

## Canadian Turf.

## TROTTING AT BELL EWART, ONT.

Bell Ewart, Ont. March 7, 1878.—\$100; Ice trotting; for Dominion horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J Crozier, b g Garafraza..... 1 1 2 1  
C C Kellott, b g Honest Billy..... 2 2 1 2  
T McKeown, b g Bob Moore..... 3 3 3 3  
Time—2:34, 2:34½, 2:36½, 2:34½.

Same Day.—\$35; Ice trotting, for local horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

W Bannerman, b h Hamilton.... 2 1 1 0 2 1  
R Hewitt's Lefroy Girl..... 1 2 2 0 1 2  
L Ostrum's Nellie Gray..... 3 3 3 3 3 3  
A McDonald's Big Sandy..... 4 4 4 4 4 4  
Time—2:47, 2:47, 2:46, 0:00, 2:42½, 2:48.

Same Day.—\$25; Ice trotting; green horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J W McKinnon's Tom Banks.. 3 1 8 1 3 3 1  
W Bannerman's Black Bird... 1 3 2 2 2 1 2  
A V Spencer's Gray Eagle.... 2 2 1 3 2 2 3  
R Hewitt's Lady Beauford.... 4 4 dr  
Time—2:58, 2:52, 2:53, 2:54, 2:55, 2:59, 2:58½.

March 8.—\$60; Ice trotting; for county horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J McKeown's Bob Moore..... 1 1 1  
W Bannerman's Fearless..... 2 2 2  
Geo Sullivan's Grey Eagle.... 3 3 3  
Time—2:45, 2:39½, 2:41½.

Same Day.—\$100; Ice trotting; free-for-all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

C C Kellott's b g Honest Billy..... 2 1 1 1  
J Crozier's b g Garafraza..... 1 2 8 2  
A F Lee's ch g Little Ethan..... 3 3 2 3  
Time—2:37, 2:37½, 2:38½, 2:35½.

Same Day.—\$20; Foot race.

A C Reid..... 1  
Geo Irwin..... 2  
J Wilson..... 3  
Geo.

## TROTTING AT WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20, 1878.

To Editor of Sporting Times:

A trot took place on the Red River this afternoon for a purse of \$100, mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. There were three entries, and the race was very interesting. Quite a large crowd was attracted to the river, there being about 600 spectators. Lisgar was the favorite in the pools before the start, but after the first heat Bay George had friends. Manitoba Girl was looked upon very well, but she did not come up to the expectations of her supporters. The judges were Messrs. J. W. McLane, Alex. McMicken, and Lavallee, with Billy O'Connor as starter. Their duties were very efficiently discharged. The following is the summary of the event:

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb 20, 1878.—\$100; Ice trotting. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$60, 30, 10.

Mr Alloway's Lisgar..... 2 1 1 1  
Mr Lacourt's Bay George..... 1 2 2 2  
Mr Kuttson's Manitoba Girl..... 3 3 3 3  
No time taken.

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## GRAND'S GREAT SALES.

The advertisement of these big sales appears in another column. Their merits are so fully set forth there that any recommendation from us is spared. The Toronto sale will commence on April 9; the Hamilton sale on April 16; and the London sale on April 23; each lasting three days. The entries are confined to 400 in each place and it is anticipated the lists will fill rapidly. Read the advertisement for full particulars.

## THE ANTI-POOL SELLING MANIA.

We are in receipt of a letter from a prominent horseman of Maine, which speaks in most discouraging tones of the prospect of trotting in that State during the coming season. We cannot do better than quote his words. He says: there is the least interest taken in their future movements I have ever seen manifested, owing to the operation of the pool laws. I hardly

tanical measure. In the meantime, at least during the season of 1878, the trotters of these two States will be obliged, as our correspondent says, to "go West," in order to earn their winter feed, and will swell the purses given by associations in localities where the highest development of the trotting horse is encouraged instead of retarded.—*Spirit of the Times*.

## Fur, Fin and Feather.

## AN ARISTOCRATIC DOG.

Last week Mr. James Conlisk, of this city, purchased at a high figure from the kennel of Mr. A. M. Esdaile, Montreal, the fox terrier Bronze, whelped Dec. 20, 1877. The following is the pedigree of Bronze.

Bronze, by Tatters, out of Puck; Tatters, by Trip, out of Beauty; Beauty, by Trap, out of Spite; Trap, by Port, out of Vic; Port, by Spot, out of Grip; Vic, by Jolly, out of Dainty; Spite, by Diver, out of Nettle; Diver, by Bassler, out of Busy; Nettle, by Jock; Jock, by famous Viper.

