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THE THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXV.

Continued—Shoeing and
Plating.

(From the Spirit of the Times).

If horses were plated with sharp instruments upon the feet, a protest would be offered by the owners of horses not similarly shod. Yet they are not more dangerous than the pisted shoe, for, if they should out the cord clear off the horse, the plated horse has done the same, and would continue to do it as long as he is allowed to wear plates.

It is not only dangerous to run a good horse with these horses are plated, but there is a danger of his being crippled from the weight of some vicious horse before starting. When a dozen or fifteen horses starting on a space of six or eight feet, have a poor chance of separating of the way of kicking horses, and, if they are of his own legs, the jockey will be obliged to keep his horse in the rear, and, in the case of vicious or kicking horses will get behind of it. The starter or judge should, in the name of humanity if nothing else, send the vicious and kicking horses to the rear, so that the well-disposed horses would have a fair chance of coming out of the race without being tripped.

The day will come when horses wearing plates will be hoisted behind, and that will bring about the discontinuance of the use of plates, when the rider, owner, and groom, should rejoice at horses not nailed to injure or kill each other. The plate is much more dangerous than a shoe, for shoes are not used in racing, and, though in kicking whilst shod, the horse may kick a leg or eye, he cannot cut a tendon in two, as he can do with the plate.

Many horses have been broken down by the kicking or twisting of a plate under the foot. In the case with the renowned Longfellow in his last race.

Longfellow, in his celebrated time race, twisted the plate on his forefoot, so that it was the under of every one that he did not cut himself, and, after the saddle was removed, his cautious owner, observing it, picked up each foot, and put the plate back under his foot before he allowed him to walk to the stable. In this case the plates might have lost a \$10,000 and had the horse tired in his race, which would have caused a spreading of the forefoot, and not have helped cutting his hind

CHAPTER XXXVI.

Feeding, Wintering, Exercising, Training
in the Spring—Cooling Out—Cool and
Warm Water—Drinking Water.

Another great error that trainers commit, is that of permitting their grooms to jerk, kick, and otherwise abuse their horses, both on the track and in the stable. He may not permit it when present, but does sanction it from being absent from the stable while the horses are being groomed.

When you see a colt or filly come out upon the track prancing or fretting at every step, becoming more and more excited, half frenzied with fear, you can put it down as a fact that that animal has been roughly handled in the stable, or over trained upon the track, and perhaps both. If it be a delicately organized filly, she may as well be turned out, for she will be worthless for racing purposes, unless the mode of treatment is entirely changed. She must be kindly treated in the stable, and receive a great deal less work upon the track, and, if convenient, should be worked without company. Her exercise should be slow, merely walking and trotting. With such treatment her courage and confidence may be restored, and her dread of the track entirely abated. All horses are made wild and bad tempered, if they fall into the hands of those who train and treat them roughly.

Another injurious error committed by many trainers, is that of walking their horses twice a day. After working them in the morning, some trainers walk their horses in the evening, from one to three hours. This is frequently done in hot weather, with blankets, hoods, and saddles on, and riders up. The place generally selected is a very small circle, where they travel round and round upon the same leg, until the joints become sore. Most of the weight, during this exercise, is upon the rear hind leg, producing fatigue in that limb, and when fatigued, the toe will touch and knuckle over, which shows extra strain on the extensor, and, if continued, will make them drag the hind leg, for it affects the stifle, whirlbone, and hip. In this way many horses are lamed behind, by long continued walking upon a narrow circle. If they have rough and careless riders upon their backs, who force them beyond a reasonable pace, when they become fatigued, they are sure to box or strike their fetlocks in front, and then the trainer puts boots upon them, and these have the effect to stiffen the joints, and prevent easy action.

If he had walked his horses a reasonable time, not so long as to allow them to become fatigued, on a larger area of ground, there would have been no necessity for boots or knockers, as the horses would not hit themselves. This constant walking will, eventually, wear out with fatigue all the younger stock of the stable. The English system of training is not to take a horse out of his stall but once in four and twenty hours and it is not a bad plan, but necessity forces

The Trigger.

SARNIA SHOOTING CLUB.

The fourth annual meeting of the Sarnia Shooting Club was held on Friday night of last week, at the Secretary's office, when, after the usual routine business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Pousett; Vice-President, E. A. Vidal; Secy.-Treas., W. Taylor; Committee of Management, R. Glynn (chairman), J. C. Balster, D. McMaster, G. C. Dow, H. T. Bell, T. G. Vidal and J. Chester. The first regular competition for the Club's Prizes will commence on the 3rd of April.

Mr. George Barnett, of Wallace, shot a large wild cat last week.

Snow birds will be furnished to Clubs and others by Mr. John Grunskill, No. 9 Power Street, Toronto, for \$4 per 100, delivered at express office here.

The Michigan State medal was shot for on the 8th. In accordance with the English rules, adopted at a meeting of the Detroit Gun Club, each sportsman shot at eleven birds at thirty yards rise, and from five ground traps. E. H. Gillman won the medal for the twelfth time.

Mr. W. McCulloch, who purchased six greyhounds for shipment to Australia, it is stated, offered \$5,000 for Coomassie, the winner of the Waterloo Cup. The offer was declined. Victory adds wonderfully to the value of a dog. Coomassie is a light fawn in color, and is two years old.

