

Phmira, N. Y. 12 to 14
 Mystic Park, Boston 12 to 16
 Ogdensburg 14, 28 to 29
 Jerome Park (Running) Sept. 30 to Oct. 14
 Pottstown, Pa. Oct. 8 to 9
 Washington, D.C. (Running) Oct. 24 to 27

CANADIAN.

Canadian Stallion Race.....Sept. 9
 Woodbine.....Sept. 14, 16 & 18
 Oshawa.....Sept. 19 & 20
 Wulford.....Sept. 20 & 21
 Fergus.....Sept. 27 to 29

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine.....Sept. 11
 Oshawa.....Sept. 15
 Fergus.....Sept. 22

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

AN UNLOOKED FOR RESULT.

Horsemen in the States, who had been patrons of the great trotting circuit, last season made a strong protest against the imposition of the 10 per cent. entrance fee, and demanded a reduction in some way. They assumed, rightly enough, it was hardly proper for them to pay the Associations a ten per cent. fee when the entry list would frequently show over a hundred per cent of the purse, which really placed them in the position of giving money to Associations for the privilege of co-testing for their own deposits. There was no reciprocity in this principle, and, to meet the views of horsemen, many of the Associations allowed a five per cent. drawback from the amount of the entrance fee, provided, the horse was declared out, or drawn, before seven o'clock of the evening before the race. Thus, it was thought, would at least be satisfactory to owners, and at the same time would not seriously affect the revenue of the Associations, as it was presumed with the privilege of five per cent. forfeit, the number of entries would be much larger. It can be readily understood that a tax of ten per cent. in each of a circuit of seven meetings, with the entries closing simultaneously, was something that many owners of fine horses, who might desire to take them the whole trip, could hardly afford. There was the risk, again to be assumed, of the horse getting out of shape, or becoming lame before the circuit was completed. And again, after the first meeting, the enthusiastic owner may have discovered, he entertained too high an opinion of the merits of his horse. When brought in competition with others of his class, he probably had to be content with a rear place. Under the old system, the whole of the entrance money, through the circuit, had to be paid, even if the horse was never started. Suspensions, of course, became the rule, and the numerous disabilities under which horses would labor if the old style of doing business was continued, threatened to seriously interfere with the success of the leading tracks. Therefore it can be readily seen the five per cent. forfeit plan was accepted as a boon by both of the principal parties

RACES ON MONDAY NEXT, 11TH INST.

THE STALLION RACE.

Before another issue of the SPORTING TIMES is placed in the hands of its readers, the great Stallion Race, which has almost convulsed the trotting circles in Canada, will be over, and the winner will have secured his reward. When the race was first spoken of by its promoters they had but very little idea it would meet with the favorable reception it has received from owners, or create the interest among the votaries of the turf it has aroused. As an evidence of its popularity it will only be necessary to compare it with the great stallion race at Boston, in September, 1874, universally admitted to have been one of the most eminently successful affairs in the records of the American turf. For this grand and sensational affair, after unlimited advertising and unceasing canvassing, with the golden bait of \$10,000 as an allurement, the nominations numbered sixteen, comprising horses from New Hampshire and Massachusetts to the golden state California, far off on the Pacific coast. An almost unlimited country was the field for its operation. Along side of this exhibit our humble efforts shine brightly. From an expanse of country about two hundred miles in length with a depth sufficient to make it only a strip, we have obtained eleven bona fide nominations, and this result has been arrived at with the assistance of only quite ordinary exertions, the propositions have been voluntary on the part of owners, and no meretricious inducements have been offered to swell the lists to abnormal numbers. If there was nothing else to congratulate ourselves on than this very favorable testimony to our efforts to contribute our mite towards the advancement of good racing in this country, it would be ungrateful for us to complain. But our percentage of starters is much greater than in the great American event. Out of sixteen nominations there, six came to post; while of our eleven, six will be absentees, only about one-half. Taking into consideration that the entries closed three months ago, and coupling that with the well known uncertainty in preparing horses for the track, the ratio of our starters to the nominations must be considered large. It is more than possible if it had not for very exceptionable circumstances in the way of accidents the number would have been greater. However, as it is, it is pleasing to us to have the five leading horses in the original list come to the post. This number is quite sufficient to make as good a race as if the whole number started. And from the fact of the flower of the list making good their declarations, no disappointment is likely to ensue in the excitement of the contest. The race should be a great success, the interest in it is not confined to any section, and its results are not individual. The whole country will receive the benefit of the exhibition, as it is, of breeding and speed. So far, everything connected with it has gone on without a hitch, and it is to be hoped its final will be as pleasing to all who are in any way interested in it, as its inception and subsequent progress has been to us.

