

FUNERAL OF M. BLANC.

M. Blanc, the great gambler, was buried at Paris on the 11th ult., the funeral services taking place at the Church of St. Roch. The funeral was one of the grandest Paris had seen for a long time, the church being elaborately decorated with silver-fringed draperies, lights and flowers, the coffin hidden beneath wreaths and bouquets, and the funeral car (the same which was employed at the interment of the Duc de Morny) drawn by six splendidly-caparisoned horses, led by piquers. Opera stars sang the choral parts of the service, and fourteen mourning-Lacoste. A mass was also celebrated at Meaux, which was attended by more than two thousand people. M. Blanc's fortune exceeded \$17,000,000. Large charitable bequests are made, \$200,000 to the church where he was buried, \$100,000 to the firm of Messrs. de Morny, a like gift to the Chapel of la Grande Roquette, \$80,000 to the Mayor of the First Arrondissement, and so on. The will was made in Switzerland a few days before his death, and paid \$10,000 legacy duty.

HORSES IN EUROPE.

Russia leads all over nations to the number of her horses. In 1876 she had 21,570,000 horses, or more than all Europe besides, and sixty per cent. more than are owned in the United States. Compared with other countries, Russia has one horse for every three and a half persons, Austria one for every ten, Prussia and Great Britain one for every eleven, France one for every twelve, and Italy one for every thirty-seven. Far back in the history of Russia the raising of horses has always formed a notable branch of national industry. The government of Russia devotes special attention to the encouragement of horse breeding. There are no less than twelve imperial studs, of which nine are in Europe and three in the Caucasus; there are also fourteen government depots and county stables spread over the Empire, each having from 60 to 150 stallions for public use; besides which are about 2,500 private studs that own 6,500 stallions and 69,000 brood mares. The government offers prizes and medals at races and exhibitions for improvement in the various breeds. Over four hundred horse fairs are held annually, and at fifteen of the most important of these from 2,000 to 10,000 horses are offered for sale, while in all some 600,000 change hands at these fairs. During the period from 1870 to 1875 Russia averaged an annual export of horses exceeding in number 25,000. In the provinces of Central Asia and Siberia there is almost a horse to every inhabitant. Russia requires in time of war, for its army purposes, 272,000 horses; Italy, 26,000; Turkey, 30,000. Egypt has about 6,000 mounted troops, Austria, 58,000 cavalry. In number of horses France stands next to Russia with 3,633,605, then Germany, with 3,352,231, while Great Britain owns 2,255,429. In 1875 the number of horses in the United States was 3,504,290, and Canada claims the ownership of 2,624,290. Not only to individuals, but to the British government, is the present scarcity of horses in England becoming a matter of anxiety. Lord Rosebery stated in the House of Lords some time since that his government had 6,600 cavalry horses, and 6,000 artillery horses, but in case of war there would be required at once in addition 2,500 cavalry horses and 4,000 artillery horses; also at least 25,000 light and 75,000 heavy transport horses. War makes sad havoc among the horses, and it is estimated that the late great civil war cost the United States at least 1,000,000 horses. When on a peace footing the French army requires from 90,000 to 110,000 horses, although under the new military law a war would demand 176,000 horses. In Germany for military purposes, 97,000 horses are required when at peace, and on a war footing 233,500 for field troops, 30,500 for depot troops and 37,000 for garrison purposes. Her cavalry requires about 70,000. These facts are full of significance to the American farmer and horse breeder, especially to the event of a general European war, when a large demand must

A CURIOSITY.

Wm. Armstrong of Ermosa, owns a six months old calf, which is quite a freak of nature in its way, and has puzzled more than one learned head. The heart of the animal is situated immediately under the jaw and throat, where it is suspended, a large lump in the skin. The pulsations of the heart can be distinctly seen and felt, and the calf, which is apparently as healthy and playful as any other, does not seem to suffer any inconvenience from the somewhat unique distribution of its internal improvements, beyond an inability to keep its head straight, owing to the deformity of the neck. Three medical men have examined the calf, and pronounce it extraordinary, but do not know exactly what to make of it.



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FIRST DAY.
\$100.—Trotting. 2:50 class. \$70, 20, 10.
\$125.—Hurdle Race, handicap, 2 miles, 8 hurdles, 3 ft. 6 in. Weights announced Sept. 22nd.

SECOND DAY.
\$50.—Trotting. For local horses.
\$100.—Trotting. 2:35 class. \$70, 20, 10.

THIRD DAY.
\$100.—Running. Mile heats. T.C.W. \$75, 25.
\$175.—Trotting. Free-for-all. \$100, 50, 25.

Dominion Rules. Entrance 10 per cent. of purse 4 to enter and 3 to start in trotting; 3 to enter and 2 to start in running. Entries close Sept. 22.

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Trotting to be mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

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No money to distaffed or ruled-out horses.

Entries to be made in writing, giving name and colors of owner, and name, color, sex, age, sire and dam of horse. In weight for age races, mares and geldings allowed three pounds. Heats may be alternated, or the order of races changed. Ineligible horses forfeit entrance money.

Entries close on Friday, September 7, and must be addressed to the Secretary, Turf Club House, 40 King St., West., Toronto.

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