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

OUR SIXTH VOLUME.

To-day we have the honor of presenting to the readers of the SPORTING TIMES, the first number of its sixth year of publication. The occasion is not inappropriate for us to return our thanks to our many kind friends who have interested themselves in the success of the paper. Notwithstanding the stringency in finance generally, our success, we are pleased to say, has been at all events equal to our anticipations.

During the past year many new friends have been added to our list, and some from whom we were sorry to part have, for a time at least, withdrawn. The balance, however, is much in our favor, and to-day the SPORTING TIMES is more extensively read, not only in Canada but in the United States, than at any previous time in its history. Gradually it has established itself as the Gentleman's Journal of our Dominion, and the management is determined that the same principles which have placed it in its present position will continue to guide them in the future. Personal issues have never been tried in its columns, and the paper has never been made the vehicle by which any section or clique could rise to the prejudice of another body; even-handed criticism has been meted out to all who have come within its scope, and questions of a sporting nature have been discussed without a biased inclination on anyone's behalf.

From our success we are not insensible to the fact that our efforts towards improvement and reliability have not been unappreciated; and in this respect the flattering encouragement which has been received will prompt us to renewed efforts on behalf of our readers. To us the increase in our subscription list is pleasant, and when the class of a great majority of our new readers is taken into consideration it is positively flattering.

eration at stake does not present a title of the value to the winner, who will in reputation alone be the recipient of a prize for which no monetary premium would be considered an equivalent. While all cannot gain the premiere position, the honors of a close contest will not be empty. The race will be doubly interesting to the careful breeders, who will have the opportunity of taking in at a glance the monarchs of the trotting stud, who were deemed by their owners to be of sufficient merit to be placed in a public competition with others of their class. Different families of the great strains are well represented in this race. The Royal Georges predominate, but it is possible the representatives of the Clay, Columbus, and Hambletonian breeding will have strong supporters. It would be highly indelicate to give an editorial opinion on the chances of the entrants, but it might be said that in Toronto, Fulton and Capt. Tom are looked upon with the greatest favor. This, however, is but a local idea and can not be taken as a positive indication of the merits of the horses. In other sections it is quite possible different favorites have been selected. Upon one thing everybody appears to be satisfied, and that is that the race will be strictly on its merits—as the issue at stake is too great to permit any of the entrants to descend to questionable practices. This alone will be a great incentive towards its success.

It will not be out of place to mention here that the balance of the forfeit money will be due on Friday next, September 1st, and gentlemen having made nominations will do well to keep this fact in mind.

ENTRIES FOR WATERLOO RACES CLOSE SATURDAY (TO-MORROW), 26TH INST.

POOL COMMISSIONS.

The Turf, Field, and Farm, of last week, has an article from their correspondent at Utica, "H. B.," on a question that has frequently been discussed by pool-buyers, and has probably been considered by every one who has at all been effected by its operations either *pro* or *con*. It has been the practice, possibly since the institution of the system, that in cases where pools have been declared off, the seller has returned the money entire, without any drawback for commission. Why this should be has always been something of a mystery to those who have given the subject a thorough consideration. The services rendered by the auctioneer are indeed greater when the exigencies of the race demand that the official arbitrators should, for the protection of investors, declare the bets drawn, for it is very apparent that all the tickets sold have to be redeemed individually under this contingency, whereas if the contest had been brought to what might be considered an equitable conclusion, only one ticket in each pool would require adjustment. In the former case it has been the custom to allow the pool-seller's work and time to go as naught, while in the latter he is indemnified by the commission usually exacted. That this principle is not correct will be admitted by all who are conversant with such transactions. The idea of occupying a man's time and labor with the chances he is necessarily obliged to take in this busi-

If this view is accepted, in very many cases where pools would be declared off the purse would go the same way, which would act as a *lex talionis* that would show the respect in which it was held by the rareness of its application.

WOODBINE RACES.

