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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Oshawa.....May 24
Clinton.....May 23 to 24

ICE MEETINGS.

Ottawa.....Jan 12
Ottawa (regular).....Feb. 12 to 16

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Charleston, S. C.....Feb 5 to 9
St Louis, Mo.....June 4 to 8

TROTTING

Freeport, Ill.....May 30 to June 2
Prophetstown, Ill.....June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.....June 4 to 7
Grand Rapids, Mich.....June 18 to 21
Detroit, Mich.....July 2 to 7
Clyde, N. Y.....July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio.....July 3 to 5
Toledo, O.....July 16 to 19
Cleveland, O.....July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y.....July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill.....Aug 1 to 4
Rochester, N. Y.....Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill.....Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y.....Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass.....Aug 20 to 23
Earlville, Ill.....Aug 20 to 23
Mystic Park, Boston.....Sept 3 to 6

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Those who are indebted for over a year will, we hope, see the necessity of prompt payment. The terms of subscription are in advance, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illly repaid when we receive an excuse instead of the money, and have the cost of sending and returning the draft to pay besides. It is our intention to collect this money, and if subscribers in arrears will not recognize our drafts, we will be obliged to proceed in a more unpleasant and costly way.

THE WINTER CAMPAIGN.

The change of temperature the last week has set the managers of winter meetings to work. The first to come to the front is the Ottawa Association, who announce their dates in to-day's paper. Our friends in the north are already making preparations for their ice gatherings, which the visit of Jack Frost has made practicable. There is quite a number of horses in the country who will take part in the forthcoming races, and our advices from the other side lead us to believe that we will be favored with a large delegation from the States, where they appear to have only woken up to the importance of winter racing in Canada. It is almost unnecessary to speak of the caution that should be exercised to prevent a clashing of dates in neighboring localities. We know with the short season an absence of simultaneous meetings is almost impossible to expect; but this evil may be greatly avoided by a series of circuits having some leading place as a centre. At the best of times ice races are of the most remunerative, and no chance should be overlooked to give both associations and horsemen every facility to see themselves out. No means should be spared to make horses trot in their proper classes; the bane of winter trotting being the "ringer" question. It would not be asking too much that owners should furnish evidence of the identity and eligibility of their nominations; and even if some doubtful one should get the worst of it, the larger interest would be protected. Another matter which has been frequently overlooked before, has been the timely announcement of dates selected for our ice races. Too much publicity can hardly be given. The *SPORTING TIMES* is the official organ of communication between horsemen and associations in this country, and a notice in its columns will reach all parts of the country. We are aware the financial resources of ice gatherings as a usual thing are not too plethoric, and therefore would counsel no ostentatious displays. Where an association does not feel warranted in publishing their programme, an intimation conveying the dates and amount of purses would answer a good purpose; but at all events, notice should be sent us of the dates and they will be placed under our "Dates Claimed" heading, gratis, for the good of the cause. We will do our best for all the winter associations, and only ask them in return to do their best for us.

SINGLE SCULLS.

Notwithstanding the talk about the Trickett-Courtney match, there is a suspicion of uncertainty about the affair which is difficult to understand. Mr. Punch, the manager of Trickett in Australia, writes the *London Sportsman*, to the effect that it is not Trickett's intention to leave the colony again until such time as some one from abroad appears there to wrest his laurels from him. Further, up to this week, the *New York*

once so reasonable and correct as to produce a revolution of popular feeling in his favor, the result of which has been that justice has been done to the Canadian oarsman. Now this blot has been removed from Haulan's character, his record is clear and unimpeachable, and with the experience he has acquired since then we have every reason to believe that he will not again give any body or person an opportunity to cast dirt at him. We are pleased to chronicle the action of the Boston authorities, and although justice has been tardy, it has at last been done.

A telegraphic despatch to the newspapers states that Plaisted is willing to row any man in America, bar Courtney and Ross, Haulan preferred. Of all the knughts of the oar in the country, Plaisted is the one Haulan should feel the most pleasure in meeting, and there can be no doubt but that sculler can have a match on with the Canadian on almost his own terms, when he makes his wants known in the proper way and through some recognized channel. "Talk is cheap, but he takes money," &c.

