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#### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

##### AMERICAN.

Freeport, Ill.	May 30 to June 2
Leroy, N.Y.	May 30 to June 1
Am. Jockey Club, N.Y. (alter-nate days)	June 3 to 17
Fowlerville, Mich.	June 6 to 8
Medina, N.Y.	June 6 to 8
Cambridge City, Ind.	June 6 to 9
Grand Rapids, Mich.	" 13 to 16
Homer, N.Y.	" 13 to 15
Buffalo, N.Y.	June 13 to 15
Elmira, N.Y.	June 13 to 15
Penn., Ind.	June 13 to 17
Jackson, Mich.	" 20 to 23
Terre Haute, Ind.	June 20 to 23
Syracuse, N.Y.	" 20 to 22
Pont Breeze, Philadelphia	" 24 to 28
Watertown, N.Y.	" 27 to 29
East Saginaw, Mich.	" 27 to 30
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	" 28 to 30
Long Branch, Philadelphia	July
Chicago, Ill.	June 30 to July 4
Dayton, Ohio	July 8 to 6
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4 to 8
Detroit, Mich.	July 4 to 8
Chester Park, Cincinnati	July 11 to 14
Newark, N.Y.	July 12 to 15
Chicago, Ill.	July 18 to 21
Cleveland, O.	July 25 to 28
Saratoga	Aug.
Freeport, Ill.	Aug. 8 to 11
Buffalo	1st week in Aug
Rochester	2nd "
Utica	3rd "
Mendota, Ill.	3rd "
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	4th "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 29 to Sept 1
Springfield, Mass.	Sept. 5 to 8
Myrtle Park, Boston	Sept. 12 to 15
Am. Jockey Club, N.Y. (alter-nate days)	Oct. 8 to 14

##### CANADIAN.

Whitby	June 5 to 6
Woodstock, Ont.	June 7 to 8
London	" 14 to 15
Chatham	" 21 to 22
Hamilton (match)	June 23
Hamilton	June 29 to July 1
Exeter	June 30 to July 1
Aurora	June 30 to July 1
Woodbine (match)	June 8
Montreal (holiday)	July 1
Chatham	July 6 to 7
St Hyacinthe, P.Q.	July 11 to 12
Montreal (regular)	July
Harrie (match)	Sept. 15
Canadian Station Race	Sept.

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

##### AMERICAN.

Grand Rapids, Mich.	June 7
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	June 21

##### CANADIAN.

Am. Jockey Club	June 29
Canadian Station Race	June 1
Whitby	June 1
Woodstock	June 3
London	June 12

at least, have shown that some of the best race gatherings in America have been held on half-mile tracks. That this is a matter of considerable advantage will be admitted by all who are engaged in the sports of the turf. In many localities it would be almost impossible, either from price or situation, to build a mile track when the shorter distance would be available. After the evidences of such race meetings as has been lately held at Chester Park, Cincinnati, where some of the best horses in the States were engaged, and those at Jackson and elsewhere were the trotting element has shone, it would be sheer folly to deny the value of short tracks; although there is very little possibility of their superseding the popularity of the longer courses. Some of the finest horses we ever had in Canada have been run over short tracks, notably Morlatchi, War Cry, Granger, Lady Washington, Iulu, Passion, &c.; and the Province-bred selection has been represented by Jack Vandal, Alzona, Pilot, Emily, &c., &c. With the exception of Dexter, the best trotters have exhibited their speed here on half-milers, viz., St. James, York Stat., Fred Hooper, Draper, Huckleberry, &c., and all these of recent years. Dr. Wheldon, the popular "Old Trainer," lays it down in his writings that a horse can run longer distances on a half-mile track than on one of a mile. He says a horse that by nature is perhaps enabled to run a race of one mile will, on a half-mile track, last and run two or three miles. The objection to a properly built half-mile track is caused greatly by prejudice, which time alone will remove; but to the spectator the half-mile track will always have charms superior to its more longthened rival in having the horses pass the stand twice as frequently. With the experiences of the past few years, it can be safely said the half-mile track has made great inroads in the affections of horsemen.

#### THE ENTRIES FOR WOODSTOCK RACES CLOSE SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, JUNE 3.

#### LATE DECISIONS.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Appeals of the National Associations held at Cleveland, Ohio, the following decisions affecting Canadians were given:—

580. G. W. Fanning, Belleville, Ontario, Can., ex-parte.—Application for the removal of the expulsion of the b m Eva, alias Georgia, alias Ruth, alias Ella Millard.—Application denied.

