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#### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

##### AMERICAN.

Am. Jockey Club, N. Y. (alter-nate days).....	June 8 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	" 18 to 19
Haver, N. Y.....	" 18 to 19
Buffalo, N. Y.....	June 18 to 19
Albany, N. Y.....	June 18 to 19
Penn, Ind.....	June 18 to 19
Jackson, Mich.....	" 20 to 23
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	June 20 to 23
Syracuse, N. Y.....	" 20 to 22
Mont Brève, Philadelphia ..	" 24 to 28
Waterbury, N. Y.....	" 27 to 29
East Saginaw, Mich.....	" 27 to 30
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....	" 28 to 30
Long Branch, Philadelphia ..	July ..
Chicago, Ill.....	June 30 to July 4
Dayton, Ohio.....	July 8 to 9
Ogdensburg, N. Y.....	July 4
Detroit, Mich.....	July 4 to 8
West Park, Cincinnati .....	July 11 to 14
Newark, N. Y.....	July 12 to 15
Chicago, Ill.....	July 18 to 21
Cleveland, O.....	July 25 to 28
Farago, N. Y.....	Aug. ..
Freeport, Ill.....	Aug. 8 to 11
Buffalo .....	1st week in Aug
Rocheater.....	2nd " "
Utica.....	3rd " "
Mendota, Ill.....	3rd " "
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	4th " "
Earlville, Ill.....	4th " "
Hartford, Conn.....	Aug. 22 to Sept 1
Springfield, Mass.....	Sept. 5 to 8
Mystic Park, Boston .....	Sept. 12 to 15
Am. Jockey Club, N. Y. (alter-nate days).....	Oct. 8 to 14

##### CANADIAN.

London.....	June 14 to 16
Chatham.....	" 21 to 22
Hamilton (match).....	June 22
Hamilton.....	June 29 to July 1
Exeter.....	June 30 to July 1
St. Thomas.....	June 30 & July 1
Aurora.....	June 30 to July 1
Stratford.....	July 1
Montreal (regular).....	July 1 to 3
Oshawa.....	July 6 to 7
St. Hyacinthe, P. Q.....	July 11 to 12
Parrie (match).....	Sept. 15
Canadian Station Race.....	Sept. ..

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

##### AMERICAN.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.....June 21

##### CANADIAN.

Chatham.....	June 17
Hamilton.....	June 23
Exeter.....	June 27
Aurora.....	June 29
St. Thomas.....	June 29
Oshawa.....	July 1

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto is our present address.

#### RACING DATES.

In Ontario there are two days in the year which are very popular with Racing Associations—the Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day. This is quite natural enough, on account of those dates being recognized public holidays. But a great deal of the prospective advantage of a meeting on either of the above days is lost by the multiplicity of turf events which are billed to take place simultaneously. These divisions split up the attendance, and the horses are scattered all over the country, the effect of which is to cause dissatisfaction with the sport in general. It would, indeed, be difficult to suggest an acceptable remedy that would be satisfactory to all parties concerned. However, one additional day might be added to the list which would tend to reduce the proportion of rivals. The Queen's Plate has always proved an attractive morsel for the masses. Now, it is generally admitted the 24th of May is too early to run for this trophy, and the 1st of July too late

great satisfaction. Already rumour is busy picking out the winner, and if an opinion can be formed on general reports, the field end will be quite limited, as almost every horse in the race has friends who think his success is a certainty. It is in this way that the popularity of the stake is shown; and it is flattering to us that owners of eligible stallions have come forward with the alacrity exhibited in this event. After the closing of the entries proposals were received to add to the list, but no propositions could be entertained; however, it proves how widespread the interest is in the race. The full list of entries and conditions will be found in our advertising columns to-day, to which we direct the attention of our readers.

