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Aug. 15 to 17	17
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Aug. 29 to Sept. 1	1
Sept. 5 to 8	8
Sept. 12 to 15	15
Sept. 30 to Oct. 14	14
Oct. 3 to 14	14
Oct. 24 to 27	27

#### CANADIAN.

Woodbine (Special) .....	July 16
St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. ....	July 11 to 12
Lepine Park, Montreal.....	July 17 to 18
Barrie (match) .....	Sept. 15
Canadian Stillion Race.....	Sept. —

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

#### A GREAT DANGER.

From the experiences of the past season on the turf, in Ontario, it is quite plain to be seen one of the greatest elements of danger to its success is entirely within itself, and a danger that is quite within the power of Associations to control. It would not be far from the truth, if it were stated, that about all the difficulties which have arisen this Spring and Summer have had their origin either directly or indirectly from improper judging. Men have been placed in the stand who were woefully ignorant of the first principles of racing; others have occupied the judicial position when they were primarily interested in the success of some horse in the race; and again in other cases the laxity of judging has almost amounted to incompetency. This will always create dissatisfaction, which will prove a serious obstacle to the success of racing. Whether the injustice at London, the laxity at Hamilton, or the ignorance at Oshawa is considered, it eventually amounts to the same thing—dissatisfaction. It behooves Associations to protect themselves from this incubus before it is too late. Prospects were beginning to look flattering; fresh horses were being introduced, and new purchases contemplated. But if the efforts of gentlemen to elevate the standard of, and increase the interest in turf matters is to be rendered nugatory by the apathy of Associations in placing indifferent men in the stand, then will the blow be felt more severely by the Clubs than any one else. There are lots of good men in the country who hold aloof from the sport on account of the extremely uncertain and erratic turns which affairs take, and the conciliation of our best citizens is much to be desired.—To accomplish this, above every thing else, the purity of the stand must be above suspicion, no whisper of incompetency heard, and the rules administered with a firm hand. Men have been heard to declare from the stand that they held pools on the races; while others have gracefully acknowledged their total unacquaintance with the rules by which the contests were governed, but qualified their ignorance by stating they

rec. A properly organized Dominion Trotting Association would make these gains extremely dangerous to their promoters, as a horse that was once discovered at such a track would be immediately expelled, and his further usefulness for speed purposes lost. However, no protection to the public like this can be expected under our present system. The only penalty that can be inflicted is the unmasking of such depredators, and it is hoped our friends throughout the country will advise us of any similar depredations from the highway of honor in turf matters.

#### AN AMATEUR OPINION.

"THE FASTEST TIME ON RECORD.—KISBER RUNS TWO MILES TEN SECONDS FASTER THAN HAS EVER BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN AMERICA.—"It will be remembered that Kisber, the winner of the Derby, won the Grand Prize of Paris with the utmost ease, and, according to Wilkes' Spirit, 'pulling double in the commonest kind of a canter.' The extraordinary part is that he covered the distance quicker than any horse ever has on this continent, the fastest two miles having been run in 2:32½ by True Blue, at Saratoga, in July, 1878, and by Katie Pease, at Buffalo, in September, 1874—both, however, being ridden out, and carrying, in the first case, only 108 lbs., and in the latter only 105 lbs., while Kisber was hard held the whole way and had 122 lbs. up. The Spirit winds up the article on the Grand Prize as follows:

"The owner of Kisber has won a fortune on his horse, realizing, it is stated, quite a hundred thousand pounds by his victories in the Derby and Grand Prix de Paris. The next engagement of the all-conquering hero is for the Great Doncaster St. Leger, in which his success is merely a question of health. M. Lupin's Enguerrando will also start for this important event; all that can be asked of her, however, nice filly though she be, is to follow humbly in the wake of the grandest horse seen since the days of Gladiateur, whose time in the Grand Prix, Kisber beat, covering the two miles of the race in 2m. 22½s., according to Benson's chronometer. This unprecedented record will serve to prove the great speed at which this year's Grand Prix was run, and demonstrates the wonderful excellence of an animal that could obtain it without ever being extended. More will yet be heard of Kisber."

