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FIXTURES FOR 1880.

CANADA.

St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. July 15-16
Lepine Park, Montreal..... July 20, 21, 22
Blue Bennets, Montreal..... July 27-28
Winnipeg (match)..... Aug. 8
Elmira..... Aug —

UNITED STATES.

RUNNING.

Monmouth Park..... July 8 to 10
Detroit July 6 to 9
Hartoga (1st meeting)..... July 17 to 21
Monmouth Park (2nd meeting)..... Aug. 14 to 21

TROTTING.

Cleveland July 27-30
Buffalo Aug. 8- 6
Rochester Aug. 10-18
Springfield, Mass..... Aug. 17-20
Hartford, Conn..... Aug. 24-27
Boston, Mass., (Mystic)..... Aug. 31-Sept. 1

HAMILTON RACES.

The third and last of the Western Circuit of race meetings was that at Hamilton, which began on July 1, but as will be seen later on, and is doubtless well-known to all, was not concluded until Saturday. On the opening day the weather was all that could be desired, and the holiday folks freely patronized the race meeting to the number of something like 2,500. Running races were somehow out of favor at Hamilton, or at least entries could not be got for them, and a county trot was substituted. Notwithstanding the adverse criticisms and the disparaging remarks respecting the Hamilton meeting, we are pleased to testify that it was well conducted throughout. This custom of throwing mud and retailing the insinuations of anyone who has money enough to treat the reporter, or has lost a five-dollar bill, is much to be regretted, both on account of the harm it does to the turf, for people are only too willing to believe evil of sport of any kind, and the lowering of the dignity of the press by such bibulous representatives. Messrs. John Patterson, A. Dunn, and J. Earson officiated in the judges' stand, but a conspicuous absentee on this occasion was the timekeeper, the authorities for some reason or other resorting to the "no time" system. The times we append to the several summaries were those unofficially announced.

The first race was between Hazor, Little Billy and Russian Spy, and Hazor was sold even up against the other two, but he was anything but himself on this occasion, and as soon as pressed would break and jump about all over the track. The consequence was he was third in the race by the time Little Billy had put in his third winning heat. After the first heat Harris Clark drove Hazor in the hopes that in

his hands the ex-favorite would do better, but it was no good, as he was third in both the other heats. There was plenty of trotting about the three-minute purse, which had at last to be postponed after five heats had been trotted. Byron Cole was made favorite over Garafraxa and the field, at the rate of \$10, \$9, and \$8 respectively, but he seemed to have taken a leaf out of Hazor's book to begin with, for he was all on the jump instead of trot. Garafraxa won the first heat very handily from the Spotted Colt, and then Mr. Harris' gelding was sold for \$6 against \$10 for the field. Things looked well by the time the favorite had won the second heat from Byron Cole, who broke on the homestretch. These two heats had pretty well settled down Byron Cole, and at the third time of asking he led all the way, Garafraxa being third and behind Carleton. Sullivan's gelding then got in the fourth heat, and the pool-buyers were in difficulties. Their trouble was still worse when Spotted Colt outstayed the lot and won the fifth heat, after which the race was postponed, owing to darkness. Of the County trot it is only necessary to say that Highland Colt was a long way the best of the four, the others doing more running than trotting.

THE SECOND DAY.

Friday morning's rain soon put an end to all hopes of the meeting being concluded that day, and a postponement until Saturday was early announced, by which time the weather had undergone a most desirable and pleasant change. First there was the postponed three-minute trot to be finished, and that was speedily accomplished by Byron Cole winning the necessary one heat, whereupon the disappointed backers of Garafraxa were wroth and interviewed the reportorial novices, retailing frightful stories of the "fixing" of the judges, the working of the poolbox, and other useful items from a sensational point of view. The pacing race was a moral for Dan, so he was barred in the pools, hence when Dan won after no little difficulty the race was pronounced "square," but it looked odds against his doing so at one time, and one more bad break would just about have settled him, when of course it would have been a "sold" race, just as the third was pronounced because the judges gave a correct decision under the rules and put back Spotted Colt for running. This was the trot for 2:36 horses, and the starters were Honest Dutchman, Garafraxa, Avenue Boy, Ancaster Boy, Byron Cole and Spotted Colt. There was a good deal of tedious scoring all through this trot, which required five heats for its decision. The first heat was well contested. Ancaster Boy, although leading all the way, was pretty well pushed, Garafraxa being second, Honest Dutchman third and Byron Cole fourth. The second heat went to Avenue Boy, and Byron Cole was drawn, leaving only five for the third heat, which was won by Spotted Colt, Ancaster Boy breaking badly and being early out of the race. In the fourth and fifth heats Spotted Colt was deliberately run for the better part of each mile, and he was put back on both occasions, although finishing first. Both of these heats were given to Avenue

