

### THE THREE FIRST CREWS IN THE HALIFAX FOUR-OARED RACE.

#### THE WINSHIP-TAYLOR CREW.

The winner of the great four-oared race that came off in Halifax harbour on the 31st ult., was, according to general expectation, the Taylor-Winship crew, from the Tyneside. Two of this crew, it will be remembered, rowed last year at Lachine with Renforth and Martin; and after the quarrel which broke up the original Tyne crew, formed, in conjunction with Sadler and Bagnall, a second four, with a view to contesting the palm of the championship with Renforth, Kelly, Percy and Chambers. The unfortunate death of Renforth, however, made a fair test of strength between the two crews impossible. The members of this crew comprise James Taylor, bow, 142 lbs.;

Newcastle. He has a sharp, wide-awake look about him, that gives him the appearance of a *beau-déal* active and alert oarsman.

The boat used by this crew, the "Coaly Tyne," is of the same kind as that used by the Renforth crew at St. John, and was built by Mr. Robert Jewett, of Dunstan-on-Tyne. Their colours are blue and white.

#### THE PRYOR CREW.

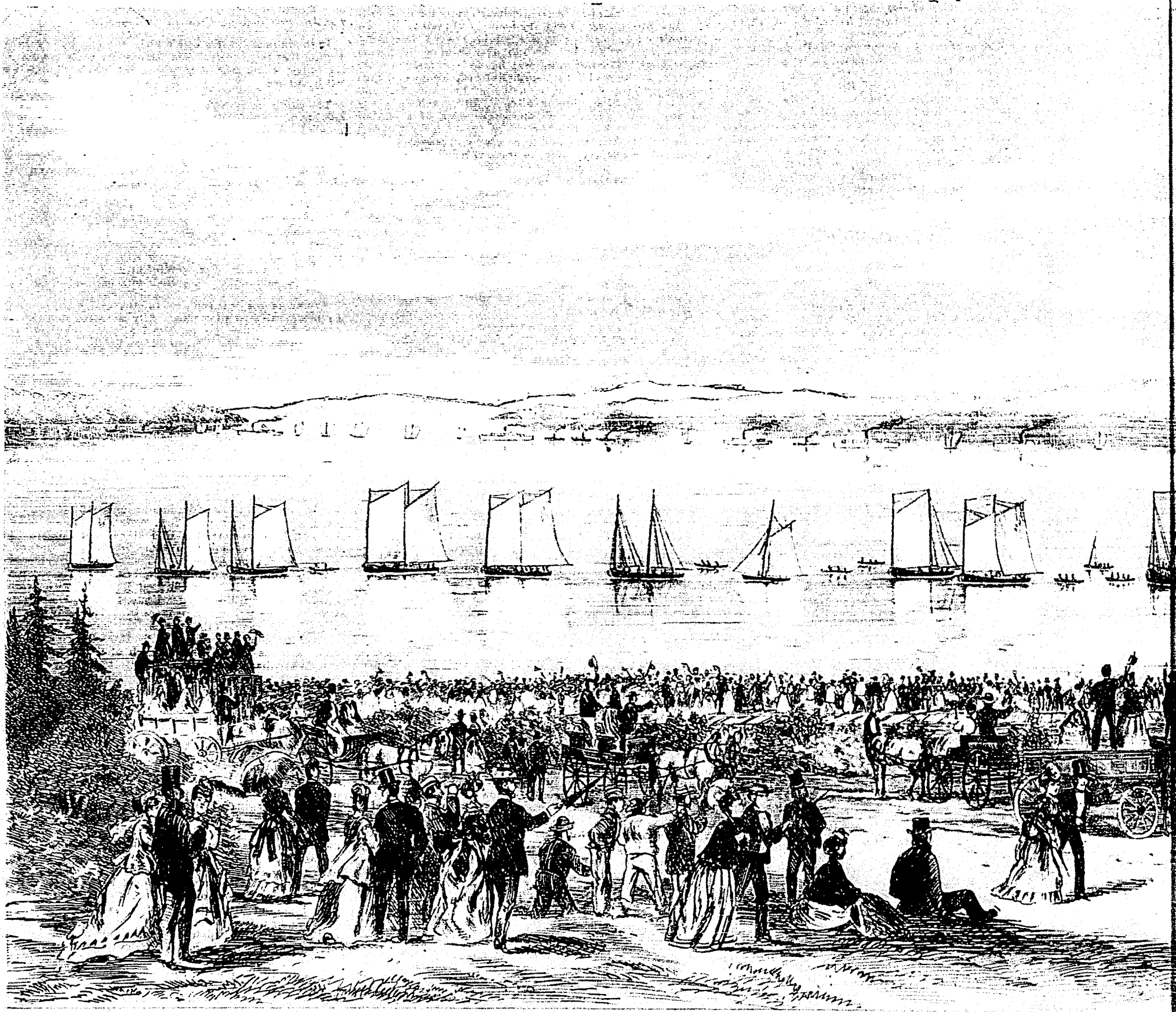
The second in the Halifax race was the Pryor crew, organised in July last, and composed of George Brown, bow, 154 lbs.; Thomas Hayes, No. 2, 168 lbs.; Warren Gray, No. 3, 163 lbs.; Joseph McGrath, stroke, 168 lbs.; Chas. Nickerson, (reserve) 170 lbs.—Average weight, 165½ lbs.

