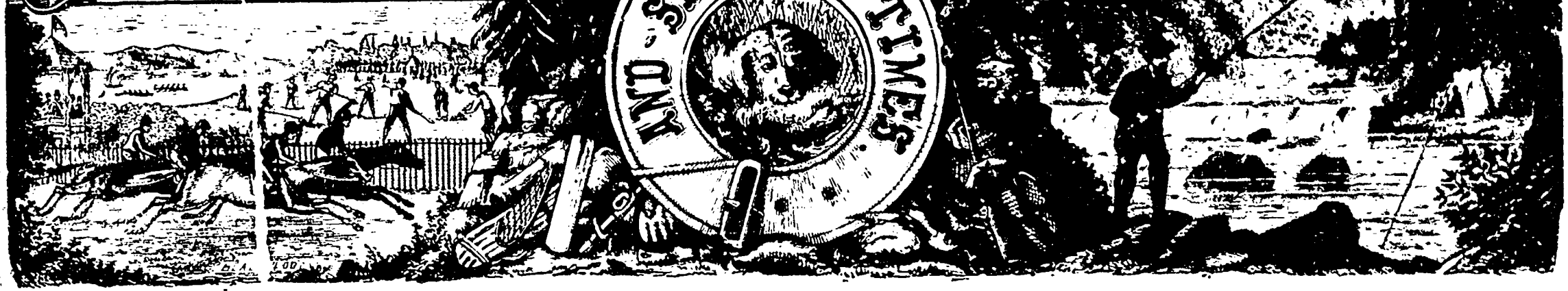


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THE BROCKVILLE REGATTA!

HANLAN THE WINNER.

The great all-comers single-sculling race at Brockville on July 1, for three prizes of \$200, \$300, and \$200 respectively, brought out the following competitors:—Hanlan, McKen, and Elliott, of Toronto; Fred. A. Plaisted and John Kennedy, of Boston, Mass.; James H. Riley, Saratoga, N. Y.; Pat Luther, Pittsburg, Pa.; and James A. Ten Eyck, Peekskill, N. Y. The day proved to be an exceedingly warm one, with a cloudless sky. The arrangements of the race were under the direct management of Mr. D. S. Booth, the President of the Regatta Committee, who was instrumental in getting up this grand aquatic carnival, and they did credit to his foresight and ability. So far as speculation on the winner was concerned it was almost absent—the race being considered a sure thing for the champion. A little business was done on second place, Riley being the most thought of, though many fancied Plaisted and McKen. The attendance was variously estimated at from 15,000 to 25,000, and was drawn from a very wide extent of country, the interest in the contest being universal. The course was from opposite the Custom House Wharf down the river two miles and return. The men were started from individual buoys with distinguishing colors, twenty-five yards apart, and the turning buoys were similarly placed. The course was a very pretty one, and very favorable. About five o'clock the course was cleared, and shortly afterwards the men were called out. Riley was the first to show at 5:30, and he was quickly followed by the others, amid the tremendous cheers of the spectators. The positions were as follows from the shore: Kennedy, Elliott, Riley, Plaisted, McKen, Luther, Ten Eyck, and Hanlan on the outside in the middle of the river. After getting the men in line the signal was given, and Kennedy was the first to catch the water, with Plaisted right after him, Hanlan following. The Boston men held the advantage thus gained for only an instant almost, for the champion came along with his long-sweeping stroke, and soon had daylight between him and those behind. At the quarter Hanlan had three lengths the best of it, and so far as he was concerned the race was over then, bar an accident. Kennedy, pulling about 84 to the minute,

showed this magnificent field of scullers the way home stamps him as the most phenomenal oarsman ever seen in American waters—not excepting Renforth.

THE CONSOLATION RACE.—RILEY THE WINNER.

