

Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting.....Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, N. Y.....Aug 11 to 25
Newport, R. I.....Sept 8 to 10

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CANADIAN.

Listowell Aug. 29 to 30
Quebec Aug. 28 to 29
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
KincaidineSept 4 to 5
Woodbine..... Sept. 12 to 15

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Waterloo Aug. 20
Ogdensburg, N. Y..... Aug. 29
Woodbine..... Sept 7
Listowell Aug. 28

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THE STALLION RACE.

As will be seen by the announcement in another column, the *SPORTING TIMES* Stallion Race for 1877, will take place over Woodbine Park, Toronto, on Tuesday, September 11th. Everything points to the fact, that this will be the turf event of the year in Canada. The interest in it is not sectional, or confined to any class. From Windsor to Montreal it is the leading subject of conversation in turf circles; while the careful breeder from one end of the country to the other, is thoroughly canvassing the qualities of the different nominations, and suggesting from the pedigree the probable winner. To the man fond of turf sport in its purity, the Stallion Race will be an attraction that will be hard to resist, and to the horseman it will be looked upon as a treat, that like, Christmas, can only be enjoyed once a year.

This year's contest promises to be a remarkable one in the annals of the Canadian turf, and will in all probability eclipse in interest its prototype of last year. On the previous occasion it was submitted to us that the chances of some of the horses were prejudiced by trotting the race over a half mile track. This year we have selected the model mile track of Canada for this great event. Toronto as the metropolis of Ontario, is, without doubt,

be compared to the reputation that will be gained by the winning horse, which insures a race truly on its merits, and one in which the spirit of malicious criticism will be sadly out of place. A fair field is already provided, no favor is guaranteed, and without a shadow of doubt the best horse will win. And to him will belong the *premiere* honor; but a second position may be so little inferior to the first that the second horse can share the honors with his more fortunate rival. All the horses in the race will gain their meed of praise, for what one may lack another could provide; one not possessing the greatest speed might have finer breeding, greater size, or excel in general appearance. Paradoxically as it may sound, the loser in the race may be gainer.

If space permitted we might give lengthened sketches of the different horses, but most of them are to some extent known by our readers. However, brief mention of the candidates will not be uninteresting. Taking them in the order in which they appear on the programme, the first one will be

CAPT. TOM, who is a beautiful roan with black points, foaled in 1864, 16 hands, and has a record of 2:34. He is of Royal George descent, and was the winner of the Stallion Race last year. He started once this year at Woodstock in the 2:30 class, but did not get a place, which is not surprising, considering the extensive duties he performed in the harem. He is owned by Mr. Thos. Gillesby, of Hamilton, and his friends are as sanguine of success this year as they were last, when their confidence in Tom was not misplaced. It is said Mr. W. M. Barnes will drive Capt. Tom in this race.

COMBINATION is a big fellow, bay, standing 16.2, seven years old, and is a Hambletonian. This is his first season in Canada, and is without turf record in this country, and we cannot identify him as trotting since 1875, in which year he got a record of 2:40½ in Maine. He is owned by Mr. John Forbes, Woodstock, Ont., and in that section is looked upon as a very promising candidate for the gold medal. Mr. Peter Curran has been selected for his pilot in the stallion race.

CHESTNUT HILL is a beautiful bay, foaled in 1872, 15½, and is by Rysdyk, a son of the dead Hero of Chester. He is owned by Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, and has been developed by Mr. H. W. Brown, superintendent of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, who will probably handle him in the race. He was speeded a little on the ice last winter, and trotted his first race at Boston, Mass., on June 12, in the 2:50 class. His position was 6, 6, in 2:24½, 2:25½. He next appeared at Ottawa, half-mile track, on June 27, in the 3:00 class, in which he took second place, the fastest heat being 2:34. Since then he has not started. In the eastern section his chances in the stallion race are considered good. Of the next one,

WINFIELD SCOTT, we can say but little; he is a dark horse in the race. He is 10 years old, a dapple grey, 15:8, by Edward Everett, a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Lady Shannon (record 2:28). He is owned by Mr. Simon James, Hamilton, and that astute horseman would not be likely to place him in such hot company as he knew would be found in the Stallion Race "just for the fun of the thing." If breeding goes for anything, Winfield Scott should be one of the most dangerous horses in the race. Not having any public performance, it would be highly improper to give credit to the astonishing stories told of his speed. Mr. R. James, Jr., will probably handle the ribbons behind Winfield Scott.