TOURNAMENT—The pigeon shooting tournament at St. Catharines, will commence next Wednesday, 28th inst. \$200 will be given in prizes. Entrance \$5. Each shooter to furnish 13 birds. 1½ oz. shot allowed. St. Catharines rules to govern. Entries close on 27th. Mr. J. C. Woodruff is the Secretary.

FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, March 16, '77

To the Editor of Sporting Times:—

DEAR SIR,—The Dominion Track Association purpose to give a meeting some time about the end of June, when they intend to give \$2,000 for trotting and running.

The colored rider "Happy John" came pretty nearly putting an end to his existence this morning. He had been engaged by Doctor Coleman to gallop Col. Boulton's

American Turf.

RACING AT SAVANNAH, GA.

SAVANNAH, March 6—Purse \$100, running; three-quarter mile dash.

C W Medinger's ch g First Chance, 6 yrs, by Baywood, dam Dot.....	1
O West's b h Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda.....	2
L Jones' b g Jim Hinton, aged, by Rogers, dam Madam House.....	3

Time—1:29.

Same Day—Purse \$100, 3.00 class.

P Somers' gr g Robin Hood.....	3	3	1	1
W T Birch's ch m Nellie.....	1	1	2	2
A B Cooke's rn g Roanoke.....	2	2	dr	

Time—2:59, 3:00, 3:06, 3:06, 3:06.

Same Day—Purse \$125, running; for all ages; mile dash.

L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroide, dam Black Rose.....	1
C W Medinger's br g Little Fellow, 5 yrs, by Lynchburg, dam Mary Good.....	2
O West's b g Prang, by Vandal, dam Annetto, by Wagner.....	3

Time—2:00.

SAVANNAH, March 7 Purse \$100, half mile heats.

L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroide, dam Black Rose.....	1
O West's b c Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda.....	2
C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, 4 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stonor.....	dis

Time—:56½, 5½.

March 7 and 8—Purse \$200; free-for-all.

W T Birch's Nellie.....	2	1	1
P Somers' Robin Hood.....	1	2	2

Time 2:54½, 2:59½, 2:58½, 2:59½.

Same Day—Purse \$125, running, mile and a quarter dash.

L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroide, dam Black Rose.....	1
C W Medinger's br g Little Fellow, 5 yrs, by Lynchburg, dam Mary Good.....	2
O West's b c Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda.....	3

Time—2:30½.

Same Day—Purse \$150, running; mile and a half dash.

C W Medinger's ch m Libbie L, 4 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stonor.....	1
L Jones' b g Jim Hinton, aged, by Rogers, dam Madam House.....	2

Time—3:01½.

March 8 and 9—Purse \$200.

W T Birch's Nellie.....	1	2	2	1
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Checkers

A TOURNAMENT AT OTTAWA.

The checker match between members of the Caledonia and Curling Clubs took place in the Orange Hall, on the evening of the 18th, resulting in a decided victory for the organized players. There were eight sets of players, and the play was on time, the limit being two hours. One hundred games were played 59 being in favor of the Caledonia Club, 36 in favor of the Curlers and 11 drawn. The following were the individual scores:

CURLERS	OS.	DN.	CALEDONIAN	OS.
Robert Lees.....	2	0	D. Smillie.....	6
Wm. Chalmers.....	2	2	Wm. Stuart.....	7
Thos. McKay.....	4	2	P. Arnold.....	4
And. Campbell.....	6	1	D. Farquhart.....	10
Geo. Hutchison.....	3	2	J. M. Rose.....	10
Henry Ingles.....	3	3	D. Robinson.....	6
C. J. Egleson.....	4	0	H. Macdonald.....	10
A. Dunlop.....	6	1	J. Mills.....	6

Total.....30 11 Total.....59

Ald. Henderson occupied the chair, acting as umpire, and gave every satisfaction, being tendered a vote of thanks at the close. The match was played according to Anderson's rules.

PLAYING AT MONTREAL—The draught tournament which has been going on at the St. Andrew's Home for the past six weeks, under the auspices of the Caledonia Society of Montreal, terminated on the 15th. The following shows the result:—Andrew Robertson won 58 games out of 60 played; Alex. Ross, 52 out of 60; William Rattray, 50 out of 60; A. A. Stevenson, 40 out of 60; Alex. Murray, 38 out of 60.

Mr. Murdoch McKenzie of Guilph, won the championship of Wellington on Friday last. His opponent, Mr. James Smith refused to play, and the umpire ruled in favor of the former gentleman.

Cricket.

The annual meeting of the Cobourg Club was held on March 15th, at their rooms, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mayor Gaillet, Captain, Mr. E. H. Osler, Secretary, Mr. J. H. Munson; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Hayden; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. H. Osler, J. D. Hayden, J. H. Munson, H. Allen and Geo. Ellis.

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(No notice taken of anonymous communi... cations or queries. No answer by mail or...

J. B., Edgeley—We only find one race in... which a horse of that name was engaged.

R. P., Kansas—Do not know where the... horse is wintering; he made the Fall cam...

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Same Day—Purse ?—; hurdle race; mile... and a half. L Jones' b g Jim Hinton, aged, by Rogers,

Base Ball.

