

ICE TROTTING AT BELLEVILLE.

The races announced at Belleville for the 1st and 2nd had, on account of the storm, to be postponed until Monday. A kite track had been made on the Bay of Quinte, and attendance was quite large considering numerous adjournments. The local race and the 2:45 class were started, only the former was concluded, while the heats were trotted in the latter. The following is the summary of the local race: BELLEVILLE, Ont., Jan 6, 1879.—\$100; Ice Trotting. Open to certain named horses. Mile heat, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$60, 30, 10.

Jan 6 and 7—\$100; Ice trotting; 2:45 class; mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs; \$60, 30, 10. Granger, ch m Minnie Granger ... 1 1 4 1 Martin, g g Jim Stokes (formerly De-... 2 2 2 2 Moran, g g Gen Thomas ... 3 3 4 4 McMillen's Rawdon ... 4 4 3 No time.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

We hear a great deal from old men, falling pieces through the inroads of time, concerning the physical degeneracy of the young of the present day. Still, curiously enough, we are called upon almost every month to marvel at the previous "greatest record" being excelled. At no previous time in the world's history have any feats been placed on record to compare with the achievements of to-day of our walkers, runners, scullers, wrestlers, and athletes generally. It is strange that people will wax indignant if any one dares to question the development in form and stamina of the lower animals, and still gravely assert that man, animal under whose watchful eye the fit qualities in the brutes have survived, has forgotten of himself, and has, in consequence, deteriorated. The fact of the matter is simply this, that the very respectable rogues who assure the young men of today that there were none but giants in the old times, can only recollect a few isolated instances of abnormal physical development, and do not understand that the file of the generations passed and gone would, were the burdens of modern times imposed upon them, prove about as able to bear them as a wild pack horse would be able to resume its place now occupied by the locomotive.—Columbian.

Athletic.

REPLY TO DONALD DINNIE.

GYMNASIUM OF Y. M. O. A. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27, 1878.] Dear Sir,—In your issue of Dec. 14, we see a communication from Messrs. Dinnie and Davidson, which they term a response to the challenge of Messrs. D. C. Byss and E. W. Johnson. It would here remind Messrs. Dinnie and Davidson, that we did not issue any such challenge as they refer to, or we would have posted a notice according to the rules of this country. I simply expressed a willingness to arrange a contest against Dinnie and Davidson. This we are still anxious to do providing we are allowed to select half the fees to form the contest. As this we are denied by the Aberdonians, who think we have a right to accept their selection as they claim their programme is similar to the one Lynch contest;—but the Ross-Lynch contest was governed by Irish rules. If the Aberdonians agree to this they will have no difficulty in settling the matter.

Pedestrians kill time by walking on it.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Barnes informs us there is no foundation in the statement of Raine's version of his match here on Christmas, where he avers that Barnes agreed to pay his expenses. Barnes says the management of the affair was forced on him, and the only promise Raine had from him was that after the expenses were paid he would see that Raine got his share of the balance. As the receipts did not cover the expenditure, Barnes thinks Raine has no reason to complain of how he was treated by the "bartender at the American Hotel."

CAMPANA A FRAUD.—It now transpires that the alleged feat of Peter Napoleon Campana at Bridgeport, Conn., covering 521 miles and 54 feet at that city was a regular fraud. One of the judges publishes an affidavit that he marked up Campana's score twenty miles each day, and often during the night when there was no one in the building he (the judge) covered distances of ten and twenty miles while Campana was sleeping.

Aquatic.

NEW ROWING CLUB.

A very successful meeting of the new Rowing Club, Hamilton, was held Monday evening at Bauer's restaurant, Main street. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were very harmonious throughout. The officers for the ensuing year were chosen, and a committee appointed to draw up rules, etc. There was some discussion regarding the name of the club, and the committee was instructed to suggest names at the next meeting. "Ontario," "Burlington," and other appropriate names were spoken of but nothing was decided. A letter was read during the meeting from the Secretary of the so-called Hamilton Rowing Club, declining to participate in or support the new club, the funds of the semi-defunct "Hamilton" being invested in a manner which precludes its application to rowing purposes. The new Club will meet two weeks from last night, of which notice will be given. We wish the new club every success, both aquatically and financially, and we are glad to learn of its successful organization.

