

THE STALLION RACE.

Already considerable interest is being taken in this stake, as is shown by the number of communications we receive in respect to it. It is thought there will be at least three or four more horses engaged in it than those already suggested by intimation to that effect by their proprietors. If such should prove to be the case the stake would be a regal one for this country, and the race would be an exceptional one in the history of the Canadian turf. Local pride is, as it were, excited in this contest of the giants, and while localities are pitted one against the other, the eastern and western sections meet in friendly battle. The eyes of the whole country are fixed on the nominations, and their merits are continually canvassed from the publication of the announcement until the great issue is decided. The conditions of the stake for 1878 admit every horse in the country, except one, to the competition, and owners of horses of this class claiming them to be first-rate must exhibit their merits in this practical competition or else, having forth labour under the imputation that their representations have been fraudulent. The test of merit is recognised to be in this stake. Its value to the winner cannot be estimated as a purse or premium given at a regular meeting. In the latter case the notice given is usually very short, and there is nothing imperative that owners should make their entries. But the Sporting Times Stake is admitted to be a Provincial one, its annual recurrence is more than anxiously looked for, every facility is given to have the horses in proper condition, and the winner is clearly entitled to fly the whip pennant in accordance with the conditions of the race. It is a mutual competition of the owners of our best horses, and the fact of naming them in the race is *prima facie* evidence that they are not unwilling to place them in comparison with all others. In fact, it shows the value that the owner attaches to his own horse. If a horse's name does not appear in the list of nominations it is quite clear that his owner considers him inferior to those that he knows will be in the race, consequently he cannot object to others placing the same estimate on the horse that he entertains himself. Breeding and speed, the great essentials, are shown in this race, under comparative circumstances that no where else occur. The conditions of the race will be found in our advertising columns, and owners will hardly let it escape their memories that the entries close on Saturday June 1.

LICENSING STALLIONS.

The evil caused by the use of low bred and mongrel stallions is being recognized by the breeders of the Dominion, and measures are being asked for by which their operations will be greatly confined if not entirely suspended. Some time ago we drew attention to this matter, and submitted as a preventive to the damage that is being perpetually inflicted on the equine stock of the country that a system of licensing should be introduced, and that the terms for the privilege should be placed at such a figure as to drive the worthless runts out of competition with good horses. Every inducement should be used to foster the importation of the highest grade of horses, and after being brought into the country a measure of protection should be granted them. Owners of really good horses are a unit in respect to this impost, and are not only willing but anxious that their interests should be protected by a good fee. This is not a personal matter but

being put on the road. The amount suggested is \$50 per head. The collecting of the tax and the expenditure of it might be placed in the hands of Agricultural Societies in each locality, and, in fact, the right to impose the tax might be left with them. The law might fix the maximum and minimum rate, as some wealthy localities might wish to have it raised to \$100, while other poorer sections might consider \$25 sufficient. It would create greater interest in the Agricultural Societies, which would also be beneficial."

Sporting Gossip.

SECRETARIES OF THE DIFFERENT RACING ASSOCIATIONS HOLDING MEETINGS ON MAY 24TH, ARE REQUESTED TO SEND US EARLY AND FULL REPORTS OF THE DIFFERENT EVENTS OVER THEIR TRACKS FOR PUBLICATION.

There is some talk of a match between Goldfinch and Passion, dash of a mile and a-half, for a couple of hundred. The owner of Goldfinch thinks he should have the Province-bred allowance of 10 lbs.

Tenbroeck beat Leonard, Vera Cruz, Aristides and Bill Bass in a mile and a half dash at Lexington, Ky., on Monday last; time, 2:48. This does not look like as if there was anything wrong with Tenbroeck's legs.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, has entered the stallion Chestnut Hill in the 2:26 class in the Breeders' Meeting, which will take place at Rochester, N.Y., early in October next.

Mr. J. T. Williams, the owner of Vera Cruz, who was beaten by Tenbroeck at Lexington last Monday, offers to match his horse against the California crack, Mollie McCarthy, for \$10,000 a side. The distance is not stated.

At Rideau Hall, Ottawa, on the 10th inst., the Governor-General's horses were sold. The carriage team brought \$215; the hunting mare, Nellie Ranson, was bought by Mr. D. Morse for \$180; her mate, having a slight attack of the erysipelas, \$70; and Mr. Philip Thompson took Bay of Boston for \$120.

On the day the Kentucky Derby is run at Louisville, Ky., the Jockey Club will throw the gates open, and all can see the great three-year old event of the South free of charge.

Kirk's Guide, Part II., is out. It contains the nominations for the stakes to be run in 1878 and 1879, with index; earnings of all stallions and their progeny, winners of all the prominent fixed events, record of the best performances, the foals of 1877, and last year's sales of thoroughbreds at auction. Price \$1.00. Address The World, 85 Park Row, New York.

