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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877:

AMERICAN.

Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Keene, N. H.	" 31 to Aug. 2
Hudson, N. Y.	Aug. 7 to 9
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N. Y.	3d "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Amenia, N. Y.	Sept. 4 to 7
Pottstown, Pa.	" 11 to 14
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	" 18 to 20
Dover, N. H.	" 18 to 21
Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting	Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, N. Y.	July 21 to Aug. 4
Parker City, Pa.	July 31 to Aug. 2
Saratoga, N. Y.	Aug. 11 to 25

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CANADIAN.

Orangeville	August—
Woodbine (holiday)	Aug. 11 to 18
Waterloo	Aug. 23 to 24
Listowel	Aug. 29 to 30
Mt. Forest	Sept. 18 to 19
Fergus	Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion Race	Sept—
Kincardine	Sept. 4 to 5

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine (holiday)	Aug. 8
Waterloo, Sweepstake	Aug. 10
Waterloo	Aug. 20

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether directed in his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed, or not, is responsible for payment.

2. If a person orders his paper discon-

Associations are absolutely forbid receiving a conditional entry, the penalty being 20 per cent. of the amount of the purse in which such conditional entry was accepted, such amount to be forfeited to the National Association by the Association in fault.

By Rule 36, if a horse distance all his competitors in one heat, he shall receive the entire purse contended for; and in case there is third and fourth money and only two horses remain in the race to the finish, the winner is entitled to the third and fourth monies, provided there were three or more horses in the race, but the number of premiums awarded shall not exceed the number of horses which started in the race. Under Dominion Rules it is the general practice to save the distanced money to the association. Again a horse ruled out for not winning a heat in five, by the American Rules is entitled to his share of the purse according to his rank at the close of his last heat (see Rule 31.) Our practice is different.

Rule 40 provides that the two leading horses shall be separately timed, and in case the first horse is set back for running or other cause, the time of the second horse shall be announced and will be a record for such horse as winner of the heat. This is different from our rule, which says if for any cause a heat shall be taken away from the leading horse it shall be given to the next best horse and no time shall be given out.

As regards the suppression of time, Rule 41 expressly provides that if there shall have been any intentional suppression or misrepresentation in the record or time of any heat it shall be deemed fraudulent, and any horse winning a heat or making a dead heat, along with all parties implicated in the fraud shall, by operation of the rules, be henceforth expelled. Time and again it has been decided that a violation of this law on any track in or out of the Association subjected the offender to its punishments. It might be asking a great deal for the managers of tracks announcing "National Rules to govern trotting," to prevent the horde of horses that have been trotting through Ontario under suppression of time from starting in any race at their meeting, but if they are honest in their determination to carry out the rules they have selected to guide them, they must do so, as such offenders are expelled for fraud by the operation of the rules. Again, many of our smaller Associations have thought if they trotted seven-eighths of a mile or any distance under a mile they would not be affected by this rule. But by a careful reading it will be seen any horse winning a heat or making a dead heat is expelled if the time is suppressed or not given. The rule does not provide it shall be a mile heat, but simply says "a heat," so the natural construction would be a heat of any distance. Owners are protected from a "bar" in these cases, by such time not being a record for a longer distance, but this does not, from the wording of the rule above, relieve them from the responsibility of giving "time" at races for the shorter distance.

Attention is simply drawn in *extenso* to this matter, so that if horses should be protested as ineligible for such violation of the letter and spirit of the National Rules, Associations would know where to look for the law bearing upon the subject. When the American Rules are adopted, it is but natural for horse-owners and others to expect that their provisions will be carried out in good faith by the powers that be, no matter who may be the sufferers.

POOL SELLING AT SARATOGA.

is to prevent the same proceeding at Buffalo, Rochester and all the other tracks, large and small throughout the State. It is hardly likely what is permitted in one section of the State will be enjoined in another. It looks like a bold move of the Saratoga Association, but as we remarked before, it is altogether likely they have good reasons for the course they have adopted. A week, or two at the outside, should certainly settle the legality of their action, and the result, if proceedings are taken against them, will be anxiously awaited.

PRODUCE STAKES.

