Brockton Fair Races.

The Brockton Fair, one of New England's annual fixtures and out-of-door carnivals of sport and pleasure, opened on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under most favorable auspices. The weather was perfect and the attendance was the largest for a first day in the history of the association.

The horse, and especially the light-harness horse, has always figured conspicuously in the programme of attractions offered for the entertainment of the public, and this year is no exception. Indeed, he is more conspicuous than ever, for this year's entry list to the track events outnumbered that of any previous list during the existence of the society, and it is one of the largest in the history of New England half-mile tracks. This is an eloquent testimonial to the popularity of the Brockton Fair management with the owners and trainers of horses.

Wednesday's card comprised three events, the two-year-old and 2.50 trots and the 2.34 pace, and some good contests were witnessed by the spectators.

But two youngsters took the word in the two year-old trot, and the Muster Hill Farm gelding Authentic (2.26¾), by Autograph, out of Laura F. (2.19¼), by Bostwick's Almont Jr., and a winner at Readville last week, so far outclassed his only competitor, The Nun, a bay filly by Young Jim, that he won his two heats in a common jog, and in neither was he required to step within 10 seconds of his record.

W. L. Taft, Whitinsville, Mass., who is having a little fun and glory in the sulky this season, furnished the winner of the 2.50 trot. This was the nicely gaited and speedy bay mare Brunella, by Amoskeag, out of Emma Wilkes, by Lyle Wilkes. Three times in succession Mr. Tait landed her in front of her field at the wire, each succeeding heat a little faster than its predecessor, and when she crossed the winning line in the third heat she had a record of 2.22¼. Brunella had no snap, for there were others in it beside her, and two or three of them were dangerously close to her in speed capacity. One of them was the bay mare Claynetta, by C. F. Clay, driven by Lester Dore; another was Jimmy Carpenter's pupil, a bay gelding by Cyclone; and still another not to be despised was Knapp Forshner's entry, the Candidate gelding Warren F.

Claynette and Lampton chased Brunella home the first heat in 2.25½. In the second, after making a break and trailing four or five lengths back to the stretch, Dore pulled out with Claynette, and coming through on the outside of the track finished at Brunella's flank in 2.24¼.

Dore took matters easy the third heat and let Carpenter, with Lampton, have a try at Taft's mare, but Lampton never headed her, though he made the race a pretty one, going lapped on her to the three quarters, but there she drew away and won by a clear length in 2.22¼.

In a field of 12 horses that turned for the word in the 2 35 pace two side wheelers belongidg to the hobbled brigade got first and second money.

Tom Johnson, brother of the well-known trainer and dealer, Abe Johnson, and who was up behind the bay gelding *King Elko*, by Wilkeswood, was lucky enough to draw the pole in this big field, and scooting his charge off in front at the word, never let one of his competitors get to his flank in the eight furlongs, which he negotiated in 2.21¼, which is his first record in standard time. The black mare *Laura G.*, by Elial G., out of a mare by Woodburn Pilot, was second to him, and going off in the next heat she was in front at the pole, but rounding the first turn, her driver, George James, was accommodating enough to pull out and let *King Elko* in at the pole. These two made the circuit of the track lapped, *Elko* in the lead, but going down the backside *Sonata*, *Mace* and *Little Girl* were right at their wheels. Up at the three-quarters *Elko* dropped back beaten and from there out cut no figure in the contest. *Laura G.* stepped to the front and piloted the party home, with *Mace* in second place, *Sonata* third and *Little Girl*, which Dr. Porter had been obliged to take back on the upper turn and go around the bunch with, a good fourth. The heat was in 2.21¼.

Joseph Middleby with *Sonata* gave close chase to *Laura G.* in the third heat, but couldn't reach, the black mare holding her safe at all stages of it, yet she forced *Laura G.* out in 2.21. After *Sonata* had forced the pace to the stretch with *Laura G.* in the lead, the fourth heat, Dr. Porter cut loose from the bunch with *Little Girl*, and she gave the grand stand a taste of her real quality. From fully eight lengths back she came like a revivified rocket through the stretch, getting to *Laura G.'s* wheel ten yards from the wire, forcing James to the bat, and was beaten off by barely half a length in 2.20¾.

