

Mer. N. Y.	June 18 to 15
F. H. N. Y.	June 18 to 15
Elmira, N. Y.	June 18 to 15
Peru, Ind.	June 18 to 17
Jackson, Mich.	June 20 to 28
Terra Haute, Ind.	June 20 to 28
Syracuse, N. Y.	June 20 to 22
Pont Breeze, Philadelphia	June 24 to 28
Watertown, N. Y.	June 27 to 29
East Saginaw, Mich.	June 27 to 30
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	June 28 to 30
Long Branch, Philadelphia	July 1
Chicago, Ill.	June 30 to July 4
Dayton, Ohio	July 8 to 5
Ogdensburg, N. Y.	July 4 to 8
Detroit, Mich.	July 4 to 8
Chester Park, Cincinnati	July 11 to 14
Newark, N. Y.	July 12 to 15
Chicago, Ill.	July 18 to 21
Cleveland, O.	July 25 to 28
Saratoga	Aug.
Freeport, Ill.	Aug. 8 to 11
Buffalo	1st week in Aug
Rochester	2nd "
Utica	3rd "
Mondota, Ill.	8rd "
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4th "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 29 to Sept 1
Springfield, Mass.	Sept. 5 to 8
Mystic Park, Boston	Sept. 12 to 15
Am. Jockey Club, N. Y. (alter- nate days)	Oct. 8 to 14

CANADIAN.

London	June 14 to 15
Chatham	" 21 to 22
Hamilton (match)	June 28
Hamilton	June 29 to July 1
Exeter	June 30 to July 1
St. Thomas	June 30 & July 1
Aurora	June 30 to July 1
Woodbine (match)	June 3
Montreal (holiday)	July 1
Oshawa	July 6 to 7
St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.	July 11 to 12
Montreal (regular)	July 1
Barrie (match)	Sept. 16
Canadian Stallion Race	Sept. 16

ENTRIES CLOSE.

AMERICAN.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.	June 21
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CANADIAN.

Aurora	June 29
London	June 12
Hamilton	June 28
Exeter	June 27

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

SOMETHING REQUIRED.

Experience teaches where reforms are needed. A system in its inception may seem perfect, but the test of time shows deficiencies that require to be amended. And when this reform is apparent the sooner the change is made the more stable the institution is likely to become. Practice has established the custom that owners should give timely notice of the scratching of their entries to the proper official of the Association, but in many cases this is a dead letter in effect, and no publicity is given to the fact of a horse not starting until within a few minutes of the time when the race is to take place. This method of doing business is capable of inflicting great loss to turf patrons, and by weakening their confidence, results in serious injury to the sport itself. An instance will explain our position. There are three horses announced to start, two of which are considered nearly equal. The pool-seller proceeds to business, offering the choice and the field; the latter presuming to mean one, at

this class of stock in the country. It may be said the eligible stallions in the country are strongly represented in the list; although we must confess our disappointment at not seeing some of our larger and more ostentatious establishments encouraging the undertaking by at least making nominations. These omissions may have been caused by oversight, carelessness, or indifference, but the general public who are the arbiters in such a matter will not be slow to impute motives injurious to the future success of those horses which have been left out. But with this we have nothing to do, that is a matter wholly between the owners of the horses and their patrons. Already the race is a leading subject of conversation in turf circles, and before the day the excitement will have reached fever heat. From all parts of the country we have received congratulations on our efforts in this respect, and many hearty well-wishes for its ultimate success. The East and the West, North and South have their representatives in the race, and doubtless they will each have hosts of friends from their particular locality. Flattering offers during the past week have been received from several Associations to have the race come off over their tracks, but no decision has been arrived at, and no hasty conclusions will be indulged in that might be prejudicial to those having made entries. Their interests will receive a primary consideration. Timely notice will be given of the track selected. When we compare the number of entries (16) in the great stallion race at Boston in 1874 with this, ours does not suffer by the comparison. The following are the entries:—

