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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Lepine Park.....	August 5 to 7
Montreal.....	August 12 to 14
Luanan.....	Sept. 6
Brampton.....	Aug 28 to 29
Woodbine (match).....	Sept. 6
Verona.....	Sept 10 to 11
Stallion Race.....	Oct. —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Lepine.....	Aug 5
Ogdensburg, N. Y.....	Aug 31

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, 1st Meeting.....	July 20 to Aug. 3
" 2nd Meeting.....	Aug 13 to 25
Baltimore, Md. (Fall).....	Oct 28 to 26

TROTTING

Buffalo, N. Y.....	July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill.....	July 30 to Aug 2
Rochester, N. Y.....	Aug 6 to 9
Tropistown, Ill.....	Aug 6 to 9
Mansfield, Ohio.....	Aug 7 to 9
Charlottesville, Va.....	Aug 7 to 9
Mendota, Ill.....	Aug 18 to 16
Utica, N. Y.....	Aug 18 to 16
Springfield, Mass.....	Aug 20 to 23
Forville, Ill.....	Aug 20 to 23
Newark, N. J.....	Aug 20 to 23
Milwaukee, Wis.....	Aug 27 to 30
Boston, Mystic Park.....	Sept. 3 to 5
C. J. Fair.....	Sept. 10 to 12
Hartford, Conn.....	Sept. 10 to 13
Ogdensburg, N. Y.....	Sept. 10 to 12
Cleveland.....	Sept 10 to 13
Tuldo, Ohio.....	Sept 16 to 21
Dayton, Ohio.....	Sept 23 to 27
Columbus, Ohio.....	Sept 24 to 27
Rochester, N. Y.....	Oct 1 to 3
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Oct 1 to 4
Dayton, Ohio.....	Oct 8 to 11

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether

distance for two year old colts and fillies, and the purse should be the amounts contributed by the owners of the stallions who would be represented in the stake, with such added money as the track over which the race took place would feel justified in giving. As many youngsters as wanted, the get of the eligible stallions, could be nominated, and there would be no entry-fee for such race further than above conditioned. We should like to see this carried to a successful conclusion—it would do much to popularize racing, and would give a value to prominent and promising colts or fillies, which would make their breeding not only a matter of interest as at present, but a subject of profit. We would be pleased to hear something on this question from the gentlemen who have the matter in hand, and any assistance our columns can give can be relied upon. We trust those principally interested will make a declaration of their intentions.

2:14—2:15—2:14.

RARUS THE KING.

There can now be no doubt of the wonderful speed of the trotting gelding Rarus. He has dotted down an individual heat equal to any on record, and has the best three successive heats ever trotted. At Cleveland, on Saturday last, over a track heavy on account of previous rain, he made his three trials in the special speed class, and trotted the heats in 2:14, 2:15, and 2:14, the fastest the world has ever seen. Previous to this performance the fastest three heats were by Goldsmith Maid at Buffalo, August 3, 1876—2:16, 2:15, 2:15. Rarus has now the best heat over a half-mile track—2:16; the fastest third heat—2:14; and the best three consecutive heats as given above. It is expected he will at Buffalo this week even reduce these astonishing figures.

There was a grand cutting down of records at Cleveland, the principal of which, in addition to Rarus' performances, were the gray gelding Hopeful's 2:15, a third heat; Edwin Forrest's 2:18, a fourth heat; and Edward's 2:20, the first heat in the 2:24 class. Edward will be remembered as being in Canada last fall, and his trotting at Woodbine with Hiram Woodruff, Barlow, and Woodstock was the event of the meeting.

To show how the speed instinct has been developed in the trotting horse, the following table, prepared by a prominent western turf writer, will explain:—

1820—Best mile, about.....	3:00
1830—Best record.....	2:40
1840—Dutchman.....	2:28
1850—Lady Suffolk.....	2:26
1860—Flora Temple.....	2:19½
1870—Dexter.....	2:17½
1876—Goldsmith Maid.....	2:14

THE PICTON TROUBLE.

We have received another letter from "A Victim" on the late races at Picton. He sends us an envelope post-marked, Cobourg, June 29, and Picton the same date, and asks us if the entry was good. So far as this question is concerned the Dominion Rules provide that all letters or entries bearing the post mark of the day of closing shall be eligible. In reference to the cheque, "A Victim" thinks the President of the P.D.P.A. knew perfectly well that Mr. Williams' credit was good for the amount of the poultry entrance fee. This is the gist of our correspondent's letter, leaving out some personal recriminations which would answer no good purpose to publish. Both parties have now had their say in the *Sporting Times*, and so far as we are concerned the dispute must stop here. If the discussion was likely to prove of any practical value, we would willingly allow both the principals space *ad libitum*. Owing to the disorganized condition of

THE HANLAN-ROSS RACE.