At a meeting of the Atlantic Club, Toron... to, held on Thursday evening of last week,

The Silver Maple Club of Wroxteter has... re-organized under the following office-bear...

The annual meeting of the Canadian Base... Ball Association should be held, according to...

It is proposed to form a Junior Base Ball... Association for Ontario. Mr. S. G. McKay,

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DEATH OF POMPEY'S PILLAR.

At the home of his owner, Mr. A. Waddle... Springfield, Ill., on the 8th inst., a severe...

RAILROAD CHANGE—Mr. A. G. Robinson... formerly in the Audit Office of the G. W. R.,

Bogardus accomplished the wonderful feat... last week in New York, of breaking 1,000...

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Doubtless, if men must play, and in the days of which I write it certainly appeared to be one of the exigencies of human nature, Crookford's was the best place at which to indulge that fatal passion. Now, when so many fine fortunes have melted away, so many bright spirits been ruined, in the undeviating pursuit of the science of numbers, illustrated by, in chance contrivances of dotted ivory, in which certain combinations too surely produce "a seven" when the quotient divides to be "a four," and vice versa in these more straitened times, of wheat at twenty-eight shillings, and an inexorable income tax, it is perhaps as well that there should be no palace thrown open to the noblest and gayest of the land—no board spread with the rarest dainties, and flooded with the choicest wines—and all "free, gratis, for nothing," in order to encourage more liberally the spirit of speculation and the practice of arithmetic. I firmly believe that many men played at Crookford's who would never have played elsewhere; and such being the case, it will not admit of argument that the destruction of that establishment is one of the improvements of the age; but nevertheless, it was very pleasant whilst it lasted; and to my frame of mind on the evening in question—harassed by my pecuniary difficulties, flushed with wine, and thirsting for excitement, no resort could have been so agreeable as the familiar halls of "Crooky."

"Nobody can throw a hand to-night," said St. Heliers, rolling good-humoredly into the supper-room, where Hillingdon and I were discussing a pleasing compound of champagne and seltzer-water. "Grand, my boy, how goes it? I am afraid the Derby winner was not so good a trial-horse as the stable-fancier, and Queen of the May, proved Queen of the May not."

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Grand and a party would be in the field to keep the ground. And in consequence of these distinct commands, the following morning, at nine, saw me adorned with glittering epaulettes, sash of gold, and a velvet cap—no pleasant covering under a vaulting summer's sky—offering my voluntary assistance to a troop of Life Guards, and a handful of police, in restricting the entry to a certain period of the Park's due top surface, and prevailing on him to abstain from trusting his unwashed face and opaque figure between the reviewing general and the troops they were there to inspect. Certainly the good humor of an Englishman is deserving of all praise; even under circumstances of political excitement they seldom lose their natural relish for food and drink; and when they are met together for anything in the shape of a sight—the Derby show, the prorogation of Parliament, the Derby, or a spectacle such as the present—their sense of the ludicrous, and their inclination to enjoy themselves, are not to be surpassed. The temper displayed by our police, who are truly a long-suffering generation, assists largely in keeping up the dignity of good-fellowship; and though a stalwart scoundrel may drop the butt of his heavy lance on a pair of sensitive toes, or the manager of a charger of a Life Guardsman a speck of dirt on his face, or a pair of idlers with his disciplined gabardine to whisk of his long, heavy tail, ears of laughter alone greet the sufferers, who in their turn can seldom refrain from joining in the general mirth. I was much struck with this on the morning in question, and having stationed myself at the point of greatest attraction, and consequently where there was most pressure from the crowd, I found that not even the size and weight of the Life Guardsmen were always sufficient to stand the rush of the populace, and I had occasionally to call in the assistance of a black charger and its immortal rider, the effect of which was instantaneous. But there was one figure that I had observed two or three times tramping the forbidden line, and being a gentlemanlike military-looking man, he had perhaps been allowed to creep rather more forward than the rest unmolested; but at length he was attempting to separate himself from the crowd, and take up his position in the open set apart from officers in uniform and those who had tickets to witness the review, one of my sentries lost all patience, and ordering his firelock in most unpleasing proximity to a well-varnished pair of boots, and at the same time bid the intruder stand back, and interposed his own massive person in a manner that left no alternative. I was in the act of requesting the gentleman civilly to withdraw, I overheard an angry expostulation between the intruder and the unmoved private.

"I'm an officer, sentry. I insist upon being allowed to pass."

"Can't help it, sir—not in uniform."

"I tell you I'm an officer. I have a right to go through the lines."

"Can't pass without a ticket."

"I'll report you, sir; I will by Heaven! I'm an officer; there's my coat. My name's Walker—Major Walker, E. of the Company's service."

"Major Walker, is it?" said the stolid guardsman, who was more than a bit of a wag, in a quiet way—"then if you're Major Walker, the best thing as you can do, is to walk off!"

I had some difficulty in perceiving my gravity as I came up, and was approached by the irate field officer. However, having every reason to suppose, from his manner and appearance, that he was about to be represented himself, I passed him through on my own authority, and was thus enabled to walk off with a courtesy that showed my civility was not misplaced.

Sundry little episodes of the same kind, varied by the occasional "break down" of a temporary wooden stand, and comical decomposition of its occupants, served to pass the time until the troops had taken up the positions assigned to them.

(To be Continued.)