Boy, who, trotting fairly well in both of them, deserved his place. The officers were the same as on the first day.

Hamilton, July 1—Purse \$150, \$90, 40, 20. Open to all. Mile heats, 3 in 5.
J Hodgen's b s Little Billy 1 1 1
D Lambert's b g Russian Spy 3 2 2
J Gentle's g g Hazor 2 3 3

Unofficial time—2:33, 2:32½, 2:32.
Same Day—Purse \$80, \$45, 25, 10. County trot, for horses owned in Halton, Brant and Wentworth.
J B Eager's s g Highland Colt 1 1
A Dunn's s g Jim 2 dis
Wm Mill's blk g Blackthorn 3 dis
F A Ashbaugh g m Daisy Dean 4 dis

Unofficial time—3:04, 3:05.
Hamilton, July 1 and 3—Purse \$—, Open to all horses that have never beaten 3:00.

B Sullivan's blk g Byron Cole 4 2 1 1 3 1
J Harris' b g Garafraxa 1 1 4 2 2 2
D Fredenberg's Spotted Colt 2 3 2 3 1 3
C Armstrong's br g Honest Dutchman 3 5 5 4 dr
Smith's g g Carleton 5 4 3 5 dr

Unofficial time—2:41, 2:40, 2:43, 2:44, 2:46, —.
Hamilton, July 3—Pacing. Purse \$90. Mile heats, 3 in 5. \$60, \$20, \$10.

J Simpson's Dan 3 4 1 2 1 1
A Brown's Dundas 2 1 2 1 2 2
— Garnlaw's Sunnyside 4 3 3 3 dr
T Beamish's Lady Price 1 2 dis

Unofficial time—2:41, 2:41½, 2:44, 2:40½, 2:37, 2:44½.
Same Day—Trotting. Purse \$135. Mile heats, 3 in 5. \$75, 30, 20.

D Lambert's Avenue Boy 4 1 3 1 1
D Fredenberg's Spotted Colt 6 3 1 5 2
C Armstrong's Honest Dutchman 3 5 5 4 3
B Olmstead's Ancaster Boy 1 2 4 2 4
J Harris' Garafraxa 2 4 2 3 5
B Sullivan's Byron Cole 5 dr

Unofficial time—2:47½, 2:44½, 2:42½, —, 2:49½.

The trotting mare Madge, owned by George Otty, of Hampton, N. S., has dropped a fine colt, sired by Rysdyk, owned by Hon. J. P. Wisser, proprietor of the Rysdyk stock farm, Prescott.

There is a proposition on foot at London for the purchase of the Tecumseh Base Ball Park, with the view of converting it into a Driving Park of half a mile circuit.

The races at Delaware, Ont., on Dominion Day were somewhat interfered with by the rain. The open trot was won by Cayuga Chief, and the running race by Lady Byron.

At Exeter on Dominion Day, Shane's Fearnought won the open trot and the hack race, Galt Reporter leading in the running race.

About \$800 will be given at the Lepine Park trotting meeting.

St. Julien failed in his attempt to beat record time at Detroit on Monday last.

Mr. S. Garnham, of Burford, has purchased Dr. Richardson's black pacing mare Sunnyside, which took second money in the pacing race at Brantford.

At a trotting meeting held at Paris, France, last month, the best time made was at the rate of 2:41 in a race of a mile and seven furlongs. In a race of three miles and a furlong the winner went a 2:42½ pace all the way.