

The Jockey Club.....Sept. 19 and 21  
 Station Race, Toronto..... Oct. 10  
 Lepine Park, Montreal..... Oct 8 to 10

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

Ottawa..... Sept. 14

#### AMERICAN.

#### RUNNING MEETINGS.

Jerome Park..... Oct 5 to 12  
 Baltimore, Md. (Fall)..... Oct 28 to 29

#### TROTTING

Hartford, Conn.....Sept. 10 to 13  
 Ogdensburg, N.Y.....Sept. 10 to 12  
 Cleveland..... Sept 10 to 18  
 Toledo, Ohio..... Sept 16 to 21  
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 Cincinnati, Ohio.....Oct 1 to 4  
 Zanesville, Ohio.....Oct 8 to 11

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#### A NEW IDEA.

The "no time" theorists have got a new idea and we understand are making the best use of it to suit their own purposes. It is no less than the preposterous claim that the National Association will not recognize the doings of any track not connected with their organization. They boldly argue that no matter what record a horse may obtain on a non-Association track he will be eligible to start in the slowest class announced in the Bulletin of an Association belonging to the National body. And they laugh at the idea of the Board of Appeals taking any cognizance of complaints made to them respecting misrepresentation or suppression of time on any non-affiliated track. Unfortunately for these gentlemen, both common sense and the records are against them. The idea that a horse can obtain a record on one of our Canadian tracks of 2:30 and then be eligible to start in the 2:34 class at Cleveland, Buffalo or Rochester is so far from the truth that we are surprised that any man who wishes his statements to be considered, at all credible should for a moment advance it. It is well known that the National Association Rules provide that time made on any course, whether in or out of the Association, shall constitute a record, and any amount of specious pleading or equivocal argument will not change either the law in this respect, or the

anco of being *bona fide*. But of late it would appear that things have changed. Men agree to engage in a competition without attending to such little details as the amount at stake or the time it shall take place. Singular, too, they will come hundreds of miles from their home to try conclusions when the affair could just as well have taken place at their own doors. The Riley and Kennedy boat race at Owasco Lake the other week was an instance of this last contingency. And now we are to have in Canada a boat race under singular conditions. It is said Hosmer and Frenchy Johnson have been matched to row at Hamilton for nobody knows how much, or what distance. It is supposed to take place on the 18th, but even the Hamilton Times speaks very uncertainly about this. The Canadian people must have great faith in oarsmen if they can believe that two men living in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., should come to Hamilton, Ont., to row an up-and-up race, when a week before it is supposed to take place the public know nothing of the amount at stake, the distance to be rowed, or the certainty of the date. No articles have appeared signed by the men—and in one word the thing looks fishy. It may be a match, but it looks like a hippodrome, if not something worse. We venture to say not much outside speculation will take place. Canada has been the goose that laid the golden eggs for oarsmen this summer, and they should take care and not destroy this source of supply. Brockville, Barrie, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, and Sturgeon Point have all contributed liberally in their behalf, and the scullers themselves should be anxious to retain the good opinions of Canadians. But getting up questionable matches or suspicious hippodromes is not the way to advance them in the estimation of the people of this country.

#### THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

As will be seen by the articles of agreement in another column, the match between Courtney and Hanlan has been fixed. It is to take place at Lachine, near Montreal, on Oct. 2, distance 5 miles with a turn, for \$2,500 a side. Since the articles were signed the Hanlan party have conceded the race will be for the championship, in consideration of the purse of \$5,000 or more which the Montreal people have agreed to add to the main stakes. This will make the amount to be contended for at least \$10,000, certainly a magnificent stake. No expenses are allowed on either side. Hanlan has already left for Lachine and will train over the course; Courtney is expected in a day or two. This match will, no doubt, create the greatest excitement in aquatic and sporting circles, and now that it has become a fixed fact after such lengthy and uncertain negotiations, a relief is felt. When Hanlan left he was in good health and spirits, and confident of the result. The American papers say Courtney is troubled with a severe pain in the side, which, if it does not cause him to forfeit, will result in his being beaten. Such reports must be taken with caution; the woods will be full of them on both sides; their object, however, is too plain to require explanation. Now the match is made, little more remains to be said, only wishing, it has now a good

speaking purpose, but it does not speak well for the honesty of these journalists who would thus publish the incomplete text to answer their own ends. The cause of morality can not be heightened by such despoitive tactics, and if betting on elections in any shape is wrong it should have been specifically provided for, which is not now the case, as reading the Act itself will show.

