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RACING FIXTURES.

JULY.

Chicago, Ill.	20 to 28
Saratoga, N. Y., alternate days.	24 to 31
Cleveland, Ohio	27 to 31

AUGUST.

Saratoga, N. Y., alternate days.	2 to 12
Buffalo, N. Y.	8 to 6
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	8 to 6
Rochester, N. Y.	10 to 18
Toronto	16 to 18
Port Burwell	18 to 19
Utica, N. Y.	17 to 20
Springfield, Mass.	24 to 27
Simcoe	25 to 26

SEPTEMBER.

Colt Stake, Hamilton.	1
Ogdensburg	28 to 30

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 14
Simcoe	" 23
Hamilton	" 28

The proprietors of the *SPORTING TIMES* are desirous of securing correspondents in all the leading cities and towns in the Dominion. A weekly letter will be required and only one correspondent will be appointed in each city or town. Gentlemen wishing to occupy this position will please communicate with this office when full particulars will be forwarded. Several advantages are connected with the position.

CLOSING OF HANDICAPS.

The owner of a good race horse must be considerably annoyed—and not without reason—when, having taken his horse perhaps two or three hundred miles, involving not only great risk, but considerable expense, he finds on the announcement of the weights, that he has hardly a chance of a place in the race. He declines to start, and finds that he has paid railway fare for himself, his horses and grooms all for nothing. Besides running a considerable risk of injuring his horse. On the other hand, parties who have seen the names of good horses among the published entries, are very apt to think there is an intention of fraud somewhere if they do not start. All this is very undesirable, and so far as Summer and Fall Meetings are concerned, easily avoided. Early in the season the handicapper wants to know something about the ability of the horses starting. He wants to know what the new ones can do, and how the old residents have wintered, so it is only fair that he should have as much time as possible in which to note their performances. At this portion of the season, however, it is different. Nearly all the running horses now upon the turf have shown their form and capabilities, either in Canada or elsewhere, and in cases where they have not a delay of a week, is not likely to go very far in helping the handicapper in arriving at a decision. Let the entries for handicaps close before those for ordinary races, and as soon as possible after the entries are closed, let the weights be announced, and then the owners of the horses nominated will have an opportunity to decide about their acceptance or non-acceptance of the handicap and still have plenty of time left in which to get their horses to the track if they elect to go.

THE VETERINARY COLLEGE.

By the following correspondence it will be seen that the present circulation in the daily

Guelp. The Veterinary College established for that purpose will remain as it now is, at Toronto.

I am sir,
Your obedient servant,
HUGH C. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Toronto, July 17, 1876.

THE WOODBINE RIDING AND DRIVING PARK.

The work on this new race course has now so far advanced that one can form a tolerably correct idea as to what sort of a place it is likely to be. The establishment of the street car extension down the Kingston road makes the trip to the track a very cheap and easy one for a person inclined to adopt that means of getting there, while to the man who prefers to go in his own conveyance, the drive, beautifully shaded by great trees and in close proximity to the lake, is certainly a very inviting one, especially during this hot weather. In summer the fresh breeze of the lake always affords a delicious change as compared with that cloud of smoke, sand and coal dust that meets you at every turn as you wend your way through the city on a breezy day, but when the lake breeze comes to you laden with the thousand perfumes of fresh grass, full blown flowers and ripening grain, it is, indeed, doubly welcome.

In a large level field, bordering on what is known as Ashbridge's Bay, the new track is laid out, and, in fact, so far as the grading is concerned, nearly completed. The field seems to have been especially adapted by nature for the purpose to which it has been at length devoted. A few fine trees are scattered about here and there which add greatly to the beauty of the landscape without in the smallest degree obstructing the view of the track, while a beautiful little grove of trees on the west turn, will doubtless afford a delicious shade where the gallant contestants for the laurels of the turf can "cool out" between heats and snatch a few moments of quiet rest, removed from the disturbing and exciting influences of the noisy crowd. Out beyond the low strip of land that encloses Ashbridge's Bay the broad lake with every ripple gilded by the summer sun stretches away to the horizon, while on the other side a pastoral landscape of surpassing loveliness runs off northward as far as the eye can reach.

