

Canaw... May 24  
Cant... May 23 to 24  
Intowell... May 24 to 26

#### ICE MEETINGS.

Ottawa... Feb. 12 to 13  
Port Perry... Feb. 14 to 15  
Woodbine... Feb. 15  
Brighton... Feb. 19 to 20  
Beaverton... Feb. 25 to 26  
Bradford... Feb. 28 to March 1  
Bell Ewart... March 7 to 8  
Barrie... March 14 to 15  
Lepine Park, Montreal... March —

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

Brighton... Feb. 18  
Bradford... Feb. 27  
Bell Ewart... March 6  
Barrie... March 18

#### AMERICAN.

#### RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn... April 30 to May 4  
Baltimore, Md... May 21 to 24  
Louisville, Ky... May 21 to 27  
Cincinnati, Ohio... May 31 to June 5  
St. Louis, Mo... June 4 to 8  
Columbus, Ohio... June 12 to 15  
Baltimore, Md. (Fall)... Oct 23 to 26

#### TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich... May 15 to 17  
Hillsdale, Mich... May 22 to 24  
Freeport, Ill... May 28 to 31  
Hudson, Mich... May 29 to 31  
Prophetstown, Ill... June 4 to 7  
Milwaukee, Wis... June 4 to 7  
Adrian, Mich... June 4 to 7  
Kalamazoo, Mich... June 11 to 17  
Grand Rapids, Mich... June 18 to 21  
Akron, Ohio... June 19 to 21  
Jackson, Mich... June 25 to 28  
Sodus, N. Y... June 26 to 28  
Batavia, N. Y... July 2 to 4  
Cincinnati, Ohio... July 2 to 5  
Detroit, Mich... July 2 to 5  
East Aurora, N. Y... July 3 to 4  
Clyde, N. Y... July 3 to 5  
Lyons, N. Y... July 3 to 5  
Warren, Ohio... July 3 to 5  
East Saginaw, Mich... July 9 to 12  
Columbus, Ohio... July 9 to 12  
Toledo, Ohio... July 16 to 19  
Cleveland, Ohio... July 23 to 26  
Buffalo, N. Y... July 30 to Aug 2  
Freeport, Ill... July 30 to Aug 2  
Rochester, N. Y... Aug 6 to 9  
Prophetstown, Ill... Aug 6 to 9  
Utica, N. Y... Aug 13 to 16  
Springfield, Mass... Aug 20 to 23  
Earlville, Ill... Aug 20 to 23

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#### PROFESSIONAL ROWING IN CANADA

It is said the difference between an amateur and a professional is one of money. The amateur indulges in sport for the fun of the thing or for the reputation that a successful athlete enjoys. But with the professional it is different. His bread and butter and maybe that of his family depend upon his exertions. In this way it becomes necessary that the professional athlete in any department should seek to make the best terms possible for himself, and, at the same time, extend every facility to his backers to recoup themselves for the money advanced in his behalf. It may not be generally known, but it is no less the fact, that in the great majority of prominent matches the principals engaged in them have no direct interest in the stake money, that financial portion of the programme being attended to by their friends; the principal's interest being confined to a certain per centage, usually one half, of the winnings. It is of interest then to the backers of both men that the contest should take place in whatever locality the most money (other circumstances being any way near equal) can be made out of it. It is no secret that the main stake in any match of note is but a trifle of the money that is invested on the result of the race. As before stated in making up the stake money, the friends of either man are virtually betting the odds of 2 to 1, as they are obliged to pay over one-half of the winning money to the fortunate one. To repay them for this heavy but necessary per centage against them, they are obliged to indulge in outside speculation, and this is done in many cases to such an extent as to reduce the per centage loss in the main stake to a minimum. While races as a usual thing can be rowed one place as well as another, there are certain inducements which will give one locality a material advantage over another. Doubtless one of the greatest inducements is the terms that can be made with railway and steamboat companies for transportation to the scene of the race. Outside of this, the opportunity for unlimited speculation would probably be next considered. If there were no opportunities for betting, sporting events of any class would soon become rare articles of amusement. Not that everyone who sees a boat race is willing to go broke on it, but it is undeniable that those who are willing to accept the speculative chances are the section who furnish the amusement or pleasure to their non-investing friends. This brings us nearer to the subject. The first race of the season in which a Canadian oarsman will take part, will probably be the race between Morris and Hanlan, and the locality decided upon is near Pittsburg, Pa. This of course, will deprive thousands of the Canadians' friends from seeing the race. And there is every possibility just now, that all the first-class events will take place on American waters. One great reason for this will have to be admitted. In Canada the anti-pool selling bill of Mr. Blake will come in force on May 1st. This will necessarily curtail speculation on aquatic events in this country to a great extent. And as it becomes known, as it surely must before that time, that the puritan crusade is carrying the banner in this country, it will be seen that the backers of American oarsmen will

