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BARNACLES.

There always have been, and probably always will be parasites who feed upon and draw their sustenance from a higher organization than their own, and while receiving their animation from the higher nature have no interests in common with their foster provider. This is equally true of the animal and vegetable kingdom. The more sensitive and valuable the parent, the more probable it is subject to the attack of enemies. Agriculturists experience this to a degree which is felt in a tangible manner by the general community, and it is no less the case in the various departments of our social and domestic existence. It would, indeed, be strange when this appears to be a universal law of nature, if the racing interests of the country were to be exempt from its ravages. Not to speak of the evils which arise within the circle of sport itself, and which appear to be as unavoidable as the disreputable and unreliable class in mercantile business, and as difficult to control either by law or custom, there are enemies on the outside from whom a liberal encouragement is confidently expected, but whose favors are dealt out to the prejudice of the best interests of the turf. While at all times acknowledging that the voice of the public censor of the press should be respected, it is with a great deal of regret that we charge a portion of this influential community with destroying to a large extent the public interest in trials of speed over properly conducted tracks controlled by legitimately organized and undisputedly honorable Associations. This charge is hardly to be attached to the managers of our leading journals, but those occupying subordinate positions are the ones upon whom the blame should fall. In other matters of public interest, well educated, trained, and skilful writers are employed to keep the public well informed of the current events of the day, whether political, secular, or religious. But in matters of an equine nature, some have acted in the shape of a half-fledged scribe as considered good enough to imitate the re-

holy horror and wonder that such things should be permitted to exist under the best government in the world. All this, founded on a wrong premises, does untold damage. If the reporter who is detailed to give an account of a race meeting were as conversant with his subject as the commercial or city editor is presumed to be, he would be able to see and judge for himself if the affairs of the meeting were not conducted in a proper manner, and then if there were occasion for fault-finding could attach the blame to proper parties. But in numerous cases the good natured and industrious, though ignorant, (in this particular at least), reporter is made the cat's-paw of better informed though less well meaning mean. It is not necessary to detail instances in which the press has been made the innocent medium for spreading calumny on Associations and attaching odium to individuals for which an antidote is difficult to be found. On more than one occasion we have seen those unsophisticated gentry make fearful onslaughts on matters connected with racing, of which they had no more idea than the man in the moon is presumed to entertain. Impecunious or cowardly to a degree that would not permit them to make financial speculations on the result, and ignorant of the manner of making investments, they are not deterred from attacking not only the system, but also the individuals who have been employed to assist the Association in carrying out the programme. As in every thing else, racing and its concomitants should be made the subject of criticism, but this should be done by writers who are thoroughly acquainted with their subject, and not by incompetent men, who, as we have before remarked, are easily led away by the sophistry of some designing and cunning, but ill-fortuned speculator. It is hardly possible to expect to find a competent racing reporter attached to every journal, but the public have a right in demanding that the published accounts should be correct and free from a bias that has proved injurious to the turf interests of the country and done grievous wrong to individuals for which it is almost impossible to make redress. Until reliable reports, unaccompanied by wilful, gross and unfounded charges against associations and individuals are furnished by competent writers to our press, it is quite safe to state that the greatest barnacle to the racing interests of Canada is the ignorant and pliable but egotistical reporter of the press.

WOODBINE PARK.

Great things have been anticipated when the inaugural meeting would take place at Woodbine Park, Toronto. The full programme will be found in another column of to-day's paper, and as will be seen it is a dish fit to set before a King. The track to-day is good enough for any man's horse to trot over, and the proprietor points with commendable pride to his efforts in establishing a first-class race course in all respects for the city of Toronto. A description has already been given in our columns of the Park and its surroundings, and it will be sufficient to say, that on the day of the opening, spectators will have an opportunity of saying they have seen the best course in Canada. Not the least point in favor of Woodbine is its ease of access, the King St. east and Kingston Road cars taking you right to the gate; while to those who prefer to drive, the road and scenery is the finest in the neighborhood of Toronto. The management have very wisely, we think, separated the running from the trotting, having allotted two days to each. The total amount hung up for competition is \$8,250. The first days proceedings consist of :80, a :40, and a local 8:00 trot. For the second day we are promised a :35, a :50, and a free for all trot, the latter a dash of five miles, something novel in this region, and which, no doubt, will be the means of bringing out a large field of horses both local and foreign. As a trotting track it will be found that Woodbine has no superior, we might almost say, in America, being wide, with nicely graded turns, and beautiful front and back stretches, and composed of splendid elastic soil. It will surprise us if some of the records are not taken down a peg or two on the 19th and 20th inst.

