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#### RACING FIXTURES.

##### SEPTEMBER.

Bathurst, Ont.	1 to 4
Stratford, Ont.	7 to 8
Bellevue, Ont.	8 to 9
Caledonia Springs, Ont.	8 to 10
Syracuse, N.Y.	7 to 10
Caledonia Springs	8 to 10
London, Ont.	9 to 10
Windsor, N.Y.	14 to 16
Chatham, Ont.	14 to 17
Port Wayne, Ind.	14 to 17
Leamington, N.Y.	15 to 17
London, Ont.	15 to 16
Midland, Ont.	14 to 16
Philmont, Ont.	15 to 17
Prescott, Ont.	15 to 17
Hamilton, Ont.	22 to 23
Leamington, Ky.	20 to 25
Windsor, N.Y.	22 to 24
Caledonia Springs	28 to 30
Leamington, Ky.	28 to Oct. 2
London, Ont.	29 to Oct. 1
Chatham, Ont.	Sept 28
Bellevue, Ont.	
Windsor, N.Y.	

##### OCTOBER

Nashville, Tenn.	4 to 8
Baltimore, Md.	20 to 22
Terre Haute, Ind.	12 to 15

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

Stratford, Ont.	Sept 3
Caledonia Springs	" 4
Bellevue	" 6
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Exeter	" 11
Orleansburgh	" 18
Prescott	" 28
Philmont	" 15
Hamilton	" 19

#### CHANGE OF DATES.

Racemen will be pleased to observe that the Stratford and London Associations have rearranged the dates of their meetings so that they will not interfere with each other, as they would have done had each stuck to the date first fixed upon. This movement shows good sense and a proper spirit, which should be imitated by jockey clubs throughout the country. The two associations have adopted a programme, which should give a day of good racing. Commencing on the 7th of September, Stratford leads with a purse of \$125 for a local running race at half-mile heats, with Vicksburgh leading with a purse of \$150 for a 2.35 trotting race, and \$175 for a mile heats running race for Do-

#### "REQUIESCAT IN PACE."

Mr. Patteson has requested us not to publish the letter he sent us too late for publication in our last week's issue, dealing with the "bona fide hack" question, and the disqualification of Vespuceius and Inspiration. While we regret that many telling points made by the writer and much interesting discussion on sporting matters generally should be thus lost to our readers, we agree with him that the matters in dispute had attracted their due share of public attention, and the disturbing events at Newmarket cannot but be beneficial in the long run. Needless personal recrimination at this late day might do more harm than good to racing, and make impossible that healing of past unpleasantness which sporting men will be glad to hear of. In this respect we think Mr. Patteson is to be thanked for his forbearance.

We publish in this issue Dr. Smith's letter to the *Mail* on the subject of the disqualification of Vespuceius, and another from Mr. Wells giving the facitious Jonathan's explanation of the light weight story. It is to be hoped that this is the finish of the discussion arising out of the recent Newmarket meeting.

#### THE FALL CAMPAIGN.

Prospects for the Fall campaign continue first rate. Stratford and London are noticed in another column, and Windsor is out with a strong bill for the 8th and 9th inst. It is unfortunate that so many races fall upon these dates. They take in the last day of Stratford and the first day of London, the first two days of Caledonia Springs, and now both days of the Windsor meeting.

It is to be hoped that societies will be warned by this mishap, and in future claim their dates early in the season. When this is done an arrangement is easily effected, an instance of which is furnished by the Stratford and London Associations this season. It may be said, that as Windsor has a trotting meeting pure and simple and Caledonia Springs a hurdle race and steeplechase meeting, and as they are very far apart, they cannot interfere with each other; and this may be true; but then they will both interfere more or less with the London and Stratford meetings, which take place between the two points first mentioned. However, as it is now rather late to make an alteration, horsemen can only "pay their money and take their choice," as to which meeting they will attend.

#### ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to the advertisement of this institution, which appears in another column of this week's issue. The Ontario Veterinary College was established by Dr. Smith in 1862, under the patronage of the Board of Agriculture, and since that time its progress has been most satisfactory. In fact, we are safe in asserting that it has been the most successful institution of the kind on the Continent. Its graduates have been uniformly successful not only in the Dominion, but throughout the United States wherever they have gone. Since its commencement nearly 150 young men have graduated from this college, and there is still a strong demand for Veterinary Surgeons throughout the country. This will give some idea of the benefit which farmers and stock owners generally have reaped from the labours of Dr. Smith and his conjurers, but a great deal remains to be done. Notwithstanding the rapid dissemination of a knowledge of the veterinary art throughout the Dominion, it is to be regretted that in many sections our dumb animals are still subjected to the too often cruel and silly ex-

clubs all over the country are gradually falling into the habit of having dashes only for running horses. Many are opposed to seeing race horses engage in anything but dashes, but it must be acknowledged that there is a very wide difference between two in three and three in five races. The latter has become the standard race for trotters, and it should be left to them exclusively. Those who wish to see running horses engage in heats should be content with two in three races.