The Fall meeting of the Woodbine Association is announced in our advertising columns to-day, and is worthy the attention of horse owners. A three days' meeting has been decided upon, and the programme provides for flat, steeplechase, and trotting races. Dominion breeds have been especially provided for, as out of the six racing events four are exclusively for natives and the others are handicaps. The trotters have been divided into 3:00, 2:48, and 2:35 classes. For the first of these, Dominion breeds are alone allowed to compete. The total amount is \$2,400, and it is divided into ten premiums. Horses must be eligible at date of bill. Dominion Rules, it is assumed, in the absence of any other information, will govern. The entries close on Monday, Sept. 11, and the races will take place on Sept. 14th, 15th, and 16th.

WATERLOO RACES.

Successful as the meetings at this popular western town always have been, the one this year promises to fairly discount any of its predecessors. Horsemen are alive to its advantage, and are not slow in showing their appreciation of business management and fair dealing. A change has been made in the order of races from the original announcement, by which it will be seen the 3:00 and 2:50 races will be trotted on different days, thus allowing the same horses to put in an appearance in both classes. The 2:35 race, promising to be a fight worth seeing, has been transferred from the second to the first day's programme. This will satisfy, as far as possible, all who have trotters in the entry list. Messrs. Qumby & Forbes have charge of the pool-selling, which is an absolute guarantee that that department will have the best of attention and give the greatest satisfaction. The entries, it will be remembered, close on Saturday (to-morrow) evening.

STRATFORD RACES.

The city on the Avon announces its annual meeting on Sept. 5th and 6th, the programme of which will be found in its proper place. In addition to premiums for local horses, \$550 are allotted for outside runners and trotters. Trotting classes are divided into 2:50 and 2:35; and a race each is given to Dominion breeds and open-to-all. Entrance fee has been placed at 10 per cent. on the total purse. Horses to be eligible on Aug. 21; Dominion Rules to govern; and entries close on Sept. 2.

We read in the Bible, which no one denies, That Pharaoh succumbed to a legion of flies— Had the obstinate monarch though only been born In these latter days he'd have laughed them to scorn— He'd have bought a nice fly trap at Pirra's d'ye see? And Israel might then have never been free. HARRY PIRRA, 75 & 77 Yonge St., Toronto.

hours and 20 minutes actual time, being, it is said, the fastest passage ever made across the Atlantic.

At the races at Dominion Park, Ottawa, the other day, a man named Roderick Ryan was knocked down and run over by Bello of Ottawa. He was not much injured. Served him right for being where he had no business.

Mr. Wm. Ridd, veterinary surgeon of Wingham, was badly burned in the face a few days ago, while uncorking a bottle of ammonia.

Osage, the hurdle mare, said to be owned by a gentleman in Ottawa, fell, on Saturday, at Saratoga, while taking a jump, and broke her neck.

Old Kelso is thought pretty well of by the handicappers at Saratoga. They only give him an allowance of 3 lbs from Resolute.

There are more good Canadian race horses at Saratoga at present than at home. Inspiration, Bill Bruce, Vicksburg, Kelso, Katie P., and Aerohte are all quartered there.

Great Eastern, the winner of the :26 race at Rochester, is doubtless the largest trotter of any prominence on the turf. He stands no less than 17.1½ high, and weighs, in condition, 1,190 lbs. He is a bay gelding, foaled Oct. 10, 1869, and is owned by George Ham-mill, Esq., of Rome, N.Y., and was trained and driven in this race by A. J. Feeks, of Syracuse. He was sired by Walkill Chief, a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, and his dam was by Imp Consternation. He is bigger than Gloster was, and bids fair to yet eclipse the achievements of that lamented trotter.

Williams, the Ottawa jock, appears to be in bad luck. He no sooner gets out of one trouble but he is in another. What with broken bones, tumbles, and other disabilities of the turf, his cup should have been pretty near full; but this week in an altercation with another rider named Hickey, at Caledonian Springs, Williams was dangerously stabbed. The offender was arrested and lodged in L'Original gaol.

DEATH OF SHERIFF GRANGE.

