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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Freeport, Ill.....	May 29 to June 1
Cleveland, O.....	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.....	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.....	July 31 to Aug. 8
Freeport, Ill.....	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N. Y.....	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.....	2d "
Tiskilwa, Ill.....	2d "
Utica, N. Y.....	3d "
Earlville, Ill.....	4th "

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

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We acknowledge the kindness of subscribers who have, so far, accepted our subscription drafts; and would state that in many cases no instructions have been received as to which of our premium pictures they would like to have forwarded. By simply dropping us a post card with the request to send the one named thereon, it will be promptly forwarded. Until this information is furnished we do not know which to send.

A PRACTICAL ARGUMENT.

It has been frequently shown in these columns that a Dominion Turf Association could be run without really any expense to its members, from the saving in entry money alone. It is quite safe to assume there is scarcely any association in Canada but what loses more at any one meeting in the shape of non-payment of entrance money, than their annual fee to a protective association would amount to. To some extent the system that Turf Clubs and Driving Park Associations have drifted into has much to do with this cause of financial deficiency. If all our turf organizations would insist on the entrance money accompanying the nomination, the difficulty would, to a great extent, be avoided. But that business-like manner of procedure appears to a great extent to be lost. If it were insisted all around that a nomination would not be allowed to start unless the entrance fee accompanied the

collected, assuming the organization in question to be one of its members. While at the same time it will be admitted if there was a general affiliation the chances are strongly against such a contingency arising as to our western friends have been victimized by. A stronger argument for a Dominion Turf Association would be difficult to advance, than the experience of many of our Clubs as exemplified in the above exhibit of the Chatham Driving Park Association.

BASE BALL.

The action of the Judiciary Committee at Hamilton last week awarded the championship to the Tecumseh club of London. There can be no doubt they were the strongest playing team in Canada the past season, and as such were entitled to the first position in the race for the coveted honor. But already there appears to be a disposition among Base Ball players to make some changes in the rules by which clubs who play professional players will not be measured by the same standard as those that are composed purely of amateurs. It is folly for a club of the latter class to meet a team like the Tecumsehs on even terms, and only tends to bring the game into disrepute. Not that there are any objections to salaried players, but they should play for championship honors among their own class; and, not as now, by importations, prejudice the best interests of the game by such unequal contests. There is very little encouragement for our own players, and a discrimination should be exercised in some way so that the well-being of the game would not be destroyed. A purely amateur Association and championship are spoken of, by which means it is thought the financial strength in some localities would be overcome, and the prospects of the game in this country much increased. There are amateur and professional classes in most departments of athletics, and why not here in Base Ball.

SUPPRESSION.

Of the many undignified things some racing associations are guilty of, we can think of nothing more despicable than the intentional suppression of time in trotting races. There is nothing in the general principles of the turf which can in the least be said to countenance such an open depravity. It is fraudulent on its face, and is repulsive to every man who takes an interest in trotting. It indirectly robs a large portion of our horse-owners, and destroys the pleasure of our racing gatherings. It is a crime against the best regulated system on the Continent, and is punished with the severest penalty that authority can inflict. It is enough to almost cause the better class of turf supporters in the country to withdraw their patronage in disgust; while the shocking amount of bad faith contained in the words "no time," is scandalous, and is tending to subvert the welfare of trotting in this country. Let us have no more of it.

AN ALMONT IN BUFFALO.

During a late trip to the blue grass regions of Kentucky, Mr. C. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, N. Y., purchased the well bred stallion Almont, Jr., 4 years, by Almont, dam Maggie G., by Blood's Black Hawk. He is a beautiful bay, 15.1, with near fore foot and both hind ankles white. He has shown himself to be possessed of superior trotting gait, as, at the late Lexington meeting, he won the second heat in the 8:00 class in 2:38½; and trotted second the first, third the third, and second in the fourth and fifth heats. This purchase will prove a decided acquisition to the Buffalo region, as it is the intention to devote him to stock purposes. Almont, Jr., is a half-brother, by the sire, to the Messrs. Enright's fine colt Benedict, at Dundas, Ont.

TORONTO HUNT CLUB.

