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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

AMERICAN.

Dubuque, Ia.....	Sept. 4 to 9
Macomb, Ill.....	" 4 to 8
Davenport, Ia.....	" 4 to 9
Springfield, Mass.....	" 5 to 9
West Chester, Pa.....	" 6 to 9
Elmira, N.Y.....	" 12 to 14
Mystic Park, Boston.....	" 12 to 15
Ogdensburg.....	Sept. 26 to 29
Jerome Park (Running).....	Sept. 30 to Oct. 14
Pottstown, Pa.....	Oct. 8 to 6
Washington, D.C. (Running).....	Oct. 24 to 27

CANADIAN.

Canadian Stallion Race.....	Sept. 9
Woodbine.....	Sept. 14, 15 & 16
Oshawa.....	Sept. 19 & 20
Walsford.....	Sept. 20 & 21
Fergus.....	Sept. 27 to 29

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine.....	Sept. 11
Oshawa.....	Sept. 15
Fergus.....	Sept. 22

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

AN UNLOOKED FOR RESULT.

Horsemen in the States, who had been patrons of the great trotting circuit, last season made a strong protest against the imposition of the 10 per cent. entrance fee, and demanded a reduction in some way. They assumed, rightly enough, it was hardly proper for them to pay the Associations a ten per cent. fee when the entry list would frequently show over a hundred per cent of the purse, which really placed them in the position of giving money to Associations for the privilege of contesting for their own deposits. There was no reciprocity in this principle, and, to meet the views of horsemen, many of the Associations allowed a five per cent. drawback from the amount of the entrance fee, provided, the horse was declared out, or drawn, before even a clock of the evening before the race. This, it was thought, would at least be satisfactory to owners, and at the same time it would not affect the revenue of the Associations, as it was presented with the

interested. The anticipations of its promoters were met so far as the satisfaction it gave to entrants and the number of nominations it secured. But an unlooked for result disclosed itself about the third or fourth meeting, which continued to develop the farther it progressed. The effects of it were not so badly felt this season, but the danger it threatens to the next campaign, will doubtless cause some change to be made, either in the system of closing the entries simultaneously, or in the manner in which the entry fee will be imposed, or probably both. The difficulty which presented itself this year, as the campaign advanced, was in the large number of horses which were drawn from many of the purses. A list of eight, ten or twelve, speaking generally, would be reduced to two or three starters, and the interest of the spectators was, in consequence, greatly diminished. Here is a something to be provided against next season. It will be impossible to attract the immense congregations which have all along favored these annual gatherings with their presence, if some assurance is not given that the opportunity of witnessing the contests is something more than ordinary. When only two or three start out of an entry list of possibly fifteen, the race is apt to partake of the hippodrome character. Now if the attractions of the great meetings are to be kept up sufficiently to draw paying crowds, it is evident some change must be made. The danger is apparent, and it is not likely it will be shirked. A return to the old ten per cent. entrance fee is hardly possible. The sweepstake plan might, to some extent, bridge the difficulty, but its introduction can scarcely be looked for. But, at all events, some means must be devised to continue the interest which would soon cease with repetitions of this season's campaign.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WOODBINE RACES ON MONDAY NEXT, 11TH INST.

THE STALLION RACE.

Before another issue of the **SPORTING TIMES** is placed in the hands of its readers, the great Stallion Race, which has almost convulsed the trotting circles in Canada, will be one of the things of the past, the struggle will be over, and the winner will have secured his reward. When the race was first spoken of by its promoters they had but very little idea it would meet with the favorable reception it has received from owners, or create the interest among the votaries of the turf it has aroused. As an evidence of its popularity it will only be necessary to compare it with the great stallion race at Boston, in September, 1874, universally admitted to have been one of the most eminently successful affairs in the records of the American turf. For this grand and sensational affair, after unlimited advertising and unceasing canvassing, with the golden bait of \$10,000 as an allurement, the nominations numbered sixteen, comprising horses from New Hampshire and Massachusetts to the golden state California, far off on the Pacific coast. An almost unlimited country was the field for its operation. Along side of this exhibit our humble efforts shine brightly. From an expanse of country about two hundred miles in length with a depth sufficient to make it only a strip, we have obtained eleven *bona fide* nominations, and this result has been arrived at with the assistance of only quite ordinary exertions; the propositions have been voluntary on the part of owners, and no meretricious inducements have been offered to swell the lists to abnormal numbers. If there was nothing else to congratulate ourselves on than this very favorable testimony to our efforts to contribute our mite towards the advancement of good racing in this country, it would be ungrateful for us to complain. But our percentage of starters is much greater than in the great American event. Out of sixteen nominations there,

A BASE BALL DECISION.

