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## DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877

## AMERICAN.

## RUNNING MEETINGS.

New Orleans ..... Dec 1 to 4  
Charleston, S. C. .... Feb 5 to 9 (1878)

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## CANADIAN.

Oshawa..... May 24

## AMERICAN.

Freeport, Ill. .... May 30 to June 2  
Prophetstown, Ill. .... June 4 to 7  
Clyde, N. Y. .... July 8 to 5  
Toledo, O. .... July 16 to 19  
Cleveland, O. .... July 23 to 26  
Buffalo, N. Y. .... July 30 to Aug 2  
Freeport, Ill. .... Aug 1 to 4  
Rochester, N. Y. .... Aug 6 to 9  
Prophetstown, Ill. .... Aug 6 to 9  
Utica, N. Y. .... Aug 13 to 16  
Springfield, Mass. .... Aug 20 to 23  
Fairville, Ill. .... Aug 20 to 23  
Mystic Park, Boston ..... Sept 3 to 6

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## THE PAST SEASON.

In a few days all classes of our race horses will be retired for the season of 1877. Upon looking over the results of the past season of the Turf in Canada it cannot be said to have been too flat-racing. Take the whole of the campaign and a successful meeting has been the exception; failures were met with almost everywhere. One great cause for this is no doubt to be found in the frequency of our race meetings. The large number of new tracks which have been built the last year or two, have divided up our small stock of race horses so as to make the entry lists at many places but mere skeletons without substance or attractiveness. To draw large audiences, as a rule, a good list of entries is almost demanded; the exception to it being when some well-known horses are engaged upon whose merits the popular opinion is well divided. Another cause of lack of attendance, when the number of horses engaged has been such as to make up a good bill of fare, is the feeling that the major portion of the contests are all cut and dried before the horses get the word; in fact that the race is run for the benefit of the men who own horses in it. This has been preached from one end of the country to another by disappointed speculators, whose assertions are taken by the outside world as if they were spoken by the book. To those whose turf experience has been sufficient to give them a knowledge of this subject, it is unnecessary to speak of the fallaciousness of the conclusion the public put so much faith in. It can be confidently asserted that up-and-up contests are the rule in most of our races, and a job is clearly out of the common course. The difficulty of successfully carrying out a turf fraud is a great preventive of the evil. It is almost sure at some stage of the race, in trotting particularly, to discover itself; and when once this occurs the game is all over. It is a matter of regret that this class of racing ever occurs, but it is one of the evils of the system, and must not be considered as the system itself. But in canvassing the matter over it will probably be found that the great obstacle to successful racing management, not only in Canada but all over America, is to be found in the tidal wave of puritanism which has flooded this continent for the past year or two. In Canada its direct fruits are recognized in the passage of the Pool Bill, the legislation on gambling, the Murphy wave and the Rhine movement, and the extreme activity of the Dunkies in Ontario. The country has been afflicted in this way before, and the result of the reaction has been such as to give no cause for alarm to our turf supporters. For a season or so they may be compelled to labor under the weight of this fanatical and hypocritical incubus, but in this as in all matters of political or domestic nature there is a power that equalizes matters. Too much curbing at one time gives away to a surplus of laxity at another, and in this way the scales are kept vibrating until they arrive at their normal position. The morbid state of affairs at present cannot exist permanently, and the tilting of the beam the other way, will bring about a state of affairs which the Aminadab Slinks of to-day think has been blotted out of existence. It is thus with our racing. Although the institution may suffer for the present, the time is coming when it will occupy a higher place in the minds of Canadians than it ever did before. This happy date may be sooner or later, but the law of compensation is as irrevocable as that of the Medes and the Persians. In the meantime all interested

the leading friends of Ross who accompanied him to this city, with these dark practices, still a tale could be unfolded which would cause those who were known to the little game to hang their heads in shame, and would show to the world what desperate assistants the New Brunswickers had to help him to victory. But all their arts availed them nothing, and after the manner in which the leading friends of Ross expressed themselves with the fairness of the race, it ill becomes them to throw dirt at this time of day. They had better let the sleeping dog alone. *Verbum sap.*

But to return to the question of the match. Everything betokens Ross' earnestness in the matter. New boats have been ordered for him, and it would not be surprising if Toronto Bay early next summer was the scene of a second contest for the Dominion sculling championship. Such a match should meet with favor from Hanlan's friends, and any proposition from the New Brunswickers will no doubt be kindly entertained by Hanlan's party.