FAILURE OF THE OXFORD-HAVARD RACE.

The Oxford University announces their inability to row the Harvard so late as Aug. 1. As the Harvard will not row before that date, there will probably be no English race this year, and, therefore, probably no race with Cornell.

Since the receipt of the Oxford's letter several of the Harvard eight have determined to withdraw. A new crew will train for next summer's race with Yale.

SALE OF SPENDTHRIFT AND MISER.

Mr. D. Swigert, Stockwood Farm, Spring Station, Ky., has sold to Mr. Chas. Bathgate, Fordham, N. Y., the chestnut colt Spendthrift, three years old, by imp. Australian, out of Aerolite, by Lexington, her dam Florine, by imp. Glencoe, out of Melody, by Medoc, &c., and the chestnut colt Miser, two years old, own brother to Spendthrift. The price paid is said to be \$15,000, and one fourth of Spendthrift's winnings during the present year. The purchase is made for some person or persons of New York City, who are forming a new racing stable, but who compose the firm has not been made known, and all statements as to who they may be are mere conjectures. Spendthrift started five times at two years old and has an unbroken winning record. At Lexington, Ky., won a sweepstakes, one mile in deep mud, by four lengths, beating Montreal second, Scully third, Stilton, Goodnight, and Black Hills unplaced. Time, 1:58. At Louisville won the Sanford Stakes, one mile, by a neck, beating Montreal second, Trinidad third, Strathmore, Monarchist, Bon Bon colt, Goodnight, John Carter and Ben Hill unplaced. Time, 1:46. Same

he is looking grand, having filled up and grown much. In the opinion of many he is the best two-year old that has ever appeared in the West, and we feel sure that time will prove it.—Ky. Live Stock Record.

THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF HORSES.

GRAND'S REPOSITORY.—R. PAUL, PROPRIETOR.

We have much pleasure in clipping from the Montreal Commercial Review the following tribute to the leading horse enterprise in the country:—

"The City of Toronto presents to the observer a large number of distinct enterprises, which are not to be found equally developed in any other Canadian city, and the furtherance of which successfully calls for much skill and a thorough acquaintance with every detail of the business. Among the most important indications of the increase of permanent wealth and refinement of the richer members of our community is the ever growing demand for horses for family, pleasure and business purposes. The citizen of Toronto who can look back on a period of some fifteen years cannot but feel surprised when he contrasts the few and scattered equipages that were then the property of private owners with the number of elegant equipages and fine horses that now throng our leading thoroughfares in every city and town. The trade in buying, selling, and exporting horses of every description has grown to be one of enormous importance in which hundreds of thousands of dollars are annually turned over. It calls into requisition on the part of these engaged, to prosecute it successfully and in such a manner as to ensure the confidence of the customer, not only ample capital and long experience in the more commercial department of the science, but a thorough intimate knowledge of the anatomical and physical peculiarities of the animals, which enable them to distinguish defects and blemishes which so wisely alter value. In Toronto the leading representative of this business is the great horse repository and sale establishment known as "Grand's," the proprietorship of which has recently passed into the hands of Mr. R. Paul; and this gentleman being a veterinary surgeon of much experience and high standing in the profession, is eminently qualified to maintain the high reputation which this establishment has won in the past; and buyers wanting first class family carriage horses, ladies' or gentleman's saddle horses, or ponies or animals for whatever special purpose they may be desired, can with confidence apply here, knowing that the knowledge and experience of the proprietor, which is constantly on the alert to purchase sound animals, cannot be deceived a possibility to which private individuals buying from passing traders, with no reputation to sustain and whose only aim is to get the best of the bargain, are often exposed. To such a degree is this liability to be imposed upon by adventurous horse traders acknowledged as to rank the trade one under a proverbial ban of suspicion. It is a great advantage to the public, therefore, to have some resort such as that under notice, where a gentleman of sterling integrity, having an honorable reputation to sustain, places his professional knowledge in the selection of suitable animals at the disposal of customers, and can thus suit the wants of every buyer. Farmers and town buyers wishing either to buy or sell will find this repository well worth a call. Auction sales of horses and road display, including vehicles of every description, will continue to be held every Tuesday and Friday throughout the year, when requisites of every description in connection with horses will be offered; whilst the proprietor having an extensive connection with both buyers and sellers is always open to meet traders, and we can safely predict that satisfaction and liberal upright dealing will mark all transactions with this gentleman, who deserves the unqualified endorsement of all parties who, being interested in the maintenance of the reputation of his trade and the elevation of its caste to its deserved standard, must endorse and encourage the share which such representation contributes to its dignity, while filling an important and growing want in our great Queen City of the West."

