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Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Everything used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

DOMINION vs. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

We have had the enquiry made, if it would be preferable to form a Dominion Association or become affiliated with the existing National Association of the United States. This is a question which, like most all others, has two sides to it. There are advantages to be gained by belonging to the National which a Dominion organization would not possess; and again the home institution could present inducements which are not offered by the American. On the part of expense alone we believe the Dominion Association would be the more economical. This is an item which will not be overlooked by our managers. Again, the fact of having a local Board of Appeals, to which disputed questions could at once be referred under the home system is a strong argument in its favor. Of course the National exerts a much more extended influence, and brings within the scope of its operations almost every trotting horse in the United States, so that a union with it would protect our managers from any predatory incursions from the other side. The greatest difficulty which prevents an affiliation with the American organization is the delay and expense in the matter of appeals and the adjudication on questions of dispute. A Dominion Association would, to a very great extent, avoid this objection. A permanent local board could be formed in

A CONTEMPTIBLE FORGERY.

Last week we received a letter purporting to be written by Mr. David Gillis, of St. Catherine's, the owner of the stallion Fulton, claiming the name of Pickpocket for his three-year-old gelding. As is our usual custom we inserted the paragraph without thought of anything wrong. However, we have learned the communication and signature were contemptible forgeries, and our columns were made the innocent channel of perpetrating an outrage on Mr. Gillis and ourselves and having a dirty fling at that gentleman by some coward whose action in this matter shows to what lengths he would go to vent his ill-natured spite against any one with whom he might have a difference, so long as he remained under the impression the blow could be delivered in the dark, and retaliatory punishment could not be inflicted. Mr. Gillis, we understand, feels very much offended at the paragraph, and does not wish to be ranked among the pick-pocket class in which evidently the writer of the communication would signally shine. We have forwarded to Mr. Gillis the communication in question as received by us, and trust it may be the means in his hands of discovering the perpetrator of the fraud. Any assistance from this establishment will be cheerfully given, and one of the happiest moments of our journalistic career would be that devoted to showing up the meanest man in the County of Lincoln.

PHIL SHERIDAN.

From the Christmas number of the Spirit of the Times we clip the following description of this well-known trotting stallion. Being now owned in Ontario the sketch will be of more interest and value to our readers. He is the fastest stallion we have in Canada, and the performances of Commonwealth (Dred) and Adelaide, two of the fastest of his get, show his ability to transmit the trotting instinct.

"The stock of this horse are rapidly becoming famous, largely because of the performance of his fleetest daughter, Adelaide, and his fastest son, Commonwealth. He is a brown stallion, foaled in 1862; got by Smith's Young Columbus (sire of Harry Harley and Myron Perry), dam Black Fly, a Canada mare, got by a two-year-old son of Tippoo. He was bred by Robert Dalzell, of Waddington, N. Y. The first trot of importance in which we find him engaged, was at Watertown, N. Y., June 29, 1870, when he won the second heat, in 2:35, the latest time of the race, but was subsequently beaten. In 1871, he trotted but one race, and that unsuccessfully. In 1872 he was more active, and in better form, winning five races, the best of which was at Mystic Park, June 21. Then he beat a very formidable field, winning the second, third, and fourth heats, in 2:28½, 2:29½, 2:30½. In 1873, he was busy in the stud, and did not start in any races; and during 1874 and 1875, he also remained in retirement. Last season a half interest was purchased in him by Mr. J. P. Wisner, of Prescott, Ont., and as he was exhibiting much speed, he was entered at several points in the Septilateral Circuit, in the 2:26 class. He only trotted, however, at Buffalo and Rochester, making a good show in both races, and going very fast at times; but he did not succeed in getting any part of the purses. His withdrawal at other places was owing, we believe, to his becoming lamed by a pebble in one of his feet. But his own lack of triumphs in the great Circuit were

complete registration of the thoroughbred stock in Canada, and the present opportunity should not be lost. There is no time for delay, and all the required information should be furnished at once.

A COUPLE OF HORSE CASES.

In previous issues we have given reports of trials before our courts in which horse cases came up for legal decision. The laws affecting this class of stock are very imperfectly understood, and any information gained by appeals to the judiciary should be given a wide circulation. This week we are enabled to give the details of a couple of cases, which may not be of the same general interest, as some that have preceded them, but still are of value in themselves.

The first of these was tried at the late Court of General Sessions in London, Ont. The plaintiff was Mr. Sam Grigg, the well-known hotel-keeper and liveryman of that city, who brought an action against Mr. Churcher, an official assignee, for the value of a horse which had been loaned by Mr. Grigg to a man named Walker, who formally kept a livery stable on Clarence street in that city, and whose goods and chattels had been seized by the assignee for the benefit of Walker's creditors. The plaintiff took possession of the animal, but at the demand of the defendant returned it under protest. Verdict for plaintiff, \$100. E. Meredith, for plaintiff.

The second one was tried before Judge Boyd at a late sitting of the County Court in this city, on the 29th ult. It was an action brought by a Mr. Wood against Mr. Atchison, hotel keeper, of Bond Head, for damages caused by an alleged illegal retention of a horse which was left in the care of the defendant, who was an innkeeper. After a certain time the defendant sued in the Division Court for the animal's board, and got \$40. The father of the plaintiff went for the horse, but was refused possession on the ground that since the inception of the case there remained several more weeks to settle for. Finally the money was paid under protest. The plaintiff claimed damages through losing business through the detention, which it was claimed was illegal according to the statute, which declares "That an innkeeper has no lien at law, for stabling, feeding, or keeping the horse of a person who is not a guest, or when there is no express agreement between the parties." A verdict was given for the plaintiff for \$75.

THE ROYAL GEORGES.

