

Port, Ill. .... July 31 to Aug. 8  
 Rochester, N. Y. .... 2d week in Aug.  
 Prophetstown, Ill. .... 2d " "  
 Tiskilwa, Ill. .... 2d " "  
 Utica, N. Y. .... 3d " "  
 Earlville, Ill. .... 4th " "

## ICE RACES.

Omamee ..... Jan. 10 to 11

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

## TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Every thing used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

## A DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

The time is rapidly approaching for our turf managers to take some steps, if they deem the object a desirable one, towards forming a Dominion Association for the government of running and trotting in this country. Our views are already well-known on this subject, having been often stated. We deem it as much now as ever an absolute necessity for the future welfare of the turf, than an organization of some kind for mutual and reciprocal protection should be formed. Every one at all interested in this subject, and who has given it a little of the consideration it deserves, will readily acknowledge the pressing need of such an affiliation. Horsemen demand it equally with associations, the benefits to both classes are mutual, and both are looking forward to some initiatory movement to which they can give their adherence.

But everything must have a beginning—large oaks from little acorns grow—and no matter how small the movement for the formation of an Association may be in its infancy, it will grow in strength with its age, and will gradually extend the circle of its influence until the whole of the racing interests of the country are brought within its folds. And to arrive at this much desired point in our turf history, it is but meet that our Associations, large and small, should not stand on the order of making a move, but do so at once. From the tenor of expressions which have come to our knowledge, there can be no doubt the country is ripe for such an amendment to the old style of things, and the one requisite to secure a successful organization is but to make a beginning. The sequel will follow as a matter

## MORRISSEY'S REASONS.

In an interview with a New York reporter Mr. John Morrissey gave his reasons for retaining the commission on pools on the Presidential election. It will probably be as well to give the report as clipped from the paper. "He says he was at an expense of about \$700 per month for his room, and paid his principal pool-seller \$1,000 for two months' services; besides which he had ten other men under pay. The work has all been done, he says, and I have been at expense, the same as if the wagers had been decided, and it is clear that I should be paid the same. The main thing is the responsibility of holding so much cash, the dangers from thieves and the depositing in unsound banks. And he thinks his commission will amount to about \$4,000."

Notwithstanding the high-handed manner in which the pools were declared "off" by the Hon. John, and which we think, admits of no defence, being void of either reason or authority; there is something to be said in favor of retaining the commission. The labor involved in the transaction is even greater when the money is paid back individually than when handed over to the winners, as then settlements have to be made with two or more parties instead of one. And as the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is not too much for the patrons to repay the pool-seller for his time, trouble, risk and expense.

From the action of one of the leading American authorities it is almost absolutely certain that the rule of retaining the commission in all cases will be established next season as a principle of the system. If such had been the law at present it would have saved a large amount of trouble, misunderstanding and bad feeling between the contracting parties. We have been informed all the leading pool-sellers in the States are having printed on their tickets a condition that provides for the retention of the percentage in such contingencies, only paying back the gross amount deposited in cases where the horse does not start; so, this amendment will next season be the practice, whether it is recognized by the authorities to be the rule or not. We were one of the first to advocate this change on principle, and now its justness is recognized by most of the sporting journals in the country.

## A GUARANTEE HORSE CASE.

The particulars of the following case, which was tried at the late Wellington Assizes, in Guelph, we clip from the Herald of that town. The case has some peculiar points about it, and its reading will prove interesting to horsemen in this country:

### DAY VS. BOWLES.

The parties are both young men living in Erasmus, and are cousins. The plaintiff during the month of August last purchased a horse from the defendant for the sum of \$125, with a guarantee that the horse was sound and true to draw and not brachy, and there was, as he contended, a condition in the bargain that if the horse did not suit he was to have the right to return the horse to the defendant and receive back his money. The plaintiff took the horse as he considered on these conditions, and after keeping it a few

and the acknowledgement of a farewell supper, which partook largely of a public character, was but due to his merits as a gentleman. His departure is an event to be regretted, taking with him from Canada, as he does, a large family and over \$15,000 in capital. He carries with him the best wishes of numerous friends for his future prosperity in the States.

