

Pittstown, N. Y. 11 to 14
 Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 18 to 20
 Dover, N. H. 18 to 21
 Ogdensburg, Fall Meeting.....Sept. 5 to 7

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, N. Y. Aug 11 to 25
 Newport, R. I. Sept. 8 to 10

CANADIAN.

Waterloo Aug. 23 to 24
 Listowell Aug. 29 to 30
 Ottawa, Dom. Park..... Sept. 12 to 15
 Mt. Forest Sept 18 to 19
 Fergus.....Sept. 11 to 12
 Stallion Race Sept 11
 KincardineSept 4 to 6
 Woodbine..... Sept. 12 to 16

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Waterloo Aug. 20
 Ogdensburg, N. Y. Aug. 29
 Woodbine..... Sept 7
 Fergus..... Sept. 7
 Listowell Aug. 28

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OUR SIXTH YEAR.

This number of the SPORTING TIMES concludes the sixth year of its publication. During that time it has supplied its place in the periodical literature of the Province, and has made a name for itself which is recognized throughout America. As is usual with most publications, it has had its time of prosperity and depression, but we are pleased to state that at no time since the venture was first launched on the sea of journalism has it had so many readers as at present. The course we mapped out for ourselves when the paper came in our hands has been rigidly adhered to. It is the organ of no person, clique or party, and has ever been determined to meet out even-handed justice to all parties without fear, favor, or affection. Our aim has been to place the turf in its proper place in this country, and we are egotistical enough to think that our efforts, feeble though they are, have not been entirely in vain. In the future, as in the past, our utmost endeavors shall be used to make the SPORTING TIMES the standard authority on turf and sporting matters in this country. To our many friends who have so kindly interested themselves in our welfare we are under a world of obligations, and trust that their good offices will be continued to the end.

With every disposition to oblige our correspondent, we must refuse to chop off in our reports the records as furnished by the Montreal city papers until such time as we receive proper official intimation. Upon this being done we may comply with the request, but only to stigmatize such the unlawful practice of trotting under suppression or misrepresentation as fraudulent, and undeserving the support of honest turfmen.

DEATH OF "ROYAL."

The bill of mortality among the sporting writers of the public press during the past year has been quite large. To-day we are called upon to announce the death of Capt. James Esdaile of Montreal, whose shooting and fishing sketches under the nom de plume of "Royal" gave him a continental reputation. His contributions appeared principally in the columns of our contemporary Forest and Stream and Rod and Gun, and have been copied into most of the journals devoted to that class of literature in the country. We have presented our readers with several well-written descriptions from his pen of shooting and fishing adventures in the Province of Quebec, which, no doubt, have been perused with interest. Mr. Esdaile was thirty-two years and six months old at the time of his disease. He was a thorough sportsman, in the true acceptance of the term, having an excellent knowledge of the habits of wild animals, birds and fish, as well as the modes of capturing them. A warm friend and genial companion, his death causes a void that cannot again be filled.

RACING IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

During the past year racing has received quite an impetus in the maritime provinces. Several new tracks have been built, and others are in process of construction. Individual enterprise has imported a number of race horses, both in the trotting and running classes. A couple of fleet ones have been sent from Toronto and vicinity—the trotting stallion Frank Allison and the thoroughbred colt Morris, 4 years, by Leamington, dam Frivolity—while many others have been brought in directly from the States. At Kertville, N.S., a new track was opened with much success last month, and at Upton, P.E.I., Dr. Jenkins, a wealthy gentleman of Charlottetown has just opened a splendid half-mile track, said to be one of the best in the country. These are very strong evidences that the institution of the turf is making headway "down by the sea," and in a few years, if the increase of horses and tracks is in proportion to the last year or two, the Maritime provinces will rank high in racing circles.

AUGUST MEETINGS.

The wisdom of our request in asking Associations to commence their meetings in August, and not allow the best month in the year to pass as a dead one, has been shown by the numerous entries received at the early races in this month. We showed the advantage to be gained by this course, and we are pleased to see that our advice has not been unheeded. Now that this arrangement

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Sporting Gossip.

