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YESTERDAY'S RACES

The horse and donkey races scheduled to take place at Sugar Estate yesterday afternoon, came off as announced, and was witnessed by quite a crowd of eager spectators. The afternoon being one of the fortnightly holidays, crowds from an early hour began to assemble. In all, there were to have been eight races; but there were only six, as neither the fifth, (a foot-race,) and sixth races (Pepper Gray and Johnnie,) were run.

In the 1st race, a mile race with a \$30 stake, Danielsen's "Smithy" defeated Beretta's "Roamer". Much interest was manifested in this race, as both horses and owners were favorites, being the winners of former prizes. But from the onset the powerful "Smithy" took an easy lead, which condition of things was not improved with "Roamer" bolting twice.

In the 2nd race of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and a stake of \$15, run between J. Petersen's "Hopeless" and A. Fleming's "Lady Princess", the latter won.

Then followed another one mile race, with a stake of \$25, between Danielsen's "Hopeful" and Hendrick's "Pepper Grey," in which, however, though battling bravely, the former was defeated.

Then came the most amusing race of all, the donkey race. This contest was entered by 5 animals, belonging respectively to Danielsen, Fleming and LaBeet. At an early stage of the race, one of the riders came to grief through being unseated by his "steed." This caused great merriment to the vast crowds assembled. He soon, however, had a "companion in affliction," for by and

"bye" another of the riders suffered a similar catastrophe. Imagine the laughter and uproar! This race, which was only of one half mile, with a stake of \$6, was won by a "Tutnit".

The fifth race, the foot race, did not come off, neither did the next one, between "Pepper Grey" and "Johnnie."

In the next race (7th on the program, but virtually the 5th) run between Danielsen's "Ground Lizard" and Vago's "Snake", the latter by its sinuous movements, as was to be expected, easily defeated his rival.

The weather, which thus far had been holding fair, now became dark and threatening. The last item on the programme was the race between De Graff's "Art" and Fleming's "Lady Princess". This was a one mile stretch, with a stake of \$15.00. The two racers being about equal, great interest was evinced in this race. Starting amid great excitement, "Art" took the lead, and kept it as far as the "upslant," when the "Lady Princess," running easily, and without whip or rowels stole steadily forward, at the end outrunning her rival, and defeating him (?) by several lengths.

The races were interesting and exciting, and the Racing Association must be congratulated upon the success of its efforts to provide such innocent amusements. *St. Thomas Mail Notes. Sept. 25th.*

4 STORY STRUCTURE FOR BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Plans have been approved for the erection of a modern banking and office building at the Corner of San Justo and Tetuan streets for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Just how soon work is to be commenced has not been decided but the present building on this site has been vacated and it is planned to prepare the site for construction as soon as possible.

The building will be four story reinforced concrete structure the lower floor of which will be entirely occupied by the bank. The three upper floors will be constructed for offices. There will be nine or ten offices on each floor. Several months ago the Bank of Nova Scotia came into possession of the property which it had been occupying for many years and at once consideration was given to the kind of building that was to be erected. At first there was some doubt as to whether the building would be planned solely for banking purposes or

whether additional floors would be added to provide office space for renting purposes.

Plan for the new structure, which were prepared by Antonin Nechodoma, have just been approved by the bank officers and authority given for construction work. The banking rooms on the first floor, according to present plans, will possible be more spacious and attractive than anything in Porto Rico. The possible cost of the building has not been announced.

In addition to its new banking quarters the bank of Nova Scotia on Monday will open a branch in Ponce occupying quarters in the building of the Porto Rico Telephone Company on the Plaza. The new branch will be in charge of J. F. Gill. Last April the bank opened a branch in Fajardo, the first branch in Porto Rico to be opened by the company with the exception of its San Juan agency.—*Porto Rico Progress Sept. 19th.*

CITRUS CROP ESTIMATE.

The Citrus crop which is now commencing to be harvested is estimated at little more than 1,000,000 boxes by Capt. E. B. Lessesne of the Fruit Exchange. This is about one-half what the crop was expected to be three or four months ago. Since that time there has been a heavy dropping of young fruit.—*Ibid.*

Prisoner (to jailer)—Put me in cell No 38.

Jailer—What for?

Prisoner—It's the one father used to have.

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