

Canadian Turf.

RACING AT BLUE BONNETS, MONTREAL.

The races on Blue Bonnet course were a great success. The first race being the Steward's Cup, open to all horses hunted with any hunt club in the Dominion, and ridden by owners. For this race two starters faced the flags. O. J. Alloway's Jack Frost and E. Baumgarten's Allah. Allah refused the first jump leaving him so far behind by the time he was got over that he had no chance to win, although he took all the other jumps splendidly.

The second race was a purse of \$150—\$125 to first, 25 to second, for half-bred horses, gentlemen riders. For this race there were four starters:—M. Mullen's Galatea; A. Allan's Dilemma; A. Allan's Placid Joe; Owner's Baronet. The latter was a strong favorite in the pools. Galatea won after a splendid finish with Dilemma, Placid Joe third, Baronet a bad fourth.

The third race was the Merchant's Plate, about three miles, open to all; handicap, top weights, 168 lbs. This was looked on as the great event of the meeting. There were six starters: W. E. Owen, Grey Cloud, 168 lbs.; C. Alloway, Jack Frost, 155 lbs.; M. Mullen, Galatea, 150 lbs.; E. Baumgarten, Busy Bee, 158 lbs.; Owner's Marksman, 145 lbs.; F. Glehen, Prodigal Son, 158 lbs. Grey Cloud was a strong favorite in the pools. The horses went over the first four jumps all together; at the fifth Grey Cloud came to grief, severely injuring Dedrick, his rider, and running off into the field, leaving Prodigal Son on the lead, but he made a mistake in the course and did not finish. The rest finally came in as follows: Jack Frost 1st, Galatea 2nd, Busy Bee 3rd, and Marksman 4th. There was a protest entered against Jack Frost in this race on account of an outside horse leading him over the water jump. The judges reserving their decision until Monday.

The fourth and last race of the meeting a dash of 1½ miles, open to all, heavy welter weights, gentlemen riders. This proved to be the most interesting race of the meeting. Grey Cloud and Audubon making a dead heat with the favorite, Rival, close up. John Lawlor, Aerolite 4th, and Noll 5th. In running off the race to decide first and second moneys, Audubon had it all his own way, winning easily; purse \$150—\$125 to first, \$25 to second. The following are the summaries:

Blue Bonnets, Montreal, Oct. 27.—Steward's Cup. Steeplechase. Open to all horses hunted with any Hunt Club in the Dominion. Owners to ride.

C. J. Alloway's ch h Jack Frost..... 1
E. Baumgarten, b h Allah..... 2
Same Day—\$150. Steeplechase. For half-bred horses. Gentleman riders. \$125, 25.

J. E. Mullen, b m Galatea..... 1
A. Allan, m g Dilemma..... 2
J. S. Allan, b g Placid Joe..... 3
S. Penniston, b g Baronet..... 4

Same Day—Merchants' Plate. Steeplechase. Open to all, handicap. About three miles.

C. J. Alloway, ch g Jack Frost, 155 lbs..... 1
J. E. Mullen, b m Galatea, 150 lbs..... 2
E. Baumgarten's Busy Bee, 158 lbs..... 3
D. Ryan, ch g Marksman, 145 lbs..... 4
F. Glehen, ch g Prodigal Son, 158 lbs..... 5
W. E. Owen, g h Grey Cloud, 168 lbs..... 6

* Did not go the course.

Same Day—\$150. Running. Dash of a mile and a half, open to all, heavy welter weights, gentlemen riders. \$125, 25.

Mr. Lane, b g Audubon..... + 1
W. E. Owen, g h Grey Cloud..... + 2
D. Driscoll, b h Rival..... 3
John Lawlor, b h Aerolite..... 4
Owner's b g Noll..... 5
† Dead heat.

RACING AND TROTTING AT GODERICH.

Goderich, Oct. 23.—\$120. Trotting; 3:00 class. \$80, 30, 20, 10.

Owner's Ploughboy..... 0 0 1 1 1
Owner's Comet..... 1 1 dr
Owner's Happy Harry..... dis
Owner's Lady Moscow..... dis

Best time—2:50½.

Same Day—\$150. Trotting; 2:35 class. \$80, 40, 20, 10.

