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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Canadagua, N. Y.	July 10 to 12
Sodus, N. Y.	" 10 to 12
Bay City, Mich.	" 10 to 18
Springfield, Mass.	" 10 to 18
Columbus, Ohio.	" 10 to 18
Beacon Park, Boston.	" 17 to 20
Keene, N. H.	" 31 to Aug 2
Hudson, N. Y.	Aug 7 to 9
Amenia, N. Y.	Sept 4 to 7
Pottstown, Pa.	" 11 to 14
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	" 18 to 20
Dover, N. H.	" 18 to 21
Newark, N. Y.	July 17 to 20
Grand Rapids.	" 19 to 22
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter 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
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N. Y.	3d "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "
Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting.	Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Leng Branch, N. J.	June 30 to July 18
Pittsburgh	July 17 to 20
Saratoga, N. Y.	July 21 to Aug 4
Parker City, Pa.	July 31 to Aug 2
Saratoga, N. Y.	Aug 11 to 25

CANADIAN.

Lepine Park, Montreal.	July 10 to 12
Quebec	" 24 to 25
Orangeville	August
Woodbine, Toronto	Sept 6 to 8
Mt. Forest	Sept
Forgus	Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion Race.	Sept
Orangeville (opening)	

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether

associations will, alone and unaided, take hold of this matter; our managers, as a rule, devote their energies to the financial result of their labors as much so as to the improvement of our stock. This latter benefit is considered to be accomplished so far as they are concerned, by giving purses upon which entrance money can be realized, and the little experience our Clubs have had in stake racing is not suggestive of further efforts in that line unless assisted in a direct manner by the breeder. In connection with this question, a very acceptable proposition has been made by a gentleman who is the owner of a thoroughbred horse living not a great distance from Toronto. He proposes to be one of such number as would accept the conditions, who would donate \$100 each as the basis of a stake to be run for in 1880 by the two-year-old colts and fillies got by the horses owned by the gentlemen subscribing the stake. A small sum of entrance and forfeit money might be attached to the conditions of the race, and doubtless the Association, over whose track the race would take place, would add a reasonable amount. He proposes, further, that the stake should be announced this fall, and the entries to close about mid-summer of 1878, the race to take place in the fall of 1880. He would like to hear from the owners of other horses on this matter, and we would be pleased to have them express their views through our columns. In this country there are a large number of finely-bred thoroughbred horses, and if only half-a-dozen owners would entertain this proposition favorably the stake would be one worth contending for, and at the same time would increase the value of eligible youngsters, and add greatly to the reputation of the sires whose progeny might be engaged in the race.

QUESTIONABLE DECISIONS.

When sporting matters are in dispute, a referee is usually found in the person of the editor of some of our leading journals whose columns are devoted to the matter in question. As his rulings are to a great extent looked upon as law, and are quoted as an authority, the greatest care should necessarily be exercised in this department, giving his statement in the fullest sense to the enquirer and not hedging it around with any uncertainty, or mystifying it by omissions. Our attention has been called to this matter by a couple of answers to correspondents noticed the past week or two. Without individualizing their sources we will quote them. The first one is as follows:

Joy, Clearfield, Pa.—What is the fastest time for a running horse for one mile up to present time? What horse, when and where? Ans.—Col. Kelly's celebrated horse Eclipse is said to have run, as near as we can now recall, a mile in one minute on the Epsom Downs. Cannot specify date exactly, but as near as memory serves about 1797.

Here is an answer that would break any sporting man in the world. Eclipse is known to have been a very fast horse, but he or any other horse never arrived at that degree of speed. It seems impossible that such a reply to a query could be given by a paper making a specialty of this department; but there it is. The correct answer would have been—"1:39½, Ten Broeck, at Louisville, Ky., May 24, 1877."

The second one is here given:—
Runxra, Yonkers.—Please oblige a reader of your paper, by stating the fastest time on record, of a mile run by any person. Answer.—Four minutes.

This is to a certain extent correct, but there is a serious omission. The mile in four minutes was run in four starts of a quarter of a mile each, with a rest between each trial.

while Monk Boy, of St. Catharines, captured the 2:40 race after eight heats had been trotted.

"Two stallions, George Brown and Dominion Conqueror, got together in a stable yard at Bluevale, Ont., the other day, and fought. The thigh bone of George Brown, about four inches from the stifle joint, was broken by a kick from the other horse, and he had to be killed. He was owned by Messrs. Hay & Rolls, of Listowel." The George Brown referred to in the paragraph is, in all probability, the well-known Royal George stallion of that name by the old Dougherty Horse, out of the running mare Mischief, by Wagner, and was formerly owned by Mr. John McDougall, of Waterloo, now of Galt, Ont.

