

CANADIAN.

Dundas May 24
Hamilton July 1 to 8

AMERICAN.

TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis..... June 2 to 6
Chicago, Ill..... July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O..... July 22 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Rochester, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O..... Sept. 9 to 12

RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga..... Jan. 21 to 25
Charleston, S. C..... Feb. 5 to 8

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PRACTICAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

Our legislators frequently claim for their action on some particular question that they are justified in their course by English or other precedents. Now if the incoming administration are anxious to act on an English or Continental precedent on a subject which has not yet passed through legislative hands in Canada we can submit one which would meet with a material amount of favor from a very large section of our people. In England, France, Germany, Austria and Russia we find that the greatest care is taken to develop and increase the stock of thoroughbred horses in these countries. In some of them breeding establishments are maintained at the expense of the government, and every facility and inducement given to the people to breed the highest class of the horse. In others, England particularly, stakes are provided from the public chest to be run for on certain conditions and on certain named tracks and distances. In Canada we have had a taste of this royal plum in the Queen's Plates that are allotted to Ontario and Quebec respectively. A short time ago the government of Japan made extensive and valuable purchases of thoroughbred horses in Kentucky for the purpose of improving their native stock. The selection was made by Mr. W. H. Wilson, of Abdallah Park, and his judgment led him to select representatives of the leading strains comprising colts and fillies by Phaeton, Enquirer, Baywood, Fellowshipcraft, Planet, War Dance, &c. In view of the increasing interest in and prospective

should be specific and direct, and applied to the object for which it is specially intended. Racing is the acknowledged test of merit, and to this purpose the aid should be devoted. A few thousands of dollars expended in this way would be returned an hundred fold, besides increasing the home value and elevating the standard of merit of this industry, which should in our geographical position be a great one. The turf in Canada is languishing through the misdirected legislation of a previous session; and the horsemen of Canada, who, directly and indirectly, form a large proportion of our people, have a right to look to the new administration to supply that stimulus to their enterprises which was withdrawn under a mistaken idea of the merits of the question and an ignorance of the question itself. As is shown, our government have abundant precedents to govern their action in this question, and we only ask they will give it the consideration it receives in the mother country, where, it will be admitted, these matters are much more studied and better understood than in Canada.

HANLAN MATCHED.

A telegram from London, Eng., of Nov. 12, informs us that a match has been made for \$1,000 a side for Ed. Hanlan, the champion sculler of America, to row John Hawdon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, over the Tyne course next May. Hawdon is one of the most promising of the English oarsman. He was born near Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1855, and weighs 146 lbs. He commenced sculling in 1876, but did not come into prominence until last year when he won the Sculling Handicap at the Thames International Regatta; beat Hynes, of Stockton, twice; and Robt. Bagnall. This year Hawdon easily won the second-class sculls at the Thames International Regatta; beat Joe Sadler, ex-champion, on the Thames; beat Cannon, of Kingston, over the Thames course, in 22:57, eighteen seconds faster than the best championship time; and finished up his career so far by beating Lamsden on the Tyne, Nov. 11. His style of handling the oars is said to be very clean and perfect, while he is quite a general, never losing his head. He has never met either of the cracks—Boyd, Elliott or Higgins, but he is looked upon as the most promising candidate for aquatic honors in England.

Hanlan will leave Toronto in January for the old country, which will give him time to become thoroughly acclimated and obtain a full knowledge of the course and its peculiarities. The match can be considered well made, as it was imagined that only those in the front rank would court a match with the sturdy Canuck. It is premature to canvass the merits of the two men, but Canadians can rely upon one thing, that their representative will leave nothing undone for the credit of his native land. The difference of climate and other unavoidable changes may exert an influence on "our boy," which other athletes have not escaped in making their visits to England, but every care that prudence and foresight can suggest will doubtless be given to the American champion, and if the fates should be against him, we will know it is only so after every attention has been exhausted.