CARLETON PARK.

The Carleton Club announce their programme for their autumn meeting which will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 18th. The events are, of course, all running. The first day's amusement consists of four races—two heat races and two dashes; to be followed on Saturday with a similar number and divided in like manner. It will be noticed the weights are raised two pounds all round, no doubt a move in the right direction. The entrance fee has been fixed at ten per cent. on first money, which system appears to be coming the rule. An allowance of ten pounds, instead of the customary seven, is made for province bred. Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk Railway to run special excursion trains to the course each day. On account of Woodbine Park meeting following the next week the Carleton Club have every reason to anticipate a very successful entry list, and as a consequence good racing. The track and stands are universally known to be very fine, the accommodations for spectators unsurpassed in America, and the stabling in close proximity to the track ample and first-class. The entries close at Thomas' Chop House on October 11th, a date horsemen will do well to bear in mind.

CHATHAM RACES.

Our readers must not forget that Chatham Fall Races will take place on Oct 12th, 18th, and 14th. The first day opens with a mile heat race for Dominion bred, \$125; to be followed by a 2:34 trot, \$200. On the 18th there are a 8:00 trot, \$150; 2:45 trot, \$175; and a half-mile heat race, 8 in 5, \$75. The last day has a 2:30 trot, \$800; and a free-for-all running race, \$175, mile heats. Entrance, 10 per cent. of purse. Entries close on Oct. 9th. This is rather a neat small bill except the 8 in 5, half-mile heat race. This is objectionable, it would have been better 2 in 8. People in that section of the country must be very fond of running their horses if they start them in such a race for \$50. It is coming to the wire that kills a horse and this is why we have contended against 8 in 5 running races of any length, and we consider them particularly objectionable at this distance, as they are usually run through from the word. It is to be hoped our Chatham friends, to whom we wish every degree of success in their meeting, will change the race in question to a 2 in 8. The association is a young, vigorous, and reliable one, and should adopt the modern liberal ideas in those matters.

ST. THOMAS RACES.

Last week we had simply time to draw attention to the announcement of this flourishing Association. We are informed that the enterprising lessee, Mr. Ketchum, has made several improvements to the track and its surroundings, and have no doubt that the horsemen who will be present at the meeting next Thursday and Friday will be able to appreciate Mr. K.'s efforts on their behalf. For the October meeting the lessee offers a nice small programme, with inducements for local horses in one-half the events on the slate. A 2:40 and an open trot with an open running race are the only attractions for outsiders. St. Thomas is one of our most pleasant western towns, and is reached in a few minutes from London by the L. & P. S. Railway. The meetings of this Club have almost uniformly been favored with large entry lists, and the probabilities are strongly in its favor for next week. To those visiting St. Thomas for the first time it might be as well to remark that the Hutchinson House, of which Mr. Musselman is the genial boniface, will be found one of the most comfortable stopping places outside of the Metropolis.

BRAMPTON RACES.

The programme of the Brampton Driving Park Association will be found in another column. Owing to a lack of entries in the running class the Brampton Club have this fall confined their premiums to the trot-

jumping a hurdle at Ottawa last week, struck, and broke his leg in two places, necessitating his execution on the spot. He was owned by Alex. Macnabb, Esq., P. M., of this city. Frank Ross was a beautiful chestnut gelding, eight years old, and was sired by Daniel Boone, out of Sigma, by Epsilon; he by Pacific, dam Madam Bosley, by Sir Richard. Daniel Boone was by Lexington, dam Magnolia, by imported Glencoe. In Canada, Ross has never been very successful until the present season, and although looked upon as a good horse, was never thought much of as a winner. Mr. Macnabb is to be sympathized with in his loss.

The Ogdensburg races have been favored with fine entries. In the eight events there were no less than eighty-three nominations, the running races being especially favored.

Our report of the Ottawa races, by "our own," only came to hand just as we were going to press, having been delayed in transit. In lieu thereof we are obliged to content ourselves with the telegraphic summary. Several accidents occurred at Ottawa to the jockeys engaged, the most serious of which fell to Lee, who had his collar bone broken.