A purse was subscribed for a consolation race to take place on Tuesday, for the benefit of those who had won no money in the big race. The starters were Riley, McKen, Ten Eyck, and Elliott, Luther electing not to go. The distance was a mile and a half and return. Turning boats had been provided for each contestant. On the pistol being fired, Elliott was the first to get away. McKen overhauled him in short order. At about the mile McKen still led, Riley second, Ten Eyck third, Elliott losing ground fast and shortly after quit, on account of his boat leaking. Approaching the turn McKen led two lengths, but had gone off his course, and thinking it imperative he had to turn his own buoy he started diagonally across the water, in consequence of which he lost several boats' lengths. Riley on the contrary turned Ten Eyck's buoy, which he could do without any loss. On the way home the Toronto man worked hard, but could not make up his lost water, and Riley passed the winning line a length and a half ahead, Ten Eyck third, four lengths in the rear. A protest was lodged against Riley for not turning his own buoy, but Mr. D. S. Booth, the referee, on consulting the Rules, found that a competitor could turn any stake other than his own, but he does so at his peril. Under this rule he was obliged to give first place to Riley. This was hard on McKen, who if he had been aware of it could easily have got home first by turning some buoy other than his own. Twenty-five dollars were collected for Elliott who had rowed in the two races and won nothing. On Wednesday all the competitors in both races went to Cape Vincent, N. Y., where races for July 4, have been got up for their benefit.

COURTNEY AND HANLAN.

(Montreal Gazette.)

It has been wondered much of late that no match has been made between Courtney, the celebrated American oarsman, and Hanlan, the now famous oarsman, of Toronto. Mr. Courtney has been blamed that he has been tardy in accepting challenges from the Toronto man, but the following puts a different face on the matter, and certainly requires some explanation. Any one acquainted with the record of the famous sculler of Saratoga, must be aware that he is anything but a "duffer." He has pulled his races fairly and squarely at all times, and we doubt whether he has ever yet been fairly beaten. Hanlan has no such record as that possessed by

THE ROSS-HANLAN ARTICLES.

Edward Hanlan and Wallace Ross have signed their agreement for a race on the Kennebec cassis, July 25th for \$1,000 a side. The terms and conditions are as follows:—

Articles of agreement made this 4th day of June, 1878, between Edward Hanlan of Toronto, Ontario, and Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to row a sculler's race in best and best boats over the usual course, on the Kennebecasis river, under the following conditions:—

1st. The stake shall be \$1,000 a side, half forfeit, \$500 to be posted with Z Earle Esq., Mayor of St. John, whom we agree upon as temporary stake holder, at the time of signing these articles, and the other \$500 to be posted with the same, whom we agree upon as final stakeholder on the 20th of July, 1878. The said Hanlan is to be allowed \$250 for expenses, which shall be paid to him at the time of making the final deposit. The stake money to be paid over on the written order of the referee.

2nd. The race to be five miles, two miles and a half and turn, and to be rowed between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m., on Thursday, the 25th day of July 1878, in perfectly smooth water, the referee to have the right to postpone from day to day between the same hours.

3rd. The start to be made from buoys anchored 50 yards apart, and preliminary warning, by the word "go." Each man to turn his own stakeboat from left to right, said boats to be moored 50 yards apart.

4th. We mutually agree upon James A. Harding, Esq., as referee, in case he should not be able to serve, the referee to be chosen before 10 a.m. on the day of the race.

5th. The referee, in case of outside interference, if it affects the final result of the race, may order two men to row over the next day under the original conditions.

6th. The race to be rowed under the rules of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen of the United States, under sec. 2, rule 19.

WALLACE ROSS,
EDWARD HANLAN.

GEORGE A. BARBER, Witness.
A. D. SHAW, on the part of Edward Hanlan.
June 6th, 1878.

PAIR OARS AT BARRIE, ONT.

The beautiful waters of the Kempenfeldt Bay, although a bit rough, were made lively by a pair oared race on the 26th ult., by five pairs of competitors, as follows:—Messrs. R. and S. Neill; A. and S. Boon; H. Maundrell and Capt. W. Graham; J. King and F. Baker; Ed. Perry and W. Pae. The purse was \$25, the contribution of the members of the County Council; the distance two miles, for double-oared, lap-streaked irrigated boats of 16 ft. keel and over. At 7:35 the word was given. The Boons took the water first which gave them a lead of about a length, all pulling about a 30 stroke. For a while it looked like as if the Boons were going to have the race to themselves, but the

circumstances connected with the occurrence would appear to be as follows: Trickett who, it is well-known, is the proprietor of a hotel in Pitt street, had been catering at the Randwick racecourse, and on Monday morning last he was returning to town in charge of a number of casks of liquor, the contents of which were not disposed of at the races. When assisting to unload the van a cask containing thirty-six gallons of beer commenced rolling to the ground, but had gained such impetus that Trickett's efforts to stop it were futile, and it fell on to his left hand and jammed it against another cask already unloaded. The cunes of the fallen cask crushed his hand so seriously that he thought it desirable to seek medical advice, and accordingly he hastened to the L. firm, where he was informed by the doctor that it would be necessary to amputate the first joint of the third finger of the left hand. The Australian does not think the accident will interfere with his sculling.

