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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Detroit (Spring)	May 16 to 18
Laurel, N.Y.	May 29 to 31
Flower Park, N.Y.	May 29 to June 1
Whitcomb, Pa.	May 26 to June 1
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Madison, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Muskegon, Mich.	June 5 to 7
Utica, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Syracuse, N.Y.	June 12 to 14
Elmira, N.Y.	June 19 to 21
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Champaign, Ill.	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 3 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Champaign, Ill.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N.Y.	24 week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tridway, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N.Y.	3d "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "

CANADIAN.

Windsor	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Kincardine	May 24
Dundas (local)	May 24
Windsor	May 24 to 25
Prescott	July 2 to 3
Montreal, Lepine Park	June 18 to 20
Exeter	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
Montreal (local)	July 2
Montreal	Sept—

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Now, any one one at a glance, with the Canadian Gentleman's Journal, knows that stock in turf ends has not been very remunerative, and that standing this bonus contributed to their interest. And it is well known that without the facility of outside speculation gentlemen could never afford to run their horses for the miserable purses offered for competition as the rule throughout the country. And with the withdrawal of this extensive contribution, it is not natural to suppose, unless it is supplemented from some other source, our club will have to lower their premiums, and as a consequence it will be impossible to keep the better classes of speed horses in the country. And it is breeding for speed that has developed the horse to his present high standard; and to the speed contests are we indebted for the high commercial value of the animal. Remove the inducements of these contests and we cause a shrinkage in value, and as sure as fate a deterioration in the standard of excellence. That the passage of the Pool Bill will have the effect of cutting down the purses, will be readily admitted on all hands. So much for this portion of the Bill.

But this Bill goes much further and absolutely forbids betting of any kind on any event. A stakeholder is guilty of a misdemeanor, and a gentleman recording a bet is subject to imprisonment. The only liberty it permits is, as the boys would term it, "betting in your mind," which is eminently impracticable for any purpose. Mr. Blake, however, is entitled to the credit of striking a blow at what he apparently considers an evil, and not at any particular system. He takes in the whole range at one sweep. That it will be effective in its present shape, no one professes to believe. The anomalous defence its introducer made when he said "it was the only effect Bill to take place" among and those who had money," is suggestive of an ignorance of the subject under discussion. The tendency of the Bill is certainly to let gentlemen of means and standing speculate, to the prejudice of their poorer but as deserving friends. That Mr. Blake has had unscrupulous counsellors in this question is shown by the statement of that gentleman, that he had been told that \$30,000 passed through the hands of a pool-seller in a certain town, over the result of a recent municipal election. This manifest falsehood was doubtless made to do good duty in the cause of the crusade, and shows to what extent professing reformers will go to attain their object.

There is an axiom, "what can't be cured must be endured," which is applicable to the present case. Neither Mr. Blake nor his colleagues can have the merest idea of the practical effect of the Bill upon betting. Way not turn, instead of trying to do something impossible, give us some sensible legislation which will bear the impress of common sense, and command the respect and obedience of the people. If pool-selling is to be abolished, it should be considered as not being congenial to public morals, prohibit it—but some latitude should be allowed at the place of an equine contest, boat race or any other trial of skill, or endurance of man or beast. Men, heated by excitement will forget the practical effects of the present law, and render themselves subjects for persecution by their individual enemies. This can never be countenanced in a country claiming the freedom of individual action we enjoy in Canada. The object of the Bill, as at present compiled, will be to do away with an equine and athletic sports, means of amusement which are fit subjects for the Statute-book. There is reasonable hope that its more offensive features will be removed from the present Bill.

is deemed a fitting punishment for being a stakeholder in a small wager between friends. In the course of a few years, under the influence of this benign movement, it will be quite possible for Canada to become a moral country, but it may be at the expense of some of its better industries, which, however, are considered nothing in the way of fanatical legislation like the Betting and Pool Bill.

