

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

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## CLOSING OF HANDICAPS.

The owner of a good race horse must be considerably annoyed—and not without reason—when, having taken his horse perhaps two or three hundred miles, involving not only great risk, but considerable expense, he finds on the announcement of the weights, that he has hardly a chance of a place in the race. He declines to start, and finds that he has paid railway fare for himself, his horses and grooms all for nothing, besides running a considerable risk of injuring his horse. On the other hand, parties who have seen the names of good horses among the published entries, are very apt to think there is an intention of fraud somewhere if they do not start. All this is very undesirable, and so far as Summer and Fall Meetings are concerned, easily avoided. Early in the season the handicapper wants to know something about the ability of the horses starting. He wants to know what the new ones can do, and how the old residents have wintered, so it is only fair that he should have as much time as possible in which to note their performances. At this portion of the season, however, it is different. Nearly all the running horses now upon the turf have shown their form and capabilities, either in Canada or elsewhere, and in cases where they have not a delay of a week, is not likely to go very far in helping the handicapper in arriving at a decision. Let the entries for handicaps close before those for ordinary races, and as soon as possible after the entries are closed let the weights be announced, and then the owners of the horses nominated will have an opportunity to decide about their acceptance or non-acceptance of the handicap and still have plenty of time left in which to get their horses to the track if they elect to go.

## THE VETERINARY COLLEGE.

By the following correspondence it will be seen that the report circulated in the daily press to the effect that the Veterinary College was to be removed to Guelph, is unfounded. The many friends of Dr. Smith will be pleased to learn that no change is contemplated, but that the Toronto establishment will remain as it is.

To the Editor of the Mail.

Sir,—I observe that in the telegraphic summary in this morning's *Mail* it is stated that certain members of the Council of Agriculture met at Guelph on Thursday, "for the purpose of selecting a site for the new Veterinary College, and making the necessary arrangements for its erection."

Allow me to say that this is an error. There is to be no new Veterinary College at Guelph. There is to be a Veterinary Department there in connection with the Agricultural College, in which the principles of the veterinary art will be taught by lectures, for the benefit of the agricultural students, in the same manner that chemistry or other branches connected with scientific agriculture is taught. For this purpose a small building is to be erected in connection with the main college buildings, to be used as a class-room. There is no intention of teaching the veterinary art as a profession at

that point, and, in fact, so far as the grading is concerned, nearly completed. The field seems to have been especially adapted by nature for the purpose to which it has been at length devoted. A few fine trees are scattered about here and there which add greatly to the beauty of the landscape without in the smallest degree obstructing the view of the track, while a beautiful little grove of trees on the west turn, will doubtless afford a delicious shade where the gallant contestants for the laurels of the turf can "cool out" between heats and snatch a few moments of quiet rest, removed from the disturbing and exciting influences of the noisy crowd. Out beyond the low strip of land that encloses Ashbridge's Bay the broad lake with every ripple gilded by the summer sun stretches away to the horizon, while on the other side a pastoral landscape of surpassing loveliness runs off northward as far as the eye can reach.

The track which was surveyed by Messrs. Wadsworth, Unwin & Brown is exactly a mile long, measured three feet from the pole on the stretches and three and a half feet from the pole on the turns. It should be added, however, that on the turns the inside rail will have an outward inclination at the top of something over six inches, while the measurement referred to is from the bottom of the posts. It will therefore be seen that the three and a half feet for the turns is really no more than three feet from the point at which the horse's side would graze the pole. On the homestretch side the grading is 90 feet wide, and on the turns and backstretch, 70 feet. The track is of the usual elliptical form, with two straight stretches and two curves, each of which is exactly a quarter of a mile in length. The stands will be placed on the north side of track (next the road), the judges' stand inside and the others outside of the course. The wire from the judges' stand will be just three-sixteenths of a mile from the east curve, thus giving the horses that distance of straight side in which to finish, and one-sixteenth on the same side in which to get away from the score before reaching the first turn. Directly opposite the judges' stand and flush with the outside of the course will be the reporters' stand, and the grand stand and club stand will occupy positions a little back from the edge of the track, and just east and west of the reporters' stand, the latter standing immediately between the two. These stands will not be exactly parallel with the fence, but will face slightly up the stretch, so that all in the stands can see the horses come in without rising from their seats, while the close proximity of the west turn will give them plenty of chance to watch the horses as they get away from the score. In the north fence there will be two handsome entrance gates, one just east of the club stand, which is the most easterly of the stands, and the other almost at the first turn and considerably west of the grand stand.—All these buildings will be nicely finished and painted, and the usual refreshment rooms under the grand and club stands, and the weighing room under the judges' stand will be well finished and found to contain all the necessary appointments.

On the straight sides the track will be level from edge to edge, but on the turns the outer side will rise two feet higher than at the pole. The soil of which the track is composed (no foreign matter being necessary) is a light clay loam, and certainly nothing better could be found to furnish smooth elastic footing. It will also be a course that will recover quickly after a heavy rain, while it does not seem likely to become baked and hard in any weather, as the soil is far from being sticky enough for that.

