

# CANADIAN.

Hamilton..... July 1 to 8  
Dundas ..... May 24

## ICE RACES.

Belleville ..... Jan. 2 to 8  
Campbellford ..... Feb. 5 to 6

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

Belleville ..... Dec. 30

## AMERICAN.

## TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis..... June 2 to 6  
Chicago, Ill..... July 15 to 19  
Cleveland, O..... July 22 to 25  
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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## TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During this and subsequent weeks we will issue a call upon our patrons whose subscriptions are unpaid. The major portion are now long over due for the present year, while many are uncredited on our books for periods of time varying from two to four years. We look for prompt payment in every instance on this appeal. There is no doubt of the amounts being due, and there is if anything less uncertainty that we can use the thousands of dollars which are spread over the country in small amounts to a better advantage, both personally and to the interests of our patrons, if we could control them in a lump sum. We are tired of hearing frivolous excuses to our requests, and have determined to place all unpaid subscription accounts in the hands of our legal collector for immediate suit.

business, only to find their anticipations were completely upset. The Society is now up to the neck in debt, with the probability that they will have to surrender the lease of the Fair Grounds through inability to pay the rent. With this experience, if the present managers can get through without entirely winding up the Society in bankruptcy, it is altogether probable that their next prize list will have a portion of it devoted to the horse classes where "speed will be the test of merit." They are heartily tired of running the show on "high moral grounds," (whatever that term may mean), and will revert to the course which their past experience has shown them to be not only successful financially but to give the greatest degree of satisfaction to their exhibitors and spectators. A lesson can be found in this for some of our Canadian Agricultural Associations whose finances are always a source of vexation to all who have anything to do with them. They will find the incorporation of the speed class in their premium list the panacea that will relieve them from all their ills.

## A PLEASING INTENTION.

From the New York papers we learn it is the intention of Mr. Robert Bonner, of the New York Ledger, to trot some of his horses in public next year. It is not expected he will enter them for any of the purses, but more likely will give one or two days racing at central points for some charitable object, possibly of a local character—in which all the horses engaged will belong to his own stable. Mr. Bonner is opposed to the principle of racing for money, and in carrying this out has locked up from the public some of the fastest horses that ever pulled a sulky. While Mr. B. is apparently no friend of the sports of the turf he is an enthusiastic admirer of speed in the horse, and has devoted a large share of his fortune in purchasing the best that money would procure. Price to him has never appeared to be an object, the only consideration being was the animal one that would suit him. Speed was what he wanted, and his colossal fortune enabled him to supply this demand. To him more than to any one else may be credited the high prices which the best class of horses will command. The names and reputations of some of his stable are world-wide, and have become synonymous with trotting speed in America. It is easy to understand the *furors* that will be created in trotting circles by the contests between Mr. Bonner's horses. Although there will be no monetary consideration in dispute in these affairs, they will be no less interesting on that account. There can be no doubt they will be on their sterling merits, as much as if the stake was a kingdom, Mr. Bonner's integrity making a certainty of such a guarantee. It will be some time before it will be known at what points and under what conditions the horses will be trotted, but it would be a pleasing recognition of the interest that is taken in Mr. Bonner's story paper, The Ledger, in Canada, if that gentleman would select Toronto as one of the places of competition. Thousands would visit Woodbine on such an occasion that have heretofore been strangers to a race course, and the exhibition would do much to

Hanlan should be prepared at all times on the requisite six weeks or two months notice to defend the title. It is well-known he has already a match on in England, but they assume that is only a private matter and must not be considered of primary importance to the championship of this country. It might not be considered sportsmanlike to challenge Hanlan with his present engagement to fill, but a complication would certainly arise if some aspiring and not over particular man were to put in his claim, properly backed up by financial considerations, for a championship race about the same time. If the American champion was to meet Hawdon for the International championship in the race already arranged, the affair would present a different complexion, as then there would be a valid claim for the leave of absence necessary to bring about a solution of the question of the respective merits of the men from both sides of the water. The championship carries with it the right to name the water upon which the race shall be rowed, and in these days of \$6,000 bonuses and other casual advantages, that privilege will be considered to be worth more than the \$1,000 stake which a championship match calls for. So if Hanlan should be challenged for the championship the coming spring it would place him in somewhat of a quandary. The question might resolve itself thusly:—Would he prefer going to England to remaining in America to defend his title to the championship. If he elected to stay at home he would have to forfeit in his English match, and if he crossed the waters he might lose the title of American champion and all its rights and privileges for the time being by default. It is a curious dilemma, and one that has been presented for the first time in Canada. It is worthy of the champion's consideration as such an alternative might spring on him at a time when he least expects it.

