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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Newark, N. Y.	July 17 to 20
Grand Rapids	" 19 to 22
Ogdensburg, N. Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N. Y.	3d "
Enville, Ill.	4th "
Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting	Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Chicago	June 30 to July 4
American Jockey Club	July 2 to 16
Long Branch	July
American Jockey Club	Oct.

CANADIAN.

Exeter	July 2 to 3
Prescott	July 2 to 3
Orangeville (local)	July 2
Exeter	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
Mt. Forest (local)	July 2
Orangeville	August
Woodbine, Toronto	Sept 6 to 8
Mt. Forest	Sept
Fergus	Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion Race	Sept
Orangeville (opening)	

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Exeter	June 30
Colt Stake	July 1

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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suror was at his room in the Rossin House each evening after the races to pay the purses won on that day; and, furthermore they maintained their obligations to the public and the horsemen who patronized their meeting, at a loss to themselves without seeking the aid of the law to relieve them from any moral liability (even if it was not strictly legal) that they had incurred. This is a leaf from the Woodbine's book that the Hamilton R. & D. P. A. would do well to copy. As to the mendacious statement, that the Woodbine D. P. A. of 1877, "of which Collins himself is Secretary," is in default, we have only to say it is a falsehood of the first water, and the assertion has not the shadow of a foundation to sustain it. The object of putting such a tissue of fabrication in circulation is clearly to place the Secretary of the W. D. P. A. in an unenviable position with the public. This individual can not afford to let such a report go uncontradicted, and even at the unpleasantness of washing Hamilton's dirty linen in public, it shall be understood and known that the report originating in the ambitious city is entirely void of truth. So the Hamilton turfites will please call off their dogs.

This "you're another" style of argument, even if it were correct, which it is not, does not redound to the credit of the western club in question. Two blacks will not make a white, or two wrongs make a right. If it is deemed policy by our friends of the H. R. & D. P. A. to follow the example of some dishonorable Association, it is a matter of their own concern; but it is not our place to stand idly by and complacently look on without sounding a warning note. The correspondent above quoted says, "our races will prove a success (as they always have been)." It is hoped he is again mistaken here, so far as their meetings having always been a success. If such be the fact—and he appears to speak from the book—what possible excuse can be offered for the extraordinary action of the Association of which he is the champion. If their venture of last year had been a failure, it would be possible to understand why their obligations had not been promptly met—but he claims it was a success, and still default exists, and the law has been evoked to allow them to retain the purse money in their hands. The state of affairs presented by our correspondent will hardly be believed; but, if correct, places the Club in a worse position than they occupied before.

If the action of the SPORTING TIMES in this matter will cause a change in the financial policy of the Hamilton Association towards horsemen, our efforts will not be fruitless, and the good opinions of the class of people whose interests we have sought to protect is all we look for in return. As a prominent club the Hamilton Association has our best wishes for the success of their July meeting, and trust that there may be a sufficient balance on the proper side of the ledger to enable them to take the position they once occupied as a leader, and that in their future proceedings they will give no cause for complaint, but prove a strong ally in furthering the struggling turf interests of this country.

THE QUEEN'S PLATE.

Next Monday this annual event will take place at Prescott. The nominations are not

Track in this city. The retailers of the rumor reasoned that this was to be done to punish the citizens of Buffalo for not opposing the prohibitory bill, and in this way to bring a pressure which might assist in having it repealed. However pleased we might be to see such an arrangement, truth compels us to state that the report originated in the mind of some fertile-brained joker; and that both the Buffalo and Woodbine Associations were totally innocent of any such intention.

AN ERRONEOUS PEDIGREE.

