

(Haviland, O.)	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N. Y.	3d " "
Earlville, Ill.	4th " "

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

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We acknowledge the kindness of subscribers who have, so far, accepted our subscription drafts; and would state that in many cases no instructions have been received as to which of our premium pictures they would like to have forwarded. By simply dropping us a post card with the request to send the one named thereon, it will be promptly forwarded. Until this information is furnished we do not know which to send.

A PRACTICAL ARGUMENT.

It has been frequently shown in these columns that a Dominion Turf Association could be run without really any expense to its members, from the saving in entry money alone. It is quite safe to assume there is scarcely any association in Canada but what loses more at any one meeting in the shape of non-payment of entrance money, than their annual fee to a protective association would amount to. To some extent the system that Turf Clubs and Driving Park Associations have drifted into has much to do with this cause of financial deficiency. If all our turf organizations would insist on the entrance money accompanying the nomination, the difficulty would, to a great extent, be avoided. But that business-like manner of procedure appears to a great extent to be lost. If it were insisted all around that a nomination would not be allowed to start unless the entrance fee accompanied the nomination, and this rule was rigidly enforced, there would be fewer defaulters; as a man once tripped up on this, would not in all probability make a second attempt.

To show to what extent associations are imposed upon by horsemen, it is only necessary to recount the experience of the Chatham association at their late meeting. They had eleven entries in the 8:00 class, but only six paid, in the 2:45 class the same number: the 2:50 race had thirteen on the entry list, but only two paid their fee; three paid in the 2:37 class out of ten nominations; and, to cap the climax, in the 5-mile trot there was seven entries, and none paid. On the Monday morning after the entries closed (Saturday), there was only one paid out of the lot. If racing can be conducted on this basis, it would be highly remunerative if properly carried out. In the above instances the enterprising Chathamites are without any relief, but must stand the loss among themselves. It is strikingly suggestive of something wrong in the system which will permit of a Club being robbed in this manner. It might be safely said, if a Dominion Turf Association was in existence, seventy-five per cent. of the sum in default could be

some localities would be overcome, and the prospects of the game in this country much increased. There are amateur and professional classes in most departments of athletics sport, and why not here in Base Ball.

SUPPRESSION.

Of the many undignified things some racing associations are guilty of, we can think of nothing more despicable than the intentional suppression of time in trotting races. There is nothing in the general principles of the turf which can in the least be said to countenance such an open depravity. It is fraudulent on its face, and is repulsive to every man who takes an interest in trotting. It indirectly robs a large portion of our horse-owners, and destroys the pleasure of our racing gatherings. It is a crime against the best regulated system on the Continent, and is punished with the severest penalty that authority can inflict. It is enough to almost cause the better class of turf supporters in the country to withdraw their patronage in disgust; while the shocking amount of bad faith contained in the words "no time," is scandalous, and is tending to subvert the welfare of trotting in this country. Let us have no more of it.

AN ALMONT IN BUFFALO.

During a late trip to the blue grass regions of Kentucky, Mr. O. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, N.Y., purchased the well-bred stallion Almont, Jr., 4 years, by Almont, dam Maggie G., by Blood's Black Hawk. He is a beautiful bay, 15.1, with near fore foot and both hind ankles white. He has shown himself to be possessed of superior trotting gait, as, at the late Lexington meeting, he won the second heat in the 8:00 class in 2:38½; and trotted second the first, third the third, and second in the fourth and fifth heats. This purchase will prove a decided acquisition to the Buffalo region, as it is the intention to devote him to stock purposes. Almont, Jr., is a half-brother, by the sire, to the Messrs. Enright's fine colt Benedict, at Dundas, Ont.

RINGERS.

From reports from several parts of the country this fall, it would appear these very undesirable parasites of the turf have been very numerous in Ontario. Extending from the Woodbine meeting to the late Chatham gathering they have turned up all over the country. But the most impudent specimen that has reached us is Hotspur, with a record of 2:24, trotted in the 2:35 class at Kingston. He captured one heat in 2:29, which time was given out by the judges, but not without considerable protesting from the party behind this old timer. The idea of Hotspur objecting to a 2:29 record is rich indeed. Something will be required to be done by our turf-men to protect themselves from the incursions of those erratic rascals from over the border, as it is our horse-owners who are the main sufferers.

