

Rochester, N. Y. 2d week in Aug.
 Troy, N. Y. 2d " "
 Tuckahoe, Ill. 2d " "
 Utica, N. Y. 3d " "
 Earlville, Ill. 4th " "

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

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We acknowledge the kindness of subscrib-
 ers who have, so far, accepted our subscrip-
 tion drafts; and would state that in many
 cases no instructions have been received as
 to which of our premium pictures they would
 like to have forwarded. By simply dropping
 us a post card with the request to send the
 one named thereon, it will be promptly for-
 forwarded. Until this information is furnished
 we do not know which to send.

SPECULATING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Without doubt the biggest speculations in
 the pool-box this season have been on the
 Presidential election, the result of which is,
 at the time of writing, so mysteriously unde-
 cided. In New York the rooms of Morrissey,
 Johnson, Kelly & Bliss and others have been
 crowded from early noon to midnight with a
 heated body of pool speculators who have
 invested immense sums on the result of the
 race for the largest prize in the gift of the
 American people. And what has been so
 marked a circumstance in the campaign in
 the first commercial city of the country has
 been the case only to a much smaller extent
 in all the principal centres in the United
 States. The amount of money locked up
 by the present state of affairs is enormous,
 and unless an issue of some kind is shortly
 arrived at serious difficulties in the financial
 circumstances of those who have placed large
 sums in the custody of the pool sellers is
 likely to ensue. From present appearances
 the result of the election is in as much doubt
 as it was the morning after the polling, and
 when a decision will be rendered which will
 unlock the vast sums that are at stake is
 hard to say.

Throughout the entire campaign it may be
 said the Democratic candidate has been the
 favorite, and as the day for the election ap-
 proached the odds increased in his favor.
 The day after the contest Tilden still farther
 advanced in the betting, the current rate in
 New York, which governed the quotations in
 other parts of the country, being about 100
 to 20 for Hayes. Since then it has fluctu-
 ated slightly, but Tilden stock has always
 maintained its supremacy at about the above
 quoted odds. Since Monday many of the
 larger pool-rooms have refused business on
 this event, apparently foreseeing the diffi-
 culty that may arise in coming to a decision
 upon which the money may be paid over.
 Men who now have all their ready money in
 the box will hardly feel satisfied to wait a
 great deal longer for the final issue to decide
 it away. Circumstances will in all likelihood
 arise which will cause many of them to re-

sent for the county pool-rooms to Philadelphia to have an audience with the Premier,
 who was at the Centennial, about the matter,
 the upshot of which was that it was deemed
 expedient to rescind the order, and our fish-
 ermen were thus permitted to enjoy the priv-
 ileges by which their neighbors were grow-
 ing fat. It probably was policy to act thus
 on this question, as the order of prohibition
 was operating seriously to the prejudice of
 the Canadians, and so far as gaining its ob-
 ject was futile, owing to the peculiar circum-
 stances of the case, and the proximity of the
 two countries. By its withdrawal the pro-
 serves of white fish in the Detroit river would
 suffer no more than by its enforcement, as
 the Americans would continue to fish, and
 drawing their supplies from the same source
 as the Canadians, the order would really
 discriminate against our own people, where-
 as if any party should be entitled to the best
 of it, our citizens have stronger claims than
 the residents of a foreign country.

A WARRANTY CASE.

It is so frequently the practice as to almost
 amount to a rule that rural auctioneers in
 selling live stock, horses especially, are not
 in the least particular in their descriptions
 of the animals, it being assumed to a great
 extent that any representations they make
 are not a part of the contract between the
 buyer and seller. But in a case recently
 tried at the Nassagaweya Division Court,
 County of Halton, the contrary appears to be
 the law. The court was held on the 6th
 inst., and the case in question excited con-
 siderable interest among the residents of
 that section, many of whom were acquainted
 with the circumstances. The facts as brought
 out in evidence were that John Shields pur-
 chased a mare at a sale of Duncan Mor-
 rison's for which he paid the sum of \$108;
 the animal was warranted by the auctioneer
 (whose name does not appear) to be sound.
 In a short time Shields discovered the mare
 had a disease in the high fore foot which
 caused lameness; and he thereupon entered
 a suit against Morrison for damages. The
 facts as submitted were established to the
 satisfaction of the jury, who assessed the
 damages at \$40, that being considered the
 difference between the actual value of the
 mare and the amount at which she was bid
 off by Shields at the sale, and returned a
 verdict for the plaintiff for that sum. This
 lesson goes to show that auctioneers have
 not liberty to use indiscriminate puffery in
 their sales, but that their representations
 must be bona fide, forming as they do one
 of the conditions of purchase. From this it
 will be seen that gentlemen having horses
 sold by auction cannot be too careful in al-
 lowing auctioneers to give descriptions
 which the state of the stock will not permit.