1. Thomas Gillespie, Hamilton, Ont., roan h, Carr. Tom, by McGregor's Warrior, he by old Royal George; dam by Volcano, 2nd dam by Blackwood.
2. Robert Davies, Don Brewery, Toronto, ch h Whirlwind, by Tempest, he by old Royal George; dam by old Royal George, 2nd dam a well-bred mare used for racing.
3. Douglas & Wells, Aurora, Ont., ch h Erin Chief, by Howe's Royal George, he by Field's Royal George of Buffalo, he by old Royal George; dam Erin Queen, by Imp Charon; 2nd dam by Sir Henry; 3rd dam by Imp Blacklock.
4. Geo. Gibson, St. Catharines, Ont., br h Douglas, by Pelham Tartar, he by the original Toronto Chief, he by old Royal George; dam by Black Prince.
5. James Addison, Hartman, Ont., b h Warr Hulet, by Woodruff's Columbus, dam by Andrus Hambletonian; 2nd dam by Green Mountain Morgan.
6. C. Flanagan, Toronto, blk h Charles Douglas, by old Royal George, dam by American Star (a horse imp to the neighborhood of Hamilton by Mr. Runyon, of Philadelphia); 2nd dam by Volcano.
7. D. Gilles, St. Catharines, ch h Fulton, by old Tempest, dam unknown.
8. Hon. C. I. Douglas, Oak Ridge, Ont., b h Frank Allison, by Blackbird, he by Little Cassius, he by Cassius M. Clay, he by Andrew Jackson, he by Young Bashaw; dam by the Harris horse; 2nd dam by Gifford's Morgan.
9. Alex. McLean, Lancaster, Glenary Co., Ont., ch h Yorko Harry Clay, by Cassius Clay, he by Cassius M. Clay, he by Henry Clay; dam by Wetherell's Messenger.
10. T.W. Eck, Port Perry, bh Toronto Chief, by Toronto Chief, by Toronto Chief, he by old Royal George; dam by Black Prince.
11. M. Sinnot, Queen street west, Toronto, b h Matt Cameron, by Highland Boy, by Hamlet, by Volunteer, by Rydyk's Hambletonian; dam by Toronto Chief; 2nd dam, the Goodenough mare, by St. Lawrence.

It is expected the owners of any of the above horses who have not had announcements in the *SPORTING TIMES*, will immediately forward to this office one of their route bills, or a newspaper containing an advertisement of the horse. This should be done at once, so that we will be in a position to answer enquiries respecting any entry; and it is one of the conditions of the stake that the horse shall be publicly advertised to make the season of 1876, evidence of which we should have in our possession.

but only succeeded in putting 2:16 to her credit. It shows, however, the oldest mare has her speed left.

Men are now hard at work at the new trotting track, Ottawa. It is expected to be opened on the 1st of July.

The Montreal horse market has been very quiet the past week. Quite a number of American buyers are in the city, on the look out for a better class of horses than are offering.

The Whitby meeting was abandoned altogether, much to the loss of its promoters. The postponement at Woodbine made this course imperative; and as the lease of the track expires on Dominion Day, it is problematical when another meeting will be held there.

A couple of Canadian horses were winners at Le Roy, N. Y., last week. Protection and Vanderbilt were the lucky ones.

The well-known local horse, Silas Rich is announced "for sale" in to-day's paper. Mr. Giddings has likewise a couple of sulkies, harness, blankets, &c., he will dispose of.

The harem of Matt Cameron has been shifted to the half-mile track, Queen St., west.

Black Mack and Little Ethan are out of the '40 class now. No doubt others will soon be cut down, and clubs should give this consideration when making out their bills.

Hemisphere, the fleet little half-miler has been sold by Mr. Charley Boyle to a distinguished legal gentleman of this city. Price in the neighborhood of \$200.

We have received from Mr. Marshall, Toronto, the publisher, the new lays of Lucrose. It is neatly gotten up for the pocket. Price, 30 cents.

The annual announcement of the Montreal Veterinary College for 1876-77 has been laid on our table. The tenth session will commence on the 4th of October next, and be continued until the end of March.

