

THE HURDLE RACE.—Helter-skelter they went over the fields, jumping ditches, scaring and amusing, bucking, rearing, running and stopping short. To see Bill Russell on his half name-sake Russ! One would think Bill a Zouave or a Cossack to see him sweep across the fields till some plumed hurdle would cross his track. Then Bill would stop, and Russ swear—by and bye up goes the fore legs and the hind ones are in the same place, poor William is on his nose on the other side of Jordan. Then comes Kentucky Bill clearing everything before him and knocking the reporter of the *Agriculturalist* higher than a kite, but letting him down—in his ear. The Teutonic Baron and the Colonel should be to have been in the affair—so should we liked to have seen them too, but then it would have been *infra dig.* to be spilt. It was a glorious race, worth all the rest together. We did think Messrs. Earle and Adams would explode by violence. The one forgot in the moment all about his enameled boots, the other about the appearance of that horrid hat.

THE BOAT RACE.

The Great Contest all a Fizzle.

About 9.30, a. m., yesterday morning, a large number of people had assembled on the bank of the river to witness the boat races. The excitement was almost nil, and little or no money changed hands.

Half-past nine was the time stated for the first race to begin, but through Mr. Clinch's fumbling, in putting his foot through the bottom of his boat, an hour was lost before they were ready for the start. The first race was the amateur single scull, Peter Clinch, Neptune Rowing Club, St. John, E. H. Allen, St. Anne's Rowing Club, Fredericton and W. Russell entering. Mr. Geo. Hildebrand, who was entered, had withdrawn.

At 10.15 the boats got into line, positions having been determined by a toss—Clinch inside, Russell outside and Allen outside.

Mr. Seely then gave the word "Go," and off they started. Each one went off in fine style, but had no more than a hundred yards when Mr. Russell thinking he had not room enough, or having too much muscle—let—got into Allen's water. Then there the foul occurred between Allen and Russell. Clinch at this time, according to his own tell, being about half a leg ahead. The umpire immediately called on all to retreat, but Clinch went on around the course, not even turning back when the gun was fired. Allen then claimed a foul and asked to leave his boat; both were granted, and Russell was disqualified.

When Clinch reached, acting under Rule XIII of the National Rowing Association of the U. S., Mr. Seely, the umpire informed the parties the race would be rowed again at the convenience of the scullers. Clinch asked for some minutes to give an answer. This was granted him. Here he went ashore and, prompted by DeVeber, reentered to row. Nothing now remained for the umpire but to carry out the rules under which the race was rowed; so he ordered that Mr. Allen and Mr. Clinch should row the race. Clinch did not see what Allen did, thereby lawfully winning the cup, which was awarded him.

Numbers of people who know nothing about it contend the decision was unfair. Listen to this. The race was rowed under certain rules agreed to by all. Here is Rule XIII, as above referred to, and the exact counterpart of the London Regatta Rules. We quote verbatim: "In case of a foul the umpire shall have power (a) to place boats, except the boat committing the foul—which is disqualified—in the order in which they come in; (b) to order boats entering in the race, other than the boat committing the foul, to row over again on their return back; (c) to re-start the qualified boats from the place the foul was committed; and under such section (b) the decision was given.

We can account for Mr. DeVeber's strange conduct only in one of two ways, (a) that he was afraid Clinch would be beaten, or, (b) he was completely ignorant of the rules under which he had agreed to row the race. We incline to the latter cause. Yet, with all these facts we may hear the St. John papers trying to bolster up DeVeber's cause. As we have already said we have every respect for Mr. Seely's judgment, and his decision was correct.

We would just remark here that we think there was a little too much jarring on both sides. We presume that all who hoped to win the race did so as much for the honor as the prize. It is scarcely honorable or gentlemanly to indulge in hard names. We excuse all, however, in the excitement.

The next was a four-oared race, in which four crews had entered. DeVeber having got his back up the Neptune crew withdrew and the Stratons followed suit. The contest now remained between the Lowry boys and the St. Anne's Club. These crews were unevenly matched, the former having been in excellent training for some time past while the latter have been hastily organized. It soon became evident that the Lowry crew would badly beat them. They came nearly half a mile ahead. This is a pretty tough crew.

The next was the professional single scull between Nagle, Ross and McLeod, all of St. John. Nagle took first water and led to the stake boat, which he turned first. Before McLeod reached

the stake boat his wind gave out and his muscle failed, but he evidently did not think so, for he came back and claimed a foul. This the umpire disallowed.

On the return, when opposite St. Ann's boat house, Ross was about a length ahead. The crowd now began to cheer and Nagle put on a splendid spurt, Ross responding. Nagle came in about a length ahead. Both were fagged out and said 'twas the hardest race they had ever pulled.