Billy McBride, Archie Fisher's cross-country jockey, had the mount on Redding in the Steeplechase at Saratoga, on Saturday last, when he beat Trouble.

There were two Montreal horses in the steeplechase at Saratoga on Saturday—Moonstone and Audubon. Jackson was up on the former and Pepper on the latter.

There was a horse race, dash of 1/4 a mile, on the Driving Park at Dundas on the 8rd, between two horses owned by Messrs. Gage and McGinty respectively. Gage's horse had to beat McGinty's thirty-three feet on the come out. This he failed to do, and McGinty won.

It is stated by the Listowell Banner that some person in that neighborhood has "one of the best bread horses in the Province." In our youth we used to have some good bread horses, but they were gingerbread.

The well-known trotting mare Fanny Drew, belonging to Mr. Charles Townsend, of Cambria, N.Y., was burned to death on Sunday of last week in a barn at North Ridge, Cambria, N.Y. She was quite a favorite throughout western New York.

The decision of Judge Hoffman, of Hudson County, N.J., Court, declaring pool-selling in New Jersey illegal, was confirmed on Saturday by the Judges of the Supreme Court. The effect of this will be to abolish public pool-selling in Hoboken.

Mr. Wm. Aster's fine racehorse Vagrant, 4 years, by Virgil, dam Lazy by imp. Scythian, has been turned out of training.

On Monday last Mr. John Forbes, of Woodstock, sold Bill Bruce to Mr. Wm. Armstrong, of Romeo, Mich. Bruce is known to be one of the best race horses in America, and it is Mr. Armstrong's intention to take him to California the coming winter. The consideration was not made public.

The mammoth trotter Great Eastern has passed back into the hands of Mr. John Feek, of Syracuse, N.Y. Mr. Feek developed Great Eastern when he showed such great speed last year, and it is a good move to put him back in his hands.

In the programme for the Listowell Races on the 29th and 30th inst., No. 2 race has been changed to an open for all foreign bred to carry 10 lbs. extra. No. 3 trotting race will also be open to all. Horsemen will please notice this change.

The leading American Associations are already making the initiatory move for the campaign of 1878. Cleveland has claimed July 23 to 26; Buffalo, July 30 to Aug. 2; Rochester, Aug. 3 to 9; Utica, Aug. 18 to 16; and Springfield, Aug. 20 to 23.

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W. R. Hunt (New York City), T. E. Bailey (Ticonderoga, N. Y.) and white gelding White Cloud, have been expelled for fraudulently entering in the 2:35 class, said horse having a prior record of 2:34."

So far so good, but here the crooked work begins. It is stated in the official report that Hunt was reinstated temporarily by the President, June 6, 1876, of this reinstatement our association never received any notice. D. Jenkins, who was expelled the same time as Hunt, on a different charge, was reinstated about the same time, and I was aware of that and protested to Mr. Woolley against his action; but really it is putting it on too thick when the Board of Appeals, without any notice to the party who imposed the penalty, reinstate a man and horse found guilty of fraudulent entry and officially publish it to the world that "said penalty had been erroneously imposed!" In your issue of July 7, in the report of the Board of Appeals, case No. 647 reads as follows: "W. R. Hunt, White Plains, N. Y., ex parte. Application for the removal of expulsion."