It will be quite within the memory of our base ball readers, that the last match played between the Tecumsehs, of London, and the Maple Leaf, of Guelph, was won by the former. Exception, at the time was taken to the ruling of the umpire, Mr. Ed. Moore, of London, and a protest entered, which on Friday last was brought before the Judiciary Committee of the Canadian B. B. Association, at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton. Upon the protest being read, Mr. Moore at once acknowledged he was at fault, and the game was therefore declared void, and ordered to be played over again at London. The committee consisted of Ed. Collins, Dundas, chairman; W. Harris, Hamilton; W. McPherson, Toronto, and A. Weir, Guelph. This is the first case upon which the Judiciary has been called to arbitrate. Mr. Moore is himself a member, and we think, the permanent chairman of the committee, but of course did not sit in judgment on a case in which he himself was interested. The protest was divided into three charges; the first one alleged the umpire had a bet of a box of cigars of the value of \$15 on the game, thereby infringing section 3, of rule 8, of the playing rules of 1876. The second and third were based on what were stated to have been improper decisions favorable to the Tecumsehs during the game. Mr. M. admitted the first charge, but stated the amount was only \$5. It, however, was held a sufficient infraction of the rules to justify the committee in coming to their conclusion. Charges 2 and 3 were dropped and no discussion ensued thereon. By this decision the Tecumsehs have yet two games to play with Guelph, instead of one. The Guelph team are reported to be greatly strengthened, and although the Cockneys play a very strong game, it is within the range of possibilities they may yet have to concede the right of flying the whip pennant for 1877 to the Maple Leafs.

To those who are acquainted with Mr. M. the idea of him favoring his own club for the paltry consideration of \$5 or \$15 would be ridiculous. It was unfortunate, with the bitter rivalry existing between these clubs, that Mr. M. should have been selected to fill the position of umpire. It is well known he is intimately interested in the Tecumsehs, and no matter how unbiased his decisions might have been, it would give cause to impute improper motives to him. However, it must be satisfactory to him to know that notwithstanding his connection with the London team, it was the Maple Leafs who insisted upon him filling the position, thus showing their confidence, not only in his ability, but likewise in his integrity. The next time some disinterested outsider will probably be selected.

REMEMBER THE GREAT STALLION RACE AT WEST END PARK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

In conversation with many gentlemen who are connected with different Associations throughout the country, it is quite apparent there is a feeling in responsible turf circles that an Association of the leading tracks is a measure that would meet with the warmest approval. The turf interests of the country all but demand it, and the welfare of the Clubs who would be affiliated under its workings would be greatly increased. Then all would, to a certain extent, be mutually concerned in each other's welfare, and the assistance which one could give the other would be directly felt throughout the entire chain. The balance of power would be placed in the proper hands, and while its influence would be pleasing to an owner whose intentions are always good, it would prove a terror to the dishonest. The barnacles could and would be cleared out, the progress of racing made much smoother, and a respect for authority enforced, which would go far to

Corwall, N. Y., (one of the celebrated Ward brothers) and our youthful athlete. Should Hanlon be successful in this it will be one of the most remarkable events in aquatic sports; a comparative novice reaching at one bound the extreme top of the ladder. A comparison of the time made would show Hanlon's chances to be good. Ward in the first day winning in 22:20, and the second heat in 22:06; while Hanlon is credited with 21:34, and 21:54, winning both easily. He has now secured a position which must give him nothing worse than second place, and his friends have considerable confidence in his ability to beat Ward. His success would be hailed with pleasure, not only in Toronto, but throughout Canada.

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THE END OF THE FIRST CHAPTER.

On Friday last the final deposit in the **SPORTING TIMES** Stallion Race Sweepstake became due. Of the original eleven nominations five made their declarations good, six declaring forfeit. The five entitled to start to-morrow are:

1. Capt. Tom, by McGregor's Warrior, dam by Volcano.
2. Warr Hulett, by Woodruff's Columbus, dam by Andrus' Hambletonian.
3. Douglas, by Pelham Tartar, dam by Black Prince.
4. Fulton, by Tempest, dam the dam of Fred Hooper.
5. Chas. Douglas, by Royal George, dam by American Star.

