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AMERICAN.

Flushing Park, N. Y.	May 23 to June 1
Whitmarsh, Pa.	May 26 to June 1
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Madison, N. Y.	June 5 to 7
Muskogon, Mich.	June 5 to 7
Utica, N. Y.	June 5 to 7
Syracuse, N. Y.	June 12 to 14
Elmira, N. Y.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 12 to 15
Grand Rapids, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Mason, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N. Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 5 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, D. C. Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N. Y.	24 week in Aug.
Providence, Ill.	24 " "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	24 " "
Utica, N. Y.	31 " "
Earlville, Ill.	4th " "
Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting	Sept. 5 to 7

RACING MEETINGS.

American Jockey Club	June 2
Cincinnati	May 28 to June 1
Columbus	June 4 to 7
Cleveland	June 11 to 13
Chicago	June 30 to July 4
Rochester, N. Y.	June 26 to 29
Utica, N. Y.	July 3 to 5
American Jockey Club	July 2 to 16
Long Branch	July
American Jockey Club	Oct.

CANADIAN.

Wellington	May 30 to June 1
Montreal Hunt Club	June 9
Quebec	July 2 to 3
Orangeville (local)	July 2
Montreal, Le Parc	June 11 to 13
Exeter	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
St. Forest (local)	July 2
Orangeville	August
St. Forest	Sept.
Oshawa, Station Race	Sept. 11 to 12
Port Hope	Sept. 11 to 12
Station Race	Sept.
Orangeville (pony)	

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Stallion Race	June 1
Oshawa	June 2
Montreal, Le Parc	June 9
Quebec	June 11
Prescott	June 11
Prescott except Queen's Park	June 25
Ogdensburg	June 27
Cat Stock	July 1

left to conjecture. Perhaps "Star" and own may not carry all a few hours before the race is to be run, and the program is given to the public with the meagre information furnished in the entry, or with conjectures as to sex, age, color and pedigree, which turn out to be all wrong. What is the result? The Association in general, and the Secretary in particular are denounced as unscrupulous, who do not know anything about horse racing, and if "Star" happens to show good qualities in the race, the realing public are left in total ignorance as to the strains to which he owes his excellence. Sometimes an enterprising reporter is endeavoring enough to "dig out" the respective pedigrees, ages and sexes of the contending horses, and give it to the public; but such reports are exceptions to their class. Now if the annoyance to the Association and the public were the only evil arising from the shenanigans on the part of horse-men, that alone, should be sufficient to put an end to it; but when it may be added that such practices defeat one of the highest aims of horse racing, it seems surprising that it ever becomes necessary to call the attention of horse-men to their delinquencies in this direction. The great value of equine contests on the turf, lies in establishing the reputation of certain strains of blood for certain qualities, and this is why those countries where horse-racing is a popular pastime always produce the best horses. Breeders learn from the published reports of races, not only what horses show good qualities, but what strains produce winners, and govern themselves accordingly when the pedigrees are published; but when these are suppressed as is too often the case in Canada the published reports are of no practical value. Does anyone imagine that Lexington would ever have reached his immense popularity as a sire, had not the performances of his colts been given to the public? Phaton was, while alive, comparatively unpopular as a sire, but it is safe to assert that were he alive now no horse on this continent would be more popular. How many of those who now consider Phaton one of the most valuable horses ever brought across the Atlantic have ever seen either the horse himself or any of his colts? His popularity with a majority of his admirers is due to the publication of the doings of his colts, among whom the great Ten Broeck stands foremost. If Mr. Harper had run this horse without giving his pedigree, his great sire would have been deprived of one of his brightest laurels, and the public would have been left in comparative ignorance of the important fact that a commingling of the blood of (imp.) Phaton and Lexington had produced the wonder who cut down the lowest four mile and one mile records. If this evil practice should ever become general, breeders would be left to select their stallions hap hazard, and the result would soon make itself felt in the deterioration of our horses. It is only by a careful selection of the best animals for the stud that the standard of equine excellence can be advanced, and an intelligent opinion to aid in this selection can only be arrived at by a careful study of the turf history of the different strains. Let every horseman entering his horse for a race, state carefully not only the age, sex and color of the horse, but also give

1:44, with light weight, was regarded as a marvel; and when Herzog, the speedy son of Vandal, cut down that record with full weight up, horse men all over the continent were fairly electrified. Year after year the gradual improvement has been going on, a second being knocked off at a time till the great Kentucky champion knocks two seconds off the legitimate record with weights up, and runs a second and a half faster than did the six-year old Kati, who carried only 90 lbs. Such results speak for themselves, and to those who cannot see in them arguments in favor of horse racing and the "time test," we have only to say "we feel sorry for you."

