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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Kincardine.....	Sept. 19 and 20
Ottawa (Jockey Club).....	Sept. 19 and 21
St. John, N. B.....	Sept. 24
Kentville, N. S.....	Sept. 27
Lefine Park, Montreal.....	Sept. 28 to Oct. 1
Pictou, Ont.....	Oct. 1 to 8
Truro, N. S.....	Oct. 4
Winnipeg, Manitoba.....	Oct. 4 to 6
Stallion Race, Toronto.....	Oct. 10
Lefine Park, Montreal.....	Oct. 8 to 10

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Louisville, Ky.....	Sept. 28 to 29
Jerome Park.....	Oct. 5 to 12
Baltimore, Md. (Fall).....	Oct. 28 to 26
Atlanta, Ga.....	Oct. 22 to 25

TROTTING

Dayton, Ohio.....	Sept. 23 to 27
Columbus, Ohio.....	Sept. 24 to 27
Edenburgh, Pa.....	Sept. 24 to 26
Le Roy, N. Y.....	Sept. 24 to 26
Watertown, N. Y.....	Sept. 24 to 26
Schenectady, N. Y.....	Sept. 24 to 27
Albany, N. Y.....	Sept. 24 to 27
Rochester, N. Y.....	Oct. 1 to 3
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Oct. 1 to 4
Zanesville, Ohio.....	Oct. 8 to 11
Parker City, Pa.....	Oct. 1 to 3
Rochester, N. Y.....	Oct. 1 to 3
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Oct. 1 to 4
Zanesville, Ohio.....	Oct. 8 to 11
Chicago, Ill.....	Oct. 8 to 11

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TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis.....	June 2 to 6
St. Louis, Mo.....	July 15 to 19

A FAIR RACE.

Away back in ancient times horse racing was a popular amusement of the masses. In Rome we read that the people at that time took as much interest in these contests of speed as people of our time would in a race with Parole, Ochiltree, and all the other cracks engaged, and the excitement was as great as a trot between Rarus, Hopeful, and Edwin Forrest would create. But they managed things differently then. The horses were left to run on their own mettle, the persuasion being applied in the shape of rowels loosely fastened to a girth around the horse's body. No trained hand was required to guide them, the equines being educated to run the track alone. The courses were usually straight, many times on the main street of the city, which was kept cleared for the purpose. At the start the racers were held by their attendants until the signal to go was given, when they were unloosed, and sped rapidly on their way to the goal or winning place alone. This style of racing has certainly something to recommend it. There would be no chance of "pulling," the best horse in all cases would win; claims of foul would be unheard; and there would be an entire absence of the dissatisfaction which is so frequent when a favorite is badly beaten. "Fixing" would be out of the question, and the old sports' advice to never bet on anything that can talk would be without effect. On our circular or oval courses the track would have to be protected by a fence and rail, and there would have to be a corral into which the horses could be run at the finish. In Dubuque, Iowa, in the early part of the month, a special purse was given for a half-mile heat race which was won by a horse called Hod Gregory, who ran the course without a rider, and stopped on a signal being made by his owner. This may tend to revive the ancient mode of racing in the West, the novelty of the affair exercising an irresistible charm on the spectators, who it said fairly made the welkin ring at the riderless horse's success. This style of racing would reduce the expenses materially to the horse owner, jockey's fees being an important item that would be absent. Seriously, as a novelty the riderless race might be a success; but the innovation will never become the practise.

THE STALLION RACE.

This battle of the giants is set down for decision on Thursday, Oct. 10, at Woodbine Park, Toronto. The final deposit is due today, and next week we will be able to speak with more certainty about the prospects. So far as the present year's race is concerned it is purely an Owner's Stake, and we simply assumed the management in their behalf and interest. It is no secret that several of those who promised to make nominations in this Stake, at the last hour failed to make their promises good, and this unlooked for action of owners themselves materially tended to reduce the entry list, which, however, is as formidable as the starters were last year. It might be uncharitable to impute self-evident motives to the delinquents, and this matter will not pass under further review, only to say if such flattering encouragement had not been offered, the Stake would not have been gone on with. Next week we will be in a position to speak by the book, and we trust we will be able to announce that all the entrants have made good their final deposit.