G. W. Bowen, Paris, Kentucky, has sold to C. J. Alloway, Montreal, Canada, the bay gelding, Tom Miller, five years old, by Colossus, Jr., dam by imp. Knight of St. George.

Frequent notices have appeared in this paper of a big team of trotters owned by Mr. Thos. Ellis, of Clifton, Ont. He has lately sold them to Mr. Ensign, of Cleveland, Ohio; the consideration being \$8,000.

England is beginning to appreciate American horses. At the sale of Mr. Sanford's yearlings, on June 28, in Kentucky, two colts and two fillies were bought by an agent of the Duke of Hamilton, who purchased Preakness some time ago. The Duke will probably enter the colts for the Derby and the fillies for the Oaks for 1879.

It is reported that the trotting horse Butcher Boy died while on his way from Hamilton to St. Catharines a week or so ago. He was taken sick at Beamsville, and before medical aid could be procured died on the road side.

A match has been made between Mr. Remblar Paul and Mr. Joseph Duggan, both of this city, the former backing his young horse St. Paul to beat 2:35 over Woodbine early in September. The financial result will be to make one or the other of them \$200 short.

The race between Smuggler and Great Eastern at Beacon Park, Boston, on June 29, was won by the stallion, Great Eastern taking the first heat. The best time was 2:19½.

Last week Mr. Hugh McDonald of Tuckersmith, had a horse killed by lightning. It was a fine animal, being valued at \$200, and was quite a promising trotter.

In a five-year-old race at Lexington, Ky., last week, Woodford Chief distanced the field in the first heat. This was a terrible upset for the pool-sellers, as all pools had been sold with Woodford Chief barred, consequently there was no action, there being no rank between horses distanced in the same heat, and the money had to be paid back.

By our report of the Kentville, N. S. Races it will be seen that the stallion, Frank Allison, formerly owned by Hon. C. I. Douglas, of Oak Ridge, Ont., won the 2:50 race at the place. Frank Allison has a record of 2:36, and it is rather surprising to see him in such slow company. Will Mr. Mahon, his owner, rise and explain.

A gentleman in Montreal, thoroughly posted in the horse exporting trade, informs us in respect to a paragraph which appeared in the SPORTING TIMES having reference to the bogus sale of horses which were intended for the old country market. In that item it was intimated it was a common practice to "ring-in" worthless and unsound horses to

we have a horse in Ontario, Meteor by Asteroid, dam Maria Innis, who won the same race in 1872 in the same time as Baden-Baden's on Saturday, 2:40½, the fastest it has ever been run in.

Lady Thorn died at the Fashion Stud Farm on Saturday last, of inflammation of the bowels.

Our Hamilton correspondent says, "for the excellent order which prevailed at the races much praise is merited by Mr. Owen Nowlan, who filled the position of clerk of the track."

Orrin Hikok has written a letter, explaining the true inwardness of the hippodrome trots in California between Goldsmith Maid and Rarus. The race which Rarus won was a job, and Hikok gives the names of those who profited by it.

The Turf, Field and Farm says:—"Mr. E. Lewis, better known as Bolly, the eloquent and princely, has reformed. At least he has cut the acquaintance of the tiger. He will soon shake the dust of Cincinnati from his feet and go into the hotel business at Jacksonville, Fla. He knows how to play the host, having been in the hotel business before trying speculation on the green cloth, and it is predicted that he will meet with great success in Jacksonville."

Rarus trotted a heat against time at Jackson, Mich., on the 29th ult., and stopped the ticker at 2:17½, which is very fast for a half-mile track. The grey gelding, Hopeful, cracked in a heat at Fleetwood, N. Y., last week, in 2:18½, which, the Herald thinks, is as good as 1:14 at Mystic or Rochester. If the Maid, Hopeful and Rarus should meet in a race this summer, which is altogether likely, good day and good track, there is every probability that Father Time will have to change his figures.

Mr. E. E. Jones, a newspaper man, at one time connected with the Spirit of the Times, under Porter's management, died at Nashville, Tenn., 26th ult., aged 64.

Eph Holland, a prominent sporting man, for procuring illegal votes at the October election at Cincinnati, has been sentenced to thirteen months in the penitentiary.

The Syracuse, N. Y., Driving Park Association have suspended Mr. E. A. Jones, of Toronto, and the bay gelding Caractacus, for non-payment of entrance money.