ANOTHER STALLION RACE.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column the Oshawa Driving Park Association purpose giving a stallion race the week following the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race. The continuance of the race will be found in the advertisement, and it will be seen that the sum to be contended for will probably foot up to an amount well worth contenting for. The race is a sweepstake, and it is altogether probable that a good field of horses will answer to the call of the starter. A condition of the race bars the winner of the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race, 1877, but should the winner of this race be entered at Oshawa (as will probably be the case) we presume his money will be refunded when it is found that he has disqualified himself from starting there. That the race will be a decided success there is hardly room to doubt, as two handsome purses hang up for competition in such close proximity to each other, both in respect to time and distance, can hardly fail to act favorably on each other. In contests of this kind the amount of money won is but a small consideration as compared with the value of the reputation gained by horses fortunate enough to be well placed at the finish. Style, pedigree, size and form are all of value, but, after all, it is the capacity for winning which the breeders and trotters look for when selecting a stallion.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR OSHAWA RACES, SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR "SPORTING TIMES" STALLION RACE, TODAY, JUNE 1st.

TWO MORE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.

Louisville has been the scene of two more great turf achievements. On the 28th ult., Mr. Buford's chestnut colt, McWhirter, by Enquirer, out of Ontario, by imp. Bonnie Scotland won the Clark Stakes, a dash of two miles, for three-year-olds, in 3:30, which cuts down the record by two seconds. Previous to this performance the fastest two mile time on record was that of True Blue, who, in 1873 ran as a four-year-old, at Saratoga, with 168 lbs up, in 3:32. A still later despatch caps the climax by saying that on the 29th ult. Ten Broeck ran to beat the fastest two-mile time on record, and beat the wonderful performance of McWhirter on the preceding day by two seconds, accomplishing the two miles in 3:27, five seconds better than True Blue's time at Saratoga. Father Time is apt to

The Oshawa Driving Park Association have changed the programme of their June meeting by substituting a 2:37 trot for the hurdle race, and a half mile heats, Dominion bred race, for the open race on the first day.

Julius Land and Judge Harrison, Mr. Tom Ellis' big team, trotted an exhibition mile at Thorold, on 24th ult., to a 360 pounds top wagon, with top up, driver weighing 216 pounds, in 2:49. So says a correspondent.

Yori Siat struck himself while working the other day, and is now in the vet's hands. It is expected he will be himself again shortly.

Messrs. Quimby & Forbes' headquarters this week are at the Rossin House.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns several reports and considerable correspondence are held over.

Canadian Turf

THE WOODBINE PARK SPRING MEETING.

Owing to the arrival of our time for going to press, we are unable to give anything more than the naked summary of the first day's doings at Woodbine Park this week, but from the great number of the entries made, and the character of the horses brought together, it is safe to predict that it will be one of the most successful, if not indeed, the most successful, race meeting ever held in Canada.

WOODBINE PARK, Toronto, May 30th, 1877.—Purse \$200.—Trotting: 2:40 class; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. \$120, 40, 25, 15.

R Reid's b g Barlow	1 1 1
R Wilson's ch m Tempest	10 2 2
W Kennedy's ch g Avenue Boy	2 7 0
John Mitchell's b m Welland Girl	3 10 5
E A Jones' b g Caractacus	8 9 3
E Dean's b g Hallett	11 5 4
J Bradburn's g g Monk Boy	4 11 0
B Tumbelson's ch g Aurora Boy	6 6 0
John Fleming's ch m Jenny Vincent	7 8 6
John Forbes' ch h Golden Farmer	9 4 0
R C Struson's ch g Nelson Chief	5 3 fell
J Bradburn's b g Black Bear	dr

Time—2:36, 2:34, 2:34.
Same Day—Purse \$250. Running. Mile heats; open to all; Dominion-breds allowed 10 lbs; \$175, 50, 25.

John Forbes' br h Bill Bruce, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Aurora Baby, 110 lbs. Baylock 1 1
Fisher & Carson's b g Maritime, 5 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by imp Saladin, 97 lbs

C Boyle's br m Inspiration, 6 yrs, by Westminster, dam Sophia, 113 lbs. Wise 3 3
Time—1:45, 1:49.

Same Day.—Purse \$200.—Running; for Dominion-bred maidens; dash of 1 1/4 miles. \$150, 30, 20.