## A DISTINGUISHED CANUCK.

THE TROTTER HORSE BRIGHTWOOD—WHO HE IS.

In the Northern Illinois Circuit last autumn, comprising Tiskilwa, Mendota and Earlville, a strange horse appeared among the trotters there and created no end of excitement. He was looked on as a wonder, captured his races with the greatest ease, beating old timers handily, was entirely unknown, and his antecedents were shrouded in mystery. Of course he was protested as a "ringer," and as such his premium money was withheld. All efforts were exhausted to identify him. His owner, Mr. J. Cumber, of North Pownal, Vt., kept the identity of the horse to himself until after the trouble was over. In last week's *Spirit of the Times* he tells us in a letter over his own signature who Brightwood is. First he established, by a chain of affidavits from the breeder to himself, the horse's eligibility.

Mr. Cumber furnishes the following particulars of Brightwood's pedigree and capabilities:—"Brightwood was bred by Peter J. Pilkey, of Brantford, Ontario, Can., sire Clear Grit, dam by Royal Revenge; he is half brother to St. Patrick and Clothspin; he is 15½ hands high, weighs 980 lbs.; color, bright blood bay; near hind foot white, and star in the forehead. When he trotted in Mendota in 2:30 he could have made it in 2:21, and can yet do it for money, even on a half-mile track."

In the matter of protests Mr. C. expressed himself thus:

"The protests were entered by D. H. Sherman, Waukegan, Ill., owner of the horse David H., who, in my opinion, protested because his had no show with my horse; and knowing that I was a long distance from home, and could draw no money from the associations, had hoped by that means to so embarrass me that I could not continue the circuit for want of means. His plan might have succeeded with others (and it is for the protection of such that I now write), but with me it failed, and while I have now been paid only the amount I should have received at the conclusion of each race, yet, it has cost me, in actual cash, over \$250, to say nothing of the inconvenience and trouble to prove the eligibility of my horse, for which I receive no recompense whatsoever. And here I would say for the protection of honest, and in many instances poor men, that the protester should be held financially responsible for the losses sustained by the party protested against, when the protest fails to be sustained or established, and that the association receiving a protest should have it backed by a sum of money equal to the amount

Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Satinet by Roe's Abdallah Chief; 2nd dam Catbird, by Whistle Jacket, a son of Mambrino, &c. This is the first of Messenger Duroc's colts that has come to Canada, and from what we have learned of his size and looks, will do no discredit to the Stony Ford Breeding Farm. It is said Fanny, the dam of Boyce Duroc, could trot in 2:30, so this youngster is clearly possessed of fine breeding for speed.

## A VALUABLE WORK.

Last winter we published from week to week a treatise on the Thoroughbred Race-horse; How to Breed, Rear and Train Him, by "an Old Trainer." Our readers will now be pleased to learn that the author, Dr. J. W. Weldon, having entirely revised the work, and added several chapters, is about publishing it in book form. In addition to the text it will contain numerous illustrations of the most distinguished race-horses that have been and are on the American turf. It will comprise forty-three chapters of reading matter, and from what was published in our columns, it is quite easy to imagine it will be exhaustive in the details of the subject upon which it treats. Our Canadian horsemen should avail themselves of the opportunity to subscribe to this work, the most valuable of the kind ever published on this side of the Atlantic. It will be published by subscription, and as only an edition sufficient to supply subscribers will be printed it behooves all who want the book to send on their names at once. The price is five dollars. Parties desiring the work can send on their names and money to the Spirit of the Times Office, New York, and the book will be forwarded to their address immediately upon publication.