country and throughout New York State. He passed through the various stages of a turfman's career, and either as a rider or an owner, his memory will be respected. He was successful in both, and many an eye will be dimmed while reading this imperfect announcement of his early demise. His death occurred on Tuesday morning last, at the residence of his friend, Mr. Frank J. Martin, Turf Club House, No. 40 King St. west. That insidious and flattering disease consumption has added another to its list of victims in Mr. Fisher's case. For some time past Mr. F. has not been very strong, and it is supposed the progress of the disease was accelerated by uncalled for exposure last winter. During last summer his friends noticed a marked change in his appearance, but it was not until late in the Fall that alarming symptoms set in. The disease as usual flattered its victim, and had become so strong as to defy all medical assistance in its work of death. Later in the Fall he removed from the old Newmarket course (Gates') to Norway, where he resided up to a few days of his decease. About the middle of last week he came to the city for medical treatment, but his malady developed so rapidly, that no relief could be given, and on Tuesday morning he sank gradually, and his immortal spirit winged its way to a happier home.

Mr. Archibald B. Fisher was born in the town of Lancaster, Ont., in 1845. At a very early age he showed a strong passion for horses, and while quite a boy was found him employed with Mr. Nelson Littlefield, a brother of Mr. Chas. Littlefield, at present superintendent of Mr. Sandford's American stable in England. Shortly after he became identified with Mr. Denis Ready. During this engagement such horses as Thunder, Verge, Lady Franklin, and Zig-Zag passed under his training and riding. His riding of Zig-Zag gave him a great celebrity as a pilot in cross country affairs, and he was universally admitted to be one of the best steeplechase jocks ever seen in America up to this day. As a rider in flat-racing he was acknowledged to be at the head of his profession.

After the death of Mr. Ready, which occurred at Paterson, N. J., Mr. Fisher formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. Carson, of Montreal, with whom he has been connected ever since. Coming west he first located at Whitby, but shortly afterwards went to Barrie. His stay there was not long, as some six or seven years ago he took up his residence in Toronto, where he has made his home ever since. Even an epitome of the numerous races in which Mr. F. has taken part would fill pages of this paper, and we will be obliged to content ourselves with simply naming over a few of the leading horses that has passed through his hands since he became connected with Mr. Carson. Kelso, (who will ever remain inseparable with the name of Mr. Fisher), Sir Archibald, Tom Wolfok, Jack on the Green, Copee, Storm, Donnybrook, Neptunus, Cecelia, Katie P., Pilot, Maritime, and Piccolo, with the trotters Tecumseh Boy, Fred. Clay, and Ohio Girl, the latter of which was killed in a collision on Ashbridge's Bay about three years ago.

Among the many fine races to Mr. Fisher's credit his winning of the Queen's Plate on Nettie at Gates' Newmarket Track in 1868, is noted, being considered a fine exhibition of head work and generalship. His last mount was in a race for gentleman riders at Woodbine, in 1875, when he piloted the chestnut gelding Mercury, belonging to Mr. Dwight of this city, to victory.

In 1873 he married a daughter of the late

to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$4 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

To those we could not reach by the Express companies, we mailed their accounts. Every facility was used for returning the remittance. A printed reply and envelope were enclosed, and no excuse can be had for delay on the part of subscribers. Of the hundreds we sent out this way, tens have not been heard from. Now the payment of this subscription money is insisted upon, and we hope we may not be forced to adopt harsh measures for its recovery.