We have just a word to say here about the check some people have. We refer plainly to Wallace Ross. We admit he can pull an oar pretty well, but we do not think his judgment in disputed cases a whit better than some who never tugged at an oar. It is the easiest thing in the world to spoil some people.

The next was the "Ingen Meas" race. Four canoes started, in each of which were two Micmars. The Commissioner was no present, so Mr. Seely started the red men. The palefaces were in great glee as they saw their red brothers skim over the course. At the first splash one brother broke his paddle. He immediately became like a negro, black with anger. Sapiepe took the race and put it, \$5.

And then came "Ingen Women's" race; two canoes with a pair of wild flowers in each. Nowhere could the Commissioner be found to give the address, nor was there a Star but what was sold. Mr. Seely held up an oar; it did just as well as William's signal, and off went Ella, etc. There were two prizes, the first \$3, the second \$2. Of course the first in got the first prize, and the last in, we may be sure, got the second.

Enough boat racing for the next two moons.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

From Our Special Reporter.

It seemed as if every one was anxious to get a last glance at the tournament, and grand was the spectacle. In the background was the glorious Autumn forest with its livery of golden hues clothing the hill that looked down on gaily dressed ladies, empty headed swells, roughs and unpretending people. The sun shone bright and warm, making the gloomiest look cheerful. On the fences, like a flock of crows sat more than half a thousand young gaffers, about and on the grand stand congregated the *bon ton* and the *canaille*. It would be hard to tell where the track was for it was crowded all the time except when John Reid, somewhat resembling a tongs in uniform, dinged along with his Rozinante. John's armor consisted of a whip and a pair of boots, with something like fishhooks on the heels. With these he made all stand round.

The first race called on was the 4-year old trot, for which J. P. Morris, Lady Bright and Lookout appeared. By some mistake they were started from the wrong stand and only trotted the length of the track, so the first heat went for nil. The next time they started O. K., and an easy victory for Morris resulted, Bright second, and Lookout third—time 2.53.

The next heat, Lookout having thrown a shoe, was drawn, leaving the race to Morris and Bright. Morris started with the lead, but at the first quarter threw a toe weight and could not be got down to his work during the heat, which was won by Bright; time, 3.00.

The third heat Morris took the lead at the start, but was passed by Bright, who led past the half, but was here overtaken by Morris, when both broke, Morris gaining considerably in so doing. The latter maintained his lead, passing under the wire about four lengths ahead. After some consideration, the Judges decided the heat in favor of Morris. Time 2.54.

The next heat was also won by Morris. It was very dark and difficult to see; but Morris appeared to have the best of it from the start.

SUMMARY.

Morris,	-	-	-	1	2	1	1
Lady Bright,	-	-	-	2	1	2	2
Lookout,	-	-	-	3	-	-	-

The next called on was the 4 year old trot, in which were Noble, Bright and a Black horse—no name. The same mistake was made as in the first heat of the 5 year old race, and the horses went round first time for nothing. In the first regular heat they got a good start, Noble leading slightly, and although hard pressed by Bright, winning the heat by about a length; time, 3.05.

In the next heat the Black horse took the lead at the start, which he held until the half was reached, when he was captured by the others, and a close race ensued. Won by Bright—Noble 2nd, Black horse 3rd. Time, 2.50.

In the third heat Noble led at the start, but was passed at the quarter by Bright, who kept her place to the finish, Noble second, the Black a long way behind. Time, 2.50.

In the fourth heat the Black Horse was drawn, leaving the race to Noble and Bright. This heat was closely contested, Bright having the best of it, keeping Noble at her wheel all the way round. She won the heat and race. Time, 2.51.

SUMMARY:

Bright,	-	-	-	2	1	1	1
Noble,	-	-	-	1	2	2	2
Black Horse,	-	-	-	3	3	3	3

The last on the Programme, was the steepchase, which excited great interest. For this, appeared Kentucky

Bill, Russ Butler and Countess. In the first heat, Bill took the lead, doing the ditches and jumps in splendid style, the others not taking kindly to them. At the first jump, Russ Butler threw his rider, but he mounted again and went after the others and gained on them considerably; but he did badly at the last jumps, so slowly that Bill got a long way ahead and was not overtaken. He won the heat from Countess, by nearly a distance, Russ Butler in this heat was distanced.

In the second heat Countess took the lead, and a close and exciting race followed, the two taking the leaps almost together. Countess, however, got a slight lead at the last hurdle. She managed to maintain it to the end, beating Bill by about a neck.

When the riders were weighed at the conclusion of this heat the jockey of Countess was found to be under weight, which gave the race to Kentucky Bill. This closed the races.

Carleton County Sketches.

From Our Special Reporter.

