

Jerome Park, N. Y.	16 to 18
Myrtle Park, Boston	16 to 10
Cincinnati, Ohio	16 to 19
Muskegon, Ohio	16 to 19
Cynthiana, Ky.	23 to 26
Dover, N. H.	23 to 26
Providence, R. I.	Oct 30 to Nov 2

#### RUNNING MEETINGS.

Jerome Park, N. Y. (alt. days)	Sept 29 Oct 13
Louisville, Ky.	Oct 1 to 6
Nashville, Tenn.	" 15 to 21
Palmire, Md.	" 23 to —
New Orleans	Dec 1 to 4
Charleston, S. C.	Feb to 9 (1878)

#### CANADIAN.

Woodbine	Oct 11 to 12
Hunt Club, Montreal	" 11 to 13
Hunt Club, Ottawa	" 17 to 19

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#### A CUCKOO ARRANGEMENT.

It can not have escaped the attention of the readers of our Canadian racing summaries that there is a great deal of inconsistency in the conduct of some of our Associations. While they will hang up prizes to be competed for by the different classes of trotting horses, they make no endeavors to class the horses themselves for the benefit of other associations and horsemen. This is clearly established by the intimation contained in the suggestive attachment to the record of the race "no time." If they will act fraudulently, and knowingly suppress the true record, why should they accept the time which more straightforward associations have recorded against horses which have trotted over their tracks. If they would be consistent, when they do not give time they should not attach a time test to their contest. They should seek some other means of classification. As now conducted it savors very strongly of the instinct of the cuckoo in dealing with the hedge-sparrow. The benefits are all on one side and the loss on the other. In common honesty our turf contests should all be controlled by the same standard, and when one horse suffers under a disability in one place, another should not escape the penalty under similar circumstances at another. Uniformity should be the rule, and the practice

proper training. Ross, especially, felt the need of active work, being some pounds beyond the desired weight. Hanlan appears to be in better fix, and should the race depend upon the physical condition of the men, the friends of the Toronto youth think they have the best of it. In what little boating exercise they have been able to take, their styles have been carefully criticised, Hanlan's being looked upon the more favorably, although Ross' powerful stroke has made him many friends, but it is thought his action is not so perfect as his competitor's.

As many seem to think that Hanlan will have the best of the water if it should prove to be a little lumpy to-morrow, it might be as well to state that the articles of agreement call for *perfectly smooth water*, and the only chance of bad water is what might be after the race was started. In the event of the water not being good between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m., the referee is empowered to postpone from day to day between the same hours, until the course is suitable. This may cause a postponement, but present appearances indicate the breaking up of the storm, and a cessation of hostilities in the elements.

An important point will be the naming of the referee, who will have to be agreed upon before 10 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) morning. As there are plenty of competent men in Toronto, it is altogether likely a city man will be nominated. His duties do not promise to be very critical, excepting possibly at the finish, as the men are to start from boats anchored fifty yards apart, and each one will have to turn his own buoy, which likewise will be the same distance from each other. This condition reduces the chances of fouling by either of the principals to a *minimum* and relieves the referee from what might be a disagreeable duty. It will be noticed there is another wise provision in the articles, by which in case of outside interference that would affect the result of the race the referee may order the men to row over the next day under the original conditions. This will prevent the partisans of either who might be actuated by undue zeal on behalf of their man from placing the least obstacle in the way of the rowers. When this condition is thoroughly understood it should prove of great assistance in keeping the course clear, and giving the contestants an uninterrupted channel. The well-known fair play accorded to everything in the way of legitimate sport in Toronto, is almost a guarantee that our citizens will take a pride in preventing anything like the semblance of interruption to either man in this great contest.

Up to the time of our going to press it was not determined in what boats the men would row. It is said that Ross favors his wooden boat in preference to the paper one; and should Hanlan entertain a similar idea the New Brunswicker would have about seven pounds advantage in the weight of the boat, while if both should elect to use their paper boats, they would then, on this point, be on perfectly even footing. Ross expects to step into his boat weighing about 178 lbs., which will be three pounds heavier than when he met Plaisted; while Hanlan will not lack the beam at more than 153 lbs.

