



# GENTLEMEN'S CANADIAN SPORTING JOURNAL



## English Turf.

### RACING IN ENGLAND.

We give below the report of the race for the Great Shropshire Handicap, as, if the time reported be correct, it was the fastest race that ever took place. The mile is said to have been run, according to Benson's chronograph, in one minute and thirty-five seconds:

**SHREWSBURY MEETING, Nov. 15th.**—The Great Shropshire Handicap of 500 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 25 sovs., each 15 for the first, winners extra. New straight mile, 89 fms.

Lord Howe's bc Tetrarch, by Mogador—Parma, 5 yrs, 5 st. 12 lbs. .... (W Macdonald) 1
Comd Ede Lagrange's chf Lina, 3 yrs, 7 st. 9 lbs. (inc. 5 lbs extra) ..... (Morbey) 2
Mr E Burdett's chf the Ghost, 4 yrs, 7 st 9 lbs ..... (Rositer) 3
Mr J Morgan's Lord Gowran, 6 yrs, 8 st 5 lbs ..... 0
Mr J Bazzani's Coeruleus, 4 yrs, 8 st, 4 lbs. .... 0
Sir J D Ashley's Hopbloom, 3 yrs, 8 st. 1 lb. .... 0
Mr J Greston's Pageant, 5 yrs 7 st. 7 lbs. .... 0
Mr Gerard's Claremont, 4 yrs, 7 st. 5 lbs. .... 0
Mr J Potter's Newport, 3 yrs, 7 st 2 lbs. .... 0
Sir Chetwynds Cat's Eye, 4 yrs, 7 st. 1 lb (inc. 10 lbs extra) ..... 0
Mr Perkins' Hieroglyphic, 4 yrs, 7 st. .... 0
Mr Ansley's Water Lily, 3 yrs, 6 st. 12 lbs 0
Mr E Paget's Rochampton, 3 yrs, 6 st. 6 lbs. .... 0
Lord Bradford's Exuine, 3 yrs, 5 st. 13 lbs. .... 0

**HATTING**—100 to 80 against Tetrarch, 6 to 1 against Coeruleus, 7 to 1 each against Cat's Eye and Lord Gowran, 100 to 8 each against Ghost and Hieroglyphic, 20 to 1 each against Pageant, Hopbloom, Claremont, Rochampton and Exuine, 25 to 1 against Lina and 85 to 10 against Newport.

During the interval of one hour after the previous race no time was lost, and at the appointed moment the fourteen runners drew up to the line at the starting post. The flag at the first attempt, The Ghost and Lord Gowran showing in advance of the others, but going 100 yards the heavy weight was pulled back, and Tetrarch, with Hopbloom, waited on The Ghost, who was next the line, Lord Gowran being in the centre, with Cat's Eye, Coeruleus, Newport and Claremont were racing together on the extreme right. Before a quarter of a mile had been covered Hopbloom retired and Tetrarch went to the front, his attendant as he entered the old course being The Ghost, Cat's Eye, Coeruleus and Lord Gowran, with Exuine wide on the whip hand next and Lina following in the centre. On entering the straight Tetrarch drew clear of his horses, and on the retirement of Lord Gowran and Coeruleus below the distance Lina joined Ghost and Cat's Eye, who were the immediate followers of Tetrarch. Opposite the stand Lina got the best of Ghost and Cat's Eye, who were the immediate followers of Tetrarch, but Tetrarch maintained his advantage to the finish, and won by a length; a head divided Lina and Ghost.

## Aquatic.

### A SWEEPING CHALLENGE.

The following appear in Bell of the 18th ult:—"John Higgins, of Shadwell, will row any man in England from Putney to Mortlake over the Thames Champion Course for the championship of England and £200 a side, or he (Higgins) will row any man in the world over the same course for £500 a side and the championship of the world, and allow any man from the colonies or any foreign port £100 towards his expenses. To row in the spring of 1877. An answer through Bell's Life will meet with prompt attention."

Higgins, it will be remembered, was one of the professional English four oared crew that rowed in the International regatta at Philadelphia in September, pulling number three. He also rowed with W. Spencer in the pair oared race and was matched against P. Luther of Pittsburg, Pa., in the single scull race, won by Hanlan. In his race with Luther a foul occurred, and the latter reached the winning post first, but the two men were ordered to row again the next day, when Higgins withdrew.

