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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Earlville, Ill. 4th week in Aug.
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. Aug 11 to 25
Newport, R. I. Sept. 8 to 10

CANADIAN.

London. Sept. 5 to 6
Ottawa, Dom. Park. Sept. 12 to 15
Mt. Forest. Sept 18 to 19
Fergus. Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion Race. Sept 11
King's Mine. Sept 4 to 5
Woodbine. Sept. 12 to 15

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine. Sept 7
Fergus. Sept 7
Listowell. Aug. 28

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be perpetuated. During the past few years a large number of thoroughbred horses have been imported to this country, that will, in a short time show the influence they have exercised in improving our equine stock. But it is comparatively recent since the introduction of the more fashionable strains of trotting blood became a portion of our people's enterprise. Since the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race of last year, quite a number of this class of horses have been brought into this Province at least, and we know of several that were purchased especially to take part in this event. Circumstances occurred that some of them could not be nominated, but still the advantage to the country will be realized just the same as if they were to trot in the race. We are pleased at this result of our labors, and if we do not realize any direct financial benefit from this enterprise, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the influence of the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race will be seen in the future excellence of the standard of our fine horses.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

We have frequently and from time to time shown up some of the fraudulent practices attempted on a few of the smaller tracks in Ontario, and this past week, evidence came into our hands exhibiting the remarkable bad faith that is sometimes displayed among men who band themselves together for an illicit purpose, but when the opportunity occurs sacrifice the objects of their association for their own personal ends. The incident we speak of took place at the Spring Races at Wingham last May. It was understood that no record better than 8:00 was to be given to any of the horses in the slow classes. Well, the 3:00 race took place, and the winner was credited with 8:01½, 8:08, 8:03, although the horses are said to have trotted much under that mark, one watch showing the time of a heat to be 2:46. This understanding for suppression appears to have been faithfully kept, so far, at least, as this race was concerned. But the next day there was a race for 8:10 local horses, and in this the compact was broken, and a horse not speedy enough to come to the front in the 8:00 class was able to crack in heats in 2:58, 2:55½. This remarkable change in the speed of the horse or the slowness of the watch is attributed to the fact that there was a secret understanding to let the winner of the 8:00 race off without a scratch, but put a plaster on this 8:10 entry that would pull it out of its class; and this, it is claimed, was brought about by the influence of a man who was connected in some way with the Club, but whether his position was of an official character deponent saith not. So far so good, or so bad. The time was hung out. But the owner of the entry was not satisfied with being whip-saved in this manner, and he appealed to the members of the Association to maintain the fraudulent compact for suppression that had been entered into. Now the Association come to the front, and without any evidence that the entry had not trotted as fast as the record hung out, deliberately expunge the time of the heats from their books. It's a nice kettle of fish, and shows a want of faith in all parties interested that is truly surprising. The compact to misrepresent the time was a fraudulent one; the hanging out of the true record was a breach of that honor that is said to exist among a certain class of people; and the reversal of the action of the judges by the members of the Association was beyond their province and was illegal. If turf sport can be popularized in our western country under such conditions, it should flourish like a green bay tree if the

hand on the winner for a certainty.

In connection with this we may say that up to this time we have received no intimation of any likelihood of any of the horses being drawn, and the prospects now are that the whole seven nominations will start.

The Woodbine Association have made a donation of a purse of \$150 for local horses to be trotted the same day, so that a full afternoon's sport is guaranteed.

Arrangements have already been made with the Grand Trunk and Northern Railways and steamer Picton to carry visitors to the Stallion Race at a single fare for the double journey, and next week we expect to be in a position to announce that all the railways and steamboats arriving at and departing from this city have made a similar reduction.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

We are pleased to be in a position to-day to announce that arrangements have been so far completed that the Hanlan-Ross single sculling match for the championship of Canada can be considered a fact. The manager of the SPORTING TIMES placed himself in communication with Wallace Ross and learned from that gentleman the terms upon which he would row in Toronto. These were shown to Hanlan and his friends, and they accepted the proposition of the stalwart son of New Brunswick. The time is not definitely settled, but in all probability the race will take place the first week in October. The distance will be five miles with one turn, and the amount at stake will be \$2,000. Hanlan gives Ross \$800 for his expenses. Hanlan has already commenced active preparations for this great event. The \$800 expenses is purely outside the main stake, and will have to be made up by by our champion and his friends. It is proposed to ask the assistance of the citizens in this matter, and their aid is confidently looked for. There are very few events in the sporting line that would bring so many visitors to our city as this aquatic contest of the representative men of the Dominion, and the benefits to be secured by having the race take place on our bay will be shared in by all classes of our people. Until the articles of agreement are signed it is scarcely necessary to say anything further, but when that initiative proceeding is completed full particulars of the whole affair can be published. Just now everything looks like as if the race would be brought to a satisfactory conclusion on Toronto Bay, and we do not know of the slightest obstacle that in any way will impede the progress of the match.

A CHANGE WANTED.

Circumstances now and then arise which show there is a want to be supplied, that there is no law or practice which properly governs some peculiar contingency. That our turf law is not perfect will be readily admitted, and that there are continually cases arising which are not provided for in our legal code is equally true. Even on the other side of the lines, where Associations are better organized and their laws are submitted to annual amendment and addition, the same difficulty is found, but probably not to the extent it is here. The clause that gives judges a discretionary right to decide upon unprovided for contingencies is altogether too wide in its scope, and specific provision should be made for many things which are now in doubt, and for practices upon which the rules are silent. Our rules in common with the American ones permit a man to name and start more than one horse in a dash

vestors had no redress. The entry in question was easily beaten, as most everybody on the track would have surmised; and if it had been known she was the one to start, speculation on her behalf would have been limited. We acquit the manager of the stable from any blame or collusion in the matter, and only instance it as a case at our own doors to show the necessity for some change in the practice. The Association were powerless, they could not command the speedier entry to start, and there was no redress for those who, either from want of knowledge of turf practices or their faith in the appearance of the entry list, backed the stable in question.

