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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

LeRoy, N.Y.	May 29 to 31
Westwood Park, N.Y.	May 29 to June 1
Whitemarsh, Pa.	May 26 to June 1
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Medina, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Muskegon, Mich.	June 5 to 7
Utica, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Syracuse, N.Y.	June 12 to 14
Albion, N.Y.	June 19 to 21
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tokilwa, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N.Y.	3d "
Parisville, Ill.	4th "

CANADIAN.

Whitby	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Kincardine	May 24
Pandus (local)	May 24
Wingham	May 24 to 25
Prescott	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
St. Forest (local)	July 2
St. Forest	Sept—

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and adhere to their present determination, they will both be seriously affected by the competition thus engendered. And coming to Dominion Day it will be seen that Hamilton and Prescott are rivals, with Ottawa taking off his gloves to have a hand in the fight. So far as to the two former places are concerned, the distance between them would act as a palliative; but with Ottawa and Prescott arranged in battle array, the result would certainly be disastrous. Prescott with the attraction of the Plate to strengthen her claims occupies the vantage ground, which our friends in the capital will find it hard work to battle against. It is certainly to be hoped some understanding will be arrived at, and careful diplomacy be the means of restoring the entente cordiale between these neighboring associations, which, in the end, may prove the more satisfactory to all concerned. It is to be regretted for this purpose, our calendar does not contain a sufficient number of available holidays for each Club to have the sole use of one for its own benefit, but this element being wanting in our disposition of time, recourse must be had to some other expedient. This we fancy can only be found in a well-arranged circuit of meetings, and as the material is at hand in the case of our eastern turfmen, we expect to find that Prescott, Ogdensburg, Ottawa, Brockville and Montreal, with possibly Kingston, will come to some understanding, by which their mutual interests will be protected, and their individual chances of success increased.

OUR DERBY SWEEPSTAKES.

Yielding to the requests of numerous gentlemen who were desirous of something out of the ordinary moderate sweeps in vogue in this country, the proprietors of the SPORTING TIMES have consented to assume the management of one, which can be qualified as of royal proportions. Full particulars are set forth in the announcement in our advertising columns. It has been submitted to us that if thousands of tickets can be disposed of in different minor affairs of this nature, in various parts of the country, at two or three dollars each, with a chance of the holder of the winning horse obtaining a paltry hundred dollars or so, there should be no difficulty experienced in disposing of one thousand at five dollars each, when the respectable amount of fifteen hundred dollars will be given to the winning horse, with proportionate amounts to the second and third horses, still leaving quite a magnificent sum to be divided among the other starters. Gentlemen who may desire tickets in this sweepstake should send on their orders at once, as if one-half the representations made to us on behalf of its patrons should be carried out, long before the day of allotment the tickets will be exhausted and at a premium. The number is limited, none can be duplicated, and all orders will be promptly filled in the order of their receipt.

SUPPRESSION OF GAMING.

Below is given the text of Mr. Blake's Bill to amend the Gaming Act introduced by Mr. Moss. The first section, it will be observed, more fully describes the words "gaming house," used in the original Act. The third section provides that all tools or cards found in a gaming house shall be forthwith destroyed; and by the fourth section, lockers-on are guilty of an offence. The blanks in this last section, we think, have been filled in with the amounts of \$20 and \$100. It has already had its third reading, and will doubtless become law.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GAMING HOUSES.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,

NEW IMPORTATIONS.

We had the pleasure of looking upon a trio of beautiful imported thoroughbred fillies on Tuesday, at the stables of Mr. John P. Bond, V.S., in this city. The influence this lot may exercise upon the future of the Canadian turf, can not now be estimated. They are the property of T. C. Patteson, Esq., and will do much to increase the name of his fine breeding establishment at Eastwood. Mr. A. Price, the English jockey, has had them in charge in their journey from the old country, and despite the rough weather with which it was afflicted, brought them safely through.

The first one shown to us was African Maid, a dark bay or brown filly, foaled in 1878, about 15.2, by Mogador, out of Simple Maid; 2nd dam Maid of the Morn, by Chanticleer, he by Irish Birdcatcher. Mogador, by King Tom, the son of Harkaway and Pocahontas. She has a large blaze in her face, and high hind ankle white. She looks rather on the light side, but, after recovering from her severe ocean voyage, will doubtless improve rapidly.

