

LEOPARD PARK, MONTREAL.
March 12, 1877.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Ottawa Ice Races Feb. 7

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Charleston, S. C. Feb 6 to 9
St. Louis, Mo. June 4 to 8

TROTTING.

Freeport, Ill. May 30 to June 2
Prophetstown, Ill. June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis. June 4 to 7
Grand Rapids, Mich. June 18 to 21
Detroit, Mich. July 2 to 7
Clyde, N. Y. July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio July 3 to 5
Toledo, O. July 16 to 19
Cleveland, O. July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y. July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill. Aug 1 to 4
Rochester, N. Y. Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill. Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y. Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass. Aug 20 to 23
Larimore, Ill. Aug 20 to 23
Myate Park, Boston Sept 3 to 6

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A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

[From the *Sporting Times*, Dec. 14th, '77.]

The third year of our proprietorship of the *SPORTING TIMES* is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practice to issue drafts in September on those who were in default with their subscriptions; but this year, instead, made a call through the columns of the paper requesting all who were indebted to remit the amounts due. With regret, we are obliged to acknowledge the appeal was not responded to with that alacrity which we anticipated would be shown. During this and next week we will issue drafts upon all of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscriptions, that

for after the year, and things should not turn out as anticipated, the disappointment will be of a pleasing character.

A repetition of the arguments advanced from time to time in our columns in favor of some system of mutual protection among our turf managers might prove to be tedious, but they are just as powerful to-day as when first written. The world is moving all the time, and to be up with the times the people must also advance. What was simply good enough a few years ago, is away behind the age now. But so far as our racing associations are concerned they stand in no better shape than they did in the olden time of which we sometimes hear. On the other side of the lines our American cousins are not willing to remain in a state of torpidity, but year after year are introducing such improvements in the management of their business, and making such amendments to the rules as their experience suggests. For mutual benefit the advantage of a Dominion Association to protect, foster, and encourage our turf interests must be admitted. The confidence of the public is not only gained but maintained by such an organization, while the value of such an affiliation to each individual member will be readily recognized.

There are many things in our Racing Rules requiring amendment and addition, and some of the provisions need overhauling if they should not be expunged. To do this is not the work of one man. To give it effect it requires to come from some organized and responsible body, in which the turfmen and horsemen of the country have confidence, and to which they can appeal for their rights, with the consciousness of having a fair hearing and having that justice done that they have a right to expect. The revision of the Rules is daily becoming more and more a matter of necessity. Many contingencies are totally unprovided for, while some of the rulings are now almost obsolete. In many instances our contests are governed by foreign authority, while in other cases special provisions are made to suit the ideas of those at the wheel. This is not as it should be, but it goes to show the necessity for their revision, which, among other things, would be within the province of the Dominion Association. The time will come when this organization must have an existence; but its formation now would be both expedient and politic.

RACING STAKES.

One of the strongest inducements to the breeders of racing stock, in localities where it is pursued more as a business than we can look for in Canada, is the number of stake races instituted for their youngsters. The nominations with which some of those events are favored fully attest the interest that is taken in, and the value that is attached to them. We have always advocated "stakes" as the legitimate system of racing, but the purse and entry-fee style has become so much the practice here as to make the probability of any general change in the business extremely indefinite. Managers of tracks can not, or will not, see their way clear to give stakes with added money by the clubs

for the price of the lot was about \$3,000. They will be shipped to the States. Mr. Candy Kimball, of the Driving Park, Buffalo, sold the grey gelding, Monk Boy, record 2:40, to Mr. Walter Smith of the same city, for \$600. Monk Boy was formerly owned by Mr. G. Rogers, of St. Catharines, and was developed by Johnnie Bradburn.

It is said there is not a word of truth in the report that is flying through the sporting press, about the purchase of Mazomanie by Mr. R. Bonner, of the N. Y. Ledger.

A meeting of the Lucknow, Ont., D.P.A., was held on the 28th ult., to arrange business for the coming season.

Col. D. McDaniel reports the first foals of the season, viz: a filly by Harry Bassett, out of Bet Arlington by Arlington; and another filly by Bassett, out of Leisure, by Red Eye.

Last week Dr. Somerville, V.S., of Buffalo, sold his gray horse Heathwood and a wagon to Mr. W. H. Johnson, of East Buffalo, for \$1,000.

The people of Ohio are in trouble to know what a notice of the Council on a bridge there means. It is to the effect that no one is to trot over it. Now they want to know if the notice applies equally to men and horses.

It is said that Ice Races were to take place at Trenton this week, but the managers were careful not to let horsemen know much about them.

A race took place on Wednesday of last week between Mr. F. Myer's horse Ghost and Mr. McMullikin's black mare, both of Seaforth. The race was trotted from Bayfield to Seaforth, 16 miles. The mare won easily.

Mr. John P. Esmonde is complimented by the Ottawa press for his pluck and presence of mind in stopping a runaway horse in that city last week. He jumped in the sleigh while the horse was running at a furious rate, and at considerable personal risk got hold of the reins and brought the wild rosnate to a stand-still near the Russell House.

The trotter Gen. Tweed, of New York, has been killed by order of the S. C. P. A. He broke his leg a short time ago. Tweed was valued at \$5,000, and had a record of 2:29.

Col. Mansaur, it is said, will run Dexter Park, Chicago, next year at its usual first-class gait.

