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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Columbus, Ohio.....	Oct 9 to 12
Frederick, Md.....	" 9 to 12
Leavenworth, Kan.....	" 9 to 12
Beacon Park, Boston.....	" 9 to 12
Albany, N. Y.....	" 16 to 18
Mystic Park, Boston.....	" 16 to 18
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	" 16 to 19
Massillon, Ohio.....	" 16 to 19
Cynthiana, Ky.....	" 23 to 26
Dover, N. H.....	" 23 to 26
Providence, R.I.....	Oct 30 to Nov 2

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Jerome Park, N. Y. (alt. days)	Sept 29 Oct 18
Louisville, Ky.....	Oct 1 to 6
Nashville, Tenn.....	" 15 to 21
Baltimore, Md.....	" 23 to —
New Orleans.....	Dec 1 to 4
Charleston, S. C.....	Feb to 9 (1878)

CANADIAN.

Woodbine.....	Oct: 11 to 12
Hunt Club, Montreal.....	" 11 to 13
Hunt Club, Ottawa.....	" 17 to 19

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should be consistent all over the country, but so long as one class of managers are willing to ostracise one of the most important of our trotting rules from their tracks, and another section enforce it in its strictness, the cause of complaint will continue. Although rather late in the season to expect any practical result of such a change in the line of action of our offending clubs, the consideration of the question now may be the means of bringing forth good fruit next season.

THE HANLAN-ROSS BOAT RACE.

It may be truly said that never in the history of sport in Toronto has there been an event which has developed so much popular interest as the single sculling match to take place to-morrow, on Toronto Bay, between Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B., and Edward Hanlan, of this city, for \$2,000 and the championship of Canada. Last week we gave exhaustive details of the performances of both men, and as they will be quite fresh in the minds of our readers do not require to be referred to here again.

The balance of the stake money, \$1,000, and the payment of \$800 to Ross for expenses were made good last Monday, a little proceeding that silenced any doubt of the race taking place. In the absence of Angus Morrison Esq., Mayor, who had been selected as final stakeholder, the stake money and expenses were placed in the hands of Mr. P. Collins, of the SPORTING TIMES, as temporary stakeholder. He immediately paid over to Mr. G. A. Barker, the representative of Ross, the \$800 for expenses, and on Tuesday handed to the Mayor the \$2,000, the main stake in the match. This completes the financial part of the proceedings save paying over the stakes to the winning man.

Both men complain greatly about the state of the weather and water the past week, being so unfavorable as to interfere seriously with proper training. Ross, especially, felt the need of active work, being some pounds beyond the desired weight. Hanlan appears to be in better fix, and should the race depend upon the physical condition of the men, the friends of the Toronto youth think they have the best of it. In what little boating exercise they have been able to take, their styles have been carefully criticised, Hanlan's being looked upon the more favorably, although Ross' powerful stroke has made him many friends, but it is thought his action is not so perfect as his competitor's.

As many seem to think that Hanlan will have the best of the water if it should prove to be a little lumpy to-morrow, it might be as well to state that the articles of agreement call for *perfectly smooth water*, and the only chance of bad water is what might be after the race was started. In the event of the water not being good between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m., the referee is empowered to postpone from day to day between the same hours, until the course is suitable. This may cause a postponement, but present appearances indicate the breaking up of the storm, and a cessation of hostilities in the elements.

An important point will be the naming of the referee, who will have to be agreed upon before 10 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) morning. As there are plenty of competent men in Toronto, it is altogether likely a city man will be nominated. His duties do not promise to be very critical, excepting possibly at the finish, as the men are to start from boats anchored fifty yards apart, and each one will have to turn his own buoy, which likewise will be the same distance from each other. This condition reduces the chances of fouling by either of the principals to a minimum, and leaves the referee from making a

sensational reports which appear in some of the newspapers respecting the men. An evening contemporary lately stated that Hanlan was very stubborn and refused his work, threatening not to row if his backers insisted upon him taking work that he deemed irksome. This was certainly news to his friends, as ever since Hanlan really commenced his work he has taken to it kindly and given every attention to the suggestions of his friends. Again a gossip states that Ross rowed over the course in 35 minutes, and gave Hanlan's time for the same performance as something like 37 minutes. It is almost needless to add that no credence need be attached to such rumors. Last week we cautioned our readers to take such reports *cum grano salis*, a warning that is as applicable now as then.