Having considered the evidence submitted, the Board approved the action of the President, and ordered the removal of the penalty." Now, I should certainly like to know what sort of evidence the Board had before them. Mr. Secretary Vail could prove that when the penalty was imposed the Mutchmor Park Trotting Association was a member, that the horse White Cloud was entered at our races in the 2:35 class; that he had, prior to March, 1875, a better record than 2:35. Now, if this is not enough to justify expulsion, under the rules, I don't know what is. But how do the Board justify their claim in adjudicating on a case without notice to the parties to the case? It is certainly an ex parte proceeding. If such conduct as Hunt's is to meet the approval of the President and Board of Appeals, if Associations are to be snubbed for seeking to uphold the law, if the Board of Appeals are to set themselves above the law, then good by to anything like morality on the trotting turf! We shall have a constant repetition of such proceedings as took place at Buffalo last year. Independent of all this, however, I contend that the action of the Board of Appeals is *ultra vires*. They had no right to go into Hunt's case at all. Let anyone read Rule 52, on "Right of Appeal," and say where their authority is. The right of the Board to hear appeals and review decisions is held to be upon "facts and questions involving the proper interpretation and application of the rules, provided that parties to be affected thereby shall be notified of the time and place when such appeal will be acted on by the Board." Now, as I have previously stated, Mr. Vail had proof of the fraudulent entry of White Cloud, as I forwarded him the original entry and also proof of his record. So where was the right of the Board to review the case? I claim that the initiative to action should have come from the Mutchmor Park Trotting Association. I presume, however that it was more necessary to please some parties who require Hunt's services than it was to respect the law or to regard the rulings of a Canadian association. So be it. The Board of Appeals have by their action made Canada a happy hunting ground for the "scalers" of the Hunt species, who will soon destroy the respectability of the trotting turf. I write strongly on this subject, as I feel strongly on it. For over two years I have been endeavoring to get this man Hunt pun-

the people on the grand stand. The jumping was grand, the horses two lengths apart—Trouble first, Moonstone second, Redding third, Doubtful fourth. The horses then crossed the fractional track, then over a stone wall in the middle of the west field, next over a hedge and across the track in front of P. Lorillard's stables. Redding then took the lead, and Moonstone ran wrong. Trouble second, Doubtful third, Moonstone fourth. The horses next passed over the impediment in front of Mr. Belmont's stables, then into the west field, over the fences of the fractional track and again into the east field, Redding showing the way. He continued to lead across the field, over fences walls and hedges, until nearing the water jump again, Trouble dashed ahead of him, and led the way across the fractional track into the west field, then over the wall in the centre of it, Redding two lengths behind him, but six lengths in advance of Doubtful, Moonstone far behind and not in the race. Trouble then circled around the field, coming to a wall near the starting place of the three-quarters of a mile course. He led over the wall three lengths, Doubtful six lengths further away. The horses then ran up alongside of the fence of the fractional track, jumping over a fence, then a stone wall, and then over a fence into the regular track at the half-mile pole. At this time Trouble was leading three lengths, Redding second three lengths ahead of Doubtful. When Trouble entered the track, he led three lengths, Doubtful three lengths further off. The horses then passed over a hurdle on the lower turn, where Trouble had four lengths the best of it; but as soon as Redding was over the hurdle he made his run for Trouble and overhauled him very fast, being on even terms with him when he reached the hurdle at the furlong pole on the homestretch. Redding and Trouble jumped this hurdle together, and coming on under whip and spur Redding won the race by a neck, Trouble second, twenty lengths ahead of Doubtful, Moonstone half a mile away. Time, 5:46.

Little was taken up after the race and came off in a carriage, badly hurt.

Correspondence.

KINGSTON.—Sporting matters are as yet exceedingly dull here, but the monotony was somewhat relieved a few days ago by a steam yacht race. The competitors were Mr. Wilson's yacht Wasp, and Mr. Malone's yacht Ariel, of Garden Island. The course was from light house at Garden Island to Knapps point light, a distance of four miles. They kept pretty well together for the first two miles, when the Ariel gradually crept ahead winning the race by about 45 seconds. Time, 26 1/2 min. Wasp 27 min.—K.

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.)

FAVOROUS.—Have sent your paper to Thorold.

W. H. S., Orangeville.—Bets go with the game.

T. V. H., Exeter—Galt Reporter, is by Colossus, dam Leon by Lexington; 2nd dam, Liz Mardis, by Glencoe; 3rd dam, Fanny G., by imp. Margrave. His performances are quite numerous, and we doubt if they could be fully compiled.