

during a period of many years, operated upon a great number of dogs, and I never to my knowledge killed a dog by so doing. And I can truly say, that I have never known a dog whose habits were not materially improved by the operation. I think they will last longer and do better service." On being interrogated, he states further, that he never has known a dog operated upon to have hydrophobia or to engage to engage in killing sheen. Not because such a dog might not contract hydrophobia the same as another if bitten by a rabid animal, but he is not so apt to associate with other dogs, hence his chances for taking the disease are reduced to a minimum.

Mr. Darwin in his *Researches into Natural History*, tells us that in the *Banda Oriental*, in South America, it is a common thing to see flocks of sheep guarded by one or two dogs at a distance of some miles from any house. After describing the method of training the dogs to perform this service, he goes on to say: "The puppy is moreover, generally castrated, so that when grown up it can scarcely have any feeling in common with the rest of its kind. From this education it has no wish to leave the flock, and just as another dog will defend his master, man, so will this the sheep."

The statement made above, that the raids upon sheep and other defenceless animals are made only by the male canine, is corroborated by the testimony of Mr. Wm. A. Conkling, Superintendent of the Zoological Department of Central Park, New York. When these marauders frequent in greater numbers than usual the enclosure where deer and certain other animals are kept, an attempt to abate the nuisance is sometimes made by poisoning the offenders. Among the dead bodies found afterwards lying about, Mr. Conkling states that he has never yet found a bitch.

To the reasons already urged we might add further, that in the emasculated condition he makes a less objectionable house pet, and is in this respect far superior to the bitch. He will also live to a greater age. Obscene street scenes would be avoided. There is a law to prevent stallions and rams from going at large. In the interests of decency the same law should, we think, be extended also to the dog, if the other sufficient reasons which have above been urged do not prevail.

It will be seen that Dr. Hadden very clearly proves that the male is the sex to be looked after by the law and not the female, and when such is the case it does seem anomalous that the greater offender should be the one least affected by the law. Sheep-killing is an offence not uncommon in Canada by any means, and it is only a few days since Mr. Isaac Barnum lost thirty sheep from that cause, while another farmer in Thur low had three wounded. It would be very desirable if any person having any knowledge of who the culprits were in these cases would publish their information in order that if the views of Dr. Hadden are upheld, dogs may not get off quite so easily as the proposers of the amendment, now being signed, recommend.

#### KENNEL NOTES.

Notices of Visits, Births, and Sales are inserted free if sent by advertisers or subscribers.

#### VISITS.

May 21 and 22, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. W. H. Pierce's Gordon setter Jennie to Dr. Aten's Glen.

May 24 and 25, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. W. H. Pierce's Gordon setter Fannie to Dr. Aten's Glen.

May 8 and 11, at Albany, N. Y., Mr. W. H. Pierce's Irish setter Gussie to Mr. W. N. Callender's champion Rory O'More.

June 5, at Elizabeth, N. J., U. S., Mr. John W. Burgess of Orange, N. J., imported Scotch Collie Flora to Mr. W. Lindsay's imported Rex, winner of 1st prize, New York, 1880.

June — at Hillsdale, Mich., Dr. T. C. Moddax's Blond II. to Mr. Arnold Burgess' Druid.

#### BIRTHS.

Mr. C. F. Stevens' Eclipse has whelped eight pups to Mr. Arnold Burgess' Druid.

May 31, at Albany, N. Y., Mr. W. N. Callender's Queen Bass, nine puppies—five dogs—by his Champion Rory O'More.

#### PURCHASES.

Mr. W. B. Wells, Jr., of Chatham, has sold his setter bitch Dido, by Druid—Star, to Mr. J. O. Donner, of New York.

Mr. E. A. Godefroy, of Neversink Kennels, has purchased from Mr. C. S. Keller, of Washington D. C., the white and black pointer dog Plato.