Star Actress, br f, small star, foaled 1875, about 15 hands, is a beautiful filly, with high breeding, being by Siderolite (winner of Goodwood Cup), out of Tinted Venus, by Macaroni (winner of the £2,000, Derby, and Doncaster Cup.) She also shows evident marks of a rough voyage, and a description in her present condition would be an injustice.

Type of Beauty, b f, white star, about 15.1, foaled 1875, is deserving of her name. She is by Typhous, out of Eltham Beauty, by Kingston. Typhous by Stockwell, out of Typee by Touchstone. She was suffering from a severe cold, but looked very fine, although it was clear the long trip had not improved her appearance.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."

TUBMAN, the mighty son of War Dance, dam Lass of Sidney, by imported Knight of St. George, will make the season at Lachine, near Montreal. The performances of Tubman are too fresh to require recapitulation; while his breeding and size will certainly commend him. He has through his sire the royal blood of Lexington and Boston; while on his dam's side he claims connection with the finest families in England. His terms are so moderate as to be an inducement to owners of thoroughbred mares, which no doubt will be taken advantage of.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

A large number of horses have been sold since our last weekly report. The following are the recent shipments to the United States: Charles Vafferty, Concord, 2 horses valued at \$800; Richard & Jay, New Bedford, 13 do., value \$829.88; C. J. Redman, Clariette, N. Y., 8 horses, valued at \$195.00. James Stanley, Providence, 18 horses, value \$1,510.00. Marsh and Jewett, Norwich, 20 horses, valued at \$1,180.50. The following were the sales at the American House yards: Mr. N. H. Horton, 4 horses; Messrs. Richards and Jay, 19 horses; Mr. J. B. Horton, 5 horses; Mr. Watson, 6 horses. Mr. A. W. Andrews, of Norway, Maine, and Mr. Newcomb, of Harrison, Maine, are at present in the city for the purpose of purchasing horses for shipment.

OTTAWA AND PRESCOTT.

OTTAWA, March 26, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—As the Prescott Driving Park Association announces in your last issue that the "Queen's Plate" will be run for on Dominion Day, I beg to inform you that when that day was decided upon, it was well

Sporting Gossip.

The fleet province-bred mare Emily has probably run her last race. Her owner will devote her to breeding in future.

Dr. Somerville, V.S., of Buffalo, N.Y., is purchasing horses in the vicinity of Exeter, Ont., for shipment to England.

A Royal George stallion is advertised for sale in our columns to-day. He is by Royal Revenge, out of a Grey Eagle mare. \$800 cash will buy him.

We were pleased to notice the great change for the better in the appearance of the last number of the California Spirit of the Times, the leading sporting journal on the Pacific side. It is now eight pages, printed from new type, on fine paper. May its shadow never grow less.

Mr. Aba Harrison, (Honesty), a well-known sporting man in Canada and the United States, formerly a resident of Jamestown, Chataqua Co., N.Y., which place he claimed as his home, is reported as having been killed in a duel in Denver City, Colorado, a couple of weeks ago.

HEIGHT OF DISCOURAGEMENT.—Playing a lone hand in euchre without getting a trick.

Rarus beat Bodino at San Francisco on March 24, in three straight heats. Best time 2:20.

The riding weights of some of the English crack jockeys are as follows: F. Archer, 105 lbs; T. Bruckshaw, 107 lbs; T. Cannon, 117 lbs; Tom Chaloner, 110 lbs; Constable, 112 lbs; H. Covey, 96 lbs; Custance, 119 lbs; J. Goater, 119 lbs; Jarvis, 84 lbs; H. Jeffrey, 108 lbs; Newhouse, 102 lbs; T. and J. Osborne each at 119 lbs; Snowden, 114 lbs; Webb, 118 lbs; George Fordham's riding weight this year is not given.

On Saturday evening, Mr. P. Breen, of Granton, was driving a four-year-old colt, when it took fright at a passing train and died instantly.

Mr. S. T. Baine, the well-known driver, of Chatham, contributes quite a long letter to the Spirit of last week on Toe Weights and their use. We will probably reproduce it in our columns next week.

Major Ellison, of Port Stanley, lost a valuable horse the other day by the animal taking a drink of lye.

Messrs. A. & A. Spiers, of Owen Sound, shipped, on Friday last, two car loads of horses for Liverpool, Eng. The horses for the most part were purchased in Clifford and Harriston, and are said to be very fine ones.

