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### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

#### AMERICAN.

Chesler Park, Cincinnati	July 11 to 14
Newark, N. Y.	July 12 to 16
Chicago, Ill.	July 18 to 21
Cleveland, O.	July 25 to 28
Saratoga	Aug.
Freeport, Ill.	Aug. 8 to 11
Indianapolis	1st week in Aug
Rochester	2nd " "
Utica	3rd " "
Mendota, Ill.	3rd " "
Longhketpsie, N. Y.	4th " "
Warville, Ill.	4th " "
Warwick, N. Y.	August 15 to 17
Lewiston, Me.	" 15 to 18
Gardiner, Me.	" 22 to 25
Pont Breze (Running)	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Springfield, Mass.	Sept. 5 to 8
Myrtle Park, Boston	Sept. 12 to 15
Jerome Park (Running)	Sept. 30 to Oct. 14
Am. Jockey Club, N. Y. (alter- nate days)	Oct. 8 to 14
Washington, D.C. (Running)	Oct. 24 to 27

#### CANADIAN.

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

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### 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 official 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 flat.

meant to give fair play on an equitable basis. Either of the above classes is not required in the position, and the sooner competency and honesty supplant ignorance and fraud, then so much better will it be for all whose interests are at all affected by the welfare of the turf.

### AN OLD GAME.

During the races on Dominion Day the horses of the various classes were pretty well split up, some going to one place, some to another, wherever it was thought their chances were the best. To this, of course, no exception can be taken; it is the right of every horse owner to place his entry where it will do the most good. However desirable it might have been to have had the horses centred in a few prominent localities it was found to be an impossibility. But there is one thing to which we have a right to object and that is sneaking horses away and trotting or running them in strange places under false names or out of their class. Attention was drawn to the brown gelding Datchman being rung in at Ayr in the 2:60 class, and winning the money. Aurora was favored with another of those smart fellows who had the fleet half-miler Hemisphero in charge. There he was entered in the half-mile heat race for hacks; which, of itself, would have been quite a stretch of the interpretation of the word; but this was not sufficient, his identity must be destroyed, therefore his name was changed to Little Joe. It did not prove such a soft spot for the son of Harper as was imagined; however, he won the race and his manager got away with the money. It is a great pity there is not some means to reach this unscrupulous class of turf bar-nacles, but the manner in which our racing affairs are managed permits them to go scot free. A properly organized Dominion Turf Association would make these games extremely dangerous to their promoters, as a horse that was once discovered at such a tick 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 departures 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, 1873, and by Katie Pease, at Buffalo, in September, 1874—both, however, being ridden out, and carrying, in the first case, only 105 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 Gladiator, 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

how long it would have taken him to run two miles at the same pace in which the mile and seven furlongs was covered, when the time test will be found to be not so flattering to old country horses, leaving Kisber about three seconds behind True Blue's time. Such trustworthy information in a leading public journal is liable to create mischief, as their readers who are not posted in turf matters would be very likely to accept their published statement as correct, and form their conclusions accordingly. "A little learning is a dangerous thing" as much in turf matters as anywhere else; and the next time our spirited evening contemporary attempts to dabble in matters outside his legitimate field it is hoped he will follow a maxim of the late Mr. Crockett—First be sure you are right, then go ahead. We trust amateur sportsmen will stop blowing about time now! *Ne sutor ultra crepidam.*

### WOODBINE SPECIAL MEETING.

Our city readers will no doubt have observed the date of the Woodbine Special Meeting on Saturday afternoon next. A fine afternoon's programme of sport has been prepared, and if the weather should prove favorable a large attendance and lots of fun may be anticipated. The entry list is sure to be large, and good racing may be looked for. The track is in very fine condition, and the beautiful drive on the Kingston road with the healthy stimulant of four races in one afternoon will prove an attraction, which few will resist, to visit Woodbine next Saturday (to-morrow) afternoon.

### Sporting Gossip.

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.

was lost by the association, Mr. Bruce has nothing in the world to do with the management; is not a member of the association, but simply the recorder of its transactions, and could neither take on himself the blame of a failure, nor the credit of a success. The officers of the association refused to accept Mr. Bruce's resignation, and we trust those papers who gave currency to the above report will copy this correction."

### Canadian Turf.

#### MONTREAL RACES.

Last week we gave a summary of the first day's proceedings at the Fashion Course, Blue Bonnets. To-day we are enabled, through the courtesy of the secretary, to give the second day's racing.

The attendance was light, owing to a heavy rain in the morning which made it uncertain whether the races would take place. It is a matter for great regret that more encouragement is not given to the popular lessees of this course, Messrs. Quinn & Carson, by the patrons of the turf in Montreal. These gentlemen have spent a large sum in providing an excellent race ground, and have been most liberal in giving purses to be competed for, but without evoking a corresponding response from those who should aid them in keeping up the meeting and making it a credit to the city. So far, we believe, the lessees are largely out of pocket, and henceforth will decline to carry on the meeting on their own account. However, in true sportsmanlike style, they will second any well-directed efforts that may be made for resuscitating the races, and the course will be at the disposal of the Turf Club, or any other respectable organization that may be formed for making the races here what they should be—a credit to Montreal. We have no doubt if a company took the matter in hand that a fall meeting could be gotten up that would enlist support and bring not only a large number of good horses, but many strangers to the city. The hotel keepers should move in this matter.

For the 2½ mile dash Moonbeam was the favorite. Katie Pease 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 Iney 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 5 lbs. \$175, 25.

F Martin, Toronto, ch g Pilot, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs.... Gates 1  
J Lannan, br g Maritime, 4 yrs, by Jack Lane, dam by imp Sambo, 101 lbs..... 2  
..... 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 in 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..... 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  
Mr Bonilton, gr f by Thunder..... 1 3 3  
Mr Fisher, b f Black Bess, sire and dam unknown..... 2 2 2

No time.

The Steeplechase did not fill.

erect sufficient stabling to comfortably accommodate any number of horses that may ever be reasonably looked for at a meeting there. The view of the track is unobstructed from almost any point within the enclosure. Mr. Conant is entitled to much credit for the enterprise he has displayed in thus, single-handed, building such a complete track, and without any outside assistance giving and running a race meeting like that of last week.

The races for the first day consisted of a Dominion-bred race, mile heats, three minute trot, and an open running race, mile heats. The latter did not fill, and the Local trot due the next day called instead. The weather proved favorable, the entries were good, and consequently the attendance was flattering to the manager. John A. secured an unlooked-for victory over St. George in the three minute trot, which can only be accounted for by the English Knight being considerably off. At all events St. George disappointed his backers sorely, and is another illustration of the uncertainty of racing. In the mile heat race Islander was the lucky one. He captured the first heat, being closely pressed by Maritime; but in the second was led under the wire by Pilot, who, unfortunately for his supporters, was disqualified for coming out short of weight, and the heat and race given to the little Blue Noss equine. Two heats of the Local trot were got off, Shamrock and Annie Kelly each being credited with one, when it was adjourned over until Friday. Great confusion was caused by the inability of the Judges to give satisfactory decisions, and the amount of kicking at their rulings was fearful. A delay of considerably over an hour took place in waiting for their ruling on the running race, when a moment's reference to the Dominion Rules would have settled the question beyond dispute.

On Friday, the first event called up was the adjourned trot Shamrock captured the first heat. In the fourth Bob Read handled the ribbons over Annie Kelly, and was successful in winning the two final heats, amid boisterous cheering from the friends of the gentle Annie. The track was quite wet and slippery from a heavy shower of rain which fell during the morning. The attendance, 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 out on 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 bag 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 Ethan, 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 Bar-