Puck, by Trap, out of Ruby; Ruby, by Ragman, out of Belle; Ragman, by old Trap, and sire of the champion bitch Fussy; Belle, by Crack, out of Riot; Crack, by Rap, out of Vic, and own brother to the champion Trimmer; Riot, by old Trap, out of Venus; Venus, by old champion Jock.

Trap was first prize winner, Hanley, 1874. Tatters, Trip, Beauty and Puck are all prize winners in America.

## AMERICAN STAR MARES.

We have often thought of calling attention to the fact that American Star, either Stockholm's or Seely's, were the most singular fortunate horses in the world in getting filly foals instead of colts. Seely's American Star is the only one of note given in the Trotting Register by Stockholm's American Star, and the same fortunate fact occurs with Seely's American Star, as he has only some five sons reported, Conklin's, Coleman's, Niver's, and two bred by Mr. Seely, both called American Star, Jr., one dam by Friday, the other by Osceola. All that portion of New York in and adjoining Orange county, according to the breeding of trotters from that section, are almost invariably from mares said to be by American Star, which we suppose means Stockholm's or Seely's American Star. Stockholm's American Star, after getting Seely's American Star in 1836, was castrated, which is just forty-two years ago this Spring, and the last foals of Stockholm's horse were foaled in 1837, and the youngest of his get, if alive, will be forty-one years old this Spring, far beyond the breeding age. Seely's American Star was foaled in 1837, and died in 1861, and the youngest of his get must be sixteen years old this Spring.

We have a vivid recollection of the claims set up by persons throughout the country as late as 1865, claiming to have mares by imp. Messenger, which was never exploded until our memoir of imp. Messenger appeared, showing that the horse died in 1807, and that the last colts by him must have been dropped in 1808.

We doubt not that from five hundred to a thousand mares can be found now in the states of New York and New Jersey claiming to be by Stockholm's American Star, though the youngest of his get, if living, must be forty-one years old this year. The claim is simply ridiculous and absurd in the face of history. Would it not be well for the Board of Censors of the National Trotting Breeders' Association, aided by the peerless Wallace, who between them are going to straighten out and throw a flood of light upon the trotting pedigrees of the country, to turn the beams of their genius to the investigation of the subject, and give the world the benefit of their researches.

The mere claim of having a mare by American Star is as meaningless as the expression, dam a thoroughbred, or a mare of Messenger blood, without the name of the breeder is given, the year the mare was foaled, and what particular American Star sired her. If the rule was strictly enforced, the number of American Star mares would be reduced, and the claims of the bogus ones

## Athletic.

## AN ATHLETIC CONTEST.

A tremendous crowd assembled at Gilmore's Garden, New York, Monday night of last week, to witness the great lifting by actual grip contest between Professor Wm. Miller, the champion athlete, and Captain A. H. Bogardus, the champion wing-shot of America. The match resulted from a challenge issued by Bogardus, offering to lift by actual grip against any man in America. The challenge was accepted, and the men signed articles at the Clipper office for \$250 a side. The conditions were each to select two feats to be decided by actual grip. Mr. Leslie Bruce of the Turf, Field and Farm was chosen referee. Mr. Edward Plummer and Mr. Charles Colvin were chosen judges. Eight or ten dumb-bells, weighing from 50 to 200 pounds, were then put on the stage, and two kegs of lager beer. Miller then proposed to lift two 100 pound dumb-bells. Bogardus protested, and claimed that, according to the articles of agreement, he had to lift first, and proposed to lift the two kegs of lager beer. At 9 o'clock the affair was settled and Miller lifted two 100 pound bells, one in each hand. Bogardus followed by carrying the two kegs of lager beer. He lifted them by the rim of the barrels and carried them ten yards. When Professor Whitaker announced that Bogardus had lifted two kegs of lager beer the crowd yelled. "Tap them, give us a schooner!" Bogardus then claimed that he had never lifted dumb-bells, and Miller claimed that he had never lifted kegs of beer. Bogardus then, amid loud cheers, lifted the kegs of beer by the rim, and handled them as easily with one hand as he would his gun. Miller tried the keg act, but concluded that he would sooner lift a schooner. Miller's second feat was lifting a 180-pound dumb-bell, which he put up with comparative ease. Bogardus then carried two 179-pound bells and walked around the stage with them—a remarkable feat for a man who don't practice such feats. Bogardus then lifted a keg of beer by the rim and lifted it on to a table with one hand. The athletes both accomplished the two feats, and as Miller could not lift the kegs of beer by the Bogardus grip, and the latter could not lift the bells in Miller's style, the referee decided the match a draw.