SUMMARIES.

BROCKTON, MASS., Oct. 6, 1897—Two-year-old trot. Purse, $400.

Authentic, blk g, by Autograph; dam, Laura F., by Bostwick's Almont Jr. (Brady)	1	1
The Nun, b m, by Young Jim (Loeb)	2	2

Time, 2.39¼, 2 43.

Same day—2.50 trot. Purse, $300.

Brunella, b m, by Amoskeag; dam, Emma Wilkes, by Lyle Wilkes (Baggs)	1	1	1
Claynette, b m, by C. F. Clay (L. Dore)	2	2	4
Lampton, b g, by Cyclone (Carpenter)	3	3	2
Warren F., b g, by Candidate (Forshner)	5	4	3
Lucy Tate, b m (Green)	4	8	7
Cuticline, blk g, by Emperor Wilkes (Middleby)	7	6	5
Welcome, b g, by Wildbrino (H. James)	6	7	6
Nellie Baird, br m, by Simmons (Johnson)	10	5	dis
Betsy Edgemark, ch m, by Edgemark (O'Donnell)	8	9	dis
My Friend, b h, by Amigo (Powers)	9	10	dis
Lady Una, b m, by Kadelpha (LaBounty)	11	dis	

Time, 2.25½, 2.24¼, 2.22¼.

Same day—2.35 pace. Purse $300.

Laura G., blk m, by Elial G.; dam by Woodburn Pilot (G. James)	2	1	1	1
King Elko, b g, by Wilkeswood (T. Johnson)	1	5	9	8
Little Girl, rn m, by Alcantara (Porter)	3	3	3	2
Sonata, ch m, by Outcross (Middleby)	5	4	2	3
Mace, b g, by Matterhorn (Downer)	9	2	8	5
Little Breeze, blk m, by Hambletonian Breeze (Brawn)	6	6	4	11
Prince Eddy, ch g, by Jerome Eddy (Hanson)	4	7	7	7
Clara, b m, by Monarch Jr. (O'Donnell)	10	10	10	4
Watch Maid, ch f, by Electrode (Gotman)	11	8	5	10
Honest Tom, blk g, by Elial G. (Proctor)	7	11	6	6
Nellie D., ch m (Pease)	8	9	11	9
Lady Ayer, b m, by Woodbrino (G. Dore)	dis			

Time, 2 21¼, 2.21¼, 2,21, 2.20¾.

Thursday.

Thursday was a record-breaking day for the Brockton Fair, as 38,000 people passed through the gates, the largest attendance in the history of the association.

The racing card for the day was made up of five events beside a running race. The programme was an interesting one, the fields were large in nearly all of the events, and the contests for the most part good.

The programme was started at 10 o'clock and the first event called was the 2.30 trot, for which 17 horses took the word. It was won by the black horse Alkalone, son of Wilton and Alaska, by Alcyone, in 2.25, 2,21¾, 2.22¾. He led his field all the way in the first two miles and was never headed, with Nettie C. up second to him. In the third, however, Tom Johnson, who had landed Glory in third place the second heat, stepped his horse out and made the pace very hot for Alkalone, so hot, in fact, that after he had carried him down to the three-quarters Alkalone jumped into the air and Glory went into the lead. He led into the stretch by a couple of lengths, and was going apparently easy when passing the distance he jumped from his stride, when Alkalone again came to the front and landed the heat, closely pressed by Nettie C.

Allertine, the brown filly by Allerton (2.08¼), out of Mist (2.29½), by King Rene, which Abe Johnson picked up down in Kentucky last winter, had an easy win in the event for trotting foals of 1893. She stepped three easy heats in 2.18¼, 2.21½, 2.21½. Her mark made today is 4½ seconds below her previous record. She acts very much like a race mare.