current in the river is supposed to be adverse to Courtney's chances, all his experience having been on dead, still water. There can be no doubt if both men should be all right on the day of the race and feeling well, it will be a tremendous struggle for a part of the road anyway, until one or the other finds his powers relaxing, after which the fight will be of short duration. It will be found that besides the Canadians the Boston and New York parties will pin their faith to Neptune Ned; the major portion of the Courtney money coming from the western part of his native state, where he is deemed invincible. It is not known what the railway arrangements will be from the West, but from the immense crowds that will go from Ontario to Lachine the Grand Trunk Railway can afford to submit a very liberal tariff. In Toronto the elections have rather monopolized discussion, but the parliamentary race being now over, the next big thing—the boat race—will be on the tapis.

THE TROTTING STUD BOOK.

Breeders and owners of trotting stock are hereby notified that the "American Trotting Stud Book" is now in a forward state of preparation for the press, and that its publication cannot much longer be delayed. Those owners who have not yet reported for registry the pedigrees of their stock, are urgently requested to do so without further delay. It is essential, also, that all unnamed colts and fillies, the produce of the last few years, should at once be claimed, so that their names shall appear in said work. No charge is made for registry in the Stud Book. The compilers have been for the past eleven years collecting the material for this work, which promises to be the grandest and most complete compilation of equine genealogy ever published. It will embrace some twenty thousand pedigrees of trotting stock bred and owned in the United States and Canada, alphabetically arranged, for convenient and ready reference; every animal is traced to fountain-head, and its true history given in simple and comprehensive form. In the work of investigating, proving and classifying the pedigrees for the Stud Book, those only will be discarded which have been found to be spurious. This mention is deemed necessary from the fact that a number of names have been and will continue to be accepted for registry, which are of doubtful origin, yet attached to progenitors from whom trotters have descended; no genealogy being considered complete that does not trace to the original source. The "Trotting Stud Book," when completed, will be published in two volumes, imperial octavo, and will contain some eight hundred pages each, with illustrations of noted horses. Breeders should at once send on their pedigrees to the Turf, Field and Farm office, No. 37 Park Row, New York.

IS IT OVER?

Owing to the success of Haulan more than anything, the people of Ontario became afflicted with a mania for aquatic sports this season. Regattas at which regal prizes were offered have been gotten up in different parts of the country, and the first-class rowing population of the State has been about depopulated by the immigration to Canada. A few weeks ago but to mention a regatta for the benefit of these men and it was a fixed fact. This year, however, the regatta is held

the Lachine race may turn out, and their presence in the race will bring thousands to the city who will be anxious to witness the test between these representative men of the continent. Our temporary residents will all likely remain over and look for their share of the rich plums which are to be so freely distributed. Provision will be made for all class of oarsmen and almost every description of races. This will be the final event of the season—a sort of hay and oats meeting, as horsemen would say—and no doubt the professionals engaged will all do their level best. With two such men as Haulan and Courtney in the single scull race, a stop will be put to the "monkeying" that the sporting press so freely charge the oarsmen with indulging in during the present Canadian campaign. The result of the meeting on the 18th, when the preliminaries were to be completed, is too late for our columns this week.

Sporting Gossip.

At the late Saratoga meeting there were 108 races, and the aggregate value of the purses was \$78,000. And still some people would say the turf is an interest not worth protecting.

Mr. Wm. A. Bookless, manager of the Royal Hotel, Guelph, was last week seized with a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs and lost a large quantity of blood.

The gate receipts at the Ogdensburg, N.Y., Fair, of which the Races were the leading attraction, on Wednesday of last week, amounted to \$2,500.

They have got a green pacing wonder at Buffalo, N.Y. He is of good size, a good looker, and they say he is a perfect wind-splitter. Time will tell.

Mr. J. Dunseith, of the Township of Downie, Co. Perth, Ont., left on Tuesday of last week for the Michigan State Fair, where he purposes exhibiting his draught stallion King of the West.

