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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Utica, N. Y. 8d week in Aug.
Earlville, Ill. 4th "
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Con. Aug. 28 to 31
Amenia, N. Y. Sept 4 to 7
Pottstown, Pa. " 11 to 14
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. " 18 to 20
Dover, N. H. " 18 to 21
Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting.....Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, N. Y. Aug 11 to 25
Newport, R. I. Sept. 8 to 10

CANADIAN.

Waterloo Aug. 28 to 24
Listowell Aug. 29 to 30
Ottawa, Dom. Park..... Sept. 12 to 15
Mt. Forest Sept 18 to 19
Fergus.....Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion Race Sept 11
Kincardine Sept 4 to 5
Woodbine..... Sept. 12 to 15

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Waterloo Aug. 20
Ogdensburg, N. Y. Aug. 29
Woodbine..... Sept 7
Fergus..... Sept. 7
Listowell Aug. 28

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RECORDS-AT-MONTREAL.

There seems to be quite a little tempest in a tea-pot about the record question in trotting races in and about Montreal, and, it might be added, all through the province of Quebec. But more especially is this the case in the vicinity of Montreal. A gentleman sends us a communication in reference thereto, and claims that the time attached to the races at Longueuil had never been given from the stand and was not official, but had been incorporated with the summary through malice or ignorance. He sends us a report of the races at Lepine, clipped from a Montreal paper, with the time cut off, asking us to insert it, and adds "no time was given." Our correspondent does not in any way explain the fraudulent action of the judges in withholding the true record, and does not even state that the horses did not trot as fast as the time attached to the summaries of the races. Trotting under suppression is quite as malicious a fraud as attaching a spurious record, and if the time given is no faster than the horses have trotted, their owners, if feeling disposed to act in a proper spirit, can not in justice object to it, even if it is not exactly within the rules. The Montreal papers have the time of the several heats attached to their reports, and we can not well withhold this part of the summary while publishing the rest. The proper and only way is to trot according to rule, give the true record, and then there will be no cause for complaint. So long as men will attempt and carry out such fraudulent practices, it is not difficult to believe that some honest meaning individuals will endeavor to circumvent the working of the scalpers, even if the means they take to accomplish their end is not perfectly legitimate. It is possible both parties are outside of the strict legal lines, but the choice between the section who trot their horses fraudulently, and those who desire to reform the abuses, is not difficult to make. With every disposition to oblige our correspondent, we must refuse to chop off in our reports the records as furnished by the Montreal city papers until such time as we receive proper official intimation. Upon this being done we may comply with the request, but only to stigmatize such the unlawful practice of trotting under suppression or misrepresentation as fraudulent, and undeserving the support of honest turfmen.

DEATH OF "ROYAL."

The bill of mortality among the sporting writers of the public press during the past year has been quite large. To-day we are called upon to announce the death of Capt. James Esdaile of Montreal, whose shooting and fishing sketches under the nom de plume of "Royal" gave him a continental reputation. His contributions appeared principally in the columns of our contemporary Forest and Stream and Rod and Gun, and have been copied into most of the journals devoted to that class of literature in the country. We have presented our readers with several well-written descriptions from his pen of shooting and fishing adventures in the Province of Quebec, which, no doubt, have been perused with interest. Mr. Esdaile was thirty-two years and six months old at the time of his disease. He was a thorough sportsman, in the true acceptance of the term, having an excellent knowledge of the habits of wild animals, birds and fish, as well as the modes of capturing them. A warm friend and genial companion, his death causes a void that cannot again be filled.

has proved so eminently satisfactory, we expect to see it continued annually, and that in the future August will be one of the busiest months in the year. It has everything to recommend it, and recent events have shown it will be good policy for our Associations to continue the course adopted this season. By incorporating August in our season it extends it fully a month, and gives some clubs most desirable dates which could not be had if the beginning of the campaign was postponed until September.

THE ROSS-HANLAN MATCH.

In another column will be found a challenge from Wallace Ross, the St. John's carterman, to any man in the Dominion (Ed. Hanlan preferred) for \$1,000 a side. Since Mr. Ross's letter came to hand, Mr. Hanlan dropped into our office, and upon showing him the challenge he said it was decidedly objectionable. The terms proposed by Ross he considers selfish, and while Hanlan expressed every desire to meet Ross, felt he could not do so in the terms of the published challenge. Ross desires the race to be rowed on the Kennebecasis, and does not propose to allow anything for expenses. Hanlan says he will row Ross on Toronto Bay, and allow him reasonable expenses to come here. A match with Hanlan on Toronto Bay would include the title to the championship which our home man gained at Philadelphia last fall, and that of itself should be something of an object to bring the New Brunswicker west. There is no chance, from the tenor of Hanlan's conversation, for the match to take place on Ross' favorite water.