#### ENTRIES FOR OGDENSBURG, N. Y. RACES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, 21st INST.

##### THE OSHAWA RACES.

Mr. Conant, the proprietor of the newly-constructed half-mile track at Oshawa, has his inaugural bill in to-day's paper. The events are seven in number, comprising three trots and four running races. The former class provides for local, 8-minute, and 35 horses, to be eligible on June 7. The running races are for Dominion and imported horses. The total amount of money hung up is about \$1,350, of which \$765 is allotted for racing, and \$585 for trotting. The date selected is the week following Hamilton, and Mr. Conant expects to make an arrangement with the Royal Mail boats to convey horses from there to Oshawa, a convenience in transportation that will be appreciated by horse owners. Entries close on July 1. Dominion Rules govern both classes. The merits of the track are very highly spoken of by those who have had an opportunity of inspecting it; and the purses offered are larger than some more extensive Associations have hung up this season. It is hoped the inaugural of the new track will be an undoubted success, as it is the enterprising proprietor's intention if his first venture proves favorable to offer a more attractive bill in the Fall.

#### ENTRIES FOR HAMILTON RACES CLOSE ON 28th INST.

##### CHATHAM RACES.

Just as we were going to press last week the bill of the Summer Meeting at Chatham was received. It will be found in its appropriate place in to-day's paper. The Chatham Association is numbered among the best in the country, and its members this year have been strengthened by the addition of some of the leading gentlemen in the town and county including J. Mercer, Esq., Sheriff; R. Stephenson, Esq., M.P.; H. Smyth, Esq., Mayor; and a large list of prominent names as Stewards. Extraordinary exertions are being made to have this a model gathering, and the Association anticipates the active sympathy and support of horsemen in its good intentions, in which it is hoped it will not be disappointed. Provision has been made for the different classes of racing stock—runners, trotters, and hurdlers. For the first there are three races, one Dominion bred and two open, the latter we presume with allowances to natives; the trotters are favored with purses for 2:56, 2:40, 2:35, and free-for-all classes; and one plum for hurdlers; the amount of money footing up to a total of about \$1,600. Entries close to-morrow evening.

DEATH OF AN OLD TURFMAN.—On May 26, Dr. Goldsmith Coffeen, aged seventy-six years, an old turfman, and proprietor of Coffeen's Chinese Luncheon, died at his residence in Lebanon, O., after several weeks' illness.

one for three-year-olds.

A walking match took place on the Cricket ground here on Tuesday. There was very little confidence in it, the attendance was small, and the result not very satisfactory.

The 100-yard match between Duffy and Harris, at Ottawa, has been declared off.

It is said the trotting match between St. Patrick and Tempest at Hamilton, on the 22nd, has fell through.

Shale's Rattler, a black stallion owned by Mr. John Ward, of Napanee, and valued at \$2,000, had his leg broken last week by a kick from another horse.

The Montreal horse market is looming up. Fair to middling horses are bringing from \$100. Two good driving teams were sold last week to American purchasers for \$275 and \$300, respectively. Quite a number of work horses have been shipped to Maine and Massachusetts.

Springbok, the American crack, is supposed to have broken down in a mile heat race at Jerome Park on Thursday, in which he was engaged with Leander and Freebooter. He struck himself on the near hind leg, and was distanced in the first heat.

Clear Grit, a Brantford stallion, severely bit the hand of Mr. Wm. Fleming there last week, crushing the third joint on the left hand to pulp. The horses jaws were so fixed they had to be pried open with an iron bar.

Mr. Kennedy, of Stratford, was showing a handsome colt on the streets of that town last week. He was by Baron Rothschild out of a well-bred mare, the property of Mr. E. The colt attracted considerable attention, and has been named Napoleon Bonaparte.

Races will be held on the Fashion Course, Montreal, on July 1 and 8, under the management of Mr. W. Carson and auspices of an influential list of Stewards. About \$1,500 will be given in premiums. The Fall meeting will take place about the middle of September.

Some rich plums fall to the fielders at Jerome. In the mile and a half dash on Thursday of last week Ore Knob was the favorite, selling for \$1,150; St. Martins, \$700, and the Field \$85—the latter won.

Mr. Lepine, of Montreal, has completed his trotting track at Hochelaga. Races of a local character will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next; the regular inaugural will take place later, of which we will probably have full particulars.