ROSS TAKES A SWIM.

After many postponements the Hanlan-Ross single sculling race, 5 miles, on the Kennebecasis River, near St. John, N.B., was started on Wednesday, p.m., at 5.10. Ross was the first to catch the water, but before they had gone half-a-mile Hanlan had the lead. At the mile Hanlan had two boats length the best of it. After rowing about a mile-and-a-quarter, Ross tumbled out of his boat, thus putting an end to the race, Hanlan going over the course alone from that point. Ross was picked up by the judges' boat. Sheriff Harding was referee, and declared Hanlan the winner. The official time was given at 37.03.

The Toronto sculler has good reason to feel aggrieved at his treatment by both his opponent and the people of St. John. Their conduct was in marked contrast to that of our citizens last fall when the men rowed here. The rowdy element used their utmost endeavors to intimidate Hanlan but without effect. Ross' carping about the state of the water was in keeping with the rest of his actions, and his infringement on the Courtney patent for finishing a race was a suitable finale to the whole affair. We think it will be some time before the St. John's people will be favored with another first-class boat race.

Owing to the early hour at which our paper is made up on Wednesday, p.m., we are unable to give more than the above result of the race. The numerous disappointments made it extremely problematical when the event would take place, and the result was that whatever little interest there was in the race died out. Next week we will be able to give the full particulars.

CLEVER SURGICAL OPERATION.

A very nice veterinary surgical operation was performed last week at Woodstock by W. Irvine, V. S., M. R. C. S. A valuable mare of Mr. G. Pascoe's was suffering from distemper and had arrived at such a state that her life was despaired of. Dr. Irvine being called in laid back the skin, and took out a joint of the wind pipe, affording instant relief, a tube being inserted through which respiration is carried on, and as soon as the obstruction is removed from the throat the tube will be taken out, the skin joined, and the wind pipe will grow together.

TRAMP'S GOSSIP.

Good racing at Saratoga this last week, a couple of "fastest on record" having been made, the very neatly named Bonnie Wood winning a 5 furlong race in 1m. 2½s., and Duke of Magenta making best time at 1¼ miles for a three-year old with 118 lbs. up. The Flash Stakes was also run in good time, Harold, by Leamington, winning in 49½s. Grey Cloud found Trouble rather too troublesome for him at Saratoga. The Texas horse, General Phillips, must have sadly disappointed his party.

The Boating Editor of the Turf has no end of a growl and a cock-a-doodle-doo about the late Henley Regatta, and certainly his remarks are uncalled for and are unjust. He seems to have Galston on the brain.

There is a new and illustrious arrival on the English turf in the shape of the Hungarian mare Kincesm. She has never suffered defeat on the continent, having won the Baden Gold Cup and many other races. She is described as a maly chestnut, 4 years old, by Cambuscan, at one time the property of Lord Stamford. He was a good horse and ran well in the best blue-black and...

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Sam. Grigg, of the American House, London, owner of the race horse Warrior, left on Thursday for a trip to the old country. He will take in the Exposition before he returns.

At Lepine Park Races, Montreal, on Aug. 6, there is a purse for horses that have never paid any entry. If it had been made for horses for which entry money was owing there would have been a big lot eligible to compete.

Bishop Whittaker, of Virginia City, has been visiting the towns of Tybo and Ward, Nev. At Tybo he preached in a gambling hell, where an enthusiastic hearer burst in with "Keno" instead of "Amen." At Ward he had a large congregation through the courtesy of a local committee, which postponed a Sabbath horse-race till after the sermon.

Mr. R. James, jr., has returned from Montreal to his old stamping ground, Homer, Ont., where he will hereafter be found. Bob's stay among the parlez vous was not very extended.

At Dijon, France, at the late popular festival, there was upon the programme "a donkey race, by gentlemen of the city." We know some places in this country which would have a large field for such a race.

Dandy, the winner of the handicap mile heat hurdle race at Saratoga on Saturday last, is by Oysterman, jr., imported into Canada by J. F. Lyon, Esq., of Toronto, and by him sold to the Hunt Bros., of Port Hope, Ont.

On Monday last, Messrs. Wright and Restorick, of Watford, shipped live stock for the European market to the amount of about \$10,000.

