

Correspondence.

FROM ST. CATHARINES.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

Sir,—With the population which St. Catharines boasts of, and the number of thorough good fellows who enjoy a vacation with "rod and gun" that is to be found here, I sincerely hope that under its new dispensation the *Sporting Times* may be better appreciated and its circulation largely increased.

There is no reason why Canada should not support one first class sporting paper—a "Gentleman's Journal"—while the States support a score or two, many of which depend largely upon the Dominion for their "dog and gun" items, as well as many other interesting matters. Let us hope that a more wide spread success will attend your efforts hereafter, and that every lover of true sport will contribute generously toward the furtherance of your designs.

I hear nothing of our Sportsman's Club lately; at the close of the spring shoot, the medal still remained with the then holder.

Some excitement was gotten up at one time by a report that pigeons were flying numerously at Port Colborne, and some of our crack shots went up to test the truth thereof. The emptiness of their game-bags when they came back, proved that there had been more canards than pigeons flying.

There are some genuine lovers of field sports here, and, by the way, some first rate dogs, a few of which will rank favorably with the best. I could name a trainer who, as an amateur, is hard to beat, and who has a brace of A 1 dogs; but then I respect his native modesty too much to trespass thereupon by giving it.

Mr. J. Mitchell, of this city, is making a fair start toward the breeding of blooded stock. His stables already contain some colts of good pedigree, as well as a fine brood mare or two. This is a beginning in the right direction.

St. Catharines boasts of a couple of *rara avis*, in the shape of Albino robins. One makes his home in Montebello Garden, and is a most beautiful bird, with red breast, back and wings, otherwise entirely white. I do not remember hearing of an Albino so peculiarly marked as this. The other is a pure white, and has for some years back frequented the premises of Thos. Merritt, Esq. If I mistake not Albinos of this species are very rare.

A little shoot took place on the old race track the other day, but from the fact that it was a "private affair," I do not feel inclined to give names nor full particulars. There were four contestants, shooting at 7 birds each, 21 yards rise. One party killed 7, and the other 9, out of 14.

A few snipe have been bagged lately in the vicinity of Beamsville. The weather continues chilly and disagreeable.

In the way of amusements the Masonic Fraternity are to have a literary and musical entertainment at the Academy of Music on the 17th inst., with Mrs. J. Billor Manger, in the lead; and later—the last of the season—a grand Masquerade by the Caledonians. But *quantum suff* for the present.

Yours,

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FROM PRESCOTT.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

Sir,—But little of interest in this town worth mentioning; we have had three or four days of almost constant rain which has left the roads in a wretched state—notwithstanding, the horsemen are putting their running and trotting stock in the best possible shape for the summer campaign.

"Ella Wotten," is looking finely, and is said to be in the best of fix. She is being trained by Mr. Flynn, who is quite celebrated as a trainer, and she will take part at your meeting on Woodbine Park, the present month.

tounds starting him in the slower classes this spring, and is well worth watching, as he will make it hot for some of them. He has always been worked on the track here, which is a half-mile one, and his owner thinks when he strikes a good mile track that the horse that gives him dust will have to go in the 40 class at least.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy has a span of promising young ones, 8 and 4 years old, by a Royal George horse out of his trotting mare White Stockings. Mr. K. intends putting one of them in training this season; he is a horse of large frame, good bone, and powerful quarters. He has a long, rapid stride, can show a 8:00 clip, and with a little handling will get away with 2:50 easily.

The thoroughbred stallion Copee, by Lexington, dam Rosette by imported Yorkshire, owned by Mr. J. Ross, was very successful last season, and should he maintain his reputation this season, he will add materially to the value and number of the equine stock in this county.

Mr. D. A. Creaser has a very fine looking colt by Copee, dam by Manalapan (he by Johnson's Medley, out of Betsy Richards by John Richards). He is a bright bay of magnificent appearance, with no visible defect about him, and is a credit to his sire.

Dr. McClean, of Meaford, is the owner of the running horse Oscar, by Ruric. He is looking prosperous, and will no doubt be ready for the season's sport, as the Dr. intends putting him in training at once.

Chas. I. Douglas, b g, by The Tester, dam Annie Laurie by imported Lapidist, is also owned at Meaford, by Mr. C. Gibbons. He is now fitting for the summer campaign, and although on the shady side, good things are expected of him.—St. Vincent.

FROM LONDON.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

Sir,—The magnificent weather of the past few days has set every horseman hereabouts thinking of early gallops afield over dew besprinkled grass in the fresh morning air that already carries upon its every breath the perfumes of early wild flowers. They think, too, of the stretches of sand and the oval of green sward lying within them, around which Bill Bruce galloped in 1:44, when the judges were afraid to give him a record. The old track looks very much as it did the first time I saw it, nearly ten years ago, when Bay Jack won the Queen's Plate, and when King Tom beat Sir Archibald and Tom Wolfolk. The stands look just as much like tumbling down now as they did then, and still they don't seem to fall. Perhaps it is because a certain individual, who shall be nameless, takes care of his own? quite possibly, the reporters' stand, especially, looks as though it belonged to him.