The track which was surveyed by Messrs. Wadsworth, Unwin & Brown is exactly a mile long, measured three feet from the pole on the stretches and three and a half feet from the pole on the turns. It should be added, however, that on the turns the inside rail will have an outward inclination at the top of something over six inches, while the measurement referred to is from the bottom of the posts. It will therefore be seen that the three and a half feet for the turns is really no more than three feet from the point at which the horse's side would graze the pole. On the homestretch side the grading is 90 feet wide, and on the turns and backstretch, 70 feet. The track is of the usual elliptical form, with two straight stretches and two curves, each of which is exactly a quarter of a mile in length. The stands will be placed on the north side of track (next the road), the judges' stand inside and the others outside of the course. The wire from the judges' stand will be just three-sixteenths of a mile from the east curve, thus giving the horses that distance of straight side in which to finish, and one-sixteenth on the same side in which to get away from the score before reaching the first turn. Directly opposite the judges' stand and flush with the outside of the course will be the reporters' stand, and the grand stand and club stand will occupy positions a little back from the edge of the track, and just east and west of the reporters' stand, the latter standing immediately between the two. These stands will not be exactly parallel with the fence, but will face slightly up the stretch, so that all in the stands can see the horses come in without rising from their seats, while the close proximity of the west turn will give them plenty of chance to watch the horses as they get away from the score. In the north fence there will be two

try. At present there is accommodation at the stables of the Woodbine Park Club House for twenty horses, and as soon as the track stables (just across the road) are completed, there will be almost unlimited accommodation both in the way of regular training stables, and boxes for transient visitors. The close proximity of the track to the lake will always ensure a supply of fresh air sufficiently moist to make it refreshing. Its locality will also serve to give the place an evenness of temperature not to be found inland, while on racing days horses will never have to suffer from that sweltering heat that so often characterizes the summer meetings on inland tracks, which are often so situated that a breeze can scarcely reach them.

Though the work of levelling and grading is not yet completed, it is so far advanced that horses are taking their exercise near the pole. During the present week and in a few days at farthest, all the trackmen necessary will be those employed in keeping it in repair. The fence, stables, and stand buildings will be pushed on as rapidly as possible, and it is expected that everything will be completed before the grand inaugural meeting, which is to take place in September, though it is probable a small meeting will be held some time in August.

Woodbine Park will be a National Association Track, and its proprietors, Messrs. Pardee and Howell, are determined that it shall be conducted in such a manner as will elevate the character of the truly noble sport to which it is devoted.

A FIRST-CLASS VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT.

From our own Correspondent.

During our stay in Montreal we paid a visit to the new veterinary establishment of C. J. Alloway, corner of Metcalf and Burnside Sts., erected last winter, and now completed and ready for occupation. It is most admirably situated on high rising ground, and in the very centre of the most fashionable and healthy portion of the west end. The front building is a remarkably handsome cut stone house, three stories high, the ground floor of which is the Doctor's Office, Surgery, etc., the latter having an entrance from the corner of the two streets. In rear of the above is a brick stable, 52 feet long, containing 14 stalls—6 box, and 8 ordinary stalls. In the interior of the stable the fittings are all of iron of a new and handsome pattern, and being painted a light oak color, the place bears a bright and healthy appearance seldom seen in an institution of the kind. Dr. Alloway has paid special attention to ventilation and drainage, that which is so essential and of so much importance in the treatment of any animal when in a state of disease. We were shown some rare specimens of the thoroughbred, mostly of Kentucky stock and of the Dr's own importing. No expense seems to have been spared in making the establishment complete in every particular, and it is well worthy of a visit from any recent graduate in the veterinary art, or any one desirous of seeing what the comforts of the equine race are and really ought to be. The office and surgery too are most tastefully and neatly fitted up and we recognized copies of the latest colored engravings from paintings by such masters as Herring, Sturges, and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAINING STABLES IN AURORA.