#### AN ERROR.

Our attention has been called to the fact that in our report of the Montreal races last week we attributed the time of the 8th heat in the free-for-all race to the fourth heat. It seems that it was in the third heat (won by Village Girl) that 2.39½ was made, the second heat given to Susie in 8.08. The time should read 2.23½, 8.03, 2.39½, 2.39½, Susie taking the first, second and fourth, and Village Girl the third. We are much obliged to one of the gentlemen who officiated in the judges' stand for the correction.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Subscriber, Morrisburg.—A bets B that his (B's) horse can't trot a mile in a certain time and there is nothing said about the number of trials he is to have. Has he one or three trials. Answer.—The horse should have three trials when nothing was stipulated as to the number of trials he was to have.

Strathroy, Aug. 25.—There is more or less difficulty in pronouncing accurately on the pedigrees of Dominion bred trotters, but we give you that of Kitty Wells as it has been given to us.—Sired by Young Royal George, dam by a son of Cœur de Lion. Cœur de Lion was imported from France and was owned somewhere along the Ottawa over thirty years ago. There are many extra roadsters between Ottawa and Montreal that are said to be descendants of his. Among them is the fine trotting mare Governess.

Kincardine.—Yes. Copy must be in by Wednesday forenoon.

#### THE JUDGE PRIOR RACE.

To the Editor of the *Mail*.

Sir,—Absence from home has prevented me from sooner obtaining my trainer's explanation of the canard afloat respecting the weight carried by Vespuceius, and I now send you his letter to me merely adding that he is ready to make affidavit to the facts stated therein, which also of my own knowledge I know to be true.

To Eugene F. Wells, Esq.

Sir,—I have read the letters in *The Mail* of Messrs. Grand and Smith asserting that it was from me they heard Vespuceius carried many pounds less than his weight. If any such statement was made by me it was in answer to some chaff flying about, and was not seriously made. You and your friends all saw the weights put on the horse. I did not take them off, nor hand anything to you at the scales, being down towards the starting place and not back in time. The whole story is a mare's nest.

Your obed't servant,

J. Scott, Trainer.

Carleton, August 28.

This, I hope, will satisfy Dr. Smith that he was far too quick in making the charge he did. Yours, &c.,

E. F. R. Wells.

Weston Grange, Aug. 31.

Dr. Smith's letter will be found on the third page.

#### REMARKABLE DOINGS OF A HORSE.

Mr. Dodson (butcher), wife, daughter, and another young lady (Miss Emma Rogers), of this city, went to St. Thomas yesterday. Mr. D. principally to purchase a horse. He drove in a team of horses that had always gone together. Coming home, he divided the matched team, placing the new horse and one of the old ones at the pole together. Just after leaving St. Thomas the third horse (which had been allowed to go loose, Mr. Dodson thinking it would follow its mate all right), became restless—neighing and galloping along past its mate some distance ahead.

#### THE GREAT STALLION RACE.

The sensation of the coming month will be the stallion race at Boston. For this interesting and important contest, no less than fourteen celebrated trotting stallions have been entered. True, the names of Smuggler, Blackwood, Mambrino Gift, Jay Gould, Abberdeen, etc., do not figure in the list, but their absence only tends to increase the general interest. It is to be regretted, however, that the fast four-year-old colt Gov. Sprague has not been nominated, as his appearance in this race would add immensely to the pleasure and excitement. The fourteen entered, however, are all horses of sterling merit. At the head of the poll is Mr. Wm. B. Smith's black stallion Thomas Jefferson, by Toronto Chief out of the famous mare Gipsy Queen. He has a record of 2.20½, and is going better than in any previous year. Mr. Bacon's bay stallion Wm. H. Allen, now ten years old, is in again this year, and we have been informed that there is every probability of his coming to the post in good condition. Last year he had bad feet. His record is also 2.28½. Phil. Sheridan, by Young Columbus out of Black Fly, will again represent Mr. Dalzell and Northern New York. He was second to Smuggler in the famous contest last year at Mystic Park, and has a record of 2.26½. Jubilee Lambert, by Daniel Lambert, with a record of 2.26; Defiance, by Gen. Lyon; Ben Morrill, by Winthrop Morrill; Monarch Jr., by Monarch; Lohair, by Gilbreth Knox out of the Bunker Mare; Commonwealth, by Phil. Sheridan, dam by Young St. Lawrence; Parkis Abdallah and Ned Wallace, by Taggart's Abdallah; Messenger Knox, by Gen. Knox, dam by Jack's Prince; Little Mac, by Columbus, dam by Glencoe; and Draco Prince, by Draco, dam by Black Hawk, complete the list. It will be noticed that there is not a son of Hambletonian in the lot. The race this year will be trotted on Tuesday, Sept. 14. It will be managed by a very able and clever man, Mr. George H. Bailey of Boston, and that he will give universal satisfaction to the tens of thousands certain to be present, we are fully and firmly convinced. It will take place at Mystic Park, of which Mr. Bailey is now lessee.

