

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT TRURO, N. S.

Truro, Aug 28.—Purse \$250.
C Mahon's Frank Allison..... 1 0 1 2 1
Owner's Nellie Thorne..... 2 0 2 1 2
Time—2:39, 2:40, 2:40, 2:39, 2:39.

MOUNT FOREST RACES.

The Fall Races at Mount Forest took place on the 5th and 6th inst. The track was in good condition, the weather favorable, entries passable, but the attendance light. We have not received the Secretary's report, and can only present the following incomplete summary, which however indexes the winners and the horses engaged:—

RENNING RACE.—\$40. Half-mile heats, 3 in 5, for local horses, bar Johnny Logan, \$25, 10, 5.—Matthew Lowell's King Harper, 1st; A Quinn's Lady Grey, 2nd; D Murphy's Dolly Varden, 3rd. Harry Cardwell's Red Rose and Caldwell's Glen Arthur, ran unplaced. No time.

TROTTING.—\$85. 2:45 class. Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. \$60, 15, 10.—H Crozier's, Orangeville, Garafraza, 1st; Joseph Ryan's, Wingham, Comet, 2nd; Thos Hall's, Brussels, Gipsy Lass, 3rd. J Golden's, Arthur, Golden Maid also started. No time.

RENNING.—\$85. Open to named counties' horses. Half-mile heats, 3 in 5. \$60, 15, 10.—J Davidson's, Listowel, Gil D Roy, 1st; P Murphy's, Mt Forest, Johnny Logan, 2nd; John Witters', Orangeville, Mary W, 3rd. J North-graves', Glonallan, Ella Walker also started. No time.

TROTTING.—\$40. For local horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. \$25, 10, 5.—J Golden's, Arthur, Golden Maid, 1st; Eugene Murphy's, Mount Forest, Mount Forest Maid, 2nd; J Paisley's, Arthur, Kitty, 3rd. Wm Dickson's, Mount Forest, Minnie; and O W Smith's, Mount Forest, Royal Leopard also started. No time.

RENNING.—\$100. Open to named counties' horses. Mile heats, 2 in 3. \$70, 20, 10.—J Davidson's, Gil D Roy, 1st; P Murphy's, Johnny Logan, 2nd; John Witters', Mary W, 3rd. A Hannah's, Flesherton, Astronomer, and J North-graves', Ella Walker also started. No time.

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 Liffey. 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 wisacres only betray their prejudice and ignorance every time they open their mouths. To our mind, the Toronto

from Friday and Saturday of last week until Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

UNCERTAIN.—The N. Y. Clipper last week, in speaking of the Sturgeon Point Regatta says, "it isn't safe to bet on anybody." That's what we've been telling you along.

CROOKED.—The Lindsay correspondent of the Toronto Telegram last Saturday says:—"The Hosmer and Johnson hippodrome race has been postponed so as not to interfere with the regatta. The men have not had time to settle, or at all events to announce to the public such trifling preliminaries as distance, stake, or date. Any man who will risk a shirt button on either of them is an arrant ass."

THE LACHINE COURSE.—The Spirit of the Times in a short article on the course at Lachine over which Hanlan and Courtney will row their championship race, speaks as follows:—"The Lachine Club held a regatta last Saturday, and the local reports show that the tide is so strong that the buoys drifted continually, and the four-oared shell race was first postponed, and then abandoned on account of rough water. This can hardly be the best course in the world, for a single-scull match; and if four-oared races have to be abandoned, the visitors to this match, which must be rowed in smooth water, may have a repetition of their St. John experience."

RILEY VS. SMITH.—We are pleased to state that there is, after all, a likelihood of James H. Riley of Saratoga and Warren Smith of Halifax measuring blades on Bedford Basin before the close of the present season. On Thursday, Sept. 5, we received a letter from Matzenstein of Saratoga, inclosing one hundred dollars, and stating that if the Halifaxian was willing to row the race on Oct. 10 or 15, Riley would make the match. We are confident that the Halifax party will view the proposition favorably, and expect that a match will result.—*Clipper*.

OTTAWA.—There was some talk of getting up a rowing regatta in Ottawa in which Hanlan and others would take part, if good prizes were offered. As yet no one has taken the matter in hand, there being a feeling that coming so soon after the Lachine regatta, it would not draw a large crowd from outside towns and cities. Several members of the 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 thwart. 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

ronto, 1; R. Summerhayes, Montreal, 2. The other starters were J. C. Kerr, Hamilton; Wm Atkinson, W. T. Ardagh, J. Pearson, H. E. Sucking, Ross McKenzie, Toronto.

440 Yards Run.—W. T. Arthurs, 1; H. E. Suckling, 2. Time, 57½s.

One Mile Run.—W. L. Allen, Montreal, 1; H. Pellatt, Toronto, 2. S. Johnson, J. Pearson, and E. R. Rogers also started. Time, 4:55½.

Consolation Race, 220 yards.—R. T. Martin, 1.

CANUCKS AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Sons of St. George held their inaugural games at Schutzen Park, Philadelphia, on Sept. 2. The Canadian athletes put in an appearance, and their doings are reported below:—

E. W. JOHNSON.—Standing jump, first, 11 ft 2½ in; running hop, step and jump, first, 42 ft 5½ in; running high jump, first, 5 ft 7 in; running long jump, second, 21 ft 2½ in; standing high jump, first, 5 ft 2½ in. hurdle race, second.

A. C. REID.—Three-legged race, Reid and Robertson, 1; running long jump, third, 20 ft 8 in; hurdle race, third.

The jumping was without weights and done on ground having considerable of a fall. A Mr. F. Davis, who was first in the running long jump, cleared 21 ft 5 in, which would have led the records had it been on fair ground.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL AMERICA.