A correspondent of a western paper says that "a gentleman of Blenheim has purchased the thoroughbred stallion Comet, by old Comet, who was imported from Ireland, dam a thoroughbred coach mare." From the above pedigree we should think the horse in question was a thoroughbred mongrel. But this correspondent's description of the horse is about the average knowledge the usual scribblers for the press have of the meaning of the word "thoroughbred," when applied to a horse.

The owners of the horses which have been started on the tracks of Canada where it is the custom to make "no time" reports, doubtless will be pleased to learn that Mr. Vail, the Secretary of the National Trotting Association, is keeping a list of which he will make good use. Every horse which start in a race in which the time is suppressed, is, by operation of the rules, expelled from associate tracks. In endeavoring to be penny sharp, these owners are pound foolish. Stop the "no time" business or take the consequences.—Turf.

The well-known cross-country rider, Dick Young, received a pretty severe tumble at Saratoga, on Saturday last. He was riding Mr. Mead's mare, Passion, by Red Eye, dam Sympathy, in the hurdle race, when she struck and fell at the third hurdle, coming down on top of him. For a while he was totally insensible, but restoratives being applied he was brought around. Fortunately no bones were broken.

Mr. D. S. Booth, of Brockville, President of the Regatta Committee there on Dominion Day, has been awarded the contract for building the new post office at St. John, N.B. (not Boston, Mass., as stated by some of the papers.) The contract price is \$200,000.

There will be trotting races at Lepine Park on Aug. 5, 6, and 7, and at Blue Bonnets Aug. 12, 13, and 14.

for them was evidence that he had strong faith in his theory.

On Wednesday evening of last week an unknown scoundrel brutally assaulted Mr. Sylvester Beasley, of Hamilton, with a stick. Mr. B. years ago was a leading hotel and billiard room proprietor in the city, but is now the popular station agent of the H. & N.W.R.R. It is supposed he was mistaken for somebody else.

Early last week the well-known trotting mare Lady Hill, owned by Mr. C. Dunbar of Pt. Colborne, dropped a fine colt by Volunteer, jr. The event is considered of sufficient local interest for the Pt. Colborne Free Press to report "Mother and colt are doing well."

The light weight jockey, McLam, in R. Wilson's employ at Davenport, Ont., is suffering from an attack of bilious fever.

The latest method of discharging our religious duty, is that adopted by the guests of Richfield Springs, Oswego,—of pooling their weekly earnings at euchre and poker, and then play a rubber to see who shall drop the amount into the contribution box.

Pool selling was openly carried on at the Races at Buffalo Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba, last month, without any magisterial or police interference. Such nonsensical legislation tends to bring our laws into disrepute. It would be infinitely preferable to have such edicts removed from our statute book, than that they should become dead letters and the laughing stock of the community.

A Manitobian stallion, Selkirk, was sent from Winnipeg to take part in the trotting races at Minneapolis, Minn., last week. The great lone land is showing up well in the horse interest.

The fastest five furlongs on record were run at Saratoga, N.Y., on July 20, by Mr. C. Reed's bay filly Bonnie Wood, 3 years, by imported Bonnie Scotland, dam Woodbine. She carried 102 lbs., and ran the distance in 1:02½. Amend your fast time tables.

Mr. J. Grand, of this city, announces in to-day's *Sporting Times* his intention of holding four extensive horse sales next month in Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, and Guelph. Mr. Grand knows no such word as fail in these matters, and from the inducements he has already received, their success is assured beyond doubt. Look out for the dates in subsequent issues.

"My greatest pleasure," said Carlyle to a friend thirty years ago, "is to mount my horse and ride out in the teeth of the wind away from those smoky streets of London." It probably has gone a long way to helping him to become an octogenarian.

The person who bet on the race horse Mollie McCarty says it is a well known scientific fact that a man is shorter at night than he is in the morning.

Mr. Wm. McMurray, of Ingereoll, who was recently so fearfully assaulted by a colored man, is, we are pleased to learn, rapidly recovering from the effects of the knife wounds he received on that occasion.

Budd Doble has the California race mare Mollie McCarthy at the old stables, Dexter Park, Chicago. He says he is ready to match her against anything at any distance from a mile up. He had, however, better wait till the effluvia of the Ten Broeck race has been deodorized or dissipated by time before talking about any more matches. If he wants to test Mollie with the Eastern horses there are lots of opportunities at Saratoga, Jerome Park, or Long Branch.

Messrs. Alexander Keith & Sons of the Nova Scotia Brewery, Halifax, have placed us under an obligation by forwarding to the *Sporting Times* office a liberal sample of