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WOODSTOCK RACES THE QUEEN'S PLATE, &c.

FINE WEATHER AND LARGE ATTENDANCE

From our own Correspondent

Woodstock, May 24, 1875.

With royal weather to assist the prestige attached to the Queen's Plate, it is not surprising that the beautiful town of Woodstock was crowded with a much larger assembly than on the opening day of its Spring Meeting, on the natal anniversary of our beloved Sovereign. The teams of Saturday, Sunday and Monday were loaded with spectators bound for the racing centre, and the hotels were crowded in every nook and corner, and it is astonishing where the crowd stopping over to night will find places to rest their weary heads. Of course, the great subject of conversation was the Queen's Plate and the probable chances of the several entrants for royal honors. On Saturday evening the Gilroy and White's entry had the call, but very little financing was indulged in, either from the unwillingness of the turfites to invest or a disposition to wait for further developments. A subject for conversation on Sunday was the purchase and importation of a fresh race horse, by that enthusiastic turfite Mr. John Forbes. But very little was known of him by a majority of either the two people or visitors, but everybody expected from Mr. Forbes well known judgment, that he had not wasted his sweetness on a dud. A 1000 pounder was well founded, as Vicksburg's running in the mile heat race shows, when it was no trick for him to defeat the finest field of horses the western province could produce. However, we are anticipating and will speak more of him further on. On Monday morning the crush from the surrounding country was immense, and all day the people of that section had turned out en masse to enjoy the holiday and witness the racing. There were numerous delegations from the principal cities and towns in Ontario. Toronto was not so largely represented by the upper crust as we have seen on former occasions, but what were there were of the solid stamp, but any deficiency in numbers was amply made up by the lower strata, whose presence on occasions such as this is one of the mischiefs which turf sport has to bear. The proceedings of the Driving Park Association formed pulpit themes in several of the churches, the probable effect of which was visible the next day in the cemetery overlook-

ing and the one thing of which Woodstock should feel proud. There must have been from 3,000 to 4,000 people on the ground, and grand stand, which is sufficient to show that the town and area of our new Dominion have not yet unbled very deeply of the Puritanical anti-racing draughts.

Upon the horses being called up a tedious delay took place in the start on account of a protest having been lodged against Katie P. as being ineligible on account of her alleged foreign breeding. Mr. Archie Fisher, her owner, was called into the Judges' stand and asked to substantiate the genuineness of his entry. This, it is presumed, he did to the best of his ability; but Mr. Frank Lowell, of Galt, who had a horse in the race, deposed he had sold the mare to Mr. F., and that he, Mr. L., had imported her from Kentucky. Of course, this settled all Katie P.'s chances of starting, but it, as currently reported, Mr. L. had sold the mare to Mr. F. as a Province-bred. Mr. L.'s conduct is deserving of the severest condemnation from every turfman in the country, and Associations should give such conduct a wide berth. If Mr. Fisher was aware she was not of native origin, and attempted to bring her in, to him the disgrace should be attached. The question, and a dirty one it is, is in the hands of Messrs. L. and F. for solution, and it devolves upon at least one of them to clear himself of any knowledge of this disgraceful affair. If the standard of the Turf is to be elevated in this country, the public look upon such leading dignitaries as the above to show clean hands; and other turfmen, to remove the stain, should demand that the transaction be sifted and the guilty ostracized from their ranks.

This unlooked for episode caused quite a depression in the race not attached to the contest. Of the twelve entries three were absentees—Little Nell, Octagon, and Katie P. Owing to the position of the reporters' stand, a good view of the start could not be obtained, the Judges' stand being in a direct line between the representatives of the press and the half-mile post. A moderate good start was effected, much better than the one at Hamilton last year in the same race; and passing the stand, the first half mile, Pilot, true to his title, was guide to the party, Sharpeatcher and Fisherwoman being dead beat at the half-mile stage of this race. Around the turn and down the hill, Pilot kept his position, but on the back-strut Emma F. made pay at and overhauled the leader, and at the termination of the first mile was over a length in advance of her company. Coming up the hill, it looked like as if the Plate would decorate the White mansion, but in turning the corner and swinging out to stretch an unthought of customer became dangerous, and about half way down the straight came to the front and had the race sure in hand, winning easily with scarcely a struggle, and being full of run at the finish. A wild cheer greeted Young Trumpeter, the rankest outsider probably that ever won a Queen's plate, on his return to the Judges' stand. Nobody appeared to be more disappointed at the result than Mr. Schoff, who trained the horse for this his maiden victory. The following is the summary—

Woodstock, Ont., May 24 1875 - First Race The Queen's Plate. 1 1/4 mile dash. I C W, for Province bred horses that have never won public money. The Queen's Plate and whole entrance money to go to the winner.