PROPOSED WINTER MEETING AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Oct. 26, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

I am pleased to be able to inform you that efforts are now being made to have at Ottawa, during the coming winter, the grandest trotting meeting ever held in Canada. A programme of races has been made and distributed among the trotting people here, and all agree in saying that it is by long odds the best ever offered in Canada. A meeting has been arranged for to take place in the beginning of November, when I hope to be able to inform you that something like \$2,500 is to be distributed among trotters at our next winter's meeting.

In our proposed programme we have two large purses for Canada horses only (8 min. and 2:45 classes), but as we also have in Canada many horses eligible for the other purses we intend offering, and as we want to give to these horses all the protection we possibly can, I would be much obliged to you for your opinion as to the desirability of a "condition" something like the following being adopted by Canadian Associations that intend having races during the coming winter: "Owners of 'horses which are unknown and which may be protested' will be required to give satisfactory proof to the judges that their horses are eligible to start, otherwise they may be ruled out and forfeit their entrance money."

I think a rule something like above is very much wanted to protect honest horse-owners from that detestable class called "Ringers," and it some such rule was in force, sharpers would think twice before entering horses where they did not rightly belong. Hoping to read your remarks as to what you think of this attempt to rid the Canadian turf of 'ringers,' in your next number, I am,

Faithfully yours,

OTTAWA.

[In our issue of Aug. 24, we published an article on "ringers," from which we clip the following:

"We think Associations have a right to protect their patrons, even if they have to go outside the strict legal lines to do so; the expediency of such an action can hardly be questioned, even if the principle is not entirely recognized. The honest entry should be protected, and the interests of this class of owners must be maintained even if one or two doubtful characters are the sufferers. When the owner can not, or will not, give a clear record of the doings of his horse, he is certainly liable to be treated with suspicion, and our own welfare and the chances of known horses should not be prejudiced for the benefit of such characters. It is hardly asking too much that men should voluntarily give such information as would satisfy the judges of the eligibility of their horses for the class in which they intend to compete, and unless this can be done it might, in the opinion of the managers, be the best policy not to allow the horse in question to start. Individual injury might ensue, but the larger interest would be conserved, and managers would know at all events that their money went where it properly belonged."

Correspondence.

INGERSOLL.—A sad affair which cast quite a gloom over the whole community occurred here last Thursday. A Miss Frances Robinson (Miss Nellie Seville) one of the actresses attached to Emerson's California minstrels committed suicide in the Daly House by shooting herself through the heart with a revolver. Death was instantaneous.

Aquatic.

CAN HANLAN ROW COURTNEY DOWN?

Hanlan's four best trial heats at Toronto, over the five mile course, were made respectively in 85m. 15s., 85m. 16s., 85m. 18s. and 85m. 30s. Thereupon, and influenced by the short work he made of Ross, "his backers are prepared to match him for \$10,000 for two races with Courtney, one of three miles and the other of five," Ross' own backer being eager to furnish half of this enormous stake. The Toronto course is said to be forty yards over five miles. The above figures, then, would show that he went at the rate of a mile in about 7m. 1s., or three miles in 21m. 3s. But while their very closeness renders them almost certainly a very accurate index over the longer distance, all oarsmen know that it is equally certain that had the distance been but three miles the pace must have been somewhat faster. How much it is of course impossible to fix, but his time to the stake in his race with Ross will aid in the calculation. That was 17m. 50s. for two and a half miles, which would, if maintained half a mile further, make him do the three miles in 21m. 24s. This does not include the turn, which would add materially, making the time not far from 22 minutes. While, after the first mile, Ross did not drive him, neither did he seem to waste much time on the outstretch, so that, putting his five and two and a half miles together, and making proper allowance for the turns, there would seem to be no reason to conclude that he can row three miles, including a turn, in less than 21 minutes.