The 2.18 trot was spun out for five heats. The first two heats the bay mare Aleen, by Superior, won quite handily in 2.15¾, 2.17, with Oxford in second place. In the third heat, however, after leading to the wire the first time around, she went to a break, and when she settled was at the tail end of the field, and in both succeeding heats she was unsteady. Oxford stepped into the lead when Aleen was out of the way, and from that out was never headed, though John R. Baldwin, Silver Street and Maud H. kept him hustling all three miles.

The free-for-all pace was won offhand by *Roan Wilkes* in fast time, considering the track. *Maggie* and *Kentucky Star* were both in excellent form, and they made the race a very pretty one to watch. *Maggie* chased *Roan Wilkes* home the first heat, with *Kentucky Star* a close third, and then *Kentucky Star* raced head and head with Wilkes for seven-eighths of the mile the second heat, but *Wilkes* stepped away in the stretch, and won by a length. In the third heat Baggs kept *Roan Wilkes* a length in front of his competitors all the way. *Vassar* went to a bad break in the second heat of this race, and caught the banner.

Only two heats were got off in the double-team race. *Miss Eleanor* and *Landlord* won the first heat from *Fred Wilkes* and *Prince Alexander* in 2.26. In the second heat Mr. Middleby, who was driving *Miss Eleanor* and *Landlord*, had the misfortune to break a line, and the horses set off on a run, and made half a dozen or more circuits of the track before they were brought to a standstill. Fortunately no harm was done either horses or men. *Fred Wilkes* and *Prince Alexander* won this heat in 2.28¼.

SUMMARIES.

BROCKTON, MASS., Oct. 7, 1897—2.30 trot. Purse, $300.

Alkalone, blk h, by Wilton; dam, Alaska, by Alcyone (Benson)	1	1	1
Nettie C., b m, by St. Croix (Clarke)	2	2	2
Glory, ch g, by Sir Walter Jr. (T. Johnson)	17	3	3
Curine, blk g, by Rumor (Loeb)	3	12	10
Rosie Green, b m, by Green Boy (Green)	5	8	4
Brave Boy Jr., b h, by Brave Boy (LaBounty)	4	5	15
Marion R., b m, by Sentinel Wilkes (Durland)	7	4	6
Con Withers, b g, by Con L. (Tinkham)	9	13	4
Mary Pickard, b m, by Passacus (Hanson)	10	14	5
Gen. Robinson, blk h, by Ellerslie Wilkes (Van Houghton)	6	6	9
Irene, b m (Hanson and Mooney)	8	7	11
Messonier, b g, by Edgemark (O'Donnell)	14	9	7
Castella Wilkes, b g, by Charley Wilkes (Greene)	12	11	8
Aaron, rn g, by Harbinger (Deering)	11	10	14
Genevieve, b m, by Electioneer (Cahill)	16	16	12
Bond Holder, b g, by St. Bel (Gillis)	13	15	16
Bellwood, b m, by Nutgrove (Hicks)	15	17	17

Time, 2.25, 2.24¾, 2.22¾.

Same day—Four-year-old colt race. Stake, $600.

Allertine, br m, by Allerton; dam, Mist, by King Rene (A. Johnson)	1	1	1
Surena, b m, by Wild Brino (Sinclair)	3	2	3
Barbour's Thread, b g, by Repetition (Pratt)	4	3	2
Confessor, ch g, by Constantine (Brady)	2	4	4
Myopia, rn g, by Ralph Wilkes (Stone)	5	5	dr

Time, 2.21¼, 2.18½, 2.21½.

Same day—2.18 trot. Purse, $500.

