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### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

#### AMERICAN.

Louisville, Ky.	May 15
Freeport, Ill.	May 30 to June 2
Freeport, N.Y.	May 30 to June 1
Medina, N.Y.	June 6 to 8
Cambridge City, Ind.	June 6 to 8
Buffalo, N.Y.	June 18 to 16
Elmira, N.Y.	June 18 to 16
Penn., Ind.	June 18 to 17
Terre Haute, Ind.	June 20 to 28
Syracuse, N.Y.	" 20 to 28
Chicago, Ill.	June 30 to July 4
Dayton, Ohio	July 3 to 5
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 4 to 8
Chester Park, Cincinnati	July 11 to 14
Newark, N.Y.	July 12 to 15
Chicago, Ill.	July 18 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 25 to 28
Freeport, Ill.	Aug. 8 to 11
Burlington	1st week in Aug.
Rochester	2nd "
Utica	3rd "
Mendota, Ill.	3rd "
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	4th "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 29 to Sept 1
Springfield, Mass.	Sept. 5 to 8
Mystic Park, Boston	Sept. 12 to 15

#### CANADIAN.

Woodbine Park, Toronto	May 24 to 26
Woodstock, Ont.	May 24 to 25
London	May 24 to 25
Dundas (holiday)	May 24
Waterloo, Ont.	May 31 & June 1
Aurora	June 1 to 2
Woodbine (match)	June 3
Montreal (holiday)	July 1
Woodbine Park, Toronto	July 1 to 3
Hamilton	July 1 to -
Montreal (regular)	July -
Barrie (match)	Sept. 15
Canadian Stallion Race	Sept -

### ENTRIES CLOSE.

#### CANADIAN.

Canadian Stallion Race	June 1
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### RUNNING AMUCK.

Of the few popular days for turfmen in Canada, that of the Queen's Birthday, May 24th, seems to take precedence over all others, if judgment can be formed by the avidity with which it is seized by the managers of our associations. We have the spectacle of three clubs in Ontario electing to hold their Spring meetings on that day, viz: Woodbine, Woodstock and London. Now, the policy of running foul of one another in this way is purely suicidal, and must result in serious injury to all parties concerned. There is no unity in the world of having

would, we feel assured, result in an understanding that would at once prove profitable. But there is no time for delay. The olive branch should be extended by some one, and doubtless it would be accepted in a proper spirit by the others. In taking this step there would be no sinking of self respect in the one making the proposition, nor would its dignity in any way be affected. It is purely a matter of policy which is vital to their welfare, individually and collectively, and a move which must commend itself upon consideration. To maintain and increase the popularity of racing in this country the united efforts of all are required, and petty jealousies or sectional differences should not be permitted to interfere with the general good which would arise from the fraternal and united action of the leading associations in Ontario. Then one would be of assistance to the other, adding strength, and increasing immeasurably the prospects of success, instead of being a cause of weakness, discussion, and possibly failure. No earthly good can arise from the present position of affairs, and some understanding should be arrived at immediately, which, in the end, will be found to have best conserved the interests of the turf. The expediency of forming a circuit of our leading tracks can not be doubted, and it devolves then upon three of our leading associations, who are in the singular attitude of a triangular duel, to cast aside their declarations of war, extend the flag of truce, and embrace one another in a spirit of good fellowship, assuming for their motto the time-honored adage—United we stand.

