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AMERICAN.

Table listing American racing dates and locations from June 12 to 14 to Sept 5 to 7, including Syracuse, Elmira, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Madison, Jackson, Cincinnati, Ogdensburg, Detroit, East Saginaw, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Freeport, Poughkeepsie, Hartford, Springfield, Rochester, Prophetstown, Tiskilwa, Utica, Eariville, and Ogdensburg Fall Meeting.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Table listing running meetings from June 12 to 14 to Oct. —, including Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, Rochester, Utica, American Jockey Club, and Long Branch.

CANADIAN.

Table listing Canadian racing dates and locations from June 9 to Sept. —, including Montreal Hunt Club, Ottawa, Exeter, Prescott, Orangeville, Montreal, Lepine Park, Exeter, Hamilton, Mt. Forest, Orangeville, Mt. Forest, Oshawa, Stallion Race, Exeter, and Orangeville (opening).

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Table listing entry close dates for Montreal, Lepine Park, Queen's Plate, Prescott, Ottawa, Dom. Park, Orangeville, Exeter, and Oshawa (Stallion Race).

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether directed in his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for payment.

ing itself. Maritime showed himself to be the Dominion-bred horse of the country; Goldsmith astonished her best friends by winning the 1/4 mile dash; and a new light was shown in the half-miler John Logan, who gives promise of being a second Jim Christie at that distance. Among the trotters Barlow showed up remarkably well, and Fulton looks like a troublesome customer for the Stallion Race. In the slower classes Father Time, with his "record" scythe mowed down quite a mass of them. The exhibition of speed (?) between St. Patrick and Fred Hooper was about the tamest affair even seen on a race track, as the time too well shows. The cross-country fellows were very scarce, and unless their numbers increase, the management will no doubt exercise due discretion in this department in any future venture. The races of the meeting we fancy will be considered the open ones, the rivals, Bill Bruce and Inspiration, meeting twice during the gathering. In the first, the mile heats, T.C.W., the speedy son of Enquirer had a soft spot, beating the mare handily, who had to play second fiddle to the Dom.-bred, Maritime, with his 10 lbs. allowance. In the dash of 1 1/4 miles, handicap, besides Bruce and Inspiration, we had Paladin and Morris; the first named carrying the top weight, and allowing the daughter of Warminster 18 lbs. The two latter made their debut on this track in this race. What promised to be an intensely interesting affair, was shockingly butch-red by a squabble, to use no stronger term, between the riders of Paladin and Inspiration. It is alleged, with what appeared to be a sufficiency of outside evidence to support it in the minds of the judges, that the rider of Paladin (Taylor) caught hold of the mare's bridle when they were coming down the stretch, at which Wise, who rode Inspiration, cut him over the head, face and hands with his whip. Taylor's motive was to hold her back to let Bruce have an easier victory. It is not our intention to give a description of the race, but to only speak a few words on the verdict of the judges. The Dominion Rules forbid any outside evidence being taken in a matter of this kind; the offence must be visible to the judges, or the racing officials. We believe we are correct in saying they observed no offensive act on the part of Taylor; while the acts of violence of Wise were patent to every one on the track. If no further evidence than their own observation had been considered, Wise and the mare should certainly have suffered, but the outside evidence was sufficient to convince the judges that Taylor had committed the foul complained of by Wise. In accepting this testimony the judges acted beyond the authority delegated to them by the law, but it was so strong as to leave but little, if any, doubt of the fact. This being accepted nothing could be done but disqualify Paladin, and under the same rule, St. Bruce was made a sharer in the penalty, on account of belonging to the same owner. The acts of violence of Wise were considered justifiable—were deemed retaliatory—and not deserving of censure. The result was, although Bruce beat the mare out, he was, with Paladin, disqualified for winning, the race given to Inspiration, and Morris placed second. Pools and bets on the race were declared off. The judgment appeared to give satisfaction to the public, but was very faulty in racing law. In the first place Rule 5 provides "they (the judges) shall receive no

SHARPERS SCALPED.

