

May 1 to 5	May 12 to 19
May 22 to 25	May 29 to June 2
June 2 to 7	June 11 to 14
June 18 to 21	June 25 to Oct.

#### CANADIAN.

May 23 to 24	May 24
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May 24 to 25	May 24 to 25
May 28 to 29	May 24
May 24 to 25	May 24 to 25
May 29 to 30	May 24 to 25
May 30 to June 1	May 24 to 25
June 9	May 24 to 25
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July 2 to 3	May 24 to 25
June 18 to 20	May 24 to 25
July 2 to 3	May 24 to 25
July 2 to 4	May 24 to 25
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#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

May 18	May 21
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May 26	May 21
June 1	May 21
June 27	May 21
July 1	May 21

#### NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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#### THE STALLION RACE.

It is a very considerable interest is evinced in the stallion race, which, this year, as last, promises to be the turf event of the year. From all quarters we hear that eligible horses are anxious to go to participate in the struggle, and are using the prestige of the notice of their intentions as *bona fide*. This we are pleased to announce that we have made arrangements for the use of the old track to trot the race over, which will probably meet with the approbation of all concerned. Last year there was some objection made to bringing such a momentous race to an issue over a half-mile track, but

was not considered a necessary if we were to look for a little reciprocity from horse owners in this race. The stake last year was a million, and our obligations were filled to the hilt; but so far this year the columns of the *Sporting Times* can be searched in vain for any intimation of what the leading horses of last year's race are doing, or where they may be found.

#### THE END OF THE POOL BILL.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lauzon, President of the Dominion D. P. A., Ottawa, we have been favored with a copy of the amended bill repressing betting and pool-selling. As mentioned previously it will not take effect until May 1, 1878. From want of space, this week, we are compelled to defer any remarks on the character of the amendment. However, we may direct attention to the strange inconsistencies presented in the Act. If it is proper pool-selling should be suppressed, why should an extension be granted to it; and where one system of betting is permitted, why prohibit another. The latter provision is about on a par with the theory that if you stab a man to death you are guilty of murder, while if you take his life by shooting or the knife it is justifiable. But we suppose it will be always thus, while our legislators make laws controlling matters of which they are entirely ignorant. The portions of the bill quoted thus " " comprise the amendments to the original draft.

#### AN ACT FOR THE REPRESSION OF BETTING AND POOL-SELLING.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. In case any person uses or knowingly allows any part of any premises under his control to be used for the purpose of recording or registering any bet or wager, or selling any pool, or—  
(2) Keeps, exhibits, or employs, or knowingly allows to be kept, exhibited or employed, in any part of any premises under his control, any device or apparatus, for the purpose of recording or registering any bet or wager or selling any pool, or—

(3.) Becomes the custodian or depository of any money, property, or valuable thing staked, wagered, or pledged, or—  
(4.) Records or registers any bet or wager, or sells any pool;—

Upon the result (a) of any political or municipal election, or (b) of any race, or (c) any contest or trial of skill or endurance of man or beast;—

Such person is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in any common gaol for any term less than one year, with or without hard labour, and to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

2. Provided always, that this Act "shall not come into operation until the 1st day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and" shall not extend to any person by reason of his becoming the custodian or depository of any money, property or valuable thing staked, to be paid to the winner of any lawful race, sport, game or exercise, or to the owner of any horse engaged in any lawful race, "or to bets between individuals."

3. The provisions of the Act thirty-second and thirty-third Victoria, chapter thirty-two, intitled: "An Act respecting the *ompt and summary administration of Criminal Justice in certain cases*," shall apply to cases arising under this Act.

The number of green race horses that are likely to show up this year is truly remarkable. Reports say that the woods are full of them, but it appears to be difficult to get specific particulars.

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#### OGDENSBURG.

As our forms were being made up for press we received the bill of the Ogdensburg Club for July 4th. This week we have neither time nor space to speak of the merits of the programme, but commend it to the attention of horsemen.

#### Sporting Gossip.

Owing to the crowded state of our advertising columns, we are obliged this week to cut down all our departments. The probabilities are this disease will not become chronic.

Van Dorn, by Vandal, dam Dew Drop, by Lexington, one of Mr. John Forbes' recent purchases, has become lame. Bill Bruce and Paladin are all right, and as lively as kittens.

The great international steeplechase handicap at Sandown Park, England, was won last week by Capt. Mitchell's Congress, with the short odds of 2 to 1 against him.

Dunton's Spirit of the Turf says a light gray horse, with dark points, 15-2, that can speed better than 2:30, known as Gray Dick, and owned by Mr. Sam Callabeck, will be campaigned in Canada this season.

Mr. Wm. Norris, Hibbert, has sold his stallion, Lord Haddo, to Mr. Wm. Page for \$400.

Messrs. McTague & Dobson, of Galt, have been lately having a quoit tourney. In the first game the score was 61 to 47 in favor of the latter, but Mr. McTague turned the tables in the return match, with a score of 61 to 38 in his favor. Another match will be required to decide the tie.

Mr. George Lees, of Guelph, is about shipping to the Old Country, six fine saddle horses suitable for hunters. They are 4 and 5 years old, have been carefully selected, and, as Mr. L. has been "home" before, he ought to know what style to export.

The Parkhill Turf Club is being organized for the season, and they expect to give their Spring Races on the 24th inst. As Mr. Florence would say, as the Hon. Bardwell Slope, from the Cohosh district, "H. M. I. how many more are we to have on that regal day."

Hanlan. Ross was not nearly so anxious for a match as he appeared to be along in the winter. "Brag is a good dog, but" &c., &c.