THEATRES AND THEATRE-GOERS.

The following sermon was preached by the Rev. Costello Weston, at the Universalist church, Halifax, N.S., on the 4th inst. The church was filled to overflowing, and over a thousand people went away disappointed, unable to gain admission. The sermon was delivered in a pleasing manner, and has produced a marked effect in the city.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Galatians V., 1.

A "professed Christian," who is not ashamed to let it be known, that he is an occasional "theatre goer," one more who esteems it his highest honor and privilege to be a Christian Minister, and a preacher of Christ's gracious gospel, will surely be held justified in noticing in his pulpit the serious imputations upon his faithfulness as a disciple, contained in the sermon preached last Sunday evening in one of our leading churches, and afterwards reported at considerable length in several of our leading daily newspapers.

I hold it a most unfortunate thing that there has been so long a party in the church, unsparring in its hostility to, and its denunciation of, the drama. It is a great mistake to suppose this hostility has been common to the whole church, for in Christian communities the drama has always had warm friends, and under the civilizing influences of that religion it has reached its best form. There are those who are fond of finding the voice of the church in the conclusions of its ecclesiastics, in councils, and synods, and other assemblies of grave and reverend men.

But Christians have many ways besides those of giving utterance to their convictions. If we would understand correctly the position of the Christian Church in this or any other matter, we must look beyond creeds and ecclesiastical decisions. For these are the work of a class in the church, rather than of the whole body. The great mass of sincere Christian believers give comparatively little attention to the grounds on which such decisions are based, or the processes by which they are reached. They have other ways of making known their convictions; and if we would discover what those convictions actually are, we must consider carefully the life of the greater body of disciples—must look at the habits and customs of Christian communities and nations more than at the declarations of creeds and theologians.

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determined. A picture of their acts, affectionate desires, duties, difficulties and wrongs; the form taken by the best and grandest of the world's poetry. We are told the drama is of heathen origin. Rather it is of human origin. That is, it is the outgrowth and product of the human mind—the way in which the Creative Spirit has taught mankind to give expression to thought and emotion.

I need not remind you how naturally we expressed ourselves in what is called the dramatic form, nor how important is the place of the drama in our literature. When we object to it, we object to the Book of Job, as well as to the great works of Shakespeare, Milton, and a host of others. We condemn the ministers and poets of old, no less than Tennyson, Bulwer and Longfellow, of to-day.

But perhaps it will be said objection is not made to dramatic poetry and other literature, but only to the stage and the theatre where these productions are "acted." If so, we shall do well to remember how greatly we are indebted to the stage for these masterpieces of literature. Shakespeare wrote for the stage, and I know of no reason for believing that we should know anything of his genius, had not the theatre existed. Not only that, but many of us are greatly indebted to the stage for our appreciation of the great dramatic wisdom. Comparatively few become acquainted with Shakespeare through the private study of his writings. The majority are made familiar with him by the stage where his plays are produced in such a way as to impress those who listen.

Now my neighbor complains that witnessing dramatic representations, or theatre going, involves a criminal waste of time and money—has a dissipating influence upon the mind, injures morals, and is indirect antagonism to the religion of Christ.

It is hard to see how this can be, if the theatre is what I have indicated, simply the place where we witness dramatic representations of human experience. Time and money are not necessarily wasted when they are spent in gaining a better insight into the motives and passions by which men are moved, and the temptations that assail them; and it is the aim of the drama to set these before us so vividly that we shall see them as they actually are. Neither are time and money necessarily wasted when spent for amusement's sake. We certainly have the right to provide ourselves with recreation, and the theatre is not to be condemned simply because it is an amusement. Doubtless, men do waste time and money upon it, as they do upon everything else. We are extravagant in a great many ways. We squander money in building railroads, houses, churches, public works; in clothing, food, and pleasure. Apart from the legitimate outlay for these worthy ends, we unquestionably waste a great deal upon them, and wastefulness is to be condemned always and everywhere. Only let us be careful about placing the blame rightly. It is not the theatre that makes men wasteful, but a wrong education and false ideas of their duties and responsibilities. If we hold the theatre responsible for display of dress therein, we must hold the church to a like accountability, and there can be no doubt as to who is chargeable with the greatest extravagance. There is no warrant for the sweeping statement that time and money spent in theatre-going is "wasted," for many are conscious that they receive a full equivalent, either in instruction or needed diversion. Many are the careworn house-keepers and business men of this city who would find in the lightest comedy a relaxation which could not fail to be beneficial, and men should weigh carefully their words before they declare the indulgence wastefulness.

But the charges brought against the theatre are yet graver than this. It is said to be, not merely useless, but positively bad, injurious to mind and morals, and "in direct antagonism to the religion of Christ." To the charge that theatre-going "dissipates the mind," I reply that it does so only as food ruins the stomach in improper and excessive quantities. If men are to get good from the drama, they must make it their servant, and not themselves become its slaves. Theatre-going is not to be defended as an occupation, but (if at all), as an enjoyment and recreation. And instead of regarding it as injurious to the mind, I hold it to be peculiarly an intellectual amusement, even when it does no more than amuse. What is said about its unfitting for work and serious thought, applies with equal force to all the sports in which youth engages—to cricket, skating, boating, hunting, and the like. Indeed, even study itself is not free from this danger, for it is possible for us to be absorbed in books as to be completely spoiled for active duty and faithful work. No doubt some use the theatre to be harmed by it. Of what is this not true? Even the Christian church sometimes, seems to make men bigoted, self-righteous and uncharitable. Shall we therefore refuse to see any good in the church?