At this season of the year the columns of our American sporting contemporaries frequently contain answers to correspondents enquiring the correctness of pedigrees attached to horses. As might naturally be expected many of the claims of aristocratic parentage set forth in the announcements of some horses with high sounding titles are found to be fraudulent when they come to be investigated, and the authority of the Stud Book shows the worthlessness of their pretensions. In the last issue of the Turf, Field and Farm we find the following:—

"BRANTFORD, Can.—Please let us have your opinion of the following, viz.: Clear Grit, by imp. Lapidist, son of Touchstone, dam got by imp. Cock of the Rock, brother to American Eclipse; 2nd dam by imp. Blacklock; 3rd dam by Tipso, son of Ogden's Messenger, by imp. Messenger. Answer.—We can express our opinion very briefly by saying the pedigree is bogus. Clear Grit may be by imp. Lapidist, but the imported Cock of the Rock business kills the whole thing. Cock of the Rock was neither imported nor an own brother to Eclipse, nor was it possible for Clear Grit's dam to have been by him. The imported Blacklock cross is equally erroneous, as no horse by that name was ever imported."

Cock of the Rock was foaled in 1814, by Duroc, dam Roup, by imported Messenger. So it will be seen it is virtually impossible that the dam of Clear Grit could be by him. American Eclipse was foaled in 1814, by Duroc, dam Miller's Damsel by imported Messenger; and thus the fraternal relationship between Cock of the Rock and American Eclipse is shown to have had no existence. This portion of the pedigree is clearly incorrect, and must have been compiled by some person who had a superficial knowledge of the Stud Book, or has been copied off some other pedigree for the effect of the name. It is quite possible that his second dam was by imported Blacklock, the T. F. & F. to the contrary notwithstanding. The horse Blacklock was imported, we believe, by Mr. Simpson, of Yonge Street, and is registered in the English Stud Book as Fidget or Young Fidget. He was owned at St. George, Ont., by Mr. George Stanton, and, we think, died there. Fidget or Blacklock has never been registered in the American Stud Book: and through this omission the T. F. & F. falls into the error that such a horse has never been imported. As Clear Grit is a horse of some local distinction as the sire of St. Patrick, it devolves upon his owner to clear up the imputation of fraud contained in the above pedigree, and we shall be pleased to allow him the use of our columns for that purpose.

ENTRIES FOR EXETER RACES
CLOSE TO-MORROW, JUNE 30.

ENTRIES FOR COLT STAKE
CLOSE JULY 1.

HURDLE JUMPING.

At the sports of the St. George's Society at Ottawa, on the 21st inst., prizes were given for hurdle jumping by horses, gentlemen riders. The first premium was a silver cup, value \$35; second, \$10; third, a riding whip. The Citizen of that city gives the following

A VALUABLE IMPORTATION.

From time to time it as afforded us much pleasure to chronicle the arrival in this country of valuable additions to our thoroughbred stock. During our short connection with the SPORTING TIMES such valuable horses as Hyder Ali, Tubman, Vicksburg, Osseo, Meteor, Bill Bruce, Longstreet, Van Dorn, Oysterman Jr., Leamingtonian, Woodman, with others not just now occurring to our memory, have passed under our notice. Among this lot are some of the finest bred and most valuable stock horses in America, and the introduction of so much new blood in Canada cannot but result in the greatest benefit in the improvement of our equine stock. It may be remembered a short time ago we gave publicity to a report of the purchase of the horse Big Sandy by a citizen of Hamilton. At that time its truthfulness was denied, but it has turned out, if it had no foundation in fact at that time, to be only premature, for we find chronicled the sale by Col. D. McDaniels, of Princeton, N.J., to Mr. A. White, (on behalf of W. Hendrie, Esq.) Hamilton, Ont., of the chestnut race horse and stallion Big Sandy. Big Sandy was foaled in 1872, stands fully 16.1, by imported Australian, dam Genetra, by Lexington; 2nd dam by imported Glencoe; 3rd dam Ann Merry, by Sumpter; 4th dam Grecian Princess, by Cook's Whip; 5th dam by Gen. Hampton's Paragon; 6th dam Moll, by imported Figure; 7th dam Old Slamerkin, by imported Wildair; 8th dam imported Cub mare by Cub; and through her down to the Layton Barb mare. The American Stud Book says of this old Cub mare, "this was one of the most valuable mares ever imported to this country, nearly all of the best horses in America tracing to her either on the dam's or sire's side." Big Sandy is a half brother to Luxemburg, by imported Sovereign; Anna Mac, by imported Leamington; Lillie Harness, by Revolver; and a full brother to King Pynn. From the above resume of Big Sandy's breeding it will be seen he can take rank with any horse in the country—the Australian Lexington cross having produced such race horses as Zoo Zoo, Rutherford, Red Coat, Ascension, Springbranch, Springlet, Lotty Moon, Steinbok, Springbok, Joe Cerns, Fellowcraft, &c., &c.

