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Apr. 1 to May 1	21	"
May 1 to June 1	21	"
June 1 to July 1	21	"

# CANADIAN.

Whitby.....May 24

## ICE RACES.

Pl. Perry.....Jan. 24 to 25	Montreal, Lepine Park.....Jan. 23 to 25
St. Catherine.....Jan. 25 to 26	Toronto, Woodbine Park.....Jan. 30 to Feb. 1
Chatham.....Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st	Chatham.....Feb. 1st

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

Montreal, Lepine Park.....Jan. 20	Pl. Perry.....Jan. 23
St. Catherine.....Jan. 23	Toronto, Woodbine.....Jan. 27

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

## TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Everything used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION — A COUPLE OF RULINGS.

In racing law as well as in that which serves to direct the course of any other community or organization, there will differences of opinion arise as to the proper interpretation of a sentence, which question has to be submitted to a competent tribunal for decision. Again, cases will arise, which are not provided for, and their adjustment by a proper court forms a precedent which is recognized when such disputes are brought up for arbitration in future. In our Dominion Rules, by no means so perfect as those of the National Association, there are many contingencies unprovided for; and in the absence of a Canadian Board of Appeals, the arbitrator is left to the judges of the day. In such cases where precedents have not already been formed, and are recognized in the practical working of the Rules, the common sense of those in authority at the time is called upon to give an equitable verdict. Our American cousin, with their Board of Appeals, have a final tribunal whose decision is

final. In the case of the mare Queen May under a contract in writing with her owner, Mr. Logan, started her in a race against the horse Jacob Laman, owned by and Logan, at Washington. The right to start both horses was protested under Rule 8, which provides that as many horses may be entered by one party or as many horses in the same stable as may be desirable, but only one that has been owned or controlled in whole or in part by the same person or persons, or trained in the same stable within ten days preceding the race, can start in a race of heats. As in the former case, our Dominion Rule bearing on this question is but a transcription of the American. It will be noticed although Logan was, *de facto*, the owner of Queen May, still he had no interest whatsoever in her or her winnings in the race, her racing qualities having been assigned to Doble. However, the Board held that under the provisions of the rule above given, both horses could not start in the race.

## IMPORTATION OF TROTTING STOCK.

The eastern portion of the Province of Ontario is becoming justly celebrated for its fine class of horses of leading trotting strains. The importation of fresh blood by such well-known horsemen as Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, and the Messrs. Bargin, of Cornwall, will do much to perpetuate this excellence in breeding. Many others in that section are thus induced to turn their attention to improvement in breeding, and purchases from the leading establishments in the United States are not of rare occurrence. In this way the reputation which has already been acquired for that locality will be maintained. Lately Mr. Sydney Thom, of Dundas, Dundas Co., purchased from Messrs. Smith & Powell, of Syracuse, N.Y., a couple of well-bred youngsters. One of these was the two-year-old colt Achievement by Enchanter (a son of Administrator), dam Lady Bonner, by Robert Bonner (a son of Hambletonian); a nicely inbred youngster, as Administrator is also a Hambletonian. The other was a yearling filly, Guilelen, by Reveler, (a son of Satellite), dam supposed to be by a son of George M. Patchen. These two no doubt will exert their due influence on the coming stock in that section.

## THE ROYAL GEORGES.

### BYRON'S RECORD.

As there appears to be some doubt about this horse's record, the following compilation will be valuable. It is furnished by Mr. W. J. Neely, of Ottawa, Ill., who says of him, if you will examine the turf record, you will find him among the very best stallions in the United States as a trotter, and in conclusion, I will say, after all his hard-fought battles, he is to-day as sound as a dollar, and in the coming season will cross swords with the best of them. Byron has a public record of 2:25½, got at Buffalo, N.Y., on August 10th, 1871, and in the race of 2:30 horses, he is credited with fourteen heats better than 2:30, in 1871. He trotted at Lexington, Ky., in the race free for all stallions, making the season of 1875, and won in four heats, 2:35½, 2:30½, 2:31½, 2:32, Mambrino Loy got third heat. On July 9, he trotted at Harrodsburg, Ky., and won in three straight heats, beating Ed,

