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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. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Rochester, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Trilby, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N.Y.	3d " "
Eastville, Ill.	4th " "

CANADIAN.

Whitby	May 24
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ICE RACES.

Pl. Perry	Jan. 24 to 25
Montreal, Lepine Park	Jan. 28 to 29
St. Catharines	Jan. 25 to 26
Toronto, Woodbine Park	Jan. 30 to Feb. 1
Oshawa	Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st
Ottawa (proposed)	Feb. 15

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Montreal, Lepine Park	Jan. 20
Pl. Perry	Jan. 23
St. Catharines	Jan. 28
Toronto, Woodbine	Jan. 27

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

TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call on our friends.

law, and once given acts as a guide, until such amendments are made to the laws as will provide for any similar cases of disagreement. This supreme court has no existence here; but their rulings are worthy of mention, as it is possible if analogous cases occurred, the interpretation of the Trotting Rules by the National Association would carry its due weight in this country.

At the late session of the Board of Appeal of the National Association, a couple of cases were brought up for adjudication which are not without interest and value to the horsemen of this country, and are deserving of perusal. The first of these related to a stake race in California, which had five nominations of \$200 each, half forfeit, with \$300 added by the Association giving the race. Of the five named only one came to the post, and he was allowed a "walk over," whereupon the Association claimed the right to divide the stake and forfeits in the manner indicated in Rule 9, which provides in case of a *purse* if only one of the horses entered shall appear on the course, he shall be entitled to his own entrance money and one half of that received from all other horses entered for said premium. To this the owner of the horse objected and made claim to the entire stakes and forfeits. Upon hearing the above facts, the Board held Rule 9 did not apply to *stakes* made like the one in question, and allowed the claim of the owner to the whole amount. The Dominion Rule bearing on this question is but a copy of the American, and the National Association ruling would probably be accepted in cases of similar disputes on this side of the line.

The other is not so complex, but still quite sufficient to give grounds for a chance of an interpretation of the rule in favor of the applicant. The facts as submitted were as follows:—Mr. W. H. Doble having procured the possession and use of the mare Queen May under a contract in writing with her owner, Mr. Logan, started her in a race against the horse Jacob Larian, owned by said Logan, at Washington. The right to start both horses was protested under Rule 8, which provides that as many horses may be entered by one party or as many horses in the same stable as may be desirable, but only one that has been owned or controlled in whole or in part by the same person or persons, or trained in the same stable within ten days preceding the race, can start in a race of heats. As in the former case, our Dominion Rule bearing on this question is but a transcription of the American. It will be noticed although Logan was, *de facto*, the owner of Queen May, still he had no interest whatsoever in her or her winnings in the race, her racing qualities having been assigned to Doble. However, the Board held that under the provisions of the rule above given, both horses could not start in the race.

IMPORTATION OF TROTTING STOCK.

The eastern portion of the Province of Ontario is becoming justly celebrated for its fine class of horses of leading trotting strains. The importation of fresh blood by such well-known horsemen as Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, and the Messrs. B. & G. of Cornwall, will do much to perpetuate this excellence in breeding. Many others in that section are thus induced to turn their attention to improvement in breeding, and purchases from the leading establishments in the United States are not of rare occurrence. In this way the reputation which has already been acquired for that locality will be maintained. Lately Mr. Sydney Thom, of Dun-

Wilder, Gumball, Harrodsburg Boy, and Little Nell, 2:30, 2:32, 2:30. August 19, he trotted in free-for-all at Georgetown, Ky., and won in four heats, beating Lady Monroe, Black Stallion Doble, and Wait-a-Bit, 2:31, 2:31, 2:32, 2:34. Lady Monroe won third heat.

He trotted at Louisville, Ky., in August, 1876, for a purse of \$500, and won in five heats, 2:32, 2:32, 2:31, 2:31, 2:36. Josephine won the first two heats. These races, it will be remembered, were trotted while he was in the stud.

KEEZER'S GREY EAGLE.