Considerable dissatisfaction is felt at the

estimation. In Montreal on Tuesday night the Blue Nose representative had the call at 100 to 80, and considerable business is said to have been done on this basis. From the American cities we learn that Ross was the favorite in both Boston and New York.

Just now everything promises that this great event will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Both the principals and their friends are confident of the result, and all that is required is pleasant weather and smooth water.

#### A CENTENNIAL AWARD.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Ed. Hanlan received from the Philadelphia Commissioners his Certificate of Award and a Bronze Medal, for being the winner of the single scull professional tourney in that city, Sept., 1876. The time given on the certificate in 21:09, half a second faster than that stated in the Clipper Almanac; but the distance, three miles, is entirely absent, probably an oversight of the Commissioners. The certificate is handsomely engraved, and no doubt will be treasured by Mr. Hanlan as an interesting memento of the happiest moment of his life. By some his reception of these testimonials at this particular time will be looked upon as a favorable omen of his success in his present match.

#### Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Geo. Lees, of Guelph, purchased on Friday of last week, from Dr. Brown, of Eminence, Ky., the chestnut stallion Star Denmark, Jr. He is said to be one of the finest saddle horses in America. He will be shipped to England shortly.

Piedmont, who acquired a 4-year-old record of 2:30, is said to be out of all condition, and cannot trot a bit. He has been sent to Peter McIntire, who brought out Voltaire, for training.

Mr. Archie Fisher has blistered Piccolo, and has hopes of having him stand up on his feet all right again. Piccolo was quite a race horse, and if Archie can get him around he will be quite an addition to his stable.

Alice Gray, a well-known western running mare, owned in Athens, Mich., was killed at the State Fair at Jackson, by being run into by a farmer's waggon, the pole of which entered her chest nearly two feet.

Gen. Buford's great 3-year old colt, McWhirter, pulled up lame in a gallop on Thursday of last week. The lameness appears to be below the fetlock joint.

Two race horses were killed by an explosion of a locomotive on the Louisville and Nashville Railway, and at the same time two men were injured.

Mr. Robert Bonner, of the New York Ledger, purchased on Oct. 1, from Messrs. Foster and Simpson, Winchester, Ky., the roan stallion Centennial, 4 years old. Centennial showed a mile heat, at three years old in 2:26½.

A fine young stallion by Winfield Scott, is advertised for sale in to-day's paper.

Prof O. S. Pratt, who for the past few years has been practising his profession of

W. Kastner, of Stratford, was driving his imported Grey Eagle down Ontario street in that town, the horse took fright and dashed away, breaking the buggy. Fortunately he was got under control before any further damage was done.

Dominion Boy, the trotting stallion, owned by Mr. Wait, of Merriton, has been lost sight of for some time by our Canadian horsemen. He has been making the season in Michigan, and recently took the first prize at the State Fair at Jackson in that State.

The fastest three heats ever made in a pacing race took place at Cleveland, Ohio, at the late meeting in that city. It was won by Sweetzer in three straight heats—2:16, 2:16, 2:16½.

At the Howden great horse fair, prices ruled very high. Several Canadian horses were there, and Mr. Campbell, of Boston, had twenty splendid Americans, the highest figure obtained for them being £150, and the lowest £50. At Tattersall's on 17th ult., a lot sent from Toronto realized an average of £75.

A match said to be for \$500 a side has been arranged for teams owned by a Mr. Higgins, Toronto, and Mr. Jas. O'Neil, Woodstock, to be trotted at Guelph on the 15th inst. So says the Guelph Herald.

Mr. J. H. Marcotte, of St. Therese, Quebec, writes that his horse, Blainville Boy, is six years old, not nine years old, as has been represented.

A forfeit for a match has been deposited by Messrs. Archie Fisher of this city, and Frank Henderson of Bowmanville, to run their respective horses, Kelso and Barber, over Whitby track, two and a half miles, 110 lbs up, for \$250. We have not heard when the balance of the money is to be made good.

So far Col. Boulton's speedy filly D'Arcy has not started at Jerome Park.