A CHALLENGE.—Dallebout, having heard Raine of Ottawa was anxious to try conclusions with him in a mile race, has inserted a challenge in the Montreal papers, offering to run the youth from the Capital for \$400 over the Fashion Course, Montreal.

\$215 to \$201 on Bill Bruce and \$70 for the field. Galway led off from the start, with Bill Bruce second and Conner third, the others running in a bunch together. There was no change on the lower turn, but before reaching the judge's stand Courier went to the front, with Warlock second, and pressing him closely, Bill Bruce fourth, Galaxy fifth, and Kenny sixth. On the upper turn Paladin ran up to the fifth place. On the back stretch Galway went up and took the second place, with Courier and Warlock running even, and Bill Bruce running easy in the fourth place. The others were so far behind that they were out of the race. Down the homestretch the lash was used freely, and Bill Bruce came to the finish one and a half lengths ahead of Galway, who beat Courier a neck, with Tom O'Neil a length behind. The others made a string of fifty to one hundred yards in the rear. Time—2:48½. Bill Bruce was bought by his owners at \$750, there having been no bid in advance of the amount for which he was offered when put in the race.

FROM INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, Oct. 29, 1876.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR,—Our Town Hall was occupied last Friday and Saturday evenings by Ganger's Royal Yeddo Japs and English and American Artists. To speak well of this troupe is saying little. It is simply one of the best that ever visited this section of the country. There is not a bad thing in the whole entertainment. I am glad to state that at both the entertainments the house was crowded to the doors.

The Ingersoll skating club are about to build a covered rink this winter, which is to be one of the finest in the country. This will be a great boon to both young and old, as there is no exercise more healthy and exhilarating. Yours very truly,

TOR WEIGHT.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

P. H., Allandale.—We have never noticed it in Bell's Life. No horse ran a mile a minute either in this country or England.

J. T., Hamilton.—Hardly suitable. Too much drama. We don't desire criticisms.

TOR WEIGHT.—Yes. All right; paper and chromo sent.

E. K., Hamilton.—Have about half-a-dozen applications. Will consider the matter.

BADGER GIRL.—This mare will undoubtedly prove a wonderful saddle mare. Mr. Bush, her driver, proposed to Johnny Grier, to give her a trial to saddle. Johnny borrowed an old saddle, and mounted without whip or spur. He went a quarter in 84½s., and then finding she needed a persuade, pulled off his felt hat, and fanned her around in 2:22½. Undoubtedly she would have trotted very much faster, had Johnny a legitimate persuader. The trial was over the Janesville track.

OVER A DISTANCE OF GROUND.—John Murphy, the well-known driver and trainer of trotters, has issued a challenge to ride against any of the long distance riders that have created so much furor throughout the country of late. He has thrown down the gauntlet to ride over the 50, 100, or 150-mile ground, for from \$1,000 to \$2,500 a side. He leans decidedly towards the Mexican Peralto and Capt. Mowry, of California. His address is Fleetwood Park, N.Y.

different events.

On Saturday, intelligence was received that Mr. W. Bookless, of Owen Sound, had had a change for the worse; but reports on Monday stated the symptoms were more favorable.

It is reported that Wm. Hendrie, Esq., has purchased Big Sandy, by Australian, dam Geneura, by Lexington, from Col. McDaniels; and the horse will be brought to Hamilton some time during the present season. Big Sandy is finely bred, and with a good reputation as a race horse.

We noticed the other day, on the street, the bay mare Passion being driven in a wagon alongside of the roadster Gen. Lee. She is by Red Eye, out of Sympathy, by imported Seythian, and is pretty well known on the race tracks in Western Ontario. She displays good trotting action, and takes kindly to her new way of going.

Mr. Wm. Owen, the well known horseman, intends spending the winter months at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he now is.

WELCOME.—Mr. John Hodge, of Lockport, N. Y., of Garling Oil notoriety, has acquired an interest in the Lockport Daily Union and Niagara Weekly Democrat. From Mr. H's well known business ability it is quite safe to assume he will meet with success in his new departure. We extend a fraternal welcome to him on his admission to the journalistic ranks.

Base Ball.

THE BASE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE TECUMSEHS THE CHAMPIONS.