FRESH BLOOD.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. E. A. A. Grange, of Canby, returned from the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, bringing home with him a four year old thoroughbred colt. Although not in the best condition, still he shows himself to be quite a fine horse. The colt is named Berlin, a fine bred animal, of good size, foaled in 1873, sired by imported Australian, dam Zephyr by Lexington, 2nd dam, imported Zephyr, by The Cure, 3rd dam, Starlight, by Kremlin, 4th dam, Evening Star, by Touchstone, 5th dam, Berlin, by Rubens, 6th dam, Boadicea, by Alexander. Lexington is by Boston, dam Alice Carnal, by imp. Sarpedon, by Emilius. Australian was by West Australian, dam Emilia by Young Emilius. Berlin was bred by Mr. A. J. Alexander, of the Woodburn Stud Farm, Kentucky, who sold him to Mr. D. Swigert, from whom he was purchased by Mr. Grange, for a consideration not made public. He started twice as a two-year-old, both times at Lexington, Ky., his first essay being in the Colt Stake for 2-year-olds, on Sept. 7, 1875, but was beaten by Vagrant, The Nipper, and Creedmore, in a dash of three-quarters of a mile, run in 1:18; his second trial was at the same place on Sept. 10th, in a two-year-old stake, dash of a mile, which was again won by Vagrant, in 1:45. In his three-year-old form we do not find he started, although he was entered in most of the leading three-year-old stakes of the year. Mr. Grange has supplied a want that has been felt for some time in the Wellington district by the importation of this horse. He is possessed of very fashionable breeding, the cross of Australian on Lexington mares having been attended with very great success.

THE POOL SELLING BILL.

The bill to repress betting and pool-selling came up for its second reading on Thursday of last week. For the following report of the proceedings on that occasion we are indebted to the Mail:

Mr. Blake moved the second reading of his bill for the suppression of betting and pool-selling.

Mr. Thompson (Cariboo) said by the Act any person who made a small bet and recorded it in his note book would be liable to imprisonment or a heavy fine.

Mr. Blake—Let them be bets of honor, then. Mr. Thompson said that a person would always be liable, if one had a prejudice against him, to be brought up before a Magistrate and punished. The Minister of Justice surely knew that in horse races, foot races, boat races, small bets were made, and even if it did not exceed fifty cents or a dollar, the better becomes liable to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment under this Act if it becomes law. In this age, where we read in the London papers how to four against Cambridge, and other bets on horses and horse racing, it did seem strange to introduce such a law into Canada. He hoped the Minister of Justice would see his way to amend the Act. If he could not, he (Mr. Thompson) would move that it be read a second time this day three months.

Mr. Blake—All I can say is that the hon. gentleman has not convinced me. I am open to conviction.

Sir John Macdonald—A good many persons will be open to conviction under this bill.

Mr. Blake said the object of the bill was to reach pool-selling and those who had money.

Sir John Macdonald pointed out that yesterday a bill was passed raising the penalty for obstructing the business of a railway at three months imprisonment or a fine of \$100. This bill fixed the penalty for just holding money in the case of a bet at twelve months imprisonment or a fine of \$1,000.

Mr. Blake repeated that the aim of the bill was to prevent pool-selling. He had been told of a man in a certain town through whose hands \$30,000 passed over the result of a recent municipal election. It such a heavy business could

Sporting Gossip.

A running meeting is advertised for Cleveland, Ohio, to take place some time early in June. It possesses few attractions for Canadian horses, as they will have to meet there the flower of the Southern stables, with the benefit of ample preparation, which our beauties will be deficient in at that time.

Mr. Wm. Jennings, Louisville, Ky., is reported to have sold to a Canadian gentleman the following thoroughbred stock: Bombardier, br c, 3 years, by Baywood, dam Goncil; The Drummer, br c, 3 years, by Bayonet, dam Ave Maria, by Lexington; and Noll, br g, 6 years, by Asteroid, dam by imported Australian. This would be quite an addition to our racing stock; but who is the Canadian gentleman?

Mr. Geo. B. Brice, formerly of Ingersoll, has a fine bowling alley in Detroit, underneath the Theatre Comique. It is well patronized, and is a favorite resort for Canadians visiting the City of the Straits.

Mr. D. E. Cameron, Exchange Bank, Parkhill, lately purchased from Mr. Thos. Digaam, of the same place, the trotting pony Little Dexter, to mate his own little fellow Cardinal Richelieu. The team has been sold to a New York gentleman for a good figure.

The Chicago Spirit of the Turf asks if Honest Billy, the green Canadian trotter, is the same as Philadelphia's old Honest Billy. We supply the information when we state the former horse is a native, and has never been in the States.

Tom Allen, the champion buffer, is in Montreal, and makes his headquarters at Billy Carson's Turf Club House. Farrell Bros., of Covington, Ky., would like to see him there to adjust some trifling financial matters, amounting to about \$3,000, respecting a bail bond in re the Allen-Goss disturbance.