The veteran Dick Leary is quartered near the track, and is giving two of Mr. Peters' horses, King George and Prince Edward, moderately strong work. The latter of these, the "blue nose," is pretty well known to most of your readers, though he did not figure on the turf last year. Suffice it to say that the big chestnut (a good deal bigger than he was when Paul Woods had him), though perhaps a trifle high in flesh, is looking and going like a race-horse. Legs strong and firm, air passages and valves all wide open, eyes big and bright, hide loose and glossy, stride long and strong—what more would you have?

King George is a big stout four-year old colt, very much the cut of his great sire, King Tom. His dam was the dam of Nora B. He is a rich brown, with very little if any white about him. This is a very rugged,

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

SPORT, Orangeville.—We can only find one place where a horse trotted under that name: Dexter Park, Chicago, Aug. 29, 1874, mile heats, to road waggons, where he was beaten by Fanny Lee and Right Bower in two straight heats, 2:42, 2:39. Try and let us know under what name he got his record, and we will endeavor to hunt it up. The publication of your letter in its present shape would do no good, as there is no evidence to substantiate the statements made therein.

L. D., Newcastle.—1:47, one mile, Gold-finch, Barrie, July 1874.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WOODBINE RACES, APRIL 22.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."

HYDER ALI.

This fine son of imported Leamington and Lady Duke by Lexington, will make the season of 1878 in Brampton and vicinity. It is unnecessary to speak of this horse's breeding, his pedigree is sufficient evidence to horsemen of its value. Among the winning sires Leamington takes the first place in 1877 with 21 winners of 47 races and money amounting to \$48,235. The youngsters of Hyder Ali's get show his merit as a sire. There was probably no horse ever brought to the country who gained such rapid esteem as the subject of our sketch. As a race horse he was A No. 1 of his year, and some astute turf writers think he is the best of Leamington's sons.

OYSTERMAN, JR.

The neighborhood of Port Hope is to be congratulated in the possession of such a fine horse as Oysterman, jr. He is the kind of a stallion to cross on our native mares to produce the class of horses so much in demand. Oysterman, jr.'s, performances are too well-known and too lengthy to be reproduced here. Already two of his sons Dandelion (Dandy) and Doubtful have shown their cross-country qualifications, so that breeders may know they are not experimenting with a horse of unknown merits. Dandy has beaten such horses as Deadhead, Problem, Dailgasian, Fredericktown and Capt. Hammer. He won a mile heat race over hurdles at Washington, D. C., last fall, handicap, in 1:55, 1:54, 1:57, beating Deadhead, who was the favorite, easily.

ALMONT MARION.

Owing to the advertisement of this fine colt coming to hand just as we were going to press we are unable this week to give him the attention he deserves in this column, but refer our readers to the advertisement for particulars.

KRICK'S GUIDE.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. G. Crickmore, of the New York World, compiler of the work, we are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of his Guide to the Turf for 1877, for use in 1878. It comprises the races run in the United States, with a full index; owners and their racing colors; prominent race courses, and how to reach them; weights carried; list of pool-sellers and book-makers; dates of important events; rules of the various jockey clubs, &c., &c. It is a valuable work to the turfman, and to our Canadian horsemen would have been more so if events which occurred in the Dominion had been included in the work, an omission the compiler promises to supply in his next annual. It is clearly printed on good paper and bound in flexible boards, making it suitable for the pocket. The price is \$1.00.

English Turf.

THE NORTHAMPTON AND PYTBLEV HUNT.

London, April 10.—To-day was the second of the Northampton and Pytleb Hunt meeting, the principal race of the day being that for the Great Northamptonshire Stakes. It had ten starters, the distance being about two miles, and was won by Mr. Crawford's Prince George, with Playfair second and Il Gladiatore third. The betting just before the start was 4 to 1 against Prince George, 6 to 1 against Playfair, and 12 to 1 against Il Gladiatore. The conditions of the race were as follows:

The Great Northamptonshire Stakes, for three-year-olds and upwards, at £30 each, £15 forfeit, with £300 added, entrance £3 each, the only liability if declared out by noon on Tuesday, February 5; winners of a handicap of the value of £200 after the publication of the weights on January 21 to carry 5 lbs. extra, two such races, or one of the value of £100, 10 lbs. extra, closed with 64 subscribers, of whom 20 declared out; about two miles.

Mr W S Crawford's b h Prince George, 5 yrs, by Toxophilite, out of Royal George's dam by Young Melbourne, 111 lbs..... 1
Mr Acton's ch c Playfair, 4 yrs, by Lecturer, dam by King Tom, grandam by Slave, out of Letitia, by Sir Hercules, 87 lbs..... 2
Mr M Dawson's b c Il Gladiatore, 4 yrs, by Gladiateur, dam Scottish Queen, 101 lbs.. 3

THE WINNER.

