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THE GREAT BOAT RACE!

HANLAN AND ROSS.

HANLAN WINS EASILY.

The great aquatic event of the year, which has kept the Dominion in a fever of excitement for the past two weeks, was brought to a successful conclusion on Toronto Bay on Monday afternoon last, and the result proved that the reputation our Toronto man, Hanlan, had gained at the Centennial Regatta in Philadelphia last year, was well and honestly earned. There can be no doubt now that Hanlan is a phenomenal oarsman, and his defeat of Ross has again placed him among the premiere scullers of the world.

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any one acquainted with the frail construction of a shell boat will readily recognize the difficulty of making such a repair. It was not therefore surprising to learn that the boat sprung a leak and had to be again overhauled before the race on Monday.

On Friday afternoon, at a meeting of the friends of both men held at the Queen's Hotel, the following gentlemen were selected to fill the various official positions:—

THE OFFICIALS OF THE RACE.

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won the championship belt of Ontario, offered by the Toronto Rowing Club, single sculls, two miles; and on the same day was one of the winning crew in the fishermen's race. Although Hanlan won all these sculling races with the utmost ease, his great powers as an oarsman were not fully shown until his exploits at the Centennial Regatta, Philadelphia, lifted him at once to the top of the tree. On the first day of the single scull heats (4th September) he pulled against Harry Coulter, of Pittsburg, and H. Thomas, of London, beating them with the greatest ease, three miles, in 21:34. Next day he rowed against Pat Luther, of Pittsburg, (who had beaten Higgins, of London, and Morris, of Pittsburg, the day before), and Fred Plaisted, of New York, who had defeated McKeerl, of New York, and came in as he liked in 21:54. On the 6th, he rowed the final heat for the championship against Brayley, of St. John, N. B., who had beaten Greene, of London, and Ellis Ward in a previous heat, and defeated him very easily, in 21:09, which up to that time was the fastest on record for that distance, and which continued to be the premiere mark up to August 28, of this year, when it was cut down to 20:47, by C. E. Courtney, at Saratoga. Upon returning from his victory at Philadelphia, Hanlan had a regal reception at the hands of the people of Toronto, and shortly afterwards embarked in the hotel business. This brings us down to the present year. After looking around for a match with some of the aspiring ones and getting no one to pick up the glove, Hanlan betook himself to Boston, Mass., and engaged in the Silver Lake Regatta near that city on June 18, where he was defeated by Fred. A. Plaisted and others in a three mile spin for a purse, in 21:29, the Canuck having the misfortune to break an outrigger, which put him hors de combat. On June 25, at same place, he won a single scull race, beating Frenchy Johnson and Driscoll, three miles, for a purse of \$150. This purse was given to allow Plaisted and Hanlan a chance to come together again, owing to the accident the latter met with on the 18th, but Plaisted declined the chance. He next appeared at the Boston Civic Regatta on the 4th of July, and was disqualified for fouling Plaisted, who proved to be the winner in 14:24. This finishes his record up to the present match. During his absence in the East, his hotel was shut in consequence of the action of the License Commissioners in refusing to extend his license, and since his return home he has figuratively been laying on his oars, and waiting, Micawber like, for something to turn up. Hanlan is a well built young fellow, broad shoulders, a small head set on a powerful neck, with long reach. He stands 5 ft. 8 1/2 in. high, and weighed on Friday last with his clothes on 160 lbs. Hanlan's rowing abilities are very favorably looked upon by the best aquatic authorities of the continent, and if he succeeds in winning the present