Oxford, b g, by Modoc Chief; dam, Black Bess (Pickle)	2	2	1	1	1
Aleen, b m, by Superior (E. James)	1	1	8	8	6
Maud H., br m, by Gen. Withers Jr. (Simpson)	4	4	2	3	2
John R. Baldwin, gr g, by Fallis (Froctor)	3	5	3	2	3
Silverstreet, b m, by Nelson (Nelson)	7	3	4	4	4
Major (formerly Rollo), b g (Johnson)	10	8	6	6	5
Kurburn, b g, by Lord Russell (Durland and Dore)	5	9	10	9	7
Dott, blk m, by Administrator (Hanson)	11	10	9	7	8
Miss Barbee, blk m, by Wilton (Gardiner)	6	6	5	5	dr
Twang, br h, by Alcyone (Stone)	9	7	7	dr	
Daconis, b h (Tinker)	8	dr			

Time, 2.15¾, 2.17, 2.17½, 2.18¾, 2.18¾.

Same day—Free-for-all pace. Purse, $800.

Roan Wilkes, rn h, by Tennessee Wilkes; dam, Saluda, by Cooper's Jug (Baggs)	1	1	1
Maggie, b m, by Tennessee Wilkes (Gardiner)	2	4	2
Kentucky Star, b g, by Robert McGregor (Belledier)	3	2	3
George G., gr g, by Roscoe Jr. (Proctor)	4	3	4
Vassar, rn h, by Vatican (Galvin)	5	dis	

Time, 2.12½, 2.12¾, 2.14.

Friday.

Some of the best racing so far of the week was served up today, and there were one or two miles that bordered on the sensational. The two year old filly *Mazette*, driven by her owner, Mr. F. S. Bailey of Brockton, paced a mile, officially timed, in 2.15¼, which is the fastest mile ever paced or trotted by a two year old over a half-mile track in New England. She stepped the first quarter in 33¼ seconds, the half in 1.06½, the three quarters, in .41½, and finished strong.

The regular race programme opened with the event for trotting foals of 1894, for which four youngsters took the word, and it proved quite a contest. Troyon, a bay colt, by Edgemark, out of a mare by Young Rolfe, and that J. H. Richardson picked up at Leighton's dispersal sale at Cavanau h's, last December, for $75, won the opening heat in 2 23¾, in a close finish with Parthia. Then Parthia came to the front and won the next three heats, but in each one of them she was forced to fight, as Loma, the Arion filly, was right after her.

Loma was a bit unsteady in each heat, but she stepped fast the last end of them, and made each finish a close one. The final heat she looked to have a good chance to win, for she got up on even terms with Parthia at the head of the stretch, but at the flag she went to a break, and Parthia won the heat.

Troyon showed the way in the second heat to the stretch, where he tumbled off his stride and Parthia landed that heat. He kept Baggs's sweet little filly busy for the first half of the other two miles, but dropped back in the last half of each.

Parthia's win was quite unexpected by Baggs, her driver, as she had not had any work to speak of for 10 days previous to the race. She went an excellent race; in fact, she had to, to win from so good colts as Loma and Troyon. Parthia is very highly bred, being by Patron (2.14¼), out of Watersprite, a daughter of Belmont and the great brood mare Waterwitch, by Pilot Jr.

There were 16 starters in the 2.25 trot, and the event was won off the reel by the bay gelding Doctor, by Pure Wilkes, and out of a mare said to be thoroughbred. Doctor is in Uncle Jock Bowen's stable, and this is his second start of the season, and he won apparently handily. He showed his heels to the party all the way in the first two miles, but in the third, when the field was sent away, Alice Patch, that was three-quarters of a length ahead of him, stepped across and took the pole and led for three-quarters of the mile, when the Doctor came to the front and won with ease.

For five heats the free for all trotters had a very warm argument, and at the end of that time the race had to be postponed on account of darkness, with the winner still in doubt. X. L. got away with the first two heats and was never headed in either, but in the third Red Bud gave him chase for five-eighths of the mile, when Sirock came along and outfooting him in the stretch won the heat. Lyle Sterling, who was teaming Hazel Dell, had the black mare stepping like the wind coming down the fourth heat, and shooting across to the pole opened a gap of three lengths from the field, and they never did see her or which way she was going after. She won the heat with something to spare in 2.16¼.

