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Edward Hanlan's Prospects in England-Courtney and Riley-What the Coming Scason May Develop.

[New York Herald.]

TORONTO, Ont., March 30, 1678.

Your correspondent has had several opportunities of perusing private correspondence from the champion. The tone of his letters is cheerful and full of calm confidence. He said before the event that Ross could not fall to beat Emmet. I am not permitted to divulge Hanlan's estimate of his opponents, Hawdon and Elliott; but without trenching upon forbidden ground, I can say that Hanlan is more hopeful than I ever knew him to be before in any race, and I know how he felt before them all.

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In a letter sent the Herald some time ago, I foreshadowed the effect of Ross' preceding Han ian to England, drawing the conclusion that both would suffer financially. The result has more than justified your confidence in publishing the prediction. Ross wants to get on with Blackman, but it is of no use. His sphere is narrowed down to Boyd, Hawdon, Higgins and Elliott, and that is owing simply to his rowing too much with his hands and too little with his head. To go and beat Emmett by ten lengths, when the man was used up, was a picce of folly commensurate with Hanlan's dressing of Ross in their first race. Ross had the making or marring of the financial success of the American aquatic invasion, and he has marred it with a vengeance. A letter which I have says:—"Courtney need not come over except to enter in the handleap that the Canadian friends are trying to get up, for we know Courtney's form is so near that of Hanlan that whom Hanlan can beat Courtney can." in which case the Union Springs man will do well to go to Australia if he gets a chance.

COURTNEY'S FUTURE-HIS FRIENDS ANXIOUS TO BACK HIM FOR ANOTHER RACE-TRICKETT WISHES TO TRY HIM IN AUSTRALIA.

Interest as to Courtney's future increases as the boating season approaches. Speculation is rife in regard to his plans for the summer; but, in spite of his inclination to absolve himself from sculling, it is considered probable that his admirers in this city will endeavor to induce him to again resume the oar. Several have announced their willingness to back him for a large amount against Hamlan, Trickett or any other sculler. It is a noticeable fact that many who were inclined to doubt Courtney's honesty in the Lachine race are now his stanchest supporters. Courtney's explanation as printed in the Heyald and subsequent developments have caused a return of confidence. No one but Courtney himself can ever know the agony of mind that he suffered in consequence of the accusations. He is very sensitive about his honor and feets injured that anybody should doubt his sincerity in his contest with Hanlan. But he has passed through the fire of public opinion and comes out unseathed, alt hough his experience was bitter. Should he be prevailed upon to reappears an oarsman he will handle his affairs in a more rigid manner and not allow every meddler to take a hand in. He will conduct his movements in a way that no one shall doubt his fairness.

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While Courtney does not so express himself, it may be asserted that he does not fear defeat at the hands of any sculler on smooth water On such courses as Lachine, where there are eddies and currents a man unaccustomed to the track would stand a poor chance of victory whatever night be his powers. The friends of Courtney maintain that had the struggle occurred on the Ensenore course, where the water is still, Courtney would have won. It is reported in sporting circles that if Courtney will consent to resume his seat in the shell a party in Auburn will put up \$5,000 or \$10,000 to back him against any man in the world. Prominent gentlemen in this city will not permit him to retire if an assurance of support will induce him to remain in the aquatic arena. With the coming of spring it is presumed he will be challenged by some of the American sculling men. The scullers do not wish to lose his name and company, and will use their endeavors to change his determination and once more take hold of the oar.

CHAT WITH RILEY-WHAT THE SARATOGA SCUL-LER THINKS OF THE PROMINENT PROFESSIONAL

OARSMEN.

SARATOGA, SPRINGS, N. Y., March 30, 1579.—
A smart ride of three miles or so out on the Lake avenue brought us to the modest little cottage of Saratoga's most famous sculler, James Riley. Appearing shortly, and welcoming us with hearty grip, he soon chatted freely about their prospects during the coming season. It will be remembered that in the recent interview between one of your correspondents and Couriney, the latter related Riley as the second best sculler in the country, the superior of such good men as Eph. Morris and "Frenchy" Johnson. Hosmer and John Biglin, Ten Eyck, Davis and Plaisted. As Riley has at various times raced with both Courtney and Hanlan, and has doubtless gauged their relative ability with great accuracy, his opinion as to their comparative merits cannot fall to be interesting. OARSMEN.