The Montreal Horse Market of last week is reported as follows:—"No business worth mentioning is transpiring in the local trade, the bulk of transactions being confined to the export of Upper Canada horses to England and the States. Fifty horses have been shipped from the American House to the States this week, and 44 more are ready for shipment to England. The steamer Dominion, of the Dominion line, takes out 56 horses for Liverpool. American buyers are still on the market, but are not paying the prices they were a few weeks ago, sellers and buyers views being too far apart."

On Monday, Mr. George Wright, of Watford, left there with seventeen horses for the English market. They are all fine animals. This is his third trip with horses to England.

Canadian Turf

OTTAWA RACES.

The Dominion Track-races came off on Wednesday and Thursday, June 27th and 28th, but nothing like the success attended the meeting which was expected from the bill of fare, which was undoubtedly a good one.

trotting in under the wire in 2:40½; Ch. Hill 2nd, and Captain Webb 8rd.

SECOND HEAT.—Maud again got off to a good start, and never being headed came in an easy winner in 2:35½.

THIRD HEAT.—Maud went off in her old style, leading for three-quarters of a mile, when Belle of Montreal came to the front; but losing her feet Maud soon took first place again; the Captain pressing her closely up the homestretch, but not being able to overhaul her she trotted to the string in 2:34.

The Sporting Times Stallion Race will be eagerly looked forward to by the sporting fraternity of Ottawa, as from the manner in which Captain Webb moved in this race, it is thought he will be hard to beat.

Same Day.—\$300. Trotting; 2:30 class. \$200, 70, 80.

J Edgehill, Adams, N.Y., ch g Frank Munson	1 0 1 1
W H Conant, Oshawa, ch g Woodstock	2 0 2 1
H W Brown, Prescott, br g Hiram Woodruff	3 3 4 1
E Plante, Montreal, ch m Village Girl	4 4 3 4
R Read Cobourg, b g Barlow	5 draw
Time—2:33, 2:31½, 2:31, 2:33.	

In the pools Munson sold favorite, Woodstock second, the balance in the field.

FIRST HEAT.—Munson got off with a slight advantage; Woodstock, however, soon went to the front, Hiram Woodruff third. In this order they went to the three-quarter pole, when Munson, gaining on his opponent, captured him a few yards from the wire taking the heat in 2:33, Hiram Woodruff third, Village Girl fourth.

SECOND HEAT.—Barlow was withdrawn, leaving the quarto to trot the race out. Munson was entitled to the pole, but Woodstock occupied his position, and at the word "go" the latter got off with the lead, which he maintained till a few lengths from the judges' stand, when Munson came up alongside him, the judges deciding it a dead heat, Hiram Woodruff third.

THIRD HEAT.—Owing to Munson having lost a shoe, nearly an hour elapsed before a start was effected. Woodstock and Munson got away together, the latter getting to the string in 2:34, Woodstock second, Woodruff third.

FOURTH HEAT.—The driver of Woodstock not satisfying the judges, a fresh one was substituted, but only with the previous results, Munson winning in 2:33.

This ended the first day's racing. Very little money changed hands and instead of the excitement usually seen on a racetrack, everything was as quiet as it is possible for words to describe.

Owing to the unfavorable state of the weather, many were deterred from visiting the races the second day.

June 28.—\$400. Trotting. Free-for-all; \$200, 100, 50.

J P Wiser, b h Phil Sheridan	1 1 1
W H Conant, ch g Woodstock	2 4 3
H Van Valkenburg, Ogdensburg, N.Y., gr g Capt Smith	3 3 1
J Edgehill, b g Proctor	4 3 4
S Plante, ch m Village Girl	dr

Time—2:30, 2:30½, 2:29.

In the pools Phil sold first choice, Woodstock second. The race was an easy victory, however, for Mr. Wiser's horse, he winning in three straight heats.

Same Day.—\$100. Running. Open to all; mile heats. Dominion broke allowed 10 lbs; \$75, 25.

John Lawlor, Montreal, b h Aerolite, aged by Asteroid, dam Edith	1 1 1
John Fitzsimmons, Ottawa, br h The Squire, (for Gopher), aged, by King Lear, dam Goneril	2 4 3
E Cheynir, Ottawa, br g Rover, by Rover	3 3 1
John McNaughton, Montreal, b h Bombardier, 8 yrs, by Baywood, dam Goneril	4 3 4

Time—1:52.

Prof. Grimley, of New York, will make an ascension in his balloon this afternoon.

Dominion day is being celebrated in good style here, and many strangers are present. It with feelings of deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Sherwood of this city. For many years past Mr. Sherwood has been known on the turf as a man of honest and upright principles, his last representative being Carleton who led the way to victory on several occasions in 1878. He had in his stable, at the time of his death, a very promising 8-year-old which, no doubt, would have appeared on the turf the coming fall. But alas! time or tide waits for no man.