R. Ellison, ch h Young Trumpeter, by Trumpeter, dam Matilda Jordan.....	1
F. Lowell, br g Gilroy, by Gilroy, dam by Epsilon.....	2
John White, br m Emma F., by Touchstone, dam Augusta.....	3
F. J. Martin, ch g Pilot (formerly Hippias), by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot.....	0
John Mitchell, gr g Hurricane, by Thunder, dam Julia Adams.....	0
John White, br m Sappho, by Luther, dam imported Tena.....	0
W. J. Douglass, br s Sharpeatcher, by Luther, dam Matilda.....	0
A. Simpson, br m Fisherwoman, by Jack the Barber, dam by Wagner.....	0
E. Golding, br g Wanderer, by Trumpeter.....	0
F. Lo ell, br m Octagon, by Young Melburn, dam by Run.....	0
George W. Wilcox, ch m Little Nell, by Trumpeter.....	dr.
Fisher & Corson, ch m Katie P., by Colossus, dam by Vandal (?).....	dr.

Time, 2:52 1/2.

THE WINNER.

Young Trumpeter is a small chestnut horse about 15 hands, with fair white stockings, sired by Trumpeter, he by imp Glencoe, dam Matilda Jordan, by imp Jordan. Matilda Jordan was likewise the dam of Bay Jack, who was poisoned a few years since at Strathroy. Trumpeter died at Dundas two years ago. It will be seen by the above, that Young Trumpeter is quite a well-bred horse, and no

the one for second place. The track was very heavy and the time consequently slow—1:54 1/2. Again at Nashville, on May 20th, we find him in the Maxwell House Stakes, a dash of a mile and a half—which was won by Verdigris, in 2:41, Vicksburg being also beaten by Van Dorn, Playmate and Volcano, three Barrie Derby entries. At Louisville last week he captured the first heat of a mile-heat race, in 1:44 1/2, but was beaten in the race by Fair Play, a four-year old son of Virgil, who won the last two heats, in 1:44 1/2; 1:44 1/2. He is quite an acquisition to the racing stock of the Dominion; and now it will be in order for some one to get a horse to beat him.

The next on the programme was a local trotting race, for which there were six entries, and was won by the gr. g Gim Lastic in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th heats; time, 2:54; 3:03; and 2:52. Ingersoll Girl led on the first whirl in 2:59 1/2, but was drawn after the heat.

A handicap dash of a mile and an eighth, finished the day's sport. And it must be said, judging from the weights imposed in this race, that however enterprising and well-meaning our Oxford friends may be they certainly require to brush up considerably in Turf matters before they can be considered *au fait*. We give the entries and imposts as follows: Katie P., 117; Mignonette, 107; Emily, 112; Helen Bennett, 115; Hurricane, 95; Galt Reporter, 120; Protection, 125; and Gopher, 110. Of this lot only Mignonette and Gopher accepted. It proved to be almost a walk over for the mare in 2:14.

The 8-minute trot did not fill. Mr. Totten acted as starter, and Messrs. James Brady of Ingersoll, D. McMillan of London, and H. P. Brown of Woodstock, were the Judges.

SECOND DAY.—MAY 25.

The weather to-day was as favorable as yesterday, the crowd being scarcely so large, but the general attendance nevertheless was above the average. The first event was the Steeplechase, three times round the inside course, two banks and two or three rails being the obstacles in each circuit of the field. Kelso was favorite, Helen Bennett ruling next, and Frank Ross and Banjo Charlie selling in the field. When a mile had been completed, Ross, who was going well at the time, struck the top of a bank, and Andy McLaughlin having no cobbler's wax on his saddle, was instantly grassed and did not re-mount. Banjo, half a mile from home, was out of it, and Helen led Kelso several lengths to the stake, which she ran in the straight which she ran into, slightly injuring her breast, but in no way interfering with her action till she had passed the post.

First Race—Grand Steeplechase—Handicap. Parse \$250—Open to all, over fair hunting ground, about 2 1/2 miles; top weights 11 stone. First horse, \$200, second, 50.