#### AN ACT FOR THE DEPRESSION OF BETTING AND POOL SELLING.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enact as follows:—

1. In case any person uses or knowingly allows any part of any premises under his control to be used for the purpose of recording or registering any bet or wager, or selling any pool, or—

(2.) Keeps, exhibits, or employs or knowingly allows to be kept, exhibited or employed in any part of any premises under his control, any device or apparatus, for the purpose of recording or registering any bet or wager or selling any pool, or—

(3.) Becomes the custodian or depository of any money, property, or valuable things staked, wagered, or pledged, or—

(4.) Records or registers any bet or wager, or sells any pool;—

Upon the result (a) of any political or municipal election, or (b) of any race, or (c) any contest or trial of skill or endurance of man or beast;—

Such person is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in any common goal for any term less than one year, with or without hard labour, and to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

2. Provided always that this Act shall not come into operation until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and shall not extend to any person by reason of his becoming the custodian or depository of any money, property or valuable thing staked, to be paid to the winner of any lawful race, sport, game or exercise, or to the owner of any horse engaged in any lawful race, or to bets between individuals.

3. The provisions of the Act thirty second and thirty-third Victoria, chapter thirty-two, intitled: "An Act respecting the prompt and summary administration of Criminal Justice in certain cases," shall apply to cases arising under this Act.

#### Sporting Gossip.

Henry Blaylock, the Canadian jockey, went from Saratoga to Boston, Mass., races.

At Milwaukee, when Rarus trotted there, the lady guests of the Plankinton House, in that city, were heard singing in the parlor of the hotel, to the well-worn tune of "Whoa, Emma."

"Whoa, Rarus, Whoa, Rarus!" Rarus, you're trotting so fast that you scare us. "Whoa, Rarus, Whoa, Rarus!" That's what we heard Sylvia say.

We have received several applications for the name and address of the man at Ottawa, who is trapping wild pigeons. Our enquirers wish to procure birds for trap-shooting. Will some Ottawa gentleman endeavor to find them for us.

Mr. Denis Lucier, of lot No. 2, N.M.R., Colchester, on Monday, 26th ult., lost a valuable three year-old stallion of disease of the liver. He was valued at \$500.

Fredericktown, the cross-country race horse, broke down on the second day of the Boston, Mass., meeting, in a hurdle race, after running a mile and a half.

At the Waddington, N.Y., races, a full report of which has not yet reached us, the 2:37 race was won by the Ottawa horse The Moose, who has been on the shelf for some time.

In the late trotting circuit Rarus trotted

the Milwaukee Driving Park cleared 93,000 at their meeting just closed. When our Canadian Associations can show as good a financial exhibit as that, racing will be much more popular in this country than it is now.

The fastest mile made at Saratoga during the late season was run by Vermont, a four-year-old son of the celebrated Virgil, in 1:44. That was just the time Bill Bruce ran in at London, but the sapient judges hung out 1:45, because they did not want to *spoil his record!*

A monstrosity in the shape of a three-legged colt from Halifax, N. B., is on exhibition at Monckton, N. B. One of his fore legs is absent.

The old "ringer" Hotspur is again on his travels. He was lately sold by a Mr. Sherman, of Newport, R. I., for \$1,000, to an unknown man. He is not likely to pester Canada with his presence, our racing interests are so dead as to possess no attraction for horses of his class.

There is no truth in the report that a match is pending between Mollie McCarthy and Parole. We should say not.

Who are to be judges on the thoroughbred class of horses at the Provincial Fair is a question just now exciting the minds of owners. Again, to render horses eligible to compete in this class their pedigrees had to be certified. How many of the entries have had their pedigrees certified, and by what authority? This question may give trouble before the exhibition is over. Those who have gone to the trouble and expense of having the pedigrees of their horses certified to by some competent authority, will have good grounds for objecting to horses taking prizes whose owners have not conformed to this requirement in the conditions of entry.

Mr. James Grant, formerly a well-known horseman of Ingersoll, Ont., died on Sept. 2, in the Asylum for the Insane, London, where he had been confined for some time.