range, her check, Roman nose, and weighed about eleven hundred pounds. In 1848 when the horse was four years old, and then owned by Albert Kizer, he was driven with another horse into Vermont, where he was taken sick with pink-eye. When he recovered, it was found that his ankles were weak and badly let down, so that the horse was thought to be almost worthless. With this great drawback, he afterwards became a remarkable trotter, for a cripple as he was, often beating such horses as St. Lawrence, Red Bird, White Bird, and the Cock mare. At Ogdensburg he met and defeated White Bird in the mud in four heats. White Bird won the first heat, and was a strong favorite; but the Huff horse, then called Gray Eagle, won the next three, all inside of 2:40. This horse was the sire of the Roman horse that sired Dutch Girl, the dam of Jim Scriber, bred by Sprague and Akers, and named I. W. Spratty. Dutch Girl was a mare about fifteen and a half hands high, that developed considerable speed at three years of age. At five, she was sold to Mr. Howard for \$1,000, and soon afterwards trotted in 2:29; was sold to Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, for a long price. Dutch Girl was bred by Charles Farren, of Farren Point, on the St. Lawrence river, who owned her up to the time of Howard's purchase. The Weaver horse was another of the Gray Eagle colts that was a trotter."

## ICE RACES.

### TORONTO, WOODBINE PARK.

These races will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1. There will be \$850 divided in four classes—2:50, 2:37, 2:33, and free-for-all—and two local races. This meeting is under new management, and if the weather should prove favorable will be a great success. Arrangements have been made to have the stands comfortably heated, so that the trots can be enjoyed as well as if it was summer. The classed races are open to all, and consequently some fine horses may be expected. Entries close on Saturday, 27th inst.,

### ST. CATHERINES.

This Association will give their meeting on the ice on Thursday and Friday of next week. They offer \$700 for four leading events and a county trot. All but the 8-minute class are open to all; that class is confined to horses owned in the Dominion, bar Lady Clarion. Why she should be shut out and the race left open to such horses as Deck Wright, Deceit, Capt. Webb and some others—noted flyers—may seem curious. Entries close on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

### LEPINE PARK, MONTREAL.

A three days' meeting is announced here, for which \$500 is hung up. The leading event will be \$200 for free-for-all. The proprietor assures us every care will be taken to have the track in first-class order. The entries close to-morrow (Saturday) evening. The number of horses in Montreal and vicinity alone should be a guarantee of the successful termination of this meeting.

## FROM ST. CATHERINES.

ST. CATHERINES, Jan. 15, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—The Club here have concluded to give a first-class ice meeting on the 25th and 26th inst.; \$700 will be hung up for the flyers, and no doubt will be hotly contested for. The gentlemen who have the management are fully determined that all

the horses owned by the owners of the chestnut horse Judge Durell, 10 years old, by Lexington, dam Laura, by imported Leviathan. The Messrs. H. have named their place Horton's Stud Farm. They were the owners of Trampeter, the Queen's Plate winner of 1875, at Woodstock, whose death was noticed a short time ago in these columns.

Mr. W. H. Conant, of Oshawa, informs us it will be impossible for him to give the winter meeting as advertised, on account of the track being drifted in many places as high as the fences. For the present at least this meeting may be considered cancelled.

Mr. William Cunningham, son of Mr. Joseph Cunningham, of Mono, who has been in California for some years, returned home for a Christmas visit. Last week he started for the Golden State again, taking with him the Canadian bred heavy draft horse Lord Clyde, which he purchased from Mr. Austin Burrell, near Brampton, Ont.

The Montreal Horse Market is reported as being very quiet last week. A couple of our loads were purchased for shipment to Boston at prices ranging from \$40 to \$110 each.

We wish no bodily harm to any of our friends, but think it would be a blessing if some of our dilatory subscribers were taken with a remittent fever.

A trotting meeting is proposed in Ottawa, about the 15th of February. It is the intention to give nearly \$1,100 in prizes, divided in six classes. A meeting was held at the Albion Hotel on Monday evening, to arrange the preliminaries.