Mr. C. Woolcott, of Adrian, Mich., has bought from Mr. B. S. Wright, of Boston, the black stallion Lothair, by Gilbreth Knox. Lothair has a record of 2:29½. He must not be confounded with Lothair alias Small Hopes, the renegade of the turf, formerly owned in Jackson, Mich.

Mr. James Irvine, of Fallerton, was in Mitchell the other day with a 2-year-old colt that weighed 1,510 lbs.

Wallace Ross and Warren Smith have about come to terms for a sculling match. Won't some one see Hanlan's hand.

The Turf, Field and Farm Racing Calendar for 1876 is now ready for delivery. It is published in pocket form, admirably arranged, is a perfect vade mecum for the year, and only costs \$1.50. Send for one—the address is 37 Park Row, New York.

The Lucknow Sentinel don't think much of the trotting stock up that way. In a recent issue it mentioned a prospective 18-mile race between two horses owned in that town, and suggested if the race took place the horses would be started about 3 p.m., so that the citizens generally could see the finish after tea!

Mr. John Forbes, the owner of Vicksburg, intends placing in the hands of the Sec. of the N. R. of Oxford Agrl Society \$25, to be offered at the Fall show of '78 in two premiums for the best mares with foals from Vicksburg at their sides.

Mr. P. J. Pilkey, of Brautford, has been on a visit to Texas and returned home last week, much pleased with his visit.

Mr. E. Kelly, of Stayner, starts by the first Collingwood steamer for Manitoba with a lot of horses.

There is now on exhibition at Meriden, Conn., one of the most remarkable of animals, viz.: a two-legged horse, having no front legs and no perceptible breast or shoulders, but has as a small offset one extra rib. She is a small-sized mare, bay in color, is about seven years old, poor in flesh, yet weighs about six hundred pounds, and enjoys good health. She has a very intelligent looking head and expressive eyes. The exhibitors state that she was bred by Mr. John Maxwell, of Howard County, Iowa, and is a Morgan horse, and her dam a thoroughbred.

Our stallion friends have been inundating us this week with applications, which to breeders are valuable reading.

Goldsmith Maid and Rarus trot to-morrow at Solinas, California, for \$2,000 purse, and an additional \$1,000 if 2:16½ is beaten.

SPORT FOR THE MILLION.—Under this caption the Sporting Gazette protests a bill brought into the British parliament for the licensing of race courses, which, it is contended, would curtail the sports of the masses without adding to the morality of the turf. Our contemporary ridicules the "goody-goody" style of amusement which certain moral reformers persist in forcing upon the humble folk, when the natural craving is to enjoy themselves in their own way and co-

sire,) and so on through Virginian, Bedford, Bellair, &c., all notable strains of the fine blood. It is unnecessary to run back the pedigree of Boston to establish the claim that Vicksburg is probably one of the best bred horses in America, which in no case can be a subject of dispute. In addition to Vicksburg's perfect pedigree, his great speed must not be overlooked. He ran a mile at Cleveland, Ohio, under a pull down the stretch in 1:42½, and it was the opinion of good horsemen had he been cut loose that day from wire to wire he would have put down figures it would have taken years, in all probability, to rub out. With his size, shape, and formation, coupled with his remarkable fleetness, and broken down, it is not difficult to see that he are but few, and very few, who would recommend themselves to the breeder. The very owner has attached to his an inducement. If he was son in Kentucky it is quite possible, for a limited book, he could command ten times the amount he is held at here. There can be but little chance that owners of good mares will overlook this great horse.

#### SLAP BANG.

This horse will make the present season in the vicinity of Toronto. He is quite a valuable addition to our stock of thoroughbred sires in this neighborhood. From his fine breeding, good size, and admirable record as a weight carrying race horse in the old country he should leave some fine stock either from thoroughbred or cold blooded mares. Through his dam he is connected in close ties of consanguinity with Orlando, winner of the Derby, 1844, and on his sire's side runs back in a very straight line to Launcelet, winner of St. Leger, 1840. From this it will be seen he is admirably connected on his maternal and paternal sides.

#### WAR CRY.

Our opinion of this fine son of War Daze and Eliza Davis has been so frequently given that it does not require repetition here. His route will be found in our columns to-day, and it is deserving the notice of all who desire the services of a thoroughbred sire.

#### RINGWOOD.

This noble son of Edward Everett will make the season at the Stormont Stock Farm. He is now 12 years old, and is truly bred for a trotting stallion, uniting the Hambletonian, Black Hawk, and Star strains of blood in a happy combination. Wallace, his "Monthly" of February, speaks of this family thus:—" \* \* \* the Hambletonian and Star cross which undoubtedly is the true strain to breed from in order to secure the highest qualities so desirable and eminently essential in the trotting horse." This is high authority, and doubtless will carry due weight with our breeders. From want of space we are obliged to dismiss this deserving horse with this short notice, only hoping that the Messrs. Bergin will meet with their full share of success with him, as well as with the new season's stock.

#### MIDWAY.

This we believe is the only Almont stallion in Eastern Ontario, and as such will be sure to attract his share of attention. It is unnecessary to speak of the great merits of Almont as a sire of trotters, his reputation is world wide and universally admitted. The very favorable combination of trotting blood in Midway is easily recognizable. Almont is a half brother by the sire to Goldsmith Maid; and Midway's dam was by Mambrino Chief, the sire of the famous Thorn. This is breeding that has accomplished a large amount of what we are pleased to refer our readers to in another column, and