Veterinary.

THE RELATION OF THE LARVÆ OF THE ESTRUS EQUINUS (OR BOTS) TO THE SYSTEM OF THE HORSE.

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There has seemed to me for some years, to be a great misapprehension amongst horse owners in general, but more especially amongst the agricultural community, in relation to the influence exercised by the larvæ of this peculiar species of fly on the animal economy of the horse, and the following remarks as to the action of the insect are in my own opinion correct, though of course I stand open to correction by those who know or ought to know better than myself in this matter, but, as a general rule, in conversing in the course of professional consultation, or otherwise, with farmers, the subject of the larvæ of the gad-fly (or Bots), and of their action generally manages to crop up, and I have been, and am frequently now, astonished at the peculiarity of the general agricultural theory.

For example, a farmer will come in from the country and request the veterinary surgeon's advice and medicine; the horse not

the coats of the stomach.

The Estrus Equinus, or Bot or Gadfly, is a fly very little differing from the Estrus Bov., which is so annoying to cattle.

In the spring of the year, the female being ready to deposit her eggs, seeks instinctively the most appropriate place to deposit them. This is invariably on the arms, shoulders, breast or contiguous parts, the eggs always being deposited so that the horse can reach the place with his tongue.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Canadian Turf.

WOODBINE RACES.

The Woodbine Association commenced their postponed meeting on Wednesday, 31st ult. The weather was very favorable, and the attendance quite large, the elite of the city being represented in the Steward's Stand. Considering the circumstances, the track was in much better condition than could have been anticipated, and as the trots farther on in the week showed, was quite fast. The first event on the first day was the

HURDLE RACE, the summary of which is given below. A good start was had, the chestnut mare being full of run, and pulling very hard. She started off like a quarter horse and flew over the first hurdle, but came to grief at the second one, her rider apparently being unable to control her movements, as she not only jumped the hurdle, but cleared the inside fence, landing on a soft, boggy piece of ground, the rider making a trip through the air over her head. This contretemps left the race to Kelso and Macon, the former of which led on the back stretch, but the big stallion took the third hurdle with the veteran, and turning into and down the stretch, led the old one by a length or so, both running coolly around the first turn the second time; striking the back stretch McBride let a kink out of Kelso and overhauled Macon, from which point he beat him home easily, Macon having broken down very badly during the race. His turf career may now be considered ended. McBride's riding was particularly admired, and for style and judgment, there are very few in America his equal. Our summary follows:

Woodbine Park, Toronto, May 31.—Hurdle Race; \$275. Dash of two miles over eight hurdles, 3 ft 6 in. Light walter weights. \$225, 50.
Fisher & Carson, b g Kelso, aged, by Voucher, dam Kate Leonard; 141 lbs. McBride 1
Forbes & Burgess, ch h Major Macon, 6 yrs, by War Dance, dam Mary Cass; 144 lbs. 2
C Boyle, ch m Helen Bennett, 5 yrs, by Ulverston, dam Helen Douglas; 135 lbs. 3
Time—4:10.

The second event was to turfs the attraction of the day, bringing the old rivals Inspiration and Vicksburg together. Along with them was the mare Passion, brought from Kentucky last fall, and who made her debut on Canadian soil in this race. It was a big betting contest one of the heaviest ever held in Canada, the friends of the two former horses playing them heavily, while Passion had a few friends who were willing to take their chances on her at the odds offered, based on favorable reports of her performance a couple of years ago with Tom Bowling at Lexington, Ky., where she had ran second to that "crack" in a 8-mile dash, the time of which was 5:36. At the opening of the speculation Inspiration had decidedly the call, but the Vicksburg party advanced in such strength that before the start he was the choice at about the following rates: Vicksburg \$200, Inspiration \$125, Passion \$50. They got away without much trouble to a good start, Inspiration having the inside, and making the running to the head of stretch when Passion showed in front; at the stand the Red Eye mare still led and held her position past the turn; half way up the back stretch Passion had fallen behind and

enter half a head, Sunnyside second, and Grey Cloud third; Mary L. being being disqualified for the cross. The rest came struggling in. The Thunder colt looked the winner all over when the head of the stretch was reached, but his rider appeared to let up on him. Our summary follows:—