This gentleman, well known in leading circles in Canada, died at his residence, in Guelph, on Saturday last. He was born in 1809, in Dublin, Ireland, and emigrated to this country forty-three years ago. In 1840 Mr. Grange was appointed Sheriff, which position he held up to the time of his death. In field sports the deceased gentleman was a great enthusiast. Being passionately fond of horses, he did much to improve their breed in the Wellington District, by the importation and introduction of thoroughbred stock. For years he was President of the Guelph Turf Club, which position he filled to the admiration of all whom he was brought in contact with. For a number of years he has been a martyr to gout, to which disease he finally succumbed. His death caused quite a gloom to spread over the town, and expressions of regret were everywhere heard. His physical disability has for years prevented him indulging in those amusements in which he took such a deep interest, but his memory will long be held dear by those who were privileged to be brought in company with him on such occasions in times past.

presence of an immense number of the admirers of pedestrianism, who, judging by their continued cheering, were highly gratified. Perkins, who had previously proved himself a wonder by vanquishing all our best men and likewise defeating Time in matches from one to ten miles, went into active training immediately the match was made, under the able superintendence of John Boot, his old mentor, and it is almost needless to state that Boot brought his man to the post in admirable condition, in fact we very much question whether in his previous matches he ever was so fit and well. Boot informed us that Perkins was somewhat difficult to train, for, unfortunately, when he was undergoing severe work he lost flesh rapidly, and became very languid, thereby requiring unusual attention to keep him up to the mark. The track selected for the feat was a capital cinder path, which, by measurement of a Brighton surveyor and ourselves, was found to be three furlongs and sixty-one yards once round, consequently he had to walk nineteen times round and 881 yards to complete the entire distance. The preliminaries having been satisfactorily adjusted, at 7:16 in the evening Perkins appeared at the scratch, the betting ruling 7 to 4 on him. At the signal given he went away at a great pace, walking very erect, and taking long, lurching strides, and going exceedingly fair; indeed, his fair style appeared to please the spectators amazingly. Perkins continued his rapid pace, and accomplished the first mile in 6m. 20s. All went on well with him up to the fifth mile, when he faltered in his gait and evidently was somewhat distressed. He, however, gamely struggled on, and completely recovered when five and a half miles had been covered. From this point of the journey Perkins appeared fresh and well, and maintaining his great pace the remaining distance, accomplished his severe task in the extraordinary time of 58m. 29s., thereby making the best time on record. Perkins, who was born in the parish of St. Clement Danes, Strand, is a smart looking young man, and will be twenty-four years of age on the 16th of next September. He stands 5 feet and 5½ inches high, and weighed, on the day of his match, 136 lbs. He has a truly shaped frame, broad across the shoulders, strong, short back, very long from the hips to the knees, and his thighs are very muscular. He certainly does not appear like a man able to accomplish a long journey, and speed evidently in his forte. Owing to the difficulty experienced in taking the time of each mile, Perkins, from the shape of the track, finishing in a different spot each lap, we refrain from giving more than the time occupied in walking the whole distance. This was 58 m. 29s. Mr. E Smith, of Bell's Life was referee and timekeeper.

O'LEARY OFF FOR EUROPE.

Saturday O'Leary left for Europe. He will, without doubt, walk a match with the English Pedestrian Vauq, a spin of about one hundred miles. O'Leary would be glad to walk against any and all comers in England a long distance walk, under the supervision of the best authority in Europe. He feels confident that he can outlast any man living, and his money is ready to back his belief. O'Leary wishes no hippodrome affairs. He is no Weston; he walks upon his merits and only desires a fair field and no favor. Upon O'Leary's return to America, he will walk in this city five hundred miles, and will wager big money that he can beat his best time over four hours. He hopes that the athletic associations can be induced to take entire charge of this new walk, so that no one can question its entire fairness. We wish O'Leary all success in his travels, and bespeak for him a warm welcome across the water.—Wilkes.

A foot race was run at Meaford, on Tuesday, between Gardiner, of Brampton, and Henry of Owen Sound, the stakes being \$100, and the distance half a mile. The race was won by Gardiner in 2:01½.