PROFIT FOR SOMEBODY.

By the annexed paragraph which is clip-
 ped from the New York Graphic, some idea
 may be formed of the immense amount of
 money on the election which is held in the
 hands of pool-sellers in that city alone. Let
 it be taken for granted that Morrissey has
 deposited the amount stated therein, which in

the proprietors of the pool-rooms if at some
 time heavy losses are incurred.

THE TORONTO HUNT CLUB.

One might have observed quite a large
 number of horsemen wending their way to
 the meet, which was held at Norway on
 Saturday afternoon.

The exceedingly fine state of the weather
 had the effect of making one long for a gal-
 lop, and as there is no sport more pleasant
 or exciting to a lover of the horse, than fol-
 lowing the hounds on a fine afternoon, those
 who attend were well repaid for making an
 appearance.

It is pleasant to see the large number who
 encourage this sport, and by so doing they
 show their wisdom, for a person confined to
 the cares of business during the week needs
 some amusement of this kind for a re-action;
 it not only invigorates the body but the
 mind also; all annoyances and anxieties
 are laid aside, and replaced by the desire for
 harmless pleasure, consequently it becomes
 a social gathering where gentlemen meet
 one another and have a pleasant word or
 two. If it were not for these weekly meets
 they, perhaps, would not see one another in
 the interval of weeks or most likely months.

As this season has been remarkable for
 fine runs, the one on Saturday, although
 very pleasant, will have to take its rank in
 the second class.

The hounds were put on the trail about
 three quarters of a mile above Norway, near
 the yellow banks, and continued along par-
 allel with the lake for about two miles,
 thence took a turn to the left and kept this
 direction until the G. T. R. track was reach-
 ed, then taking a turn towards Norway, pur-
 sued this course until near the Newmarket
 race track, when a north-westerly direction
 was taken for the vicinity of the stands on
 the track, here some little delay was caused
 the hounds losing the scent, but when
 they found it they took after "Reynard"
 with a will, who made a good attempt to
 save himself from their fangs, but failed to
 do so, and was captured about two hundred
 yards from the hotel, Mr. W. Copeland,
 master, taking the "brush," which was pre-
 sented to Mrs. S. B. Fuller, Mr. N. F. Hazel
 securing the head.

The jumps were about on the average,
 and caused only three or four falls without
 serious results, the highest being taken by
 Mr. N. F. Hazel's horse "Fox," and the old
 horse "Giant," and were four feet six or
 eight inches. The cause of the run being
 rather slow was the hounds losing the scent
 several times, and the number of ploughed
 fields, and quantity of brushwood which was
 ran through, the latter causing the party to
 be considerably scattered.—Com.

THE FISHERY LAWS.

In sparsely settled portions of the country
 the protective laws respecting game and
 fish are in many cases looked upon as dead
 letters and of as little import as if they were
 blotted from our statute book. There are
 also local prejudices against their enforce-
 ment, which bode no good to anyone who is
 sufficiently interested in the question to take
 any action to enforce the provisions of the

when they have been submitted, and the
 numerous changes and additions which ex-
 perience has suggested as expedient, is ad-
 mitted by many who have watched closely
 their workings in actual practice. It is pos-
 sible several amendments will be made to
 them this winter, and towards this object
 the California Spirit of the Times submits
 the following addition:—

"It shall be regarded as foul driving when
 a driver carries a contending horse towards
 the outside of the track, to the manifest dis-
 advantage of the horse which is interfered
 with, and the excuse by the driver that it
 was done to avail himself of a better portion
 of the track will not be held a proper de-
 fence. Should it become apparent to the
 Judges that a driver is endeavoring to aid
 another in a race by conceding advantages
 which do not forward his own chances of
 winning, the Judges shall punish the offend-
 ing driver by a fine not to exceed \$100, and
 if he interferes with a horse while helping
 he shall be suspended or expelled."

RACING FOR SATURDAY.

A day's racing is promised at Newmarket
 course for to-morrow. The programme, as
 will be seen from our advertising columns,
 consists of three events of a popular charac-
 ter, viz: a hurdle race, a half-mile heat race,
 and a trot. The track, we are assured, has
 been put in good shape, and, if the weather
 should continue favorable, quite a crowd
 will be attracted to witness the last meet
 of the season. Pools will be sold this
 evening at the Club House, No. 40 King St.
 west.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, HALIFAX, N.S.