In short every thing seems to point to the conclusion that Woodbine Park will become one of the most popular tracks in the coun-

try, and, in fact, so far as the grading is concerned, nearly completed. The field seems to have been especially adapted by nature for the purpose to which it has been at length devoted.

## A FIRST-CLASS VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT.

From our own Correspondent.

During our stay in Montreal we paid a visit to the new veterinary establishment of C. J. Alloway, corner of Metcalf and Burnside Sts., erected last winter, and now completed and ready for occupation. It is most admirably situated on high rising ground, and in the very centre of the most fashionable and healthy portion of the west end. The front building is a remarkably handsome cut stone house, three stories high, the ground floor of which is the Doctor's Office, Surgery, etc., the latter having an entrance from the corner of the two streets. In rear of the above is a brick stable, 52 feet long, containing 14 stalls—6 box, and 8 ordinary stalls. In the interior of the stable the fittings are all of iron of a new and handsome pattern, and being painted a light oak color, the place bears a bright and healthy appearance seldom seen in an institution of the kind. Dr. Alloway has paid special attention to ventilation and drainage, that which is so essential and of so much importance in the treatment of any animal when in a state of disease. We were shown some rare specimens of the thoroughbred, mostly of Kentucky stock and of the Dr's own importing. No expense seems to have been spared in making the establishment complete in every particular, and it is well worthy of a visit from any recent graduate in the veterinary art, or any one desirous of seeing what the comforts of the equine race are and really ought to be. The office and surgery too are most tastefully and neatly fitted up and we recognized copies of the latest colored engravings from paintings by such masters as Herring, Sturges, and others.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## TRAINING STABLES IN AURORA.

Editor Gentleman's Journal,

DEAR SIR,—Our little town has got the credit of having some of the finest green horses training in the Dominion, and great enterprise is displayed by their owners in having nothing but real good stock, and having the benefit of a splendid half-mile track and the experience in training of one of the best American trainers, viz., Mr. E. R. Palmer, of Ithica, N. Y., there should be no reason why we should not be able to turn out some of the best trotters in the Dominion of Canada. I was through Mr. Palmer's stables a few days, since and found everything in first-class order for the care and comfort of the horses under his charge, everything being done to ensure the health and safety of the animals.

The following are the names of some of the horses in training here:—

"Kendall," a splendid stallion 5 yrs., sired by the famous Alhambra and bred by C. S. Dole, Esq., of Crystal Lake (Ill.) Kendall has already made 2.40, and the trainers assure me he is improving every day and will make much better time after a little more handling.

"Duncan Ross," 4 yrs., sired by Bashaw, a promising sorrel, owned by Mr. Lumbleson. This horse, although only a short time in Mr. Palmer's hands, already has shown 8:21, promising in a short time to show much better time.

"Netty Irwin," a black mare, 9 yrs., sired by Toronto Chief, the property of Mr. Irwin, a gentleman well known in this neighborhood and who takes great interest in securing good stock.

"Ivor," a chestnut mare, 5 yrs., owned by the Messrs. Wells, of this place) and half sister to the renowned Kitty Wells, whose death a short time since leaves a serious blank

in Mr. C. J. Lemon who owns a first-class thoroughbred mare named "Yellow Rose," who dropped a fine horse foal this spring which is sired by Erin Chief. Mr. Lemon has been offered by a well known sporting gentleman the sum of \$200 which he has refused. This fact must establish that the prospects are first class as to this colt making a real good trotter.

We shall shortly have some trotting races amongst the green ones to see the best they can perform, I will then send you a full report of the proceedings.

OVIDRAW.

Aurora, July 15, 1875.

## RACING AT ELLIOTT'S.

The half-mile heat race, 8 in 5, and the hurdle race, handicaps, attracted rather a good crowd on Saturday last, at Mr. John Elliott's Newmarket Course, Don and Davenport Road. Jim Christie had the call at even up against the field in the heat race, which he cleverly won, although the third heat was captured by Galvantrass. In this heat there was some very suspicious riding on the stretch, to the prejudice of Christie, whose nigh hind leg showed marks of the collision. His rider made no appeal of foul, and the judges overlooked the matter as it did not have the appearance of being premeditated. No time was given, as the distance run was considerably over what was stated, and it would mislead the public, who to some extent base their opinion of the capabilities of a horse by this standard.

Frank Ross proved an easy winner in the hurdle race, being capably ridden by Mr. Bond. We hope this is the turning point of luck in the career of Ross, and that the colors of his plucky owner will more frequently be seen in front. The summaries of both races follow.

ELLIOTT'S COURSE, July 17, 1875.

Handicap, half-mile heats, best 3 in 5; \$50 to the first, 10 to the second.

Jonathan Scott, ch g Jim Christie, 5 yrs, by Harper, dam by Lapidist, 114 lbs	1 1 0 1
J Leaman, br m Galvantrass, 5 yrs, by Somersault, dam unknown, 113 lbs	0 0 1 0
Owner, b m Glencora, aged, 108 lbs	2 0 0 2
A Fisher, ch m Katie P, 5 yrs, by Colossus, dam by Vandal, 114 lbs	0 0 2 0
J O'Connell, b m Winestone, by Ulverston, dam Tokay, by imp York-shire, 103 lbs	0 0 0 0

Same Day—Handicap Hurdle Race; two miles, over eight hurdles; top weight 168 lbs; a sweep-stake of \$5 each, with 20 added.