## HEAVY DRAUGHTS—CROSSING.

The breeding of the Draught-horse for profit is hardly a question that is practicable in New England. They are not suited to your hills, nor to your herbage, and you had better leave that interest to be represented and supplied from the teeming prairies of the West. There has been a very extensive, and, as I think, a foolish mania manifested in several of the prairie States, in importing the great mammoth Percheron horse for the avowed purpose, as the speculators put it, of increasing the size of the common horses of the country. In this, their zeal altogether outruns their wisdom; for it is one of the rudimentary laws of physiology that violent crosses are not successful, and ought always to be avoided.

The breeding of the great masses of flesh and muscle of a ton weight upon the common mares of the country, not averaging half that amount in weight, must of necessity result in an ill-proportioned and comparatively useless class of animal: the progeny in one place will be Percheron and in another, pony. Then, when you reach the next generation, instead of approximating a standard of uniformity, you have only increased the confusion growing out of a want of uniformity. In the first cross, you have neither one thing nor another; and in the second cross, you cannot have the remotest conception of what it may be, until you see it; and so on, in all subsequent crosses. Whoever imports either the Percheron or the Clydesdale horse, with a view of improving the general horse stock of the country, whether east or west, instead of commendation and support, should receive nothing but condemnation and contempt. The Percheron and the Clydesdale may be brought to this country, and, if bred pure, they can be bred successfully; and the character and uses to which they are adapted, and for which they have been bred for generations, will still be maintained in the breed. This, however, is hardly a practical question with the gentlemen now before me, though it is not possible, in the nature of things that they can enter into competition with the West, in the production of this type of horse.—*Wallace*.

## GREEN TO THE FRONT.

BABYLON, March 5, 1878.

DEAR SPIRIT—I noticed in the last is to of

## VERA CRUZ.

## SOME POINTS IN THE SUIT CONCERNING A RACE-HORSE.

The suit brought by Mr. G. D. Wilson, of this city, says the Lexington Press, against Messrs. Williams & Owings, claiming \$10,000 damages, alleged to have been suffered by Mr. Wilson as the sale of Vera Cruz, is attracting attention among turfmen. It appears that in 1875, at M. H. Sanford's sale of thoroughbred horses, Mr. G. D. Wilson and Messrs. Williams & Owings bought, jointly, a yearling colt, by Virgil, dam Regan, afterward called Vera Cruz. He was entered in some two-year-old stakes, and also in a number of three-year-old events. He was left to be trained in the hands of Mr. Rice, an experienced trainer.

As a two-year-old he did so badly that he was unable to appear at the Louisville meeting. At this time Messrs. Williams & Owings, and Mr. G. D. Wilson entered into some arrangement by which the latter disposed of his half interest in the horse to his partners for \$100 cash, they to assume the forfeits for the two-year-old events, amounting to about \$190, the possible profits for his three-year-old entries, amounting to about \$700, and Wilson's half of the expense bill for Vera Cruz, about \$175. The horse improved rapidly as a three-year-old, and won nine out of twelve events in which he was entered, winning for Messrs. Williams & Owings, it is estimated, about \$13,000. Of course this involved considerable risk on the part of the owners. Mr. Wilson claims that he sold his half interest under misrepresentation as to the promise of the horse as a racer.

It appears, on the other hand, that, outside of Williams & Owings, few turfmen in this section placed a high estimate on the get of Virgil. But Williams, it seems, had been in the stable where the old horse was trained, and, knowing his value, thought highly of his get. Besides, had trained Vigil and Fair Play, sons of Virgil, and not unreasonably expected something of Vera Cruz. The trial is largely attended. Eminent counsel are employed on both sides, and turfmen will watch the result with interest.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 28.—The suit of G. D. Wilson against Williams & Owings for \$10,000 on the sale of the racehorse Vera Cruz, ended to-day in a "hung" jury.

## Miscellaneous.

A rowing race for \$200 a side (?) between Jacob Huffer and Geo. Briggs, took place at Belleville on the 9th, and was won by the latter.

Geo. Petty, the well-known English sprint racer, offers to give Rogers (Scholes) of Tronton, 3 yards in a hundred. Rogers says he will accept for any amount, and will run in England if expenses are guaranteed, or will pay expenses to run in America.