### WEIGHTS.

During the past season there was considerable talk about changing the weights which should be carried by horses in contests of speed over the tracks of Canada. It was suggested that a meeting of the representatives of the different Associations should be convened some time during the winter, at which the many questions affecting their interests might be discussed in a proper spirit, and the Dominion Rules undergo revision. But it all ended in what it commenced, so far no practical results have been reached and matters remain in their original state. That the rules need revision is without doubt, and no one admits this fact more freely than the managers of our Turf Clubs, and still nothing is done to bring about an amendment. On the question of weights it was assumed they should be raised; and this idea was likewise held by the American Jockey Club, who, this winter, promulgated a new scale on a sliding system. However suitable the American Jockey Club weights may be for their locality, there are very few but who think they are too heavy for this country. The Southern Associations would not adopt them, and in consequence we see different standards in vogue among a class of horsemen that is quite possible to say are eminently competent to deal with the question. In a very carefully prepared article, the well-informed editor of the Kentucky Live Stock Record shows that the Eastern impost is, on an average, something like six pounds greater than the English scale, while the latter is admitted to be quite heavy enough for all practical purposes. Such being the case, it is hardly possible our Canadian managers will assume the heavier weights of our American cousins this season; and we think we are quite safe in saying the Dominion rules will be the standard in this country for the present at least. If individual Associations should think otherwise, they will, of course, attach the weights to be carried to the announcements of their meetings.

### CANADIAN NOMINATIONS.

It was mentioned a few weeks ago that Dr. Smith had entered his mare Inspiration in one of the American Stakes, and by the lists of nominations at Point Breeze Park, Philadelphia, which closed on March 18, we see that Mr. John Forbes, of Woodstock, has made three nominations. The first is in the

### BASE BALL CONVENTION.

By the recent action of the Maple Leaf Club of Guelph, in consenting to an amendment in the playing rules for the Championship, and in pursuance to an announcement of Mr. G. Sleeman, a meeting of delegates from the various clubs in Canada will be held at the Walker House here this (Friday) afternoon at 8 o'clock. It is to be hoped that every club in the country will be represented in the Convention, so that the objects of the gathering—the forming of a Dominion Association, and the institution of new rules to govern Championship contests—may be carried out in an universal spirit. From all we have heard on the matter, it is quite possibly the Championship rules will be amended so as to make a series of two in three games the test for the honor, instead of, as in the States, a series of games with all the entrants. Doubtless this will be more acceptable to the body of ball-players in Canada, as it would be quite impossible for some who might desire to play to engage in a test of the American standard. The playing of the odd game may be a subject of more dispute, but even in this it is fancied the Guelph player, who have been so liberal so far, will further concede the point of its being played on neutral ground, or a toss up for choice of places.

### HORSE SALES.

Quite a large crowd was attracted to Grand's Repository, Adelaide St., on Tuesday, by the announcement of the sale of a number of thoroughbred horses, some of them well-known on the Provincial Turf. The competition was not so keen as might have been expected, and as a consequence the prices obtained were not what might be termed remunerative. The first lot put up was

REFORMER, b g, 5 years, by Luther, dam Annie Laurie, 15:3, sound, broken to saddle and harness, eligible for Queen's Plate. \$800; Mr. Evans, New York City.

SAPHO, b m, 5 years, by Luther, dam Maritana, (the dam of Terror) 15:8, sound, well broken to saddle and harness, eligible for Queen's Plate. \$810; Mr. Evans, New York City.

EMMA P., br m, 5 years, by Touchstone, dam Augusta, 15:2, sound, broken to saddle and harness, eligible for Queen's Plate. \$800; Mr. Chas. Boyle, Woodstock, Ont. The above three were from the stock farm of John White, Esq.

ASTRONOMER, b c, 8 years, by Eclipse, dam Columbia (the dam of Vespucci) 16 hands. \$250; Mr. Jos. Duggan, Toronto.

EXTRA, ch c, 11 years, by Endorser, dam Nantura. \$750; Mr. Irving, Newmarket, Ont.

GOLDFINCH, ch m, 6 years, by Harper, dam by Lapidist. \$290; Mr. R. Wilson, Davenport.

EXCELSIOR, ch c, 4 years, by Extra, dam imported Pauline by Artillery. Not sold. The above three were the property of Dr. Morton, Bradford.

LOTTIE B, b m, 7 years, by Asteroid, dam Edina, by imp. Knight of St. George. Bred in Kentucky. \$370; Mr. D. O'Connell, Toronto.

Ch m, 6 years, by Harper, dam by Whiptiger, 15:8. \$100; Mr. Hondons.