A few weeks ago we announced the intention of a gentleman, owner of one of our most prominent thoroughbred stallions, to institute a Produce Stake for two-year-olds, to be run in 1880. We are now pleased to learn that some definite action is likely to result from the publicity given this intimation, and there is an indication that the stake may be a very valuable one. It would be premature to give any particulars; although now everything looks favorable for a successful result, still until the negotiations are concluded, there is a chance of a miscarriage of the enterprise. However, in a short time we hope to be in a position to make an official announcement that the Breeder's Produce Stake, 1880, is a fixed fact.

At the antipodes Produce Stakes are in the highest degree successful. The Australian Derby of 1878 has closed with 62 nominations; the St. Leger, with 68; and the Sires' Produce Stake (similar to the Canadian event proposed above) for 1879, has 110; while the Mares' Produce Stakes of 1880 has 283 nominations. In any of these events there is not a cent of added money. When this fact is taken into consideration, it appears almost incredible that they could command such an extensive entry list. It is something of this kind that is required as a stimulant to the growing energies of the Canadian turf, and if the Produce Stakes of 1880 should become a certainty, it would, in all probability, be the forerunner of many similar institutions. Years ago stakes of this nature were quite common in the States, but to a great extent have passed away under the influence of the stakes for young horses instituted by the Jockey and Turf Clubs at the leading racing centres of the country. As we have no wealthy organizations in Canada occupying positions like those at Saratoga, Jerome, Louisville, Lexington, &c., any encouragement of this kind for young horses must to a great extent come from the breeders themselves, at least as an initiative; and put their subsequent trust in the current of events, which, by action of this nature, may be diverted into a channel, where its results will be of the greatest advantage to the producers of our best bred of horses, a section of our industrial population who at present are more rewarded by the pleasure of these undertakings than by any financial benefits that accrue from their enterprise.

THE COLT STAKES.

LIST OF ENTRIES.

We have been favored with the list of entries for the Trotting Colt Produce Stake for colts and fillies of 1876. The stake originated in a match between Messrs. Booth and Gregory this spring, backing their yearlings to trot as three-year-olds. Upon consideration it was deemed expedient to leave it open to all others upon the conditions upon which the original match was made. Due publicity

MEETINGS TO COME.

WOODBINE, TORONTO.

The Woodbine Association announce a holiday meeting over their track on Saturday and Monday, August 11 and 13, the latter day being the Civic Holiday of this city. They have provided races for most of the horses in the country, with reservations that will, in all probability, be considered judicious. The trotting classes are divided into 3:00 local, 2:40 and 2:37; while the speedier fellows have four events allotted to them. In some of the running classes it will be noticed a penalty has been put on foreign bred in preference to an allowance for Dom.-bred, possibly a step in the right direction. The absence of Maritime out of the home class will add interest to the competition. The Nova Scotian is at Saratoga, and Mr. Fisher has stated he will remain there with his string until both meetings are concluded at that place. A good programme is submitted for both days, and coming in the festive season should be liberally patronized. The entry conditions especially are very satisfactory, two horses only are required for a race, and 50 per cent. of the first money will be given for a walk over. The entries close on Wednesday, Aug. 8. It is proposed to give the regular meeting over this track in September, when the Stallion Race will be trotted, thus giving horses entered in that event an opportunity for engagements in some of the other races.

WATERLOO.

This prominent Western Association comes to the front with a good bill-of-fare for their meeting on Aug. 25 and 26. For the first day they have 3:00 and 2:37 trots, and a mile heat running race for Dom.-bred, bar Maritime. The second day's programme consists of 2:45 and 2:30 trots (bar St. Patrick); a half-mile heat running race for Dom.-bred, and a handicap sweep, dash of 1½ miles with very favorable conditions of entry. To the regular turfite it is not necessary to speak of the quality of the sport at Waterloo; it has been for years one of the most prominent points in the Fall campaign, and this season promises to exceed any former one. We expect to see a lot of horses there, the handicap sweep is a novelty in our programmes that should be made the rule, and owners, in justice to the efforts of this Club, should give not only this race but the whole meeting their practical support. The entries for the handicap close on Aug. 10, and for the other events Aug. 20. Read the bill.

BUFFALO RACES.