The Toronto Hunt Club met at Woodbine Park last Saturday. There was every prospect of rain, but it cleared away, and the day proved to be beautiful; there was a large field present. Ten and a half couples were put on the trail, just back of the Club House, and away they went at full cry for about two miles alongside of the lake shore, as far as Mr. Patterson's farm, at Norway; they then ran across the Kingston Road, and took a bee line for Tolmorton, as straight as the crow flies; then doubled back across the Grand Trunk Railroad. On they went across the Don and Danforth road, where the hounds took up a fresh trail, and they went spinning along, Reynard giving the hounds plenty of hard work. He just doubled back and crossed the Newmarket Course, where they ran in to him, killing him down by the ravine. Time—45 minutes. Mr. M. A. Thomas being first up, took the brush again. Mr. N. F. Hagel was second and took the head. There was a great number of gentlemen out, and they all say that it was the best run of the season, a fine day's sport and plenty of big fencing. Mr. Thomas' mare, Lady Zoo, took the big jump of the day, a stiff board fence 5½ feet high, in the run. There were quite a number of ladies out in their carriages to witness the hunt, of which they had a splendid view from the roads.—Com.

BILL BRUCE AT BALTIMORE.

The second event at Baltimore on Friday was a selling race, dash of a mile and a half. The conditions of the race were that horses entered to be sold for \$1,500 should carry due weights; \$1,000, allowed 5 lbs.; \$750, 10 lbs.; \$500, 14 lbs.; and if not to be sold at all to carry 7 lbs. extra. Mr. Forbes' horse Bill Bruce was put in at \$750, carrying 58 lbs. Of the race the New York Herald says:—

"In the betting Warlock had the call at \$215 to \$201 on Bill Bruce and \$70 for the field. Galway led off from the start, with Bill Bruce second and Conner third, the others running in a bunch together. There was no change on the lower turn, but before reaching the judge's stand Courier went to the front, with Warlock second, and pressing him closely, Bill Bruce fourth, Galaxy fifth, and Kenny sixth. On the upper turn Paladin ran up to the fifth place. On the back stretch Galway went up and took the second place, with Courier and Warlock running even, and Bill Bruce running easy in the fourth place. The others were so far behind that they were out of the race. Down the homestretch the lash was used freely, and Bill Bruce came to the finish one and a half lengths ahead of Galway, who beat Courier a neck, with Tom O'Neil a length behind. The others made a string of fifty to one hundred yards in the rear. Time—2:48½. Bill Bruce was bought by his owners at \$750, there having been no bid in advance of the amount for which he was offered when put in the race."

FROM INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, Oct. 29, 1876.

To the Editor of Sporting Times.

SIR,—Our Town Hall was occupied last Friday and Saturday evenings by Ganger's Royal Yoddo Japs and English and American Artists. To speak well of this troupe is saying little. It is simply one of the best that ever visited this section of the country. There is not a bad thing in the whole entertainment. I am glad to state that at both the entertainments the house was crowded to the doors.

The Ingersoll skating club are about to build a covered rink this winter, which is to be one of the finest in the country. This will be a great boon to both young and old, as there is no exercise more healthy and exhilarating. Yours very truly,

TOK WEIGHT.

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 otherwise.)

Sporting Gossip.

Inspiration and Bill Bruce will go to Washington.

It is proposed to form a joint stock company in Guelph for the purpose of maintaining the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club next season.

The following Canadians and horses were suspended at the late Elmira, N. Y., meeting, for non-payment of entrance money:—W. Williams, Ottawa, and the chestnut colt Beaconsfield; D. S. Booth, Brockville, and the bay gelding Moose; F. B. Baldwin, Brockville, and black mare Nellie Thorne.

Sheriff Powell, of Ottawa, met with a serious accident on Saturday, while riding at the hunt. He was thrown violently from his horse, and had a narrow escape from instantaneous death. The horse stumbled at a fence, falling over it, and precipitating his rider to the ground. The Sheriff fell upon his head and was carried home insensible, not recovering himself for two hours. He was very much cut and bruised, but pronounced out of danger, and was very much better on Sunday.

In one of our previous issues we announced that the Moose Tecumseh had been matched to trot a full mile in harness in 2:20 over Moospath Park, St. John, N. B. Wednesday, the 18th ult. was the day set for the trial, and upon being brought out on the course, gave unmistakable evidence of having "gone amiss." He would neither trot, run nor walk, but with a gait that appeared to have a strong infusion of the kangaroo in it, he managed to place a mile to his credit in 7:30.

The Hunt Steeplechases will take place at Ottawa, on Saturday. The leading horses in that section are in active training for the different events.

On Saturday, intelligence was received that Mr. W. Bookless, of Owen Sound, had had a change for the worse; but reports on Monday stated the symptoms were more favorable.

It is reported that Wm. Hendrie, Esq., has purchased Big Sandy, by Australian, dam Geneura, by Lexington, from Col. McDaniels, and the horse will be brought to Hamilton some time during the present season. Big Sandy is finely bred, and with a good reputation as a race horse.