The vicious moral influence of the theatre is too serious a charge to be established by any

AMERICAN TROTTERS FOR ENGLAND.

With characteristic enterprise the well-known horseman and turfite, Mr. Isaac H. Dahlman, proprietor of the extensive establishment known as the Empire Stables, Nos. 209—211 East Twenty-fourth street, this city, has selected and proposes sending to England, per steamer Wisconsin, which leaves this port on the 18th inst., a string of about twenty-five or thirty choice animals, among which will be included several trotters. In the selections intended for exportation Mr. Dahlman has spared no pains to collect a lot of horses which will not only reflect considerable credit upon the American trotter, but lay a firm foundation for his further success in that direction. To accomplish this object, none but perfectly sound, purely-gaited, young and high-form'd animals are chosen, and those which will be offered to the English public as trotters will be able to show all the speed claimed for them. The invoice goes out in charge of Mr. Daniel C. Creamer, who will act for Mr. Dahlman in England, and prominent among them is the brown gelding Zoo-Zoo, 7 years old, by Gen. Knox, the sire of Lady Maud, Camors and Gilbraith Knox, whose records are 2:18½, 2:19½, 2:26½ respectively. Zoo-Zoo is a trotter of fine merit, beating a strong field last Summer, and obtained a public record of 2:35. Another good one that accompanies the expedition is the chestnut six-year-old gelding Tecumseh, with a public record of 2:32, and sired by Ethan Allen, a trotter himself, and a sire of over thirty which have scored records within the :30 line. There is also a brown six-year-old mare that can show 2:50, and is by Banner, a Maine horse, and a brown six-year-old gelding by Gen. Knox, that can beat 2:45. A couple of pole-teams are also on the list, and either one of them possess ability to do better than 2:50, road hitched. About ten large, active and handsome geldings are booked for the voyage; they will scale about 1,200 lbs. each, and are the result of the cross of the Norman horse upon the well-bred American mare. Taken as a whole, the lot would be acceptable in any market, and we hope success will meet the effort of Mr. Dahlman.

GAMBLING ON PUBLIC CONVEYANCES.

Mr. Blake has a Bill in charge in the House of Commons for the suppression of gambling in public conveyances. It provides that "whosoever in any railway car, or steamboat, used as a public conveyance for passengers, by means of the game known as three-card monte, or of any other game of cards, dice, or other instrument of gambling, or by any device of like character, obtains from any other person any money, chattel, valuable security or property, shall be deemed guilty of the misdemeanor of having obtained the same unlawfully by false pretences, and shall be liable to be punished by imprisonment in any gaol or place of confinement for any term less than one year, with or without hard labor, and with or without solitary confinement; and every person aiding, encouraging, advising or confederating with any person in the commission of the offence shall be deemed guilty thereof and liable to be punished in like manner, as a principal therein; and any attempt to commit such offence by actually engaging any person in any such game with intent to obtain money or other valuable thing from him, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable in like manner as the offence itself." The bill gives conductors and other employees of Railway or Steamboat Companies power to arrest offenders with or without a warrant, and to take them before a Justice of the Peace for trial. Money and any other valuable articles taken in violation of the Act are to be regarded as stolen.

On Wednesday last, on Mr. Blake's moving the House into Committee of Supply on the Bill, a short discussion took place. Mr. Bunster, the well-known member, defended gambling—that is to say, he could see no harm in the indulgence in a game of cards for a consideration. He seemed to think that the Bill had a general application, as he stated that the miners of British Columbia were in the habit of playing "three card monte," a game they delight in.

ROYAL CALEDONIA CURLING CLUB. THE BELLEVILLE OPERA HOUSE.

MEETING OF ONTARIO BRANCH.

The third annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club, of Scotland, was held at the Walker House, Toronto, Tuesday afternoon of last week, Mr. George Gillespie, of Hamilton, occupying the chair. There was a large attendance.

The Secretary, Mr. D. Walker, at the call of the Chairman, read the requisition calling the meeting, and afterwards the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was then called for, and

Mr. David Walker presented the annual report of the Ontario Branch, which was as follows: The Secretary and Treasurer, in making his annual report, has much pleasure in stating that the affairs of the branch are in a most flourishing condition. There are at present forty-one clubs in affiliation with this Club, and applications are now on hand from six new clubs asking for affiliation at this meeting. It would be seen by the financial statement now before the meeting that the Club will have a balance of \$12.80 of assets over all liabilities, after paying deficit on last year's annual statement, and having furnished three additional medals out of the funds of the Club for competition amongst the local clubs during the past season.

The report of the committee on the publication of the Ontario Annual also shows that financially that work has reached the point of being self-sustaining, which is a matter of great satisfaction to the promoters of this new enterprise.