### HIGGINS' CHALLENGE — HANLAN HEARD FROM.

Sir,—In The Mail of this morning I notice a paragraph taken from Bell's Life, to the effect that John Higgins of Shadwell, England, will row any man in the world from Putney to Mortlake, over the Thames course for £500 a-side and the championship of the world, allowing £100 for the expenses of any man from the Colonies accepting the same. In answer to said challenge, I would say I am prepared to row John Higgins, of Shadwell, England, or any man in the world; but as Mr. Higgins doesn't like to leave home apparently, and as I anticipate meeting American and Canadian oarsmen on this side of the Atlantic early in the spring, it will be impossible for me to comply with Mr. Higgins' request; but I will allow John Higgins, of Shadwell, England, £150 for his expenses here, and row him over the course on Toronto bay for £500 a side.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,  
EDWARD HANLAN.  
Toronto, Dec. 4th, 1876.

### ARGONAUT ROWING CLUB, TORONTO

The general meeting of this club was held at the Rossin House on the evening of the 24th ult., at which their was a fair attendance of members. The report of the treasurer was read, showing the season to have been the most successful in a financial point of view yet experienced. The increase of membership was probably owing to additional accommodation afforded for storage of boats and the attractions afforded to junior members, the club having added a new four-oared gig to their list of boats. They now have the largest stock of racing and practice boats owned by any club on the continent.

after his defeat of Sadler, the former champion. The presumption is that Ross's first move will be to throw down the gauntlet to Higgins, when the admirers of this kind of sport may expect to witness such a contest as has seldom been seen even on the classic waters of the Thames, involving as it will, a trial of strength, skill and pluck, between a representative from America—Canada we may say—and one of England's foremost men. It is true that Higgins was defeated the other day by Blackman, a rising young oarsman of Dulwich, on the Thames, but whether this loss (which was one of the heats in the Thames international Regatta, whereby a trifling foul ensued) can be regarded as a safe criterion of the rowing powers of the man, remains to be seen. It is hardly safe to assume that it was, seeing that Higgins may have been reserving himself for the subsequent four oared match. We may remark that in the race on the Kennebocasis in the last days of October of this year, between Ross and Brayley, the best four-mile time is said to have been made—viz., 28.28—that was ever accomplished in this country. This may be so, for we fail to recollect the time of the match between Brown and Fulton, but we certainly have seen quicker times made in England, where, however, wind and tide may have favored the rower. The "International Regatta" on the Thames has now become a fixed fact; and as the promoters thereof intend holding it next year earlier in the season, it is not unreasonable to hope that American professionals and amateurs will participate. Mr. Gulton, who was so shabbily treated at the Centennial, was fortunate enough, in a four-oared amateur race at the Thames Regatta, to win a magnificent gold cup with gold medals for his fellow oarsmen; whilst the professionals from the Tyne—Boyd, Lumsden, Bagnall and Hepplewhite—won all the first prizes, defeating the Thames men, after desperate contests, in every engagement.

## Billiards.

### ROOM OPENING AT SARNIA.

The re-opening of the Belchamber House Billiard Parlor, Pt. Sarnia, now under the management of John F. Thyne, took place on Monday evening 27th ult. The room has been thoroughly refitted, and lovers of billiards will find it one of the most comfortable little billiard parlors in the country. Messrs. Thos Huggard and Alex. Kidd, the acknowledged "boss" billiard players of Sarnia, played a match game of 500 points for a Champagne Supper—the loser's backers paying for said supper. The room was crowded to excess, many being unable to get in. After a most exciting contest, Mr. Huggard won by nine points. Referee—E. A. Vidal. Judges—for Kidd, P. F. Maloney; for Huggard, C. M. Garvey. Marker, J. F. Thyne. Time of game, one hour and ten minutes.

### BIG BILLIARDS.

A telegraph despatch from New Orleans under date of Nov. 29th, says that Seron made a run of 341 points, French, in a there on the evening of the 28th. This is said to be the biggest run ever made.