Little Sam's plaster of 2:32½, although a credit to his speed, will seriously interfere with his value as a trotter. 2:32½ over Hamilton means something very fast.

There will be blood for supper when Vicksburg and Inspiration meet at Woodbine this month.

It is probable that Mr. John Coffee's stable including Donnybrook, B. F. Carver, and Ida Wells will put in an appearance at Woodbine.

Katie P., the ? Queen's Plater, won her first hurdle race at Ottawa last week.

Our thanks are due to the proprietors of the "Arlington" for a complimentary invitation to visit Cobourg during the race meeting there. The "Arlington" is known as one of the finest hotels in Ontario, and the kindness of the proprietor is appreciated.

Cobourg races on Oct. 5.

Mohawk has recovered from the injury to his eye received at Newmarket.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. Mc., Brampton.—The Dominion Rules are out of print. We will credit you with the amount sent.

S. C., Milton.—The rule says, "They must not have been members of any other club for 60 days immediately prior to the match." Whether a man could be elected a member of a club without his knowledge or consent is another question, which we are inclined to decide in the negative; though the rules do not provide for this contingency.

A DEAD LETTER.

We desire to call attention to the fact that that part of Rule 6 of the National Trotting Association which requires the name of sire and dam to accompany an entry in each case, when the same is known; and, when unknown, that this fact be stated, under a penalty of \$25 fine for each omission, remains practically a dead letter in the National code. The rule further requires that the pedigrees so given shall be published by the associate members with the advertisement of entries, and this provision is also ignored by very many of the trotting associations. The interests of the public demands that the provisions of this rule be enforced, and we call upon the executive of the National Association to interpose their authority in the premises. More than one-half of the associate have this year failed to comply with these provisions, and a large proportion of those making entries have laid themselves liable to the penalty prescribed for violation of the rule. There should at once be a united effort on the part of all breeders to see that so valuable a provision should no longer be ignored. It is only by the aggregation of results for a series of years that the claims of superiority for the various trotting strains can be definitely ascertained, and the value of this or that cross determined with any degree of certainty; and if, whenever a colt or filly is entered in a trotting race, the pedigree is stated and placed in the record, it would greatly facilitate the labors of those who are investigating the problem of how to breed the trotting horse. Another great object to be gained by the enforcement of this rule is the prevention of fraud, not only in the identity of the horses, but in the matter of their breeding. It is, no doubt, true that the published pedigrees of some of our celebrated trotters are base frauds, concocted to add to the mar-

means by which the associate members may be compelled to comply with its provisions. —Wilkes.

GOOD TROTS AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Sept. 15.—Purse \$500, for horses that have never beaten 2:40; 300 to the first, 200 to the second; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

M Floyd, g g White Cloud..... 3 8 1 1 1
R Young, b g Quilp..... 1 1 4 4 4
French & Nicholson, Bay Dick..... 2 2 3 3 2
L P Drake, b m Ella..... 4 4 8 2 5
Time—2:45, 2:45, 2:44, 2:41, 2:42½.

Sept. 18.—Purse \$500, mile heats, 3 in 5, to harness.

Owner's Bay Dick..... 2 2 2 1 1 1
Owner's Nelson..... 3 4 1 2 2 ro
Owner's Alert..... 4 3 8 8 8 ro
Owner's Ella..... 1 1 dis
Time—2:47, 2:45, 2:48, 2:47, 2:52.

GOOD TROTS AT WOONSOCKET, R.I.

Sept. 14 and 15.—Purse \$70, for home horses, 40 to first, 20 to second, 10 to third, mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

L M Elliott, ru m Monument Girl, 2 2 1 1 1
G E Perrin, jr, br m Lelia C..... 1 1 2 2 2
H J Whitaker, b g Ira Cook..... 3 3 dis
Time—2:56, 2:57½, 2:56, 2:54½, 0:00, 3:00.

Purse \$250, for horses that have never beaten 2:38; \$125 to first, 75 to second, 50 to third.

J Carpenter, b g Fearless..... 5 3 4 1 1 2 1
Geo M Butts, ch g Capt Allen..... 3 2 1 2 2 2
Chas O Arnold, g g Crazy..... 1 2 4 4 3 3
T S Carpenter, b m An'thr Such 2 5 8 8 8 ro
Geo P Carpenter, g g Sea Foam..... 6 4 8 6 5 ro
Henry Swan, ch g Joker..... 7 8 6 5 dr
G E Perrin, jr, ch m Belle..... 4 7 5 dr
T S Foster, g m Mollie Russell..... 8 6 7 dr
Time—2:41, 2:41, 2:39½, 2:44½, 2:38½, 2:42½, 2:45.