545. Mutchmor Park Trotting Association, Ottawa, Can., ex-parte.—Application for an order.—The Mutchmor Park Trotting Association advertised a meeting, to be governed by the rules of the National Association, and, pending the exhibition, they perfected their membership. When their entries closed they embraced several whose names were included in the list of penalties in force, and who were thereby disqualified to enter on the grounds of a member, of which fact the Association had not then received official notice. In administering their meeting, the Association imposed a fine and several expulsions for fraud and misconduct, on persons and horses whose names were included in the aforesaid list, and application was made to have such additional penalties established with other members through the records and notices of the National Association. Although the rules make such suspended and expelled entries ineligible on the course and grounds of each and every member, and the Board of Appeals have decided that members have no right to receive such entries, and if received they are void from the beginning, yet it has been decided that parties shall be held to warrant their entries to be eligible, and the Board now hold that parties who are ineligible cannot be allowed by reason thereof to escape the penalty of frauds committed on the grounds of members. Considering, therefore, the facts and circumstances presented, the Board

Ordered, That the Secretary be and he is instructed to record and issue notice of the penalties imposed and recited in the order of the Mutchmor Park Trotting Association.

#### A NEW TROTTING CLUB.

Every indication points to the increased interest which is being taken in turf events in Canada. It was only a few days ago we drew attention to a number of new tracks under construction, and to-day it devolves upon us to add a new trotting club to the

which seemed for a time unsurmountable, but determined perseverance has, in a great measure, overcome these, and the sports now promise to be a great success. We are glad to be able to say that the Directors and Managers of the various Banks are evincing an interest in the proceedings, and are helping them on by hands and subscriptions. This is surely as it should be; no class of men perhaps stand more in need of physical exercise than do Bank clerks, and yet, perhaps, there are few get less. "All work and no play make Jack a dull boy," and those at the head of the great establishments cannot grudge their employees this harmless enjoyment. The 10th of June is fixed for the meeting which will be held on the Toronto Cricket Ground, under the immediate and distinguished patronage of The Lieut.-Governor. Mr. Harold Lamb has consented to be starter, and Mr. Harris will officiate as timekeeper. The Hon. John Beverly Robinson and Col. Otter will be judges, and Mr. Yurker, of the Bank of Montreal, referee. The prizes, of which a magnificent selection has been made, are provided by Mr. Morrison, and will be presented to the successful competitors at the close of the day by Miss Macdonald. The entries for the various events are filling well, and we do not doubt for a moment but the efforts of the Committee to bring matters to a satisfactory issue will be marked with success.

Amongst the chief events on the programme are the hundred yards which will probably fall to Shaw or Richards. The quarter mile looks pretty safe for Perrain, as does the hurdle for Young. The hammer throwing seems a good thing for Stewart, and the mile for Philpot or Alley. The strangers race, 1/2 mile, open to all gentlemen amateurs, should be a good thing, but of course we cannot venture a prophecy when we do not know even the competitors names. At any rate, we wish the enterprise well, and we hope sincerely the bankers will have as good a day as they expect in every way.

#### WOODSTOCK.

Before another issue of the SPORTING TIMES is placed in the hands of its readers the Spring Meeting of the Woodstock Association will be one of the things passed. On next Wednesday and Thursday the events announced over that track will have an issue. We have before spoken of the merits of the programme and the standing of the Club, and have only to add the track shows to fine advantage the amount of money which has been expended in its improvements. To the "regular" it is unnecessary to speak of the quality of sport usually seen at Woodstock; suffice it to say, it is looked upon as one of our leading Associations, and has the hearty practical support of an extensive agricultural section, and the esteem of all those who have been brought in contact with it.

#### DEATH OF ERIN QUEEN.

Mr. M. G. Lampkins, of Lockport, N. Y., informs us that the famous brood mare Erin Queen died at that place on Sunday, 21st May. She was by imported Charon, dam by imported Blacklock; 2nd dam by Sir Henry. Investigations as to her pedigree established the fact that Blacklock was imported from England under the name of Fidget, but owing to the fact of never being able to get answers from her breeder, the Sir Henry horse has not been properly identified. It is said that in her younger days her owner both run and trotted her, and she was very successful in both classes. She was attacked with acute indigestion, and the post mortem examination revealed the fact that in her struggles, causing death. It also showed she was carrying a fine filly foal by Country Gentleman, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. She was a mare of wonderful endurance, a magnificent roadster and of never failing courage. All her foals possessed the trotting faculty to a remarkable extent. She was purchased by Messrs. Lampkins & West, of the Niagara Stock Farm, Lockport, at the sale of the Aurora stock company in September, 1872. Her produce, so far as has come to our knowledge, is as follows:—

—Erin Chief, by Howe's Royal George.  
1872.—Bik o' Gen Canby, by Whalebone Messenger.  
1873.—Gr f Scotess, by Winsford Scott.  
1874.—Dead twins, by Seythian.  
1875.—Mised to Country Gentleman.  
1876.—Dead.