The fifth heat was trotted when it was getting very dark, and it was the hottest contest of the day. Johnson, with Sirock, did not let Hazel Dell get out of his reach, he keeping Sirock at her wheel all the way around the track. In the drive to the wire, in spite of all he could do, he could not head the mare, and she won the heat in the fastest time of the race, 2.15.

The black gelding *Charley B.* won the 2.16 pace off hand. *Baby Strathmore* went away the first heat as though the race was all over, but in the last half, when *Charley B.* stepped up to her, she fainted away, and *Charley B.* won the heat in 2.16½.

The next heat he led all the mile, coming to the wire in 2.14½, forced out by *A. S. L.* The third heat *Baby Strathmore* flashed out again the first quarter of the mile and then dropped back, but at that finished second.

This was *Charley B.'s* seventh win out of eight starts, and in the other race he got second money. These seven victories of his have been won in 21 heats. *Charley B.* is by Octoroon, out of a mare by Hamlet 160, and he is owned by Charles Weaver of Hamilton, Ont. He is in Havers James's stable.

One of the features of the day was the ladies' race. There were four starters in this event, and it was won by the bay gelding Major, formerly Rollo, driven by Mrs. I. F. Crosby. It was no sort of a contest, as Major went off in the lead at various gaits, the trot, buck jump and run, opened a big gap and won with ease.

SUMMARIES.

BROCKTON, MASS., Oct 8, 1897—Three-year-old colt race, trotting. Stake, $500.

Parthia, b f, by Patron; dam, Watersprite, by Belmont (Baggs)	2	1	1
Troyon, b c, by Edgemark (Stone)	1	4	4
Loma, b f, by Arion (Ditmas)	3	2	2
Ward, rn g, by Eagle Bird (Johnson)	4	3	3

Tim .23¾, 2.24½, 2.25½, 2.28½.

Same day—2.25 trot. Purse, $400.

Doctor, b g, by Pure Wilkes (Shannon)	1	1	1
Tamerlane, blk h, by Aristos (Bennett)	2	5	2
Alice Patch, b m, by Duane (Watson)	9	2	3
Angelica, ch m, by Young Fullerton (Forshner)	12	3	6
Georgie R., b m, by Hambletonian George (Carruthers)	3	9	14
Hal C., ch g (Gardner)	5	4	4
William L., blk g (Hill)	4	6	9
Meg, b m, by Pickett (Draper)	13	13	5
McKinley, b g, by Corell (Tinkham)	6	8	8
Gen. Grant, blk g (Warren)	7	12	7
Cello, b g, by American Lad (Drinkwater)	8	7	11
Little Miss, b m, by Wilkes (Proctor)	14	11	10
Classic, b m, by Alcantara (Gillies)	10	14	12
Whitney, b g, by Edgemark (Stone)	16	10	13
Montour, blk g, by Charley Wilkes (Folsom)	11	dr	
Lady Franklin, b m (Morrill)	15	dr	

Time, 2.21½, 2.22½, 2.21½.

Same day—Ladies' race. Purse, $500.

Major, b g, by John A. Rawlins; dam, May Be, by Charles G. Hayes (Mrs. I. F. Crosby)	1	1
Lady Franklin, b m, by Franklin (Mrs. E. T. Lord)	2	2
Montour, blk g, by Charley Wilkes (Mrs. Agnes Alley)	3	3
Linnie G., blk m, by Eolus (Mrs. Leota Elliott)	4	4

Time, 2.25½, 2.22½.

Saturday.

There was plenty of racing on Saturday's card, six events besides the unfinished race brought over from the day before. The feature of the day was the fast half stepped by Hazel Dell in the postponed free for all, five heats of which were trotted yesterday. With Sirock and X. L. drumming away at her wheel, she stepped the first half in 1.04¾, but the clip was too glib for her rivals, and they eased up so much in the last half that she came home easily in 2.14¾, winner of the heat and race.