BLAZE, b g, 5 years, by Burio, dam Lottie, 15:8. \$185; J. Bond, V.S., Toronto.

LUCY, b m, 7 years, by Rouble, dam a French mare, 15 hands. \$85; Mr. J. Good. The running qualities of the fleet province-bred, Emily, were sold to E. Wells, Esq., Weston. \$225.

The great special Spring Sale at Grand's commenced on Wednesday, a.m., and is continuing as we go to press. The number of buyers is large, quite a sprinkling of Americans being among the number. Great enthusiasm is manifested at this, one of the largest sales ever held in Canada.

### STILL COMING.

This week we have the announcement to make of another trotting stallion imported from the States. Messrs. Porter & McClellan, of Oshawa, Ont., purchased, on March 1st, from Mr. O. S. Dorman, of Newport, Vermont, the Morgan stallion Rifleman. He is a beautiful brown, stands 16-1, sired by Bigelow's Sherman Morgan, he by old Sherman Morgan; dam by Nimrod, he by Justice Morgan. So if there is any virtue in Morgan blood, this horse appears

### Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Bernard Kelly, an old time horseman of the Wellington district, died last week at Guelph. He was one of the first settlers in the town of Guelph.

The Turf in speaking of our Stallion Race says, "We trust that this effort of our enterprising contemporaries to give a spur to the trotting interests of the Canadian Dominion will be crowned with abundant success."

Mr. John McCall, of the town line near Glencoe, recently purchased from J. S. Smith, Esq., Claudeboye, a fine young Clydesdale colt, 18 months old. He is reported to be a splendid animal, and the heaviest of his age that has yet appeared in that part of the country.

The English draught stallion, Derbyshire, was recently sold by Mr. A. Farewell, of Whitby, to Mr. Peter Scott, of the township of Downie. Derbyshire is a dark brown and stands about 17 hands, and will make the season in the county of Perth.

The Spirit of the Times in speaking of the purchases of horses in the Dominion says:—"Taking the price paid to the farmer for a horse, the premium on gold, the duty and broker's commission; besides sundry other expenses, and quite a respectable figure on the debit side is reached before landing the animal in New York. Let us have a reciprocity treaty."

Mr. N. H. Leadbetter has just returned to New York from London, Ont., with thirty head of horses, comprising coaches, roadsters, and trotters. Mr. L. says there are few old time horses in the Western section, most of those offered being the produce of thoroughbreds.

It is claimed for the little Ottawa horse Drecht that 2:27 is not too fast to hold him, and he is still coming. His friends say look out for him next season.

Six car loads of horses were bought in Montreal last week for exportation. Prices are looking up a little, but business is rather dull. Good horses are scarce, and they are more in demand, and would probably bring remunerative prices. Working horses are plenty and cheap.

The telegraph informs us that the London Turf Club have selected the 24th and 25th of May for their Spring meeting. We wonder how many more will select these dates.

A Spring meeting, we have been informed, unofficially, will be held at Aurora on the 1st and 2nd of June. This will clash with Waterloo as at present announced.

Mr. G. Graham, of Whitechurch, last week sold an Erin Chief colt, 2 years old, to Mr. S. Graham, of Aurora. His dam was a Royal George mare. Consideration \$500. Several others in that vicinity are held at high figures.

We have just received the Spirit of the Times Running Register for 1875. It contains reports of all the running contests in the States for the past season, and is a valuable work for all who have anything to do with rac-horses. In addition, it has in full the nominations for the principal stakes for 1876; new scale of weights; table of winners; records of leading past events in England; fast time table; colors; copious index, &c., &c. It is neatly printed on good paper, of suitable size for the pocket, and handsomely bound in flexible boards. Price, \$1; address P. O. Box 938, New York.

The jumping match which was to have taken place at the half-mile track here on Saturday last between Corney Burns, of this city, and Johnson, of Barrie, resulted in a forfeit on the part of the latter; the Northern representative not coming to time.