"We trust American sportsmen will stop blowing about time now!"

The above extraordinary article is clipped from the Hamilton Times of the 5th inst., and displays an amount of ignorance in one who professes to write on turf matters that is truly lamentable. True Blue, Katie Pease, or any other horse never accomplished two miles in 2:32½; True Blue's time at Saratoga was 3:32½, only a difference of one minute from that given by our contemporary; and Katie Pease was disqualified in her race at Buffalo, when the two mile dash was won by Lizzie Lucas, although the distance was undoubtedly run by the former in the same time that True Blue is credited with at Saratoga. To any person who witnessed it, it will be no news to learn that Katie Pease was "ridden out" in the race in question; it was the opinion of every one present she could have run much faster if it had been required. Again, Kisber's time in the Grand Prize of Paris was 3:22, not 2:22½, only a difference of about sixty seconds again in the record, which might not be much in the time of a funeral, but is considerable in the speed of a race-horse in a two-mile dash.—And further, the distance for the Grand Prize of Paris is not two miles, being only about one mile and seven furlongs; and assuming it to be fully that distance, it can be found by a simple arithmetical calculation

The entries for the Montreal Trotting meeting close this evening.

Mr. Rembler Paul, V.S., of this city, has refused \$800 for his trotting mare Little Wonder.

A couple of gentlemen in this city are about purchasing a noted crack running horse from the other side. Last season he showed his heels to such flyers as Big Fellow, Vandalite, &c. A few more of this sort are required.

The hotel at the Barrie track has recently been licensed, notwithstanding the strenuous opposition of the Puritans. A race meeting is very probable there in September.

Our advertising columns to-day contain the announcement of a newly invented interfering boot. If it will perform half what is claimed, it is of great value to track and road horses. A specimen may be seen at this office.

At noon on Thursday, a beautiful chestnut Fearnought stallion, owned by Mr. Angus McKay, Ingersoll, died from inflammation. He was four years old, and was one of the most promising trotting colts in Canada. He was valued at \$5,000.

It is said that Mr. Young, Ottawa, owner of the trotting horse The Moose, was offered \$5,000 for him by an Ogdensburg gentleman. The offer was refused.

The match at Ottawa between the hurdlers Galatea and Lilly announced for last Saturday, did not come off, being drawn by mutual consent.

The Montreal horse market has been very dull. The principal purchaser last week was Mr. James Mulcahy, of Troy, N. Y., who shipped 18 horses, valued at \$1,126.

A three days' meeting is proposed at the new trotting track Ottawa. The programme will consist of running and trotting.

The St. Maurice (Three Rivers) races commence on the 18th inst. The Queen's Plate for Quebec will be run the first day.

Last week Mr. Alex. Melville, of Fullerton, had his two-year-old filly weighed on the Mitchell scales. She tipped the beam at 1,610 lbs.

A meeting was held at Ottawa on Monday evening by the stockholders of the Dominion Trotting track. The following gentlemen were elected officers: President, Mr. Joseph Reopell; Secretary, Mr. W. P. McKay; Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Robillaird.

#### THE RESIGNATION OF MR. B. G. BRUCE.

As we published the statement of the resignation of this gentleman as the Secretary of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, we now give the explanation which he makes in his paper, the Kentucky Live Stock Record:

"We see going the rounds of the papers a paragraph which states that the editor of this paper, Mr. B. G. Bruce, was moved to resign his position as secretary, by reason of the adverse comments upon the management of the trotting meeting just closed, and that the result of the meeting was disastrous. This is not true, and there is no foundation for the report. We have never seen or heard any unfavorable comments from any source. Mr. Bruce has occupied the position of secretary for the past two seasons, without a cent of cost or expense to the association, though his predecessor received a liberal salary. He was unwilling to work longer for nothing, to the neglect of his own business. Besides, if the meeting was disastrous, which we deny, as not a dollar

favorite, Katie P made the running, but was collared on the last turn by Maritime, and a good race ensued, the Nova Scotian finally winning by about a neck; Moonbeam away in the rear. This was followed by a half-mile heat race, 8 in 5, which fell an easy victory to Cecelia. As a matter of convenience for reference we give the summary of the first day's racing as well.

