

Wonderful to relate in a half mile race they got off the first time. Leprechaun leading having also the advantage of the rail, but at the south-east corner Mr. Willis brought Twinkle up and collared the rail half way up the back stretch and increased the lead from that point, Mazeppa running well on the outside. Turning into the straight the Boston pony had a good lead and easily retained it and won hands down, Leprechaun a bad second and Mazeppa a worse third. Time, 1.03 sec.

THE SEASIDE PURSE.

Mr. McMonagle's	"Stag" (6 years)	124 lbs.	McManus,	1.
Mr. McMonagle's	"Ida Gray" (aged)	121 lbs.	Barry Woods,	2.
Mr. Gilchrist's	"Zeolite (aged)	121 lbs.	Collins,	3.

As we prophesied that this was an easy race for Stag, the pace at first was very slow, but after they passed the half-mile, they quickened somewhat, and at one time it looked as though Ida Gray might win, but Stag maintained his lead and won with the greatest of ease, by about two lengths. Yoelite was never in the race.

THE PONY CUP.

Mr. Jack's	"Mignonette"	161 lbs.	Owner,	1.
Mr. Wale's	"Twinkle"	138 lbs.	Mr. Clinch,	2.
Mr. McGowen's	"Tramp"	119 lbs.	Capt. Alexander,	3.
Capt. Jenkin's	"Rowdy"	153 lbs.	Mr. Morrow,	0.

Every one remembers the excitement there was about this race last year, when Mignonette with Mr. Morrow up defeated the Tramp with Dr. Jones up, by about half a length. The adherents of Mignonette always said that she won easily and had lots to spare, while those of the Tramp maintained that if she had the pole she would have won. Events this year seem to show that the former were right, and the latter wrong. This season the backers of the Tramp consoled themselves with the fact that Capt. Alexander who had the mount was a thoroughly experienced jockey, and that Mr. Jack the owner of Mignonette had determined to ride himself. But as we said last week Mignonette was our choice. For it would be difficult to find a racing pony so near a horse as is the daughter of Gen. Ewell and Lady Green. Twinkle started at a short price as well, but the fact of her small size was against her. Rowdy, although a good pony for half a mile, was not in it.

Twinkle got off first, and made the running for some time, but about the stand Mignonette seemed to take the bit in his mouth, and clear off with a tremendous burst of speed, taking the lead, and retaining it throughout. At the stable turn it looked for a moment as if the grey would run wild, but somehow she did not, and won easily by almost four lengths. Capt. Alexander on Tramp thought there was no second money, being a cup, and did not ride out. Mr. Clinch therefore easily passed him, and scored brackets for the little chestnut. But for this The Tramp would have easily been second. Rowdy finished a few lengths behind Time, 1.30.

JUBILEE PURSE.

Mr. R. Wilson's	"Golden Maxim" (aged)	Mr. Willis.	W. O.
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A walk over is always a sad thing to see at any race meeting but more so at this particular one, when no Halifax horse could be found to be entered in this race against the St. John man. Shame on Halifax and all her sporting fraternity!

RIDING GROUND CUP.

Mr. G. R. Wales'	Yorktown (aged)	144 lbs.	Mr. Willis,	3.
Mr. Barnaby's	Emeline (aged)	140 lbs.	Dr. Jones,	0.

It was a pleasure to see that this was not to be a walk over as was expected at one time. After some difficulty in getting the mare off, they managed to make a start. Emmeline rapidly took the lead and led for the first three-quarters of a mile, when Mr. Willis having gradually brought the old veteran up, passed the mare easily, and took the pole, where he remained till the finish. The mare ran wonderfully well considering who she was running against, and showed better form than she did last year against Dr. Hopkins' Sirocco. Time, 3.02½.

Mr. Jack's	"Mignonette,"	177 lbs.	Owner,	1.
Mr. McGowans'	"The Tramp,"	162 lbs.	Capt. Alexander,	2.
Mr. Barry's	"Boodler,"	144 lbs.	Mr. Willis,	3.
Mr. Ryans'	"Leprechaun,"	140 lbs.	Dr. Jones,	0.
Capt. Jenkins'	"Mazeppa,"	140 lbs.	Mr. Morrow,	0.

The result in this justified the handicapping to a nicety. It was a very pretty race to watch, and a most exciting one at the finish. Capt. Alexander got the game little bay off at a rattling pace, and made the running, making in our opinion a great mistake. If he had only saved the mare a little, we think the result would have been different. Mignonette ran to catch up, and she did but by very little. She showed wonderful speed under such heavy weights, and proved that she is the very best pony ever seen on the course here, with perhaps the exception of The Wasp. Boodler ran gamely for second place, beating Mr. Ryan's little black by half a length. We said last week that no matter what weight Mignonette would have to carry, she was our choice.

THE CITIZENS' PURSE.

Mr. Wilson's	"Golden Maxim" aged.	Mr. Willis,	1.
Mr. McMonagle's	"Ida Gray,"	Wood,	2.
Mr. Wale's	"Yorktown"	Mr. Clinch,	3.
Mr. McMonagle's	"The Stag"	McManus,	0.
Mr. Gilchrist's	"Zeolite,"	Collins,	0.

Mr Robinson's Hopewell was scratched having gone lame in training and Emeline having cast her off fore plate in the cup could not run. A false start in a two mile race is not often seen, but in this case we had many of them, though why Mr. Spellman did not let them off is difficult to make out. When they did get off, Barry Wood on Ida Gray was left at the post, but this was entirely his own fault, as he had not made the least attempt at starting. The Stag and Maxim started off to make the running for their stable companions. Yorktown ran badly, seeming to go very stiff, whether it was that he caught a chill after his race with Emmeline or not; anyhow he was not going in his own form. The position remained the same till about the 1½, when "Barry" let Ida Gray go, and she came along well, passing her stable companion, and trying to have a go at Maxim, but she could not do it. Mr. Clinch did his best on Yorktown, but could not reach Ida Gray, although he disposed of The Stag. Willis finished easily on Maxim, and was really never pushed. Wood rode an excellent race, but delayed too long in tackling the St. John mare.

This closed a meeting which can be called fairly successful. With the exception of the Suburban no horse won with difficulty and certainly no race was won by riding. The best ridden race of all was the race Wood rode on Ida Gray. Mr Willis did some good work, but all his winning mounts had little or no call for his superior skill and judgment. We were very pleased to see Mr. Peter Clinch back once again, he has been an absentee since 1887, let us hope that he will not desert us so long again. He is a good sportsman and it is a pity there are not more like him in this country. Mr. Morrow was extremely unfortunate in his mounts finishing in all his races in a most unusual place for him—last. But he certainly did wonders with the material that he had and if Mr. Barry's pony had not been lame and therefore scratched, we fancy he would have been able to pilot the scarlet and black to victory in one if not two races. Mr. Clifford Jack made his first appearance on the turf both as an owner and a rider. We congratulate Mr. Jack on his victories and only hope that he will always have as easy a mount and as good a pony.

Halifax has nothing to boast of as regards these races. St. John or Boston took all the horse races and one of the pony races, leaving us only two races out of seven. It is a pity—a thousand pities—that more is not done for horse racing in Halifax. With a garrison the size of this one, one would think there would be some sporting characters amongst them. We cannot call to mind any race meeting ever held here when there was not a pony, a horse, or a rider belonging to the regiment stationed here, till the meeting held on Monday. In the old days every race would have eight and ten entries, and everybody who owned a pony would put it in the races, just for the sport of the thing, and many good races these were.

It was a pity the management were not more strict as regards colors. It made it very difficult and perplexing for the spectators.