Owner, ch g Frank Boos, aged by Daniel Boone, dam by Sigma, by Epsilon, 168 lbs	1
J Scott's g, 4 yrs, by Thunder, 146 lbs	2
Mr Fisher, b m Millwood Maid, aged, 135 lbs	3

Time—4:39 1/4.

## TURF ITEMS.

RACING PROSPECTS.—On the 5th of August a match race will be trotted between Miles Hart's Brigham Young Jr., and Mr. Stories' Nigger Jim. The race will be trotted over the Dresden Driving Park, and is made for \$100 a side; mile heats, best 8 in 5, in harness.

THE Port-Burwell Races will take place in August.

THE attention of any gentleman wishing to purchase a fine timing watch is directed to an advertisement in another column.

VARCOE.—This Canadian trotter will take part in the Buffalo Races being entered in the 2:38 class.

JACK VANDAL has been disposed of by Mr. Boyle to a gentleman in this city. He has retired from the legitimate turf, and will now do duty across country with the hounds.

Since the Meeting at Blue Bonnets, Montreal, nearly all the horses have gone to different parts of the country. Harry Brown left for Saratoga on the 13th inst., taking with him Prodigal Son and Moonbeam.

A fine saddle horse is advertised in our columns to-day. He is good-sized, well tempered, and a beautiful color; very speedy, and carries a lady. He is by Jack the Barber out of a Sir Tatton mare, and will be sold cheap, as the owner has no use at present for him.

I will back the man London, of Toronto, for from one hundred up to one thousand a side, to row against any man in Canada a half-mile race, in best-and-best boats, in two weeks' notice. Any person wishing to accept this challenge, can be accommodated by calling at the "Pearl," No. 6 Richmond St. west.

FRED. W. GOLMER.

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To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:—

Sir,—Having been informed of Mr. Loudon's challenge to row any man in Canada one half-mile, I would say in reply that I will row Loudon one mile (as that is a short enough distance for any man who professes to row), for any amount from \$100 up to \$1,000.

If my challenge is not accepted by any man in Ontario, I will claim the Championship, and will be prepared to back my claim at any time, at from one to four miles, for any amount up to \$1,000.

EDWARD HANLON.

## PIGEON SHOOTING.

A Pigeon shooting match took place at the Half-mile track on Tuesday, between Mr. H. M. Miller and Mr. Geo. Renardson, for \$50 and the Champion Amateur Cup; 81 birds, H. & T. ground traps, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary. Renardson was the victor by a score of 29 to 27. Mr. Charles Pickering was referee.

## ALL SORTS.

At the shooting tournament at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Thursday, Mr. James Glenn, of that city, formerly of London, Ont., won the first prize, \$125; Hawkins, of Cleveland, second, \$100; Thayer, of Grand Rapids, the third, \$50; and Hall, of Toledo, fourth, \$25.

A mile race took place at Montreal on Saturday, between Kerarouwe and Ouard (a St. Regis Indian), resulting in the victory of the former by about a yard, in 4:40. If the distance was full and the time taken correctly, the race was pretty fast.

A foot race of 100 yards, for \$25 a side, took place on Saturday, at Galt, between James Smith and George Morrison, both residents of the substantial stone burgh. Morrison won by about a yard. A large crowd was present and considerable money changed hands.

An eleven of the Hamilton Cricket Club leaves for a tour down the St. Lawrence and to Ottawa. They play Port Hope, Colborne, Belleville, Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa. The names of the team are Messrs. Kennedy, Woolverton, Hebert, R. K. Hope, A. H. Hope, Park, Elmslie, Wynyard, Irving, and Kerr. We wish the team a pleasant trip.

McKee Rankin, son of Col. Rankin, who has obtained considerable celebrity as an actor in New York city, is at present making his home on Bois Blanc Island. He is well known as an impersonator of "Rip Van Winkle."

TOMATO TRELLISES.—The cheapest and most convenient trellis for tomatoes is to make a four square frame for every hill, of four pieces of hard wood, two feet long and one inch square, for the four corner posts. Let three pieces of lath, each one foot long be nailed on each side; such trellises will cost only a few cents each, and they will save four times their cost in tomatoes. Let such a trellis be placed over each hill before the plant has begun to bend sideways, then the fruit will be kept off the ground. If made of durable timber, and carefully stored during Winter in a pile on one side of the field, this kind of a trellis will last half a score of years or more, especially if they are dipped in a kettle of coal tar before they are placed over the tomato hills.

BOATING.—On Friday a boat race in which Messrs L. W. Mossop and R. Ballard, rowed against time came off. The route was from the foot of Yonge street to Parkinson's wharf and return, to be accomplished within thirty minutes. Owing to the roughness of the water and the force of the wind being dead against the oarsmen on their return, the race lasted thirty-one minutes and a half.

The celebrated horse Jack the Barber has been sold to Mr. Chas. Crawford, of Emily, for \$600.