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When asked which he thought could whip, he said, unhesitatingly, Courtney, and added with warmth that he believed him to be the fustest sculler in the world. When asked as to what distance, he said over any distance short or long. He (Rilloy) had met Hanlan at the Centennial races on the Schuylkill. One day he caught him out on the river and paddled up till within a length of him, then he turned on the steam and away he went, hard at it, each evidently pulling all he knew. The crowd on the bank gave them cheer after cheer, and after a mile of it at a terrific pace Riley had not only drawn level but gone half length to the front, when Hanlan, seeming to have enough of it, stopped. Since then he had, of course, lunproved, but Riley has met him at different times since and has good opportunity to get his measure pretty closely. Of course, too, Riley himself has not fallen off. He says he has improved very decidedly, and if looks go for anything he is likely to be in grand order when the season opens. Weighing to-day 186 pounds, bronzed and hardy from his long day's work with the axe, he says he will never again, as heretofore, row at the foolishly low weight of 148, but calculates to scale a good 160 when trained fine.

When asked if he would challenge Courtney, he laughed and so spoke that it was plain he thought it would prove a foolbardy undertaking, at least for some years yet. Still, he said, in his later bouts with him he was gratified to find that he was holding him better than formerly, and that although he could not "collar" him he could keep close enough to "hear him." But his admiration for him is unquestioned, and more than once he broke out in his praise. He says he is the the king of the whole of them. He thinks that Courtney will have no trouble with Trickett; that the latter won his fame and place by a scratch, catching Joe Badler, the world's changelon, when old and stale; that some unheard-of man had beaten him lately, and that Courtney

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As to Hanlan's chances in England, Riley thinks he can whip Higgins, but that Elliott will beat him. This opinion seemed to rest on the taste of Higgins he (Riley) got in a brush with him on the Schuylkill in 1876. While they did not cover a great distance, they had it hot for the time, and he found that he could hold the Englishman in spite of all he could do. Elliott beat him recently by some three lengths, so Riley thinks, judging from his experience already named with Hanlan and Higgins, that Elliott can beat Hanlan. He added that he rather thought Hanlan would have no trouble with Boyd. In fact, he doubted if he would row more than two races in England, especially if he lives up to the intention he expressed when he sailed of returning in July. Hawdon, Riley thinks, will give Hanlan hard work May and may beat him. Indeed, Riley inclines to think he will. He evidently has not an exalted opinion of Hanlan's powers, and professes to show it by challenging him to either a three or a five mile race at once on his return, of course trying hard to get it on his own Saratoga Lake. RILEY'S COMING MATCHES.

He also intends to challenge Eph. Morris within the next few days, and evidently this will make a splendid race. Riley's pace and Morris's staying power offsetting each other well. As soon as he can get the Morris race settled he means to challenge Smith, the famous Halifax sculler, and counts on a good fight with him. After Courtney and himself, Morris is, in his judgment, the next fastest sculler in the United States, hence, if he can dispose of him, he has, he believes, no one else, save Courtney, to fear.

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The order in which he places these antagonists, then, and the fast scullers generally, seems not far from as follows:—Courtney always at the head, and facile princeps at that; Elliott next, then Hanlan, Trickett, Higgins and Hawdon all in a bunch, with Riley himself in among them; then Boyd, Kennedy, Smith, of Hallfax, Eph. Morris, Blackman, of England, Plaisted and Hoemer; while Frenchy Johnson, John Biglin, Faulkner, Davis and the rest of the professionals follow in the wake. It seems a pity that on some one of our broad lakes a dozen of

these famous goers could not be breasted in the early summer and sent flying over three miles or more to settle where they belong and how far the estimate of this rattling Saratoga sculler has shot wide of the mark.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Considerable interest is now being manifested by all the city volunteers in the approaching celebration of the Queen's Birthday. Some of the local corps are drilling twice a week, so as to give our American cousins, on that day, some idea of what Canadian volunteers can do in the way of drill and military evolutions. As already announced,

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will honor the city with their presence, and will witness the review. The officers of the district have requested the Government to provide a suitable appropriation so that the day may be honored in a manner befitting both it and the visitors to the city.