Editor Gentleman's Journal,

DEAR SIR,—Our little town has got the credit of having some of the finest green horses training in the Dominion, and great enterprise is displayed by their owners in having nothing but real good stock, and having the benefit of a splendid half-mile track and the experience in training of one of the best American trainers, viz., Mr. E. R. Palmer, of Ithica, N. Y., there should be no reason why we should not be able to turn out some of the best trotters in the Dominion of Canada. I was through Mr. Palmer's stables a few days since and found everything in first-class order for the care and comfort of the horses under his charge, everything being done to ensure the health and safety of the animals.

in the trotting world. Ivor, the trainer assures me, will make a first class trotter, in fact as good, he anticipates, as the late Kitty Wells. Messrs. A. & R. Wells are most enterprising in their endeavors to obtain good stock, and notwithstanding the great loss Mr. A. Wells sustained in the death of Kitty, he is already in the market searching for any good animals to be procured for money. Mr. Palmer will shortly have in training that celebrated trotting stallion Erin Chief, owned by Messrs. Douglas & Wells, and I may mention that Mr. Douglas is now away in the old country purchasing stock. Messrs. A. & R. Wells intend shortly placing under Mr. Palmer's care their young stallion and brother to the famous Kitty Wells, "Hamiltonian Warrior," a 4 year old chestnut likely to make no unworthy successor to his famous sister.

"Nettle," a beautiful black mare, 4 yrs., has already made 8 min., and is improving daily, she is owned by Dr. Watson, of Clarks-ville.

Should any of your numerous readers visit Aurora they will be heartily welcomed by Mr. Palmer and his staff of assistants who will be delighted to show them over his establishment, and will also show them one of the prettiest 1/4 mile tracks in the Dominion.

Mr. Palmer came here in the spring of this year as an experimenter, and is so well pleased with his success that he is now determined to make Aurora his home.

We have several gentlemen here that own splendid riding and driving horses that at present are not in training but in their own stables. Amongst whom I may mention Mr. G. O. Lemon who owns a first class thorough-bred mare named "Yellow Rose," who dropped a fine horse foal this spring which is sired by Erin Chief. Mr. Lemon has been offered by a well known sporting gentleman the sum of \$200 which he has refused. This fact must establish that the prospects are first class as to this colt making a real good trotter.

We shall shortly have some trotting races amongst the green ones to see the best they can perform, I will then send you a full report of the proceedings.

OVERDRAW.

Aurora, July 15, 1876.

RACING AT ELLIOTT'S.

The half-mile heat race, 8 in 5, and the hurdle race, handicaps, attracted rather a good crowd on Saturday last, at Mr. John Elliott's Newmarket Course, Don and Davenport Road. Jim Christie had the call at even up against the field in the heat race, which he cleverly won, although the third heat was captured by Galvantrass. In this heat there was some very suspicious riding on the stretch, to the prejudice of Christie, whose high hind leg showed marks of the collision. His rider made no appeal of foul, and the judges overlooked the matter as it did not have the appearance of being premeditated. No time was given, as the distance run was considerably over what was stated, and it would mislead the public, who to some extent base their opinion of the capabilities of a horse by this standard.

Frank Ross proved an easy winner in the hurdle race, being capitally ridden by Mr. Bond. We hope this is the turning point of luck in the career of Ross, and that the colors of his plucky owner will more frequently be seen in front. The summaries of both races follow.

ELLIOTT'S COURSE, July 17, 1876.

Handicap, half-mile heats, best 3 in 5; \$60 to the first, 10 to the second.

Jonathan Scott, ch g Jim Christie, 5 yrs, by Harper, dam by Lapidist, 114 lbs	1 1 0 1
J. Lantman, br m Galvantrass, 5 yrs, by Somersault, dam unknown, 113 lbs	0 0 1 0
Owner, br m Glenora, aged, 108 lbs	2 0 0 2
A. Fisher, ch m Katie P, 5 yrs, by Colossus, dam by Vandal, 114 lbs	0 2 2 0
J. O'Connell, br m Winestone, by Ulverston, dam Tokay, by imp York-shire, 108 lbs	0 0 0 0

Same Day—Handicap Hurdle Race; two miles, over eight hurdles; top weight 168 lbs; a sweep-stake of \$5 each, with 20 added.