The business relations of the branch with the parent club in Scotland still continue to progress in a most satisfactory manner, every suggestion that we have made, or change that we have desired have been acceded to us in the most cheerful manner possible, as will be seen from the following extracts from a letter received from Mr. Lindsay, the secretary, bearing date 28th December last: "At a meeting of committee, held on 28th November last, on going over the papers received from you, as Secretary of Ontario Branch, the members of committee express much gratification at the progress your Branch was making, and the pleasing and satisfactory nature of the correspondence between the Secretary of the Ontario Branch and the Secretary of the Royal C. C. Club, and desire me to convey to you, as Secretary of the Ontario Branch, the sense of their pleasure thereat, and their hope that the same may ever continue."

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that this meeting is called upon to mourn the loss by death of the worthy President of this Branch, the late Dr. James Hamilton, who died at his residence, Spring Hill, West Flamboro', on Thursday, the first day of the present month, aged 79 years and six months. A keen curler, and to use his own remark, he had not missed having his foot in the hack to do friendly battle on the ice in any winter during the last 40 years.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WALKER,

Secretary.

After the reading of the report, the members disposed of the yearly business of the Branch, and settled many questions of interest to curlers, which we have not space to report.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Mr. Gillespie, of Hamilton, President; Mr. Russell, Vice-President; Mr. Ward, 2nd Vice-President; Rev. Dr. Barclay, Chaplain; Mr. D. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee of Management were allowed to remain the same as last year, with the name of Judge Macpherson added. The Committee on the Annual were allowed to remain the same as last year. Mr. John O. Howard and Captain Perry were appointed auditors. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in October next.

THE "COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN."

The Cobourg Star says:—"This yacht is still for sale on very reasonable terms, in New York harbor. She is only one year old, is fitted up with every moderate con-

The Belleville Opera House deserves more than a passing notice, for it would certainly be credit to a place with much greater pretensions than Belleville, and, with the exception of Toronto and Montreal, no city or town in Canada possesses anything to compare to it. The Opera House is situated on the corner of Campbell and Pinnacle streets, and was built by Mr. Geo. E. Bull, at an expense of \$18,000. It has seating capacity for 850 persons, but can accommodate 1,000.

The orchestra, parquette and dress circle are fitted up with cushioned and reversible chairs, and the pit and gallery with very comfortable forms. There are also eight private boxes, all very tastefully fitted up. The stage is 32½ feet deep and 55 feet wide, and is fully equipped with scenery, flies, &c., and has a very attractive drop scene. The painting of the scenery was done by Mr. Davis, the scenic artist at Mrs. Morrison's Opera House, Toronto, and the frescoing of the ceiling and walls was the work of Mr. Richardson of Napance, and certainly both these gentlemen need not be ashamed of their handiwork. The lighting is by 280 jets of gas placed in a row outside the gallery, and in a sun burner in the centre of the ceiling, and the whole house is heated by two large furnaces. There are several exits on the ground floor and the stairways leading from the gallery are very wide, so that in case of a panic the house can be emptied in a few moments. Altogether the Opera House is a credit not only to Mr. Bull, but to the town of Belleville. The lessee is Mr. G. E. J. Hanway.

A SQUEALER TRIED.

The man who bets should make up his mind in advance to abide by the decision of the judge or referee. He can never be certain of winning, therefore should always be prepared to lose. To become a convert to the theory that betting is pernicious, and to attempt to recover your money under a gaming act after the wager has been decided against you, is to prove yourself deficient in intellect or lacking integrity. In the village of Amsterdam, New York, a jury composed of the leading citizens of the place expressed a few days ago, a decided opinion with regard to the standing of a man who had been on the Presidential election, lost, and sued the stakeholder for the money deposited with him. After investigating the facts the following verdict was handed in:—

"The jury in the case of P. Dargen vs. C. Moat, do report that they find a verdict to the plaintiff to the amount of \$15, and that the plaintiff be banished from the town, and that all persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating with said P. Dargen, as he is a squealer and unworthy of association. Signed by the jury."

While the law was on the side of Dargen, public sentiment unmistakably was against him. Those who take all the chances of law and none to lose, must not expect to be treated with distinguished consideration by the fair-minded fellow citizens.

A CAT HATCHING CHICKENS.

A correspondent of the London Live Stock Journal sends the following to that paper:—"I wish to give you a little anecdote concerning the Joings of a bantam hen and cock during the Summer of 1876. The hen was broody, I put seven eggs under her for her to sit upon, which she did with the help of the cat. When the hen came off to eat and drink in the daytime, the cat would go and the eggs and keep them warm until the hen came in; then the cat would leave for the hen to go on the nest, while she would sit upon the nest, and watch for the rat and mice that came to disturb the hen. While they were hatched she would sit and watch them, so that no harm came to them while they strayed from the hen; and I think it had not been for the cat they would have disappeared, and we should have had no idea how they were gone, unless they were taken by the rats. I am glad to say all that were brought up were watchful, as of the cat and the hen."

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This is why I call it most unfortunate that there has been a party in the church unsparing in its hostility to and denunciation of the drama. Because it is always a misfortune to lose the sympathy and confidence of sincere and conscientious Christians; and we suffer in more ways than can be readily named when these are withdrawn.

But what good reason is there why such sympathy and confidence should be withdrawn from the drama? This is the real question. What is the drama that it should be held up to view as a pernicious and unworthy thing, deserving only the scorn and condemnation of right-minded and faithful men and women?