Mr. Walter Barrett, lately connected with the Mail here, has accepted a position on the New York World as aquatic editor. Previous to his departure from this city he was entertained by his friends at a supper at which Mayor Morrison presided. He was made the recipient of a purse and a handsome sum of money, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held.

"The early bird," &c. Mr. D. W. Pratt, of Derham, is the possessor of a brood of chickens that were ushered into existence on the 22nd ult. They are earlier than the worms.

A newspaper report says that glanders is very prevalent among horses in the neighborhood of Kincardine, Co. Bruce.

The demand for horses for exportation to the States was much brisker last week in the Montreal market. 98 horses were shipped,

ice meetings, and asking your opinion thereon, upon the advisability of placing horses with ice or snow records in the same class as horses with a turf record for ice races. In my opinion there are a great many reasons why that suggestion cannot or should not be adopted, notwithstanding your approval. By doing so you would be giving turf horses a large percentage over green ones, for the former get their records over a full mile track, and are timed by competent judges, whereas the horse that only trots on ice is liable to get a record over a short track, sometimes not over $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile. To place these horses together would be doing the latter an injustice. Then the trouble and annoyance of placing horses in their proper places would be an endless job. Before winter would be over there would be only a few old ringers left to contest the open races, all the others would get such fast records on these short tracks that there would be none eligible, worth seeing, in the slower classes. I think, with all the slick ones they have in Homer, they will have it about their own way, and should not be asking benefits. I think the majority of horsemen will agree with me that the old way is the best, that there is no money in ice races, only a little sport, and to make the change suggested would be the means of spoiling the sport we now have in some places, as they would confine their races to local horses more than they do at present. We purpose having a meeting here early in February. The ice is in splendid condition now, and a number of horses are working on it.

Yours, &c., C.

TIPPO AND ROYAL GEORGE.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

Being a constant reader of your paper and seeing a great many questions asked in regard to the breeding of Tippo Sultan, or Tippo, as he was called, and being in the neighborhood of Mr. Isaac Morden, Northport, Prince Edward County, Ont., the man who owned him when he died, I called on him and learned these particulars of his pedigree, also that of Royal George. Mr. Morden was born on the 30th of September, 1799, consequently he will soon be 80 years old. I had not seen him for a number of years, but when he met me at the door he recognized me at once, and after passing the compliments of the season and telling him he did not seem to grow any older (the old gent is a little vain), which put him in a talkative mood, I asked him if he would be kind enough to give me a correct pedigree of Tippo, and where he got that name. He told me his correct name was Tippo Sultan, named after a celebrated elephant in England. Tippo Sultan was bred on the farm of Erastus Howard, Prince Edward Co., Ont., sired by Fleetwood, who was imported from England in the year 1811, by a Mr. Lake, near Auburn, York State, and sent in charge of John Whittick to Prince Edward Co., in the year 1816. The dam of Tippo Sultan was a sorrel mare, brought from Long Point, Lake Erie, pedigree unknown; a remarkable good roadster. Tippo was foaled in the spring of 1817, black as a raven, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ hands high, large hazel eye, heavy mane and tail—a very fine

horse. We have too many of the latter by far. Another thing, why should not horses trotting on ice get a record for that way of going? Then we would not have to be horses as has to be done now.

And, finally, why can not we have a Canadian Trotting Association of our own, and make rules and regulations for ourselves. There is no encouragement to bring on young and legitimate trotters to compete with ringers from the other side. Suppose we try to do away with this evil. It seems to me it can be done in some manner; at any rate, it is worth trying for.

Yours,
SPEED.

ENTRIES FOR OTTAWA WINTER RACES CLOSE ON THURSDAY, FEB. 7TH.

OTTAWA ICE RACES.

The indications of a successful meeting at Ottawa, commencing on Feb. 12, and extended over 18th, 15th and 16th are very strong. The amount of the purses, \$2,400, is something more than ordinary, and will, no doubt, be sufficiently attractive to draw out fine fields in the several classes. There are nine events on the list, ranging from the local class to the free-for-all. Several American horse owners have already signified their intentions to be on hand with their stables, which with the native horses in the different contests will give the races an international character. We are informed by the managers that Canadian horsemen need not be afraid of "ringers," as they have provided that any unknown horse must have his identity established unquestionably. This is a good move, and we trust will be carried out to the letter. The races will be held on Leamy's Lake which has been very appropriately christened "Crystal Park." It has been fenced, and is claimed to be the best ice track ever seen in America. Nothing has been left undone that experience could suggest to make everything satisfactory. Messrs. Quimby & Forbes have the pool privileges, which is an absolute guarantee that that department will not suffer from inattention or incompetency. The entries close on Thursday night, 7th inst., a fact that should not be overlooked.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."

GOLD DROP.

To-day's paper contains the announcement for 1878 of the fine-looking Goldust stallion GOLD DROP. In appearance GOLD DROP is one of the best of that family ever imported into this country. He is of good size, standard color, and his pedigree shows that a good mixture of blue blood courses through his veins. The family that can show a Lucille Goldust, Fleety Goldust, and Zileadie Goldust must have the trotting instinct pretty strongly bred in them. GOLD DROP is only four years old, is said to have fine trotting action, although he has never been handled for speed. The Messrs. Lafferty selected him from the lot imported by Messrs. Dorsey & Hornby, Eden Stock Farm Kentucky. They are practical horsemen, and after a year's experience with him, appear to be well satisfied with their purchase.