As mentioned last week, the course will be from the foot of Parliament street and then west two-and-a-half miles and return. As the water may be favorable at 2 o'clock, it will be necessary for all who may desire to witness the race to be on hand at that hour, as there is no possibility that the referee will take the chances of postponing the start for a minute.

The speculation in this city is brisk at about even. The majority of the bettors fancy Hanlan, which is quite natural; the local feeling in many cases controlling the action. The friends of Ross are very confident of the success of their man, but want to get the best terms they can. On Monday night Ross had the call; but on Tuesday Hanlan came to the front, about even money however, being demanded in both cases. The popular feeling is certainly in favor of Hanlan, but when Ross' city friends are reinforced by the outside delegation, it is possible a change may take place. So far the bulk of the betting has been in small money, and is no index of what may be the real odds. Outside of Toronto, we should judge from the reports we have received, that Ross is held in the greater estimation. In Montreal on Tuesday night the Blue Nose representative had the call at 100 to 80, and considerable business is said to have been done on this basis. From the American cities we learn that Ross was the favorite in both Boston and New York.

Just now everything promises that this great event will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Both the principals and their friends are confident of the result, and all that is required is pleasant weather and smooth water.

CENTENNIAL AWARD.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Ed. Hanlan received from the Philadelphia Commissioners his Certificate of Award and a Bronze Medal, for being the winner of the single scull professional tourney in that city, Sept., 1876. The time given on the certificate in 21:09, half a second faster than that stated in the Clipper Almanac; but the distance, three miles, is entirely absent, probably an oversight of the Commissioners. The certificate is handsomely engraved, and no doubt will be treasured by Mr. Hanlan as an interesting memento of the happiest moment of his life. By some his reception of these testimonials at this particular time will be looked upon as a favorable omen of his success in his present match.

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Geo. Lees, of Guelph, purchased on Friday of last week, from Dr. Brown, of Eminence, Ky., the chestnut stallion Star Denmark, Jr. He is said to be one of the finest saddle horses in America. He will be shipped to England shortly.

horse taming in different parts of Canada, died last week in Montreal. His remains passed through Toronto last Friday on their way to his late home, Batavia, N. Y.

Mr. F. B. Harper has consented to run Ten Broeck at Baltimore, Md., for the Bowin' Stake, four mile boats. It is expected Parole and Tom Ochiltree will meet him in the race. It should be a hot race, and doubtless will create a great sensation among American turfmen; the East being matched against the West.

Jack Hardy, by imp Phaeton, dam by imported Sovereign, 5 years, considered to be the fastest horse ever owned in Texas broke down on August 28, while working at Dallas in that State.

We find in the entries for Beacon Park Races, Boston, in the 2:37 and 2:34 classes, a bay gelding named Notfield entered from Canada. The question is who is Notfield? He is nominated by a Mr. J. D. McDonald.

The trotting mare Adelaide, by Phil Sheridan, who injured herself at Rochester, N.Y., has entirely recovered, and is now on a western trip.

Some conscientious individuals objected at the Kentucky State Fair to allow Ten Broeck to give an exhibition of speed in running one mile. The track had been harrowed and everything ready, but at the instance of the righteous objectors the Directors would not allow the horse to start. These same individuals, however, did not object to a two-year-old trot, which came off immediately after Ten Broeck had been ordered away. It is well to draw the line somewhere; and it appears our Kentucky pharisees place trotting for a purse on one, and an exhibition of running speed on the other side of it.

Mr. Jonathan Porter, of Oshawa, has purchased the six year old imported Clyde stallion Argyle from Sir Hugh Allan, of Montreal.

Monday morning of last week, while Mr. W. Kastner, of Stratford, was driving his imported Grey Eagle down Ontario street in that town, the horse took fright and dashed away, breaking the buggy. Fortunately he was got under control before any further damage was done.

Dominion Boy, the trotting stallion, owned by Mr. Wait, of Merriton, has been lost sight of for some time by our Canadian horsemen. He has been making the season in Michigan, and recently took the first prize at the State Fair at Jackson in that State.

The fastest three heats ever made in a pacing race took place at Cleveland, Ohio, at the late meeting in that city. It was won by Sweetzer in three straight heats—2:16, 2:16, 2:16.