The blacksmith is better authority than Hoyle on "old sledge."

made months before the race, large handicaps and large fields. It is better for the bucker; he backs his choice and gets a better price than he does in a pool; he can back a horse at long odds with the chance of being able to "lay off" at short odds. The list of prices you quote shows that there is not much competition in the book making line in America. The quotation are nearly all false prices. If Duke of Magenta stood at only 8 to 2 against him, it certainly should have been 25 to 1 against Franklin. 11 horses are named and 10 to 1 is the outside price. That bookmaker would get very little patronage in England. In the Cambridgehire 88 horses ran, 5 were at 50 to 1 each, 8 at 100 to 1 each; the winner started at 88 to 1 against him, the 2nd at 10, the 3rd at 25 and the fourth at 88. In the Jockey Club Cup Silvio started favorite at 5 to 4 against him, 6 ran and Insulaire, who ran second started at 20 to 1 against him. Pool-selling would be all right if each horse was sold separately, and all bets ought to be p. p. You're not forced to bet, if you do, you must take your chance. There is no pool-selling in Australia, all book-making. In conclusion, however, book-making demands more racing and larger fields than we are likely to see here for a short time.—TRAMP.

A HORSE CASE.

During the sitting of the Court of Chancery for the county of Oxford, which commenced on the 11th inst., a case was heard in which a couple of prominent horsemen were interested. The following report of the case is copied from a local paper:—

GILLESBY VS. McMURRAY.—The bill of complaint set out a statement of affairs as follows:—Gillesby is the owner of a stallion, Capt. Tom, and in the spring of 1876 transferred the horse over to McMurray, a hotel keeper in Ingersoll, to be engaged by that gentleman in standing for mares. The horse was kept by defendant for the season of 1876 and 1877, and the gross proceeds from both seasons were somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,200. The plaintiff claimed that the agreement was that he should have one-half of the gross proceeds, while the defendant's contention was that he was only to have one-half of the net earnings, in which case the plaintiff's portion would be very little, as the expenses of the horse's keep were very heavy. The plaintiff, defendant, and one Mr. Smith gave evidence, and His Lordship gave a decision in plaintiff's favor, sustaining the agreement as claimed by Gillesby, and directing the Master here to take an account of the horse's earnings, and giving the plaintiff full power to collect the same, at the same time restraining defendant from handling the accounts. The accounts had some time ago been assigned to the Bixels, of Ingersoll, who claimed that they had no notice of this agreement, and that, therefore, the plaintiff could have no claim as against them. His Lordship, however, ruled against their claim, holding that they could have no better title than defendant, then Assignor. Wm. Norris for plaintiff; Mr. Wells, of Brown & Wells, for defendant.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association, for the coming year: President, Hon. T. J. Megibben; First Vice-President, Major H. C. McDowell; Second Vice-President, Col. R. West; Directors, Messrs. J. T. Shackelford, James Miller, R. M. Ferguson, Isaac Smith and H. E. Bowman.

The Keene, N. H., Driving Park Association has failed, and the track is offered for sale by the Directors. It is said to be a perfect bijou of a track. It, however, has not paid, and has now been placed in the hands of the auctioneer. The cause which led to its early dissolution is said to have been too much hippodrome.

ances in France, who, amid the cheers of excited Paris Vons, showed a quarter at a 2:50 gait. Why, Rarus can stand still faster than one of them "furiners" can trot.

A writer, speaking of the deportment of animals at sea, says that the horse is the most nervous and sensitive of all animals that go to sea.

Wm. P. Gretton, the English turfman, when he won the Cambridge Stakes with Isonomy, landed an immense stake. The prize alone amounted to over £2,200, and the colt was heavily backed, starting at 40 to 1. Some days before the race Mr. Gretton put on one bet of £15,000 to £800, and this was only one of many transactions.

Can a pugilistic clerk be called a dry goods box, sir?

At the Grimsby, Ont., Agricultural Show they had speed classes for single drivers and double teams. In a very short time all our Agricultural Societies will see the propriety and policy of recognizing this innovation and incorporating it in their prize lists.

The Duke of Hamilton has purchased the American filly Start from Mr. Sanford, the price, on dit, being 1,000 guineas. She has been sent to his Grace's paddocks at Easton Park.