We welcome with pleasure the advent of the Morning Star into the field of journalism. The County of York particularly famous as the seat of the Capital, the centre of legislation in the Province, which heretofore was not well represented. Fredericton requires a newspaper with a live man in the sanctum sanctorum and we have little doubt of its success. The Morning Star has come to hand and presents a fine appearance, promises to be racy of the soil, and we have every reason to believe will be a permanent institution of the place. From the adjoining county of Carleton we will always hail with pleasure the success of the new enterprise and will endeavor to assist its columns with some of the latest news. Similar to York, we have been blowing of late about our big pumpkins and squash, Jersey sock, Berkshire pigs, etc., and soon will be on the look out for some new sensation. Many of our citizens have gone to the Celestial City to see the big show; they will possibly come elated with all the fine things they saw, and we hope with their manners improved. Perhaps there is room. Mingling with the fashionable aristocrats of the ancient Capital must naturally improve those from the rural districts, and we suggest that others go that they may catch the inspiration.

We have to record the death of a young man named Michael Linehan, who has lived here nearly all his life. He was going home in a wagon, in company with two young men named Smiths, when near McKenzie's corner, he jumped from the wagon and was endeavouring to cross some cedar logs, when he fell and broke his neck. It is said he had been drinking somewhat through the day. He will be buried to day, in the Catholic Cemetery.

As you are convenient to the office of the Board of Public Works Department and may see Mr. Landry, you might please despatch a messenger to inform him that the bridge across the Maduxnakik Stream requires their immediate attention. Our Legislative Councilor, the Hon. William Lindsay, has had his brain so muddled of late with Senator McPherson's pamphlet, that he scarcely notices such matters as he formerly has done when he had a pecuniary interest in them.

The election has pretty well passed away, and the excited crowds do not seem to assemble as heretofore. We are not in a position to say that Mr. Connell may not be permitted to hold his seat, that is, if the opposite party can prevent him; but there are signs in the political atmosphere that presage trouble in the future for him and his improvident and unscrupulous agents.

Farmers in the County have had good crops, and ought to be thankful. Their barns and cellars are full, and as the cold weather approaches, there don't seem to be any class so well provided for as the tillers of the soil.

There are some signs that the Temperance movement will again commence. As soon as the work for mechanics ceases and script becomes scarce, parties are directed to drinking whiskey, with license to the temperance agitation, but when the spring makes its appearance, the temperance speaker becomes wearisome and must stand aside, and make room for something more palatable.

York County Scraps.

DOUGLAS.

There is a Reform Club in Keswick. It had its monthly meeting last Tuesday evening. A good a tendance, speeches, recitations, dialogues and songs, making up the programme.

The club is doing very fair work.

THE TRAIN VS. A HORSE.

A horse belonging to William Lawrence was killed by the train near Lawrence Station, Friday last. He was knocked higher than a kite.

ACCIDENT.

Thomas Colter of Keswick, while engaged twitching stamps some days ago was knocked senseless by a rock striking him. He is improving.

CONCERT.

Music sometimes makes us forget we are not more favoured mortals. There was a good musical treat at Mackinacquack Saturday evening last.

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CONTESTED ELECTIONS:
In the Election Petition for the County of York, in which Hiram Dow is Petitioner, and Andrew G. Blair, Frederick P. Thompson, John J. Fraser, and George J. Collier are Respondents.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Petitioner has, on the eighth day of October instant, lodged at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, notice of an application to withdraw the Petition, so far as the same is against Andrew G. Blair, of which notice the following is a copy:
"Is the Supreme Court."
"Contested Elections."
"County of York."
"Petition of Hiram Dow, presented twentieth day of July, A. D. 1878."
"The Petitioner proposes to apply to withdraw his petition so far as the same is against Andrew G. Blair, upon the following grounds:
"That the said Andrew G. Blair has vacated his seat under the Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 4, and the Petitioner is not aware and has no reason to believe he will become aware of evidence that bribery has been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said Andrew G. Blair, and it has been agreed between the Petitioner and the said Andrew G. Blair, that application shall be made to withdraw the petition."
"And prays that a day may be appointed for hearing his application."
"Dated this eighth day of October, A. D. 1878."
"HIRAM DOW,
Petitioner."

And take notice, that by the Law relating to Contested Elections, any person who might have been a Petitioner in respect of the said Election, may within seven days after publication by the Sheriff of this Notice, give notice in writing of his intention, on the hearing, to apply for leave to be substituted as a Petitioner.

HIRAM DOW,
Petitioner.

NOTICE.

SEALED tenders will be received at the Office of Public Works, Fredericton, until THURSDAY, the fifteenth instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the
Repairing and Painting of the Suspension Bridge, St. John, N. B.
according to Plan and Specification to be seen at the office of Public Works, Fredericton, and at the office of Mr. VanBuren, keeper of the Bridge.
Parties tendering may tender for the repairs and for the painting separately or for both together.
The names of two responsible persons who will be satisfactory to the Government will be required as sureties for the faithful performance of the contract.
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