backers of the men met about two o'clock to try and postpone the race for a more favorable day, but the proprietor, with his usual desire of keeping faith with the public, would not consent to this proposal, and, securing the services of fifty men, he had the snow cleared off the track by the time advertised for the race, when there could not be less than 3,500 present, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, the great excitement prevailed. J. Sanderson was attended by J. Hill of Whitworth, who, it will be remembered, looked after him for both his four-mile engagements with Hazell of London, at Lillie Bridge and Haganshaw Grounds, Oldham, respectively, in which Sanderson came off victorious. M'Leavy was attended by R. Hindle. Punctually at the advertised time the men took the start, and at the second attempt Mr. J. Muir (the referee) set them away to a capital start, M'Leavy taking up the running, and making the pace a "cracker" for the first half mile, when up to his shoulders amidst the plaudits of his friends, many of whom had come all the way from Liverpool. But M'Leavy, answering gamely to the call, went on with the lead till the end of the first mile, which he accomplished in 4m. 39s.; still the pace seemed too slow for Sanderson, who again and again went up to the Scotchman's shoulders, determined to find a weak point if possible, and it was not until a mile and a half had been traversed that the English champion dashed to the front, amidst cries of "2 to 1 on Sanderson!" At two miles Sanderson was leading by one yard, the Scotch ladie treading on his heels (time, 9m. 45s). Going down the back stretch Mac once more made the running, but soon dropped behind again, amidst the plaudits of his friends, who now began to take the odds kindly, as it was evident the Scotchman was sure to stay the distance. At three miles their positions were the same, Sanderson being first (time, 15m. 2s.), but entering the last mile M'Leavy tried hard to get to the front. Still the old "d" did not give way, rattling along at his best pace till the last lap, where M'Leavy came away with one of his grand rushes, leaving Sanderson as if he were standing still, and ultimately won by 100 yards, doing the distance in 19m. 58s., and considering the race was run in a snowstorm, with the wind blowing a perfect gale, it must be reckoned quite equal to the best time on record. M'Leavy has now earned the proud title of champion from one to four miles.—Sporting Life, Nov. 15.

### MATCH AT ONE HUNDRED MILES.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Nov 22 and 23, at the Turn Hall, Newark, N.J., a 100 mile match took place between Miss Ada P. Lormes, a Spanish lady, a native of Barcelona, and John Goulding, who has had the training of some of our most prominent amateur athletes, Goulding allowing the lady four hours start. The female dashed off at a good pace, and succeeded in covering sixteen miles and five hundred yards in the four hours' start. On Goulding getting the signal he went off at a good rate, covering 50 miles in 58m. 10 s., and, keeping up a very

## American Turf.

### GOOD TROTTING AT PHILADELPHIA.

**Belmont Park, Nov. 24 and 25**—Purse \$100; 2:50 class.

O P Doble's br s Smiling Tom .. 1 3 2 1 3 0 1
J Jody's br c Brown John .. 2 3 1 3 1 3 2
S H Hine's gm Helen R .. 0 1 3 3 0 3
A H Ladd's gm m Annie F .. 5 4 4 4 4 4 4
J Hambro's gm g Franco Charles 0 6 5 5 5 5 5
E R Miller's gm Lucille .. 4 5 dr

Time—2:47, 2:46, 2:47, 2:52, 2:48, 2:46, 2:49.

## Obituary.

### HENRY PHILLIPS, THE ENGLISH SINGER.

Mr. Henry Phillips, who was at one time one of the most popular dramatic vocalists in England, died recently in London, at the age of seventy six years. He was the son of a professor of music, and was born at the commencement of the present century. In his twenty-third year he was engaged at the London Lyceum, then under the management of Mr. Aruold. Afterward he became the principal basso vocal, at both the English opera houses, Covent Garden and Drury Lane. During his long career he created several roles in various almost forgotten English operas, such as "Gustavus III.," "Siege of Belshazzar," "Maid of Artois," "Gipsy's Warning," and "Annie." In oratorio he was the original singer in "The Last Judgment," "St. Paul" and Rossini's "Stabat Mater." He retired long since from the stage, of which he was a bright ornament.

### ROBT. B. WILKES, BATH, N.Y.

We regret to announce the sudden death, on his farm, near Bath, N. Y., on the 25rd inst., of Mr. Robert B. Wilkes, one of the most enterprising farm raisers and breeders of Western New York. His death resulted from the accidental loss of a colt, which ruptured, probably, some of the internal organs, and produced death. Mr. Wilkes was universally beloved, and respected by all who knew him, and was one of the best men of his county. He was a practical breeder, and gave considerable attention to the development and breeding of the trotting horse. He had one of the finest farms in the County of Steuben, was an ardent lover of good horse, a supporter of fair play on the turf, and will be mourned by a large circle of personal friends, who respect his many qualities and character that have always distinguished him.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN HORSEMAN.**—Mr. Walter C. Brown, of Columbus, C., a well known horseman and a respected gentleman, died recently from a cold contracted at the Centennial.

**DEATH OF JOS. A. GREEN.** Through our Iowa exchange, we are apprised of the sudden death of Jos. A. Green, a well known horseman and a respected gentleman, who died recently from a cold contracted at the Centennial.