The heavy draught stallion, Glencarn, was lately purchased by Mr. Brooks, of Mitchell, Ont., from Mr. E. Attie, Toronto, at a long price.

We had a rail last Saturday from Dr. Bergin, one of the proprietors of the Stormont Stock Farm, at Cornwall, Ont. He reports the stock doing finely, with good

Mr. Simon Beattie, of Toronto, has recently sold to Mr. Wm. Crozier, of Northport, N. Y., the imported yearling colt Diana Forget, and the imported Clyde mare, Falls of Clyde; also the Clyde mare Queen of Scots. Consideration for the lot about \$4,000.

### STALLIONS IN THE SPORTING TIMES.

This week our list is augmented by the announcements of

YOUNG ERIN CHIEF, 5 years old, by Erin Chief, dam by Toronto Chief. He is a beautiful bay, and from his "George" breeding will be looked upon with favor by a great many. The section of country which his owner has selected presents a fine field for this class of horse; and as he is quite a natural trotter, with fine, free action, will, no doubt, be able to transmit it to his colts. His pedigree is rich in trotting blood, the Black Whirlwind of the East being a valuable branch of the same tree.

HELMHOLD. This fine thoroughbred stallion will make the season at Montreal, and from his sire, pedigree, and performances should be greatly in demand. During his turf career he took rank with the best horses in America, and the get of his sire, Australian are credited with winning \$41,218 the past season; while the breeding of Helmbold's dam will commend itself at sight. Such a fine horse is a valuable consideration in any locality, and our Montreal friends have not been slow in recognizing his worth, an opinion which will not likely be subject to much change.

### FROM OTTAWA.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Sir,—There is scarcely anything of interest to communicate, and at the close of the current week we are to lose the valuable presence of those in attendance at the sittings of Parliament, and Ottawa will settle down again to its usually quiet repose. Among the devotees of the turf there is some excitement and bustle preparatory for the spring and summer events. No definite date has been determined upon for holding the annual spring meeting of the turf club here.

Numerous reports are current concerning the indisposition of the Moose which caused his withdrawal, to the disappointment of many from the late ice races on Leamy's Lake, it being reported among other misfortunes that he has the rheumatism. I am satisfied that this is not the case, and that under the careful treatment he is receiving, he will yet astonish the incredulous natives.

Billy Baldwin is putting a young colt through the first stages of his trotting career, and the youngster is said to be a most promising one.

Malone the owner of Seven Oaks, favorite in the recent five mile dash, and who was third to Ottawa Maid and Lady Jane, disfigured of her to Bob Russell, a brother o' Tom the well known billiard player. The consideration was \$450.

There is considerable talk among the lovers of the "ivories" of a match between S. Jakes, and Tom Russell of this city. The latter's friends seem anxious to make the match. It is more than probable that the match will be made, and the affair take place in the Union House billiard room.

The annual meeting of the Ottawa base ball club will be held on Wednesday night, when an election of officers will take place, and many matters requiring attention will be settled. It is intended to invite a club from the "Queen City" to play here on the 24th of May, which is a grand gala day among the base ball fraternity and their friends. No invitation or notice has been received by the club to participate in the convention to be held in Toronto on the 7th inst. To say the least, it was most discourteous, but evidently done with a purpose. No doubt, they (the projectors) smelt a rat, and judged that there would not be such a unanimity concerning the amateur question as was desirable, and hence the Ottawas, a club to whom as much credit is due for the successful progress base ball has made in Canada, as any other organization, was intentionally left out.

E. A. McDowell, with part of his Montreal company, occupied the Opera House last week, doing a good business. At his benefit on Thursday night, the house was literally jammed, Lord and Lady Dufferin, their family and suite being present. "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" and "My Uncle's Will" constituted the bill. During the play Mr. McDowell came before the curtain and announced that he received a telegram stating that his mother in New Jersey was dying, and in consequence the play was "cut," and apologized for any deficiency that might be apparent in his acting, as under the circumstances it was a trying