Mr. C. S. Keller, of Washington, D. C., has purchased from Mr. E. A. Godefroy, of Neversink Kennels, the Irish setter puppy, Boreen, by Rover II—Moya.

H. B. Harrison, of Tilsonburg, Ont., has imported from the kennel of J. C. Higgins, of Delaware City, Del., English setter puppy Foreman, by Dashing Monarch—Fairy II. This puppy is well marked, black, white and tan ticked, and ought to turn out well if pedigree can do it, and we are to be congratulated on having such dogs imported to improve our natives. Mr. Harrison is removing his kennel of Laveracks from London to Tilsonburg, where he may be heard from.

#### DEATHS.

Mr. E. W. Harris had the misfortune to lose, by an accident, his beautiful Gordon setter Bob. This was a most promising young dog, purchased from Dr. Niven. A railway train cut him in pieces.

Mr. A. H. Moore, of Philadelphia, Pa., has engaged E. S. Wannaker, of Cool Spring, N. C., as field trainer for the Moorefield Kennels.

ANOTHER DOG SHOW.—The *Hamilton Spectator* thinks if the dog show proposed to be held in connection with the Industrial Exhibition can be managed, there is no reason why the dog owners and fanciers of Hamilton cannot organize one for the Provincial Exhibition week.

Mr. J. Douglas, Toronto, thinks his late purchase, a red Irish setter puppy, is a little better than any other man's. He will get a chance of proving this if the proposed dog show comes to anything. It is a very good one, as it should be, considering the price Mr. Douglas paid for it.

#### HORSE BREEDING.

To the Editor of *Town and Country*:

Sir,—It must be evident to every thinking man in Ontario that stock raising must be followed up to make farming pay in Ontario. In a very few years the great North-West will be the wheat producing country of the world, and many of our farmers being already alive to this fact, are to some extent giving more of their attention to the class of cattle they raise than they have been in the habit of doing heretofore. Breeding of horses, if only properly attended to, will be also found to be most profitable if parties will only be particular in the stock they breed from, and do not as they have been too much in the habit of doing using every scrub of a horse that goes the road.

To secure the best paying breeds, care must be taken on both sides, and not as it is too often the case when a mare turns out useless on the farm, "Oh, well," the owner says, "she will do to breed from."

Is it not often the case we get the best stock on on the dam's side.

Only see from a list of prices of racing stock in England yearlings bringing from \$7,000 to \$11,000, not hundreds, which would satisfy our Canadian farmers, but thousands, and why should we not take the hint and raise them. The English market and the American market is open to us. For a good class and a well bred horse, however, the farmer has seldom to go from his own stable door for a purchaser.

There may be various opinions about racing, but it is a great means of bringing out the most valuable animals in any country, and while we see in almost every direction, attention given by all lovers of horses, Toronto is singularly behind in this respect, and if the citizens will still frown down racing let the Agricultural Societies offer handsome prizes which will have the effect of directing the attention of farmers and breeders to produce better horses.

This is well worthy the attention also of the Agricultural Commission lately formed by the Ontario Government, and we hope to see liberal prizes offered by this department for a good breed of horses.—BREKDER.