## 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.)

O., Markham.—The horse is properly registered.

J., Pt. Dalhousie.—There was no official time given in the Hanlan-Ross race. Outside timing will not govern bets, unless specifically agreed upon beforehand.

M., Cannington.—Will refer your query on the first opportunity to the best authority we can get.

B., St. Stephen, N.B.—We do not see what good purpose would be answered by publishing your communication. Should be pleased to hear from you again. A man has gone from this city.

## Correspondence.

KINGSTON.—Mr. George Hunter, of Glenburnie, shipped his running mare Dido on Saturday last to a gentleman living in Milwaukee, U.S. George expects she will give a good account of herself, as she ran a trial last week in 1:57. Mr. John Carson has sold his fancy driving mare to Dr. Maclean, of Ann Arbor, Mich. This makes the fourth horse the Doctor has taken from here within a few months. "I understand he tried hard to get Mr. Tom Powers little pet 'Minnie Warren,' offering \$250 for her, but Tom thinks a pony only 11 hands high, pretty as a picture, and can trot in 2:45, is worth

## Sporting Gossip.

A running race will take place at Woodbine to-morrow afternoon (good track), between two local horses, Dash of a mile for \$200. It is possible there may be a couple of other events—thus making up an afternoon's sport.

Mr. Kirwin's Orlando, the winner of the senry stakes at the Quebec meeting the latter part of August, was accidentally killed in that city on Sunday last by a shaft of buggy running into his body.

The race between Smuggler and Gray Eastern at Cleveland was postponed from Saturday until Monday, on account of bad weather.

Mr. John Forbes' race horse Paladin, imported Leamington, dam Garland by Uncle Vic, on Tuesday last was taken from Woodbine to Woodstock, where he will be wintered.

The New York Sportsman says:—The Fleetwood Association has been placed under a manifest disability in being restrained from pool-selling while all the other Associations used and enjoyed it. In the same way the American Jockey Club has been hampered and hindered, and practically swindled, and the result seems to be that people may do anything provided they do not live in New York.

At the Narragansett Races, Providence, R. I., on November 1, Mr. Wiser's (Prescott) Hiram Woodruff won the 2:30 race in three straight heats, beating Dick Moore, Frank Munson, and Edward. Time, 2:27, 2:26, 2:25. This is another feather in the cap of Phil Sheridan, whose son Hiram Woodruff is.

The Parisian turfites are rather proud of their British brethren having hired Salvator, a famous French stallion, for the season.

W. B. Astor and Thomas P. Wallace, it is said, pay all the expenses of their horses and give their trainers all the premiums they win. This is a losing game, and is not played often.

The trotting horse Grey Eddie will be wintered at Woodstock.

We have received the first number of a weekly paper published in New York called The Country, devoted principally to field sports, fishing, shooting, &c. It is nicely printed and is edited with ability. Mr. Wm. M. Tileston wields the editorial quill, which is guarantee of the standard of the new journal. It is published for \$3 a year, and the address is 33 Murray St New York.

Colonel D. McDaniel's sale of forty head of thoroughbreds will take place at C. W. Barker's on November 14.

At the sale of Dr. Herr's trotting stock at Lexington, Ky., a couple of weeks ago, eighty-two head were disposed of at an aggregate of \$9,958, making an average of about \$109.25.

The race which was to have taken place between Parole and Ten Broeck at Jerome Park on Saturday last, was, on account of bad track, postponed until Tuesday, and then declared off, Ten Broeck being too sick to run, Mr. Harper paying forfeit. Ten Broeck has been shipped for Kentucky.

The province-breds Pilot and The Barber will winter at Bowmanville. Lady D'Arcy will tide over the inclement season at Cobourg; Goldfinch will remain at Carleton; Archie Fisher's string have gone into quarters at Norway; and Inspiration will be "at home" until Spring at Dr. Smith's stable in this city.

Dedrick, the colored jock, who was injured at Montreal by Gray Cloud falling on him,