FASHION COURSE, BLUE-BONNETS, Montreal, July 1, 1876.—\$200. Hurdle Race; dash of two miles over eight hurdles, 3 feet 6 inches high; Turf Club Welter weights. Province bred horses allowed 10 lbs. \$175. 25.

Fisher & Carson, ch m Katie P, 6 yrs, by Colossus, dam Vanetta, 141 lbs. .... McBride 1  
H Brown, b m Cecelia, aged, by Canwell, dam Lucy Wade, 131 lbs. .... 2  
Mr Martin's Three Rivers ..... 0

Time—4:13½.  
Same Day.—\$200. Open to all Province bred. Mile heats, T C W. Horses that never won a race allowed 6 lbs. \$175. 25.

F Martin, Toronto, ch g Pilot, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs. .... Gates 1 1  
J Lannan, br g Maritime, 4 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by imp Sambo, 101 lbs ..... McLean 2 2

Time—1:55. 1:47½.  
Betting—Pilot, \$10; Maritime, 7.

The third was an open mile heat race. Capt. Elwes' mare Moonbeam, the winner of the Canadian Derby at Barrie in 1874, was the favorite; she got off with the lead, and won with hands down.

Same Day.—\$225. Open to all horses. Mile heats, T C W. Horses wintered: Canada allowed 5 lbs. Dominion bred allowed 10 lbs.

Mr Elwes, ch m Moonbeam, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Edina, 107 lbs. .... 1 1  
D Driscoll, Mascus, 113 lbs. .... 2 2  
J Lannan, br g Maritime, pedigree above, 91 lbs ..... 3 3

Time—1:50½, 1:50½.  
July 3.—\$250.—Running, dash of 2½ miles, open to all, Dominion bred allowed 10 lbs. \$225 to first, 25 to second.

J Lannan, br g Maritime, 4 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by Saladin, 91 lbs ..... 1  
Fisher & Carson, ch m Katie P, 6 yrs, by Colossus, dam Vanetta, 113 lbs. .... 2  
C F Elwes, ch m Moonbeam, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Edina, 107 lbs ..... 3  
Mr Driscoll, b h Mascus, by Eugene ..... 4  
Mr Morton, gr h Rainbow, by Thunder, dam Seven Oaks ..... dr

Time—4:53½.  
Same Day.—\$150.—Running; one-half mile heats, 8 in 5, for Dominion bred; \$125 to first, 25 to second.

Mr Brown, b m Cecelia, aged, by Canwell, dam Lucy Wade ..... 3 1 1 1  
Mr Boulton, gr f by Thunder ..... 1 3 3 3  
Mr Fisher, b f Black Bess, sire and dam unknown ..... 2 2 2 2

No time.  
The Steeplechase did not fill.

#### THE OSHAWA RACES.

The inaugural meeting over the Oshawa track commenced on Thursday of last week and was continued on Friday and Saturday. The track is a half mile one, of good width and built on the latest principles, having good stretches and turns as can be obtained on a course of that length. It appears to be composed of a black loam, which will scarcely ever bake up to hardness, and when settled will be found to dry up quite rapidly. A tight board fence, about ten feet high surrounds the boundary of the lot, while on the inside the track is railed. A neat judges' stand and weighing room, together with the Pool stand are on the inner side; opposite the former is the Grand Stand, two stories, the lower one being occupied as a refreshment room; and the upper part being fitted up with elevated seats. Taken altogether it is probably one of the most complete half-mile Driving Parks in the country. The inner portion of the field is very level, and will be utilized for Base Ball, Cricket and Lacrosse matches, and such other sports as may require an extensive piece of level ground. It is the proprietor's intention to