The three-year-old colt race was won by *George W. Lederer* with absurd ease. Birney had him under a warp in all three miles, but at that he stepped the first mile in 2.19, within a second and three-quarters of his record.

The 2.35 trot was split up for five heats, and it was quite a scrapping contest. Brunella, winner of the 2.50 trot on Thursday, gathered in the first two heats without much opposition, with the bay gelding Lampton in second place, but in the third heat, when Dr. Porter stepped out with Tom Gillig, a chestnut gelding owned by Mr. George A. Graves of this city, he carried the mare so fast to the first turn that he had her in trouble, and she went to a tangled break. Gillig went on, and opened a gap of three lengths over his field, and won well within himself in 2.26¼, which is his first record in standard time. The next heat he also gathered in in exactly the same time, not forced out. The fifth heat, however, Taft, with Brunella, did not let Gillig get out of his reach. He kept his mare right at Gillig's flank, and coming to the stretch the first time around Gillig made a break, which left him behind the field, and a little later on another break cost him all the chance he may have had of winning, and Brunella won the heat and race in the fastest time of the event, 2.25¾.

Gillig went a very much better race than his owner, Mr. Graves, anticipated he would, as he has been working on a beach wagon all summer until a month ago, when Dr. Porter took him in hand and gave him some track work. He had had only one mile better than 2.30 when he started in this race. This mile was in 2.27¼ over Combination Park.

The Consolation race for a purse of $200, for horses that had not won money in the main purse of the 2.30 trot on Wednesday, was won by the Sentinel Wilkes mare Marion R. It was a race of heats two in three. Irene won the first heat and she looked to have the second won when she went to a break in the stretch, and Marion R. stepped through. Irene undoubtedly had the speed of the party, but she had the misfortune to get pinned in the third heat, and she did not get out until well down the stretch, when it was too late to reach, as she was a half length short when Marion R. got to the wire.

The chestnut mare Mary L., by Altama, won the 2.21 trot off hand, and she was not forced to step to her limit.

Lester Dore, who drove Mary L., also furnished the winner of the 2.20 pace, which had a field of 16 starters, and it was a very hot field too. After *Elton* had led to the stretch the first heat *Star Wilkes* came through, and in a whipping finish landed the heat in 2.18¾, but going off the second heat *Star Wilkes* got the worst of the send off, and *Elton* stepped close to the pole, and led all the mile. *Star Wilkes* was pocketed so closely that he could not get out, and a break at the head of the stretch the last time around left him way back at the finish of the mile. He was not formidable after this as a competitor.

The third heat *Elton* landed from *Jack* in 2.18¼, two seconds below his previous record. The last heat was a pretty race to watch, for it was paced by the light of the moon, and with the electrics turned on in the grand stand. The three leaders came through the stretch heads apart, and *Elton* landed the heat and race in 2.20.

This wound up the Brockton Fair for the season of 1897 and the most successful fair in the history of this association. The attendance throughout far outnumbered any of its predecessors, the weather the whole week was delightful, and everything pertaining to the fair passed off smoothly.

BROCKTON, MASS., Oct. 9, 1897—Free-for-all trot. Purse, $800. Five heats trotted Oct. 8.

Hazel Dell, blk m, by Stranger; dam, Hazel, by Jay Gould (Sterling)	5	4	2	1	1	1
X. L., b g, by Emperor Wilkes (Kervick)	1	1	3	2	4	3
Sirock, b g, by Coronet (A. Johnson)	3	2	1	3	2	2
Mack, b h, by Thought (Bentley)	2	7	5	5	5	ro
G. H. F., br g, by Falcon (Renick)	4	3	4	4	3	ro
Chazy Boy, br g, by Candidate (Forshner)	7	6	8	6	6	ro
Red Bud, ch g, by Red Fern (Watson)	6	5	6	dr		
Phantom, b g, by Alcazar (LaBounty)	8	8	7	dr		

Time, 2.17¼, 2.16, 2.15½, 2.16¼, 2.15, 2.18¾.