CHATHAM PLANT is also an untried one. He is a beautiful golden chestnut, 6 years old, 15:3, was sired by the pacing horse

in the country, they have to contend against a most destructive parasite in the shape of "ringers," principally in the trotting classes. Although in many cases the appearances of these horses is almost *prima facie* evidence of their ineligibility still without positive proof of the fact our rules admit them to start. Of course the public can be protected against the schemes of these sharpers, by declaring their horses out in the pools, but it is rather discouraging to owners of eligible horses to see the purse money which should go into their pockets carried off by an outsider, whose antecedents are anything but satisfactory. Under the rules the onus of proof is thrown on the party making the protest, and however much they may be morally certain of their position the difficulty of procuring convincing evidence of their allegations is such as to prevent them making out their case against the "ringer." We think Associations have a right to protect their patrons, even if they have to go outside the strict legal lines to do so; the expediency of such action can hardly be questioned, even if the principle is not entirely recognized. The honest entry should be protected, and the interests of this class of owners must be maintained even if one or two doubtful characters are the sufferers. When an owner can not, or will not, give a clear record of the doings of his horse, he is certainly liable to be treated with suspicion, and our own welfare and the chances of known horses should not be prejudiced for the benefit of such characters. It is hardly asking too much that men should voluntarily give such information as would satisfy the judges of the eligibility of their horses for the class in which they intend to compete, and unless this can be done it might, in the opinion of the managers, be the best policy not to allow the horse in question to start. Individual injury might ensue, but the larger interest would be conserved, and managers would know at all events that their money went where it properly belonged.

THE CHAMPION SCULLERS.

Up to the time of going to press no reply has been received from Wallace Ross, in reference to Hanlan's refusal to row in New Brunswick. If Ross is so extremely anxious to row Hanlan, as he professes to be, it is altogether likely he will accept Hanlan's proposition to cross oars with him on Toronto Bay. Ross can depend upon a fair field and no favor here, and if he can show the way to our champion, he need not regret his visit to the metropolis of Ontario. Hanlan's friends assert with a considerable degree of justice, that since he has reached the top of the tree they have had no opportunity of seeing him display his proficiency with the oar. He has rowed considerable away from home, and his backers think his townsmen are entitled to have a race here. Whether this will meet Ross's views or not is a question, even if Hanlan allows, as he proposes to do, the New Brunswicker his expenses to row here. By all means we should like to see the contest take place on our bay, and trust Ross' friends will see the advisability of sending him west.

considered a failure, but we fancy the list does not come up to the expectation of our Waterloo friends, who were deserving of all the encouragement they anticipated. The following is the list of nominations, and the weights declared:—

INSPIRATION, 6 yrs, by Warminster, dam Sophia, 122 lbs.
PALADIN, 6 yrs, by Leamington, dam Garland, 118 lbs.
PROTECTION, aged, by Norton, dam by Wagner, 111 lbs.
OSSEO, 4 yrs, by imp Eclipse, dam Oleata, 104 lbs.
MARY L., aged, by Melbourne, jr, dam Vanetta, 104 lbs.
LADY D'ARCY, 8 yrs, by Thunder, dam imp Castaway, 84 lbs.

ENTRIES FOR OGDENSBURG, N.Y., RACES CLOSE ON AUGUST 29.

ENTRIES FOR LISTOWELL RACES CLOSE ON AUGUST 28.

FORFEIT MONEY IN STALLION RACE DUE SEPTEMBER 1.

THE CUP CRICKET MATCH.

TORONTO VS. PORT HOPE.

