



The Gentleman's Journal

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878. CANADIAN.

Clifton.....	May 23 to 24
Thorold.....	May 23 to 24
Dundas (local).....	May 24
C. Hava.....	May 24
Istowell.....	May 24 to 25
Wincham.....	May 24
St. Marys.....	May 24
Brussels.....	June 4 to 6
London (Queen's Plate).....	June 5 to 6
Moun' Forest.....	July 1
Orangeville.....	July 1
Exeter.....	July 1 to 2
Stallion Race.....	Oct. —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Thorold.....	May 22
Gouverneur, N.Y.....	May 25
Stallion Race.....	June 1

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Lexington, Ky.....	May 11 to 17
Baltimore, Md.....	May 21 to 24
Louisville, Ky.....	May 21 to 27
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	May 31 to June 5
New York, A. J. C.....	June 1 to 15
Gouverneur, N.Y.....	June 4 to 6
St. Louis, Mo.....	June 4 to 8
Columbus, Ohio.....	June 12 to 15
Pittsburg, Pa.....	June 19 to 22
Kansas City, Mo.....	June 27 to July 4
Denver, Col.....	July 3 to 6
Saratoga, N. Y.....	July to August
New York, A. J. C.....	Oct 5 to 19
Baltimore, Md. (Fall).....	Oct 23 to 26

TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich.....	May 15 to 17
Hilldale, Mich.....	May 22 to 24
Freeport, Ill.....	May 23 to 31
Le Roy, N. Y.....	May 23 to 29
Madison, Mich.....	May 29 to 31
Prophetstown, Ill.....	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.....	June 4 to 7
Adrian, Mich.....	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio.....	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.....	June 11 to 14
East Saginaw.....	June 25 to 28
Sodus, N. Y.....	June 26 to 28
Rutava, N. Y.....	July 2 to 4

NOTICE!

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as publishers of THE CANADIAN GENTLEMAN'S JOURNAL AND SPORTING TIMES, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All the obligations due the firm are to be paid to P. COLLINS, who will pay all the liabilities of the firm, and carry on the business in future on his own behalf.

WITNESS,
A. MACNABB.

J. W. QUIMBY,
JOHN FORBES,
H. NICHOLS,
P. COLLINS.

Toronto, March 29, 1878.

ATTENTION!

In connection with the above notice I desire to call the special attention of those indebted to THE SPORTING TIMES for subscriptions and advertising that their accounts must be paid on or before May 1st, otherwise they will be positively put in suit for collection. This course is rendered necessary to settle up the affairs of the late firm.

P. COLLINS.

SUPPRESSION OF TIME.

Is is an axiom that anything that is true in principle can be carried out to its fullest extent. This is applicable to all departments of business, and is as true in turf matters as in any other circle. The experience of years has shown the necessity of some classification among trotting horses. The difference of speed in this class of horses is so great, varying from 2:14 to 3:00, that it would be manifestly improper to offer premiums for competition without some qualification of the rank or standard of horses that would be eligible to compete for them. Instead of handicapping as in the running class, the time test has been adopted as a gauge of merit. This to us appears to be the only feasible plan. The system of handicapping would necessarily to a great extent be a failure with trotters, on account of the great number of horses and the limited opportunities the public have of becoming acquainted with their individual merits. Although the time record may not be perfection, still it is the most available system we have, and as such should be carried out in its full spirit. It is the only principle of comparison in existence in this country, and should be preserved in its purity. Any deviation from this principle, when it is recognized as such, must consequently be wrong. Under the time record plan races can be conducted with some degree of equality to all interested in the contests. When carried out in its fullness, no injury is done to any class. We know it is said and openly advocated in some parts of this country that trotting is more successful on the "no time" system than if the record were strictly enforced against the horses. It is assumed on account of the small purses and other contingencies that a horse should not be cumbered with a bar to starting in some other locality. But these same Associations avail themselves of the honest action of other clubs, and allot the money to be trotted for by horses that have obtained records in some other place; thus taking advantage of a classification that they will not impose themselves under similar opportunities. If the premium money is not sufficient to induce owners to start their horses where they will receive what time is legally due them, they should stay out, and wait until such time as a proper opportunity occurred, when the inducement would be sufficiently great to trot their horses according to rule. If it were fully understood that under all circumstances a horse would get his true record for winning a heat or race, and this was

FRAUDULENT PEDIGREES.

