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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Chawwa.....	May 24
Clinton.....	May 28 to 24
Listowell.....	May 24 to 25
London.....	June 5 to 6
Exeter.....	July 1 to 2

ICE MEETINGS.

Barrie.....	March 14 to 15
Lepine Park, Montreal.....	March

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn.....	April 30 to May 4
Baltimore, Md.....	May 21 to 24
Louisville, Ky.....	May 21 to 27
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	May 31 to June 5
St. Louis, Mo.....	June 4 to 8
Columbus, Ohio.....	June 12 to 15
Baltimore, Md. (Fall).....	Oct 28 to 26

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TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich.....	May 15 to 17
Hillsdale, Mich.....	May 22 to 24
Freeport, Ill.....	May 28 to 31
Hudson, Mich.....	May 29 to 31
Prophetstown, Ill.....	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.,.....	June 4 to 7
Adrain, Mich.....	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio.....	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.....	June 25 to 28
Sodus, N. Y.....	June 26 to 28
Batavia, N. Y.....	July 2 to 4
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	July 2 to 5
Detroit, Mich.....	July 2 to 5
East Aurora, N. Y.....	July 3 to 4
Clyde, N. Y.....	July 3 to 5

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past month or two we have sent out the great bulk of our subscription accounts for collection. A large proportion of them have been handled by the different express companies, and from this section we have returns either in money or unaccepted drafts. We regret to state that the result of these collections has not been up to what we had a right to anticipate. While thankful to those who were kind enough to respond to our appeal, we think we have just right to complain of the manner in which many of our drafts were returned. The most frivolous excuses in many cases were used, while of the whole lot in which there was default not a single one had a reasonable endorsement why it was not paid. The expense to us of the return of these unpaid calls by the Express Co.'s has been great, and we certainly have no disposition to take these negative replies as final answers. Therefore we request all who are indebted to us for subscriptions to remit us the amount due at once. In many cases this default extends over two or three years, and the want of this money hampers us in our business. It is our intention at no distant day to enlarge the *SPORTING TIMES* to sixteen pages, but if our friends who are so behind hand in their obligations to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$4 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

To those we could not reach by the Express companies, we mailed their accounts. Every facility was used for returning the remittance. A printed reply and envelope were enclosed, and no excuse can be had for delay on the part of subscribers. Of the hundreds we sent out this way, tens have not been heard from. Now the payment of this subscription money is insisted upon, and we hope we may not be forced to adopt harsh measures for its recovery.

THE N. Y. POOL BILL.

Just now there appears to be every probability that the amendment to the obnoxious pool bill in New York State will be carried. This amendment will permit incorporated associations to sell pools within their own inclosures on horse races, and this is possibly as far as the legitimate supporters of the turf wish the law to be changed. On the 6th, the majority of the Committee to whom the amendment was referred reported in its favor to the Senate, and, as before remarked, it will likely become law this session. One strong fact in connection with the repeal of the horse-racing part of the bill should be mentioned, which is, that while a great many petitions for repeal have been sent in, there has not been one remonstrance received. This would certainly indicate a strong

the past year. On the principle of the introduction of the pool bill here it would be but fair to expect our legislators to avail themselves of the experience of their American cousins, and extend to Canada, without any appeal on its behalf, that justice that is being meted out to our friends on the other side of the lake. What is correct in one instance can not be wrong in the other. If we are to take American legislation on this topic as a guide, as we appear to have done, the attention of our rulers should certainly be directed to the present proceedings at Albany, and the late action of the Ohio Legislature, when an anti-pool selling bill was ignominiously thrown out of the house, and its introducer met with shouts of derisive laughter and ironical cheers. The rights and property of our Racing Associations and prominent breeders are entitled to respect, and it is the province of our law-makers to protect their interest to the fullest extent, without prejudice to the welfare of the country.

THE STALLION RACE.

A couple of weeks ago we called for an expression of opinion from the owners of horses liable to compete in a stake for trotting stallions to be given the present year. We submitted our position in the matter, and, as it were, asked the advice of those who were most prominently interested in the question as to whether it was to be or not to be. We are rather disappointed at the lukewarmness exhibited, as we have had only one really practical reply in response to our request. When those who should be the most prominent in this affair are so backward, it is not very suggestive of success on our part to go on with it. However, we have not entirely given up the idea, but there is very little hope our course will be the same, or as liberal in its tendency, as the past two years. The forfeit money for the last two races was not really as much as it would have cost to have given any of the entries the advertising and reputation they received through the race, and as the owners of horses are the ones mainly benefitted they can probably devise some better plan for showing the merits of their stock than the one we have managed. If they can, at any more reasonable figures than have been the former conditions, we shall not only be too happy to hear of it, but give it all the aid and countenance in our power. The individual reply to which we refer above was from Mr. J. P. Wiser, of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, who proposed to put up \$100, if half-a-dozen would do the same, so as to make a respectable thing of it, and all go for the money. This is practical to a point, and we will anxiously wait what other owners say. We assume Mr. Wiser means the conditions of the race to be the same as formerly, so far as barring Phil Sheridan is concerned. If we could have seen our way clear to have gone on with the race, our condition in this respect was to make it open to all stallions owned in Canada on Jan. 1st, 1878, Sheridan only being barred.

TROTTING FRAUDS.

Under this heading the Ottawa Citizen furnishes us with the following piece of news:—"The protest entered against Lizzie Barefoot, in the race for local horses at Leamy's Lake, was overruled at a meeting of the Trotting Club on Tuesday night, and the first money was paid over to Mr. Roy, the owner of that animal. It will be remembered

Sporting Gossip.