And when we come to answer this question, we find that the condemned thing is simply, vivid portrayal of human life and passion—an exhibition of the experience through which men pass, and the motives by which their conduct is

regulated, houses, churches, public works; in clothing, food, and pleasure. Apart from the legitimate outlay for these worthy ends, we, unquestionably, waste a great deal upon them, and and wastefulness is to be condemned always and everywhere. Only let us be careful about placing the blame rightly. It is not the theatre that makes men wasteful, but a wrong education and false ideas of their duties and responsibilities. If we hold the theatre responsible for display of dress therein, we must hold the church to a like accountability, and there can be no doubt as to who is chargeable with the greatest extravagance. There is no warrant for the sweeping statement that time and money spent in theatre-going is "wasted," for many are conscious that they receive a full equivalent, either in instruction or needed diversion. Many are the carwomen, house-keepers and business men of this city who would find in the lightest comedy a relaxation which could not fail to be beneficial, and men should weigh carefully their words before they declare the indulgence wastefulness.

But the charges brought against the theatre are yet graver than this. It is said to be, not merely useless, but positively bad, injurious to mind and morals, and "in direct antagonism to the religion of Christ." To the charge that theatre-going "dissipates the mind," I reply that it does so only as food ruins the stomach in improper and excessive quantities. If men are to get good from the drama, they must make it their servant, and not themselves become its slaves. Theatre-going is not to be defended as an occupation, but (if at all), as an enjoyment and recreation. And instead of regarding it as injurious to the mind, I hold it to be peculiarly an intellectual amusement, even when it does no more than amuse. What is said about its unfitting for work and serious thought, applies with equal force to all the sports in which youth engages—to cricket, skating, boating, hunting, and the like. Indeed, even study itself is not free from this danger, for it is possible for us to be absorbed in books as to be completely spoiled for active duty and faithful work. No doubt some use the theatre to be harmed by it. Of what is this not true? Even the Christian church sometimes, seems to make men bigoted, self-righteous and uncharitable. Shall we therefore refuse to see any good in the church?

The vicious moral influence of the theatre is too serious a charge to be established by anything short of the fullest proof. And that proof is yet to be given. In its absence we can do no more than consider the probabilities of the case, and ask what there is in the aim of the drama to exalt the presumption of such an influence. At this point we may meet the suggestion that it is not an ideal but an actual drama with which we have to do, and one that is very impure and unwholesome.

But if this were all, the true policy of right-minded men and women would plainly be to work for its purification and restoration to its legitimate sphere. That this is not all is made clear by the fact that the assailants of the theatre will listen to no proposals looking to its reform, but affirm that the object is radical and without remedy. They say the experiment of a sound moral drama has been faithfully and repeatedly tried and failed, and that the theatre is not accidentally but essentially an immoral influence. What we are asked to do, therefore, is to sweep the whole drama out of existence, as a corrupt and corrupting thing. This includes, of course, the opera, nor can we stop with that, for the same reasoning condemns all dramatic readings, concerts and the like; and if we were loyal to the principle we cannot stop far behind our venerable friend who hurled his anathemas at the Philadelphia Exposition.

GAME AND FISH PROTECTION CLUB.

A Game and Fish Protection Club has been formed in St. John, N. B. The first work done was the appointment of a committee, consisting of Sheriff Harding, Messrs. Fellows, Almon, Bunting, Spurr, and Count de Bury, to obtain information with reference to the laws now in force in the Dominion, and further to draft rules and regulations, and report at an early day. The Sheriff was appointed to examine the present game laws in operation in the Province; Mr. Spurr to communicate with the Game Club of Montreal; Mr. Almon with that of Halifax; and Mr. Fellows with some such organization in the United States, to ascertain how their laws acted. After the needed information has been obtained the Club intends to ask the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation.

GAMBLING ON PUBLIC CONVEYANCES.

Mr. Blake has a Bill in charge in the House of Commons for the suppression of gambling in public conveyances. It provides that "whosoever in any railway car, or steamboat, used as a public conveyance for passengers, by means of the game known as three-card monte, or of any other game of cards, dice, or other instrument of gambling, or by any device of like character, obtains from any other person any money, chattel, valuable security or property shall be deemed guilty of the misdemeanor of having obtained the same unlawfully by false pretences, and shall be liable to be punished by imprisonment in any gaol or place of confinement for any term less than one year, with or without hard labor, and with or without solitary confinement; and every person aiding, encouraging, advising or confederating with any person in the commission of the offence shall be deemed guilty thereof and liable to be punished in like manner, as a principal therein; and any attempt to commit such offence by actually engaging any person in any such game with intent to obtain money or other valuable thing from him, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable in like manner as the offence itself." The Bill gives conductors and other employees of Railway or Steamboat Companies power to arrest offenders with or without a warrant, and to take them before a Justice of the Peace for trial. Money and any other valuable articles taken in violation of the Act are to be regarded as stolen.

On Wednesday last, on Mr. Blake's moving the House into Committee of Supply on the Bill, a short discussion took place. Mr. Bunster, the well-known member, defended gambling—that is to say, he could see no harm in the indulgence in a game of cards for a consideration. He seemed to think that the Bill had a general application, as he stated that the miners of British Columbia were in the habit of playing 'three card monte,' a game they delighted in. He contended that the passage of the Bill would be an infringement on the freedom of the subject.