The breeding of this horse appears to be pretty well cleared up by the annexed statement of Mr. Wm. Martin, a reliable gentleman of Dundas, Minnesota, at one time a resident of Dickinson's Landing, Ont. Wallace, in the American Trotting Register, Vol. II., p. 225, thinks it possible Grey Eagle was by a horse called Norman Canadian, but Mr. Martin's evidence goes to show differently. Wallace says the horse was foaled about 1840, while Mr. Martin makes that date about four years later, quite a discrepancy. However, we will give the statement of Mr. Martin, which may be the means of inducing inquiry into the question of Grey Eagle's pedigree; a subject worthy of research when it is known so many trotters have descended from him.

"In the year 1844, Mr. Samuel Huff, of Quebec, owned a famous black mare known far and near as a roadster, she was of Canada breeding, good size, and blood-like in appearance. Mr. Huff was the leading hotel man of Quebec, a breeder of fine horses, and a most excellent judge of horseflesh. At the time mentioned, Mr. Huff bred the black mare in question to a thoroughbred horse belonging to an English officer, and seeing that Mr. Huff bred many excellent animals, it is presumed that the thoroughbred's sire was a good one. The progeny of this pair matured into a horse about fifteen hands high, in color a dark gray, good tail, round barrel, long-bodied, good length of neck, rangy, large head, Roman nose, and weighed about eleven hundred pounds. In 1848 when the horse was four years old, and then owned by Albert Keizer, he was driven with another horse into Vermont, where he was taken sick with pink-eye. When he recovered, it was found that his ankles were weak and badly let down, so that the horse was thought to be almost worthless. With this great drawback, he afterwards became a remarkable trotter, for a cripple as he was, often beating such horses as St. Lawrence, Red Bird, White Bird, and the Cook mare. At Ogdensburg he met and defeated White Bird in the mud in four heats. White Bird won the first heat, and was a strong favorite; but the Huff horse, then called Gray Eagle, won the next three, all inside of 2:40. This horse was the sire of the Roan horse that sired Dutch Girl, the dam of Jim Scriber, bred by Sprague and Akers, and named I. W. Spratty. Dutch Girl was a mare about fifteen and a half hands high, that developed considerable speed at three years of age. At five, she was sold to Mr. Howard for \$1,000, and soon afterwards trotted in 2:29; was sold to Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, for a long price. Dutch Girl was bred by Charles Farren, of Farren Point, on the St. Lawrence river, who owned her up to the time of Howard's purchase. The Weaver horse was another of the Gray Eagle colts that was a trotter."

ICE RACES.

TORONTO, WOODBINE PARK.

These races will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1. There will be \$850 divided in four classes—2:50, 2:37, 2:33, and free-for-all—and two local races. This meeting is under new management, and if the weather should prove favorable will be a great success. Arrangements have been made to have the stands comfortably heated, so that the trots can be enjoyed as well as if it was summer.

parties will have impartial justice meted out to them. It is well known that ice races are not always conducted as they should be, but the Club here will try and make their races models in every respect. The track has been made at a very large expense, owing to the amount of snow accumulated. It is the best ice track I have ever seen, constructed in the shape of a kite, a full mile in length, and from 80 to 90 feet wide, giving every chance to horsemen and spectators.

Already considerable horse talk is indulged in, and the Murray House, kept by the Whitbeck Bros., the headquarters for horsemen coming to this city, is crowded nightly with an interested audience canvassing the chances of the meeting, and what horses it will bring out.

Yours, etc.,
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Sporting Gossip.

The sale of the black gelding Lookout is reported by Mr. Beardsley, of this city, to a gentleman resident in New York. Lookout is rather a fine-gaited fellow, and there is a chance he may trot fast. The consideration was not made public.

It is said the dyeing of horses is quite common in Paris, France. A lady in that city recently drove four horses dyed a brilliant magenta. It is not an uncommon practice in the States, but there they don't do it for style—money's at the bottom of it.

The ice campaign having fairly commenced the trainers are putting the finishing touches on their charges.

Mr. Pat Carney, the well-known driver, has taken up his quarters at the West End Hotel, Richmond Road, Ottawa. He has had lately placed in his hands a promising youngster, Capt. Perry, the property of Mr. Thos. Kennedy, of the capital. It is the intention to trot him in the Spring campaign.