Owner, ch g Frank Ross, aged by Daniel Boone, dam by Sigma, by Epsilon, 168 lbs	1
J. Scott's g c, 4 yrs, by Thunder, 146 lbs	2
Mr. Fisher, br m Millwood Maid, aged, 135 lbs	3

Time—4:39 1/2.

TURF ITEMS.

RACING PROSPECTS.—On the 5th of August a match race will be trotted between Miles Hart's Brigham Young Jr., and Mr. Stories' Nigger Jim. The race will be trotted over

Our friends going to Buffalo will do well while there to call upon Mr. William Robertson, "the latter," for first class "soft hats for the races," straw hats or any other kind of hats they may require.

PRODUCE.—At the Rysdyk Stook Farm, Prescott, on July 6th, the bay mare Belle, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dropped a fine filly foal by Rysdyk. The filly is very 'rge and promising, and it is said by many good judges to be the finest foal they have ever seen. She is a bay, with a small star and right hind foot white.

Our report of the Chatham has not come to hand at the hour of going to press, and as the telegraphic reports are incomplete and some portions of them manifestly incorrect, our readers will have to exercise a little patience, and wait till next issue, when we hope to be in possession of a complete and correct summary.

On the 1st of September Mr. Charles Boyle's colt stake will be trotted at Hamilton, there being no less than fifteen entries. Besides this leading feature there will be a contest for the 2:35 class, for which a purse of \$400 is hung up; \$125 is offered for Province breds, running, half-mile heats, and \$225 for a 1 1/4 mile dash, T. C. W. This ought to make a very fine days racing, and will doubtless bring together some first class horses.

CHALLENGES.

LOUDEN WILL ROW ANY MAN IN CANADA.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*—

I will back the man Loudon, of Toronto, for from one hundred up to one thousand a side, to row against any man in Canada a half-mile race, in best and best boats, in two weeks' notice. Any person wishing to accept this challenge, can be accommodated by calling at the "Pearl," No. 6 Richmond St. west.

FRED. W. GOLMER.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*—

SIR,—Having been informed of Mr. Loudon's challenge to row any man in Canada one half mile, I would say in reply that I will row Loudon one mile (as that is a short enough distance for any man who professes to row), for any amount from \$100 up to \$1,000.

If my challenge is not accepted by any man in Ontario, I will claim the Championship, and will be prepared to back my claim at any time, at from one to four miles, for any amount up to \$1,000.

EDWARD HANLON.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

A Pigeon shooting match took place at the Half-mile track on Tuesday, between Mr. H. M. Miller and Mr. Geo. Renardson, for \$50 and the Champion Amateur Cup; 81 birds, H. & T. ground traps, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary. Renardson was the victor by a score of 29 to 27. Mr. Charles Pickering was referee.

ALL SORTS.

At the shooting tournament at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Thursday, Mr. James Glenn, of that city, formerly of London, Ont., won the first prize, \$125; Hawkins, of Cleveland, second, \$100; Thayer, of Grand Rapids, the third, \$50; and Hall, of Toledo, fourth, \$25.

A mile race took place at Montreal on Saturday, between Keranow and Guard (a St. Regis Indian), resulting in the victory of the former by about a yard, in 4:40. If the distance was full and the time taken correctly, the race was pretty fast.

A foot race of 100 yards, for \$25 a side, took place on Saturday, at Galt, between James Smith and George Morrison, both residents of the substantial stone burgh. Morrison won by about a yard. A large crowd was present and considerable money changed hands.

An eleven of the Hamilton Cricket Club leaves for a tour down the St. Lawrence and to Ottawa. They play Port Hope, Colborne, Belleville, Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa. The names of the team are Messrs. Kennedy, Woolverton, Hebert, R. K. Hope, A. H. Hope, Park, Elmslie, Wynyard, Irving, and Kerr. We wish the team a pleasant trip.

McKee Rankin, son of Col. Rankin, who has obtained considerable celebrity as an actor in New York city, is at present making his home on Bois Blanc Island. He is well known as an impersonator of "Bip Van Winkle."

TOMATO TRELLISES.—The cheapest and