Amid the charges, criminations, re-criminations, denials and explanations that are being made by Hanlan, the Hanlan Club and the sporting press, there is one circumstance that so far has yet remained unexplained. It will be remembered at the time of the Lachine race it was asserted there was an understanding between those who had the management of the affair for the principals that the sum of \$2,000 out of the \$6,000 given by the city of Montreal should be paid over to the loser of the race. Courtney has declared he never received a dollar, and still it has been represented to at least some of the members of the Hanlan Club that the money had been paid over to the Union Spring's sculler. It has resolved itself into a question of fact between the two parties to the contract. Hanlan, as the recipient of the \$6,000 bonus, knows if he paid over the \$2,000 in compliance with that understanding, and who received it. Now that the champion has taken to writing letters in defence of things with which he appears to be totally unacquainted, he will probably oblige his friends and the public by letting them know what really became of the \$2,000—whether he retained it, and if the facts have been misrepresented to several gentlemen in whom he should take more than a passing interest. This is a subject he

organization is in the throes of dissolution caused by dissatisfaction with those who usurped the management, and we have been informed it is extremely doubtful if another meeting of the Club will be held. The reasons for making the Lachine match on a basis of being able to lose about \$1,800 and not win a dollar, are anxiously looked by some in the interest of the Club; the disposition of the \$2,000 alleged to have been paid to Courtney is also a question fraught with considerable interest to some of the members; the refusal to let Hanlan row at Hamilton, by which he lost the favor of that part of the country, and many other similar subjects are alleged to be sufficient reasons why that organization will not meet again in deliberation. It is no secret there is a strong indisposition on the part of many of the present members to be parties towards finding the funds to send Hanlan to England to meet Hawdon, and the general impression is that if the Hanlan Club of 1879 has an existence its personnel will be widely different from that which carried the champion through the past year.

## TROTTING COLT STAKES FOR 1879.

The managers of the Gouverneur (N. Y.) Agricultural and Mechanical Society announce the following trotting colt stakes, to be trotted at the Fall meeting of 1879, now open for nominations, to close on January 1, 1879:—

Colt Stakes for two-year-olds (foals of 1887); entrance, \$25, p. p.; mile heats, 8 in 5, in harness.

Colt Stakes for three-year olds (foals of 1876); entrance, \$25, p. p.; mile heats, 8 in 5, in harness.

Colt Stakes for four-year olds (foals of 1875); entrance, \$80, p. p.; mile heats, 8 in 5, in harness.

The following trotting fixtures is also open for nominations: Colt stakes for three-year olds (for foals of 1878); entrance, \$25, p. p.; mile heats, 8 in 5, in harness; to be trotted for at the Fall meeting of 1881. Entries to be addressed to Geo. B. Winslow, Gouverneur, N. Y.

## CHEAP BASE BALL.

There has been some talk for the past year or two about having a professional base ball club in Toronto. Difficulties, however, sprang up and the projects were abandoned. One great objection towards carrying out the proposed nine was the large amount of money it was supposed to be necessary to carry it through. An item from a western paper says that Malone, the famous catcher, has proposed to the base-ball managers of Indianapolis, Ind., to put a nine in the field next season for \$7,500, including \$1,200 for his own salary as captain and manager, and he further guarantees to win thirty games against League clubs or no pay. If a team could be put in the field here of the description proposed by Malone, it should be quite an easy matter to see them through at the figures he quotes. Base-ball at no time has been too great a favorite in this city, but the cause is very apparent. Toronto demands the best of everything that is in the country, and if this can not be obtained she will have

pedigree, which is rich enough to compare with the fabled wealth of famed Golconda."

## Sporting Gossip.

There will be two days' ice racing at Belleville on January 2nd and 3rd, 1879. \$400 is the amount of the purses, and the races are principally for local horses. The entries close Dec. 30.

Mr. Cope Stinson, formerly of Brantford and Hamilton, is driving a grey colt at Buffalo that is said can show quarters in 35 seconds. He has made a match to go on the road in sleighs against Mr. Garry Mack's Billy Edward.

How did the renowned Harry Percy warm up the sluggish blood of his war-horse? With a Hot spur.

Recently the racehorse Diamond, owned by H. Ford of Prescott, when being exercised threw his jockey, Tom O'Hara, a Toronto boy, and started off at a quick gallop, dragging with him the boy, whose foot had caught in the stirrup. The lad, with much difficulty, was rescued from his perilous position, but not until he had received such injuries as, it was feared at one time, would prove fatal. He is now, however, doing well and is expected to recover.

The annual meeting at Jackson, Mich., will be held the second week in June. The premium list will amount to \$9,000. A special purse, very probably, will be offered for *Karus*, and the pacers will not be overlooked.

Who said the seasons did not play euchre? Summer passes, and autumn makes it next.

Managers of Ice Races should at once communicate their intentions to this office. If a meeting will not afford advertising—it will be a poor one that won't—send us a bill anyway, and we will take care to put it where it will do the most good. Don't you forget it.

The Woodstock-Sentinel-Review says: John Forbes has one of the finest and fastest driving teams in this part of the Province, in Pocohantas and mate. They have been out this week. In color and style they are decidedly "nobby."

Now is the time to buy thermometers—while they are down.

The Perth Courier and Almonte Gazette publish the names of delinquent subscribers. We should use a couple of pages of the Sporting Times in that way easily enough, and not half try.

The bulky and set of harness which were offered to the horse making the fastest three consecutive heats in a race with other horses have been awarded to Hopeful, the best heat (second) being 2:15, and the three fastest 2:15, 2:15, 2:15, made in the same race at St. Louis. Although *Karus* had a better record, it was not made in a race with other horses.

The Campbellford Winter Races will be held on February 5 and 6, 1879. The Committee intend to give as liberal premiums as circumstances will permit. Mr. T. Blute, of the Windsor Hotel, is Secretary.

SALE OF ELMORE.—Mr. William H. Wilson, Cynthia, Ky., has sold to Messrs. Fuller & Church the bay colt Elmorie, 8 years old, by Goldsmith's Abdallah, dam by Joe Downing, for \$1,300.