Fred. S. Plaisted is hard at work preparing for the coming sculling season. He is already taking spins on the Harlem river.

Wild ducks are already appearing in large numbers along the shores of Lake Erie.

Johnny Hickey, the Canadian feather-weight pugilist, took a benefit at Pronguey's Hall, Hamilton, on Saturday last. The Times, of that city, says Hickey's science was much admired.

Geo. Paton, the long-distance pedestrian, formerly of Dundas, Ont., was beaten in a 100 yards match in Texas lately, for a couple of centuries, by a man named Jackson Brown, of Granbury, Texas. Paton never could run a short race, but the man who beats him to the score in any distance over half a mile needs to be a good one.

NARRAGANSETT.—J. I. Case, of Racine, made an important purchase, last week, from Mr. Huntington, of Rochester, buying the stallion Narragansett, by Rhode Island, to take Gov. Sprague's place in the stud while Sprague is campaigning. Also purchased a son of Narragansett, Newport, and his dam, Belle Partise. Price a long one.

## CANADA'S WIMBLEDON TEAM.

Canada's Wimbledon contingent is as follows:—Corp. J. F. Fallon, New Brunswick; Bagler Hart, New Brunswick; Biddell, Quebec; Trooper Langstroth, New Brunswick; Private Kinnear, New Brunswick; Major O. R. Arnold, New Brunswick; Thomas, Quebec; Holtby, Quebec; Finlay.

## Amusements.

## CITY.

Modjeska, the Countess Bozenta, is the reigning attraction at Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House this week. Her engagement commenced on Monday with *Adrienne the Actress*, in which she appeared in the title role, being specially supported by Mr. W. F. Burroughs, as Count de Saxe. The play was rather a bad selection for the opening; however, Modjeska clothed the part of Adrienne with new beauties, and received several enthusiastic calls before the curtain. The ladies and gentlemen of the Grand company, especially Miss McAllister and Miss Van courtland, and Mr. Hudson certainly contributed their share to the success of the piece. The same bill was repeated on Tuesday to a good house. Wednesday and Thursday the new version of *Camille*, with Modjeska as the frail one. To-night she takes her brace fit, which should be a good one. The Modjeska engagement concludes with the *matinee* to-morrow. Next week Eliza Weatherby and her company of Froliques, commencing Tuesday evening.

The Si Slocum company, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frayne, Master Frankie, and Jack the dog, supported by the Holman Dramatic Company have been drawing good houses at the Royal Opera House this week in their drama of *Si Slocum*. The principal attraction of the piece is the rifle shooting of Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Frayne, and the acting of the dog Jack. Forward and backward rifle shots are executed with great certainty throughout the piece, and the canine is on hand whenever he is wanted, and never makes a mistake. Dolly and Joe Banks, Allen Halford, Al. Holman and E. H. Brink have good parts in the piece which they render as acceptable as could be expected in a play of this nature. Si Slocum will be presented for the last time to-morrow evening. The Wednesday and Saturday matinees are regularly held at the Royal. On Monday evening a lecture by O'Donovan Rossa; the Irish operetta of the Rose of Killarney, and a roaring farce.

## GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Academy of Music.—Mr. Naunary took a complimentary benefit on Monday evening, the bill being *Lad Astray*, an olio, and the last act of *Jessie Brown* in which the Fifth Royal Fusiliers appeared. The double-headed child will shortly be shown here. It is embalmed.

HALIFAX.—Miss May Howard has leased the Theatre for the summer season, and will open it early in April.

St. John, N. B.—A dramatic company, under the management of Mr. E. A. McDowell, will furnish the summer's amusement here. Among the members will be Mr. Alf. Hendon.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall.—Lindley & Variety Co., with Major Tot, the midget, and the Bohee Bros., with the irrepressible Harry are the leading attraction.—March 15 and 16, Eliza Weatherby and her burlesque company.—Benefit to Mr. James F. Egan, a distinguished local vocalist, 21st.

TATTERSALL'S CORNER, LONDON.—Mr. Richard Tattersall established "The Corner" in 1776. Three years later he bought the celebrated horse *Hughflyer*, by Herod, Jam Rachel, by Blank, foaled in 1771, and besides being one of the best racehorses in England, he proved to be the most successful in the stud of all of Herod's sons. It is said that Mr. Tattersall netted more than \$100,000 from his services.

## A GRAND Pigeon Shooting TOURNAMENT.

Open to the Dominion.

A pigeon shooting sweepstakes for twenty men, from any one town or city in