

A MOOSEPATH PARK MEET OF 1887

The following is an account of a great race meet, which was held at Moosepath Park on August 10, 1887.

Yesterday was a red letter day for turfites. Moosepath park has held many well satisfied crowds, but never did it have a gathering so thoroughly enthusiastic and having such good reason to sustain the enthusiasm. Generally speaking, the trotting, while not particularly fast, was very good, and when it is taken into consideration that the track is a dreadfully slow one, and that in the backstretch the loam was covering the fetlocks of the horses, the time given does not by any means indicate the speed of the contestants. The 244 class, as The Telegraph forebawdwell yesterday, was not trotted fast enough to drive the winner out of the class. In the free-for-all it was a matter of regret to the managers, as well as to the sportsmen, that the field was not larger. Mr. Slipp was unfortunately prevented from trotting either Sir Garnet or Rampart because of a serious accident which he sustained while speering Rampart at Truro on Saturday last. As for the running of the class, it was simply superb. St. John and Halifax had contributed their best, and St. John won it handsomely. The running of Yorktown was simply marvelous in the second heat, and satisfied everybody that he has no peer this side of Boston. He ran the heat in 1:22, while at least the competent timers made it one-quarter second less than the blackboard. His third heat, which he won under a strong pull, was run in 1:23. Golden Maxim ran gamely and well, and her finish with Yorktown in the first heat will be remembered as the hottest that this province has yet seen. Both Yorktown and Golden Maxim have eclipsed the best running time ever made on the track, the nearest approach to it being the heat run by Galvanette, who is so kindly remembered by the old turfites when she went the circuit in 1:22½, though the time would not be less than 1:24½ or 1:25. Praise for Yorktown and Maxim, however, does not at all reflect upon either Strabismus or Emisary. The pace was hotter than any one anticipated it would have been, and the track was strange. Both riders carried their horses well, and they failed to land their winners, for the simple reason that they were over-matched. The best of order prevailed; the applause was general and impartial, and the committee in charge of the races have every reason to feel proud of the success of their meeting. The judges on the race were Col. Osmond, of Lewiston, Me., and Messrs. Jewett and Geo. A. Barker.

of this city. Mr. Jewett also officiated as timer. S. T. Golding was clerk of the course, and W. Christie held the flag in the distance stand.

The first race on the bill was the 244 class, with three starters: — Duchess, Maud C, and Thunder. Generally the heats, while well contested, were not particularly noteworthy. Neither of the contestants were in as good form as they have been seen, and Thunder justified the remarks in the issue of yesterday, that he had not been given sufficient time in which to develop. When he did trot he threw himself into his work with spirit. Duchess was not at all times well under control either, and the daughter of Sir Charles had comparatively easy work. The time was slow, but as the race was well contested, it was quite interesting. On the first heat, Maud C. and Duchess had the course practically to themselves, owing to the breaking of Thunder as he went down the backstretch on his way to the three-quarter pole, up to which time he had been doing well. The last half of the first mile was close and exciting until the lower turn, as the horses were reaching out for the stand, when Duchess broke badly, and Maud C. came in several lengths ahead. Time, 2:50.

The second heat was the best of the race. Maud C. broke on the upper corner, but caught quickly and went hot after Duchess and Thunder. The latter acted elegantly, but his Nemesis followed his footstep, and, while going handily to the first quarter pole, broke so badly that his driver had to pull him to a standstill before he got him under control. When he did get under way, however, he went after the others lively. The half mile was remarkable for its slowness, and it looked at one time as though three minutes would capture the horses straightened out a little and Thunder, who was acting better, began to close the gap between him and the leaders. The latter were working hard and fighting every inch of the way when they went at it again for the few remaining yards, and it looked as though Maud C. was blackboarded the winner. Time, 2:56.

The third heat was uneventful, except for the good time made on the last quarter, which was trotted at a 2:40 clip. The first part of the race, however, was so slow that the mile was only made in 2:52.

Summary, Moosepath Park, St. John, August 10, 1887. 244 class—mile heats; best three in five to harness:

Thos. Clark, St. John, ns b m 1 1 1
Maud C. 2 2 2
D. W. Belyas, Portland, b m 3 3 3
A. G. Berryman, St. John, ns b g 4 4 4
Thunder 5 5 5
Time—2:50, 2:56, 2:52.

In the free-for-all there were only two starters, Sontag, the bay mare from Manchester, Me., and Sandy Morris. When the latter appeared on the track he was quite lame and his friends expected but little from him. The three heats were practically walks over for the mare from across the border, but he had not the feet under him that once made him such a favorite, and it was merely punishment for him to be forced to keep alongside the mare. It was a defeat of Sandy for two reasons—not in speed, but in the fact that he was unable to stand a good deal of trotting. She was headed but one in any of the heats at any part of them, and that in the first quarter of the first heat. The time was disappointing.

Summary, Moosepath Park, St. John, August 10, 1887. Free for all trot. Purse \$300. Mile heats. Best three in five to harness:

F. L. Norcross, Manchester, Me. 1 1 1
S. b. m. Sontag 2 2 2
C. W. Bell, St. John, n. s. ch. g. 3 3 3
Sandy Morris 4 4 4
Time 2:48, 2:44, 2:40 1-2.