We noticed the other day, on the street, the bay mare Passion being driven in a wagon alongside of the roadster Gen. Lee. She is by Red Eye, out of Sympathy, by imported Seythian, and is pretty well known on the race tracks in Western Ontario. She displays good trotting action, and takes kindly to her new way of going.

Mr. Wm. Owen, the well known horseman, intends spending the winter months at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will be.

WELCOME.—Mr. John Hodge, of Lockport, N. Y., of Garling Oil notoriety, has acquired an interest in the Lockport Daily Union and Niagara Weekly Democrat. From Mr. H's well known business ability it is quite safe to assume he will meet with success in his new departure. We extend a fraternal welcome to him on his admission to the journalistic ranks.

Base Ball.

THE BASE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE TECUMSEHS THE CHAMPIONS.

On Friday last the Judiciary Committee of the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players met at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, for the purpose of deciding which club was entitled to claim the honor for the ensuing year. Mr. McPherson, of Toronto, was the only member of the Committee absent. Their decision is embodied in the following report:—

records of the above named clubs.

Mr. Weir, on behalf of the "Maple Leafs," protested to the record of the Tecumsehs being received, on the grounds that they had violated section (2) two of the championship rules, and article (6) six of the constitution governing the association. The Committee overruled the protest in both cases. The records of the two remaining clubs, viz., the Tecumsehs and Maple Leafs were taken into consideration, which were as follows: Tecumsehs (8) three games won, lost none; Maple Leafs lost (8), won none. The Committee therefore award The Championship of Canada for 1876 to the Tecumsehs of London, which entitles them to fly the championship pennant for 1877.

E. M. MOOR, Chairman Com.
ED. COLLINS,
T. HARRIS,
ADAM WEIR, Jr.

Veterinary

MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of this Association, held on Thursday evening, Fred. N. McLellan, Vice-President, in the chair, there was a large number of members and visitors present. The report on the amendment of the rules were adopted, and the membership is now open to members and students of the medical profession. The following gentlemen were elected members, viz.:—D. S. Brown, Genoa, Illinois; C. C. Miles, Charleston, Illinois; Charles Winslow, Rockland, Mass.; Alphonse Levesque, Montreal; Wm. P. Mullin, Montreal; Dan. Lemay, Bord a Plouff. Mr. C. C. Lyford read a communication of a shoulder lameness in a colt, attended by interesting complications and formation of abscesses. Professor McEachran read a very interesting paper on "Conformation and purchase of horses." He passed in review the skeleton of the horse as a mechanical structure, pointing out the peculiarities in arrangement—necessary for different purposes—the uses and capabilities of each part, the vertebral column being the centre of the osseous framework, having all the other parts attached either directly or indirectly to it, as the length and strength of its different parts will have very much to do with the perfection of the whole body. He agreed with those who looked upon the fore extremities as being merely supporters of weight and the hind ones being the propellers—the attachment of those limbs plainly indicated this—the fore extremity is attached by strong muscular bands, and the angles of articulation and arrangement of the muscles all result in a beautiful elastic springy support, capable of supporting weight and preventing concussion without themselves suffering in doing so—whereas, the hind leg is attached by a large and strong articulation in a powerful bone directly articulated to the vertebral column and the attachment of the muscles such as to give the animal the greatest strength on those movements resulting on the extension of the limb, which, with the foot as the fixed point resting on the ground and the upper end articulated with the pelvis, must propel the body forward. After pointing out the peculiarities required to adapt the animal for different purposes, he proceeded to explain the points of excellence to be sought for in all classes. The head should be medium in size, and proportioned to the body it belongs to; a large, coarse head is most objectionable on all animals, the size being neither ornamental nor useful; a small, pony head is equally objectionable, as indicating deficiency in character. The muzzle should be fine, the lips thin and compressed, the mouth deep, the nostrils large, soft and dilatable; if small, thick and stiff, there will be a corresponding want of development of the lungs, and the animal will not be fitted for fast work. The eyes should be large, wide apart, and have boldness and fire, yet gentle-looking; when they are small and sunken, with heavy, thick eyelids, especially if much of the white is shown, he is sure to be vicious, easily frightened and untrustworthy. The ears should be long and thin, firm and active-looking, rather close than wide at the top of the head, with the points a little inclined forward. Each part was thus passed in review, the lecturer pointing out the best formation of each for different purposes. On the subject of horse buying and selling—the buyer and seller in their respective characters were commented on, the trials and difficulties of the one and the sharp tricks and clever deceptions of the other explained, and the lecturer concluded by read-