The annual trotting meeting at Buffalo will commence on Tuesday next, and continue four days. The entry list is quite large, and will probably come up to the average of former years. But two Canadian horses take part in any of the events—Mr. Wiser's Phil Sheridan, the well-known stallion, in the 2:35 class, on Friday; and Mr. Nowlan's St. Patrick, in the 2:34 class, on Tuesday, and the 2:30 class, on Thursday. The railway strike and the absence of pool selling will interfere greatly with the financial result of the meeting; but the trotting promises to be the most exciting ever seen in that city.

Messrs. Quimby & Forbes, the well-known pool-sellers, will sell pools at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls. Special arrangements have been made with the railway companies to run extra trains right to the track, thus bringing the Clifton as near the course as if you were down town in the city. Provision has been made for buyers in the city by telegraph, and so far as possible the obnoxious law will be overcome by this enterprising firm. Paris Mutual tickets can be purchased at the same place. They will commence operations on Monday evening next.

In Buffalo the head quarters of the Canadians will be found at Bonney & Son's United States Hotel, on the Terrace near Main St., and a short step from the Erie St. and Exchange St. depots. The Messrs. Booney offer special inducements to their Canadian friends, and as the house has a continental reputation, we expect to see it largely patronized by our friends while visiting the races.

VERA CRUZ.

races, at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls. They will commence on Monday evening next.

Alice West, a young mare by Almont, was a good race at Chester Park, Cincinnati, a few days ago, trotting the fifth heat, the fastest of the race, in 2:31½. This looks as if the Almonts could stay as well as trot.

The valuable trotting horse Factory Boy, belonging to Mr. Charles Blevins, of Norwich, N. Y., was recently poisoned at Dedden, N. Y. His owner had refused \$4,000 for him.

Dr. Smith's mare Inspiration has not yet gone to Saratoga. The 7 lb. penalty, and the exclusion from the extra races, penalties enforced by that Association on all horses having run in the United States since June 25, has had much to do with keeping her away.

The railway strike in the States will, in all probability, operate very prejudicially to the success of the Cleveland and Buffalo races.

Attention is directed to the list of entries for the Trotting Colt Produce Stake, it looks up pretty well for a first venture in that direction. Mr. Simon, of St. Catharines, the Treasurer of the Stake, is entitled to considerable credit for the interest he has taken in its establishment.

Fred. Archer, the most successful of English jockeys, up to July 1, was for the present year 227 months, of which he won 75, netting him over \$5,000.

A four days' meeting is spoken of at Ottawa this fall. A programme is under consideration, and the dates will be announced shortly.

At the Springfield, Mass., trotting meeting the average time of the forty heats was 2:25, 1-40. In 1876 there were twenty-seven heats trotted, and the average time was 2:25 23-100, no time being announced for one heat.

A distinguished writer says: "Any man who can swap horses, or catch fish, and lie about it, is just as pious as men ever get in this world."

The brown gelding Hiram Woodruff entered in the 2:30 class at Rochester, N.Y., by Mr. E. W. Brown, superintendent of Mr. J. P. Wiser's Rye City Stock Farm, Freeport, Ont., is by Phil Sheridan, dam by Grey Eagle, stands 16.1, and weighs 1,100 lbs. Mr. Brown has also named Phil Sheridan, Mr. Wiser's horse, in the 2:25 class at Buffalo and Utica.

The old chestnut trotting mare Emily Foster, who was on the Canadian turf since 1869, died on Monday last at the residence of her owner, Mrs. K. Kennedy, Lansing, York Street, from inflammation of the brain.

At Stratford on the 12th of July, while Mr. Wm. Kastner was speaking the trotting mare Lady Woods down Wellington Street, in the classic burgh, the bit broke and the mare ran away, but was fortunately captured before any serious damage was done.

Messrs. Dowd & Co. will sell pools at the Buffalo Races at Fort Erie.

The Saratoga Association have amended their decree against horses having run since June 25, so as not to embrace those who have taken part in Canadian events since.

Simcoe expects to have a good meeting this Fall. The dates are not announced yet. We have received a communication from a western gentleman in which he lays out a circuit, but Woodbine, Toronto, is completely overlooked. This would be a good thing like the play of Hamlet with the melancholy Dane absent. In some other respects the communication is faulty enough to prevent its publication, but this is sufficient.