An omission occurred in our list of Nova Scotia stock. It was the four-year-old trotting stallion Rice Mambrino, by Henry Mambrino, dam Fanny Porter. He was bred by Mr. G. T. Allman, of Giles Co., Tenn., and is owned by Mr. R. Bacon, of Windsor, N. S.

A local rotis in contemplation at Woodbine on the 24th.

There are prospects of a match at Ottawa between the Squire and Surprise. The owner of the former wishes to back him for \$100, three times over the usual steeplechase course at Mutchmor Park.

The Leroy, N.Y., Gazette says: "A singular disease broke out all at once among horses in the south-west corner of this county last week. J. R. Martin had started for Leroy with his fine span of horses, when near Bloodgood's, only a mile from home, his

men, with whom it is a pleasure to come in contact.—*Toronto Observer.*

On May 8, it became necessary to shoot the valuable stallion Country Gentleman, by Ryadyk's Hambletonian, owned by Mr. M. G. Lamphine, Lockport, N.Y. It was impossible to keep the animal from working the bandages loose about his broken leg, and as mortification had set in death was certain, and to end his suffering it was hastened with the bullet. Mr. Lamphine refused \$5,000 for Country Gentleman less than two years ago. As he was uninsured the loss is a serious one.

On Monday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Jackes, of the North American Hotel, Cobourg, were presented with an address and a photograph of the donors by the boarders of the hotel—a graceful tribute to worthy landlord and his estimable wife.

Mr. A. Corbin, jr., has sold to Mr. W. Bamber, of Boonville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., the 8-year-old trotting filly Athlene, by Corbin's Scythian, dam Vic by Field's Royal George. Athlene is a promising filly; she won the colt stake at Gouverneur with but little training.

A trot took place at Brampton on Saturday last, for \$100, mile heats, between Joseph Newlove's Albion Maid and Wm. McDougall's Bolton Monarch. Monarch was the favorite, but the Maid won quite easily, much to everybody's disappointment. So a correspondent says.

On account of so much of our space being occupied this week with the boat race, a large amount of interesting matter is crowded out.

We are indebted to *Saturday Night* for the cuts of Hanlan and Plaisted which appear in to-day's paper. They are from photographs by Hunter & Co.

A BIG MATCH.

On Tuesday last a forfeit was posted for a couple of matches between Mr. Frank Martin's bay gelding Maritime, and Mr. C. Boyle's grey filly Lady D'Arcy. The stakes are \$500 a side on each race, and the distances are one mile and a-quarter and two miles; Dominion Rules; the first race to be run over Woodbine on June 15, and the other three days later. In these races Maritime will carry 118 lbs, and D'Arcy 101 lbs. Both principals feel confident of the result of the races. The horses are exceedingly well matched, to judge by their previous performances, and by the middle of June will be in condition to run for a man's life. These matches will be the sensation of the events of this spring. Both horses have hosts of friends, and opinions will be freely backed. Mr. Martin wished the race to take place sooner, but Mr. Boyle's engagements at Baltimore, Md., would not permit of the selection of an earlier date.

THE RYSDYK SALE.

The sale of trotting stock at Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, on Thursday of last week, was not nearly so successful as the proprietor, Mr. J. P. Wiser, had a right to anticipate. Circumstances were strongly against it; the weather was very unpropitious; and there appeared to be an impression in some way that if the horses were not bid up to their value that they would be bought in. A great many intending purchasers stayed away under the idea that the sale would be postponed. After the stock was all sold (or rather given away), many were ready to buy, and quite a number changed hands at an advance of from \$20 to \$75, and many persons could not get what they wanted. After the purchasers secured their stock, they began to realize they had bought them for a song, and if they resold them, wanted something near their value. Those who thought

9—Commodore, b g, 2 years, by Bob Blodgett, dam Augusta, by Cavalier	57 00
10—J. P., b g, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Minnie Patchen	155 00
11—Mayflower, m f, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam the Elliott mare by Canada Gray Eagle	60 00
12—Lose, b f, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Kit by Wright's Commodore	235 00
13—Violet, b f, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Nelly Bly	
14—Ontario, b g, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Nelly Clark, by Canada Gray Eagle	185 00
15—Deau, b g, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Doll	120 00
16—Sarah F., b f, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam by Tempest (a thoroughbred)	105 00
17—Virginia, b f, 2 years, by Rysdyk, dam Lucy	85 00
18—Champagne, b g, 3 years, by North Star, dam by Canada Gray Eagle	105 00
19—Stetson, b o, 1 year, by North America, dam Jennie Clark	80 00
20—E Frank, b o, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam Nellie Clark	87 50
21—Stately, b f, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam Mag by Miss Performer	57 00
22—Gussie, b f, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam Augusta by Cavalier	50 00
23—Promise, b f, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam Maggie by Perrin's Abdallah	115 00
24—Sandy, b o, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam unknown	97 50
25—Stacy B., g o, 1 year, by Rysdyk, dam Goodenough Mare by Kenian Chief	155 00
26—Minnie Patchen, b m, 19 years, by G M Patchen, dam unknown	70 00
27—Maggie (with colt by Rysdyk) b m, 14 years, by Perrin's Abdallah, dam a Morgan mare	140 00
28—Lucy Brown, g m, 4 years, by Hunn's colt, dam Kate	90 00
29—Maggie Chambers, b m, 10 years, by Lovely's Prince, dam by imported Kildare (with colt)	165 00
30—Nellie Clark, b m, 14 years, by Canada Gray Eagle, dam by Jesse Fowler	65 00
31—Molson, pedigree unknown	45 00
32—Mary B., b m, 12 years, by Iron Duke, dam by Dover Boy	80 00
33—Augusta, b m, 12 years, by Cavalier dam unknown	55 00
34—Kingston Mare, b m, 18 years, by imported Performer, dam unknown	60 00
35—Fanny, b m, 14 years, by Easton's Paul Fry, dam unknown	50 00
36—Elliott mare, g m, 14 years, by Canada Gray Eagle, dam unknown	86 00
37—Bay horse Billy	200 00