Same Day.—Running—Queen's Plate, value 50 guineas, with a sweepstake of \$10 each, half forfeit; 50 per cent. of stake to go with plate, balance to second horse. Dash of 1½ miles.
Mr Peters, br m Norah B, aged, by The Tester, dam Fleetwood by Sir Tatton, 118 lbs. Cook 1
C Boyle, br m Sunnyside (for Emma P), 5 yrs, by Touchstone, dam Augusta, 107 lbs. 2
J Scott, gr h Grey Cloud, 5 yrs, by Thunder, dam unknown, 110 lbs. 3
C E Ray, ch m Sunbeam, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs. 0
C E Ray, ch e Sir John, 4 yrs, by Liberty, dam Mary Mansfield, 104 lbs. 0
F McEwan, b g Pilot Jr, 5 yrs, by Extra, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs. 0
Williamson, b h Harper Jr, 5 yrs, by Harper, 110 lbs. 0
A Simpson, br m Fisherwoman, aged, by Jack the Barber, dam by Wagner, 113 lbs. 0
F Lowell, b m Mary L, 5 yrs, by Melbourne Jr, 107 lbs. d'q
Time—2:52.

SECOND DAY—JUNE 1ST.

The weather again favored the Association but the attendance was quite small. The track was in good condition. The bill-of-fare was extremely limited, being confined to two mile heat races, one of which was devoid of any interest on account of its certainty when it became known Inspiration was drawn. The first subject for discussion was a mile heat open race, for which Inspiration, Passion and the lately imported Bill Bruce were on the card. Up to within a few minutes of the call it was supposed Boyle's mare would show her comparison with the emigrant, and considerable disappointment was caused by the announcement of her withdrawal. The race admits of no description, as, although Passion took the first heat, it clearly was on sufrage, the race was never in doubt. Bruce was the favorite at about \$20 to \$5 with Inspiration supposed to be in the field. The summary tells the story.

June 1.—City Purse, \$450; \$350 to first, 100 to second; mile heats, open to all; horses wintered in Canada allowed 3 lbs; winner of Park Plate 7 lbs extra.

J Forbes' br e Bill Bruce, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Aurora Baby, by Australian, 104 lbs. 2 1 1
J Scott's b m Passion, 6 yrs, by Red Eye, dam by Imp Seythian, 110 lbs. 1 2 2
C Boyle, br m Inspiration, pedigree above dr
Time—1:53, 1:49, 1:53.

The mile heat Province race followed. For this there were six entries; but Emily having met with an accident was drawn. Goldfinch had the call in the box before the start with Pilot for second choice. After the first heat, Pilot was a warm favorite.

First Heat.—Goldfinch was tardy in getting off, little Islander being the first away, Pilot and Sunbeam close up. At the quarter Islander led, running up the back stretch Maritime and Pilot moved on him. Islander led around the turn; when the straight-side was reached, Pilot made the pace, beating the Nova Scotian for first place; Goldfinch having overhauled the rest in running down the stretch. Robinson, who rode Pilot, put in a protest against the rider of Maritime for striking him across the face with his whip, which was proven to the satisfaction of the judges, and Maritime was consequently distanced.

Second Heat.—Pilot was off with the lead and never was headed throughout the heat, Goldfinch making a move for it on the last turn, but not being successful had to content herself with second place. This finished the day's sport. The following is the summary:

Same Day.—Ladies' Purse, \$300; \$250 to first, 50 to second; open to Province bred horses; mile heats, T O W.
F Martin's ch g Pilot, 5 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot, 107 lbs. 1 1
J Scott, ch m Goldfinch, aged, by Harper, dam by Imp Lepidist, 113 lbs. 3 3