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#### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1870.

##### AMERICAN.

Ogdensburg ..... Sept. 26 to 29  
Jerome Park (Running).....Sept. 30 to Oct. 14  
Pottstown, Pa ..... Oct. 8 to 6  
Washington, D.C. (Running).....Oct. 24 to 27

##### CANADIAN.

Fergus ..... Sept. 27 to 29  
Kingston.....Oct. 3 to 5  
Ottawa, Mutchmor.....Oct. 4 and 5  
Ottawa, Dominion Park ..... Oct. 5 to 7  
Mt. Forest ..... Oct. 9 to 10  
Kingston.....Oct. 10 to 12  
Chatham.....Oct. 17 to 19

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

##### AMERICAN.

Ogdensburg.....Sept. 22nd.

##### CANADIAN.

Fergus.....Sept. 22  
Ottawa, Dominion Park .....Sept. 30  
Kingston.....Oct. 8

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

#### A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

Last week concluded the first year and a half of our proprietorship of the *Sporting Times*. Whether we have made that improvement in the paper our friends had a right to expect, is a query to which each one will have to reply for himself. So far as we are individually concerned, our connection with the press has been of the most pleasing character, and the many flattering notices we have received of our humble efforts, have done much to smooth what might otherwise have been a rugged path. About a year ago we called upon our friends for their active assistance towards the support of the *Sporting Times*, and our appeal was answered very satisfactorily. The terms are purely in advance, but we have so far deviated from this rule as to not make our demand until one half the year has expired. During next week we will draw upon our subscribers at intervals of the Express Companies reach, and we hope they will be prompt in recognizing our call. We have fulfilled one-half the term for which we ask payment, and it can hardly be considered more than justice, on the part of the patrons, to respond freely to our appeal.

In this connection it might be as well to mention that all parties paying our drafts

#### WHAT THE TURF WANTS.

It is said that water constantly dropping will wear a hole in a stone, and that great effects frequently follow small causes. From time to time we have called the attention of our Racing Associations to the absolute necessity of forming themselves into a Dominion Association, something on the basis of the National Association of the United States, for mutual protection and benefit, and for furthering the welfare of the turf in Canada. This has been dinged-donged into the ears of our readers until we can well imagine it has become monotonous. But if successful in causing a move to be made in this much desired direction, we are sure they will pardon us for the persistency with which we have advocated it. As we have repeatedly said before, until we have something of this kind in Canada, the turf interest will get along slowly. It is none too strong now and requires to be well nursed if it arrives at a proper strength to maintain itself. Public confidence must be re-established, and nothing will go so far to arrive at this point as a union of our leading clubs. Take for example an occurrence here last week. A horse was so palpably pulled from winning, within sight of the whole of the spectators, that his owner, rider and horse were ruled off by the Judges. In their official capacity they could not in honor do anything less, and the existing rules would not allow them to do any more. But what a farce is such a punishment. It is possible the horse would never again pay a visit to Woodbine; and if he did he might be permitted to start under a change of lessees, who would not feel bound to respect any edicts which their predecessors had issued. Well indeed could his owner afford to laugh at the sentence pronounced against him, as the penalty carried no punishment with it. But it would be far different if an affiliation of our leading racks had been formed who would respect the rulings of one another in perpetuity. Then a sentence of suspension or expulsion would mean something to be dreaded; now it is a harmless burst of dignified judicial action to be laughed at. In the present case it amounts to nothing; under an affiliated association it would mean all the word conveys. A Canadian Association, would we feel assured, do much to render our local clubs permanent, and that of itself would be quite a step in advance. With stability as a basis of the system, it would be but a short time before improvements would suggest themselves only to be adopted. The various clubs throughout the country are, we feel satisfied, anxious to lend their assistance to any measure which will tend to bring about a union of all the various interests. It only requires some prominent Association of two to make the initial move, and it will be surprising how rapidly it will assume shape out of chaos. By the first Spring meetings of 1877 there would be such a strong bond of fraternity established throughout the country, that its effects would be felt immediately for the better. Once under proper headway it would soon be seen how rapidly the movement would extend from its own momentum, and those who came within its scope would look back and wonder why such a panacea had been left unused. By all means let something be done the present winter towards forming an Association which will cement the friendly feeling and business interests of what should be one of the leading industries, when its ramifications are considered, in the country.