Messrs. P. & C. Horton, of Frome, near St. Thomas, Ont., are now the owners of the chestnut horse Judge Durell, 10 years old, by Lexington, dam Laura, by imported Leviathan. The Messrs. H. have named their place Horton's Stud Farm. They were the owners of Trumpeter, the Queen's Plate winner of 1875, at Woodstock, whose death was noticed a short time ago in these columns.

Mr. W. H. Conant, of Oshawa, informs us it will be impossible for him to give the winter meeting as advertised, on account of the track being drifted in many places as high as the fences. For the present at least this meeting may be considered cancelled.

Mr. William Cunningham, son of Mr. Joseph Cunningham, of Monro, who has been in California for some years, returned home for a Christmas visit. Last week he started for the Golden State again, taking with him the Canadian bred heavy draft horse Lord Clyde, which he purchased from Mr. Austin Burroll, near Brampton, Ont.

The Montreal Horse Market is reported as being very quiet last week. A couple of car loads were purchased for shipment to Boston at prices, ranging from \$40 to \$110 each.

We wish no bodily harm to any of our friends, but think it would be a blessing if some of our dilatory subscribers were taken with a remittent fever.

A trotting meeting is proposed in Ottawa, about the 15th of February. It is the intention to give nearly \$1,100 in prizes, divided in six classes. A meeting was held at the Albion Hotel on Monday evening, to arrange the preliminaries.

The valuable stallion Conqueror, owned by Mr. J. Porter, of Oshawa, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, 7th inst. Mr. A. Smith, V.S.

Hugh Rielly, better known as "Butt," the pugilist, died at Bellevue Hospital, New York, on Sunday, of consumption. He was 36 years of age.

Dr. Somerville, of Buffalo, is buying horses in Hamilton for the old country market. So far he has not been very successful, the standard offered not coming up to his requirements.

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The first meeting since the Christmas vacation of the society in connection with the above College, took place in the lecture room on Thursday evening, 11th inst.

The President took the chair, amidst a hearty greeting. He made a few introductory remarks, urging the members to do their best to make the meetings, as heretofore, not only interesting, but instructive.

The usual preliminary business over, the President called on Mr. Geo. W. Bates, of Missouri (the Junior Silver Medalist of last year,) to read his essay on "Diseases incident to well-bred cattle." To say he handled his subject in an efficient and exhaustive manner, thereby showing his intimate knowledge of, and acquaintance with it, is not saying more than that to which he is entitled. After a discussion which lasted some time, and which arose out of the paper, the essayist sat down amid a well-merited round of applause.

Aquatic.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

To the Editor of *Bell's Life* in London.

Sir.—In answer to Hanlan's challenge to row me at Toronto, I beg to tell him that I must decline to accept his challenge to row there as I intend to stay at home for next season to defend the Championship of England against all comers, according to my original challenge, and I purpose also to take part in the forthcoming Thames International Regatta, to be held here about next June, as I hear there will be some very large sums of money given for professional oarsmen. If Hanlan should feel disposed to row me here it will afford him a good opportunity to take part in the regatta also, as I am sure the prizes that will be offered will be well worth competing for, and I can assure Hanlan, if he does come here, that he may rely on being treated well, and will have a fair course.

Yours truly,

JOHN HIGGINS.

Champion.

A CHALLENGE FROM BOYD.

A challenge to the oarsmen of both hemispheres has just been issued by Robert Watson Boyd, of Gateshead-on-Tyne. Boyd announced that he had entered for the Challenge Cup competition on the Tyne, fixed by the donors of the cup (the proprietors of the Newcastle Daily Chronicle) to take place on the 17th and 19th March next, and he offers to bet any other oarsman that may enter £200 even that he (Boyd) beats him. Boyd further challenges any man in England to row a match over the Tyne Championship Course, in open boats, or in any kind of outriggers whatever, for a stake of £200 a side. With regard to the leading oarsmen of the Western Continent, Boyd expressed his willingness to cross the Atlantic, and meet them on their own waters. He is ready to make a match with Hanlan, of Toronto, on the terms which Hanlan offers Higgins. That is, he will row Hanlan a sculler's race on the Tyne.