#### LONDON RACES.

The programme for London Races is given in our advertising columns to-day. The amount hung up for competition is \$1,600, and is divided among eight events, two trotting and two running races being announced for each day. A peculiarity about the bill is that the purse money in each of the races is the same, \$200. The races will take place

the track will expire on the 1st of July, and it being impossible to obtain a renewal, the present dates were forced upon them by expediency, or a total abandonment of the races was the alternative. Of these issues the former was chosen. Although the will run foul to a slight extent with Woodstock, the Whitby people think they have done everything that could be done under the exceptional circumstances, and disclaim any intention of interference with the recognized rights of any other Club.

#### EXETER RACES.

This enterprising young Association are making good efforts to contribute to the turf sport of the western section. Their bill in to-day's paper contains the particulars of their Spring Meeting which will take place on June 30th and July 1st. These dates will clash with Hamilton and Aurora, but the difference of locality is so great that the gate receipts will not suffer by the opposition, though the entry list may, from this cause, incur a depreciation. There are seven events on the programme, namely, trotting for 8:10, 8:00, 2:50, and free for all classes; and running 1/2-mile heats, 3 in 5 (decidedly objectionable; why not make it 2 in 3?), a 2-mile dash, and a mile heat race. Dominion rules will govern the running, and National Association rules the trotting. Entries close on June 27th. Horses to be eligible on May 30.

### Canadian Turf.

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#### RACING AT WOODBINE.

Owing to the condition of the track as mentioned in last week's paper, the managers of Woodbine Park substituted an extra day's racing on the 24th for the regular programme of that day. Considerable disappointment was shared in by many who came from a distance, expecting the regular races advertised to come off. The Association did all in their power to keep faith with the public, and made the best of a bad job by furnishing the day's sport. The attendance was certainly flattering to the Club; while the order maintained was appreciated by the spectators. Stimulating beverages and fakirs were conspicuous by their absence, which doubtless did much to contribute to the pleasure of the afternoon. The weather was beautiful and the track in much better condition than could have been anticipated. Speculation on the events was rather flat. The afternoon's programme opened with the Hunters' Stake, a steeplechase, dash of about two miles over the regular cross-country course. In this Magnet sold for about even up against the field. The start was fair, and Boney and Magnet topped the first hurdle together, Sterling being in the rear; at the second hurdle Sterling refused, and from that place was out of the race. Boney held the lead throughout, jumping nicely, and winning handily. Magnet made a brush for the lead when running home, but could not catch her rival. The following is the summary:—

Woodbine Park, Toronto, May 24.—Steeplechase. Hunters' Stake. Sweepstake of \$15 each, half forfeit, with \$150 added. Open to half-bred horses; gen'—an riders; heavy welter weights. Second horse to receive \$50 out of the stake; balance to winner. About two miles.  
F Pearson's b g Boney, by Buric, 4 yrs, 141 lbs.  
Doerries 1  
P Davy's b m Magnet, by Jack the Barber, 5 yrs, 147 lbs.  
Capt Grant 2  
Capt Poole's b g Sterling, aged, 153 lbs  
Owner 0

The half-mile heat race brought out a good field. Before the race Hemisphere and Maratime were picked out in the pools, selling for about \$10 each, and the field bringing \$15. On getting the word Montreal jumped away with the lead, the rest well together. This position was maintained until the head of the stretch, when Galvantruss forged ahead and won what was a good heat.

Second Heat—Montreal away first again, leading for about half way, when Hemisphere, Maratime and Pilot came up, and the first-named forged ahead; about midway down the stretch Pilot made a rush for the lead, but Taylor on Hemisphere coolly pulled across the track to the outside, cutting off Pilot; Hemisphere was first at the wire, a dead heat for second place between Maratime and Pilot. Hemisphere was distanced for the foul. This is not the first time Master Taylor has tried his little games at Woodbine, it is hoped he will be a little careful in future, as for the next infraction it might be politic for the Judges to disqualify him, a penalty he will richly deserve if he offends after this warning.

veteran and the mare. On the last whirl the rider of Magnet came to grief through a broken stirrup leather and she was out of the contest. The Judge, when they turned in on the track, made a rush for Kelso but Melhide was prepared and letting out a look easily got away and won handily. Kelso never looked better, and his jumping was particularly admitted. The Judge will probably be heard from as a hurdler, being a very clever fencer, while his speed is undoubted.

Same Day.—Open Steeplechase; \$300, over about 2 1/2 miles, fair steeplechase ground. Province brods allowed 10 lbs. \$250, 50.