concede the right of flying the whip pennant for 1877 to the Maple Leafs.

To those who are acquainted with Mr. M. the idea of him favoring his own club for the paltry consideration of \$5 or \$15 would be ridiculous. It was unfortunate, with the bitter rivalry existing between these clubs, that Mr. M. should have been selected to fill the position of umpire. It is well known he is intimately interested in the Tecumsehs, and no matter how unbiased his decisions might have been, it would give cause to impute improper motives to him. However, it must be satisfactory to him to know that notwithstanding his connection with the London team, it was the Maple Leafs who insisted upon him filling the position, thus showing their confidence, not only in his ability, but likewise in his integrity. The next time some disinterested outsider will probably be selected.

REMEMBER THE GREAT STALLION RACE AT WEST END PARK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

In conversation with many gentlemen who are connected with different Associations throughout the country, it is quite apparent there is a feeling in responsible turf circles that an Association of the leading tracks is a measure that would meet with the warmest approval. The turf interests of the country all but demand it, and the welfare of the Clubs who would be affiliated under its workings would be greatly increased. Then all would, to a certain extent, be mutually concerned in each other's welfare, and the assistance which one could give the other would be directly felt throughout the entire chain. The balance of power would be placed in the proper hands, and while its influence would be pleasing to an owner whose intentions are always good, it would prove a terror to the dishonest. The barnacles could and would be cleared out, the progress of racing made much smoother, and a respect for authority enforced, which would go far to place the institution on a sound footing.

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AN UNEXPECTED CHAMPION.

The professional single-scul races at Philadelphia, this week, developed an extraordinary oarsman unexpectedly to a great many. We refer to young Hanlon, of this city. He was known to be more than a match for any one in this section, but when he decided to put in an appearance among the aquatic giants of the old and new worlds, many fancied he over rated his own abilities; and while commending his pluck doubted his discretion. But, so far, he has been able to hold his own with the best of them. From the report, it will be seen, he won his first heat on Monday, beating such good men as Coulter, of Pittsburg, and Thomas, of London, England; the time being the fastest of the day. On Tuesday, in the second trial heats, he was again successful, beating Luther, of Pittsburg, and Plaisted, of New York. The final heat will be between Ellis Ward, of

In speaking of the chances of the entrants it may be said, they are individually looked upon as having favorable prospects, and as the race will be truly on its merits, it will be difficult to select the "slick one." Speculation is very brisk, and the friends of each of the nominations stick to him like wax. How it will be to-morrow would be difficult guessing.

Everything is in good shape for the race. The horses are reported in splendid fettle and moving like pieces of machinery. No pains have been spared to place the track in admirable condition; and good weather is all that is required to make everything pleasant.

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A PROPER DECISION.

