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NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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THE POOL BILL.

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idea of such a being is too repugnant to be ever entertained.

On the plea of equitable punishment the penalty for betting on a speed contest or a trial of skill or endurance has been placed at an outside limit of \$1,000, or one year in gaol at hard labour. But where this equity crists is rather difficult of comprehension when a man can bet his mon y against faro, roulette, or any other species of gambling game at the risk of from \$20 to \$100. This certainly looks like an unfair discrimination in favour of the most dangerous systems of

Again, the common law protects a stakeholder under certain circumstances, as has been shown in these columns, in suits instituted for the recovery of stakes, and whether this status is destroyed by Mr. Blake's Bill or vice versa is a subject for discussion by gentlemen learned in the law rather than in the editorial columns of a sporting journal.

A GOOD MOVE.

From the Western papers we learn that an effort is being made to pass a bill in the Legislature of Illinois, having for its object the licensing of stallions devoted to stock purposes for whose services a tee is demanded. In this way, it is deemed, the standard of equine excellence in the State would be raised, and, consequently, increased prices could be secured. In connection with the bill in question it is intended to exclude all horses rom the benefit of obtaining a license that are constitutionally unsound, a merit in the law which will be at once recognized by the considerate breeder. If the movement should be successful, and the bill become law, there will be a great weeding out of unsound and unworthy sires, as it is proposed to make the fee of such an amount as to exclude any but first class horses being able, with any reasonable expectation of a remunerative business, to obtain a liceuse. It might be said the owners of the better class of horses are strongly in favor of the provisions of the contemplated law, while any opposition that has been evenced has been from an entirely different class of horsemen. The same feeling would be likely to be found in this country. However, it certainly comes within the province of our law-makers to legislate on this matter, and the policy of doing so for the general good of the country can hardly be questioned. On the continent of Europe such a aw is in force in some of the countries, and it is said to be attended with great benefits. There is probably no country in the world where such an enactment is more required than in Canada. Although we have numerous fine sires here, still they are numerically overpowered by a horde of worthless mongrels who are totally unfit for the purpose for which they are used. A spirit of false economy is the sustaining power of this miserable lot, and the owners of truly good horses are placed at a disadvantage in the competition which is difficult to over-

WHO THE SUFFERERS ARE.

Among the many who are entitled to the good opinions of the Canadian people, their ik 1 ld to repress Petting and Pool are not many sections of our population who have so many clams as the class, who are

holder under the chaise of the Bill permitting ence, prices will go down, and the demand him to do so, would be a greater punishe will, to a great extent, cease. And to foster ment than the penalty which would be high breeding, it is nec ssary that the inducelikely to be inflicted on the one holding the ment of racing should be cultivated, as only money; while anything bearing the sem- in this way can the competition which stimublance of the human form which would per- lates commindable rivaly be maintained. secuts a gentleman for simply making a The reputation of breeding a winner enhanmemorandum of a wager, is a something ces the value of the rest of the stock raised that can hardly have an existence. The by his producer, and offers a premium for bett r results.

> and Pool Bill of Mr. Blake, is to throw every the stock look well. obstacle in the way of the cultivation of this enterprise. If it should become engrossed on different races at Mitchell, Ont., in the opentype of the horse will be absent, and as a will be purely local. sequence the production will cease, as an animal of an inferior standard would meet the requirements of the buyer. In this way the quality would gradually become inferior from the lack of the necessary stimulds-a good market-to produce it. The premium on quality being witheld by our Driving Park Associations, would divert the taste, and the thoroughbred racer or fast trotter would be of secondary value. In England the breeding of the thoroughbred is fostered by Governmental aid, and every inducem at offered to perpetuate the high standard of equine exo llence there, and increase it if possible. But here the opposite spirit seems to govern. The passage of the Betting and Pool Bill will reduce materially the value of the better class of horses, and those who have embarked in the business of horse-breeding, be their enterprise large or small, will be the principal sufferers. A shrinkage in value to them means a great loss to the country. The horse interest at present is a great one in Canada, with prospects of being immeasurably increased. But the bonus offered by racing premiums at present has had much to do with arriving at this position; withdraw this and a great cause of production is lost.

> Simple as this Pool question appears to be, there is not a man in the country who breeds a horse but is directly interested in it. No class of men have so much cause to regret its introduction into the halls of our Legislature, or to burl their maledictions at the heads of the representatives who are supporting its passage, as the breeders of good horses, and it will only be a short tim., if the Bill should pass into effect, until the general expression the inaugural bill will consist of two running will be found to coincide with the sentiments here expressed.

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY COURTESY.

At the supper on the conclusion of the xamination of the students of the Ontario Veterinary College, Mr. Donaldson proposed the toast of the Ontario Veterinary College, and accompanied therewith the name of Prof. Smith, the Principal. The latter gentleman, in reply, referred to the origin of the College and the success which had attended his humble efforts to raise and uphold the profession in Canada. He also spoke of the good feeling which existed among his colleagues and students. Prof. Smith then proposed the toast of the American Veterinary College, coupling with it the name of its Principal, Prof. Liautard, who is doing good service in raising the standard of the profession in the neighboring Repub-The toast was drank with the greatest enthusiasm, showing the friendly feeling cristing towards the efforts of our American neighbors in the veterinary art, and was eloquently responded to by Mr. M. Stalker, of Iowa. It is a happy indication when such fraternal feelings are exhibited between institutions of this character, and the ab-

Syorting Gossiy.

Mr. John Scales, of this city, sold his wellknown roadster Ed. Bright, last week, to Mr. Chas. Brown, boot and shoe dealer, Toronte, for \$800. The sale was made through the advertisement in the Sporting Times.