In a carefully written article, reviewing the different families of the great trotting horses of America, The Turf, Field and Farm devotes the accompanying paragraph to our Royal Georges.

"We pass from the thoroughbreds to the Royal George family. It was in Canada, and along the line that horses of this branch first came prominently into notice. Royal George was by Warrior, by Tipoo, and his dam was by the Bristol Horse. Toronto Chief, whose record is 2:24½, and who, full of years, is still doing stud service at the farm of his owner, Mr. Alex. Bathgate, was by Royal George. He got Thomas Jefferson, record 2:28; Rapid, 2:27; Buzz, 2:28½, and Belle of Toronto, record 2:29. Royal Revenge, the son of Toronto Chief, sired Fred Hooper, 2:27, and J. Ellis, 2:29. Niagara Chief, another son of Toronto Chief, got Ben Flagler, whose place in the record is

stage.

Prof. O. S. Pratt, the horse tamer, still continues his lectures at his academy, and shows the power of man over the brute creation by taming the most vicious horses the Province can produce. He was presented last Wednesday, by Professor Lawson, with a valuable scarf pin in the shape of a horse shoe, made of pure Nova Scotia gold, and accompanied by a very complimentary address, signed by Lieut.-Governor Archibald, Sir W. O'Grady Haly, General, and all the officers of Her Majesty's army and navy at this station. Last night he gave a lecture for the benefit of the society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a society which has recently been formed here.

We expect to have a series of trotting matches on the Dartmouth lakes as soon as the ice will permit; but at present there is no news in the horse line. Harvey Graham's "Blackbird" is expected to "do something" this winter.

Yours truly,

BLUE NOSE.

FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

LOCKPORT, Jan. 8, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—I am sorry to have the sad duty of informing you of the death of Mr. M. N. West, a highly respected and honorable citizen of this place, who accidentally shot himself while asleep on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 4, dying on Friday at 5:30 p.m. He was but 29 years of age, and has paid considerable attention of late to the subject of horse breeding. He was the owner of those two excellent stallions Country Gentleman and Seythian. By his obliging manners and gentlemanly way he has won a host of friends, who will miss his pleasant face and kind words in their daily greeting.

The following were elected officers of the Alert Gymnastic Association: President, D. R. Benedict; Vice-President, G. J. Grey; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, L. S. Lampkins; Financial Secretary, J. S. Ferguson; Treasurer, W. H. Glass.

Theodore Tilton lectured last evening at the Hodge Opera House to a crowded house and a universally delighted audience, subject, "Master Motives."

Yours truly,

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FROM INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 9, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—A pigeon shooting match came off at Mr. Richardson's hotel at Putnamville yesterday, in which \$20 was given in prizes. 5 pigeons to each man.

The event brought a great many of the crack shots from all parts, as will be seen by summary.

1st Prize—\$10—Won by Mr. Drake, London.	
2nd " 5— " Mr. Drake, jr., do.	
3rd " 8— " Mr. Grant, Woodstock.	
4th " 2— " Mr. McArlay, Woodstock.	

Mr. Jno. Forbes of Woodstock, Messrs. Graham, Sumner, and McMurray of Ingersoll, were also present.

You will be sorry to hear that Doc. Somerville lost 17 horses out of the last batch he shipped to England, but he says better luck next time.

Yours truly,

TOX WEIGHT.

at once, and not wait for the force of circumstances to bring them in line.

Dr. Orson, of Aueaster, Ont., who has recently made a couple of shipments of horses to England, left last week for Liverpool to survey the chances for an extension of the trade.

The holidays being over, and the prospects of spring trade drawing near, we take leave to draw attention to the fact that the *Sporting Times* has some virtue as an advertising medium.

Prescott Ice Races will take place on the 16th, 17th, and 18th inst. Port Perry follows the next week with the 24th and 25th.

Mr. Geo. Wright, of Watford, who recently went to England with a lot of horses, returned on the 28th ult. His venture was a successful one on the whole, although he lost three horses after landing. One mare, Bay Charlotte, sold for \$735. He intends to go more extensively in the exporting trade next spring.

An improvement was visible in the Montreal Horse Market last week, the signs of activity being greater. Some American buyers have arrived, and prices are looking up. Low grade horses are quite plentiful, and are not much in demand. Mr. Elwes sold a few the other day at prices ranging from \$40 to \$60 each.

Two horses were sold by auction at Hamilton on the 6th inst. for \$1.15 and \$1.75 respectively; the latter price including a bridle and saddle. The pedigrees had been mislaid by the auctioneer, and therefore could not be obtained, but a connoisseur in horse-flesh who was present said they were got by Difficulty out of the Stable. So says the "Spectator."

Mr. Geo. J. Whitney has resigned his position as President of the Rochester, N. Y., Driving Park Association on account of the demands on his time by his other business. He is a gentleman of strong administrative ability, and his energy has done much to work the Rochester Park up to the popularity it enjoys. It is to be hoped the good people of the Flower City will be able to secure a worthy successor for Mr. Whitney.

It is the intention to give winter meetings at Listowell and Oshawa. The latter one will take place the week after Pt. Perry.

Mr. George Beemer, of Harnsburg, has sold the thoroughbred stallion Major Macon, by War Dance, dam Mary Cass, by Whalebone, to Mr. Henery of Clifton, Ont. Macon was foaled in 1870, and was quite a speedy horse on the flat and over hurdles. From his size and breeding, he is well adapted for stock purposes, and we are pleased to learn he is gone into a district where the services of a racing stallion were much required.

We learn from Indianapolis, Ind., that Messrs. Boyce and Richardson left that city last week for Canada with the grey trotting-stallion Rival, for the purpose of putting him in the winter races. Rival is said to have a record of 2:30, and should make a good show on ice, as he is very short gaited and very honest and steady.