A short time ago an account was given in these columns of a mile foot race between Raine of Ottawa, and Wood of Galt, in which the former proved to be the speedier man. Since then Raine has been running at Montreal, in a race given at a Firemen's picnic, open to amateurs. He was successful in winning his race, but the prize has been withheld for two reasons: that he was not an amateur, and, because he entered under an assumed name. So far as his disqualification as an amateur is concerned, it is difficult to decide upon its merits, as almost every club has a varying meaning of the term; but no defence can be offered for the flagrant violation of the acceptance of fair play rules by running under an assumed name. It is fraudulent on its face, and the Montreal committee acted properly in withholding the premium. The object was doubtless to ring him in for improper purposes, by entering under the name of Ingraham, and it would have been a wrong if the prize had been withheld from a bona fide entry. Mr. Raine is quite fast enough to take his chances in his own class, with his own name, and this little example will probably impress upon his mind the truth of the old proverb, "Honesty is the best policy."

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ALL A MISTAKE.

It has come to our knowledge that some parties who should know better have been industriously circulating a report that we retained the entry money in the Stallion Race and only give the \$400 which we add along with the gold medal, thus making it appear to be quite a favorable speculation on our part. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and what motive could have prompted the circulation of such a report is utterly beyond comprehension. The entry and forfeit monies are added to the \$400 and medal, making the purse of the value of \$800, the first money of which alone will amount to \$480, besides the golden emblem of victory. It is difficult to believe that anyone would desire to see the race a failure, but these unfounded statements so confidently repeated would certainly lead to the belief that there is a hard working Ananias in our midst.

Wednesday of last week. He is looking for it yet, and fancies he has a permanent job.

Mr. N. McCarney, late of the St. Lawrence Hall, has leased the Rover House, Brockville. Horsemen reading this paragraph will know where to stop when visiting Brockville.

Edenton changed hands at Ottawa last week.

Vicksburg and Bill Bruce are rustivating at Woodstock.

It is Charley Boyle's intention to take Inspiration to Jerome Park this Fall, and try to reach some of the rich plums there.

Galatea, the Ottawa mare, won five steeple-chases in two weeks at Caledonia Springs and Dominion Springs.

The other day, a gentleman who prides himself on his general cuteness, and his ability to buy a horse for half his worth, went to see an animal that was for sale. "How much?" he asked. "Seven hundred dollars," was the reply. "I'll give you seventy," he offered with a sneer. "Done!" said the dealer, amidst the laughter of the by-standers—and he was "done."

It will be noticed in perusing the Woodbine programme in to-day's paper that the 2:48 race has been changed to a 2:45. The entries close on Monday next.

While reining in his horse, in the Corinthian Stakes race, at Dominion Springs, Capt. Poole of Toronto, was violently thrown to the ground. He was picked up, and examined by Dr. Leicester. His injuries were of an insignificant character.

Mr. L. Ostrum of Toronto, and the bay gelding Billy, have been suspended for non-payment of entrance by the Waterloo, N.Y., Association.

Dominion Rules will govern the running, and National Association Rules the trotting at the forthcoming Woodbine Meeting. Entrance money must accompany the nominations; and no conditional entries will be received. This is the official intimation.

By an advertisement in to-day's paper will be seen Dr. Smith offers for sale the celebrated mare Helen Bennett. She has so far recovered from her injury, at Woodstock, as to be able to be used for hack purposes, and, no doubt, in a short time, in all probability, will be fit to race. She should prove exceedingly valuable as a brood mare.

On the eve of going to press we received the verdict of the B. B. Judiciary Committee in the matter of the protest of the London and Guelph game; and a communication from the Chairman of the Committee replying to some misstatements of a western paper. They were too late for this week.

Andy McLaughlin, the steeple chase jock, who met with a severe fall at Caledonia Springs Races, called on us on Wednesday. He is progressing very favorably, and expects to be around as well as ever in a short time.

GRAFTON.—Mr. Robert Bonner's horse Grafton has now entirely recovered from the virulent and obstinate fistula with which he has been troubled for some time past. Dr. Ogle burnt out the sinuous ulcer with bitters of antimony. So complete is the recovery of Grafton that Mr. Bonner drove him a full mile on Wednesday last over his track in 2:17, without skip or break, which shows conclusively that "Richard's himself again."