WOODBINE RACES.

In looking over the programme of the Woodbine Races it will be seen that the managers have deemed it politic to make a slight alteration in one of the races. It will be found in the 2½-mile dash on the last day. It is unnecessary to enter into an explanation of the reasons that induced the managers to change it from a weight-for-age to a handicap: they will be quite apparent to any turfman in the country.

It is doubtful if there ever was a race meeting in the country that had as brilliant prospects as the Fall Meeting of the Woodbine Association in this city, commencing on Sept. 12 and continuing four days. The entry list, assuming that those who have already signified their intention to bring their horses will be the only nominations, will be superior in numbers and quality to anything ever seen here. The prestige of the track and the well-known standing of the Club are inducements that owners and visitors are not always favored with. Nowhere in Canada, outside of Toronto, would horsemen look for such a bill of fare as is submitted at this meeting, and the great interest that is taken in it is an evidence that the efforts of the Woodbine gentlemen are appreciated. It is certainly expected to be a model gathering of both spectators and horses in quantity and quality. It is a waste of words to say that everything will be in first-class order, and the ideal excellence which their patrons have formed will be fully realized.

The various railway and steamboat companies, recognizing the great attraction of Woodbine Races, have made special rates for visitors. The Grand Trunk and Northern Railways will carry passengers for the Races to and from any of their stations at a single fare, and the steamers running across the lake will offer greatly reduced rates to the patrons of the Races. Arrangements are about completed with all the other main avenues of travel centering in Toronto, by which special cheap rates will be secured.

The entries close on Friday next, Sept. 1, and owners of horses will be careful to not let the date escape their memory. One or two things it is necessary to bear in mind, that entries with any condition to them will not be received, the 40 per cent. allowed for a walk over preventing any such course, each nomination is required to be positive, and the entrance money must accompany the entry.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WOODBINE RACES SEPTEMBER 7.

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FORFEIT MONEY IN STALLION RACE DUE SEPTEMBER 1.

Sporting Gossip.

By an extract in another column from the Hamilton Spectator it will be seen that the trotter Happy Abbott has got into trouble in that city.

Mr. Wm. Duffus, of Halifax, N.S., recently purchased from Messrs. Baker & Harrigan, of Comstock's Landing, N.Y., the six-year-old gelding Mountain Ash, and the two-

Dr. Hutchinson, of Exeter, has recently purchased the thoroughbred stallion Reporter, aged, by Colossus, dam Leon Lexington. We do not know whether the Dr.'s intention to keep him for a horse or not.

It is said the bay gelding George H. Mchell, who trotted on the ice here, about 6 years ago, has been rung in in the 8:00 race out in Illinois, under the name of Frank.

The race horses Clandeboye, Marnie and Ramadan are in training at Ottawa, the Ogdensburg and Woodbine Races.

John Morrissey does not seem to entertain the usual Milesian feeling against the Ethiopian, as he contributed \$50 to furnish the outfit for the colored boy who obtained West Point cadetship.

Mr. Ford, of Prescott, we are informed recently purchased from Messrs. Carr & Co. at Saratoga, the chestnut filly Ella Wotten, 4 years, by War Dance, dam Georgia Wood by imp Knight of St George; 2nd dam Margaret Wood, by imported Priam; 3rd dam Maria West, by Marion, &c. The consideration reported is \$500. Ella Wotten quite a good race mare, is in full training and will probably show up at the Woodbine meeting.

Mr. Ed Learn, a farmer in South Dorchester, has performed a surgical operation on the head of one of his horses, cutting therefrom (a short distance below the eye) two large pieces of limestone, weighing about a quarter of a pound, the one forming a sort of cavity into the other but being completely detached from it; it appears quite a curiosity. Mr. Learn has shown the stone to a correspondent of the St. Thomas Times so there cannot be any doubt as to the correctness of it.

In the stock sales for the week ending July 28th, the Edinburgh Scotsman reports "Mr. Augustus McCorquodale, Youngville, Ontario, purchased James Drummond's tire horse 'Lord Inverurie,' which was the winner of the Highland Society's gold cup for £450." Mr. McCorquodale proposes to exhibit this horse at the Provincial Fair at London.

A horse named Brightwood, claimed to be a "ringer" from Canada showed up in the 2:48 race at Mendota, Ill. He is entered by a man calling himself T. Cumber, of Montreal. Brightwood is a deep rich bay gelding, 7 years, about 15.2½, near hind end white, looks and acts like a pacer, high at the withers, roached back, rather sloping rump, broad hip, loose gait and a slouchy walker. Has a small star in forehead. His driver is a small young fellow about 21 years. Who knows what horse he is?

Mr. Fred. Ashbaugh, of Hamilton, is with a severe loss by a serious accident to a well-bred mare of his while in the pasture field. She was with foal by Winfield Scott.

The billiard room of Mr. J. W. Capron, Paris, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 28th. He had an insurance for \$50,000.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their facts as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

A Sun., Harwood.—1:45 is the fastest running time for a mile by a horse in Canada.

K. W., Guelph.—See notice at head of this column.

THE TURF.