## SALE OF TROTTING STOCK.

Mr. A. F. Lee, of Brantford, informs us that his sale of trotting stock advertised in the SPORTING TIMES, and which took place on the 14th inst., was quite satisfactory, the strugency in money matters and the winter season being considered. Prices, he describes, as good, and the attendance large. Considerable interest was taken in the sale by adjacent breeders, as it was presumed the transactions at this sale would prove some kind of an index to the demand for young trotting stock; and this class, who were there more as spectators than purchasers, appeared to be heartily pleased at the prices realized. The stock was in good condition, and showed carefulness in selection. The Hambletonian stallions were not exposed to public competition, but will be disposed of by private sale.

## THE MAYORALTY.

For the first time in Ontario, the French Mutual Pools were opened last evening upon the Mayoralty election in this city. Considerable curiosity was shown by many of the spectators as to their working, but after witnessing the operation everybody was satisfied they were a "great institution" and the very thing to fill the bill. Speculation was not over brisk, but from the great interest taken in them, and the expressions of satisfaction with the system, there is every chance for a rush on them before Monday afternoon. They will be kept open every afternoon and evening this week, and on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday's pool will be separate and distinct from that which closes on Saturday night. If you have not already seen these machines, a visit to Mr. Frank Martin's, Turf Club House, 40 King St. West, where they are in operation, will be well repaid in witnessing their practical working. The price of the tickets, \$3, places them within the reach of all who in any way desire to invest on the chances of any of the candidates for the occupancy of the mayor's chair for 1877.

## CANADIAN HORSES FOR THE ENGLISH MARKET.

It will be of interest to the farmers of Wentworth County to know that Dr. Orton of Ancaster is now engaged purchasing horses for the English market. He shipped a dozen fine animals to Liverpool, and another batch will be sent to the same destination. The best horses for breeding, the Doctor states, are heavy draught horses, weighing from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds; stylish carriage horses, with high knee action, speed not being so much a consideration; in color bay, brown and rich chestnut are preferable, and the less white about them the better; saddle horses bred from good Canadian mares and thoroughbred horses. As the prospects are improving for the establishing of a good market in England for Canadian horses, farmers would do well to make a note of the above facts.

chestnut gelding Little Ethan as feeling well after his long campaign. He trotted twenty-eight races during the past season and came home as smooth as a colt.

There will be Ice Races at Omamee on the 10th and 11th of January, 1877. The amount of money hung up is \$270, divided into four purses—two of which are for local horses; one, \$60, for horses that have never won a race; and one, \$100, free for all.—Four to enter, three to start. Entries close the evening before each day's races. Mr. Isaac English is the secretary.

## Veterinary.

## ONTARIO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the lecture room of the Ontario Veterinary College, Temperance street, Toronto, on Friday last, and was well attended by members representing all parts of the Province. The chair was occupied by the President.

After the usual business of the Association had been transacted, the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, as follows:—Prof. A. Smith, V.S., Toronto, President; Mr. J. H. Wilson, V.S., London, First Vice-President; Mr. J. T. Duncan, V.S., Goderich, Second Vice-President; Mr. Cowan, V.S., Galt, Treasurer; Mr. Sweeple, V.S., Brooklyn, Secretary; C. Elliott, V.S., St. Catharines; A. O. F. Coleman, V.S., Ottawa; J. Bond, V.S., Toronto; T. Lloyd, V.S., Newmarket; E. A. A. Grange, V.S., Guelph; J. S. Caesar, V.S., Port Hope; Mr. Anderson, V.S., Elora; Mr. Sanderson, V.S., Richmond Hill, were elected Directors.

Mr. Duncan, of Goderich, who was appointed to represent the Association at the meeting of the United States Veterinary Medical Association held in Philadelphia in September last, then addressed the meeting, and gave a highly interesting account of the proceedings which took place in New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Duncan, on behalf of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, gave a cordial invitation to the members of the United States Association to visit their professional brethren in Ontario during the coming summer.

Several important cases were then brought before the meeting, and elicited an instructive discussion. The President read a paper which he had just received from Mr. Alexander Farthill, V.S., of Louisville, Kentucky (a graduate of the Ontario College), on the successful treatment of extreme cases of flatulent colic by puncturing.