It will be seen by our report of the Jerome Park Races that the old horse Spindrift still keeps winning honors. He has started in five races this season, four of which has fell to his credit. He was formerly owned by T. Simpson, Esq., of Barrie.

Messrs. Enright & Bro., of Dundas, speak of selling by auction this Fall the fine lot of colts they imported from Kentucky last September. Some of them are very finely bred from trotting stock, and doubtless would find ready purchasers at remunerative prices. The stallion Benedict, by Almont, out of Susie Spears (a thoroughbred) who is looking very fine, will not be sold, his owners thinking too much of him.

THE DERBY AND THE RACING PROPHETS.—With but a solitary exception, the racing prophets of the English sporting press have come to grief in their prognostications of the winner of the Blue Riband of the Turf on Epsom Downs. Land and Water gives Petrouch as the winner, with the Mineral Colt second, and All Heart third. The Field prophesies the same as Land and Water. The Sporting Gazette plumps for Petrouch, and the Sporting Life for All Heart. Bell's Life hits the mark fairly and squarely, and goes boldly for the Mineral Colt as the actual winner.

some careless reporter attached to the staff of our contemporary.

ONE WAY TO GET A CHURCH ORGAN.—A church in Newmarket, that great racing centre of England, is in want of an organ, and the way its trustees propose to secure it is thus told by the London Sporting Times, 27th ult.—"This is Newmarket all over. Dullingham has a church, and the church wants an organ. In order to supply this want a racehorse is to be raffled for—Saladin—200 chances, \$5 each. It will be appropriate to the event if the horse is a high blow-er."

### Veterinary.

#### THE RELATION OF THE LARVÆ OF THE OESTRUS EQUINUS (OR BOTS) TO THE SYSTEM OF THE HORSE.

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##### Continued.

The fly hovers round, selecting a suitable place, and having decided, darts at the spot and instantaneously deposits the egg, together with a sufficiency of glutinous matter, which causes the egg to adhere to the hair, at the same time some irritable sensation in the part on which the egg is deposited is transmitted to the horse, probably by the irritation of a sting or bite from the insect; this irritation causes the animal to turn its head round and lick the part, the egg is thereby taken up by the tongue of the animal and passes through the oesophagus and thence into the stomach, with either the food, water or even saliva; the period of incubation is hardly noticeable, the heat of the stomach causing the almost immediate development of the larvæ from the egg. At the time of its being hatched the Bot has two hooks one on each side of the (what may be possibly termed) head, but it has no mouth, its nourishment being taken by imbibition (this fact alone would prove the absurdity of its eating through the stomach), when the time of its maturity has arrived, the Bot instinctively lets go its hold and passes with the feces through the alimentary canal and is with them ejected by the rectum on to the ground and by the action of atmospheric heat it assumes the third stage, namely, that of the grub, which in due course of time is transformed into the form of its parents as a perfect Oestrus Equinus or Horse Gaddy.

The question then arises—Can Bots be said to cause by their action any disease in the equine system, and if so in what manner? Can they cause the death of a horse, and, if so, in what manner? Do they exist in all horses, whether healthy or otherwise? Can Bots eat through the coats of the stomach? and if they cannot how is it that the stomach is undoubtedly occasionally found in a perforated condition? Are any medicines (supposing for the sake of argument, that a diseased condition may exist through the action of these Bots), competent to reach these larvæ?

First, then, we have the question, can the Bots be said to cause any disease in the equine system? I think not, more especially from these facts: 1st. Because if a healthy horse dies suddenly, as for instance through concussion of the brain or fracture of the skull, or is suddenly stricken down by lightning, more or less of these larvæ are invariably found in the stomach, but, on the other hand, if a horse has been ailing any little time with a serious disease and dies, few, if any, Bots are, as a rule, found in the stomach; secondly, because the so-called head part is buried in the cuticular or insensible coat of the stomach, and therefore their presence, unless by overcrowding

some excellent points of breeding. She was as she came from the ship, dirty and weary, and in no condition to show. The expense of her purchase and importation was in the neighborhood of \$800, and it is hoped Mr. L's equine venture may prove as satisfactory to him as his most ardent wishes would lead him to anticipate.