To any person who has not the opportunity of seeing the fraudulent pedigrees attached to stallions in Canada, the number would appear surprising. Some of them are very cleverly concocted, evidently the work of men possibly well acquainted with the different strains of breeding, but, like the best counterfeit bank note, there is some flaw by which they are easily detected by competent authority. Others again are superficially correct, but upon examination will not come up to the standard; while the great majority of them are mere rubbish—the heaping together of a lot of names of celebrated horses and mares, who have no connection with one another, and who have lived at widely different times and places. This last class of pedigree is not likely to deceive the merest tyro in the theory of breeding, but the average Canadian farmer is so totally innocent of the contents of the Stud Books, that he is too easily imposed upon by the only gammon of the horse owner. In too many cases appearance is assumed to be sufficient evidence of the correctness of the claims of lineage, a basis of conclusion very faulty. We have heard men disclaim of the value to be attached to a horse's breeding, and assert that appearance alone should enable a man to judge whether a horse is a sufficiently good one, to breed to. Singularly enough these same men are very anxious to have a fashionable pedigree attached to their horses. We have had more than one application this spring to manufacture pedigrees for horses of doubtful origin, and the amount of remuneration in many of the cases would not stand in the way, if a "solid" one would be prepared—one that would pass muster in the show ring under the inspection of good men. Instead of receiving the fraudulent compilation a few strong words of advice and warning were tendered, and in some of these cases which have since come under our notice, it is easy to see our requests and directions have not passed unheeded. A great injury has been done to Canadian stock by these jackdaws in stolen plumes, and too much care cannot be exercised in discriminating between the worthy and unworthy in a selection of a sire.

THE BOAT RACE.

HANLAN AND PLAISTED.

The aquatic contest between Hanlan, of Toronto, and Plaisted, of New York, will take place on Toronto Bay on Wednesday afternoon next, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock. The articles provide for smooth water, consequently a postponement is possible. The distance is two miles straightaway, and the stakes are \$2,000. Hanlan is in good shape, though not equal in condition to when he rowed Ross. Plaisted is said to be the pink of perfection. The railways will probably grant reduced rates to the race. Hanlan has received his two English boats, one from Swaddle & Winslip, and the other from Jewitt. Plaisted will probably row in a paper boat by Waters, of Troy. The course will be about the full length of the bay frontage from Gooderham's wharf to the Queen's wharf, but whether it will be rowed from east to west or vice versa is not known. In this city there is a total absence of speculation, on account of the strength of the Hanlan men, who will not bet over 2 to 1 on their man, while quotations from the American cities say that as high as 8 to 1 and 4 to 1 are laid on Hanlan. Our paper next week will contain the lives and performances of both men, an account of the race, a full history of the match, &c., &c.

In the earlier days heavy weights were carried, equal, we think, to heavy welter weights, the object being to produce weight carriers suitable for cavalry and hunting purposes. Whether the change from heavy to light weights has been a judicious one, is a question even among horsemen. If the original conditions are enforced, the horses of course will be taxed with the heavy impost. But whatever conclusion the London Club comes to, we can rest assured it will be for the best interests of all concerned, and we look for the contest for the Queen's Plate over the Newmarket Course at London this year to be one of the best ever seen.

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. R. Wilson, Davenport P. O., Carleton Station, last week purchased from Mr. R. de Manin, of Weston, the thoroughbred stallion Vespucius, by Planet, dam Columbia, by imported Glencoe. The consideration was private, but we have understood it was in the neighborhood of \$550.

Col. Wm. H. Jenifer, the importer and owner of the gray stallion Jenifer's Arabian, died recently at Richmond, Va.

When a rider is thrown over a horse's head the horse becomes the power behind the thrown.

In a hurdle race at Belmont Park, Philadelphia, on Monday last, Peter Morris, a jockey, was fatally injured and his horse killed.

A Lexington despatch says that the 8-year old filly So-So, by Geo. Wilkes, recently trotted a half-mile there in 1:05. She had a 2-year old record of 2:31.

Mr. Joab Scales, the popular tobacco manufacturer of this city, last week sold to a young Toronto gentleman the thoroughbred mare Passion, 8 yrs old, by Red Eye, dam Sympathy, by imported Scythian. She will be put in active training for the coming campaign. The consideration for "the old man's favorite" was \$400.