Fisher & Carson, b g Kelso, aged, by Voucher dam Kate Leonard, by Epulon, 111 lbs  
McBride 1  
Dr Smith, b g The Judge (formerly Judge Pryor) 5 yrs, by Lightning, dam by imp Australian, 135 lbs.  
P Davey, b m Magnet, pedigree above, 131 lbs 0

#### REGULAR WOODBINE MEETING.

Owing to our paper going to press on Wednesday p.m. we are unable this week to give more than a summary of the first day's events.

Kelso had an easy victory in the hurdle race; Bennett falling at the second hurdle, and Macdonald breaking down during the race.

Vicksburg beat Inspiration and Passion handily enough, which was looked for from the state of the betting; the horse having the call at \$200; Inspiration, \$100; Passion, \$50. It was one of the biggest betting races ever seen in Canada.

The Queen's Plate turned out to be the finest contest ever run for that trophy. At the finish Nora B., Sunnyside, Grey Cloud and Mary L. were within half a length of each other. After considerable delay on the stand the judges gave first place to Nora B., and disqualified Mary L. for a foul on the stretch.

The weather was beautiful, and the attendance quite large. We have to content ourselves this week with the following summary:—

Woodbine Park, Toronto, May 31.—Hurdle Race; \$275. Dash of two miles over eight hurdles, 3 ft 6 in. Light welter weights. \$225, 50.

Fisher & Carson, b g Kelso, aged, by Voucher, dam Kate Leonard; 141 lbs.  
McBride 1  
Forbes & Burges, ch b Major Macon, 6 yrs, by War Dance, dam Mary Cass; 144 lbs.  
C Boyle, ch m Helen Bennett, 5 yrs, by Ul-  
verston, dam Helen Douglas; 135 lbs.  
Time—4:10.

Same Day.—Running—Park Plate; \$375. Dash of 1 1/2 miles. Open to all. \$300, 75.

J Forbes, ch b Vicksburg, 4 yrs, by Vandal, dam Blouin, 104 lbs.  
Tiffin 1  
C Boyle, br m Inspiration, 5 yrs, by War-  
minster, dam Sophia, 107 lbs.  
J Scott, b m Passion, 6 yrs, by Red Eye, dam  
Sympathy, 113 lbs.  
Time—2:45 1/2.

Same Day.—Running—Queen's Plate, value 50 guineas, with a sweepstake of \$10 each, half forfeit; 50 per cent. of stake to go with plate, balance to second horse. Dash of 1 1/2 miles.

Mr Peters, br m Norah B, aged, by The Tester, dam Fleetwood by Sir Tatton, 113 lbs.  
Cook 1  
C Boyle, br m Sunnyside (for Emma P), 5 yrs, by Touchstone, dam Augusta, 107 lbs  
J Scott, gr h Grey Cloud, 6 yrs, by Thunder, dam unknown, 110 lbs  
C E Bay, ch m Sunbeam, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs  
C E Bay, ch c Sir John, 4 yrs, by Liberty, dam Mary Mansfield, 104 lbs  
F McEwan, b g Pilot Jr, 5 yrs, by Extra, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs  
Williamson, b h Harper Jr, 5 yrs, by Harper, 110 lbs  
A Simpson, br m Fisherman, aged, by Jack the Barber, dam by Wagner, 113 lbs  
F Lowell, b m Mary L, 5 yrs, by Melbourne Jr, 107 lbs  
Time—2:52.

### English Turf.

#### THE ENGLISH DERBY.

The Derby was run on Wednesday afternoon, 31st ult., and we are able to give the following summary by telegraph. Petrarch was the favorite at 2 to 1 against him; the winner being in the market at 4 to 1.

Renewal of the Derby Stakes of 50 sovs. each, b ft, for 3-year-olds; colts 8 st 10 lbs, fillies 8 st 5 lbs; about 1 1/2 mile. The owner of the second received 300 sovs, and the third 150 sovs. 227 subs.

Mr A. Ballazzi's b c Kisber, by Buccaneer—Mineral.  
Duke of Westminster's b c Forerunner, by the Earl of Palmer.  
Capt Macchell's b c Julius Caesar, by St Albans 3  
Lord Dapplin's b c Petrarch, by Lord Clifden 4  
The following started but were not placed:—Wisdom, Father Claret, All Heart, Bay Wyndham, Skylark, Great Tom, Colness, Hadrada, Braconnier, Advance, Wild Tommy. Time—2:44

It is announced the fine Province bred mare Emily injured herself the other day while exercising to such an extent as will prevent the possibility of her starting at Woodbine. This will be a great disappointment to many, who expected great things this season from the speedy daughter of