In this list are comprised, it might be said, all the favorites, so the race will suffer none in interest by the absentees. A look at the breeding of the stallions discloses that there are four Royal Georges and one Columbus.

In speaking of the chances of the entrants it may be said, they are individually looked upon as having favorable prospects, and as the race will be truly on its merits, it will be difficult to select the "slick one." Speculation is very brisk, and the friends of each of the nominations stick to him like wax. How it will be to-morrow would be difficult guessing.

Everything is in good shape for the race. The horses are reported in splendid fettle and moving like pieces of machinery. No pains have been spared to place the track in admirable condition; and good weather is all that is required to make everything pleasant.

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A PROPER DECISION.

A short time ago an account was given in these columns of a mile foot race between Raine of Ottawa, and Wood of Galt, in which the former proved to be the speedier man. Since then Raine has been running at Montreal, in a race given at a Firemen's picnic, open to amateurs. He was successful in winning his race, but the prize has been withheld for two reasons: that he was not an amateur, and, because he entered under an assumed name. So far as his disqualification as an amateur is concerned, it is difficult to decide upon its merits, as almost every club has a varying meaning of the term; but no defence can be offered for the flagrant violation of the acceptance of fair play rules by running under an assumed name. It is fraudulent on its face, and the Montreal committee acted properly in withholding the premium. The object was doubtless to ring him in for improper purposes, by entering under the name of Ingraham, and it would have been a wrong if the prize had been withheld from a *bona fide* entry. Mr. Raine is quite fast enough to take his chances in his own class, with his own name, and this little example will probably impress upon his mind the truth of the old proverb,

POOL SELLING.

It has been stated before that in the inception of the Stallion Race, Messrs. Quimby & Forbes, the popular pool-sellers, donated their services towards the success of our enterprise. This is the only contribution we have received, and none at all have been solicited. Our object is to see if the race will sustain itself, and this initial venture is but an experiment to be continued annually if it should in any way prove successful. To arrive at this position the noble contribution of Messrs Q. & F. will be a great assistance; and when it is understood they threw up a lucrative engagement to keep their obligation good with us, their kindness will be doubly appreciated by every horseman in Canada. Their headquarters is at Martin's Turf Club House, 40 King street west, where they will be found this evening and to-morrow morning.

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Sporting Gossip.

Among the entries for the American Jockey Club's meeting at Jerome Park this Fall we find the following Canadian horses in the Manhattan Handicap: The Moor, 110 lbs; Passion, 108 lbs; and Inspiration, 114 lbs. The distance is one mile and a quarter, and the number of nominations thirty-five. The top weight is put on Pico, 120 lbs.

The Montreal horse market last week was very dull so far as transactions were concerned. A few good working horses changed hands at what were considered fair prices, on American account.

A man named Tierney lost \$280 out of his pocket at Dominion Springs Races, on Wednesday of last week. He is looking for it yet, and fancies he has a permanent job.

Mr. N. McCahey, late of the St. Lawrence Hall, has leased the Revere House, Brockville. Horsemen reading this paragraph will know where to stop when visiting Brockville.

Edenton changed hands at Ottawa last week.

Vicksburg and Bill Bruce are rusticated at Woodstock.

It is Charley Boyle's intention to take Inspiration to Jerome Park this Fall, and try to reach some of the rich plums there.

Galatea, the Ottawa mare, won five steeplechases in two weeks at Caledonia Springs and Dominion Springs.

The other day, a gentleman who prides himself on his general cuteness, and his ability to buy a horse for half his worth, went to see an animal that was for sale. "How much?" he asked. "Seven hundred dollars," was the reply. "I'll give you seventy," he offered with a sneer. "Done!" said the dealer, amidst the laughter of the by-standers—and he was "done."

It will be noticed in perusing the Woodbine programme in to-day's paper that the 2:48 race has been changed to a 2:45. The entries close on Monday next.

While reining in his horse, in the Corinthian Stakes race, at Dominion Springs, Capt. Poole of Toronto, was violently thrown to the ground. He was picked up, and examined by Dr. Leicester. His injuries were of an insignificant character.

Mr. L. Ostrum of Toronto, and the bay gelding Billy, have been suspended for non-payment of entrance by the Waterloo, N.Y., Association.

Dominion Rules will govern the running, and National Association Rules the trotting at the forthcoming Woodbine Meeting. Entrance money must accompany the nominations; and no conditional entries will be received. This is the official intimation.

By an advertisement in to-day's paper will be seen Dr. Smith offers for sale the celebrated