The men are all fishermen, though Brown has won local

Wickwire has been the medical adviser of the crew and James Pryor, Esq., whose name they bear, has given them a good deal of his time and attention. Their boat was built by Mr. Samuel Norris, of Halifax, from a model furnished by Mr. Pryor. She is named the "Nova Scotia," is 40 feet 6 inches long, 19½ inches wide amidships, with an average draft of 4½ inches, and weighs about 130 lbs. Her wash-boards are higher than those of the English and American boats, rendering her less liable to ship water in rough weather. The colours of the Pryor crew are blue.

#### THE COULTER-BIGLIN CREW.

The Coulter-Biglin crew (of New York) is composed as follows: Bernard Biglin, bow, 152 lbs.; Joseph Kaye, Junr.,



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J. H. Sadler, No. 2, 154 lbs.; Robert Bagnall, No. 3, 153 lbs.; and Thomas Winship, stroke, 156 lbs., making an average weight of 152½ lbs. Taylor is a small, intelligent-looking man, with an active, elastic frame, every muscle being developed to its utmost extent. He was born at Gateshead, and is now 34 years old. He pulled bow oar to Renforth's stroke last year.

Sadler, who is well known in English boating-circles, is the champion sculler of the Thames, a position he held for some years, until he lost it in 1867 to Kelly, who was in turn defeated the following year by Renforth.

Bagnall is quite a young man, being only 22; but he is speedily winning himself a position as an oarsman. He is of a giant build, and his limbs are magnificently proportioned.

Winship is 28 years of age, and was born at Elswick, near

fame as an oarsman, by five times winning the annual scull race for the championship of Halifax harbour, thus enabling him to retain in his possession the massive and costly champion's belt of silver presented by Dr. Cogswell. He is a native of Herring Cove, and is 22 years of age. Hayes is the oldest member of the crew, being 38. He hails from Herring Cove, and pulled in the famous race against St. John in 1858. Gray, 29 years, is from Sambro, and McGrath, 22 years, from Prospect. Nickerson, the reserve man, is a fine looking young fellow, and an excellent oarsman. Jerry Holland, trainer, several times won the annual scull races for the championship of Halifax harbour, and would no doubt wear the title of champion to-day but for an accident which disabled him for seven long years. In his rowing days he measured 47 inches round the chest, while Renforth measured but 42 inches. Dr.

No. 2, 145 lbs.; John Biglin, No. 3, 153 lbs.; Henry Coulter, stroke, 163 lbs. Average weight, 153½.

These are all professional oarsmen with good records. The Biglin brothers were members of the old champion four-oared crew of the United States, which, in 1860, made what is said to be the fastest time on record in a five mile race, viz.—30 min. 44½ sec., with a turn. John Biglin has been one of the most successful single and double, as well as four-oared scullers, in America, having won thirteen out of fourteen first class matches, nearly all in New York. Kaye's first public race was in 1866, when he beat Wm. Jarden, a celebrated oarsman, in Pittsburg. He also met and defeated Jackson, another good one, won the first prize at the regatta of 1867, and defeated Luther in the same year. Henry Coulter, the stroke, is the largest man of the four, and is the master spirit