As a two-year-old Big Sandy only appeared once, at the Lexington Fall Meeting, Sept. 18, 1874, in the Colt and Filly Stakes for two-year-olds, a dash of a mile, which was won by Katie Pearce by Leamington in 1:46½. As a three-year-old he faced the starter six times, in only one of which he was successful. On May 14, 1875, at Lexington, he ran second to Chesapeake in the Citizen's Stake, a dash of two miles, the now celebrated Ten Broeck being unplaced, in 3:37½; Voltigeur beat him at Louisville for the Clark Stake, a dash of two miles, Sandy having for company among the unplaced Van Dorn, at present owned by Major Leys, of London; his first appearance at Jerome Park was on November 1, when he ran unplaced in a handicap sweepstake, one mile and a half, which was won by Weatherby, 3 yrs, 85 lbs., in 2:51½, Sandy carrying 5 lbs. above that weight; on November 6, same place, he credited himself with his maiden victory in a Handicap dash of one mile, when he, with 135 lbs. up, beat Survivor, Shylcock, and Nettie B., in 1:52½; next he is found at Baltimore, where he ran second to the speedy Kadi (whose fastest mile record is 1:41½) has

Sporting Gossip.

Exotic by Extra, dam Nettie, the property of John White, Esq., of Milton, has been lame, and has been turned out for the rest of the season. It was the intention to send her for the Plate, for which her owner thought she had a good chance, but this unfortunate accident will throw her back for a year.

Mr. Mitchell, of Port Sarnia, Ont., has recently purchased from Messrs. Nye & Fox of Flint, Mich., a yearling colt by Mammoth Gift, out of a well-bred mare. The price was \$600.

Judge Sinclair, of Hamilton, in his address to the Grand Jury at the late Interim Sessions in that city, remarked: "That a man might gamble as much as he liked at cards and commit no offence against the law, when any one kept a regular gaming place the law very properly considered it a nuisance."

A trotting match between the horses Messrs. Gordon and Bell was the attraction at the Owen Sound Driving Park on Tuesday. The stakes were \$100.

Mr. C. V. M. Temple, of Quebec, has purchased, through Mr. Murcott, V. S., of Ottawa, the well-known hunters Bonnie Brown and Hailstorm. The figures were rather high, but our informant ventures the opinion that the latter is, without any exception, the best jumper in Canada, and will never disgrace his rider in the hunting field. Bonnie are sired by Sunshine, and the mare is quite a burst of speed and is very clever over her fences.

A Mt. Forest correspondent informs us that the backers of John Logan in the proposed match with Maritime have taken heart and refused to "put up" on their own position. This is to be regretted, as a match between these clever Province-breds would have created considerable interest in our circles. However, it is possible they may come together in a race before the season is out.

P. Kelly, Esq., of Blyth, has lately paid out about \$4,500 for horses, which he shipped last week to Manitoba.

It is the intention, we have understood, to take the speedy son of Enquirer, by Bruce, to California this season.

The Canadians did pretty well with their horses at Cleveland. Inspiration won the race and Bill Bruce once.

Billy Oxendale, late of the Great Western Hotel, Brantford, is managing the track at that town. Quite a number of horses are working there. It is in contemplation to give a Fall meeting.

The trotters are being driven out this year all over the country, and never before did so many drop into the faster classes so early in the season. The most notable instance of "driving out" is the case of the chestnut mare Martha Washington, who had no previous record better than 2:29½, and who, at Beacon Park the other day, took the heat in 2:21½, and the third in 2:20½, thus tancing all but one of the party in the class. The black stallion Voltaire, and the brown gelding Powers, have each, this season, dropped from no record to the 2:24 mark.

A meeting will be held at the Mitchell House, Guelph, this evening for the purpose of getting up a Fall meeting, for their track.