TROTTERING AT PENN YANN, N. Y.

Sept 15.—Purse \$300, for horses that have never beaten 3:00, \$140 to first, 80 to second, 50 to third, 30 to fourth, mile heats, 8 in 5, in harness.

H R Stebbins, s g Rako..... 1 1 5 4 1
H W Shaw, b g George..... 2 2 4 1 3
C E Tuttle, b m Red Stone..... 8 4 1 2 4
E H Moore, br g John T..... 3 3 2 3 2
William H Brown, b m Lady L, 6 5 3 5 5
T Decker, s m Lady Decker..... 4 7 10 7 8
H C Stewart, b m Maggie St'wrt 7 6 7 8 6
Prof W Baker, s g Tom..... 9 11 8 6 7
James Fox, b m Bossie Turner..... 5 10 8 10 dr
D S Sprowl, s m Queen Fay..... 13 12 11 9 dr
Jonas Ward, br s Billy Seward, 10 8 6 dr
J J Smith, ch m Cora..... 11 9 dr
John Lane, g m Nellie Gray..... 12 13 dr
J W Odell, b m Lotta K..... dis
S W Spink, ch g O Knapp..... dis
Time—2:41, 2:43½, 2:41½, 2:40½, 2:40.

Purse \$400; for horses that have never beaten 2:35; 200 to first, 100 to second, 60 to third, 40 to fourth.

O C Knapp, ch g Charlie..... 1 1 1 1 1
Frank Randall, s g S G Ellsworth..... 2 2 3 3
J C Hien, b m Lady Johnson..... 6 4 7 2
A D Thompson, s g Luther..... 7 3 4 4
Daniel Lanning, b m Ida L..... 5 6 5 5
C H Hurd, b s Prince Clay..... 4 5 6 dr
N Thompson, blk m Lady Thompson..... 3 7 1 *
Time—2:36, 2:37½, 2:36½, 2:39.

* Expelled.
Sept. 17.—Purse \$400, for horses that have never beaten 2:40; 200 to the first, 100 to the second, 60 to third, 40 to fourth, mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

W H Miller, b g Henry..... 1 1 1
E Dempster, blk s Young Wilkes..... 4 3 2
S W Spink, s s W Spinks..... 3 2 5
Daniel Lanning, b m Ida L..... 2 6 6
Pat Byrnes, b g Pat Byrnes..... 5 4 3
J W Ingall, g s Otego Chief..... 6 8 4
J Coykendall, ch s Jupiter Abdallah..... 7 5 7
L Cooley, g g Grey Eddie..... 8 7 8
Time—2:43, 2:45, 2:44.

Purse \$300, for horses that have never beaten 2:50, 140 to first, 80 to second, 50 to third, 30 to fourth, mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

E H Moore, br g John T..... 1 1 1
W H Brown, b m Lady L..... 2 3 2
H W Shaw, b g George..... 3 2 3
H B Stebbins, s g Rako..... 4 4 5
H C Stewart, s m Maggie Stewart..... 6 6 4
C E Tuttle, b g Red Stone..... 5 5 7
J C Frerø, b m Lib..... 7 7 6
Time—2:44, 2:45, 2:44.

Sept 18.—Purse \$300, for horses that have never beaten 2:45; \$140 to first, 80 to second, 50 to third, 30 to fourth; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

E H Moore blk g John T..... 1 1 1
W H Miller b g Henry..... 2 2 2
H B Stebbins s g Rako..... 3 3 1
J B Titman b m Dolly E..... 4 4 2
C Shearman b g Prince Arthur..... dis
S Culver s g Johnny..... dis
Time—2:38, 2:40, 2:39.

Purse \$400, for horses that have never beaten 2:30; \$200 to first, 100 to second, 60 to third, 40 to fourth; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

G Hayt s g Planter..... 1 1 1
E Dempster blk s Young Wilkes..... 2 2 2
A J Johnston b m Lady Johnston..... 3 3 4
J W Ingall g s Otego Chief..... 4 4 3
Time—2:36½, 2:39, 2:39.

Purse \$200, running; \$100 to first, 75 to second, 25 to third; mile heats.