A correspondent at Wingham informs us that, on the Queen's Birthday in that place, a nice little game was stopped by the action of the judges. The combination was in the open trot, and a horse called Ned A., (said to be of rather queer antecedent-) and Little Ethan, the hero of the Barrie muddle last winter, were the principal actors. Our correspondent, who appears to be well informed, states the game was to "pull" Ned A. and let the little chestnut win. The judges, however, were not blind, and they compelled the driver of Ned A. to dismount and put up one of their own chosing, who drove the race out, winning the last three heats, Ethan having credited himself with the first two. The disappointment to the backers of Ethan, who thought they had a sure thing, was great, while the satisfaction given by the action of the officials showed that their efforts to do what was right was appreciated. It is a great pity there is no way of administering exemplary and lasting punishment to such scalpers.

THE STALLION RACE.

This week we publish a list of nominations for the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race of 1877. An examination of it will show that the race promises to be of even greater interest than its prototype of last year. It is clear that none of the horses named are put there for show or advertising purposes—it will be war from the word, and no quarter will be shown till the great fight is over. The list may be said to comprise the flower of our trotting stallions, and as they are all known to possess speed in a great degree, the struggle promises to be a grand one. The crowded state of our columns this week will not permit us to give extended notices of the various entrants; but most of them are well known, and some of them have provincial reputations. The proportion of fresh horses is quite large, and will add greater interest to the race. Some of them have yet to face the starter, but their debut may prove an astonishing one to the public. In another issue we will revert to this subject at greater length.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR QUEEN'S PLATE, PRESCOTT, MONDAY, JUNE 11TH.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR LEPINE PARK, SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH.

Sporting Gossip.

This week we are over run with racing summaries to the exclusion of more interesting reading matter. All our other departments suffer in consequence of this plethora. The records of the races are valuable historically, and our readers will have to suffer the infliction for this week.

At Jerome Park on Tuesday, Fugitive, Tom Ochiltree, Zoo-Zoo, Shylock, and Trouble were the winners. We have not space for the summary.

Mr. Sanford's Bay Final has gone lame, and has been scratched from all his engagements.

Mr. John Forbes offers to run his horse Bill Bruce against Inspiration, 1 1/4 miles, at Woodbine, even weights up (thus giving the mare a year), staking \$1,000 against \$600, at any time on a week's notice.

The French Mutuals were a great success at the Woodbine meeting, being the first time they were ever used on a track in Toronto. Some of the tickets paid largely for the investment, in one case returning over \$41 for \$8. They are a great convenience to small bettors, and should be at all our leading gatherings.

The Fergus Driving Park Association have declared a dividend of thirty-three and a third per cent. on the stock taken to build and fence the Park, together with 10 per cent. on total stock to date.

Major Leys, London, has exchanged his bay mare Bonnie Brae, by imported Balrownie, dam Pasta, and her yearling filly by Judge Curtis (Gen. Duke) for Mr. John Forbes' bay horse Van Dorn, by Vandal, dam Dewdrop by Lexington. Bonnie Brae has been bred to Stockwood this year.

Mr. Martin Duffy, of Rathburn, is going to the old country to purchase three Clydesdale stallions.

The Windsor Hotel of this city has an invitation to the public in to-day's paper. It is very centrally situated for visitors to Toronto, and has been completely refitted and refurnished throughout.

MEETINGS TO COME.

DOMINION PARK, OTTAWA.

The Spring meeting of this popular Association will be held on June 27, 28, and 29, under the patronage of His Excellency the Gov.-General. \$2,100 is the amount of the premiums, which is allotted to nine classes, including running, steeplechasing, and trotting. The entries close on June 21.

EXETER.

The Exeter Association announce the programme of their meeting on July 2 and 3, in to-day's paper. It is a neat bill, with the exception of the half-mile heat races, 8 in 5. The tendency of the age is to do away with heat races, and 2 in 8 is quite long enough for any horse to run; and we hope the association will see fit to make this change. The entries close on June 30.

Amusements.

CITY.

Amusements in the city are very dull, the hot weather and pleasant evenings operating prejudicially to the houses now open. At the Grand the Swedish Lady Quartette have been attracting refined audiences who have been charmed with the wonderful harmony of the voices of the Swedish ladies. They closed on Wednesday.

The Queen's is offering a large programme this week. Several new stars in the variety firmament scintillated for the first time this week in Toronto. The price of admission has been reduced to 10 cents, an innovation that should fill the house if it does not put money in the treasury.

