

## Mr. Fin and Feather.

### SHOOTING AT TOLEDO, OHIO.

pigeon match for \$200, came off at Toledo on the 5th; between Ed. Gillman of Detroit, and W. W. Stinott of Fort Wayne. Conditions—Plunge traps, 21 yards, 80 yards boundary, 50 wild pigeons. The latter won, killing 89 to Gillman's 38.

### A MATCH AT DETROIT.

On June 6, L. H. Hascall and Robt. Crawford shot at 25 birds each, 21 yards rise \$100, Detroit Gun Club rules, with the following result:

Crawford... 1111111111100010111111—20  
Hascall... 1011010111111101011111—20  
Ties on twenty—26 yards.  
Crawford... 11111—5 Hascall... 11111—5  
Second tie—81 yards rise.  
Crawford... 11000—2 Hascall... 11110—4

Last week near Hamilton a lad named Robert Meadows captured in the lake a small eel fish. The fish is about 18 inches long and has a most formidable head, the bill being some four inches long.

A speckled trout measuring 16½ inches in length and 11 in girth was caught the other day in Goderich.

Mr. D. Allen, of Galt, sold on Wednesday, a black-breasted Red Game Cock, to a party at Brainerd Station, Penn., for \$40.

The Minnesota Fish Commissioners have deposited sixteen hundred young salmon in the Red River.

POP FOR WINE.—A pigeon shoot for a basket of wine came off on the 18th at St. Catharines, between Messrs. Carlisle and Woodruff, with the following result: Carlisle, 10; Woodruff, 9.

The great dog and bird show, under the management of Ald. Piper, will take place on July 4 and 5, at the Adelaide St. rink here.

### ENGLISH ECLIPSE.

This world's wonder upon the turf has excited much interest with every class of people in all countries where a knowledge of the English thoroughbred extends, and very often these accounts, like those of the celebrated Flying Childers, are very greatly exaggerated. Eclipse was foaled in 1864. When three years old Mr. William Wildman, his owner, ordered him trained, but he was so ill-tempered that no success was attained, notwithstanding the most patient efforts, and his owner was finally urged to geld him. There was a rough rider in the neighborhood who was engaged to conquer the ungovernable four-year-old, for he had now reached this age without ever having started in a race. His new groom and rider, for the fellow was both, and a poacher besides, rode the fiery charger off his legs, using him on business during daylight, and backed him in his poaching excursions at night. The rough treatment partly conquered the unruly spirit, and Eclipse became quiet enough to be trained. The spring he was five years old he ran his first race. It was on the 8th day of April, 1869, that he won his maiden race, four-mile heats. He continued to race until the 8th day of October, 1870, his last race having been run on that day. Between these dates he ran eighteen races, from two-mile heats to four-mile heats, and never lost a heat or a race. He never became a quiet horse, and the jockeys, Fitzpatrick and Oakley, one of whom always rode him, invariably contented themselves with a steady rein, and allowed him to take his own gait. He won eleven King's plates, carrying 168 lbs., which was one more than any other horse had ever won in England. Mr. O'Kelly, who purchased an interest in the great horse before his first race, and finally became the sole owner of him at 1,750 guineas, declared that he had realized from his racing more than \$25,000, an enormous sum for that period. The great racer and sire died on the 27th of February, 1890, in the 26th year. Upon a post mortem examination his heart was taken out and placed

in alacrity in aiding at the business, so as to furnish the "shocking example," whose existence, with crocodile tears, they afterwards deplored. They remind us of Thackeray's Captain Goram, a disreputable, stout old fellow, with a red face, a taste for rum and easy, and an insatiable thirst for rum and water. Being asked by some of his cronies how he was, the Captain replied that he was as well as he could expect, considering that his heart had been broken by the conduct of his children several times. Old Eccles, in the play of "Caste," is merely the Captain in other circumstances, but the dramatist rightly thought that few of the audience would discover the fact. We commend the Captain and Old Eccles to our virtuous neighbors. The real truth is, that the people want to bet their own money in their own way on the races, if they deem it proper to do so, and nobody has any right, consistent with liberty and reason, to restrain them. The interest of those who never bet money is increased and intensified by the knowledge that many thousands depend upon the races outside the stakes. The idea that the interest of the people in horse races could be maintained without stakes and bets is simply idiotic. All the distinguished people who attend at Jerome Park and were present at the races on Saturday, know that well enough. The book-making at present is not a substitute for pool-selling, and it is doubtful if it ever will be.

The New York Clipper, a very conservative paper, says:—"The attendance was not so large as on the opening day, the threatening appearance of the weather and the dissatisfaction in consequence of the abolition of pools keeping many away. Book-making, or the English system of betting, is unpopular here, for the intending backer of a horse, when he asks the odds the book-maker is willing to lay against the animal, is often told that the choice has already been taken, that his book against him is full, and that he will not bet any more against that horse. The would-be backer has therefore either to invest his money on some other horse, or to let book betting alone."