But Courtney made the Saratoga three miles in 20m. 47½s., and came home faster than he went out. Again at Owego last week he cut the time down to 20m. 14½s., beating Riley easily, as usual, while Riley himself was only 10 seconds behind. While these figures (always supposing that each track was exactly as long as named) indicate that in a three mile race with Hanlan, Courtney need not give himself great concern, it cannot be denied that he has not yet shown himself also a fast five mile man. To be sure, he has till now had no occasion to; but encouraging as his three mile figures are they are not so safe a reliance as is the calm, self-assured, well nigh phlegmatic way in which he rows all his races, coming in never blown, never jaded—at least in appearance—looking for all the world as a cat does when playing with a mouse, and evidently having some reserve power. How much of it no doubt his coming race with Hanlan will tell, but to make sure beyond all peradventure that three is enough it behoves him to at once turn his attention to fast five mile work, and, with the uncommonly valuable index of his rival's capacity had in the above figures, to settle forthwith in his own mind whether the championship of America at the sculls is to continue to rest at Cayuga Lake or to depart to the larger Ontario, a hundred and fifty miles to the north.—N. Y. Herald.

A Michigan father writes to the faculty of Yale: "What are your terms for a year? And does it cost anything extra if my son wants to learn to read and write, as well as to row a boat?"

HANLAN TO MR. COLLINS.—As a memento of his race with Wallace Ross, which Mr. Collins was chiefly instrumental in bringing about, Hanlan has presented that gentleman with a splendid chronograph, bearing the inscription, "From Ed. Hanlan, to P. Collins, Toronto, October, 1877." It is a graceful gift on the champion's part.—Mail.

Athletic.

GAMES OF THE TORONTO LACROSSE CLUB.

The annual games of the Toronto Lacrosse Club were held on the grounds of the Club, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. W. O. Ross' throw of the lacrosse ball, 122 yds. 6 in., is

THE "NEW YORK TIMES" ON POOL SELLING.

From time immemorial horse-racing and betting thereon have been so associated that it is not an easy matter to separate them, and a horse-race without betting is something like the play of 'Hamlet' with Hamlet left out. You say that 'the system of book-making affords every facility for betting to be found in the pools—French or otherwise.' This is a great mistake, and it is just this that outsiders cannot understand. Book-making cannot and never will take the place of pool-selling, proper. The difficulties with it are, first, that all the bets are 'play or pay'; that is, your bet stands whether your horse runs or not; and it must be confessed that it is not the pleasantest thing in the world to lose your money without ever seeing the horse you place it on; yet such is often the case. Secondly, the odds given by the book-makers are in no sense fair, but generally about one-half what they should be, and no betting man will back a horse against short odds when he can get double the odds in the pools. This is what keeps the habits of Jerome at Hoboken and such places where they can get proper odds. The wretched apology for pools, as it now exists, will never supersede the old system, and can never become popular.

The decline of the interest in racing at Jerome Park can be directly traced to the bill passed last Winter abolishing pool-selling throughout the State. Had this bill cured the evil especially aimed at, had it extirpated, root and branch, the city pool-rooms, which have now migrated to New Jersey, it would have been a most excellent thing, but in the virtuous zeal of our legislators they swept the entire thing away, at race-courses as well as in the cities, with a result as I have stated.

It was argued that the selling of pools was iniquitous and demoralizing, and this was no doubt true of the then-existing pool-rooms in this city, of which there can be no better evidence than the fact that one very considerable firm advertised that 'in order to give working-men a chance,' etc., they had reduced the price of their pool-tickets to \$1, and their removal has undoubtedly been a benefit to the city. But when you come to apply the same test to a race-course, it is a different matter. People who go to horse-races are in no danger of being demoralized. The backbone of the whole thing is the betting, the income of the course is in great measure derived from betting privileges. It remains to be seen if the American Jockey Club, which by its enterprise and perseverance has done so much to perfect blooded stock, and give the citizens of New York such opportunities to see the finest and choicest breeds of horses in the land brought together, will continue to give the princely stakes and purses they have heretofore given. However, the evil is done, if evil it is.

LADY GRANT.

Mr. Wm. Trask, of Otego, N. Y., the owner of the trotting mare Lady Grant, if he means business, will have an opportunity of proving his often-repeated assertions as to the mare's ability to beat Goldsmith's Maid time. In a recent letter to the City Item, Philadelphia, he says:—

"My idea is to trot Lady Grant against time. I will beat 2:14 very bad for a purse of \$1,000; afterwards will trot a mile in two minutes for a purse of \$2,000, providing you furnish me with a good mile track in both trials. Please let me know soon what you can do.

