

East Sa. Mich.	June 16 to 22
Jack. Mich.	June 26 to 29
Chlor. Mich.	June 30 to July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 10
East Sa. Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chlor. Mich.	July 17 to 20
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Madison, N. Y.	June 5 to 7
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Providence, Ill.	2d " "
Ticklen, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N. Y.	3d " "
Earville, Ill.	4th " "

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CANADIAN.

Whitby	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Kincardine	May 24
Dundas (local)	May 24
Winthrop	May 24 to 25
Mt. Forest (local)	July 2
Mt. Forest	Sept—

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ICE RACES.

Montreal	Feb. 28 to 26
Burlington (Wellington & Ottawa)	Feb. 28
Orillia	Feb. 27 to 28
Calidonia	Feb. 23 to 24
Peterboro	March 1 to 2

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Orillia	Feb. 26
Peterboro	Feb. 28

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

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether directed in his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for payment.
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3. The Courts have decided, that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the Post Office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

STAKE RACES.

It will be universally admitted that the progressive spirit of the turf is strongly exhibited in the disposition to abolish purse premiums with a large entry fee, and substitute acceptance with liberal added money. The correctness of this proposition will be quite evident if a retrospective view is taken of the turf history of any of the older countries, or even of our American neighbors. The system of stake racing is clearly an ad-

vanced and horse owners, and it will prove more attractive to the spectators. Such have been the results in other countries, and why not here. So far as we are concerned to aid in this matter we will gratuitously advise any stake race given in Canada by a regular association, at any of the meetings during the present season, in which the added money amounts to \$100 or more, with the provision that the entries shall close at least one month before the date of the race. And we hope every association in Canada will take advantage of this offer, believing it will be for the best interests of all concerned.

THE GRAND TROTTING CIRCUIT.

The Board of Stewards of the Grand Trotting Circuit, styled last year the Septilateral, met to be the Octilateral of 1877, met in New York, Wednesday evening, to perfect a programme. The several tracks were represented by the following gentlemen: Cleveland, Wm. Edwards; Buffalo, C. J. Hamlin; Rochester, B. L. Sheldon; Utica, Ed. B. Graham; Springfield, L. J. Powers; Poughkeepsie, Morgan L. Mott; Hartford, Burdett Loomis; Fleetwood, Gats H. Barnard. There were so many matters about which there was supposed to be a conflict of opinion to come before the Stewards, that the interested outsiders, who formed quite a lobby, anticipated a lengthy and, perhaps, stormy session. On the contrary, the session, which was secret, was of the most harmonious character, and all the arrangements were made before 11 o'clock.

Mr. Morgan L. Mott, of Poughkeepsie, was elected Chairman, and Mr. E. B. Graham, of Utica, Secretary. The claim of Springfield to the first week in the line, clashing with Cleveland, was the first difficulty to be removed, and this was happily done by Mr. Powers stating that Springfield would resume her old place in the line, following Utica. This announcement, while resolving one difficulty brought on another, as the new claim makes the meetings at Poughkeepsie and Springfield simultaneous, but that conflict will, probably, be adjusted by extending the entire circuit one week.

With regard to closing entries, it was decided that those for Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, and Utica should close on Wednesday, July 18, and those for Springfield, Poughkeepsie, and Hartford on Monday, Aug. 18. The Fleetwood entries will close on the second Monday before the meeting. Messrs. Powers and Loomis were appointed a committee on publication of programme, etc., and there may yet be some slight changes.

The following were fixed as the classes and amounts of money to be given: Free-for-all, barring Gold-in-the-Mid. \$4,000; 2:21, \$8,000; 2:23, \$2,500; 2:25, \$2,000; 2:27, \$2,000; 2:29, \$2,000; 2:31, \$1,500; 2:34, \$1,500. This makes a total of \$18,500, at each meeting, and it was resolved that each association give a total of not less than \$20,000, and not more than \$25,000, leaving a margin for special features, such as pacing or saddle horses, colt races, special purses, etc. There seems to be a general sentiment in favor of a pacing race, and if the programme is promulgated early enough, it is likely that California will be represented in such races.