#### THE FAILURE AT JEROME PARK.

##### THE POOL CRUSADE THE CAUSE.

(From the Spirit of the Times.)

The opening day of the fall meeting of the American Jockey Club, at Jerome Park, in a weather point of view, was perfect. In the early morning a thin gauze of clouds obscured the skies, but the sun soon dispersed them, and the afternoon turned out one of those beautiful autumn days that is always exhilarating and cheering. It is summer lingering in the lap of winter, the connecting link between the seasons of extreme temperature.

The evening previous, the starters in the four races on the cards were given to the public, and were known in sporting circles. On the following morning the city dailies announced them, and everywhere the high character of the horses was the general theme of conversation. Four better fields have not appeared upon an American course during the year, and the single fact that in four events there were thirty-five starters, shows that none but the very best sport could have been expected. Under this state of things it was believed that an immense concourse of people would be on these favorite sporting grounds at an early hour. But this was not the case. Going out the Boulevard, by way of McComb's Bridge, and along Jerome Avenue, the increase of vehicles was not perceptible over those passing along this fine drive on any day for two weeks past. By rail there was a small number bound for the park, but there was an

or more, in thoroughbred horses in the State, will be forced beyond its limits, and will most probably go into the South and West, or, do worse, go to Europe, that the parties owning the property may not be compelled to sustain a total loss of years labor and pains, as well as their entire investments. There were very few persons at the Club-house, or on Club-house Hill, while the quarterstretch was almost as sparsely inhabited on Saturday as a border county in Arkansas. The grand stand did not have one-fourth of its usual complement, and the lawn in front made no better showing. Only a few ladies turned out, and the carriages and vehicles of various sorts were few and far between, and those on the grounds, with marked exceptions, were not by any means of the attractive character that Jerome Park has so long been distinguished for.

We are very sorry that this is not a fair picture. It is only drawn too near the truth. It would be far more pleasant to have reported a different state of things, an immense multitude, grand turnouts, and fierce betting, but it does illustrate truthfully one of the results of the late Albany legislation. Notwithstanding the small attendance, general apathy, and an exceedingly heavy course, the racing was magnificent. Indeed, more than one of the events was brilliant. The two-year old race was, perhaps, as brilliant an effort between youngsters as was ever witnessed, and many experienced turfmen expressed the like opinion. The four fields of horses were well prepared, and ran with more than ordinary courage. The meeting promises to be one of continued brilliancy so far as the racing is concerned.

(From the New York Sportsman.)

\* \* \* Besides all this, the miserable state of the law in regard to betting is very adverse to the race-courses whose managers desire to conform to law and reason upon general principles. It is of no use to say, one of our neighbors does, that those who used to buy pools can do quite as well betting with bookmakers. The answer is that those who used to buy pools do not think so, and the American people do not want to be directed as to how they shall spend their money by a newspaper or a captain of the police. The vicious and tyrannical law passed by the malevolent rogues and sports-fools who mainly composed the Assembly last winter has had just one effect. It has prevented pool-selling on the race-courses, where it ought to be, and concentrated it in private houses over the river where it ought not to be. This is the whole effect. There is just as much pool-selling now as there was before, but none at the races, where the club could regulate it and keep it within proper bounds. It is all done in private rooms and places away from the race-courses, and, as a matter of course, the buyers are not at the races. Now, whatever our neighbors may think, we consider this to be an unmitigated calamity. In every racing point of view it is a great evil. In morals, it is nothing but a mischief, for it is a huge pretense of repression, founded upon the fraud and false pretence of the act itself. A little moderate betting on horse-racing is nothing like as obnoxious to good morals as lying, hypocrisy, and fraudulent pretenses are. That wise, witty, and good clergyman, Sydney Smith, said he had often in his youth parties who practiced fraud, falsehood, tyranny, and extortion without compunction of conscience, but who were shocked at Sabbath-breaking, and stood aghast at the mere mention of pots of beer consumed during morning service betwixt the first and second lessons. These are the sort of people who supported the betting bill at Albany.

Inspiration was pretty well liked by some of the New York sporting papers for the Grand National, but, as will be seen by the report, she failed to get better than third. Tim Ochiltree and Parole leading her under the wire.