RACING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The table below shows the number of races at different distances in Great Britain for the past four years, including the principal races in Ireland, as reported in the English Racing Calendar:

Distance.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Half mile and under..	261	269	251	156
Over 1/2 and under 1 mile	1035	1053	837	900

back. She was exhibited all over the United States afterwards, and then taken to the old country. In London the newspaper men gave her the name of Nightingale on account of her vocal powers. She sings well, dances well, and speaks three or four different languages, among them French.

The two heads sit on her shoulders at right angles to each other, so that the net which keeps up the hair of one touches the net which keeps up the hair of the other, and, if the owner wills it, the two heads may bump against each other, like playing bones in the hands of an expert. The singular part is her conversation. One tongue begins to talk, the eyes brighten, the face becomes animated. At this point the observer catches sight of the other face looking over the other shoulder with a sort of grin on it, and the other eyes with a leer in them. A man may be excused if his attention strays at this point, and the utterances of the first tongue become lost on him in contemplating the other physiognomical apparition. Presently the second tongue begins to talk, too, and there is a sort of race between them. One face is rather masculine, and the other feminine, and the voices very similar. In talking, the tongues 'chip in' and cross each other.

From the above comprehensive statements it will be evident to the reader that she can accomplish just twice as much talking as women in general, and more, that she is talking on two different phases of the subject at the same time.

'Get up and walk, Nightingale,' said the manager.

The one face grinned, while the other looked solemn. She took herself up off the sofa and walked across the room erect on her four legs and came back on her two legs.—Philadelphia Times.

Miscellaneous

There were one hundred thousand skaters at the Central Park, New York, on Sunday

A fat people's dance took place a day or two ago at Belleville. One of the ladies present weighed over 300 pounds. Her dancing was noticeable for its vigor.

Jennie Magee, alias Mitchell, a noted woman of disrepute who had recently become stage struck, and organized the St. James' Dramatic Company, to give travelling performances, died suddenly in New York on Sunday. She was about making her debut as Juliet in a Broadway theatre. She came from Troy, and leaves \$18,000 in bonds and \$28,000 worth of diamonds to her sister and mother.

The Brookline Recorder says.—Lane's Opera House Company, after an unsuccessful attempt to raise sufficient money to get out of town, have been placed in a state of bankruptcy, as it were, "busted" in fact. They gave three performances here, and last night played in conjunction with O'Brien's Minstrel's, netting something like 95 cents. We understand they are nearly originally from Hamilton, and would now like to return home. Their baggage is held for hotel expenses.

A correspondent says, in speaking of London township sixty years ago, that Mr. Richard Talbot, one of the leading men among the first settlers of London township, walked on one occasion, in one day, from Dundas to his own home, on lot No. 2 or 3, in the 5th concession of London, a distance of over sixty miles, as the road then ran. He left Dundas just at the dawning of the day, about the middle of June, and reached his own home before dark.