considering the weather, must have been pleasing to the proprietor. A handicap two-mile dash was next in order. It had five entries, all of which accepted. Passion was made the favorite at about \$25 to \$75, being followed by Warrior, Maritime, Sunnyside and Islander. They were started with two flags, and on the first attempt the flags were dropped to a good start, but after running past the stand the Judges rang the bell to call them back. All answered the bell, sooner or later, except Passion, who was sent around on a canter for the distance; on the completion of which she was brought up to the stand and her rider weighed. Her owner then notified the Judges he claimed the race, on account of the word having been given, and the mare was led away. Immediately afterwards the remainder of the horses were called up, and sent off without her. For the first mile Sunnyside cut out the running but the pace was too hot for her and she retired, giving way to Warrior, who had up to this time been running under a double pull. Maritime, who had been trailing now was called on, and ran up to second place; coming down the stretch for the last time, the Nova Scotian made play for the big bay but could not overhaul him. The rider of Warrior lost no opportunity in the race of giving the other horses the worst of it, and on the board being hung out it was seen he was disqualified, a decision which was acceptable to the great majority. Pools on Passion were subsequently declared drawn; for what reason or under what rule appeared only to be known to the judges. It is the intention of the owner of Passion to contest his right to the first money in a law court, and consequently we do not feel disposed to make any comments on the case. A half-mile heat race followed. The Rurio colt was made the favorite about even up, with the field selling for \$20 in \$48 pools. The first two heats were hot between him and Cora Sands; the first being declared a dead heat, and the latter the mare barely winning. For the third a false run around took place in which all but Montreal shared. The third and fourth heats were captured by Montreal, which finished the race. The judging throughout the day was very unsatisfactory and gave cause for any number of complaints. Barring this, everything else passed off satisfactorily enough.

The 2:35 trot was postponed until Saturday, when it was won by Little Ethian, beating Black Mack and Grey Eddie. The following are the summaries of the different events:

OSHAWA, July 6.—Running; Dominion bred; mile heats, T.C.W. \$150 to first, 50 to second.

F Pearson, b g Islander, 5 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by Saladin ..... 1 1  
J Lannan, br g Maritime, 4 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by Sambo ..... 2 2  
A Fisher, ch g Pilot, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot ..... 8dq

Time—1:51, 1:48½.  
Sameday.—\$300. Trotting. Open to horses that never beat three minutes, mile heats, 8 in 5, to harness. \$125 to first, 50 to second, 25 to third.

R James, b g John A. .... 2 1 1 1  
T Powell, ch g St George ..... 1 2 2 3  
W Kennedy, ch g Avenue Boy ..... 4 3 3 2  
E R Palmer, spt g Charley ..... 5 5 4 dr  
H Giddings; b g Silas Rich ..... 3 4 dr  
H Covert, ch m Minnie Granger ..... 6 6 dr  
P Davey, g m Little Pet ..... dr  
W Slack, b g Barlow ..... dr  
T C Eck, blk g Lookout ..... dr  
S Eck, g g Fearless ..... dr  
Owner's b g Sweet William ..... dr

Time—2:48½, 2:46, 2:46, 2:46½.  
Same Day.—\$100. Trot; for horses owned in East Whitty, that never won public money. \$50 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third.

W K Smith, ch m Annie Kelly ..... 1 3 2 1 1  
T C Hawthorne, br m Shamrock ..... 2 1 1 2 2  
W McClellan, blk m Kittie Mother-sill ..... 4 2 3 3 3  
J Wilson, ch h Canada George ..... 3 4 4 dis  
H Dearborn, g m Charlotte ..... dr  
McClellan & Porter, b h Rifeman ..... dr  
Owner's Hector ..... dr

Time—2:55, 2:55½, 3:00, 3:06, 3:04½.  
\* Three last heats trotted on 7th.