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FIXTURES FOR 1880.

CANADA.

Dundas	Aug. 18
St. Thomas.....	Aug. 18 and 19
London	Aug. 25, 26 and 27
Elmira.....	Aug. 26 and 27
Woodstock	Sept. —
Homer Colt Stakes.....	Sept. —
Lepine Park, Montreal.....	Sept. —

UNITED STATES.

TROTTING.

Rochester	Aug. 10—18
Springfield, Mass.....	Aug. 17—20
Hartford, Conn.....	Aug. 24—27
Boston, Mass., (Mythic).....	Aug. 31—Sept. 1
Ogdensburgh, N. Y.....	Sept. 7—10

TURF GOSSIP.

Horsemen, consult our back page this week.

Maud S. and St Julien trot against the record at Rochester on Thursday. Everyone who can should be present.

Ogdensburgh offers good sport and plenty of it, for "man and beast," on Sept. 7 to 10. See advertisement.

A Western Circuit begins at St. Thomas next week, London the week after, and then Woodstock. See preliminary announcement on our back page.

Hattie Woodward joined the free for all brigade with the record of 2:15 $\frac{1}{2}$ made at Buffalo on Saturday last.

The Kentucky two year old Hindoo has arrived at Saratoga. Efforts are being made to get Hindoo and Spinaway together at the Coney Island Jockey Club Meeting.

A Turf Club Association has been formed at Winnipeg, Man., with the following officers:—President, Hon. John Norquay; 1st Vice-President, Hugh Sutherland; Secretary, F. D. Myers. The first race meeting will come off on the civic holiday.

If you want to sell any horses enter them at Grand's September Sale. See advertisement.

Captain Isaiah Bynders, of Passaic, N. J., one of the fire-eating warhorses of the old-time Democratic Party, will have not a little to say about Aberdeen, now that his daughter Hattie Woodward has been cut loose and scored 2:15 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Anyone in want of a horse for road or track purposes would do well to notice the announcement of Avenue Boy for sale.

Proprietors of tracks will find the controllers of Maud S. and St. Julien prefer to go it alone, and for

the present at least no offers will be listened to for them to trot against each other.

A proprietor of a Canadian track writes of his recent meeting as follows: "Several owners of foreign horses, who had signified their intention to enter the horses, refused to come when they knew time was to be given. It was obliged to suppress time because I could not fill one purse unless I did." A pretty state of affairs this.

At Buffalo 89 heats were trotted and the time ranged from 2:14 to 2:27, with an average of 2:19 $\frac{1}{2}$. This is the first meeting at which the average has ever come within the 2:20 Standard.

Lepine Park will have a meeting some time during September; the advertisement will shortly appear in this paper.

C. C. Kellett, Oshawa, Ont., Can., and the b. g. Honest Billy, who were suspended by order of the Le Roy Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Le Roy, N. Y., for non payment of entrance money, as notified Oct. 4, 1878, have been reinstated, said claim having been paid.

Mr. Jones, a pump maker, living near St. Jacobs, recently drove into the barnyard on the farm of Wm. Lackner and tied his team where Mr. Lackner keeps his bees. The bees immediately attacked the horses, and stung them so badly that in spite of the efforts of a veterinary surgeon they both died.

An importation of Mustangs from Texas to Whitby is the latest novelty. The drove numbered between thirty and forty. Mr. Reesor, of Markham, took fifteen west in the direction of Markham, and several sales were effected in Whitby.

Mr. Alexander Dunn, proprietor of the St. Nicholas Hotel, Hamilton, has purchased the trotting horse Johnny Gordon, and will use him as a roadster.

Mr. P. Lorillard has sent Barbee to England to ride for him. What is the matter, wasn't the "gipsy" good enough to carry the cherry and black?

Horsemen want to know when the Elmira races close. Will the Secretary please send on this addition to his advertisement.

Concentration, by Gen. Washington, out of Goldsmith Maid, fractured a shoulder blade in trying to jump a fence at Mr. Smith's farm, Trenton, N. J., on August 8. He had rare trotting blood in his veins, Gen. Washington being by Gen. Knox out of Lady Thorn.

W. B. Archibald, of Fredonia, N. Y., has recently purchased a horse that stands 19 hands; length, from nose to root of tail, 9ft. 8in.; head, 9ft. 9in. long. He is 4 years old, and weighs 1,700 lbs.

A man advertises in a western turf paper "Wanted—A ringer that can trot in 2:30." He is welcome to all such if he will only keep them out west.

Chesapeake, by Lexington, out of Roxana, now 8 years old, has been sold by Mr. H. P. McGrath to Mr. Wilson, of Oregon. Yes, we remember Chesapeake and how he was left at the post for a two-year

old race at Saratoga when we had \$200 to \$10 about him.

Flora Temple's 4:50 $\frac{1}{2}$ for two miles still heads the record. The two miles race in the circuit is confined to too slow a class.

Uncle Mace threatened at Cleveland to write a book on the trotting horse. Do, Dan, we never had so much fun in our lives as when we read your wonderful reminiscences published a few years ago in *The Spirit*. Those articles beat all the comic papers into a cocked hat.

Mr. B. J. Bruce, of Kentucky, says, "In our judgment, and we have seen many good racehorses, Hindoo is the best two-year old that we have ever seen stripped in America."

Three fine cart stallions arrived at Toronto last week from England per City of Brooklyn. Messrs. Wells, of Aurora, bought one, and another has been purchased by Mr. Jackson, of Grahamsville.

It is said that Splan backed Hannis for \$500 at Cleveland and Turner did the same about Ford, and as they were even on the record at the end of the second heat it then became a question of how not to do it, and to assist the little game Maud S. was not to distance them.

Woodstock Driving Park has been adorned with a new house and stables, which pleased me very much. The very able trainer, Mr. Russell, is in charge of the grounds, and has quite a string of trotters under his control. Everything is being done to make this track one of the best in Canada, and although it will never be a fast one, I feel sure it will be a good one for training. The managers are very efficient. A fall meeting will be held shortly after the London meeting.

The stallion Clear Grit is doing a good business in this vicinity. I predicted a glorious future for this horse some years ago, and have reason to feel gratified. I certainly look upon him as Canada's best sire of trotters, all things being equal. I have very grave doubts as to the breeding of the dam of Clear Grit, and would like to know who bred her. I am almost positive that she was of Tippoo origin, as her son gives every indication of such. Who can tell the world the name of the man that bred Clear Grit's dam? Let us hear it.—Nemo.

MESSRS. GRAND'S SALE—We this week publish the announcement of a great sale of horses to take place at Messrs. Grand's repository in this city. Last spring a sale was held which was so well supported, both by sellers and purchasers, that it has been decided to hold another during the second week of the Exhibition, when, as the city will be full of visitors, it will be an excellent opportunity for the sale of horses at good prices. Application for space on the catalogue should be made at once, as only 300 entries will be accepted.