On Friday last the Judiciary Committee of the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players met at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, for the purpose of deciding which club was entitled to claim the honor for the ensuing year. Mr. McPherson, of Toronto, was the only member of the Committee absent. Their decision is embodied in the following report:—

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON THE BASE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

We, the Judiciary Committee of the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players met at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, to receive the reports of the different clubs contesting for the championship of Canada in 1876.

Records from the following clubs were received, viz.: St. Lawrence, of Kingston; Standards, of Hamilton; Maple Leafs, of Guelph, and Tecumsehs, of London, no record being received from the Toronto club. The games played with them were not taken into consideration, it being evident they had no claim to the championship.

Mr. H. Gorman appeared on behalf of the Tecumsehs, and the interest of the Maple Leafs were looked after by Mr. Weir, with the consent of the Committee. Mr. Gorman objected, on behalf of the Tecumsehs, to the records of the St. Lawrence club of Kingston, and Standards of Hamilton, on the grounds that that they did not comply with the rules governing the championship of Canada, violating rule (8) three of the championship code, which says: "No game shall count in the series of contests for the championship in which the rules of this association shall have been violated, and no games of clubs who have not played at least two games with each of the contending clubs shall count in the championship series."

The committee, after due investigation, sustained the objection, and threw out the

of the horse as a mechanical structure, pointing out the peculiarities in arrangement—necessary for different purposes—the uses and capabilities of each part, the vertebral column being the centre of the osseous framework, having all the other parts attached either directly or indirectly to it, as the length and strength of its different parts will have very much to do with the perfection of the whole body. He agreed with those who looked upon the fore extremities as being merely supporters of weight and the hind ones being the propellers—the attachment of those limbs plainly indicated this—the fore extremity is attached by strong muscular bands, and the angles of articulation and arrangement of the muscles all result in a beautiful elastic springy support, capable of supporting weight and preventing concussion without themselves suffering in doing so—whereas, the hind leg is attached by a large and strong articulation in a powerful bone directly articulated to the vertebral column and the attachment of the muscles such as to give the animal the greatest strength on those movements resulting on the extension of the limb, which, with the foot as the fixed point resting on the ground and the upper end articulated with the pelvis, must propel the body forward. After pointing out the peculiarities required to adapt the animal for different purposes, he proceeded to explain the points of excellence to be sought for in all classes. The head should be medium in size, and proportioned to the body it belongs to; a large, coarse head is most objectionable on all animals, the size being neither ornamental nor useful; a small, pony head is equally objectionable, as indicating deficiency in character. The muzzle should be fine, the lips thin and compressed, the mouth deep, the nostrils large, soft and dilatable; if small, thick and stiff, there will be a corresponding want of development of the lungs, and the animal will not be fitted for fast work. The eyes should be large, wide apart, and have boldness and fire, yet gentle-looking; when they are small and sunken, with heavy, thick eyelids, especially if much of the white is shown, he is sure to be vicious, easily frightened and untrustworthy. The ears should be long and thin, firm and active-looking, rather close than wide at the top of the head, with the points a little inclined forward. Each part was thus passed in review, the lecturer pointing out the best formation of each for different purposes. On the subject of horse buying and selling—the buyer and seller in their respective characters were commented on, the trials and difficulties of the one and the sharp tricks and clever deceptions of the other explained, and the lecturer concluded by reading an article by Cornelius O'Dowd, on the trials of a gentleman on selling a horse—often as great as in buying one. Want of space compels us to curtail our report of this very instructive lecture, which was listened to with a great deal of pleasure and profit by the large attendance of members and visitors present. At next meeting Mr. F. W. McLellan will read a paper on "the foot of the horse."

A DREIFUL MALADY.

An epizootic has broken out in the southern part of London township, amongst the horses, of a most peculiar character. The tongue becomes paralyzed, and swells to such an extent that the animal is unable to either eat or drink. From the peculiar seat of the disease, the tongue, medical aid affords but little relief. The animal is in the most excruciating pain, the tongue turning perfectly black. The veterinaries have not yet clearly defined the disease.

The consequence of the late prize fight in Kentucky is that the superintendent of the railway which ran care to it has been indicted. The manager is called to answer to two indictments, and the other persons are indicted are, both principals, the forseconds, eight others as aiders and abettors, and seven more as spectators. The trial will occur next March.