At the Howden great horse fair, prices ruled very high. Several Canadian horses were there, and Mr. Campbell, of Boston, had twenty splendid Americans, the highest figure obtained for them being £150, and the lowest £50. At Tattersall's on 17th ult., a lot sent from Toronto realized an average of £75.

A match said to be for \$500 a side has been arranged for teams owned by a Mr. Higgins, Toronto, and Mr. Jas. O'Neil, Woodstock, to be trotted at Guelph on the 15th inst. So says the Guelph Herald.

Mr. J. H. Marcotte, of St. Therese, Quebec, writes that his horse, Blainville Boy, is six years old, not nine years old, as has been represented.

A forfeit for a match has been deposited by Messrs. Archie Fisher of this city, and Frank Henderson of Bowmanville, to run their respective horses, Kelso and Barber, over Whitby track, two and a half miles, 110 lbs up, for \$250. We have not heard when the balance of the money is to be made

abundance of unoccupied room, and although a long train had been placed in the depot Forty-second Street, for the convenience of the public, when the hour of departure arrived, for the want of passengers to fill it was stripped of nearly half the coaches.

Indeed, there was but a small crowd on the grounds to witness a grand display, but among them were a half-dozen gentlemen in blue, wandering wistfully about the grand stand, through the lawn grounds, to the old pool stands, and it was finally explained that they were there to see the sale of pools if undertaken. Being informed that there would be no effort made to sell pools, they quietly withdrew. The fact that the law prohibits investment through the medium of pools, upon racing events, is having a very depressing effect upon Jerome Park. Nearly everywhere in the State except in the City of New York, public opinion has been so strongly set against the law that pools have been with impunity, and without the slightest attempt to interfere upon the part of the officers of the law. This fact alone depresses Jerome Park, for it renders a modification or repeal of the present odious law next to impossible. Those in other sections of the State who oppose and desire its repeal will insist that they are not interested in such an effort, and will most probably urge that their interest will require them to remain silent, fearing that an attempt to obtain the necessary modification of the law may result in more stringent and effective legislation. The bet of the letting men were not on the course, but spent the day at Hoboken, where they could invest their money. A large number of the members of the American Jockey Club did not put in an appearance on the course at all. More than one, in excusing their absence, allege that there is no sport in racing without pools, that they were never in the habit of betting high on any event, but racing events usually invested five or six dollars, to make the sport interesting, and deprived of this privilege they would trouble themselves to witness contests which they could not have the slightest interest.

What is to be the result of the efforts of the New York statesmen at Albany last winter, none can, of course, with certainty predict; but it looks now to be altogether probable that the investment of some \$5,000,000 or more, in thoroughbred horses in the State, will be forced beyond its limits, and will most probably go into the South or West, or, do worse, go to Europe, that parties owning the property may not be compelled to sustain a total loss of years labor and pains, as well as their entire investments. There were very few persons at the Club-house, or on Club-house Hill, where the quarterstretch was almost as sparsely populated on Saturday as a border county in Arkansas. The grand stand did not have one-fourth of its usual complement, and the lawn in front made no better showing. Only a few ladies turned out, and the carriages and vehicles of various sorts were few and far between, and those on the grounds, with marked exceptions, were not by any means of the attractive character that Jerome Park has so long been distinguished for.

We are very sorry that this is not a fair picture. It is only drawn too near the truth. It would be far more pleasant to have reported a different state of things, an immense multitude, grand turnouts, and fierce betting, but it does illustrate truthfully one of the results of the late Albany legislation. Notwithstanding the small attendance, general apathy, and an exceedingly heavy count, the racing was magnificent. Indeed, more than one of the events was brilliant. The two-year-old race was, perhaps, as brilliant an effort between youngsters as was ever witnessed, and many experienced turfmen expressed the like opinion. The four fields of horses were well prepared, and ran with more than ordinary courage. The meeting promises to be one of continued brilliancy so far as the racing is concerned.

(From the New York Sportsman.)

* * * Besides all this, the mischievous state of the law in regard to betting is an adverse to the race-courses whose managers desire to conform to law and reason upon general principles. It is of no use to say, one of our neighbors does, that those who used to buy pools can do quite as well betting with bookmakers. The answer is that those who used to buy pools do not think so, and the American people do not want to be deceived.