An anti-equestrian society has been formed in Alabama by people who believe that horses were not made to carry riders, and that to bestride them is an act of cruelty. A local paper says none of the members of the society ever owned a horse; their experience being confined to mules, which animal is not exempt in their prohibition.

At the Salt Lake City Driving Park, John Splan exhibited his horses, Rarus, Sweetzer, Adelaide, and Calmar, before three thousand spectators. Rarus trotted two heats. Best time, 2:19½.

In the midst of the reports about counterfeit currency being in circulation, we sit calm as a summer evening. It don't disturb us a bit.

Dr. Dowsley, of Clinton, has purchased from Mr. Thomas M. Elliot, of Goderich Township, his driving mare, which has taken several prizes at the local shows during the past two years.

Col. Lewis, the phenomenal California trotter, is by Rifleman, a thoroughbred son of imp. Glencoe.

We hear that all Mr. Sanford's horses will shortly be sold by auction in London by Messrs. Tattersall, and that Littlefield, the trainer, will return to the United States.

Mr. J. G. Stewart, horse shoer, of Brantford, has received an order from Mr. Johnston, a horseman of London, Eng., for two sets of his celebrated improved trotting horse-shoes.

A square back-down—A wrestler when he is thrown.

The trotters Ed. White and Nettie Wonder, from Bradford, Pa., are said to be "ringing" it away down in Texas.

Mr. Joseph Winters, of Sandwich, has sold his trotting gelding Butcher Boy to a gentleman of Port Huron, Mich., for a road horse. Price not made public.

Mr. Walter Grant, grocer, of this city, lately sold to a Mr. Sinclair of Prince Arthur's Landing the speedy trotting gelding Freddy Clay. Terms private.

an exhibition of musical talent. An excellent orchestra has been formed in connection with the Society, the following gentlemen forming the list: 1st violin, Mr. Walwork; 2nd violins, Messrs. Briggs, Rhodes and Jones; violincello, Mr. Turner; clarinet, Mr. Stetson; flute, Mr. Paris; cornet, Mr. Driscoll; trombone, Mr. Evans; double bass, Hutcheson.

Since my last letter I understand there is a fair chance of having a race meeting here on the ice during the coming winter.

• Since the occasion of the regatta here on July 1st the question of pool selling has been pretty roundly abused by sporting men, and all seem to coincide with the comments recently appearing in the SPORTING TIMES in reference to Mr. Blake's bill. There is certainly every reason to believe that a repeal of the act would be a glad piece of intelligence to nearly all classes, as turf meetings throughout Canada are known to have been devoid of the usual interest since the passage of the act. Taking this fact into consideration, we have also to add the utter disregard in which said law was held on the occasion of the Hanlan-Courtney race at Lachine, so that we think very few would "kick" to any great extent if the siege was raised.

Kaufman's Sextette Club, assisted by Stanley, the eminent English tenor, and a full corps of local amateurs, will give one grand concert here on the evening of Friday, the 15th inst.—L. S.

SALE OF TROTTING STALLIONS.

By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that Mr. Andrew Henderson, auctioneer, has received instructions to sell by public auction at R. Bond's stables, Sheppard Street, Toronto, on Wednesday next the very promising young trotting stallion Matt Cameron and his half-brother Young Erin Chief. The merits of Matt Cameron are set forth in the advertisement. He is 6 years old, by Highland Boy (Mr. S. James horse), he by Hamlet, by Volunteer, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, (the old hero of Chester); dam by Toronto Chief, he by old Toronto Chief (the sire of Tom Jefferson); 2nd dam the Goodenough mare, by St. Lawrence; 3rd dam by Tippecanoe; 4th dam, by Tom Kimball. Young Erin Chief is 7 years old by Erin Chief, he by Howe's Royal George, by Field's Royal George, by old Royal George (the Dougherty horse); dam the dam of Matt Cameron. Matt Cameron has had but in different handling, while Young Erin Chief has never been in a trainer's hands. This is a rare chance to purchase a trotting stallion or get a team of drivers that would take snow from very few pairs in Canada.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

F. L., Ottawa.—Hanlan has not won his races; he was beaten twice in 1877, by Fred Flaisted.

We have letters for Wm. Owens; and James Bennett, one armed sporting man.