The Association, with a view of giving a stimulus to veterinary education, resolved to give at the examination of the students of the Ontario Veterinary College in April next, a gold and a silver medal.

The usual winter examinations of students of the College took place on Friday, when the following third-year's students were awarded the diploma of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association, viz:—J. B. Wright, Colchester; Golding, Weston; and J. R. Ross, Lucknow.

The next meeting of the Association will take place in April.

Three new tables were put in the White Rose room, Toronto, last week.

The Turf, Field and Farm says a gentleman in Woodstock has imported three Col-leader carom tables from New York.

The demand for billiard tables this winter shows unmistakably the advance this game is making in public favor.

## TIES.

JOSEPH DION WON THE FIRST PRIZE.

The billiard tournament held at Tammany Hall last month resulted in a tie between George Slosson, A. P. Rudolphe and Joseph Dion for first, second and third prizes, and the evening of the 19th inst. was fixed for the playing off the tie. Slosson, who was in New Orleans, forfeits his chances for either first or second place, leaving those places to be decided by a single game between Joseph Dion and Rudolphe. The game was 600 points up, on a 5x10 table, with 2 5-16 balls, and was won by Joseph Dion by a score of 600 to 371. The winner's average was 11 7-18 and the loser's 7 7-52.

Rudolphe won the striver, for lead and made 8 points. Dion was the first to score double figures, which he did by a neat run of 12 on the second inning. The sixth inning gave Rudolphe 44 points, he failing on an easy drawshot. Dion followed with 82, which Rudolphe duplicated, the game standing at the eighth inning—Rudolphe, 101; Dion, 59.

The former, by continued careful play, put in a run of 84 on the tenth inning, which he followed with one of 88. Dion in the meantime scored but a few points and stood 108 behind. The balls ran poorly for him, and he played wildly for a time, but recovered himself on the fourteenth inning and made 46 points before he was interrupted by a "freeze."

The game was very stupid up to the twenty-eighth inning, when Dion rolled up 55 on open play. He brought them to the side cushion and ran along to 84 before they broke away from him. He finished at 88 points. This gave him the lead by 21 points, the score standing—Rudolphe, 286; Dion, 257.

The game up to this time was uninteresting, but Dion made it lively on the forty-ninth inning. He began with a few gathering shots, which brought the balls snugly lodged against the side rail. He clicked them 78 times before they "froze" on him. He counted then from the spot and ran along to 105, when just as he was getting them in good shape they "froze" again. He scored a second time from the spot, however, and made 125 points. This gave him a fine lead, the game standing—Dion, 515; Rudolphe, 348.

It looked badly for Rudolphe, who retired on his next play with 5 points. Dion followed up his large lead with a run of 62 points, which left him but 5 to make. It took him five innings to make the desired number.

The following is the score:  
 J. Dion—1,12,4,0,5,5,82,0,8,0,2,0,8,46,0,1,0,8,14,9,1,6,15,0,0,2,88,5,2,18,1,59,0,5,1,8,0,0,8,1,0,27,4,125,18,62,1,1,0,0,3—600. Average, 11 7-18.

Rudolphe—3,9,4,5,4,44,0,82,4,84,38,0,0,1,1,1,4,0,5,5,2,0,2,35,1,0,1,2,22,2,16,0,2,48,0,4,20,0,0,1,5,0,0,1,2,5,1,0,2,18,0—371. Average, 7 7-52.

Mr. John Hickey has been giving a series of exhibitions in Brockville, Quebec, and other eastern burghs, and expects to be in Toronto at an early day.

Mr. Whalen, of the White Rose Billiard Saloon, Jarvis Street, Toronto, has in contemplation a tournament for first-class Provincial players, at which \$500 will be given in premiums. Messrs. Wm. Jakes, Jas. Bennett, John Hickey, Sam Jakes, Frank Dion, Jas. Phelan, Sam Davis, Thomas Russell, Jos. Capron, &c., &c., we are informed have promised to take part in the proceedings.

The contemplated match between Hickey and Jakes has fallen through, and it is not likely these players will come together till some of the tournaments this winter.