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10th.—That a violation of any of these rules shall subject the offender to public expulsion.

#### PIGEON MATCHES AT BURLINGTON BEACH.

A pigeon match took place at Mr. D. Fitch's hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The following is the score:

	1st Match	Ties	2nd Match	Ties
P Bates	1 1 0 1 1		1 1 0 1 1	
H Addison	1 1 0 1 1		1 1 0 1 1	
J Barnard	1 1 1 1 1	1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1
D Fitch	1 1 1 1 1	1	1 1 1 1 1	1 0
H McKee	1 1 1 0 1			
F Armstrong	1 1 0 0 1			
H Swazie	0 0 1 1 0			
McLeod			0 0 1 0 0	

#### MUMMERY CHALLENGES PIKE.

LONDON, ONT., Jan. 15, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times.

DEAR SIR.—Will you kindly publish the following.—I hereby challenge John Pike of Chatham, Ont., to shoot me a pigeon match for \$100 a side, H. and T. ground traps, at 50 birds, Chatham Rules to govern, same as used in their late tournament. I will furnish all the birds free if Mr. Pike will come to London and shoot, or, I will go to Chatham and shoot if he will find the birds free. The birds to be put in one box with a cloth thrown over the box and a trapper selected who shall put his hand under the cloth and take the pigeons from the box as they come, no selecting the birds. The match to be shot within three weeks from date. \$25 to be placed in the hands of Mr. Roche, Rankin House, Chatham, as forfeit, when I will send my \$25 as forfeit, the rest of the stakes to be put up on the day of shooting. Hoping to hear from Mr. Pike soon.

I remain, respectfully yours,  
WALTER MUMMERY.

#### SMALL SHOT.

A deer was caught the other night in one of the streets of Windsor.

New Orleans has a young ladies' rifle club, several members of which can hit the bull's eye every time at five hundred yards.

Jacob Courtney shot a large cinnamon bear somewhere in or near Dresden last week. It is the largest ever killed in those parts.

A Wingham farmer about two months ago captured one of those very rare visitors to our latitudes, a Northern or Snow Owl, by wounding it. He has kept it ever since in his hay mow, where it subsists on the rats and mice which it can catch, without any other allowance.

A pigeon match between Bogardus and Dr. W. F. Carver was shot at San Francisco on Jan. 4, 80 birds, English rules, 80 yards. The match resulted in Bogardus killing 26 and Carver 25. A match at 20 birds, Prairie Club rules, 21 yards, resulted—Bogardus, 18; Carver, 19. Five pairs were shot at under the Prairie Club rules, 18 yards, and resulted—Bogardus, 8; Carver, 7.

A leading American fur dealer, who has just returned from a business trip to Europe, says shrewd speculators, who are looking ahead for the prospects of trade for next year, venture to state that there will be still an immense accumulation of furs at the centres of the trade, as fur trimmings alone will continue to be the fashion, the only change anticipated being wide trimmings instead of narrow, as they are at present.

CHATHAM PIGEON SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.—Friday's Planjet says: E. H. Gillman was the first prize winner on Wednesday; Tristan, of Chatham, second; Pike third. In Thursday's shooting Mummery, of London, captured the \$100, and Bible, of Hamilton, took second money, Gillman contenting himself with third position. To-day Mummery took the little "sweep."

GENERAL.  
MONTREAL.—The Academy of Music reopened on Monday with Oliver Bond Byron as the star in Across the Continent. On Wednesday evening Ben McCollough was the programme.

HAMILTON.—The Lilliputian Opera Co. failed to connect, being delayed in Michigan by the severe snow storm. The Hamilton Dramatic Company (amateur) produce The Octagon this Friday evening. Miss Lillie Lonsdale plays Zoe. The Robertson-Lumsden combination give a Scottish concert at Mechanics' Hall, on Thursday 25th. Bishop, with his exposure of spiritualism, Mechanics' Hall, Jan. 20.

LONDON.—Amateur Minstrels on the 15th to a good house. Operetta of Lalla, by school children of London east, at Holman Opera House on 16th. Tom Allen and Mike Madden, pugilists, are making arrangements for a sparring exhibition. Miss Sallie Holman is still confined to her room with a seriously sprained ankle.

PT. SARRIA.—Holman Opera Co., Jan. 17.

HALIFAX.—The new Academy of Music has been successfully inaugurated by the Halifax Musical Union, the Boston Philharmonic Club, and the celebrated Rudolphsen Vocal Quartette. The best singers were Mr. Tower and Mr. Rudolphsen, and Miss McQueen and Miss Holmes. This theatre is considered one of the prettiest in the Dominion. Mr. Wm. Nannary, theatrical manager, has leased the new Music Hall for one hundred nights, and is bringing on a first class theatrical and combination troupe. The star lady will be Miss Florry A. Ettyng. It opens on Monday the 15th inst.

#### \$700 IN PREMIUMS.



St. Catherine's

PT. DEHOUSE

WINNER RACES!

The above race will give a meeting on the 25th and 26th JANUARY.

JANUARY 25 & 26, 77

A Splendid Hack, Kite, and Saddle, is completed.

FIRST DAY—No. 1.—Purse \$100, open to all horses owned by the Dominion (Mr. Lady Clarion), the winner to be 3 minutes, \$70 to first, 20 to second, 10 to third.

No. 2.—Purse \$200, open to all horses that never beat 2:30. \$125 to first, 50 to second, 25 to third.

SECOND DAY—No. 3.—Welland Canal Contractors' Purse, \$250, open to all horses that never beat 2:30. \$150 to first, 75 to second, 25 to third.

No. 4.—Purse \$100, open to all horses that never beat 2:50. \$70 to first, 20 to second, 10 to third.

No. 5.—Local Trot, \$50.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The above races to be mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. Four to enter and three to start. Rules of the National Association to govern. Entranced 10 per cent. of purse, to accompany nomination. Entries to close at Welland House on the evening of January 23. Horses called at 1.30 sharp. All communications addressed to

Dr. CHARLES ELLIOTT, Sec. Treas.,  
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