Mr. John Parker, of Halifax, is exhibiting a natural curiosity in the shape of an animal that is half cow and half moose—the part from the shoulders backward is framed like a moose, and the head from the end of the nostrils to across the eyes is also moose. Its actions when out are those of the wild animal, and it never appeared to get tame like another cow. It was raised by Allan McAdam, Bailey's Brook, Antigonish.

Anna Dickinson returns to the lecture platform, according to the Philadelphia Times, because she must earn a living. Although she for a long time received \$200 a night for lecturing, she spent money generously, and finally lost all her savings through an unfortunate investment in Western land. A friend lent her the money with which to make her unsuccessful venture on the theatre stage, and she desires to repay the loan. Miss Dickinson received hundreds of letters from friends advising her to give up the stage.

Jules Verne's voyage round the world in 80

BILLIARDS.—The return match between Mr. Masse and Mr. John Donohue, which took place at the Richelieu Hotel billiard room, Montreal, on Friday night last, in which the former received the odds of discount, was a closely contested game and resulted in a victory for Mr. Masse by 25 points. The highest runs were, Masse, 14; Donohue 68. The tournament list is almost complete, and the names of some of our best city amateurs are contained therein. It will commence early next week.

Amusemen

CITY.

At the Grand Opera House this week Miss Genevieve Ward has been attracting large and fashionable audiences by her artistic and powerful impersonations in the leading roles she has undertaken. On Monday and Tuesday evenings the bill was the historical drama of Jane Shore; Wednesday and Thursday Henry VIII; this Friday an extraordinary programme will be offered for Miss Ward's benefit; and to-morrow evening the engagement will be brought to an end with Macbeth, which will be presented with an exceptionally strong cast. The support is furnished by Jarratt & Palmer's N.Y. Company. The usual matinee to-morrow afternoon. Next week Salisbury's Troubadours.

Mr. Oliver Doud Byron is on his second week of a successful engagement at the Royal Opera House. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the bill was Hero, the remainder of the week Plenty of Money being the programme. The regular matinees at this house on Wednesday and Saturday are largely attended. Next Monday evening the Toronto favorite Mr. Dominick Murray will commence an engagement of one week, supported by the stock company of the Royal.

The Lyceum is doing a fine business this week, which is no doubt due to the strong company and excellent variety programme they present. The enterprising proprietor speaks of making a tour of Ontario with the company for about a month, and the various towns the company will visit can depend upon a tip-top performance.

Mr. Wm. Winter, the dramatic critic of the N.Y. Tribune was in town this week on a visit to some friends.

Miss Sallie Holman, the popular prima donna of the Holman Opera Co., was, on Thursday of last week, married to Mr. J. T. Dalton, baritone, of the same company.

Mr. Cool Burgess, has returned from England, to attend to some business that required his personal attention. He proposes to return in a short time to the old country.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—The Diplomacy Combination remained over for two extra nights, on the 6th and 7th, cancelling their Ottawa dates.

—Miss Genevieve Ward will commence a short season on the 14th at the Theatre Royal, opening in Jane Shore.

OTTAWA.—Miss Genevieve Ward is announced for an early appearance.

KINGSTON.—The Opera House was opened on Monday by McDowell's Shaughraun Company.

HAMILTON.—Hamilton Corbett, Scottish vocalist, 9, 10 and 11.—Criterion Comedy Co., 7 and 8.—Mr. Thomas Wavell, the husband of Lillie Lonsdale, has been appointed an official assignee for the city and Wentworth.

LONDON.—Swedish Lady Vocal Quartette, 10.

PETERBORO.—Ten Nights in r Bar Room, by local amateurs, on Friday of last week.

GEORGETOWN.—The new town hall was opened last week by a concert.

LITTON.—The new Hall is 85x40 feet, with a 25 foot ceiling, and a stage 20x40 feet. The reserved seats will conveniently accommodate 300 persons, the rear seats about 300 more, and the gallery not fewer than 200 to 250. The scenery and stage effects are very complete.

LIVESNOW BIRDS