form he exhibited, led his friends to believe that there was more in Ross than had been made manifest, and they concluded to put the matter to a test by matching him against Brayley. An agreement was entered into to row for \$400, five miles, turn, they measured oars June 15 of last year, Ross winning by a length a half in 41:02. Ross did again row in public until Oct. 19 following, when he once more met Brayley, who in the interim had won second place in the professional scullers' race at the Centennial Regatta, and sought another counter with his former conqueror. The tance rowed was four miles, with a turn, the Kennebecasis, the stakes \$200 a side, and the result another easy conquest. Ross, who accomplished the fastest time record—28 min. 30 sec.—nearly two minutes better than that made by Joe Sadler, who won the international race on Sand Lake, in September, 1871. Last year Ross took a trip to England, combined business with pleasure, and upon his return after a brief sojourn in the "black country" as they term Newcastle-on-Tyne and region round about, he brought with him a shell built by Swaddel & Winslip, 29 ft. 11 in. beam, 8 in. deep, 8 in. high at the 2 in at stern, and weighing 28 lbs. This the boat in which he rowed his race with Fred A. Plaisted on the Kennebecasis River, N. B., on June 6. The race was four miles straight away, for \$1,000, and was won by Ross, Plaisted being disqualified for a foul. Although the foul would have given the victory to Ross, he continued to row on and finished in 27:07; it being however claimed that the course was fully a quarter of a mile short. This time, of course, goes for naught as a record, but shows that Ross is not only a man but a stayer as well. On July 25, he met Warren Smith, of Halifax, N. S., on the Kennebecasis River, for a stake of \$1,000, and the championship of the Maritime Provinces. The race was three miles with a turn, and again Ross was the winner, Smith having upset after two and a quarter miles had been rowed, in seventeen minutes. The time of the upset Ross was slightly the lead, and his friends think he had the race easily in hand. Since then he has been looking around for some one worthy, his metal. The match with Hanlan was first to present itself, and negotiations were concluded without difficulty.

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The natives of Fiji have been converted to Christianity, and now we shall have them betting on horse-races and starting savings banks and fleeing to Europe with the funds, and indulging in other civilized pursuits.

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7. The race to be governed by the "Laws of Boat Racing" as adopted by the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, excepting as the same may be qualified or allowed by these articles.
8. Either party failing to comply with the provisions of these articles forfeits the money up.

**EDWARD HANLAN.
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Witness—JAMES DOUGLAS, 85 Young street, Toronto.
 Witness—GEO. A. BARKER.
 Sept. 15th, 1877.

Upon this formality being complied with, both the men went into active training, and the manner in which they were brought to the start showed the thoroughness of the preparation they had received. To our eye Hanlan looked to be in the better shape, and seemed fit to row for a man's life, which was proved in the race. Ross' condition did credit to Faulkner, his trainer, and when the miserable weather which he had to contend against is taken into consideration, it is easy to believe he had to work like a hero to bring Ross to the mark in the shape he was. Ever since Ross arrived in the city he had serious difficulties to overcome, and they did not desert him to the last hour. On Friday last, while working in the "Scotswood" on the Don, he had the misfortune to run against a sunken log and break a hole in the boat. This was promptly repaired by Mr. G. Warren, the builder of the boat in which Hanlan rowed the race. The job was performed to the satisfaction of Ross and his friends, but

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EDWARD HANLAN is of Irish descent, and first saw the light of day at Toronto, Ont., on the 12th day of July, 1855. While quite young his family removed to the Island opposite the city, and the subject of our sketch early developed a fondness for rowing which was fostered by his parents. He rowed his first race in 1871, being one of a fishermen's crew, consisting beside himself of Berry and Denning, beating Pat Gray and two others, in a two-mile race on the bay. In 1872, he was engaged in a couple of skiff races and won them both handily. The year following, 1873, he made his first appearance in a shell, for the amateur championship of the bay, and again proved to be a winner defeating Sam Williams and McKay. In 1874, he beat Loudon, of Toronto, at Hamilton, for the championship of Burlington Bay, this being his first professional effort. At the same regatta he was one of the winning double-scullers in a race of two miles. Loudon not being satisfied with his defeat at Hamilton, in 1875 challenged Hanlan to meet him at a shorter distance. A match was made for \$200 to row a mile, and again fortune smiled on our hero. It is but just to Loudon to state he was out of all condition at the time, and but took a forlorn hope to beat a man like Hanlan. In the same year he also won the Governor-General's medal in Toronto Bay, two miles single sculls beating T. Loudon and Jas. Douglas. Previous to this the race for the medal was started with Hanlan, McCann, Loudon and Elliott, but a squall coming, it had to be postponed. In the spring of 1876 he beat McCann and Douglass, and on August 12th, of same year,

