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THE POOL ROOMS AT FORT ERIE.

Spring Assizes At Welland May Clos Them Up. The Local Duors Have Not Yet Re-Opened.

There was quite a crowd down Bay-street esterday afternoon waiting for the pool room cors to open. Among the throng were two olicemen in plain clothes, who had instructions lay a wager on one of the races. But he gentleman, Mr. Gillies, who has rented to place had not reached the city, the place had not reached the city, although the G.N.W. wires are in and everything is in readiness to receive the racing news from the Memphis track. Over at Fort Eric there has been no opposition to the pool room, and the bulk of the residents of the place find nothing objectionable in its operations, in fact scarcely any resident of Fort Eric can be found who condemns the pool room as an institution. But, like the splaces here, the Eric rooms are threatened.

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The spring assizes open in Welland to-day, and the docket contains a number of interesting cases, among which is the Queen against H. C. Howard and others. The complaint is that Mr. Howard conducts at Fort Erie an illegal business in the shape of a pool room, in which bets are made and registered on more or less fleet bobtailed nags running on American tracks.

The defendant admits the existence of the business, but denies that it is illegal, contends his ability to prove that he does a legitimate business, and that bets made in his place are transmitted to and registered at the foreign tracks. If Mr. Howard wins the case there will be a revival of pool rooms and a considerable increase in their numbers. If he loses it may be the death-knell of this kind of business in Canada.

The Memphis Races,
depthis, Tenn., April 24.—First race, ¾ mile—
dier 1, Cass 2, Miss Mamie 3. Time 1.17.
econd race, ¾ mile—Carrie B 1, Woodfield 2,
derocio 3. Time 1.044.
hird race, ½ mile—King Lee 1, Saxaphône 2,
nocis Pope 3. Time 1.324.
ourth race, 1 mile—Taylor Hayden 1, Capt.
noce 2, Foot Runner 3. Time 1.45½.
Itth race, ¾ mile—Lady Lorraine 1, St. Bran12, Letona 3. Time 1.1854.
kth race, ¾ mile—Miss Clark 1, B, F. Fly Jr.
im Cornwall 3. Time 1.1734. Woodbine Gallops,

Woodbine Park presented a busy scene yester-day merning, the majority of the candidates for honors at the coming O.J.C. meeting being given strong work. Joe Miller, in company with Bonnie Buff, was breezed a mile in 1.54, while Saragossa same stable covered the same distance.
The other members of Mr. Seagram
g were given slow work, and a
well, in tact great credit is di
ny Walker for the appearance the present, and the vote the good things at the coming meeting. The veteran trainer, Joaathan Scott, gave his trio. Courtland, Wanderer II. and Balbriggan, useful work, Courtland working a mile in 1.53, Wanderer II. the same distance in 1.51 and Balbriggan in 1.55½. Johuny Graver had the Duggan horses out and were given useful work, Foam and Merrythought looking the picture of health. Blue Wing and Banaletts, the property of different owners, were sent half a mile together, the former finishing in front in .56.

Mr Joe Doane breezed Amos A and Baronet through the stretch. Athol was schooled over a hurdle in the stretch, while several horses were sent through the field. The Gates' division, including Dom Pedro, Golden Craft and Yon Yonson, were subjected to slow exercise.

No Racing at Washington.

Washington, April 24.—The death blow to racing in the District of Columbia was administered by the House of Representatives yesterday, when the bill to allow bookmaking at the fall and spring meetings of racing associations having tracks not less than three-quarters of a mile fregue file city limits was defeated. The bill proposed to allow each of the associations to hold meetings in the fall and spring, no meeting to exceed 18 days in duration.

The fight in the House over the bill was a hot one, and the advocates of racing made a determined effort to get the bill through. The defeat of the bill leaves the District of Columbia without any law whitever permitting bookmaking or pool-selling either at the race tracks or at any other place. It does not in ferms prohibit racing but it is supposed there, will be no racing either at Hennings or any city where bookmaking is prohibited.

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