

CANADIAN.

Dundas May 24
Hamilton July 1 to 8

AMERICAN.

TROTTING

Milwaukee, Wis. June 2 to 8
Chicago, Ill. July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O. July 22 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y. Aug. 5 to 8
Rochester, N. Y. Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O. Sept. 9 to 12

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During this and subsequent weeks we will issue a call upon our patrons whose subscriptions are unpaid. The major portion are now long over due for the present year, while many are uncredited on our books for periods of time varying from two to four years. We look for prompt payment in every instance on this appeal. There is no doubt of the amounts being due, and there is if anything less uncertainty that we can use the thousands of dollars which are spread over the country in small amounts to a better advantage, both personally and to the interests of our patrons, if we could control them in a lump sum. We are tired of hearing frivolous excuses to our requests, and have determined to place all unpaid subscription accounts in the hands of our legal collector for immediate suit.

CANADIAN PRACTICE.

The Turf, Field and Farm, in directing attention to the paragraph published a couple of weeks ago respecting the formation of a Jockey Club in Toronto and its prospects of success, doubt its practicability on the basis submitted in that article. It advances the theory that mixed meetings—racing and trotting—can never be successfully carried

horses in Canada that can not contend with our natives on more than even terms, but they are not the representative imported race-horses, they are the weeding of American stables. When the best of our province-breds have been brought in contact with such horses as War Cry, Vicksburg, Bill Bruce, Inspiration, &c., they had no chance of success even with the handicap our friend speaks of in their favor. It will therefore be deemed but right that in any race in which the two classes of horses are brought together that the native should have a percentage of favor granted him to equalize his chances with that of the foreigner. The history of the Canadian turf goes to show that the impost has never been excessive enough on good American horses to prevent them winning in fields in which the best domestics appeared. There is only one instance in which, to our knowledge, a Canadian bred horse has been able to hold its own in competition with American ones—and this exceptional case must not be considered the rule. Neither, in our opinion, is it sufficient to cause a change in the practice of making an allowance for our home-bred class. The only way which presents itself to carry out the system proposed by the Turf, Field and Farm would be to divide the classes of races, making those in which it was the intention to have our natives take part exclusively for them, while the open class would be removed from any disability. The policy of this action is open to great question, and it is doubtful if among the best informed of our Canadian horsemen one could be found who would give his adherence to the scheme of running all classes of horses on the same basis of impost. Its tendency would be to utterly destroy what little chance we have of raising race-horses in Canada, and remove the last inducement there is to engage in this department of industry. So, if racing should again take a foot hold in Canada, a contingency not unlikely, our American friends need have no fears in sending their moderately good horses to this country, even if the policy is to load them with seven or ten pounds more than the province-breds are compelled to carry. Our tariff of weights is light, and the impost is not added to the imported horses, but is deducted from the native.

THE HANLAN CLUB MUDDLE.

In another column to-day is published an article from the New York Spirit of the Times on the management of the Hanlan Club. There is no desire on our part to assume the paternity of the statements contained therein, but in common with our confreres of the Mail think they demand some sort of an explanation from those who have had the active control of the champion the past season. It would not be overstepping the bounds of privacy if it were stated that the general public, at the outset, believed that the Hanlan Club were a body of gentlemen in whom the champion had reposed the direction of his affairs, and not a lot of sharks as the article in the Spirit of the Times so clearly implies. The members of the Club can not afford to carry this imputation on their shoulders, and their silence will only add further testimony to the accuracy of the assertions so boldly and straightforwardly made by the Spirit of the Times. Outside of this particular

Club since its formation practised on our astute contemporary? The whole pool requires disinfecting, and if those who had the active management of the champion throughout the past season can not present a clean bill, their offence will smell as loud as that imputed to an ex-legislator. In all quarters the defence or explanation of the Hanlan Club is eagerly expected, and when it does appear it should be over the signatures of the proper officials and not given left handed through the statement of a newspaper reporter.