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WALLACE ROSS was born in Dorchester, Westmoreland County, N.B., Feb. 20, 1857, stands 6 ft. 1 1/2 in. in height, and weighs 175 lbs. His first appearance in public as an oarsman was, we believe, when he rowed a match against John Harding, in Portland Harbor, from Long Wharf, around the Beacon and back, for \$50, July 10, 1873, the race resulting in Ross' maiden victory by a length. Not long afterwards he rowed Nicholson on the same course, and had a walk-over. He next took part in a regatta on the Kennebecasis Sept. 18, 1873, opposing Alexander Brayley in a race for the championship of the Province, a silver medal and £5, given by the Governor-General. On Aug. 21, 1874, he pulled stroke of a crew composed, besides himself, of H. Prince (bow), Edward Ross and W. Paul, in a match against George Killoren (bow), J. Brittney, W. Campbell and J. Daly (stroke), Ross' four winning creditably. On Oct. 23 of the same year he appeared in a four-oared race on Courtney Bay, rowing bow in the Unknown, which defeated the Abyssinia and Crown Prince. Later in that year he was stroke of a crew which was defeated in a race which formed one of the attractions of a picnic at Oak Point. The following year he vanquished John McLeod in a race for a small stake at Portland, and subsequently, at a regatta held in honor of the gunboat *Araus*, he disposed of Charles Young and Patrick McGuigan very easily. In the Fall of that year he again met Alex. Brayley at a regatta held at Westfield, three miles, one turn, and was beaten, though by only a length and a half. May 24, 1876, he was a competitor in the single-scull race at a regatta in the harbor, and carried off first money, beating Brayley and Patrick McAnulty. The fact that he had trained but a few days for this event, and the improved

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It is satisfactory to state that the friends of the St. John man admit his defeat on his merits. They say smoother water would have been preferable, but think it would have made no difference in the result. At St. John, the telegraph informs us, the result of the race would hardly be believed, so great was the confidence there in Ross' abilities.

Hanlan has certainly a great advantage in the style of rowing, and the difference in this respect between the two men was very marked. During the race Ross steered beautifully, scarcely losing an inch; while Hanlan's course was quite serpentine and erratic, and in a close race would have told with fearful effect against him. In turning the stake boat, too, Hanlan lost several lengths, a performance he can not always afford to repeat. By this victory Hanlan

English Gurf.

SECOND OCTOBER NEWMARKET MEETING.

The second annual October meeting at Newmarket commenced on Monday. The first race, a welter handicap over the Ditch mile, was won by Mr. M. H. Sanford's three-year-old filly Start, by imp. Glencig, out of Stamps, by Lexington. The odds before the race were 12 to 1 against Start and 3 to 1 against Baronet. There were twelve starters.

Newmarket Second October Meeting, Oct. 6.—Welter Handicap of £10 each, with £100 added, for three-year-olds and upwards; entrance £3 each; lowest weight, 98 lbs; forfeit only for horses struck out; ditch mile.

M H Sanford's b f Start, 3 yrs, by imp Glencig, dam Stamps, by Lexington 1
Lord Stamford's ch o Baronet, 3 yrs, by Trumpeter, dam Baroness, by Stockwell 2
Mr Whitaker's b c Mango, 3 yrs, by Mandrake, dam Fortress 3

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THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE TRIAL HANDICAP.

MR. SANFORD'S MATE THE WINNER.