The valuable stallion Conqueror, owned by Mr. J. Porter, of Oshawa, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, 7th inst. Mr. A. Smith, V.S. of the Ontario Vet. College, was sent for, and he pronounced it congestion of the brain. In consultation with Mr. W. J. Hinman, V.S., a resident, the case was treated successfully, and the horse is recovering rapidly.

They have had some ice trotting in Detroit, but our correspondent there pronounces it decidedly "snide," it having been manipulated by a gang who run the affair to suit themselves.

Quite a number of American horse buyers have been in St. Catharines lately. The low rate of exchange encourages the trade, and the horsemen in that vicinity rejoice accordingly.

Mr. Charley Green, of Babylon, N.Y., the noted driver of Lula, has a portion of his stable at Utica, N. Y., this winter, educating them on the ice. Among the lot are Gazelle and Young Bruno. It is not improbable that Mr. Green will visit Toronto, and take his chances in the free-for-all here on Feb. 1.

York State will probably show up, for the first time since 1875, at the forthcoming Woodbine Meeting. Any horse that can make him take snow will be a flyer in reality.

The sweepstake trot at Woodbine on Friday last was postponed until to-day, after four heats were trotted. Of these Fred Clay got one, Jenny Vincent two, and Avenue Boy one. In addition to the unfinished trot, a double team race will be the attraction.

The Hamilton Times says the Wentworth county officials have provided two steeds for the Black Maria of a gothic character.

Sir.—In answer to Hanlan's challenge to row me at Toronto, I beg to tell him that I must decline to accept his challenge to row there as I intend to stay at home for next season to defend the Championship of England against all comers, according to my original challenge, and I purpose also to take part in the forthcoming Thames International Regatta, to be held here about next June, as I hear there will be some very large sums of money given for professional oarsmen. If Hanlan should feel disposed to row me here it will afford him a good opportunity to take part in the regatta also, as I am sure the prizes that will be offered will be well worth competing for, and I can assure Hanlan, if he does come here, that he may rely on being treated well, and will have a fair course.

Yours truly,  
JOHN HIGGINS  
Champion.

## A CHALLENGE FROM BOYD.

A challenge to the oarsmen of both hemispheres has just been issued by Robert Watson Boyd, of Gateshead-on-Tyne. Boyd announced that he had entered for the Challenge Cup competition on the Tyne, fixed by the donors of the cup (the proprietors of the Newcastle Daily Chronicle) to take place on the 17th and 19th March next, and he offers to bet any other oarsman that may enter £200 even that he (Boyd) beats him. Boyd further challenges any man in England to row a match over the Tyne Championship Course, in open boats, or in any kind of outriggers whatever, for a stake of £200 a side. With regard to the leading oarsmen of the Western Continent, Boyd expressed his willingness to cross the Atlantic, and meet them on their own waters. He is ready to make a match with Hanlan, of Toronto, on the terms which Hanlan offers Higgins. That is, he will row Hanlan a sculler's race on Toronto Bay, for £500 a side, receiving £150 expenses. Boyd will further hold himself in readiness to make a match to row Wallace Ross, of St. John, New Brunswick, a four miles race on the Bedford Basin, Halifax, Nova Scotia, receiving £100 expenses in a match for £500 a side; or he will row William Scharrif, of Pittsburg, U. S., over the same course for the same stake, and the same allowance for expenses. Articles of agreement for any of these matches will be at once signed on their receipt by Boyd, at his address, Hillgate, Gateshead-on-Tyne.—Bell.

## To Correspondents.

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

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.

O. K., Kincardine.—The horse you make the enquiry about has been sold. You would probably be suited if you would come to the races at Woodbine, commencing on the 30th inst.

W. R. B., Bradford—If you will send a deposit of 10 per cent, of the amount you state you are willing to trot for, as a forfeit you will have no difficulty in getting a match.

Blue Nose—Card already sent.

A GRADUATE—The publication of your communication in another paper relieves us of any obligation to produce it in ours.