# Sporting.

### SCORCHING A RINGER.

Wa thought we'd a cinch, a rather soft thing, And a valkaway, sure, for our trotters to spring: A globbled pool tickets alarmingly fast. A glong as our two-to-one ducate did last. We chuckled to see all the greenies just plin Their faith on the field, as they planked down

their tin; Their first heat was thrown to the field for a hait; The yahoos bit fast and excitement was great; But we knowing ones said, "Now we'll show

them a trick,
And empty that pool box so easy and quick."
But, lo, and behold, from the hayseeds' green

ranks Came a young country lad with a new Nancy Hanks: Our ringer was bested so easily and nice. That the country gawks hooted, "Go home and

cut ice!"
- Em Pierce, in the American Sportsman.

#### GOOD TIME COMIN'.

All along the hedge rows are big, white drifts, Over which the sunlight serenely sifts, Shrinking on the edges, not half as high. They'll turn to sweet May flowers when the roads

Been a slippery winter, and some sharp cold, But its gently yielding to Sol's bright gold: Be a chance for comfort, and a grateful sigh, When violets are smiling, and the roads

Winter brings its blessings—they don't all show.

Show, the state of the show that all some of us are stupid—we can't quite know that the snow is going, and the robins cry. We search for joy—and find it—when the roads

-George E. Bowen.

#### NOTES.

Maxy wise things were done at the meeting of the Canadian Wheelman's Association held in Toronto on Good Friday. Notably the placing of the maximum eash value of any prize at 850; the leaving in abeyance the anateur question and the awarding to Montreal of the annual racing meet. The increase in membership of the association was shown to be 500 and some odd within the hast year, making a total of 2,306. The receipts for last year amounted to 82,316, and of this capital all was expended excepting 874. A. T. Lane, of Montreal, was elected president.

The convention of the Canadian Lacrosse Association held in Toronto on Good Friday was largely attended. The assets of the association amount to 8587, including \$264 cash in hand, as was shown by the Treasurer's report. Four new clubs made application for membership, viz. Parkidale, Uxbridge, Shamrocks, and Peterbor's of Peterboro. Stratford was selected as the place in which the next annual meeting will be held. Mr. J. A. McFadden, of Stratford, was elected to the presidency and Mr. Hugh McConaghy, of Toronto, was re-elected secretary.

Jas. Stansbury, the Australian oarsman, is coming to America again shortly. It is to be hoped that he and Gaudaur will come to terms for a race, and that we shall not be deluged with talk only, as we were last year.

AMATEUR Baseball in Canada is evidently looking up, judging from the roay accounts that emanated from the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Baseball Association held in Toronto on Good Friday. Twenty-one clubs played under the auspices of the association last year. The financial statement was most satisfactory. The Dukes of Toronto, champions of the central district last year, withdrew from the association. J. J. Ward, of Toronto, was re-elected president. The next annual meeting will be held in Guelph.

THE Year Book, published by the Trotting Register Association of the United States, rejects 97 alleged 2.30 or better performances. Among them is the mile in 2.097 trotted by Guy during the Grand Circuit meeting at Detroit last July. This is the fastest performance by a trotting gelding and was generally accepted as placing Guy in the 2.10 class. though, according to the Year Book, his mark is still 2.10% made by him in 1889. Last September, at Windsor, Ont., the chestnut stallion Gold Ring, owned by David Learn, of Aylmer, Ont., and got by Eden Gold Dust, trotted in 2.121, mak ing the best mile record for Canada, but this is also thrown out by the Register Association, on what ground is not stated.

Canada has now a third weekly journal devoted "exclusively to the turf and breeding interests of the country." The latest comer is The Canadian Breeder, up to the present a monthly paper of very considerable merit, but which has now the appearance of a most promising weekly. Mr. Joseph White, as before, is the editor and publisher, and if we wish him success it is because both he and his paper thoroughly deserve it. The Canadian Breeder's headquarters are at Montreal. The Breeder contains all the usual departments of a well conducted horse journal as well as a "Section Francisio."

It is astounding that people promoting horse sales and horse shows do not advertise them more extensively than they do. It is a fact that we were asked the dates of the spring stallion show in Toronto a week ago, that we searched several newspapers, and, not finding the desired information, gave it up. might have asked Mr. Secretary Wade, but it struck us if he and his society wished the dates to remain a secret there was no good reason why we should go out of our way to disoblige them. It would seem that others usually well informed were in about the same kind of a quandary as ourselves, for the Canadian Breeder has two items referring to the show, in one of which the dates are given as March 27 and 28 and in the other as March 28 and 29. The first two proved correct.

There never was a chance equalled in Canada to get a money-making stallion and a sure foal-getter like that offered by John Breuman, 69 Bay St., Toronto, in another column. The owner says that he doesn't feel like giving away a horse capable of earning upwards of \$2,000 a year.