THE 13TH REGIMENT OF BROCKLYN will not attend as invited guests, but are coming on their own account. It is to be hoped that something will be done by the civic authorities to receive them in a becoming manner. Last Queen's Birthday nearly all the cost of attending to the wants of the visiting corps was borne by the volunteer officers of the city, and borne cheerfully too; but it will be a disgrace if such a thing is allowed to be repeated. The officers have often large expenses connected with their respective companies and regiments, without going to this additional expense of receiving and providing for visiting regiments. By all means, let

take the matter in hand, and show that it appreciates the compliment paid the city by its visitors. It is stated that the 2nd Battalion "Queen's Own Rifles," of Toronto, are negotiating for a cheap excursiondown, in order to participate in the review. If the Government will give the necessary grant, it is expected that the Governor-General's Foot Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery, Ottawa; the 8th and 9th Rifles, of Quebec, and the Shefford Field Battery, will be on hand to do honor to the occasion. The total number of troops to engage in the review and sham fight, will reach up to about 3,000, rank and the. As the majority of THE CITY COUNCIL

will have new uniforms before "the 2ith." their appearance will, undoubtedly, be extremely creditable. The 1st Prince of Wales' Riffes will receive their new uniforms on Tuesday next, and the 3rd Victoria Riffes, and 6th Hochelaga Fusiliers theirs also at an early date. The 5th Royal Fusiliers are having all their scarlet tunics finished to correspond with those of the flank companies, and the whole are being furnished with new Lorne tartan trousers. With the exception of the "kits" tals popular corps will then have a dress similar to the 7sth Highlanders. The Montreal Garrison Arillery and Field Battery have already received their new outits. The ranks of many of the city corps are nearly fall, and recruits are joining each drill night, thus attesting the interest felt in the approaching celebration. On the whole, the review is expected to be one of the most imposing seen in Montreal since the days of the military occupation. THE CITY VOLUNTEERS

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Readers of the TRUE WITNESS will have noticed the advertisement elsewhere of Messrs. A. C. Senecal & Co., importers and dealers in Church ornaments, vestments, &c. This firm are strictly reliable, and the Reverend Clergy, and others interested, can rely upon getting good goods, at the most moderate charges whenever they honor Messrs. Senecal & Co. with their patronage. As the firm in question imports direct from the manufacturers in France and other European countries, as well as being able to manufacture themselves many articles in demand, they are in a position to give better prices than many others in the same line; moreover, as Messrs. Senecal & Co. are enterprising enough to seek Englishspeaking custom by advertising in the TRUE WITNESS, we bespeak for them a portion of the patronage of our friends.

A Chinese Funeral.

New York, April 1.—The Christian Chinaman Lo Chung, who died from eating opium, had a respectable funeral at the expense of his countrymen. They ordered silver nails and a silver plate for the coffin, and had fine ses of comparison, is ninety-nine miles long.

Canadian News.

ECONOMY THE ORDER OF THE DAY,-At a public meeting in Port Hope resolutions were passed in favor of letting the market by tender and of reducing the salaries of corporation officials ten per cent. on the amount

of such salaries. The new Allan steamer now building, it is said, will be the largest steel vessel in the world. She is to be 4,000 tons gross, and is to carry cattle and other heavy merchandise between Liverpool and Canada and the River Platte.

It seems now to be definitely settled that the Queen's Own, the Shefford Battery of Artillery, the Ottawa Field Battery, the Governor-General's Foot Guards, and the 13th Brooklyn Regiment, will be in line on the Queen's Birthday at Montreal. The Queen's Own are negotiating for transportation with the Grand Trunk authorities, and the Militia authorities are reckoning the cost of transportation. It is expected that the Quebec Field Battery and the Eighth and Ninth bat-talions will also be present, but that it is not vet settled.

NATIVE TALENT .- Mr. Maurice Ahearn, a native of this city and residing at the Chaudiere, is now engaged finishing an oil painting of the "Crucifixion," on which he has been engaged for the past six months, and expects to have it finished by Easter Sunday, when through the kindness of Dr. O'Connor it will be placed on exhibition in St. Patrick's Church for one week. The painting, which is 7 feet 4 inches by 6 feet 3 inches, is certainly an elaborate and artistic piece of work manship. It is taken from a very small and ordinary print. The different characters in the painting are most natural and lifelike. Maurice Ahearn has already the credit of being able to make any thing from a needle to an anchor, and play any instrument from a jewsharp to an organ.—Ottawa Paper.