In another column we give an article from the *New York Turf, Field and Farm* on the situation. It does not entertain a very high opinion of our champion, and classes him among the minor ones. It is difficult to see on what basis the writer forms his conclusions. In 1876, Haulan showed himself to be the best professional oarsman in America; and last year easily beat Ross, who a short time before had rowed Plaisted to a stand still. Haulan's eastern performances, as a test of merit, should go for naught. He was out of all condition, and although fast enough at first and feeling well, could not go the trip, not to speak of the annoyances to which he was subjected in the races in which he was beaten. Before the season of 1878 is over, be it remembered that the music of the Turf, Field and Farm in sounding Haulan's praises will be transposed from a minor to a major key.

Sporting Gossip.

The trotting mare Tempest will be disposed of at Frank Martin's Turf Club House, on Tuesday evening next. See advertisement.

Mr. Geo. Winks, of Montreal, the owner of probably the fastest trotting team in Canada, telegraphs from England that his firm is not insolvent, and that his credit has been hurt by the false reports.

There was one call made on New-Year's day, which created quite a stir in a certain circle. It was made by a man who learned for the first time, the old, old story, that three of a kind are better than two pair.

Mr. W. O. McKay, secretary of the Dominion Driving Park, Ottawa, contributed \$20 worth of bread tickets towards the city poor, and placed them in the hands of the city police for distribution.

It is proposed to present the skeleton of Flora Temple to the Smithsonian Institute for preservation. The skeleton of the mighty Lexington is already there.

A correspondent informs us that the grey gelding Detective, mentioned in our Leslieville communication last week, is not by Godfrey's Patchen as stated therein, but by Edwin Forrest, a son of Kentucky Hunter. The firm of which Mr. P. Lorillard, the owner of Parole, is the senior member, paid to the United States Government in 1877, as a revenue tax on manufactured tobacco, the enormous sum of \$4,000,000.

Mr. Daniel Campen, of Detroit, has purchased the chestnut mare Utica, from M. Leach of Pontiac, Mich. It is said she can beat 2:40 handily enough.

weeks numerous enquires have been received respecting where equine stock of that character could be obtained.

Wallace's Monthly for January contains a fine portrait of Mr. J. P. Wiser, proprietor of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., and cuts of Phil Sheridan, Rydyk, and Chestnut Hill, with a description of the farm and stock.

Having been favored with snow, the roads are now in such condition that fast work can be given to the horses. In a short time they will be in condition to take part in the ice meetings.

The regular winter meeting will be held at Ottawa on Feb. 12, 13, 15, 16. The track has been named Crystal Park, and said to be in first-class condition. The programme will probably appear next week.

By an advertisement it will be seen that Woodbine Park, Toronto, will be leased for a term of years reasonably.

Mr. Pat. Davey, the well-known driver, has returned from the Western States to Toronto for the winter campaign.

Correspondence.

FROM BRADFORD.

To Editor of *Sporting Times*:

SIR,—I see accounts of trotters from all over in your valuable paper, but not a word as yet from our town, which I think deserves some mention, as we have some good ones here. If you consider the following worth a place in your columns, please insert; if it is not, your waste basket is no doubt very capacious. Well, Bradford is all horse just now, and all waiting for snow to test their speed. Will. R. Bingham bought last week or an American party, the chestnut col Handsome John, price paid for colt and harness \$1,010; he is 15 hands 2½ in. high, short back, good sloping shoulders, very long quarters, plenty of bone and a splendid stifle—in all, he is one of the strongest built horses I ever seen. He is the same colt that trotted a full mile at Bell Ewart ice races last winter, in three-year-old form, with comparatively no training whatever, in 2:42½. Since then he has never had a harness on until he was delivered to Mr. Bingham, and he says he drove him a quarter of a mile the first time harness had been him for nine months as fast as his bay horse Venture could trot. He was sired by Wilson's Whirlwind, and his dam is a fast pacing mare brought from Lower Canada by Mr. Bowman.