The Port Hope Times says:—"The Port Hope Club desire to return thanks to their old friend and opponent Mr. Kennedy, the captain of the Hamilton Club, who came all that distance for the express purpose of umpiring, in which capacity he gave every satisfaction, as those who knew his high character and thorough knowledge of the game can well understand." In the same column appears the report of a meeting of the Port Hope Cricket Club, held to censure the Mail for its report of the match in question. The Mail caught it hot and heavy; but we wonder if the Port Hoppers would begin to question the fairness of their condemnation, if they ascertained beyond doubt the umpire Kennedy (whose high character and knowledge of the game are conceded), was so disgusted with the conduct of the spectators that it was he who wrote the much abused report in the Mail. It is said in well-informed quarters that such is the case. The Mail has admitted that the report was not furnished by a resident of Toronto. There was evidently too much heat displayed by the spectators, who forgot the courtesy due to a visiting eleven. The Port Hope cricketers were not accused of participation in the rudeness shown, and had better have let the matter drop.

Sporting Gossip.

Owing to a mistake in copying the entries in the Stallion Race, Mr. McMurray's name appears as the nominator of Capt. Tom, whereas it should have been Mr. Thos. Gillesby, of Hamilton. The correction appears in the advertisement to-day.

Among the representative newspapers of the province deposited in the corner stone of the new court house at Hamilton last week was a copy of the *SPORTING TIMES* of the 17th.

American horse buyers are busy in the vicinity of Goderich. They are purchasing for the Michigan market, the horses to be used in lumbering operations.

In the programme for the Listowell Races on the 29th and 30th inst., No. 2 race has

well when she ran away, demolishing sulky and their hopes together."

Messrs. A. Morton and Wm. Sherry, Belleville, have recently imported from New York a couple of Hambletonian stallions. They are named North Star and Record and were purchased through Mr. Van Kenburg.

The latest odds against Brown Prince the St. Leger is 16 to 1.

Mr. John F. Scholes, the popular Toronto athlete and carman, recently took to himself a rib. Everybody wishes him as much happiness he expects.

Mr. James Chambers, of Salford, Ontario, with his big Clydesdale team and reaping machine cut twelve acres of wheat in seven hours one day last week. This thought to be the fastest on record, the truth of the statement can be vouched for by the many gentlemen who are familiar of the fact.

The following Canadian horses now training at Saratoga will go to Newport, I., races:—The bay gelding Audubon, 6 yrs, by imp. Australian, dam Heiress; bay horse Moonstone, 6 yrs, by Asteroid, dam Lams; bay gelding Noll, aged, by Asteroid, dam Estelle; and chestnut mare Katie, aged, by Colossus, dam by Vandal.

The following very low prices were realized at a sale of thoroughbreds in Saratoga last week. Vigil, by Virgil, dam Regent, 4 yrs., \$400; Brother to Bassett, 4 yrs., 16 and Palmetto, by Narragansett, dam King Minor, 8 yrs., \$800.

A new racing circuit has been formed Ohio commencing at Toledo, Sept. 2; Cleveland, Oct. 2; Columbus, Oct. 8; Cincinnati, Oct. 16. The preliminary aggregate \$80,000.

John Murphy has been the most fortunate driver in the Circuit thus far. In every race in which he has started a horse he has got a part of the money.

The Woodstock Review says the *Saratoga Times* gave rather the cold shoulder to races in that town lately. The *Saratoga Times* did nothing of the kind, and had any intimation that a meeting was held. If the managers of the meeting deem it worth while to notify us, we hardly be accused of giving them "the cold shoulder."

Mr. C. V. M. Temple, of the "Highland" Quebec, received on Saturday morning a couple of fox hounds to form the nucleus of a pack in that city.

The Kentucky Live Stock Record for the week says: "We met a few days since a young friend Dick Young, who is on his visit to his old stamping ground and Dick has for a year been engaged in training and handling trotters for Dr. Bergen, of Wall, Canada. Dick was very popular here, and we doubt not that in his former life he has enlisted many friends. Mr. Young informs us that Dr. Bergen has some colts—six from Kentucky, one of which is a big-gaited, speedy and extremely rising trotter.

Gentlemen who have nominations in the *SPORTING TIMES* Stallion Race will remember that the balance of the forfeit money due on September 1.