Rowing and Walking.

[From Scientific American.]

Dr J. W. Ranney gave a lecture the other evening at Chickering Hall on anatomy and physiology, with special reference to athletic exercises. After giving a description of the human skeleten, of the skin and its various glands and vessels, the doctor addressed himself to the muscular system, which was illustrated, first with histological micrographs, and finally with a general plan of the muscular arrangements, projected upon a screen. The most novel part of the lecture was the exhibition upon the screen of tabular statement of the amount of force required to carry on the various physical operations. Premising that a foot per ton is merely a symbol for the power required to raise one ton a foot high, the relative amounts of power expended in vital action, concerned in vital movements, and required for the production of animal heat for one day are, respectively 260,300 and 2,840 foot tons. To row one mile at racing speed requires an expense of 18.56 foot tons of muscular energy; to walk one mile, 17.15 foot tons; to walk one mile, carrying a knapsack weighing 60 pounds, 24.48 foot tens. The force expended in a day's work is calculated

at from 250 to 350 foot tons. Dr. Ranney took occasion in the course of his lecture to inveigh very severely against the mania for walking which is now prevalent, in which young women, without training and without proper preparation, attempt such impossible tasks as walking 3,000 quarter miles in 3,000 consecutive quarters of an hour. Such practices, he said, were not athletic exercises in any proper sense of the term, but downright cruelty, and he hoped the time was not far off when spectacles of this class would ccase. Dr. Ranney regards rowing, when properly pursued, as a finer and more healthful exercise than walking.

Ocean Cable.

Though reposing in apparent safety on the bottom of the sea, ocean cables have a hard the Commons, to allow the Frenchmen to struggle for existence against their many shake hands with the General. Many greeted enemies, and never survive fifteen years. One him and for everyone he had a kind word, of their desirest fees in the worm known as the terede, which has a marvellously effective boring apparatus and unnumbered minute cutting surfaces which enables it to bore its way into anything that promises food. The gutta percha on the cable has been a delicacy of which it has been particularly fond. Man has been at work to endeavor to circumvent this little animal. The hemp sheathing of the cable has been soaked in castor oil or oil of the andoroca nut, which repels the borers. The use of glass or slag wool has been patented as a substitute for the hemp sheathing, as has also a ribbon of fibrous material coated with a mixture of resin, resin oil, or marine glue to wrap around the core. One cable company is using an envelope of brass tape as a prevention against the borers of the sea, Icebergs grating on the bottom of the sea have cut cables. Ships' anchors foul and damage them. In the Persian gulf a whale was snared to death in a cable. Fish and turtles and lightning have all damaged cables more or less, and the need of watching and repair is incessant.

A Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Go a little farther north than the Isthmus

of Darlen to the Lake of Nicaragua, says M.

Blanchet, and you avoid all difficulties. The climate is good, the country comparatively well peopled. There is abundance of water in fine natural channels ready to your hand. You have only to connect the lake with the Pacific by one short cutting and to improve the communication between the River San Juan and the Atlantic. The main point in all these Nicaraguan schemes is the existence of the lake. Here is a vast sheet of water stretching half way across the neck of the continent; here in fact is half your work done by nature. Now M. Blanchet goes further, and says that with comparatively small labor you may virtually prolong this lake far down the San Juan Valley on the Atlantic side and the Valley of the Rio Grande on the Pacific side. Then as you approach the low-lying lands at the outlet (the lake being of a higher level than the adjacent ocean) you regulate the flow by a double series of locks on the Atlantic side and a single series on the Pacific side. There is another consideration. As most of the trade of the world is with the northern rather than the southern half of the American continent, there will be a considerable saving of time and distance by the use of the more northerly route. Vessels, for instance, sailing from the Gulf of Mexico for California, or the reverse, would gain over 700 miles by crossing at Nicaragua instead of at the Isthmus. In addition to this, they would get rid of the risk of the frequent calms of the Gulf of Panama, the outlet of the Isthmus on one side, where salling ships are sometimes detained for months at a time. The salubrity of Nicaragua has already been mentioned—an immense advantage as facilitating the importation of labor and the general prosecution of the work. The canal of Selfridge, by Darien, taking its tortuous curves into account, would be 204 miles long; the line of communication in the Blanchet plan is actually less-only 180 miles. The Suez Canal, it may be stated for purpo-