The entrance fee was fixed at ten per cent. payable at time of entrance—a return to the original plan. The same rule with regard to trotting out races during the week

had been received from Columbus, Ohio, stating that the association there would join in whatever was agreed upon. The hour was quite late, and, while the sentiment was entirely in favor of giving the races, a definite programme was not decided upon. The probability is that \$2,000 will be given at each place for a three days' meeting.

AN OLD RACING ANNOUNCEMENT.

A friend sends us the following copy of a racing announcement clipped from an English paper, The Evening Post of the date of July 18th, 1721, one hundred and fifty-six years ago. From it it will be seen that four-mile heat races were then the rule, while the advocates for heavy weights must have been the controlling party. Fancy, horses running four-mile heats with 10 stone, 140 lbs. up—this would be sufficient to distract our Southern friends. The amount of the stake 80 guineas, about \$150, would be a small purse now-a-days for such a contest. Some of the conditions of the race appear quite singular to us moderns.

"By subscription, on Wednesday the 30th of Aug. next, a Purse of 10 Guineas will be run for on Kingmore, near Ivelchester in Somersetshire, by Hunters carrying 10 Stone the best of 8 heats, 4 Miles each heat. And on Thursday following, a Purse of 80 Guineas will be run for on the Moor aforesaid, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding that never won in Plate or Money the like value, to carry 10 Stone the best of 8 heats, 4 Miles each heat; if Controversies to be determined by the Majority of the Subscribers there present. The horse to be entered with the Bailiff of Ivelchester aforesaid ten Days before the Day of running, and to be kept in the said Parish of Ivelchester or its Neighborhood till the Time of running, each Horse to pay a guinea Entrance, which After Charges defray'd to be given to the 2d Horse or winning Groom, as the Majority of the Subscribers present shall appoint before Starting."

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

Business at this market during the past week has been more lively, being kept so principally by the buyers from the States. Mr. Hughes has arrived from Boston, and intends purchasing a car-load of horses. At Mr. Fraser's weekly sale, six animals were sold at prices from \$50 to \$125 each. At the American House yard ten horses were disposed of for shipment to Providence, prices about \$100 each. Mr. Brown bought twenty horses for shipment to New York, prices from \$50 to \$110, and Mr. Rosenbuth purchased twenty horses, prices from \$50 to \$118 each.

The following are the names of American buyers shipping horses to the States: Chas. Baird, Chicago, 2 horses, \$230 the pair; A. Bissette, Banach City, 1 horse, \$150; W. F. Brown, Worcester, 1 horse, \$225; T. G. Davis, of the same place, 1 pair, \$200; C. F. Brown, Chatham, 18 horses, \$1,866 the lot; S. Ramsblulle, New Haven, 20 horses, \$1,203.50 the lot; Pean Coagair, Boston, 11 for \$963.—Star.

JOHN B.—This well-known trotter, owned by John Brown, of Indianapolis, Ind., was last week sold to Mr. Wm. Holbridge, of Cincinnati, at \$3,000. While a pacer, Mr. Brown purchased him in St. Louis for \$875, and after having his gait changed, obtained a trotting record 2:27.

At Louisville, Ky., on May 16, 1876, Arizona, by Lexington, dam imp Zoro, ran two-mile heats in 8:37 and 8:35, which equals the fastest second heat, and at the same time is the best average. Our subscribers can make their own corrections in this valuable table.

A day's races are announced on Burlington Bay by the Burlington (Wellington Square) Association, this Friday afternoon.

Major J. R. Hubbard, of Nashville, Tenn., who is better known under the non de plume of "Albion," leaves that city to take charge of the Turf Department of The Spirit of the Times, New York. "Albion" is a powerful turf writer, and will be a valuable addition to the editorial staff of our contemporary.

An ice meeting will take place at Orillia on the 27th and 28th. \$460 are offered in premium.

Mr. John F. Phelps, jr., well-known in trotting circles as the owner of Delhi, Sadie Howe, John F. Phelps, jr., and others, died at his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 6th inst.