Mr. W. B. Wells, jr., of Chatham, Ont., has recently imported from Mr. J. S. Skidmore, Nantwich, Eng., a beautiful water spaniel. The canine emigrant arrived per Inman steamer City of Berlin.

Anybody who thinks Goldsmith Maid has lost her speed, will have reason to change their opinion when they learn she beat Rarus, in California, last Saturday, in 2:22, 2:16, 2:18. It was a close race, she winning the first two heats by a length, and the last by a neck only.

The Chicago Field says the Legislature of Illinois is about to follow the example of New York in prohibiting pool-selling. The Field adds, "it will be rather amusing to witness the jostlings, now so blatant in their virtuous pretensions, before long receding from their untenable positions."

It is said the prime mover in agitating the passage of the Pool Bill at Ottawa, is a notorious defaulter in the box himself, besides being a squarer of the worst kind. His advice should certainly be valuable in the matter.

Mr. Alfred Reeves, of this city, has sold in one lot 600 cattle, to Messrs. Samuel, of New York, for shipment to England.

Mr. John D. Chamberlain, formerly proprietor of the race course and club house at Long Branch, has obtained a settlement with his creditors at one cent on the \$. Claims aggregated \$170,000.

The Spirit of the Times last week, in speaking of the Queen's Plate at Prescott in July, says "it will call out the very best horses in Canada." Considering it is for untamed and broken Province bred, our American consins must entertain a pretty good

Mr. Mark Irish has leased the Rossin House, here.

Owners of stallions for stud purposes should not be slow in sending in their advertisements for insertion in THE SPORTING TIMES. Thousands of readers look upon our columns as a guide in matters pertaining to the horse not valued high enough by his owners to merit an advertisement, is unworthy of their patronage. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Billy Williams, the colored boy, got into a row at Ottawa, on Saturday night, and stabbed a college youth, named Walter Burns, in the face. It is questionable if Billy will see the Queen's Plate run for this year.

Detroit Spring Races under management of Mr. Geo. W. Voorhis, May 16 to 18.

Mr. Eli Gregory, St. Catherine's, has sold his speedy trotter, Alexander, to Mr. John Riordon, of Merriton. The sale was made on p. t., but it is said \$2,000 was the figure. Alexander is eligible for the 40 class, but can trot low in the twenties. It is not Mr. R.'s intention to track him this year.

Lepine Park, Montreal, will hold its Spring Meeting from June 18 to 20. \$1,000 will be given for racing and trotting.

Mr. Jackson McKee started from Harrietsville, near London, last week with eighteen horses for the English market.

Mr. Simon James, of the Delta, near Hamilton, was serenaded on Friday last by the Orange Band of the Ambitious city. If Simon has as good an ear for music as he has an eye for equine stock, he would appreciate the compliment.

Mr. Sam McLaughlin, the famous American trotting horse driver and trainer, died at Newburg, N. Y. on the 29th ult.

A meeting of the Guelph Turf Club will be held at an early day, to make arrangements for a meeting in July.

The Globe, in its padded-out cablegram of the University Boat Race, said bets were declared off. None of the other reports contained this information. Last week's Clipper decides "unless the race is rowed over the money must be put together and divided equally, that being the rule in case of a dead-heat in boat-racing." The latter paper is by long odds the better authority.

The trotter Geo. H. Mitchell (McKenzie), who will be remembered on the ice at Toronto, a few years ago, is offered for sale. He is now owned in Springfield, Mass., and with a record of 2:31½; it is claimed he can trot close to :20.

By advices from different parts of the country there is every reason to think the SPORTING TIMES Derby Sweep will fill rapidly. Gentlemen desirous of participating should not stand on the order of doing, but do it at once, or they may be left.

We learn from Romeo, Mich., that the speedy and game little Canadian trotter Mollie Morris, record 2:22, has passed through the winter in fine form under the care of Mr. R. Armstrong.

Nothing new regarding the Hanlan-Ross, or Hanlan-Scharff boat races. It is about time they were heard from.

Arrangements are in progress for a race meeting at Long Branch, N. J. this season, and the prospect is favorable. It should be the greatest meeting of the year, if pool-selling is abolished at Saratoga and Jerome, of which there is every probability.

An extensive sale of horses and carriages is advertised to take place at Raymer's Livery and Sale Stables, Leslieville, Wednesday, April 18th. For the convenience of persons wishing to attend this sale, busses will leave the Johnson House, Toronto, at 12 o'clock