As yesterday was New Year's day, I took notice of some of the horse flesh owners here. Will. R. Bingham was out behind Will. R., and I think any one that will give him the go-by this winter will have to beat 35.

Dr. Morton's driving Day about, a chestnut, sired by Extra; and his gray mare Plover, both looking well.

Jas. Boddy is working a very handsome four-year-old, which he calls Bay Eagle sired by Grey Eagle, a good mover but a bad actor in company; but Jimmy thinks before warm weather comes he will be up in front some place.

W. W. Ellis is roading the milk-white stallion Harry Clark, said to be of Messenger blood; very handsome. He intends taking him to Chicago in the spring.

Next comes John Boddy, Jr., behind the bay mare Panic, looking as fine as silk, and when John says "look out I am after you," it takes quite a trotter to keep out of his way.

Lew Algeo, our livery man, is driving a very handsome pair of clipped bays, stylish

is a good bay, foaled in 1874, by Idol, a son of Mambrino Chief; dam Lady Patchen, by Geo. M. Patchen; 2nd dam Long Island Maid, by Montauk, son of Cassius M. Clay. She was bred by Mr. W. H. Peck, of Hartford, Conn.; and was foaled the property of Mr. Wiser. She is a very promising filly, and has trotted and can trot her mile in 2:39 or better, and will trot in 2:30, barring accidents, another season.

Hartford will be put in the stud, and Barbara Patchen will be used on the track for a time, and then put to breeding. By the pedigree given above it will be seen that Mr. Bill has secured two elegantly bred ones, and has shown good judgment on his part in selecting these two youngsters as a nucleus, which may be the commencement of the first breeding establishment in the Maritime Provinces.

A short time ago Mr. J. K. Weir, of Easton's Corners, Ont., purchased from the Rysdyk Stock Farm, the two-year old black colt Walter Jones, by Pennyback, a son of Mambrino Pilot; dam Minnie Patchen, by old George M. Patchen, bred by Mr. E. F. Poolter, of Philadelphia, Penn., and bought from him by Mr. Wiser. The price paid Mr. Wiser for Walter Jones was \$500, and he is considered to be a cheap horse. He is a very promising young one, which I think you will allow, when I tell you he has trotted a full mile late this fall in 2:52, and he is coming every day.

Youngsters are already coming; on Jan. 8, the brown mare Flora, by Benedict's Pathfinder, dropped an elegant bay colt by Rysdyk. On Dec. 8, a mare owned by Mr. Barry, of New York city, dropped a pair of nice twins by Phil Sheridan. They are staking out the snow track on the Farm, and will commence the education of the youngsters as soon as possible.—SPEED.

FROM INGERSOLL.

To the Editor of *Sporting Times*:

SIR,—At last we are having a good fall of snow, and the faces of the horsemen brighten accordingly, as it gives them a chance to exercise their fast ones.

Mr. E. Caswell, the cheese buyer, has sold his Kentucky Stallion by Mambrino Clark, to Messrs. Paterson, Jarvis & Choate. The price paid was \$205, which seems to me to be a small price for so well bred a youngster.

Mr. Edgar Elliott, of Dereham, has sold his colt, Frank Wildboy, by Poole's Royal George, to Mr. James Archy, of London. Price \$250. He also bought a splendid span of black mares, the pedigree of which I did not learn.

Mr. Robert Frezell, the well-known cigar maker of this town, was elected as a councillor for the town of Ingersoll last week. If "Bob" is as good at the council board as he is at cigar making, I have no doubt he will acquit himself to everybody's satisfaction.

Dr. Carroll informs me that he has a Capt. Tom colt that is going to be very fast. The Dr. has 12 or 13 colts by the same horse, and if there is anything in faith surely he ought to be rewarded.

Mr. Wm. McMurray intends trotting Capt. Tom and also his mare Maggie Smaller on the ice this winter; that is if we are fortunate enough to have any meetings. The old horse looks as well as ever but is very fat of course for want of exercise.

Mr. Angus McKay's lot look well, but whether he intends to trot either Bay Fearnaught or his Goldust colt this season he has not yet informed me.

Our skating rink is now finished, and it is