C Boyle's br m Sunnyside, 6 yrs, by Touchstone, dam Augusta, 113 lbs. Wise 1
Jas Morgan's b f Amelia, 3 yrs, by Sharpcatcher, dam Lizzie Wright, 87 lbs. Fair 2

C Ray's ch g John, 5 yrs, by Liberty, dam Mary Mac, 107 lbs. Keble 3
W E Owen's ch m Hurricane, 6 yrs, by Thunder, dam Julia Adams, 113 lbs. Clarkin 0

John Griffin's br m Bazona, 5 yrs, by Sir Archie, dam unknown, 107 lbs. Gates 0
Time—2:19.

RACING AT OTTAWA.

A very good afternoon's sport was provided on Queen's Birthday, by A. Todd, the new lessee of Mutua Park. A half-mile race, a trotting race, and a steeplechase open to horses that have been hunted this season with the Ottawa hounds, comprised the bill of fare. The steeplechase, as was expected, proved to be the race of the day. Bay Jack unfortunately took the wrong course, and thus lost his chance of the race. A blanket could have almost covered the three horses as they came flying down the stretch towards

known, 153..... Mr. Giff
F Spark's b m Bonnie Brae, aged, by Sunshine, 165 lbs..... Mr. Sparh
W Brown's gr m White Rose, aged, by Thunder..... Mr. Sparh
*Fell at last hurdle. Will.

RACING AND TROTTERING AT BRAMPTON

There was a very large attendance at the Brampton Driving Park, on the Queen's Birthday. Most of the races were very exciting. From our report it will be seen there was an intentional suppression of time; but a competent turfman held the ticker on the flyers, and has furnished us with the time of several races. If Associations can not use this as a record against the horses, it will at least show to the outside world how fast they were trotting.

BRAMPTON, May 24.—\$100. Trotting. Open to all horses owned in the Counties of Peel and Halton, and Town of Orangeville, harness, "Garafraza." Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness \$55, 25, 10.

Mr White, br m Gertrude	2 3 3 1 1 1
Mr Middleton, g g Grey George	4 1 2 3 1 1
Mr Black's John Ross	3 2 1 2 3 1
Mr Crozier's Black Cloud	
Berlin	1 4 4 4 4 3

Time suppressed.

* Grey George came in first but was set back and the heat given to John Ross.
Private time—2:47, 2:46, 2:46, 2:48, 2:48, 2:46, 2:43.

SAME DAY—\$55. Running. Open to horses owned in the Counties of Peel and Halton and Town of Orangeville, 3-mile heats \$40, 15.

Mr Middleton's Harper, jr	1
Mr Griffin's Bazona	1
Mr Henry's Magnolia	3

Time—1:27, 1:28.

SAME DAY—\$55. Trotting. Open to horses owned in the Counties of Peel and Halton and Towns of Orangeville and Norval, harness, John Ross, Grey George, Lady Morgan, Garafraza. Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness \$55, 15, 5.

Mr Middleton's Jim Christy	1 1 1
Mr Stubb's Billy Hogan	2 1 1
Mr Williamson's Lady Drinkwater	4 1 1
Mr Vogan's Little Fred	3 1 1

Time suppressed.

Private Time—2:52, 2:54, 2:53.

OTTAWA RACES—DOMINION PARK

A successful meeting was held at Ottawa on the Queen's Birthday. The results were as follows:

DOMINION PARK, Ottawa, May 24.—Purse \$120. Trotting; five mile dash, in harness.

Mr Foster's br m Brown Kate	1
Mr Vieux's General of Hall	1
Mr Mackay's Port Boy	1
Mr Larocque's Grey Eagle	1
Mr Foubert's Cumberland Boy	1

Time—16:40.

Purse \$50. Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

Gloucester Boy	1 1 1
Red Stockings	0 0 0
Black Kate	0 0 0

Time—3:15, 3:18, 3:12.

Purse \$— Running; one mile dash.

Bob Logie	1
Cumberland Boy	1
Black Cock	1

Time—2:11.

RACING AND TROTTERING AT MITCHELL

MITCHELL, Ont., May 24.—\$60. Trotting for hack horses, \$30, 20, 10.

J McCrae, wht g Joe	1 1
A Bunyon, b m Bessy Baker	1 1
John Forbes, b m Deceiver	1 1
S E Smith, b m Sam	2
P Nichol, b m Governess	2
John McConnell, ch m Kildare Lass	2

No time.

Same Day.—\$100. Running. \$75, 15, 11
John Forbes, g g General Jobber, 5 yrs, by Beacon
J D Stewart, b m Nellie Stewart, 5 yrs, by