The running race was really the one in which the great interest of the spectators centered. The field was a grand one and many felt that it might be anybody's race. Golden Maxim had always

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had luck at Moosepath, and she could be depended on for gameness. Her rival, Yorktown, had had many a battle with her, and while there were hundreds who believed in his ability to outrun anything in Canada, yet some were timor-



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ous from the reason that there were rumors that he was a little "off" rearing, which, doubtless, were monstrously calculated by the speculative brethren. Strabismus was an unknown quantity to Moosepath, and while not a very likely looking horse, he has a low, long stride. Emisary was in good form and was looked upon to win the first heat. Yorktown was the first on the track with Joe Collins up, then came Emisary with Chris Woods, then Strabismus with Barry D. Wood, and then Golden Maxim with E. Lefroi Willis. They were not long in effecting a start. Maxim had the pole, Yorktown next, with Emisary sandwiched in between him and Strabismus. When the word was given Maxim had a slight lead, the others close up and lunched. As they went for the upper corner Strabismus was forming with Maxim a pocket for Yorktown, but when they straightened out on the backstretch Collins gave Yorktown his head and Strabismus widened out to save himself. Wood was riding a careful race and appeared, bent upon giving Yorktown and Maxim the benefit of the crowding, while Emisary was running freely a length in the rear. It soon became evident, however, that Strabismus had cut out a very hot piece of work for himself, and that the mission was not a success for that. Passing under the wire at the half mile Maxim was ahead, with Yorktown on his flank. The other two were running well, but under the heat so far as running was concerned. Going for the three-quarters pole Yorktown forged to the front and, neck and neck, he and Maxim went by it and into the lower turn. Here Yorktown seemed to get off his stride coming about the sharp curve, and Maxim was nearly a length to the good when the riders could see the stand. Willis was doing grandly with the mare; Collins was riding Yorktown with rim and judgment. When passing the stables Yorktown responded gamely to Collins and forged inside toward the pole. Stride after stride he appeared to gain somewhat when Willis took Maxim in close and crowded Yorktown so close against the fence that it was impossible for him to pass. He

drew out a little toward the end and the horse freed from the place he was in, made a desperate effort to win but he was late. Maxim went under the wire by less than a head in front of Yorktown. Time 1:22.

In the interval between the first and second heats Maxim's stock went up quickly, and she was sold in the pools against the field at odds of 5 to 4. Several scores were needed to get the horses well sent off for the second heat. When they did so Emisary, who had supplied considerably cut out the pace, followed by Golden Maxim, with Yorktown and Strabismus riding together. A quarter at this rate of speed was enough for Emisary, and Wood began piling on both writh and spur upon Strabismus. Just below the quarter pole the four were lunched so neatly together that there was no perceptible difference between them. Coming around the lower turn, the cardinal and gold of Willis, and the blue green of Collins, were the first to be seen. They were making a pretty race and came thundering along neck and neck until when passing the half mile Yorktown responded to his rider and showed half a length in front of Maxim, upon whose flank Wood was driving Strabismus for all he was worth. The positions were not varied until near the homestretch when Wood began to realize that Halifax depended upon him and he piled the gad with vigor. He passed Maxim and went for Yorktown hard, but it was useless. The St. John horse was good for more than he had exhibited and he crossed the line the winner by two lengths with Strabismus second, Maxim third and Emisary a good fourth. Time 1:22. The audience at this juncture fairly went wild with excitement. Strabismus and Emisary having both failed to secure a place had to drop out and the final heat was fought out between the local rivals. It was a good heat and quickly ran but Yorktown was in even better trim than when she started out earlier in the afternoon and Collins landed him a winner under a pull. 1:18.

Summary—Moosepath Park, St. John, N. B., Aug. 10, 1887. Running race, mile heats, best two in three. Purse \$300. Peter Clinch, St. John, ns b g 2 1 1
Yorktown, Joe Collins 2 1 1
E. Lefroi Willis, St. John, ns b h 3 3 3
m. Golden Maxim, E. Lefroi Willis 4 4 4
W. Duffus, Halifax, ns b h 5 5 5
Strabismus, Barry D. Wood 6 6 6
W. McPartridge, Halifax, ns b h 7 7 7
Emisary, Chris Wood 8 8 8

MOOSE CARNIVAL

Arrangements are completed for a grand carnival to be held next week, on the exhibition grounds, under the auspices of the Royal Order of Moose. To stage and tent the various shows and amusement devices, more room is required than for any of the big circuses. At the same time, the show differs vastly from the stereotyped circus, being more in the order of a beautiful park. In connection with the carnival the management features one of the greatest trained wild animal shows of any production of its kind. Professor Herberth, the famous lion tamer, gives a thrilling exhibition with eight lions, Mike Evelyn, with her expert group of trained African leopards, also gives a sensational exhibition. Professor De Kilo gives a remarkable performance with lions, tigers, panthers, bears, etc. While the show was in Bangor (Me.) State Fair, E. J. M. Devillo, known as "the dare devil Devillo," narrowly escaped serious injury. After a heavy rain storm he attempted to give a sensational automobile ride, but the feat was impossible as the sloping sides of the track were very wet and Devillo was hurled from the top of the rim to the ground, where he landed in a limp and crumpled heap. Fortunately no bones

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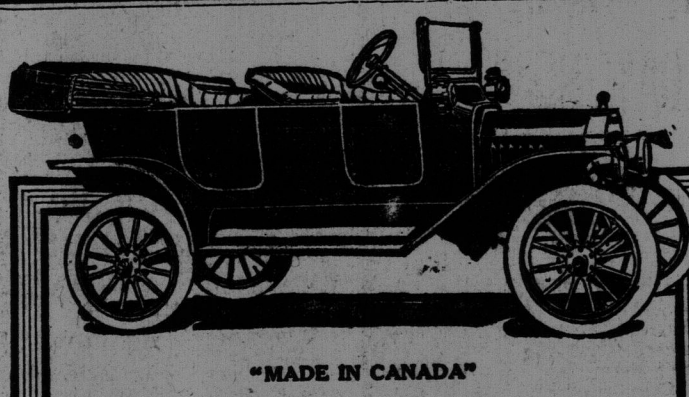
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