MEETINGS TO COME.

FERGUS.

The annual meeting of the Fergus Driving Park will be held on Sept. 11 & 12, when \$1,000 will be given in purses. There are seven races, 4 running events and 3 trots—8:00, 2:50 and 12:37. Dominion Rules to govern, and all horses to be owned in Canada on Jan 1, 1877. The meeting at Fergus last fall, was a very successful one, and the management of affairs is in the hands of some of the best citizens in the town. Fergus is 14 miles from Guelph, on the W. G. & B. R., and is one of the most pleasant of our Canadian towns. The entries close on Sept. 7, and for full particulars see programme in another column.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WATERLOO RACES AUGUST 20.

Sporting Gossip.

Billy McBride, Archie Fisher's cross-country jockey, had the mount on Redding in the Steeplechase at Saratoga, on Saturday last, when he beat Trouble.

There were two Montreal horses in the steeplechase at Saratoga on Saturday—Moonstone and Audubon. Jackson was up on the former and Pepper on the latter.

There was a horse race, dash of $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile, on the Driving Park at Dundas on the 8rd, between two horses owned by Messrs. Gage and McGinty respectively. Gage's horse had to beat McGinty's thirty-three feet on the come out. This he failed to do, and McGinty won.

It is stated by the Listowell Banner that some person in that neighborhood has "one of the best bread horses in the Province." In our youth we used to have some good bread horses, but they were gingerbread.

The well-known trotting mare Fanny Drew, belonging to Mr. Charles Townsend, of Cambria, N. Y., was burned to death on

It is said that some gentlemen in Canada purchased three race-horses at Saratoga, last week for the fall campaign in Ontario. Their names have not come to hand, but it is altogether probable, if there is any truth in the rumour, that they will show up in the open races at Woodbine.

As usual Hannis won the 2:34 race at Utica, N. Y., on Tuesday. The 2:28 was postponed, until Wednesday, after four heats had been trotted.

A LETTER FROM MR. BARBER.

OTTAWA, CAN., July 28, '77.

TO THE SPORTSMAN: I crave the privilege of a small space in your columns to lay before the horsemen of the United States a statement of how rogues are protected by the National Association for the Promotion of the Interests of the Trotting Turf. In March, 1875, we held a trotting meeting here under the National Rules, and likewise joined the Association to enable us to carry out the said rules effectively. Among the purses offered was one of \$175, for horses that had never beaten 2:35. One of the entries for this race was W. R. Hunt's white gelding White Cloud, but put in, in the driver's (T. E. Bailey's) name. The race was trotted and won by The Moose, with Eva second, White Cloud and Orient being distanced in first heat. During the evening after the race we were informed by telegraph from New York that White Cloud had a record of 2:34, obtained Nov. 7, 1874, at Middle Granville, Vt. On searching the records we found this to be the case, and on March 6 the committee unanimously (all being present) passed the following resolution: "That W. R. Hunt, T. E. Bailey, and white gelding White Cloud be expelled for fraudulent entry in entering in 2:35 purse, when said horse had a record of 2:34, obtained at Middle Granville, Vt., Nov. 7, 1874." This was done under authority of Rule 14, which provides that "Any person making a fraudulent entry of any horse shall be expelled, and any horse that shall be entered in a purse to which he does not belong, shall forfeit the entrance money and be expelled." Mr. Vail was officially notified of this action, but took no steps in the matter until it was brought up at the meeting in New York in the spring of 1876, one year afterwards, when our Association had the honor of being represented by Mr. Foster of your paper. As a consequence of the representations then made, on May 19, 1876, Mr. Vail issued the following: "Notice to members, B 21.—By order of the Mutchmor Park Trotting Association, Ottawa, Ont., Can., the following specified penalties have been imposed, to wit:

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W. R. Hunt (New York City), T. E. Bailey (Ticonderoga, N. Y.) and white gelding White Cloud, have been expelled for fraudulently entering in the 2:35 class, said horse having a prior record of 2:34."