#### ENTRIES FOR OGDENSBURG CLOSE TO-DAY, 22ND.

##### ARE THE POOLS OFF?

Within the bounds of moderation it can be safely said this question has been addressed to us more than a hundred times since last Monday afternoon. What it means can readily be ascertained from the following statement. The 2:35 race at Woodbine, of which four heats were trotted on Saturday, was postponed until Monday afternoon. On Monday the track was bad, and with the consent of the horsemen the Association postponed it still further, until Saturday

tion of the interests of the American Trotting Turf, in force from and after February 9, 1870, bearing upon the question are submitted.

**"RULE 18.—POWER OF POSTPONEMENT.**  
"In case of unfavorable weather, or other unavoidable cause, each association or proprietor shall have power to postpone to the next fair day and good track (omitting Sunday), all purses or sweepstakes, or any race to which they have contributed money, upon giving notice thereof, and they may exercise this power before or after the race has commenced.

**"RULE 19.—NO TROTTER AFTER DARK.**  
"No heat shall be trotted when it is so dark that the horses cannot be plainly seen by the Judges from the stand, but all such races shall be continued by the Judges to the next fair day (omitting Sunday), at such hour as they shall designate.  
"In all purses, matches, and stakes, the above rule shall govern, unless otherwise especially agreed between the parties and the association or proprietors."

The Betting Rules provide as follows:—

**"No. 2.—If a race is postponed, it shall not affect the pools or bets that may have been made on it. They shall stand until the race comes off, unless the contrary shall be agreed on between the parties betting; provided the race takes place within five days of the time first named; after which time all bets and pools are drawn, unless made play or pay."**

The above extracts are all we have found in the National Association Rules bearing upon the question, and as the interests to both the association and the pool buyers are great, they are given in full, so that a misunderstanding on the subject is hardly possible.

#### ENTRIES FOR FERGUS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY EVENING.

##### MYSTERIES OF HANDICAPPING.

If not always, at times it is much easier to criticise than perform. Where one is found capable of inaugurating or completing some project, there are hundreds who feel competent of passing critical opinions. Probably nowhere is this seen to such an extent as in handicapping race horses for trials of speed. There are no scales by which the relative merits of the different contestants at that particular time can be weighed, and the gentlemen who perform the onerous duty of endeavoring to bring the horses together by a discrimination of weights have to rely to a great extent upon the previous performances of the animals relatively with one another if before engaged together, or compare their merits with one another by their trials with other horses. If successful in making a good race of it, the handicap has been well made; if otherwise everybody will tell you no sort of judgment has been exercised, and improper motives are not unfrequently imputed. It requires a sort of natural power as well as a thorough acquaintance with the horses to be weighted to even approximate to what would be considered strict justice in a matter of this kind. And even then the weighting may be faulty, as the handicapper cannot foretell or control the feelings of the horses when brought to the stand, much less calculate upon the judgment of the rider who may obtain the mount. If race horses and riders were machines, subject only to the natural laws of mechanics, and not endowed with physical feelings or weaknesses, then the possibilities of bringing them together would be much better. But there are some handicaps which appear to be beyond the comprehension of any one, except the parties who had the imposition of the weights. An instance of this may be seen in our summary of the races at Woodbine. On the first day Wagram carried ten pounds less than Galatea and won the race easily. Here was a recent performance by which the merits of these two horses would be capable of comparison, providing, of course, it was believed the best horse won. But in the steeplechase on Saturday it will be noticed the same relative weights were carried, notwithstanding the easy victory Wagram had on Thursday, and his greater ability to carry weight. Again Wagram, as might be supposed, came to the front. Who the gentlemen were who made the handicap is totally unknown to us, but their action has supplied us with a text for an article; and the conclusions arrived at in their labors would certainly justify the state-

#### Sporting Gossip.

A big match is talked of between York State and St. Patrick, for \$1,000, to go over Hamilton track in about four weeks. The ex-alderman thinks his Milesan can get away with the son of Champion. We hope it will not be a fizzle.