### Sporting Gossip.

A correspondent at Picton sends us an account of the races at Campbellford, and criticizes severely the judges and drivers, but neglects to attach his name to the fulmination. While we are thankful to our unknown Picton friend for the extended report he was kind enough to favor us with, we cannot permit our columns to be used as a masked battery. The names and addresses of all contributors, correspondents, and enquirers must be known to us, or their work serves to fill our waste paper basket.

A grand pigeon-shooting tournament will take place at Woodstock, commencing on the 27th inst. \$500 in prizes are offered, and they will be paid in full, no *pro rata* deduction being made. Mr. John Forbes, the popular horseman, is the Treasurer, which is a guarantee that the affair will be conducted on sound business principles. For full particulars see advertisement in another column of to-day's paper.

Gentlemen on the look out for fast stock should not let the advertisement of the sale of Russian Spy and Brigham escape their attention. Russian Spy is a young horse, and will show 2:28 or no sale. The stallion Brigham is a good mover and should be a valuable stock horse. The terms of purchase are reasonable. It is not often that a chance to buy such a promising trotter as Russian Spy presents itself. He is a fine money horse, and should almost win his purchase price out of the first race he is in next season.

The Governor-General's four-in-hand state harness is perhaps the finest on the continent. It cost about \$2,500. It was used for the first time at the opening of the House at Ottawa last week.

The Kingston Whig says that Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, will be a candidate for Parliamentary honors at the next election. Mr. Wiser would make a valuable member of our Legislature, and we trust the report of his intentions is founded on fact. If Mr. W. makes a start in the race for public honors his opponent, whoever he may be, will find the struggle is not over until the finish is reached, and he will be a good one if the Rysdyk Stock Farm proprietor does not beat him on the homestretch, where most of our actual races are won.

copy will be \$1.00, and four copies will be furnished to associations or clubs for Orders should be sent to the Spirit of the Times, New York, by Feb. 25, as only limited edition will be published.

A sweepstake trot for Butchers' and Druggists horses will take place at Woodbine this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. D. McNaught, V. S., of Seaford, lost his fine young stallion Captain Er. Mr. McNaught was out driving the horse when it became frightened at something breaking away from his driver he ran home. While turning in an alleyway leading to the stable the horse struck against a post and fractured his leg. He was immediately shot.

"Archer," Dr. Stockwell, of Port Huron, a valued contributor to the Sporting Times, has an interesting article on the Maples Sycamores in the late number of The Country published in New York.

Senator Morrissey has discharged his physician, and is driving in the streets of Jacksonville.

#### ANTICIPATED LEGISLATION.

After a season's trial of the Pool Bill New York State the great injury it has inflicted has been made quite apparent. A palpable is this that a general move will be made at the present session of the Legislature to have so much of the bill amended as to permit the sale of pools inside the enclosures of racing associations. The expediency of this will not be denied by any one has given it the least consideration. So far as the morality of betting concerned, pool selling can be no more objectionable than book making, or indulging in speculations of a private nature. Betting itself pure and simple in all its various forms is to be banished and placed under the edict well and good from the point of standpoint; but that one system be placed under the bar whilst others are encouraged is a discrimination that has neither equity nor justice to commend it. A New York correspondent of a prominent western paper speaks thus of the situation:

"The principal matter engaging the attention of horsemen in this vicinity at present is the 'pool Bill,' and a strong effort to be made at the coming meeting of the State Legislature to amend the bill so as to permit pool-selling inside the track which amendment if defeated will virtually prohibit racing and trotting in this State, as few the numerous Associations will care to repeat last years experiment, nearly all, except Mr. Morrissey's favored Saratoga track, losing money in a greater or less degree, the American Jockey Club being out of pocket \$29,000, at the two meetings, Spring and Fall. But it is to be hoped that, when evidence in favor of this modification of the bill is laid before the 'wise men of Albany' that they will not withhold their consent therefrom, for racing as conducted on a grand scale that is in operation on our track and by the increased revenue to our farms through the large demands for their products made by the racing stables, is a public benefit, and the crippling of which would be a public loss. People will bet on horse races, if they can't bet in their own way, will stay away from the racetracks altogether. Book-making system the past season was not at all a success, as the great mass of people did not understand the importance and did not want to learn, especially when, owing to the odds given it also seemed to be 'I win every time and lose.'"