#### THE GREAT SWIM.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Capt. Webb, who started on his second attempt to swim the English Channel from Dover to Calais on Tuesday, at one o'clock in the afternoon, arrived at the latter place to-day noon, after being in the water twenty-two hours and forty-three minutes, nearly three hours longer than the time in which he calculated to accomplish the journey. At half-past five p. m. he was progressing at the rate of twenty strokes a minute, the sea and weather being favorable. He was furnished with ale and beef tea, and again at eight p. m. with beef tea and beer. After that, he rested on his back for a while. At nine o'clock he became troubled with seaweeds, and at eleven he took a draught of cod liver oil. When the moon rose, at one in the morning, some brandy and tea were administered to him, Webb declaring at the time that the swim across was "a safe thing."

At three a. m. he took some coffee. At this time the tide turned northward, and Webb appeared exhausted. His trainer stripped and held himself in readiness to go to Webb's assistance, but Webb laughingly declined the proffered aid. At this time he was still keeping up a pace of twenty strokes per minute. Fears were entertained that the northern tide drift would throw Webb abreast of Calais Sands, as the sequel proved.

At four o'clock a. m., and four miles further progress, daylight broke. Webb was drowsy, and coffee and brandy were given him. At half-past five Riden's buoys were in sight and their position located. At seven o'clock a westerly breeze sprung up and a chopping sea followed, making the prospect extremely discouraging; but the indomitable pluck of the swimmer never faltered. A small skiff kept on the weather-side of Webb, who was now swimming slowly, and had just partaken of a brandy straight.

Every twenty minutes soundings were taken at eight and ten fathoms. Steamers came out from Calais and steamed alongside the gallant swimmer on the weather side, the sea breaking all the while. Cheers upon cheers went up, and Webb seemed to feel their inspiring influence. He laid a direct course for Calais Sands, westward of the pier, and at half-past ten a. m. was in shallow

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM AURORA.

HORSES, BILLIARDS, AND QUOITS.

According to promise I now endeavor to give you a short report of how the trotting stock is progressing, also any other items of sporting news I have been enabled to glean.

One morning last week I took a stroll on the track for the purpose of seeing and judging myself what was being done in the way of training the animals. Mr. Palmer was at that time exercising the mare "Nettie Irwin," a description of which I gave you in my last, and I must in justice say the mare is wonderfully improved.

Mr. A. Wells was out with his celebrated stallion "Erin Chief," whose only fault is being too fat, if that can be called a fault, considering he has not yet finished his season, but with the careful training and attention he is receiving from Mr. Wells, promises to become a clipper in the trotting world. Nettie and the Chief had a mile spin and both acted amazingly well in making first-class time. I think without boasting Aurora will be able to turn out a good trotter or two this fall.

Mr. M. Legger, an old and respected resident of this village, had out a young and promising mare, 3 yrs., sired by Erin Chief, which has had no training, but did her mile in 8.45, and which is not bad form for so young and untrained an animal.

Mr. Palmer recently purchased for a small sum a beautiful dun colored horse, 5 yrs., half-brother to the famous Fred Hooper, which he has been recently handling, and for which he would not take three times the money he gave for him, this fact must prove that there is every probability of the horse making a first-class trotter.

The Hon. C. I. Douglass is now on his way from the old country, and has purchased and bringing with him some first-class stock, notably a first-class stallion Marquis, for which he has given the large sum of \$5,500, and whose weight is 2,200 pounds. From the description I think he will be the finest draught stallion in the Dominion.

The enterprise displayed by Messrs. Douglass and Wells in improving the breed of Canada horses should merit a good reward.

Mr. Geo. Lemon, of the Aurora Hotel, has recently purchased a splendidly matched team of cream colored driving horses with silver manes and tails and matched to a hair, which are the admiration of every one who has seen them, no doubt the large amount he gave for them is well laid out, as Mr. Lemon is a shrewd judge of horseflesh and will have nothing but the best stock.

All the horses mentioned in my last, under Mr. Palmer's care, are progressing and improving in pace and condition daily.

From horses I will now go to another innocent and harmless amusement, Billiards. Lately there has been opened a most spacious Billiard Room adjoining Wait's Hotel, which has been decorated and fitted up in the latest style, and conducted by Mr. Bethell (late of St. Catharines). Persons of the strictest ideas concerning the game of Billiards can be now seen patronizing, by the presence, and thus showing their approval, the scientific game of Billiards.

Our neighboring village, Newmarket, is to have the honor of a game of Quoits for the championship of the Dominion, which is to be played on the 8th inst. Mr. Dobson, late of Scotland, having challenged Mr. Muir, of Newmarket, to play for the championship of the Dominion. I have seen Mr. Muir play and know something of the game, I can assure your readers that however good this Mr. Dobson may be, his work is cut out for him to defeat Mr. Muir.

#### CRICKET.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*.

OTTAWA, Ont., August 26th, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—At the urgent solicitation of Leading Clubs and Players, I undertook the selection of a Twelve, to represent Canada in the International Cricket Tournament, at Philadelphia, September 18th to 21st, inclusive. By close observation of the season's practice, especially since July 1st, and by diligent enquiry where personal knowledge was unattainable, I have arrived at the conclusion that the services of the following were desirable:

F. W. Armstrong, Orillia; Captain; W. B. Wells, Chatham; J. Whelan, London; R. R.