Yours, &c.,
WILLIAM TRASK.

This offer called forth the following reply from the editor of the City Item:

"We last week made a proposition to Mr. Trask which does not seem to have suited him. As he seems confident of the mare being able to trot a mile in two minutes, The Item hereby agrees to furnish him with a purse of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to do so over the Point Breeze track, or a purse of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to beat 2:14, guaranteeing nothing in case of failure, and providing that a week's notice of acceptance is given, and that Mr. Trask, before the race against time, shows a reasonable amount of speed for half a mile, in a trial, so that this paper can feel safe in inviting the public to witness her performances."

If Mr. Trask accepts the Item's proposition the public will feel satisfied that he is sincere in lauding the merits of his mare; if he refuses it will be proof positive that the whole thing is a sham.

DEATH IN THE DRAMATIC PROFES

PEDESTRIANISM.

LONDON.—Geo. Wallis, of London, and Tisdale, of Smeeth, ran a 100-yard race on the Tecumseh Base Ball Grounds, London, on the 28th ult., for \$100. Tisdale won by about a foot. No time was quoted.

WOODSTOCK.—Woodstock has a pedestrian in the person of the teller of the Consolidated Bank. He is to walk to London and back again, a distance of 62 miles, in twelve hours. Or if he prefer he can walk a distance of 60 miles on the Woodstock Riding and Driving Park in the same time. There is a money consideration at stake.

THE POOL EXPLOSION IN HOBOKEN.

The New Jersey authorities have at last moved upon the pool-sellers, in Hoboken, and, on Oct. 19, arrested every man they could catch that had been in any way connected with the several establishments in that city where, since June last, they have, day and night, engaged in dealing out pool tickets to whomsoever desired to invest on the different sporting events of the country. The only wonder is that this step was not taken long since. We are not prepared to say that the action taken by the Courts was wrong. To make a business of any species of gambling is certainly very demoralizing to society, and there is no reason for tolerating one species and prohibiting another, if it is made a business followed for a livelihood, and not exclusively as an adjunct and support of the legitimate sports of the country. It is a monstrous invasion upon the rights of society to set up stands in public places and tempt, by adroit advertisements, the disposition of boys and young men to hang about and invest their earnings in ventures of the most alluring and inviting character, but which are generally followed by disastrous losses. These losses rather stimulate than discourage their appetites for gain, and step by step, as in all other species of gambling, they plunge into the vortex of ruin, and often into disgrace and infamy. The only places where pools should be tolerated by the public is upon the different sporting grounds of the country, and the only when conducted under the immediate authority and control of the managers of the sport, and to sustain and advance it. When thus confined the influence is not of that character that brings ruin, for the meetings are only periodical, and in the intervals men quietly turn to regular pursuits, the details of which necessarily abrogate that love of venture that perpetual temptation invariably cultivates. Public opinion does not and never will protect gambling of any kind when followed as a business, but the same public sentiment does not, and never will, condemn wagers upon legitimate sporting events, if conducted within the prescribed limits of propriety, and these wagers are not made a business to amass private fortunes at the expense of public morals.—Spirit of the Times.

BREAKDOWN OF GARRY OWEN.—Jennings & Hunt's chestnut colt Garry Owen, three years old, by Baywood, dam Crownlet, broke down at Nashville last week.

Amusements.

CITY.

Miss Maud Granger, an actress of the emotional class, is the star this week at the Grand Opera House. She opened on Monday night in Camille, and gave a very natural impersonation of the character. Tuesday evening, Juliet, the loveliest of Shakespeare's female creations; Wednesday, Margaret Elmore in Love's Sacrifice; the balance of the week being filled up with Frou-Frou, &c. For the matinee to-morrow Camille is the bill. The support by the stock company has been very fair indeed, fully coming up to expectation. Next week Mr. J. T. Raymond as Col. Sellers. A reduction has been made in the prices at this house, which appears to be a move in the right direction.

The Queens keeps on the even tenor of its way, and nightly dishes up a variety programme for the delectation of its patrons.