#### FROM OTTAWA.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

It is expected that a day's racing will take place over Mutchmor's Park on July 1st. It will chiefly be of a local character—horses that have hunted and so forth. The horses now in training here are: Austrie, by Australian, who is trained by Sam Jackson, who will ride her over the sticks; Billy Flint, trained by Claudeboye, by Enquirer, and Goshop, by King Lear; John Fitzsimmons trains Young Wagram, Limestone, colt by Sunshine, and the fast racy looking filly Galatea, by Wagram, which is the pride of the Ottawa turfmen, being exceedingly fast and a No. 1 jumper, and in every respect a good one. All these horses will, I hear, show at Ogdensburg. Some gentlemen here will, I am told, also introduce two high priced stars in the equine world from Jerome Park, who will leave there at the close of Ogdensburg, and then fly westward to tackle the Woodstock and Toronto stables.

The Cricket Club here is in a very prosperous condition, finances very good, ground good, and players good, a conjunction that ensures prosperity to any club.

Fishing is especially good at present, and many a finny inhabitant of more than large proportion has been successfully landed this spring.

The Ball Club are mustering strong this year and contemplate taking a Western tour to try and add laurels to their brows.

The new trotting track is now almost completed, and will be conducted by Messrs. Leapelle, Bonjette, Laport, and others. It is pleasantly situated about 3½ miles from the city on the Montreal Road, and a good meeting will be held this summer.

Yours,

JEM.

### Athletic.

#### THE BANK SPORTS.

The long talked of Bank Sports took place on the Cricket Ground here on Saturday last. The weather was very fine, and the attendance large, being composed of large representations of our best families. Everything, with one exception, passed off in the most amicable manner; in the half-mile strangers' race Mr. Lamb had been made a very strong favorite against the field and his subsequent action showed he was determined to make a "win, tie, or wrangle" of it, no idea of a "lose" being entertained. Mr. Donaldson, a comparative outsider, was making it too hot for the favorite, and looked the winner all over up to within a short distance of the winning post, with the favorite immediately behind him. Putting on a spurt the latter breasted his youthful competitor and fouled him within a few yards from home by striking him in the side with his elbow; and consequently beating him out. The decision was given in favor of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Mingaye being second; Mr. Lamb being disqualified. Messrs. Perram and Young distinguished themselves as prize-takers, securing between them the major portion of the coveted trophies. Mr. Stewart may be said to have won the hammerthrowing in a canter, none of his opponents approaching him in distance or style. The Judges were Hon. J. B. Robertson and Col. Otter; Referee, Mr. G. W. Yarker; Starter, Mr. Roger Lamb. The prizes were distributed by Lady Macdonald to the fortunate competitors.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Six contestants, W H Young, of the Federal Bank, 1st, 101 yards 1 foot; W D Powell, of the Ontario Bank, 2nd.

Running High Jump—Four contestants, W H Young, of the Federal Bank, 1st, 4 feet 10 inches; J A Alley, of the Federal Bank, 2nd, 4 feet 9 inches.

Putting the Weight (33 lbs)—Four contestants, C Hunter, of the Imperial Bank, 1st, 20 feet 6 inches; A D Stewart, of the Bank of Montreal, 2nd, 20 feet 5 inches.

One Hundred Yards Race—Six starters, W H Young, of the Federal Bank, 1st, time, 11½ sec; D A Shaw, of the Consolidated Bank, 2nd.

Vaulting with Pole—Four contestants, W H Perram, of the Federal Bank, 1st, 8 feet 3 inches; J A Alley, of the Federal Bank, 2nd, 8 feet.

Half Mile Race—Five starters, C Hunter, of the Imperial Bank, 1st, time, 3 min 15 sec; A D Stewart, of the Bank of Montreal, 2nd. This