Prince George is fairly well known on the English turf. He was bred by Mr. Crawford and ran unnamed until late in the season of 1876, when he won the Shrewsbury Cup, carrying 83 pounds, over a two-mile course, from a field of thirteen. As a two-year-old he started five times, winning the Granby Stakes at the Newmarket October meeting over the Criterion Course with 123 pounds up. As a three-year-old he started seven times before winning the Shrewsbury Cup as above mentioned, immediately after which he ran second to Pageant for the Great Midland Counties Handicap, for which he (the Prince) had decidedly the worst of the weights. Last year, as a four-year-old, Prince George ran four times, winning only once and the Goodwood Stakes, two miles and a half, when, with 98 pounds on him, he beat a field of eleven, and for which he started the favorite. He was subsequently unplaced for the Chesterfield Cup and the Cesarewitch Stakes, and as he did not start either at the recent Lincoln or Liverpool meetings, they were his last appearances until yesterday.

Amusements.

CITY.

Mr. Barry Conlan, an Hibernian actor, commenced an engagement of one week at the Royal Opera House, on Monday evening, in the new Irish drama of Granuaile which held the boards up to Wednesday. On Thursday a drama by Mr. Henderson, entitled Faugh-a-Ballagh was the bill. To-day, Friday, there will be matinee and evening performances; Kate Kearney this afternoon, and All That Glitters is not Gold and a new piece, written by Mr. Joe. H. Banks, for Miss Sallie Holman, entitled Bubbles, said to be full of fun, frolic and music, for the evening. To-morrow, Faugh-a-Ballagh, afternoon and evening, and last appearance of Mr. Conlan. Business has been good all week. On Wednesday of next week, Miss Genevieve Rogers, supported by Mr. Frank E. Aiken's company, commences a short engagement in the drama of Maud Muller from Whittier's poem. Miss Rogers and the company are highly spoken of by our American exchanges.

On Wednesday evening Miss Charlotte Thompson, supported by the Wallack Combination, opened in the Grand Opera House in the play of Jane Eyre, Miss Thompson appearing in the title role. The same bill was repeated on Thursday. This Friday evening there will be no performance on account of it being Good Friday. To-morrow, Saturday evening, the great play of Miss Multon, in which Miss Thompson has achieved much success as the heroine. The usual matinee to-morrow afternoon.

At Albert Hall on Wednesday evening Lloyd & Hooper's Dramatic Company, played the Denouncer and the farce of the Virginia Mummy.

The Lyceum (Queen's) is being thoroughly



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Summer Races!

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JULY 1, 1878.

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THE N.Y. H. B. ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING

of the Northern New York Breeders' Association will be held at

Gouverneur, N.Y.

JUNE 4, 5 & 6, 1878.

Purses and Premiums, \$1,700. Entries close May 25.

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G. I. VAN NAMEE, Treasurer.

THE THOROUGHBRED RACE HORSE AND STALLION.



Oysterman, Jr.,

Will make the season of 1878 at his owner's stables, 4 miles west of Port Hope; and also in Cobourg and Victoria.

OYSTERMAN, JR., is a bright bay, 16 hands, by Oysterman, dam by imp Paul Brown. (See Bruce's American Stud Book, Vol. II, p. 159). Oysterman by Revue, dam by Countess by Boston. (See Bruce's American Stud Book, Vol. II, p. 92.)

OYSTERMAN, JR., was the greatest cross-country horse in America, and during his career was one of the most successful horses of the flat. He is the sire of the noted steep-chase horses Dandy and Doubtful, the former having won six races in 1877.

TERMS.—Common mares, \$16.00 per year; \$20 to insure. \$10 single service. Pasturage at reasonable rates.

T. W. HUNT, Jr., Manager.

SENIOR PARINI, Proprietor.

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THE TROTTER STALLION



Almont Marion,

Will make the season of 1878, at Thos. Hodgkin's Veterinary Stable, corner of Duane and Sherbourne streets, Toronto.

Almont Marion was bred by Gen. W. T. Withers, Lexington, Va., and was foaled May 18, 1876. 15.3. Bay, black points; by Almont, dam by Marion, a son of Maryland Chief. 2nd dam by Capt. Harry, 3rd dam by Monplus, 4th dam by Sir Archy, 5th dam by Dicked, 6th dam by the great sire of trotters, by Alexander, Abdallah, dam by Marbrino Chief. Marion was bred by Gen. Todhunter, showed remarkable speed, and was sold to Sample Bros., Keokuk, Ia., he is now known as Sample's Mambrino, with a record of 2:35, and is sire of the fast year-old colt Mambrino, 2:38.

TERMS.—\$40 to insure.

R. CHEYNE