Mr. Archie Fisher is handling at the old further operations with the expectation of Newmarket track, near this city, the hurdlers Kelso and Katio P. Posides these two But the tendency of our present legislation, he is giving preparatory essons to a fine as shown by the introduction of the Betting black colt by Leamington, 4 years old. All

\$880 is the amount to be run for in the our statute book, the demand for the highest ing of the new track, May 24. The contests

> Mr. Pete McEwen, of McKillop, recently purchased from Mr. Horton, of Usborne, a two-year old draught colt byimported Enterprise, for 8600. The youngeer weighs 1,490

Mr. Dennison, of Perth, arived in Winnipeg on April 2, with 18 horses he had taken from Ontario.

Mr. Thos. Connors' new Windsor Hotel in Cobourg, is about ready for occupation.

The Brampton Driving Pak Association intend to give some local races over their beautiful half-mile track on Nay 24. And still they come.

The Spring Meeting of the Honrteal Hunt Club will be held on Jane 9.

Mr. John Forbes, of Woodsbock, is reported to have purchased from Nessrs. Burgess & Forbes, of the same place, the race horses Paladin and Van Dorn.

Mr. Charley Wise, the well-known jockey, has returned from Philadelphia where he has been spending the winter.

Mr. John Fitzimmons, the Ottawa trainer, as commenced working his rharges at the

At the annual meeting of the Simcoe turf club the following officers were elected:-President, Wm Todd, Esq; Vice-President, Jas S Dean, Esq , Treasurer, John Williamson, Esq; Directors, Asa A Persell, George Battersby, A Hart, John Nitherson, W H Adams, and B F Chadwick.

Lake Breeze Driving Park, & Kincardine Ont., will be opened on May 25 and 24, and races and four trots for classes from 8:10 to

Mr. J. W. Drake, of Kincardne, Ont., has purchased from Mr. D. Shoff, of Sarnia, the race horse Protection, aged, by Notton, dam by Wagner. The consideration repeted is \$500.

Mr. W. Owen is working the green province-bred Hurricane at the old Newmarket

Aurora Raby, by imp. Australian, dam Ultima by Lexington, died at Mr. S. J. Salyer's, Lexington, Ky., on the 9th inst. She was the dam of Mr. John Forbes Bill Bruce. by Enquirer, and had foaled about a week previously a chestnut colt by Baywood, which was the immediate cause other death.

Mr. John T. Hicks, of Mitchell, and Mr. Geo. Page, or Hibbert, have sent their respective horses, Lord Logan and Capt. Watt, to the States, with the intention of making the stallion season with them there.

Mr. L. Ostrum is working his horses at Woodbine. Just now he has only two-Henry R. and the grey golding Detective. Before the season opens he intends to have two or three more.

Dr. Somerville, V.S., of Buffald, N.Y., resence of unseemly rivalry can only result in Ont., and Mr. Hawkshaw, of Exter. two

St. Joe, the Blackwood stallion at Guelph. took first prize at Waterloo on the 11th for the best roadster of any age, and on the foltowing day was placed first and a diploma at Gult for the best road or carriage stallion

Old Mr. Jones is working Caractacus and Leshoville Girl to pole at Woodbin, and they make a royal team to sit behind.

Phil Sheridan's book being full for the present season his advertisement, in consequence, has been withdrawn. It is his owners' intention to trot him in the Grand Circuit this year, and he will probably put in an appearance at the I reeders' Meeting. After this season it is proposed to retire him from

The Rod and Gun, New York, says: "Betting has the sanction of antiquity, and is a sort of warranty for the sincerity of a man's convictions on any given subject. Put up, or shut up,' is not logical nor convincing, but it has a purpose and a meaning."

Mr. Charley Boyle talks of coming to Woodbine to work his stable this year.

"It is only sufficient to mention the name of Mr. Collins as Manager of the Sweep as a guarantee that it will be conducted in that fair and impartial manner, which characterizes all the dealings of that gentleman."-Toronto Observer.

The Pool Bill is stuckin the Senate in New York State where it is likely to remain.

It is said the Woodstock Association will not give their meeting if the Betting and Pool Bill of Mr. Blake passes.

London turfites are waiting to see which way the cat will jump with the Pool Bill before committing themselves.

Atter tion is directed to the announcements of some very superior horses to be sold at Grand's big sale on the 24th inst. Slap Bang an imported thoroughbred stallion, of fine breeding and large size; a lot of Gold Dust stallions fresh from the Blue Grass regions of Kontucky; the speedy Provincebred Islander; and last though not least the valuable trotting horse Grey Eddie, who can speed in 2:80 or better, and is one of the best money horses in Canada.

Things look blue for racing in Toronto this season. Notwithstanding Woodbine is in the very best possible condition, there does not seem to be a disposition for any party to take hold of it, pending the present legislative action.

Our Halifax correspondent hints that Warren Smith will row Hanlan. If he has an inclination the way he need not wait for any formalit: for Hanlan will row any

The Triggen.

A FINE DISPLAY.

We would call the attention of all our citizens who interest themselves in sporting matters to the magnificent case of Breech Loading Gun Implements, now displayed in the window of Mr. J. L. Rawbone's store, at 128 Yonge St. These goods are entirely of his own manufacture, and are of the same class of work that he is constantly turning out to supply wholesale dealers, both here and in the States, who have bitherto been obliged to import from Europe. The articles compare most favorable, both in design and finich, with any imported manufactures, besides which, they embrace several important improvements, and also new implements which cently sold to Mr. C. Mason, of Tyckersmith, Old Country. We notice various forms of are not to be met with in the markets of the