The new Academy of Music in Halifax
 will be opened on Christmas night. It will
 be, according to all accounts, a splendid af-
 fair. The cost of its construction is to be de-
 frayed from private subscriptions by wealthy
 citizens, and it will be conducted, we be-
 lieve, on the joint-stock principle. Mr.
 Thos. R. Jackson, of New York, the eminent
 theatrical architect, furnished the plans for
 its construction. The scenery has been
 painted by Mr. Fred. Stanfield, of Buffalo,
 N. Y. It comprises fifteen full sets, with all
 the requisite "set-pieces," &c., to match;
 and an elegant drop curtain, forty by thirty-
 eight feet—a landscape on Lake Como—
 which have been executed in Mr. S.'s best
 style. This lot was shipped from Buffalo
 last Saturday, via Grand Trunk Railway. A
 car of extra dimensions was provided for its
 transportation, and it will go through via
 Grand Trunk and International Railways
 without transshipment, the distance being
 about 1,800 miles. Mr. E. D. Carver, for-
 merly of the Buffalo Academy of Music, is
 fitting up the stage; and the frescoing is
 being done by Messrs. Bottani & Rusen.
 Mr. Stanfield is under agreement to be pre-
 sent on the opening night to look after the
 working of the scenery, &c.

It appears our rumor of Big Sandy com-
 ing to Hamilton did not have a very solid
 foundation, as Mr. Hendrie, the gentleman
 who was said to have made the purchase,
 was entirely innocent of any such transac-
 tion. The information came to us indirectly
 from a trainer who is, or was lately, in the
 employ of Mr. H.

A London, Ont., hackman named Robt.
 Keighly has purchased one of the French
 cabs on exhibition at the Centennial, at a
 cost of \$8,000. He expects to have it on
 the streets next week. This is quite an in-
 vestment for a Forest City caddy.

Dr. Woodruff, of London, on Monday last
 sold his horse Simon to Mr. J. H. Small, of
 Glasgow. The consideration reported is
 \$1,000.

Mr. C. K. Eddy, of East Saginaw, pur-
 chased in Goderich, and shipped them by
 the Benton on Monday morning, thirteen
 heavy draught horses. They were splendid
 animals, bringing high figures, and are being
 taken to the Michigan lumber woods.

The Board of Appeals of the National
 Trotting Association of the United States
 will hold their next meeting at the Osburn
 House, Rochester, N. Y., on the 5th Dec.
 next, at 12 o'clock noon.

"Dunton's Spirit of the Turf" is the
 name of a newspaper devoted to stock breed-
 ing and the turf, published at Chicago, Ill.
 For the present it will be issued once every
 two weeks, but on the approach of Spring
 will appear weekly.

The managers of the Dundas Driving
 Park Association at a late meeting decided
 upon offering their beautiful track and
 grounds for sale at public auction. One of
 the conditions of sale, we have understood,
 is that the Corporation of the town of Dun-
 das shall be at liberty at any time within
 three years, to purchase the property at a
 fixed price of \$6,000.

Mr. Sam D. Page, the ex-pool seller, in-
 tends to take his Christmas dinner in merrie
 old England.

Mr. George Lillie, who formerly resided
 in Elora, where he was a crack shot in the
 rifle company, has died in Manitoba, from
 injuries received by the accidental discharge
 of his gun, while he was returning from a
 hunting expedition.

Ottawa must be suffering from an epi-
 demic of sport. The Times of that city in-
 forms us that one night last week a pedes-
 trian contest took place between two young
 women for a stake of \$100. Distance one
 hundred yards. No names are given.

Spindrift, by Bonnie Scotland, dam by
 Wagner, a race horse well-known in Can-
 ada, having been relegated from the turf, is
 offered for sale.

Mr. Simon James, the popular horseman
 of the Delta, Hamilton, on Tuesday pur-
 chased at auction the Hannon homestead
 property, situated near the Driving Park in
 that city. The price paid was \$9,050, sub-
 ject to power.

Mr. John W. Quimby, the Canadian pool-
 seller, has been doing a land-office business
 on the Presidential election at Syracuse,
 N. Y. From the peculiar turn things have
 taken, he is afraid his residence there will
 be permanent if he is obliged to wait for a
 decision on the contest for the chief magis-
 trate before paying the pool-money over.

The horses used by Sifton, Ward, & Co.,
 in carrying on their Pacific Railway con-
 tract, were sold at Kaministiqui Bridge on
 the 1st inst., and brought good average
 prices. The teams sold for \$261, \$286,
 \$205, and so on, down to cheaper cattle.