Mr. R. Davies, Don Brewery, Toronto, reports the sale of the Royal George stallion Whirlwind, to a gentleman living in Markham. The consideration was not made public.

Wingham announces its second meeting on the 24th and 25th of May.

Peterboro Winter Races on March 1st and 2nd.

Nothing new in the Hanlan-Scharff match. No answer has been received by the Ontario Rowing club from the latter in reply to their communication respecting a match with Hanlan.

Messrs. Grand & Son announce one of the most important horse sales which has ever taken place on the continent. The attention of breeders especially is directed to the advertisement.

Mr. J. H. Cornish is a new candidate in the manufacturing jewelry line. Some specimens of his work are very fine. He keeps constantly on hand articles of virtu suitable for prizes at Athletic gatherings, Yacht and Boat races, &c., &c. See the advertisement.

CURE FOR STRINGHALT.

Coleman's Rural World is responsible for the following:

It is almost universally believed there is no cure for stringhalt. Every veterinary surgeon will say it cannot be cured. But we saw a gentleman in Greene county, Mo., last summer, who says he can cure every case. His method is to go into a stable having a dirt floor in the stall, where the horse stands, and dig a pit about four feet deep under the hind legs of the horse, the fore feet standing as high as formerly. This throws the weight of the horse on the hind legs. The horse is compelled to stand in this position about half a day and suffers a great deal of pain, his legs frequently swelling badly; but, when taken out of the pit, he is cured, and is never known to have stringhalt again.

The gentleman giving us the information referred to several reliable gentlemen who had given this method a trial with success. We are satisfied that this method has never been published before.

At the Academy of Music: Inchaugue on the 10th, and the celebrated sporting play The Flying Dutchman, from the 12th to the 16th. On Monday, and the whole of next week, Pique.

Yours, etc.,
BLUS NOSE.

FROM COBOURG.

Cobourg, Feb. 20th, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

[Sir,—Sporting items in this town just now are like Vennor's snow storms—very few and far between.

A game of Draughts was played on Friday evening last over the wires of the Dominion Telegraph Company, between the Checker Clubs of Port Hope and Cobourg. The game resulted in favor of the latter after three hours play.

Skating Carnivals are all the rage this winter. The last one was held on Wednesday evening, on which occasion there were over two hundred ladies and gentlemen in costume.

Alex. Cuthbert, the modeller and builder of the yacht's Lady Stanley, Annie Cuthbert and Countess of Duffrin, besides a large number of second and third class yachts, has just turned out a "standing keel" yacht for a number of gentlemen in Prescott. The following are the dimensions: a 10 ton yacht, 9½ feet beam, 30 feet keel, and 85 feet over all. As she sits on her supports at the foot of the harbor, she looks a picture of elegance and strength, and will just suit the waters for which she is destined.

The curlers have not been so bent upon "clearing out" all the neighboring clubs this year as was the case during last season. As they have five medals in their possession, the greater part of their time is taken up with playing the "point," "pair" and "rink" matches, for the ownership of the aforesaid medals. More anon.

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FROM PRESCOTT.

PRESCOTT, Feb. 17th, 1877.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Sir,—On my way to Montreal, I stopped over here and had a look over the horses at Rydyk Stock Farm, and thinking you would like to know how they are getting on, would say they are doing nicely and looking well. I wish you could see them, I feel sure you would be pleased.

The new ones are beginning to come along. Flora, by Benedict's Pathfinder, dropped a bay colt, by Rydyk, on January 2nd. Maggie, by a horse called Abdallah, dam a Morgan mare, dropped a bay filly, by Rydyk, Feb. 5th. Jennie, by Rydyk, dropped a bay colt, by North America, Feb. 15th. These are all elegant specimens of juvenile equines—large and strong.

I was shown three weanlings of last year that stood 14.2½ hands high, and weighed respectively 710 lbs., 725 lbs., and 750 lbs. A two-year-old was trotted out for my inspection that measured 14.5½, and weighed 1,080 lbs. There were also two yearlings, full 15 hands, and that would weigh over 900 lbs. each. I was assured that either one of these