### TROTTERS AT MONTREAL.

A correspondent of the Spirit of the Times, in last week's paper, gives the following list of prominent horses in Montreal:—First and foremost is the old stager Hotspur, now called Dennis. Dennis is as fine as silk, and his owner and trainer, Mr. Gervais, our enterprising carriage maker, says that 2:25 is nothing for him. Mr. Gervais also has the brown mare Belle of Montreal; she is a good one and can beat 2:30. There are a number of other trotters in training at the same place, notably, the fine stallion colt Judge Dewitt, by a son of Ethan Allen, and owned by Mr. Smith, of this place. The Judge is very speedy and has fine action, and Mr. Duffinell, his able trainer, thinks that by fall he will be a mover. Duff, also, has a fine young bay gelding, by St. Lawrence, owned by Mr. Beatty, that can trot in 3:00 and several other youngsters all in good form and looking well. Over at Longueuil, Montreal's Brooklyn, there are a number of good ones in training. Mr. Langevin's stable is as follows: The chestnut mare Village Girl, owned by Mr. Planter, can beat 2:30 handy and looks fit to trot for a man's life. Chestnut gelding, owned by Mr. Levine, is a fine colt and can beat 2:50. Bay gelding Orphan Boy, by Black Hawk, is a fine colt with a promise of great speed; can beat 2:45; he is owned by Dr. McGowan. Mr. Langevin also has several youngsters that can beat 3:00. Mr. Beauchamp has two good ones, bay gelding City Boy, owned by Messrs. Mayer and Charbonneau, is one of the best shaped horses in Canada; he is very speedy, and could he finish his miles as well as he begins them, he would trot in 2:26. The other is a gray gelding Safe, owned by Mr. Beauchamp; Safe has not got a very good reputation, for he generally sulks on the last quarter. The two game and fast little trotters Drummer Boy and Farmer Boy are in training at the establishment of their owner, Mr. T. Lesage, at St. Therese; they are known to be very fast, but have been kept quiet this spring. The boss road mare, White Rose, owned by Mr. Geo. F. Phelps, is not in training, but is used for buggy driving.

D.C., Mr. C. V. M. Temple, of Quebec, having the good luck to secure her for \$101. This mare is well bred and a fine jumper, and, should she appear on the turf this season, I shall certainly expect to see her give a good account of herself.

The Ottawa trotters, Moose and Captain Webb, are doing good work, and I was informed this afternoon on good authority that the latter moved in big time yesterday on a very heavy track. They are both looking remarkably well, and reflect credit on their trainer, Mr. Pope.—NIMROD.

INGERSOLL.—Mr. Edward Golding's colt which I wrote to you about, week before last, died last Tuesday. It is a great pity, as it had every appearance of turning out to be something extra.

One of Mr. Michael Dunn's cream ponies ran away last week, breaking its leg. Mr. Dunn was about to destroy the animal when somebody suggested that it should be put under the care of Joseph Hawkins, V. S., which was accordingly done. Mr. Hawkins set the leg in steel splints, and the horse is now in a very fair way of being effectually cured.

A heavy stone throwing match came off here last Thursday for a beautiful spitz pup (value \$20) presented by Wm. Eastwood, Esq. There were nine contestants, and after a hard struggle the victory was gained by Chief Constable Henderson; weight of stone 21 lbs.; distance thrown 89 ft. 6 in.

Dominion Day is to be celebrated here in a truly loyal manner. Athletic games of all descriptions are to be the order of the day, to wind up with a grand torchlight procession. \$316 is to be given away in prizes, which, I think, will insure a large attendance.

The Racing Association is about to have our half-mile track put in first-rate order next week, but whether it is the intention to have a meeting or not has not yet transpired.

The Chippewa Lacrosse Club of this town play a match game with the Beavers of Brantford, on Monday next, when some close play is anticipated.

A match game of base ball was played last Monday, at Woodstock, between the Amateur Club of that town and the Actives of Ingersoll, resulting in favor of the former, by a score of 17 to 16.—TOM WEIGHT.

## Canadian Turf

### SPRING MEETING AT OSHAWA.

OSHAWA, June 6—\$150. Trotting, 2:48 class. \$100, 50.

J. Bradburn, g g Moni. Boy..... 4 5 2 1 1 1  
W. Slack, br m Lillian..... 0 2 3 2 4 3  
W. Kennedy, ch g Jenny Boy..... 0 4 1 3 2 5  
J. Fleming, ch m Jenny Vincent... 3 1 6 6 3 dis  
C. Ray, gr m Queen..... 6 6 5 5 dis  
B. Russell, spt g Cool Burgess.... 5 3 4 4 dis

Time—2:45, 0:00, 0:00, 2:43, 2:40, 2:40.

Same Day—\$100. Running, half-mile heats, for Dom. breeds. \$70, 20, 10.

P. Murphy, ch g John Logan, 6 yrs, by Al-landale, dam by Wait-a-while..... 1 1  
F. Martin, ch g Pilot, 6 yrs, by Jack the Barber, dam by Pilot..... 2 2  
Time—52, 53.

June 7—\$175. Trotting, 2:35 class. \$100, 50, 25.