AMATER Baseball in Canada is eviently looking up, judging from the rosy for Forest Mambrino, big, strong and speedy roadster as he is, and one of the secting of the Canadian Amateur Basesurest and best getters in the country, all Association held in Torouto on Good

Ms. Brinnan also has for sale Adventurer, a chestnut gelding right in his prime for racing and sired by that famous horse Miser (sire of Yorkville Belle, a wonderfull filly, undoubly the best out since the days of her great dam Thora) that can cover half a mile with confort in 5d seconds, three-quarters handlily in 1.15 and a mile in 1.41. At the ordinary race meeting in Canada he would be almost certain to win himself out the first time of asking. He is only being disposed of because his owner has an over-full stable.

The only Derby winners in 20 years which have done really well as four-yearolds are Bend'Or, St. Gatien, Ormonde and Ayrshire. Melton was not an absolute failure, for he did manage to win four races, but he had no chance with Ormonde when they met at Ascot in the Hardwicke Stakes. It is in favor of Isinglass training on that he is a son of Isonomy, that being a breed which usually lasts and develops stamina. We have never yet seen a four-year-old of St. Simon which could win a race over a long distance, says an English writer, and, as a rule, the stock of the Duke of Portland's horse go all to pieces after their three-year-old career-notably Memoir and Signorina, to say nothing of La Floche

No less a person than the Duke of Westminster has been trying to convince the people of England that blood lines without the ability to perform are a good thing to bank on in horses, but he has found the scheme a losing one and has given it up. The Duke was the breeder of the famous Ormonde, the king of his day on the turf, and that was sold for \$150,000, the highest price ever paid for a horse. The Duke also bred a full brother to Ormonde, but he was not a racer. His limbs were sound, wind good. he was physically perfect in every way, but he lacked speed. His owner thought he would convince the public that it was a good idea to breed mares to this horse, Arklow by name, because he was a brother to Ormonde. The last named was a sire of Orme, a great winner as a two and three-year-old. So the duke put Arklow in the stud at a fee of \$500, bred the dam of Orme to him in order to show his own confidence in the game, and waited for the rest of the people to send mares to the brother to Ormonde. But they failed to send any. The English breeder is pretty level-headed. It was freely admitted by him that being a brother to a great horse was a good thing in its way, but he did not think well enough of it to pay a high service fee to a horse simply because he sustained such relationship, and for no other reason. Consequently no mares came. The Duke sold Arklow for whatever he could get. and now the brother to Ormonde is stand ing for a fee of \$50, or exactly one-tenth of

what was asked for his services when it was endeavored to boost him on account of what some other member of his family had accomplished. Some people, residents of America, might learn a thing or two from the experiences of the Duke of Westminster. They can at least set it down on the first page of their books that horse that does not have speed is not anywhere near as likely to produce that quality in his progeny as one that races. A side note to the effect that the pulitie has fully digested this fact might also be made.

ACCORDING to the American Sportsman the percentage of mares bred last year was away below the number served in 1892, and there promises to be still a greater falling off in 1894, the chances are that those remaining in the business will get good prices for their stock in four or five years. There is no question but that the trotting horse interests suffered from over-production, from the fact that everybody was trying to breed a standard horse regardless of the fact whether he would do for the turf, road or stud. Any one that lets a high-class mare that has been used in the breeding ranks go over, from the fact that there is a possibility of not being a demand for the foal as soon as dropped, makes a very serious mistake, as he loses one year of that mare's life, unless she can be used on the road or on the turf

This sale of the Mesers. Graham Bro., at the Cairnbrogie stud, Claremont, lac week, was not as profitable as it might have been. Prices generally ruled for and some of the lots had to be withdraw. The weather was bad, and that fact my have had something to do with the lad of success.

As we go to press the annual spring stallion show of the Agriculture and Ara Association is in progress at the dril, shed, Toronto. It is by far the best eahibition ever held by the association, there being an improvement in nearly every class both in number and quality.

#### HORSES FOR SALE.

Thothen Stallon.—Forest Manbrone earned in service fees last yes \$2,100; grandest sire in Canada; ha produced more fast trotting stock that any other horse in the Dommion; will be sold cheap on easy terms or rented out tresponsible parties. This is a chance of life-time. Apply John Brennan, 69 By street, Toronto.

CHESTNUT GELDING.—Adventurer, by Miser out of Peradventure, 5 years; a winner at Guttenberg and Gloucester has year in capital company; can run half a mile in 50 seconds sure and cannot be broken down; a regular Barnum for cappaigning. To any one wanting a cheap horse to win in Canada this is a rew chance. Address, John Brennan, 69 Bay street, Toronto.

IRISH HUNTER.—Hard Lines, a typical Irish hunting stallion, winner of a Queen Premium in Ireland; possessed in a liberal degree of the much-prized and very nat Birdcatcher blood; an animal whose value to breed to car big, strong and so Queen's Premium guaranteed; immed sary to H. G., 17 ar bers, Toronto, this this notice will appe

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