TRAMP'S GOSSIP.

Since my last the principal events in the English racing world not already set forth in your columns have been the respective victories of Sunshade, by Sundulab, in the Shrewsbury Cup, and of the Irish bred 4 year old colt Victor II, by Victor, carrying 141 lbs., and beating Chilblain and 4 others, the distance being 3 miles. At Manchester the Lancashire Cup went to Lord Zetland by the aid of his useful 8 year old colt Flatsam, by Speculum, with 107 lbs. up—9 ran including Belphoebe, Placida, and Mascatel, all good winners; Belphoebe the next day winning the Manchester Cup, 1½ miles, with 131 lbs. up. This looks very good form as there were 11 others behind the mare, but it is said she was a good deal interfered with, and the colt only got home by a head.

At Croyden the French mare Chimere, 5 years, 168 lbs., with the curious pedigree of by Ruy Blas, or Trocadero, out of Favourite by Nunny Kirk, or The Cossack, larded the Grand National Hurdle Race, 2½ miles, beating 6 others; ground very heavy; time, 5m. 3sec.

In France, at Vesinet, Jouvillaise scored another win. Matour, by Plutus, took the Prix Verment. The Prix Ferragus was won by Heretiere, a bay filly by Diablotin, ridden by Flint, and the Prix Dollar was won after a good race by the chestnut filly Myelle, by Trocadero, beating 14 others. The peculiarity of this meeting was that the 8 races run were all named after celebrated racehorses, Martemer, Ruy Blas, and others all standing sponsors for races.

At Antenal steeplechases the Marquis de St. Sauveur got the Prix de Chantilly, a 1½ steeplechase for 8-year-olds, with his chestnut colt Brimir, by Sazerain, carrying 150 lbs., and Fraxinelle by King Blas, Jeanette II. by Cymbal, and Chin Foe by Pace, were the only winners.

The Turf, Field and Farm seems to think the proposed new management of Woodbine Park won't be a success unless they cease to discriminate in favor of Canadian horses. This refers to the allowance in favor of Dominion bred, which I think most decidedly ought to be kept up, from no selfish policy as regards American bred, but simply to give our own horses some sort of a chance. Our best Dominion bred have no chance against fourth or fifth raters from the other side, and I do not think it would be right to have our horses running at even weights with the American horses.

Last week your printer, not having the fear of Raff's Guide or the Racing Calendar before his eyes, did feloniously introduce an extra winner into the long list of St. Ledger heroes, namely, "Ontario" instead of "Antonio." It is a wonder that the ghost of Tommy Nicholson, who rode Antonio, did not disturb his peaceful slumbers that night. —TRAMP.

of the rumor, who, when he is caught, will no doubt be blocked in the single corner without a chance of escape.

The society of American Carriage builders have elected Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes an honorary member for having written the poem called the "One-horse Shay."

Wm. McGuigan, a driver not unknown in Canada, who was expelled for making a campaign with Small Hopes, appeared before the Board of Review, in New York, confessing his error and asking to be re-instated on trial. He told his story in a straightforward manner, and made anything but a bad impression. His case will be taken under consideration.

The Spirit of the Times says: A stop watch, timing quarter seconds, with a fly back attachment, has been shown us by the inventor. He expects to sell the cheapest grade at \$10 retail, and furnish a good time-piece and accurate time. It will be furnished in all known movements, and all except the cheapest grade will have the split second. The price for any style of watch will be only a nominal sum more than an ordinary pocket watch of the same quality of watch.

Rev. C. H. Daniels recently preached an eloquent sermon on "The Dangerous Spots" of Cincinnati. Tell you what it is, a one spot is about the most dangerous of the lot, and when three or four of them get together, its time to lay down your hand.