So all so good, but here the crooked work begins. It is stated in the official report that Hunt was reinstated temporarily by the President, June 6, 1876; of this reinstatement our association never received any notice. D. Jenkins, who was expelled the same time as Hunt, on a different charge, was reinstated about the same time, and I was aware of that and protested to Mr. Woolley against his action; but really it is putting it on too thick when the Board of Appeals, without any notice to the party who imposed the penalty, reinstate a man and horse found guilty of fraudulent entry and officially publish it to the world that "said penalty had been erroneously imposed!" In your issue of July 7, in the report of the Board of Appeals, case No. 647 reads as follows: "W. R. Hunt, White Plains, N. Y., ex parte. Application for the removal of expulsion. * * * Having considered the evidence submitted, the Board approved the action of the President, and ordered the removal of the penalty." Now, I should certainly like to know what sort of evidence the Board had before them. Mr. Secretary Vail could prove that when the penalty was imposed the Mutchmor Park Trotting Association was a member, that the horse White Cloud was entered at our races in the 2:35 class; that he had prior to

ished for a bare-faced fraud, and the end of the whole is that he is turned loose by the Board of Appeals with a certificate of character, and our Association receives a snubbing. I am, Mr. Editor

EDWARD C. BARBER,
President Mutchmor Park Trotting Association, Ottawa, Can.

CANADIAN HORSES AT SARATOGA.

MOONSTONE AND AUDUBON.

The fourth race at Saratoga on the 11th was a free handicap steeplechase for \$700, and among the starters were Mr. C. J. Alway's b g Audubon, 6 yrs, by Australian, dam Heiress, 148 lbs, and Mr. John Lawler's b h Moonstone, aged, by Asteroid, dam Alabama, 146 lbs. Trouble had the top weight, 165 lbs. The following is a detailed account of the race:—

Waller was the favorite, selling for \$835; Trouble, \$800; Redding, \$100, and the field, \$50. The east field, immediately behind the judges' stand. Trouble was the first away, Waller second, Moonstone third, Redding fourth, Audubon fifth, Doubtful sixth. The horses ran up to the first wall nearly abreast, and as they went over it two of them fell. These were Audubon and Waller. Neither of the horses, fortunately, were hurt; but Little, the rider of Waller not getting up when his horse did, it was feared that he was badly injured. Audubon's jockey caught his horse and, mounting him, made an effort to follow the others at a distance. His horse bolted several times afterward, however, and did not finish. Trouble led to the second jump, which was a rail fence, and showed the way over it, Doubtful second, Redding third, Moonstone fourth. The latter ran to the front as the horses circled around the lower end of the east field, keeping in front until he reached the wall near the three-quarter pole, when Trouble went to the lead, with Moonstone second, Doubtful third and Redding fourth. The horses ran in this order over a rail fence in the middle of the field, then over a hedge near the big tree, and coming on took one section of the hedge and water in front of the people on the grand stand. The jumping was grand, the horses two lengths apart—Trouble first, Moonstone second, Redding third, Doubtful fourth. The horses then crossed the fractional track, then over a stone wall in the middle of the west field, next over a hedge and across the track in front of P. Lorillard's stables. Redding then took the lead, and Moonstone ran wrong, Trouble second, Doubtful third, Moonstone fourth. The horses next passed over the impediment in front of Mr. Belmont's stables, then into the west field, over the fences of the fractional track and again into the east field, Redding showing the way. He continued to lead across the field, over fences, walls and hedges, until nearing the water jump again, Trouble dashed ahead of him, and led the way across the fractional track into the west field, then over the wall in the centre of it, Redding two lengths behind him, but six lengths in advance of Doubtful, Moonstone far behind and not in the race. Trouble then circled around the field, coming to a wall near the starting place of the three-quarters of a mile course. He led over the wall three lengths, Doubtful six lengths further away. The horses then ran up alongside of the fence of the fractional track, jumping over a fence, then a stone wall, and then over a fence into the regular track at the half-mile pole. At this time Trouble was leading three lengths, Redding second three lengths ahead of Doubtful. When Trouble entered the track, he led three lengths, Doubtful three lengths further off. The horses then passed over a hurdle on the lower turn, where Trouble had four lengths the best of it; but as soon as Redding was over the hurdle he made his run for Trouble and overhauled him very fast, being on even terms with him when he reached the hurdle at the furlong pole on the homestretch. Redding and Trouble jumped this hurdle together, and coming on under whip and spur Redding won the race by a neck, Trouble second, twenty lengths ahead of Doubtful, Moonstone half a mile away. Time, 5:46.

Little was taken up after the race and carried off in a carriage, badly hurt.