The Pictou Driving Park Association will give their Fall Meeting on Oct. 1, 2 and 8. Among the conditions of the races we observe that Islander is barred in an open running race. He must have developed into quite a race-horse since he left these parts. The entries close Sept. 21.

The chestnut gelding Edward, that trotted at Woodbine last Fall, has been sold to Mr. Frank Work, of New York, for \$12,000. Edward has now a record of 2:10. Vanderbilt was negotiating for him, but Mr. Work carried off the prize. It is his intention to drive him with Bill Thunder, to the pole, and he expects to beat 2:20 with them.

A correspondent at Bangor, Me., says the white trotting gelding Billy Platter, record 2:26, was sold to go to Montreal, where it was intended to "ring" him in out of his class. He is a white, or nearly so, gelding, 11 or 12 years old, 15:8 hands, large bony hips, light tail and mane, a rank breaker, and wears boots on every leg, both forward and behind. He ambles or paces considerably when going slow; when scoring is a bad breaker, but after getting under way catches handily enough.

American horse buyers are scouring the townships in the rear of Brockville and Prescott.

A trotting circuit has been arranged, embracing St. John, N.B., 24th inst.; Kentville, N.S., 27th inst.; and Truro, N.S., Oct. 4. A total of \$5,400 in gold will be

Saturday of this week. We understand the entry list is large.

Horsemen will be pleased to learn that Mr. J. P. Wiser, the proprietor of Ryedyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., and owner of Ryedyk, Phil Sheridan, Chestnut Hill, etc., has been among the fortunate candidates at the late elections, being elected for the constituency of South Grenville.

At the Agricultural Fair, Ottawa, last week, there was a premium for the best horsemanship over hurdles. It was won by Mr. Sparks, on Belle Temple; Dr. Coleman, V. S., being second on the Major; and Dr. Murootte, V. S., third, on The Squire. Mr. Skead, on Modesty, was the only other contestant.

Dr. Bergin, of Cornwall, Ont., was another horseman who drew a prize in the electoral lottery of Tuesday, being elected by a majority of 45. The Dr. is the owner of the Hamletonian stallion Ringwood and the promising Almont colt Midway, besides having quite a nice stock farm. Horsemen are appreciated in the Eastern section of Ontario, and Messrs. Wiser and Bergin their constituents will have a team that can be depended upon.

Gentlemen wishing to purchase a first-class young trotting stallion at a low price should consult the advertisement of Mr. F. J. Chubb, who announces Abdallah Chief for sale.

A SQUEALING SCULLER.

The Ishmaelites among sportsmen of my class are the "kickers" and "squealers." These two classes of parasites on the body of legitimate sport are responsible for the ruin and decay of any class of athletic amusement with which they are unfortunately brought in contact, and over which they exercise influence. With the "kicker" everything is "dead wrong" or "fixed" to beat him that does not come his way, and his inability is tested in giving publicity to this idea. But the "squealer" does not stop at this comparatively harmless whirlwind of words, but if unfortunately any event in which he may be pecuniarily interested goes against him, he throws the decision of the referee or judges to the dogs and appeals to the civil law for a reversion of the verdict of the properly constituted arbitrators of the sport in question. He loudly cries for justice, the only thing his craven heart is afraid of; and speaks glibly of a higher power, beyond the reach of the machinations of schemers. The innocent stakeholder is too frequently made the victim of the squealer's greed, and it is against him the powers of the law are brought. In some cases, like in Wentworth, the judges of our courts have some knowledge of how society is made up, and when a case of this kind is brought before a judge who has mixed up with the people enough to obtain a knowledge of the lower strata of human nature, the "squealer" usually gets justice but in a shape he least expected and in a form very unpalatable for him to swallow. The only regret is we are not honored with more judges on our bench whose knowledge extends beyond the practice of the law and the records of musty legal books, and whose experience of society has been gained by being brought in contact with all shades of humanity outside of their own exclusive circle.

It will be remembered a short time ago a man at Napanee named Gould made a match to row a certain number of miles or from a given point to another point in so many minutes, one condition of the articles being