JOHN MORRISSEY'S WILL.

The last will of the late Senator is to be offered for probate in the Surrogate's office of Saratoga County on the 18th instant. The full text reads:

In the name of God, I, John Morrissey, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of life, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, as follows:

First—After my lawful debts are paid, I give, devise and bequeath to each of my three sisters, viz., Margaret, Mary, and Ellen, the sum of \$10,000.

Second—I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, to my dearly beloved wife, Susanah Morrissey, to her and to her heirs and assigns absolutely and forever.

Third—I hereby appoint Edward Murphy, jr., of Troy, and William B. Travis, of New York, to be the executors of this my last will and testament; hereby revoking all former wills.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1877.

JOHN MORRISSEY.
Witnesses: J. Henry Ford, 417 West Twenty-third street, New York, Charles Walsh, 30 Great Jones street, New York.

Amusement.

CITY.

Miss Lizzie Safford made her first appearance in some time in Toronto at the Royal Opera House on Monday evening in a new emotional drama expressly written for her, entitled *Rainbow*. She was supported by the child actress Little Ruby and the stock company of the Royal. The play has many strong and affecting situations, and for a first night went off very smoothly, the star being honoured with calls before the curtain. It will be continued all week, and at the regular matinee to-morrow.

The Grand Opera House was opened on Wednesday evening by a combination consisting of Miss Soplin Miles and Messrs. W.

NOTICE!

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as publishers of THE CANADIAN GENTLEMAN'S JOURNAL AND SPORTING TIMES, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All the obligations due the firm are to be paid to P. COLLINS, who will pay all the liabilities of the firm, and carry on the business in future on his own behalf.

WITNESSES:
A. MACNAUB.
J. W. QUIMBY,
JOHN FORBES,
H. NICHOLS,
P. COLLINS.

Toronto, March 20, 1878.

ATTENTION!

In connection with the above notice I desire to call the special attention of those indebted to THE SPORTING TIMES for subscriptions and advertising that their accounts must be paid on or before May 1st, otherwise they will be positively put in suit for collection. This course is rendered necessary to settle up the affairs of the late firm.

P. COLLINS.

THE KENTUCKY TROTTING STALLION



Almont Marion,

Will make the season of 1878 at Thos. Hodgson's Veterinary Stable, corner of Duchess and Sherbourne streets, Toronto.

Almont Marion was bred by Gen. W. L. Withers, Lexington, Ky., who says he is the finest trotting colt he ever had, having more trotting points than any colt of his age that he ever knew.

Almont Marion is two years old, May 1, 1878, 15.3 high, dark bay with black points, shows a remarkable gait for speed, with flat bone and good feet.

CERTIFIED PEDIGREE.—"Almont Marion, sired by Almont, the great sire of trotters, (sire of Allie West, 2:25; Alice West, 2:29; Fredmont, 4 years, 2:30; Katie Jackson, 4 years, 2:35; Consul, 3 years, 2:39; and a number of others equally speedy. 1st dam by Marion, a son of Mambrino Chief a fast trotter and a sire of trotters; 2nd dam, by Capt. Gay a son of Berthune; 3rd dam, by imported Nonplus; 4th dam, by Fredericksburg, 5th dam, by Sir Archy; 6th dam, by imported Diomed; 7th dam, by imported Firetail.

"(Signed) WM. T. WITHERS,
Fairlawn, Lexington, Ky."

Having purchased this colt from Gen. Withers at a cost of nearly \$2,000 laid here, his owner thinks the breeders of Canada should avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded by using him to improve our stock.

TERMS.—Insurance, \$10; season, \$30; leap, \$20.

ROBERT CHEYNE,
Toronto.

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SPRING MEETING

of the Northern New York Breeders' Association will be held at

Gouverneur, N.Y

JUNE 4, 5 & 6, 1878.

Purses and Premiums, \$1,700. Entries close May 25.
G. L. VAN NAMEE,
Treasurer.

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