W. Staples, b g Barlow..... 1 3 2 1 1  
A. F. Lee, ch g Little Ethan..... 3 1 1 3 3  
J. Clark, ch g Uncle Ned..... 2 2 3 2 2

Time—2:37, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 0:00.

Same Day—\$5 sweepstake, with \$15 added. Trotting. For County horses.

Owner's blk g Black Jack..... 2 1 1 1  
Owner's blk m Lady Roe..... 1 2 2 2  
Owner's ch g White Tail..... dis

Time—3:15, 3:03, 0:07, 0:00.

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### LEPINE PARK, MONTREAL, SPRING MEETING.

LEPINE PARK, Montreal, June 11—\$50. Trotting, for beer-driver's horses. \$30, 15, 5.

T. Hogue, br g Garcon du Village..... 1 1 1  
L. Lecroix, b g L'oiseau Rouge..... 2 2 2  
J. Domphouse, br g Porter..... dis

Time—3:06, 3:01, 3:04.

Same Day—\$100. Running, mile heats. \$75.

## Amusements.

### CITY.

The present week has been very dull in amusement circles in the city.

At the Royal Opera House next Tuesday Miss Victoria Woodhull will lecture—her subject being, "The Human Body the Temple of God."

The La Verde sisters will take a complimentary benefit under the patronage of several distinguished citizens at the Royal Opera House on Saturday evening.

Mr. Cool Burgess will open with a strong variety company at the Adelaide St. rink on July 2.

### GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mr. Geo. Rignold opened at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, in Henry V. Miss Kate Claxton commences a week's engagement on the 25th.—The Aime Opera Bouffe Co., it is said, have engaged the Theatre Royal for ten nights, commencing on the 25th.

HAMILTON.—Shaughraun Co., this week, to good houses.—Warde & Herbert's English Comedy Co., Monday 25th.—Haverley's Minstrels, June 26th.

LONDON.—The Holmans closed on Saturday evening, previous to taking their summer tour.—"Forbidden Fruit" party at Holman Opera House, June 18.—Victoria Woodhull, same place, June 19.

St. JOHN, N. B.—Miss Louise Pomeroy commenced a week on June 18, as Rosalina in As You Like It.

HALIFAX.—At Academy of Music, Our Boarding House, last week, and up to Wednesday, to good houses; Around the World in 80 days on Thursday, and will probably run a week, the scenery by Mr. Gill was magnificent, and he was honored with a call before the curtain.—Sheppard's Jubilee Singers at Temperance Hall, 19, 20, 21. Correspondence dated June 16.

WYOMING, Ont.—A dramatic club has been organized here.

Georgetown is to have a new market and town hall.

## GREEN TROTTER FOR SALE.

For Sale, by the late owner of St. Patrick, another promising trotter by the same horse, out of a Tom Rumble. (S) is good single or double, and second to none under the saddle. Won one race on the ice without training. For further particulars apply to

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Montreal, June 18, '77

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WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

JUNE 27, 28 & 29

\$2,100 - IN PURSES

### FIRST DAY

1—\$225. 2:38 class (bar Decit, Deck Wright & Alexander. \$150, 50, 25.  
2—\$150. Running. Half-mile heats. Open to all. T. C. W. Dominion-breds allowed 10 lbs. \$115, 5.  
3—\$300. 2:30 class. \$200, 70, 30.

### SECOND DAY

4—\$150. 2:50 class (bar Decit and Deck Wright) \$100, 5, 15.  
5—\$200. Running. Open to all. Mile heats. T. C. W. Dominion-breds allowed 10 lbs. \$150, 50.  
6—\$250. Trotting. Free-for-all Dominion-breds. \$175, 50, 25.

### THIRD DAY

7—\$225. 2:34 class. \$150, 50, 25.  
8—\$400. Trotting. Free-for-all. \$250, 100, 50.  
9—\$200. Steeplechase, about 2½ miles. Handicap. Half-mile. Top weight 160 lbs. \$150, 50.

Time made at the Montreal Races, June 18th, 19th, and 20th will not be a bar.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Dominion Rules. 4 to enter 3 to start. Entrance 10 per cent. Entries close on Thursday, June 27. Horses to be eligible at date of entry. Trotting, mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. All communications to be addressed to Secretary, 18 Murray St., Ottawa. For further particulars see large bills.

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President.

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## THE EXETER DRIVING PARK

Association Spring Meeting will be held in

## EXETER

Monday & Tuesday, JULY 2 & 3

### PROGRAMME OF RACES:

#### FIRST DAY.

Running Race—Purse \$50. 1st prize \$2nd 15, 3rd, 10. Open to all horses owned within 25 miles of Exeter, at date of this 1st that never won a race. Half-mile heats, 3 in 3-Minute Trot—Purse \$150. 1st prize \$2nd 40, 3rd 20.

Running Race—Purse \$200. 1st prize \$12nd 50, 3rd 25. Open to all. Provi. co-bred allowed 10 lbs. Mile heats, 2 in 3.  
2:15 Trot—Purse \$150. 1st prize