On Wednesday, the third day of the Second October Newmarket Meeting, the Cambridgeshire Trial Handicap for three-year-olds and upwards, one mile 240 yards, was decided. The only starters were Mr. M. H. Sanford's br h Mate and Sir J. D. Astley's br o Rascal. The race was won handily by Mate, thus scoring a second victory for the American stable, at this meeting.

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out of six days they were headed by the American team, and only once did they hold their own, and then only by two points the American score being that day forty-six points lower than on any other day. The difference between the two teams was thoroughly discounted before the match, and it was evident that the contest must, barring accidents, end in favor of the Americans. The only redeeming feature about the six days' practice was that the highest individual score was made by Milner, of the British team, who scored 1,226 out of a possible 1,850, Hyde of the American team, running him very close with 1,224. Under these depressing circumstances it would not have been surprising if the British team had made but a poor fight in the great match. But it redounds greatly to their credit that they made a most gallant and plucky struggle when the crucial test came. Each team outdid its previous best record, and the shooting on both sides was such as has never been seen before. It is now matter of history that the Americans were victorious in the two days' shooting by ninety-two points—a decisive victory for them, no doubt, but not an inglorious defeat for us. There must, as we have said, have been hanging over the British team the consciousness of a grim foregone conclusion against them, and their manful and resolute struggle is, therefore, all the more creditable to them. It is now placed beyond possibility of dispute that America contains the finest long range marksmen in the world. There will, of course, not be wanting grumblers here at home who will insist upon it that Sir Henry Halford did not take out with him the best team that could be got together. We shall not deny that there were some well known names absent from the list—names of men who are reckoned better shots than some who went out. But we are confident that nothing could have altered the result, and that the eight best marksmen of America are superior to the best eight which Great Britain could produce. One thing only we have cause to regret and to be ashamed of, and that is that the efforts of Sir Henry Halford and those who sacrificed their time and convenience to sustain the honor and prestige of this country did not meet with anything like the public sympathy and support which they deserved. We are always boasting that we are a nation of riflemen, and that the rifle is as peculiarly the Englishman's weapon now as the long bow was in the Middle Ages. Yet to appeal to raise by public subscription the moderate sum of £1,500 to cover the expenses of our representative marksmen was not responded to. This was not creditable to us. There are more than 150,000 volunteers in the United Kingdom, all of them especially interested in marksmanship. A humble subscription of threepence from each volunteer would more than suffice to pay all the expenses of the team, and surely no one can say that threepence is a very heavy tax to pay for the maintenance of our reputation as a nation of marksmen. In point of fact, we are, we believe, above the mark when we say that not 500 persons contributed toward the fund for paying the expenses of the British team, and their united contributions only amounted to two-thirds of the sum required. In America the sum would have been forthcoming ten times over for a similar purpose. But then the Americans are enthusiastic in everything they take up, and especially so in their sports. We heartily wish that we could infuse some of that vigorous enthusiasm into our own sports and sportsmen; it would help to clear away a good many abuses and purify many of our sports from the tainted atmosphere of low cunning and greed that surround them.

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BRITISH AND AMERICAN MARKSMEN.

Few persons who had carefully studied the records of American long range shooting during the past year could have had much doubt as to the issue of the international contest decided at Creedmoor on the 13th and 14th ult. The best individual and aggregate scorers in the competition for the Elcho Shield had been frequently exceeded in America, and the two victories of American teams over the "crack" Irish teams showed that in long range shooting cousin Jonathan meant to "whip creation." It must, therefore, have been with something of the feeling of a forlorn hope that Sir Henry Haiford's team of British marksmen set out for the States. That feeling must have deepened during the practice at Creedmoor previous to the match. The two teams shot regularly at the practice targets every day, and their scores were always carefully compared. The result of the last six days of practice was that the American team scored 9,657 points against 9,410 scored by the British team. This gave a preponderance of 247 points in the six days' shooting. But the disheartening feature of these six days' shooting to the British team was that on five

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