Goldsmith Maid trotted against 2:14 at Albany last week. The track was heavy, and her fastest heat was 2:17.

The Turf, Field and Farm of last week says of the *Sporting Times* Stallion Trot: "The race passed off very pleasantly, and it is only fair to commend the able and courteous management of Mr. Pete Collins, who, through this event, has made his name a household one in Canada. There were estimated to have been about two thousand spectators on the ground, including a large share of ladies. During the whole day not a mishap was reported. The Judges, in their official capacity, certainly did their share of work, and gave the utmost satisfaction to all concerned."

The Montreal horse market last week was looking up, a number of American buyers are in the market, and some good sales have taken place. A fine fast horse, owned by Mr. Chas. Quantal, was sold for \$600 on Boston account.

Messrs. Malcolm, Sinclair, and Wm. Par-nell, of St. Thomas, are now engaged in buying horses in the County of Elgin, Ont., for shipment to England. They are giving prices ranging from \$100 to \$140 per head, and have already secured a magnificent lot of animals.

The Mount Forest inaugural will be held on Oct. 9th and 10th. About a thousand will be hung up for competition.

The Oswegatchie Agricultural Association of Ogdensburg, have paid Dr. A. O. Coleman, of Ottawa, a compliment in selecting him as one of the judges of horses at the coming fair in Ogdensburg. No better selection could have possibly been made.

We have received from Mr. F. E. Pond, Montello, Wis., a copy of "his" *Handbook for Young Sportsmen*. This is a valuable *vade mecum*, a complete *multum in parvo*, and as the price is only 25 cents, it should be in the hands of all our youthful field sports.

Mr. Wm. Clarke, of Greenwood, Ont., received the gold medal at the Centennial for his imported thoroughbred stallion Warmanbie. Mr. John White, of Milton, Ont., was the recipient of a silver medal for the well-known province-bred Terror.

#### OTTAWA RACES.

##### INAUGURAL MEETING OF DOMINION PARK.

The managers of the New Dominion Trotting Park at Ottawa, publish in to-day's paper their inaugural bill. The dates selected are Oct. 5, 6 and 7, and the amount of money to be contested for is \$1,500. Provision has been made for trotting, running and hurdle races. The trotting classes are divided into 8-minute, 2:40, 2:35, free-for-all, and a five-mile dash, besides a local club purse. Two hurdle races, one local and one open; and a mile heat running race open to all comprise the premiums for runners. This division gives three events for each day. From the well-known interest which is taken in turf sports in the capital, and the prestige attached to the new track and association, it is not dangerous to prophecy a successful meeting. Dominion Rules govern, and entries close on the 30th inst.

#### KINGSTON RACES.

It will be seen by the advertisement of the Catarqui D. P. A., Kingston, in to-day's paper, that they have changed the dates of their meeting to Oct. 10th, 11th, and 12th. This was done to avoid clashing with Ottawa, and no doubt the change will be beneficial. In the Kingston programme there are six events, five of which are for the trotting classes, ranging from the green ones to free-for-all. There is a purse for running horses, open to all, on the last day, but no distance is given, an omission that will probably be supplied in our next issue.

