wishes from the home forces to the Canadian army. The furtherance of the interests of the Canadian militia was the object of his trip. He was here to assist General Lake in his

Eavorably Impressed by Toronto Corps.

The showing the men made had favorably impressed him, and he was very well satisfied with what he had seen. Steadiness on parade, such as the Toronto men had shown, was a true indication of discipline. General French also advocated greater efficiency in things military, more manoeuvring at night, the better care of arms and

greater interest in shooting.

As he is acting under the Canadian minister of militia, and for the military council of Canadia, he was practically a Canadian officer, and he did not want Canadian officers to look on him as a stranger, but to treat him as one of themselves.

War was now a battle of brains more than ever. The brain of the commander would be a larger factor in the success of battles in the future than it was in the past. These were the days of long-distance rifles, discipline and brains.

New Style of Warfare. Even within the past ten years great advancement had been made in the science of war. A war new would be fought very differently from the South African war, recent the that was." The general appreciated the time given to military affairs by the Caradian militiamen in the past, but there was greater need for more

time to be given now than ever before. Canada had a history that other colonies did not have, a history of hundreds of years when she held her own against outside invasion. In order that Canadians can continue to hold their own against possible enemies of the future, they should give more time to military duty.

It is not the practice if it is even the rule in England.

Why not limit each breeder to one starter in the King's Plate? The World has advocated such a rule for several years.

The idea of putting in "pacemakers" to help a stable companion isn't quite sport.

If there had been two more strides the familished Whaup would have snatched away the last scrap from hungry Jane.

If you get the chicken why reach for the familished whaup woulget the feathers and giblets?

The idea of putting in "pacemakers" to the public, at least 50,000 men, women and children flocked to Riverdale Park, westerday afternoon to see the troops inspected by Gen. Sir John French. And a glorious sight it was—thousands of people scattered up the broad grassy slopes the feathers and giblets?

The one in the music of a military duty.

There's magic in the music of a military band, and the train of the soldiers' feet, and familiar as the local militar point to convey to the people of Canada an expression of her gratitude for their love and sympathy at the time of the Don, and along to the Necropolis, along the railway tracks and by Gen. Sir John French. And a glorious sight it was—thousands of people scattered up the broad grassy slopes the feathers and giblets?

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# Lt.-Gen. French

ly accepted type of the man o' war. Instead of being big and broad-shouldered physically, curt or gruff inspeech and manner, and with the cold merciless eye that is generally accredited to the "born leader"-there's Kitchener, for instance—you see a slight figure, under the normal height, with bronzed face, greyish hair and mustache, of quiet, gentlemaily bearing, who speaks with every air of cul- ed? ture. His public remarks are given as ture. His public remarks are given as tho sincere and unstudied; he does not seek personal display: he has none of the evidences of a martinet, tho that doesn't, by any means, make him any the less the true disciplinarian that he

doesn't, by any means, make him any the less the true disciplinarian that he has proved himself to be.

Indeed, Gen. French is a scientist in the art of war, proving by his own personality and his accomplishments on the field the truth of what he said on the field the truth of what he said.

May 25, 1679: Habeas C. battle of brains, with of course, men passed, and armament to back them up. May That he is not disregardful of the Joseph, latter was shown by his friendly handlatter was shown by his friendly hand-shakes with several of the veterans whom he inspected yesterday, and his quick recognition of others, by their medals, as comrades in arms of former campaigns.

May 25, 1763: Indians took Fort St.

Joseph, near head of Lake Michigan.

May 25, 1870: A Fenian incursion into the Eastern Townships of Quebec takes place, but is speedily repulsed by local forces at Eccles' Hill, and by combined regulars and training took for the state of the company of the company

campaigns.

Toronto is honored by the presence of Gen. Sir John French, the premiere soldier it has been her pleasure to enter ain. The pity of it is it at it military duties, as well as the period in which he comes, to say nothing of what his personal ideas might be, make it im-possible for the citizens ganerally to

### ALEXANDRA'S GRATITUDE

Queen Mother Tells Strathcona How She Appreciates Canada's Sympathy.

LONDON, May 24.—Queen Mother Alexandra received Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada, at Buckingham Palace to-day. She ask-

And Canadians Must Prepare For Future Emergencies, Says Gen. French, at Unveiling of Monument to South African Dead,

of the column, representing two Canadian riflemen flanking a figure of a woman, representing Canada, who is sending them off to war. The figure representing the glorification of Peace, to be placed on the top of the column, has not yet arrived, but the delay in the casting which is responsible for this has, given the committee an opportunity, in view of the granting of a constitution to the union about to be consummated in South Africa, to have the original design of the figure changed from one symbolic of victory to the other. This, it is expected, will be in place some time before autumn.

Commemorate Valor.

The South African Veterans' Association were lined up to the west of the monument, and after the unveiling had taken place, they decorated the base with a large number of floral wreaths.

Lieut, Gov. Gibson was master of ceremonies. He regretted the absence of Earl Grey, whose public engagements had been cancelled owing to the death of the King.

"This memorial," he said, "will forever commemorate the valor of those contingents that went from Canada to do duty in South Africa at a time when it was supposed that the situation was critical for Great Britain. It is a testimonial to the patriotism and loyalty of shose who went out on that occasion." He had no doubt that when the inauguration of that legislative union of the various British colonies in South Africa was taking place, Canada would be found raising her flag, senddian riflemen flanking a figure of a

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Isn't it about time the purple and black on many buildings was remov-ed? Vive le roi.

### A RETROSPECT.

May 25, 1660: Charles II. began to reign in England.
May 25, 1679: Habeas Corpus Act

May 25, 1763: Indians took Fort St. at other points. For their services upon this occasion Lt.-Cols. Brown Chamberlain, William Osborne Smith, John Fletcher and Archibald McEachern are decorated with the C.M.G.
May 25, 1882: The first meeting of
the new Royal Society of Canada, organized by H. E., the Marquess of
Lorne, is held at Ottawa, and Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., F.R.S., is

elected president.

May 25, 1888: A joint address from the houses of parliament, expressing regret at his approaching departure from Canada, is presented to H.E., the Marquess of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G. H.R.H., the princess, is referred to also in the address and is present at the ceremony.