Dr. Smith, ch m Helen Bennett, 4 yrs, by U. Verdon, dam Helen Douglass, 135 lbs.....	1
A. Fisher, br g Kelso, aged, by Voucher, dam imp Epsilon, 154 lbs.....	2
T. C. Patterson, br h Banjo Charlie (half-bred) aged, by the Lawyer, 147 lbs.....	0
A. McLaughlin, ch g Frank Ross, aged, by Daniel Boone, dam Sigma, 147 lbs.....	0

The three-quarter mile dash was next, and Protection sold at evens against the field, which consisted of last year's fraudulent province-bred, Mr. Lowell's Galt Reporter, and Mr. Fisher's Dumbbrock. The last-named had the race to himself, winning by six lengths.

A. Fisher, ch g Donnybrook, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Linda.....	1
D. Schoff, br g Protection, aged, pedigree above.....	2
Forbes & Burgess, ch g Galt Reporter, pedigree above.....	3

Time, 1:20.

The open 2:40 trot was not finished to-day, York State winning two heats in 2:37 and 2:37 1/2, Boyle a heat in 2:41, and Varcoe the last in 2:41.

The half mile heats, three in five, after producing some exceedingly close finishes, in two of which the Nova Scotia mare Galvantries was the winner, fell to Gilroy, who outlasted and wore down all his opponents, winning easily at last; Mignonette was third, Brown Dick and Nora being distanced.

BASE BALL.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club, Guelph, held at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the following players were selected for the current season, viz.: W. Smith, H. Spence, C. Maddock, W. Jones, W. B. Lapham, J. H. Foley, T. Smith, R. Emery, K. MacLean, J. Colson, W. Sunley and W. Husband. At a subsequent meeting of the players W. Smith was unanimously elected captain. All the players mentioned above are well known to our readers with the exception of Lapham and Foley, both of whom have already by their play there shown themselves to be o the

last week we had just time to draw attention to the announcement of the Hamilton Association for their meeting on June 30th, and July 1st and 2nd. Our information leads us to believe that this will be one of the most successful meetings of the season. The premium list it will be observed, is divided into classes for all descriptions of racing stock—hurdle, flat, and trotting horses. For the first day there are four events, a hurdle race, 2:40 trot for Canada horses, mile-heat race for Province-breds that have not won a match purse or sweepstake, and a local trot; certainly a good beginning. Dominion Day is to have a 2:30 trot, which we hope will be honored with a larger entry list than at Woodstock; a \$300 mile heat running race, open to all, a handicap steeplechase; and a 3-minute trot for Canada horses. The third day's bill of fare is graced with a Dominion handicap, mile heats, top weight 120 lbs; a 2:50 trot for Canada horses; and an open running race, 1 1/4 heats, handicap, top weights 116 lbs. Taken altogether, this is quite a programme, and no doubt will receive the attention it deserves and the Hamiltonians desire. It will be noticed, that there are quite a number of handicaps and races for Canada horses comprised in the list. Of the former, if justice is done in the impost, a greater degree of satisfaction is given to the spectators and horsemen, but they require a good deal of discrimination in putting on the lead. There is an omission in the rules not stating when the weights are to be declared, and the acceptances to be made in the handicaps. These should always be embodied in the conditions. But these are minor affairs and can be overlooked in the excellence of the bill. It would be surprising to us if the Hamilton Races did not take a leading position among the turf events of the season.

"QUICKSTEP."

This three-year old filly by Leamington, dam Schottische, owned by Mr. W. H. Chap- pel of Detroit, and entered for the Canadian Derby at Lantz, in July next, made her first appearance on Dominion territory in a mile heat race at the late St. Thomas races, in which she scored her maiden victory, a report of which will be found in another column of to-day's paper. Among her antagonists was the veteran Protection, but he was started without his proper weight up and was very properly ruled out, although winning the heat. This running with light weight is an old trick—not that we mean Mr. Schoff is any more liable to practice it than many others—and should be very carefully looked after by the judges, and as serious injustice is done to both horses and spectators when the fraud is successfully accomplished, it should be punished promptly when detected.

GOOD FOR WHITBY.

The principal of placing the entry fee on first money is we are glad to see slowly but surely gaining ground. That it will result in a benefit to the associations adopting it, there can be no reason to doubt, if the oft-repeated declarations of horse owners is to be valued at anything. It devolves upon owners to show their appreciation of the action of the managers of such tracks as Whitby and London in thus 10 per cent business by making the entry list such as to amply repay for the introduction of the rule and show that this promised encouragement is not a delusion. Already is the heaven, so judiciously implanted, working and with such leading Turf centres as Toronto, London and Whitby in the ranks, it will be more the fault of the owners than the managers if by next season we are not able to attach to all the announcement for the circuits, 10 per cent on first money only.

MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The Montreal Veterinary College was established in 1866, and it has acquired an enviable reputation. It is liberally supported by the McGill University and the Government, and for the ninth session the curriculum is most thorough. Dr. D. McEachran will lecture on veterinary anatomy, Prof. Osler on institutes of medicine, Prof. Craik on chemistry,

called for Thursday. More than usual interest will be excited at this meeting on account of the battles of this week at Woodstock being fought over with a probable change of result. However this is one of the chances of war and racing. The superior hotel accommodation of London is quite an inducement for visitors to the Forest City and the esteemed hosts of the Tecumseh House and American Hotel, both of which are immediately at the Great Western Railway Station, and are the leading resorts for horsemen in London, will do all in their power to make visitors feel perfectly comfortable and at home during their stay. The entries close on Monday evening next, May 31, at 9:30 to which fact the attention of all interested is directed.

HOME MANUFACTURED BILLIARD TABLES.

We would call the attention of our readers to an advertisement in another column of Messrs. Riley & May, the well-known billiard-table manufacturers of Toronto. The firm has recently opened an office and show-rooms in this city at 116 La Gauchetiere street, at the head of Cote street, Montreal, for the sale of their billiard tables. They have also on hand the usual requirements of the billiard room—balls, cues and ups, and cushions, and in fact everything that pertains to the game can be found in the show-rooms. It is well known and acknowledged that Messrs. Riley & May's tables are fully up, if not superior, to those of the best makers in the United States, and Canada seems to have discovered this fact, for the tables are to be found in nearly every billiard room in the Dominion from Halifax to Winnipeg. Appreciating the value of competition, Messrs. Riley & May have placed one of their tables in the St. Lawrence Hall, where the well known Collender tables have been in use for the purpose of allowing the public to test the respective merits of the tables, and we understand that the result has been highly creditable to the enterprise of our Canadian makers. The firm has been established in their line of business for the last ten years, and in addition to the manufacture of tables and pool goods of all kinds, they import ivory in the rough and turn billiard and bagatelle balls, marbling rings, &c., and we advise all who intend seeking billiard halls or private parlors to give Messrs. Riley & May an early call—*Gazette*

TORONTO SPRING RACES

Saturday, the first day of the spring meeting of the Toronto Riding and Driving Park was extremely pleasant, a light breeze from the west serving to render the air cool both for man and beast. The horses were in good condition for the season of the year. Mr. Dodds acted as judge, and Mr. McNabb, as starter, the arduous task of starter devolving upon Mr. Roddy Pringle.

Below will be found a summary of the first days sport.

TORONTO RIDING AND DRIVING PARK, May 22nd.

Hurdle race, open to all horses owned within ten miles of Toronto that are *bouffe* hack horses; a dash at one and a half mile, welter weights, \$80 to first \$20 to second.
 John Halligan ch g Mercury, by Thuner..... 1
 R. Bond ch g Battle Cry, by Kennett..... 2
 Mr. Murray's b g Eglington by Kennet..... 3
 Jonathan Scott's g s Thunder, by Thuder..... dis
 Time 3:25.

Mile Dash, open to all horses, \$8 to first, and \$20 to second.
 Dr. Morton ch m Goldfinch by Harpe..... 1
 Allen Wilson, br m Aizora..... 2
 Mr. White's b g Charles Douglas by Kennett..... 3
 Time, 1:58.

Half mile heats, open to all; \$60 1st, \$15 to second.
 Mr. Middleton's ch g Jim Christie, by Harper 1 1
 Mr. Duigan's ch f Lady Extra by Extr..... 2 2
 Mr. White's b g Charles Douglas by Kennett..... 3 3
 Time 54 sec., 55 sec.

Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$40 added; 2nd horse to save his stake. Mile heats to kness.
 Mr. Paul's b g Quaker..... 1 1
 Mr. Graham b m Avenue Girl..... 2 2
 Mr. Ellis' b m Woodbridge Maid..... 3 3
 Mr. Dunn's b m Lizzie G..... 4 dis
 Time, 3:01, 3:00.

SECOND DAY—QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The threatening weather of the morning cleared away, and at the ringing of the bell for the first event at three o'clock, about 1,500 spectators were present.

First Race—Hurdle race—Handicap \$125; two miles, over 8 hurdles; \$100 to first, 25 to second; top weight 160 lbs.
 H. Brown, ch g Prudigal Son, 182 lbs..... 1
 R. Bond's ch g Battle Cry, 141 lbs..... 2
 Jonathan Scott, g s by Thunder, 127 lbs..... 3
 No time taken.