AMATEUR SKIFF RACE.

Two amateur skiff race for three medals took place at Hanlan's Point, Toronto Bay, on Saturday last under the management of Mr. Johnny Loudon. There were eleven starters, and the distance was two miles. The race was really between Robt. Renardson, Wm. Ramsay and P. T. Shea, who finished in the order given above, and gained respectively the gold, silver and bronze medals. The others starting were Messrs. I. Bartlett, F. Walsh, J. Caiguy, W. Pae, C. Ardagh, C. Roe, E. Dwyer, and E. Jennings. We are informed a protest was made against Renardson and Ramsay as not being amateurs within the rule, but no attention was given to it. The winner of the gold medal will have to win it again before it becomes his individual property.

SPLASHES.

Will the coming woman paddle her own canoe?

NAGLE-NICHOLSON.—A 3-mile single scull race took place in St. John, N. B., harbor, on the evening of the 27th ult., between Richard Nagle and M. Nicholson for \$25 a side. Nagle won by four lengths.

GOOD.—It is suggested at Barrie to give a purse of \$500 for a single sculling race on Kempenfeldt Bay, conditional that Ed. Hanlan and some other noted professionals will agree to start for it. The suggestion is a good one, and we hope it will be acted on. Some dry on or before the middle of August will probably be decided on as the date.

STATUS.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Sportsman says:—"Mr. Courtney would do well to row some first-class sculler, and it

sculler of America, but was unable to arrange a match for that title. His troubles are now over. Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, Canada, is now champion, technically and really, having beaten in a fair race the man who previously held the nominal honors of the championship. Mr. Hanlan must promptly accept any challenge for a fair race, on neutral water, for a reasonable amount of money, or else forfeit his newly acquired title. He will no doubt be only too glad to accommodate all aspirants, and accept any fair and honest challenge. Courtney should immediately publish his challenge, put up his forfeit, and arrange the match he has waited for so long and impatiently.—Sportsman.

The general impression here is that if Courtney wishes to row Hanlan for the five-mile championship, he will have to meet Hanlan on Toronto Bay or such other water as the champion may select. In case of a shorter race the local water would have to be mutually agreeable, but then the championship would not be at stake.)

COURTNEY AND TRICKETT.—A Union Springs, N. Y., correspondent of the Sportsman says:—"Charles E. Courtney has sent a challenge to Trickett, the Australian champion, offering to row that individual for any stake he may designate, over the championship course, three miles and a half in length, on the Paramatta River, at Sydney, New South Wales. It was mailed May 14, and has doubtless reached its destination by this time. A reply may be expected in July. It is announced that Courtney will sail for England in September, for the express purpose of arranging a match with Hanlan. Afterwards he will visit any other part of Europe where it is practicable to get races with scullers. If Trickett declines to accept Courtney's challenge, the latter will sail directly to Australia from England. Might it not be as well for the Union Springs sculler to get a match or two on in America before making a journey of 10,000 miles away. We have a little Canuck who would like to accommodate him, and his name is Hanlan.

CHARLES THE UNLUCKY.—There is no one on the face of the earth or on the surface of the water, who better deserves the above-named sobriquet than does Charles F. Courtney, the famous Cayuga sculler, and who were he not a sculler of the first water, would look as though these gods did not all traipse through outside influences. There is one thing in connection with this race that seems rather strange, and that is that there have been no articles of agreement published. This is a pity, for on the prima facie evidence the referee is wrong in his decision. If there is no express stipulation in that instrument governing the race in case of accidents, then he is committing a grave error, for one of the best known rules of boat racing is that every boat shall be by its crew.