Owners or trainers having horses in training for the forthcoming season are particularly requested to furnish this office with a list of the animals under their charge.

Mr. Marvin, the driver of Smuggler, is in St. Catharines, purchasing horses for Col. Russell, of Home Farm, Milton, Mass., owner of the fastest trotting stallion.

Mr. A. Price, the English rider, engaged by T. C. Patteson, Esq., to give his colts their schooling, has arrived in charge of that gentleman's three imported thoroughbred fillies. Mr. Price has had considerable experience in the pig-skin in the old country, both on the flat and over hurdles, and will be quite an addition to our list of jockeys. He can ride at 112 lbs., and before the summer is over we will probably have a sample of his horsemanship on the Canadian turf.

A correspondent in The Spirit of the Times, from East Saginaw, Mich., says there is a horse named Gray Dick that will be campaigned in Canada this coming season. He is described as a light gray, with dark points, 15.2, and can speed better than 2:30. He is owned by Mr. Samuel Callaback.

Mr. Blake introduced a Bill on Monday last to repress betting and pool-selling. Not having yet seen a copy, we are unable to

Veterinary.

HOG CHOLERA.

COMMUNICATION READ AT WEEKLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, TORONTO, BY MR. M. STALKER, OF IOWA.

I did not select this subject because of my familiarity with its cause, pathology and treatment—but rather to call your attention to a wide field for investigation, and one that will surely confer distinction on whoever makes himself its master.

The pig is not a creature that has a deep hold on the pure affections of our race, and as a consequence his cries and lamentations (though he usually succeeds in making himself heard) have availed him but little. The horse, especially if he can run a mile in a minute and a few odd seconds, more or less, or trot the same distance in double the time, is considered an animal of sufficient consequence to have his wants attended to by men of skill and culture. If a member of the bovine tribe is so fortunate as to have one or two dozens of pure Bates crosses on top of Adam, he can command the highest veterinary skill in all the land; but to the great prolific source of lard and bristles it is usually said "root hog or die."

At first thought the diseases of swine might not seem to us a matter of much consequence. But when we remember that during the year 1876 more than \$1,000,000 of swine were shipped to the Chicago market alone, that these, on a moderate estimate, reach the enormous value of \$60,000,000, and that nearly the entire number come over the five great railroad lines stretching out to the States of Iowa and Missouri, and when we remember further that careful estimates show that one-third of all the hogs raised in this great Corn-Egypt of the world die before reaching a market, the question at least to these States becomes one of some gravity. In comparison with this, ringbones, splints, spavins, in short, "all the ills that horse flesh is heir to," dwindle into insignificance.

But with all these facts before us our knowledge of this disease is confined to very narrow limits. There are one or two good and sufficient reasons why this is so. Veterinary Surgeons can live by their profession only in cities or densely populated countries. Swine, as a rule, can be profitably produced only in rural districts, here professional men see and know little of them practically. Dr. Law, of Cornell University, has written pretty carefully on this subject. Dr. Detmers, of Manhattan, Kansas, who was appointed by the State Agricultural Society of Mo., to investigate the subject of hog cholera during the summer of 1876, has given some light on the disease as it manifested itself in that State.

Just now Ezra Stetson, of Neponset, Ill., is contributing a series of articles to the National Live Stock Journal that promises to be a valuable contribution to this branch of medical literature, and we have a right to expect the \$100 prize offered by the American Berkshire Association for the best approved essay on the diseases of swine, their cause, preventive, and remedies, will be the means of adding materially to our present collection of facts on this question.

The names applied to this disease are numerous, and indicate that different authors take widely different views of its character. This is doubtless due in part to the disease assuming different forms in different localities.

Dr. Law calls it Intestinal Fever in Swine, or Hog Cholera. Dr. Detmers terms it Epizootic Influenza of Swine, while Dr. Stetson has applied to it the name of Sty Fever, or Typhus Fever of Swine. These terms are doubtless all suggestive of the nature of the disease as seen by the different authors. But the people have decided to use the more generic term, Hog Cholera, and the chances are decidedly against any veterinarian immortalizing himself by the invention of a name that will be accepted as a substitute.

Since turning my attention to the study of veterinary medicine, it has been my fortune to see but little of this disease, my knowledge being drawn principally from observations made by others. Hog Cholera at least, under its present recognized forms and names is of comparatively