more, his death having occurred on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Kansas Stock Farm, near Lawrence, Kan. For many years past Ethan Allen has occupied a distinguished position on the American trotting turf, and alike on the track and at the stud has won brilliant success and renown. His old and intelligent driver, Dan Mace, in one of his interesting articles, entitled "My Experience with Trotters," in speaking of this horse, truly said: "Almost every man who takes any interest in trotting horses has seen Ethan Allen, for he has trotted all over the country, from the Atlantic Coast to the Mississippi River." He was foaled in 1848, and was sired by Hill's Black Hawk, dam a famous gray road mare owned by J. W. Holcomb, of Ticonderoga. His trotting career commenced at the unusually early age of two years, for he was only that age when he trotted, and won his first match—a race on the ice. Although a pure-gaited horse, he could always trot faster with a running mate than in harness, and it was when thus rigged that he beat Dexter in their memorable match on the Fashion Course, L. I., when he put three heats on the record, in 2:16, 2:10, 2:10. He was a wonderful campaigner, considering the abusive treatment he was subjected to; and his old trainer has put on record that he never required any training, but was always in condition to trot, if he had enough to eat and drink. His disposition was the perfection of gentleness, and this quality, along with his own matchless symmetry of form and pureness of action, he transmitted in a striking degree to his progeny. From him have descended such distinguished trotters as the beautiful Poonhontas, Billy Barr, Fanny Allen, Honest Allen, Hotspur, Fanny Lee, Warwick, Washington Irving, and many others. His daughters possess, in a great degree, his fine qualities and beauty of conformation, which they transmit to their produce unimpaired, so that the name of Ethan Allen bids fair to descend to posterity in a long line of illustrious descendants.

##### ERICSSON.

The famous trotting stallion Ericsson, died at Marysville, Ky., on the 7th inst., of inflammation of the bowels.

Ericsson, formerly Morgan Chief, bay horse, was foaled in the Spring of 1856, sired by old Mambrino Chief, dam Mrs. Caudle, a New York bred mare, celebrated as a roadster, and, after her retirement, as a famous brood mare. It has been claimed that she was sired by a horse of Messenger blood, who stood in Dutchess County, New York, but as all attempts to establish her pedigree have failed, it can only be said that her pedigree is lost in obscurity. Ericsson was a dark mahogany bay, standing 16½ hands high, with rather a heavy, coarse head, set well on a stout neck, running into fine, well-inclined shoulders, an excellent barrel, great length, powerful hips and quarters, his limbs large and well under him, and his style lofty and grand. A prominent feature in his face was a full, bright eye, indicative of high courage and intelligence.

As a trotter his career was brilliant while it lasted, but very brief. He made his debut as a four-year old, beating Kentucky Chief and Albion over the Lexington Course, Kentucky, on the 27th of May, 1860, mile heats, in harness, in 2:42½, with only seven days' training. On the 18th of October, same day, Ericsson trotted a match to wagon against Todhunter's Idol, in harness (also at Lexington, Ky.) winning in three straight heats, in 2:49, 2:41, 2:38½. It should be mentioned in this connection that in a private trial made a few days before the last race mentioned, Ericsson trotted to wagon in 2:26. His next regular race was at Louisville, Ky., Oct. 26, same year, when he trotted against A. H. Brand's Kentucky Chief, by Mambrino Chief. Four heats were trotted, in 2:39½, 2:34½, 2:30½, 2:32, Ericsson winning the second, third and fourth heats. This may be set down as the best four-year-old performance on record. This closed Ericsson's turf career and he was sold by his breeder, Enoch H. Lewis, to Hon. K. C. Barker, of Detroit, Mich., who owned him up to the time of his death.

As a stallion Ericsson has been very successful. His colts are of fine size and temper and have good trotting action. Among the best of his get are Lumber and Doyle, the former with a record of 2:30, and the latter 2:29½. None of his colts, however, have as yet reached beyond these figures.

##### STAR DAVIS.

This noted son of imp. Glencoe and Margaret Wood, by imp. Priam, out of Maria West, the dam of Wagner, by Marion, died at the stables of his owner, John M. Clay, near Lexington, Ky., on the night of the 2nd of Sept., aged 27 years, and was buried on Sunday, the third, by his owner on the farm. Star Davis was a good race horse, and the sire of some good ones, although he covered very few mares, having been kept very privately on the Ashland estate, and not often offered for public service. The best of his get were Matt Davis, Metairie, Joe Davis, Laura Bruce, W. R. Davis, Zingara, Zaza, Saucbox, Scramble &c. With the death of