Charles Shaver, Islington, has sold at a good price, to go to Pennsylvania, a two-year-old Clydesdale filly, by Honest Sandy, the winner of the silver medal at the Centennial. The filly is dapple bay, and weighs 1,660 pounds.

Mr. Daniel Swigert, of Kentucky, recently refused an offer of \$14,000 for the two-year-old chestnut colt Spendthrift, by imported Australian, dam Aerolite by Lexington. This shows how it pays to raise first-class thoroughbreds.

The man who came within an ace of it could not get but three of them in his sleeve, so he had to play a king on the fourth trick.

Mr. John W. Ross, a popular horseman, formerly of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Clinton, Ont., has purchased the Bull's Head Hotel, Niagara street, Toronto. Mr. R. will no doubt prove successful in his new location, as he is one of the few men who have the proverbial tact of knowing how to run a hotel.

"Have you played much, Mr. Green?" "O yes, a great deal." "I hope you have good luck." "O yes, very! Once I had thirteen trumps in my own hand." "Really! Then of course you were the dealer?" "O no! indeed I wasn't; I played third hand?"

There will be an extensive auction sale of Buffalo, Wolf, and Raccoon Robes, Coats, &c., at Grand's Repository, Adelaide street, on Tuesday morning next, at 11 o'clock. The sale will be without reserve, so bargains may be expected. Mr. Rembler Paul will conduct the sale.

The Kingston Whig says the pious owner of the stallion Ethan Allen has gone. He took the horse out a couple of days for exercise, and then shipped him for Belleville per steamer Hastings, but no one knew the fact. For several days afterward he carried the feed to the stall in the stable as if the horse was there and when he got an opportunity

to turn the racing will form a leading item in the programme. When the grangers were first established in that section an effort was made to discountenance racing at the Agricultural shows which were controlled by that body. As a result of this action the receipts commenced to fall off, and experience has shown that the speed class was the great auxiliary to success. Hence the State Grange for the present fair have made on, a very liberal programme for a series of running and trotting contests which will attract some of the leading southern stables. This is but a repetition of the experience in each section where speed classes have been held in connection with agricultural fairs. As a means of increasing the revenue they have been found never to fail. From the surplus thus so easily gained the managers are able to devote larger prizes to the other classes of stock and the different sections of produce, domestic and mechanical work, &c., &c.

Correspondence.

FROM TRADFORD.

To Editor of Sporting Times:

On Wednesday, 4th inst., sporting matters were quite lively at this place. First on the programme was a one mile boat race, straight away, in best and best boats, for \$25 a side, the contestants being J. Armstrong, proprietor of the Western Hotel, and Wm. Sherman, our leading carriage builder. After a hard struggle Sherman won by two boat lengths. Afterwards a pigeon match took place among our local shots here, seven on a side, ten birds each. Capt. Lloyd's side proved victorious by five birds. The night previous to 4th a party of young blooded sportsmen, of Toronto, arrived at the Bingham House, headed by a stout good-natured gentleman dressed in a full corduroy suit, and all with breach loaders and 200 rounds of ammunition each. A match was arranged between two of the said sports and two who live here, with their third man as referee; 5 birds each, 21 yards' rise. The betting was two to one on the man with the corduroy suit. He killed all his birds but five. Thus ended one of the finest day's sport we have had for some time. —FOOT HOOK.

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.)

SUN., Gananoque.—There appears to be some difficulty in getting at a solution of your query, and we have to wait to obtain better information.

J. B. M., Bowmanville.—You do not say under what rules the shooting was conducted. Unless class shooting was specified, the man who shot 6 out of 10 has no claim to second prize, the first and second prizes going to the two men who shot 8 each. They could shoot off or divide, as best suited themselves.

LOCATED.—G. E. Wahlstrom, "the Swede," champion 15-ball pool player, and first-class fraud, is now at Connor's Union Square Billiard Rooms, New York, where he has charge of the pool table. His printing bills in Toronto remain unpaid, and his attention is respectfully called to this fact.