#### Athletics.

##### BANK ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon a most enjoyable programme was provided for the lovers of athletics by the Bank Athletic Club on the grounds of the Toronto Lacrosse Club. Fully 500 persons were on the grounds, and as may easily be understood the class of visitors was the best Toronto can produce; a very large proportion being ladies, who, without a word of flattery, were as conspicuous for beauty as for taste in dress. An athletic meeting without a good attendance of the fair sex always seems to us a very insipid affair something like a garden devoid of flowers, the attraction to the eye being wanting which pleases, even if one has not time for critical examination and admiration. It is hardly too much to say that the healthy condition of athletics in England and the United States is due to the family interest that is engendered and fostered by the presence of mothers and sisters, particularly some other fellow's sister at the sports, and if Canadian athletic clubs can only imitate older associations in that respect they will do much to cultivate a taste for athletics. The afternoon was warm and close, and before the close a slight thunder shower which caused a clearance of the stands many having ere that taken the precaution of leaving the grounds. The events to be decided were mainly confined to Bank employees the open races being 100 yards, quarter mile and a mile, and in the majority of them the competitions was close and excited plouty of interest. We think that without doing any harm the officers of the day might be selected more on account of their knowledge of the laws and practice of athletics than was the case on this occasion, still it cannot be alleged that any grievous harm was done. In the open hundred a start, or rather a false start, was made, some of the men getting the jump of the pistol, the starter immediately calling them back. His doing so overruled the firing of the pistol, but the committee not feeling certain what to do let it go as a race. The trouble was not the fault of Mr. Powell who officiated as starter, but was entirely due to the continued breaking away of some of the runners, and, after that, he gave notice that he would penalize men who went over the mark. This had the desired effect and the remainder of the starts were excellent. In the two mile-walk—a funeral procession according to the time test—the judges were not in these places with the tape, so unfortunately, Mr. Armstrong missed the benefit of his coming in a good foot in front of his opponent for a cry of "dead heat" was raised by those not opposite the finish and that was the official verdict recorded. Arthurs ran a very good quarter, and Auldjo surprised those who knew he was anything but fit, by making such a good race with MacLean in the open mile, both just beating five minutes. The officers were Mr. W. D. Powell, starter; Mr. D. R. Wilkie and Mr. L. H. Robertson, Judges; Mr. Brodie, referee; and Mr. W. J. Tulby, clerk of the course. The times given were taken by Mr. Massey of the Lacrosse Club, in conjunction with our representative who used an Aiburndale Chronograph. Details:—

Throwing Cricket Ball—J. Fraser, Toronto Bank, Cobourg, 94½ yds, 1; R. C. W. Connally, Commerce, 2.

100 yards race—W. DeBlanchiere, Montreal, 1; G. R. Hargraft, Toronto, 2; E. Crickmore, Dominion, 3; J. Fraser, Toronto, 0. Won cleverly by a foot, a yard and a half between second and third. Time 10½ sec.

Running high Jump—J. Alley, Federal, 4ft, 5in, 1; J. Fraser, Toronto, 2; E. Hughes, Ontario, 3.

100 yards open to all—W. T. Arthurs 1, G. F. MacGregor 2, J. Newell 3, W. DeBlanchiere 0, W. Rankin 0, E. G. Gurney 0. Arthurs and Macgregor got the better of the pistol and were never caught. Time 10 2-5 sec from the flag.

Quarter mile Race—E. Crickmore, Dominion, 1; W. DeBlanchiere, Montreal, 2; G. R. Hargraft, Toronto, 3; A. W. Stewart, Ontario, 0; DeBlanchiere led off, but halfway round the lower turn Crickmore raced up alongside, and then on the backstretch came away with a commanding lead which he held throughout, winning by ten yards from DeBlanchiere; Hargraft third, five yards behind.

Wide Jump—J. Fraser, Toronto, 17ft. 4in., 1; C. Borland, Ontario, 2.

Two-mile walk.—C. W. Armstrong, Federal, and G. Tempest, Ontario, were placed equal, but Armstrong certainly won by a foot, and was decidedly the better walker of the pair. The time made is the best gauge of the merits of both, one mile 10 min. 24 sec., two miles 20 min. 5 sec.

Messengers' Race.—T. Blackwell, Federal, 1, W. Chapman, Ontario, 2. Won by twenty yards. Time 67½ sec.

Half mile—A. W. Stewart, Ontario, 1, A. G. Ross, Montreal, 2, Geo. Kerr, Montreal, 3, R. Bethune, Merchants, 0. Kerr took up the running and had a five yard lead of Bethune at the turn, the latter closed up at the quarter and took the lead. Going up the hill again Stewart ran past his men and Ross to second place. This order remained unchanged Stewart winning by