Controller, the horse that is to trot 21 miles in an hour, is a fine bay, without marks, 15½ hands high, and he claims descent from John Nelson and a Belmont mare, a lineage that accounts for his performing such a feat with but three slight breaks in this time, to wagon.

A one day's meeting will be held at St. Marys on May 24.

Agents of the English government are in this country buying war horses. If they want to get hold of some A No. 1 chargers, we would recommend them to the Niagara hackmen.

Mr. Sam. D. Page, of Toronto, recently purchased from Mr. T. C. Wright, of Milton, Ont., a fine bay trotting gelding, for exportation to England. The consideration was not made public.

We have received the first number of a new paper published at Brantford, called the Sporting Tribune. It appears to be devoted principally to base ball, cricket, and lacrosse.

Mr. Charley Lowell has taken possession of the Queen's Hotel at Galt. We wish Charley much success in his new departure.

The Queen's Plate for Ontario will be run at London this Spring.

Reports say that Major Thomas' 8-year old colt Himyar, by Alarm, out of Hira, by Lexington, recently ran a trial of a mile over the Louisville, Ky., track, shoes on and weights up, in 1:38.

It costs English fox hunters about £50 for each fox killed.

George Slosson, in a three-ball exhibition game of billiards at Chicago, on May 8, made 680 points in seven innings.

A certain gentleman of sporting proclivities

DEATH OF JOHN MORRISSEY.

The telegraph informed us on Thursday of last week that Senator Morrissey died at Saratoga, N. Y., on the evening previous. His disease was originally an affection of the kidneys, but his death was hastened by paralysis setting in. A brief sketch of this notable man's remarkable life may not prove uninteresting to our readers.

John Morrissey was born at Templemore, Co. Tipperary, February 12, 1834, consequently he had passed his forty-seventh year at the time of his death. His parents belonged to the lower order, and their son John did have the benefit of careful youthful training. He, as it were, almost ran wild, and schools and books were strangers to him. While yet a mere child his parents emigrated from the Hibernian Isle and settled at South Troy, N. Y. The father, Tim Morrissey, was a day laborer, rather undersized and not strong, but his wife was a broad-shouldered, strong-armed Irishwoman, with thick, short, black hair and the tenacious bull-dog temper which her son inherited along with her physical characteristics. She was undoubtedly master of the Morrissey estate, and young John, who was not at all afraid of his father, treated Mrs. Morrissey to the best he had in him of obedience and respect. He had little to do with books and schools in these days; learned to read and write and to fight the school bullies, but mostly ran abroad like the wild ass of the colt. When he was big enough he was put at work in an iron foundry, at first serving one of the men at the moulds and running barefoot over the drippings of molten metal. He became noted for his strength as well as his endurance, and under the training of one Patsey McCormick, a dog-fighter, and a hard-fisted, grimly good-natured sort of a person, began to add something of science to his rude fistio exploits. He grew to manhood in this fashion, afraid of nobody, a downright friend or foe, but the latter by preference, and with not a glimpse of any successes more to be esteemed than the prize-ring—then a distant goal—offered him. His fights "for fun" or for trifling wages were continual, and his endurance under "punishment" was a proverb.

In 1848 or '49 he went to New York, and his introduction to Gotham is thus related in his own words: "I had read of Hyer and Sullivan and the great pugilists of New York and one day I took my bundle and went down the river, bound to get a fight out of them. I was only seventeen or eighteen. I came along with my bundle and poked my head into the head-quarters of the Empire Club with the salutation, 'You got any fighters here?' The answer was overwhelming in the affirmative. I went up to Rynders and his crowd and I said: 'Mr. Rynders, I've come down here from Troy to fight. I've got no money, but I'll fight for reputation. I'll fight Hyer, or you, or anybody you can pick out.' They just all set on me at once, and gave me a beating that made my head ache for three weeks. After that I laid for them individually. 'Gentlemen,' I said, 'I will lick your crowd and make you acknowledge me if it takes me years.' I was poor as a wharf rat and I could barely pick up my food. As long as I was poor nobody would fight me in the ring, and I went to California to make a stake." He went out to California as a stowaway on the ship New Orleans. After being discovered he gained the captain's good graces by quieting a riot among the deck passengers, for which good office he was rewarded with a first cabin berth to the modern Ophir. He didn't dig much gold in California. One day he started off, with some forty like himself, to Queen