A gentleman enquires for the address of Harry Brown the rider and trainer, who was in Toronto a few years ago. Any one knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by communicating the information to this office.

Beach's St. Lawrence, a well-known trotting stallion in Michigan, died at Coldwater in that State, on the 28th ult., of inflammation of the bowels. He has left a lot of good stock in that part of the country. He was 19 years old, and was got by the old St. Lawrence that stood at Kalamazoo.

The papers say that John Morrissey is so far recovered as to be able to leave the house and walk about the verdant fields. You should say, gentlemen, that he is so recovered as to be able to gambol on the green.

We see by the Ohio paper that the Legislature of that State had sense enough to kill off the fanatical pool-bill which the anti-turfites attempted to make law. It was most effectually squelched, and no attempt will be made to recuscitate it.

At a meeting of the promoters of the Ottawa Winter Races, held last week, Ald. Lauzon in the chair, Capt. McCaffrey, treasurer, presented his report, showing a small surplus. It was decided to utilize it, purchasing flour for several city charities, to be divided as follows: Protestant Relief Committee, one barrel; Protestant Orphans Home, one barrel; St. Patrick's Orphans Home, one barrel; St. Joseph's Orphans Home, one barrel.

Fast horses win cups by the use of their legs; fast men lose their legs by the use of cups.

Dr. Smith's speedy mare Inspiration, aged, by Warminster, dam Sophia, has been entered in the following stakes:—In the Columbus Cup, at Columbus, Ohio, \$20 each, p. p., \$250 added, dash of 2½ miles, 14 nominations; also, in Ra. cocos Handicap, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md., Spring Meeting, \$50 entrance, h. f., only \$10 if declared out; weights to be announced April 15, declarations to be made on or before May 15, club to add \$500, 1½ miles, 87 nominations. She is the only Canadian owned horse in the lists this year.

Mr. Bearman, proprietor of the Daly House, Ingersoll, has been for some time past confined to his house by illness, but now, to the delight of his many friends, he is once more among them and recovering rapidly.

Mr. Wm. Hawkshaw, of Oxford Co., has sold his draft stallion Hether Jock to Messrs. Hugh Alexander and Jonathan Carter, of Blythe, the consideration being \$1,800.

Messrs. Bennett & Switzer shipped, last week, two car loads of fine horses to New York from the neighborhood of Listowel.

Mr. John White, Milton, Ont., has secured the services of the well known colored trainer and rider Allan Wilson to look after his stock this season. "Allan" went out to the farm last week.

A livery man in Berlin thinks he has a pretty fast horse. He drove from Elmira to Berlin the other night at the rate of sixteen miles an hour. Cause—forgot to put the bit in the horse's mouth.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., informs us that he has decided to hold his sale of trotting stock on May 9, instead of May 8, as stated before.

The falling off in entries to the stakes this spring is confined to Jerome Park, New York. The New York papers lament the

THE "TEAM" SHOOT.

A few weeks ago a paragraph appeared in our columns to the effect that negotiations were in progress to bring about a pigeon shooting tournament which would be composed of teams of ten men each from any town or city in Canada. From an advertisement in another portion of the paper it will be seen that the preliminaries have been completed, and something practical arrived at. The day selected for the tournament to take place is Wednesday, April 8, next. Each team in entering a deposit \$25 as forfeit, the entries to be made on or before March 26, and the balance of the \$100 to be made good on or before April 1. Ten birds each will be shot at, and members of the team making the high score will be entitled to first prize, and on. The location of the shoot will be submitted to tender. The town or city making the largest money offer will be entitled to the privilege. Such tenders to be submitted before 26th inst. The money derived from this source will be added to the general sweep. It is expected from twelve to eighteen towns and cities will have representative teams, which will make the stakes truly valuable one, and far beyond anything that line ever seen in Canada. Mr. A. Collins, business manager of the *SPORTING TIMES*, has been appointed stakeholder, and all communications in reference to the financial portion of the tournament must be addressed to him. The time is short, but as the affair is pretty well understood by the prominent sportsmen in every part of the country, no doubt it will be prepared for the announcement of the date. It will be as well to fear in mind that the forfeit and entry moneys must be promptly forwarded, as no discretionary power is left in the hands of Mr. Collins. He has no interest in the tournament further than to urge its success, and he hopes none of the teams who propose to take part in it will give him the responsibility of deciding them ineligible on account of carelessness on their part. The shoot undoubtedly will be a grand one, the finest ever seen in this country, and it is the duty of all who are interested in it as principle or well wishers to use their utmost exertions to make it a model gathering in number and management.

Correspondence.

FROM AURORA—A REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.

AURORA, March 7th, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

SIR,—As the season for wonderful miracles, three legged lambs, and other curiosities of a startling nature, is at hand, it may not be out of order to chronicle a freak of nature which occurred here a few days ago. A mare belonging to Mr. Ralph Thompson near this place, on Monday last gave birth to one mare and two horse colts. Unfortunately for Mr. Thompson all three died. Any one who can beat this will please step to the front.

Yours, &c., SNAPE.

FROM COBOURG.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

Mr. T. O'Neill, the well-known liveryman of this town, has sold to Mr. Warrel, manager of the Bank of Toronto, Port Hope, the province-bred mare Molly Darling. She will be used for saddle purposes. The consideration was not made public. Mr. O'Neill is thinking of going to Kentucky for a couple of race horses.

Col. Bolton, owner of Lady D'Arcy Speculum and other thoroughbreds, has sold