

## CLASS TROTTERS AT THE PARK

## WOODBINE DRIVING CLUB RACES

Clara K. Wins the 2.38 Event—Wanda captures the 2.40 Class and Forest Boy the 2.45 Class. Mile at Kirkwood, Dal., in 2.03 1/2—A Fast Two Miles at Salem.

Starters: W. N. Johnston, Chicago; Judge: George H. Johnston, Toronto; Clerk of the Course: W. N. Johnston, Toronto; Timekeeper: W. N. Johnston, Toronto; Clerk of Stables: W. N. Johnston, Toronto; Secretary: W. N. Johnston, Toronto.

Postponements are invariably detrimental to the success of outdoor sports. Consequently it is safe to say that, taking into account the fact that the sky was overcast and threatened rain, few people were surprised to find that the attendance at the first day's racing at the Woodbine Trotting Association yesterday was on the light side. Three fairly well-filled races were given, the first being the 2.40 class, in which Wanda captured the prize of \$100, but somehow or other they did not appear sufficient to draw the crowd.

Again, although ladies were admitted free, they did not turn out in any large number. Why should it be thus? It cannot be because the purses are not large enough, because the management is not good. It is because people are dubious as to the honesty of the sport. If this is the reason, it is speaking generally, it is without foundation, for the trotting races of to-day that are not decided entirely on their merits are extremely rare, and are becoming more so every year.

Two of the three races yesterday were as straight as a string, and possibly the other one near the same, although opinions were freely expressed that the Ottawa horse Ben K. could have done better than he did in the 2.40 class. He won one heat and after that his driver appeared well content with the prospect of getting second money. It is just possible the animal could not have improved on his showing, but neither horse nor driver looked to have made any exertion at the termination of the race; and to say the least of it, it was somewhat strange that a bookmaker was anxious to bet that Ben K. would win the 2.40 class, which was trotted in the fourth heat, than the third. If trotting is to be successful in Toronto the horse must of a certainty be made to move from wire to wire at the start. Mr. Ben K. was a horse, in great fact yesterday, but it is doubtful if he has any right to make the show of Ben K. that he did in the fourth heat of a not a bruising contest over a track that, while a trifle soft, presented good going.

The 2.40 and 2.45 class races were beyond doubt square up to the hilt. The absence of the London horse, St. Simon, who has long been the favorite of the 2.40 class, knocked some of the interest out of the 2.40 contest, but Messrs. Beatty, Bros. of Wingham have, in the winner, Wanda, a horse that is a very good one. She has a fine head, a derrick, as some may term it, was made the favorite in the 2.40 class, but she acted most rationally, and making expensive breaks in the first and third heats finished, or next to last, in each. Forest Boy either got away last each time his driver nodding for the word when he was near the pole horse, or was taken back in order to get the best possible start on the head of the track, trotted like the good honest horse he is, and being admirably fitted by Alf Brown, first money and a load of applause for the most popular owner on the ground, Mr. Thomas Taylor. Sim and St. Simon Jr. pushed him to a good point of the distance in the third heat, but the son of Forest Manbrino had for the first time his rival at any stage of the heat.

No complaint could be made of a lack of facilities for spectators. Mutuals, auction pools and live books offered the full facilities, the auction pools, presided over by Mr. Mort. Kachish, being seemingly in greatest favor; and, undeniably so, for undoubtedly purchasers got better odds for their money than the bookies were willing to give, although three-fourths of the horses had as much chance to win as a pollywog has to swallow a whale.

**Summary.**  
First Race, 2.40 class, trotters, \$700, divided 20, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.  
Clara K. wins, 2.38, 2.39, 2.40, 2.41, 2.42, 2.43, 2.44, 2.45, 2.46, 2.47, 2.48, 2.49, 2.50, 2.51, 2.52, 2.53, 2.54, 2.55, 2.56, 2.57, 2.58, 2.59, 2.60, 2.61, 2.62, 2.63, 2.64, 2.65, 2.66, 2.67, 2.68, 2.69, 2.70, 2.71, 2.72, 2.73, 2.74, 2.75, 2.76, 2.77, 2.78, 2.79, 2.80, 2.81, 2.82, 2.83, 2.84, 2.85, 2.86, 2.87, 2.88, 2.89, 2.90, 2.91, 2.92, 2.93, 2.94, 2.95, 2.96, 2.97, 2.98, 2.99, 3.00, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 3.08, 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.27, 3.28, 3.29, 3.30, 3.31, 3.32, 3.33, 3.34, 3.35, 3.36, 3.37, 3.38, 3.39, 3.40, 3.41, 3.42, 3.43, 3.44, 3.45, 3.46, 3.47, 3.48, 3.49, 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.54, 3.55, 3.56, 3.57, 3.58, 3.59, 3.60, 3.61, 3.62, 3.63, 3.64, 3.65, 3.66, 3.67, 3.68, 3.69, 3.70, 3.71, 3.72, 3.73, 3.74, 3.75, 3.76, 3.77, 3.78, 3.79, 3.80, 3.81, 3.82, 3.83, 3.84, 3.85, 3.86, 3.87, 3.88, 3.89, 3.90, 3.91, 3.92, 3.93, 3.94, 3.95, 3.96, 3.97, 3.98, 3.99, 4.00, 4.01, 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