The Louisville, Ky., Jockey Club give an extra day's racing on Sept. 30th, for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers. Watts & Co., pool sellers, will donate the whole of their commissions on the occasion for this very worthy object.

Mollie McCarthy, the Californian crack, was badly beaten at Minneapolis, Minn., on Sept. 5, in the race for the Cup, a dash of two and a quarter miles. Mollie held the lead for a mile, but Gov. Neptune was in front all the rest of the road. It was run in 4:01; Bill Dillon was second, Calaz third, Joe McMahon fourth, and the invincible (?) Mollie fifth and last. The winner is owned by Isaac Staples, Stillwater, Minn.

The editor of the Peterboro Times was shown last week, a great curiosity in the shape of a deformed horse with a hump on his back like a camel. The "animle" is owned by Mr. W. Croft, of that town, who proposes to exhibit him through the country, and the editor thinks there is "millions in it," whether for Mr. Croft or the country he does not say.

Mr. Mr. T. C. Patterson, of Eastwood, shipped from Toronto last week, for Glasgow, Scotland, fifteen fine geldings of rare substance and quality. They are affirmed by competent judges to be the best lot of Canadian horses ever exported from this country.

he made 2:15, 2:15, 2:14.

#### TRAMP'S GOSSIP.

The Thames Regatta ended in a complete victory for the Northerners, they taking the sculls, pair oar, and four-oar races. I was certain that the Northerners would win the "four," as although Higgins in the South country four is very lively, better than Elliott, Boyd, Lumsden, or Nicholson singly, still they are each better than either Green, Thomas, or Blackman, who made up Higgins' four.

Lady D'Arcy, to judge by her performances at Saratoga, seems to be a very smart filly, and I hope will often carry her present colours to the fore.

The other day I came across an item which may interest your readers, and is as follows:—In the year 1600, a middle-sized bay English gelding, the property of Bankes, a servant to the Earl of Essex, ascended to the top of St. Paul's (old), London. Bankes had taught his horse, which went by the name of Morocco, to count and perform a variety of feats. When the novelty had somewhat lessened in London, Bankes took his famous horse to Paris and afterwards to Rome. He had better have stayed at home, for both he and his horse, which was shod with silver, were burnt for witchcraft.

The Great Ebor Handicap went to Caerag, a bay three-year-old colt by Mareyas, out of Stockwale. He is a very near connection of George Frederick, the Derby winner of 1874. He ran seven times last year without earning a winning bracket.

At Ostend, Belgium, Kirtling landed a couple of races. Last year as a four-year-old he was about champion racing hunter in England, winning ten races, and running second five times out of fifteen starts, and carrying 189 lbs, 187 lbs, and such like weights.

At Dieppe, France, the principal race for two-year-olds went to Baron Rothschild's bay colt Commandant, by Le Petit Corporal, carrying 126 lbs, beating ten others.

Beaulero still keeps at the head of the betting on the St. Leger, and all connected with him seem very confident, especially after the late victories of his stable companions, Adamite, Durham, and Comandant II.

It is proposed to raise riding fees from \$15 for a mount and \$25 for win, to \$25 for a mount and \$40 for a win. Considering how much depends on the honesty and ability of the jockey, he is far too often very much underpaid for his services.

Pretender, winner of the Two Thousand and Derby in 1859 (in which last race he got home by the shortest of heads in front of Pero Gomez), is dead. He turned "musical" before the St. Leger, which was won by Pero Gomez.

Brown Bread, another good horse, has also gone to his long home. He was one of the most wear and tear looking customers I ever saw.

I see that Fred. Archer has, from March 25 to Aug. 24, ridden 142 winners of 880 mounts, his total winnings since 1872 being 1,020.—TRAMP.

#### IMPORTED TRUE BLUE.

In answer to our enquiry of last week respecting this horse, Mr. C. J. Alloway, V.S., Montreal, kindly and promptly sends us the following particulars, under date of Sept. 9:

"In reply to an enquiry made in your issue of last week, I might say that imported True Blue is at present (and has been since his arrival in this country) standing at St. Louis de Gonzague, P.Q., near Montreal. True Blue is by Vidette, stands about 15:2, is dark brown in color, has plenty of bone and substance, is finely shaped, and shows a good deal of quality. Full particulars can be had from Dr. McCormick, V.S., St. Louis de Gonzague, P.Q."