The New York Sportsman of last week says:—"We had the pleasure of a visit from Raine and O'Brien, the Canadian runners, who did so well at the New York Caledonian Club's games on the 5th. The purport of the visit was to issue the following challenges:—Raine will run Hughes ten miles level for any sum he may name, or he will run any man in America one mile level. Certain rumors having come to Raine's ears that some gentleman, are willing to back McNulty (the Harlem newsboy), with a start, the Canadian says he will give him anything up to 200 yards in two miles, and if the gentleman who told Captain Fraser that he was willing to lay \$500 to \$800 that Raine 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. Johnson and D. C. Ross, a resume of their doings being given below:—

AT LUCKNOW.

E. W. Johnson.—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; 800 yard race, 2nd.

E. W. Johnston.—Heavy stone, 2nd prize; light stone, 2nd; tossing caber, 2nd; 100 yard race, 2nd; 800 yard race, 1st; half-mile race, 1st; standing high leap, 1st; standing long leap, 1st; running high leap, 1st; hop, step and jump, 1st; running long leap, 1st; vaulting with pole, 2nd; heavy hammer, 2nd; light hammer, 2nd.

SPRINTS.

OLD COUNTRY.—At the Kilkenny, Ireland,

elected; Committee, C. Armstrong, T. M. Morton, re-elected; S. O. Richards, J. A. Seybold, re-elected; Secretary-Treasurer, John M. Greata.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.—Ross has received a communication from Hugh McKinnon, of Belleville, requesting that their match for the championship at heavy weight throwing should be postponed for a time. Ross is anxious that the contests should take place, as proposed by the Belleville man, and now that \$200 a side is up at the Clipper office for the contest, the Torontonians think if Mr. McKinnon does not make his highsalutin proposition good on his own terms he should forfeit the money already in the hands of the stakeholder. Ross thinks McKinnon knows talks is cheap.

MATCHED.—A match was made at Newmarket last week between Ohas. Bigger of Salem, Ont., and Stone the Australian athlete who has lately arrived from England, and has been running and jumping in the States under the name of F. Davis. The articles provide for a 100 yards race, and a running jump with or without weights at the option of the jumper, for \$100 a side each event, to come off on Oct. 11, at some place not yet agreed upon. \$100 forfeit is already up.

WHO IS HE.—D. J. Ross, who styles himself the champion mile runner of Canada, has challenged J. Powers of Boston to a one or two-mile race. He says he will concede a start of fifty yards in the former distance, and 100 in the latter. Who is Ross?

A QUARTER.—Two New Brunswick youths named J. R. Dalton and W. Morrison, are to run 440 yards at St. John on the 25th inst.

OTTAWA.—The following telegraph report of the 100-yd heat race at Ottawa on Saturday would create the impression that there was a pretty good sized African gentleman in the fence somewhere. We have received no further particulars of the race, but Stone should have won easily, as we are informed he claims he can give McIver four or five yards in a hundred:—"The 100 yards race for the championship of Canada was won by McIver of Montreal. Duffy of Ottawa, took the first heat in 10½ seconds, and McIver the two following in 10½ and 10½ 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 8 o'clock sharp.

WONDERFUL LACROSSE.—A western contemporary publishes a remarkable account of a lacrosse match at Stringtown, Choctaw 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 this 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 players 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.

dies, for a purse of \$225; Marmion being second. Mr. W. E. Owen's bay mare Parsua captured the Consolation purse of \$100, with Mr. Campbell's province-bred Amella for second. The attendance was large, especially the first day, and the racing was first-class. The management was exemplary, and no complaints have been heard.

OPENING OF THE THE MONTREAL RIDING PARK.

On Saturday, the efforts of Dr. McEachern, V.S., and the other citizens who have labored so earnestly to provide the people of the city with a suitable place in which to ride, were crowned with success by the opening of the new riding park. In the afternoon a party of ladies and gentlemen met at Dominion Square, and proceeded to the ground, which is at the left of the Corte des Neiges road near the toll-gate. The drive is oval in form, about three-quarters of a mile in length, and in every way suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. The party on the grounds just before the sports began numbered fifty, including many of our most prominent citizens, and the scene presented was a most striking and picturesque one. The judges of the sports were Lt.-Col. Crawford, 5th Royal Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Bethune, late of the Victoria Rifles, and Hanbury Macdougall, Esq. The first competition was in jumping, in which Mr. Hugh Allan, son of Mr. Andrew Allan, mounted on Dilemma, was successful. The tilting at the ring and the sword exercise were won by Lieut. Stewart, of the Montreal troop of Cavalry. Owing to the unfavorable weather the list was not so long as it would otherwise have been, but notwithstanding the discomfort entailed by the rain and chilly breeze, the sports were much enjoyed by the spectators, of whom there were a large number in carriages and on foot. The opening ceremony was a very successful and pleasing affair, and certainly marks a new era in the history of riding in this city. The impression has been general among those who have read of the progress of the work connected with this Park, that it will be for the exclusive use of those who have subscribed toward defraying the expenses, but this is not correct. No person can—and the gentlemen who have been instrumental in completing the work have no wish to—claim any exclusive right to it whatever. They have, at their own expense, and with the consent of the Corporation, improved a bit of city property, which is still owned by the Corporation and is freely open to the citizens. —*Gazette*.

Amusements.

CITY.

The success of the season so far at the Grand Opera House has been the engagement of the Colville Folly Company, of which Mile. Emme Roseau is the bright particular star. They opened on Monday night to an immense house, despite the election excitement, in the burlesque of Robinson Crusoe, in which Miss Roseau appeared as Polly 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 tomorrow's matinee and evening performances the Babes in the Wood will be presented. The Colville 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 La Vie de 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 for this addition to her repertoire. Owing to the disappointment caused by Miss Backingham 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.