P. T. Barnum, with his great World's Show, will show here to-day and to-morrow, giving two exhibitions each day—afternoon and evening. The grand procession will pass through the principal streets each morning about 10 o'clock.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—The Academy of Music was opened on Monday evening by Max Strakoski as lessee, and John Norton as acting manager. Lotta, the peerless, was the star, in her play of Musette, supported by John Elleler's Dramatic Company.—Hartz, the magician, commenced a season of one week at Mechanics' Hall on June 4.—Miss Thursby, under the management of Maurice Strakoski, sang at the Rink on June 1.

LONDON.—The Staughton Company closed a good season here on Saturday night last. GODEFRICH.—Sophie Miles and Company have been playing to good business here. The team ran away with the band the other

WOODBINE PARK, TORONTO, SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

A clear sky and bright sunshine favored the opening of Woodbine Park Spring Meeting, and, as might have been expected, the attendance was large. The sport was good from first to last, and although the contests were close and exciting, the favorites won in each event.

The summaries of the first day's racing were published in last week's issue, and so far as the trotting in the 2:40 class is concerned, it only remains to be said that Barlow, the game and footy son of Kennett, had all his own way from first to last, taking three straight heats in 2:36 1/2, 2:34 1/2, and 2:34. Nelson Chief, who is a quick beginner, led the winner at the quarter and half in the second heat, and even kept at his head as they swung around the three-quarter pole, but he went off his feet in the stretch and was third at the finish. Curran, by a combination of pluck and cool headedness, managed to land the not particularly level-headed mare Tempest, second in the race. Cope Stinson with Nelson Chief was unfortunate. Just as the horse had his nose at the corner of the judges' stand for the finish of the last heat, and fourth money looked like a "sure thing" for him, he grabbed his quarter and alighting on his head, keeled completely over and landed "Cope" just under the wire minus both trotter and sulky, however. He was got upon his feet, however, without difficulty.

In the first heat of the mile heats (open) running race Maritime, who had the pole was slow in getting away, and as a consequence, lost the accidental advantage he drew for a place gave him. Bruce, who had the best condition, made the pace very strong right from the wire, but the brown mare was right at his throat, and around the low turn and up the lake side she showed no disposition to let go her hold, while for the first five furlongs the little bay gelding lay three or four open lengths behind. Rounding the upper turn, Bruce began to draw away from Inspiration, while Maritime, showing a wonderful burst of speed, closed up on the leaders. Just after the three swung into the stretch, Inspiration resigned second place to the Nova Scotian who made a gallant brush for the lead, but the stout and speedy son of Enquirer still had run in him, and making a splendid burst as Maritime reached his skirts, he held him there as they swept under the wire in 1:46 1/2, though Koble was taking it out of the gelding with his whip and rein. Inspiration was saved in the next heat, Wise taking her in hand as soon as he had had a taste of Bruce's quality on the upper turn. The second and concluding heat was very like the first, except that the struggle at the finish was between Maritime and Inspiration for second place, the stallion taking first handily by a length and the gelding beating the mare only a throatlash. Time—1:49.

As will be seen by the summary the mile and-a-quarter dash for Dominion maidens fell to Sunnyside who had a rather easy time of it going to the front and staying there to the finish. Time—3:14. Amelia was a good second, and Sir John after lagging hopelessly for the first two quarters, cut down Hurricane and Bazon in the last half, finishing a good third. Hurricane, who had broken away from the leader and pumped himself out, came fourth, Bazon last.

In order to have a full account of the meeting in one issue, we re-publish the summaries given last week.

Table listing race results for Woodbine Park, Toronto, May 30th, 1877, including Purses \$200—Trotting; 2:40 class; mile 3 in 5, in harness. \$120, 40, 25, 15. B Reid's b g Barlow, R Wilson's ch m Tempest, W Kennedy's ch g Avenue Boy, John Mitchell's b m Wolland Girl, E A Jones' b g Caractacus, E Dean's b g Hallett, J Bradburn's g g Monk Boy, B Tamblison's ch g Aurora Boy, John Fleming's ch m Jenny Vincent, John Forbes' ch h Golden Farmer, R C Stinson's ch h Nelson Chief.