EXCITING BEAR CHASE.

Mr. Adams' men, while cutting saw logs in a large bush near Zetland, saw a bear. Mr. Chancy King chased the animal all the day following but without success. The chase was renewed next day, when King was accompanied by Messrs. Robert and John Yee, and Alex. Magee. In the afternoon, Mr. Robert Yee, hearing a rumbling noise under a cedar log, over which was a heap of brushwood, in the swamp on Mayer's farm, township of Turnberry, about four miles east of Zetland, shot at him; when the huge monster made his appearance he gave it another charge, which brought the animal to the ground. The bear weighed 420 pounds. The animal was skinned, the carcass boiled down, and a division made among them. Mr. Robert Yee shot the same bear last fall, as the bullets were found in him.

To the Working Class.—We are now prepared to furnish all classes with constant employment at home, the whole of the time, or for their spare moments. Business new, light and profitable. Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents to \$5 per evening, and a proportional sum by devoting their whole time to the business. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as men. That all who see this notice may send their address, and test the business we make this unparalleled offer: To such as are not well satisfied we will send one dollar to pay for the trouble of writing. Full particulars, samples worth several dollars to commence work on, and a copy of Home and Fireside, one of the largest and best Illustrated Publications, all sent free by mail. Reader, if you want permanent, profitable work, address, GEORGE SIMMONS & Co., Portland, Maine.

and the Secretary of the Royal C. C. Club, and desire me to convey to you, as Secretary of the Ontario Branch, the sense of their pleasure thereat, and their hope that the same may ever continue."

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that this meeting is called upon to mourn the loss by death of the worthy President of this Branch, the late Dr. James Hamilton, who died at his residence, Spring Hill, West Flamboro', on Thursday, the first day of the present month, aged 79 years and six months. A keen curler, and to use his own remark, he had not missed having his foot in the hack to do friendly battle on the ice in any winter during the last 40 years.

All of which is
Respectfully submitted,
DAVID WALKER,
Secretary.

After the reading of the report, the members disposed of the yearly business of the Branch, and settled many questions of interest to curlers, which we have not space to report.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Mr. Gillespie, of Hamilton, President; Mr. Russell, Vice-President; Mr. Ward, 2nd Vice-President; Rev. Dr. Barclay, Chaplain; Mr. D. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee of Management were allowed to remain the same as last year, with the name of Judge Macpherson added. The Committee on the Annual were allowed to remain the same as last year. Mr. John O. Howard and Captain Perry were appointed auditors. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in October next.

THE "COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN."

The Cobourg Star says:—"This yacht is still for sale on very reasonable terms, in New York harbor. She is only one year old, is fitted up with every moderate convenience, and is in every respect a most desirable boat for any one who likes yachting. But she is something more.—She is the fastest sailer on the lake, and would, with some very slight alterations, win the Queen's Cup against the fastest of the New York yachts. It will be remembered that when the builder, Captain Cuthbert, sailed her on the ocean last year against the best American yacht, she was only 7½ minutes behind her rival, and had she not been so hastily fitted up, and had Captain Cuthbert been thoroughly acquainted with the course, there is no doubt that she would have won the race. Is there no sporting gentlemen in Canada who will buy the vessel and run her again for the Queen's Cup and the Honor of the Dominion?"

CAMPBELL'S QUININE WINE.—Report from Dr. J. Baker Edwards, Ph. D. D.C., F.C.S. Professor of Chemistry and Microscopy.

I hereby certify that I have carefully analysed the sample of "Quinine Wine" submitted to me by Messrs. Kenneth Campbell & Co., with the following result:

No. 1—Dark in color and turbid, deposits a muddy sediment on standing, has a sweet and acid taste, Orange Flavor and is scarcely bitter, yields on evaporation a thick syrup of inverted sugar, contains only microscopic trace of Quinine and Quinidine. Is made with Orange Wine.

Sample X—Dark color, with dark muddy deposit on standing, has an acid and slightly bitter taste, contains Cinchonine but no Quinine. Is made with an acid wine, not cherry.

No. 3—Campbell's—Light color, clear, with no deposit, contains Disulphate of Quinine in the proportion of 1 grain to two fluid ounces. Is made with sound cherry wine.

N.B.—The latter (Campbell's), is the only genuine "Quinine Wine" of the three samples examined.—Signed,

JOHN BAKER EDWARDS, Ph. D. D.C., F.C.S., Prof. of Chemistry and Microscopy, Bishop's College and College of Industry, Montreal.

a few days ago, a decided opinion was expressed in regard to the standing of a man who had lost on the Presidential election, and that he had sued the stakeholder for the money deposited with him. After investigating the facts, the following verdict was handed in—

"The jury in the case of P. Dargen vs. C. Moat, do report that they find a verdict for the plaintiff to the amount of \$15, and that the plaintiff be banished from the town, and that all persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating with said P. Dargen, as he is a swearer and unworthy of association. Signed by the jury."

While the law was on the side of Dargen, public sentiment unmistakably was against him. Those who take all the chances of a game and none to lose, must not expect to be treated with distinguished consideration by their fair-minded fellow citizens.

A CAT HATCHING CHICKENS.

A correspondent of the London Live Stock Journal sends the following to that paper:—"I wish to give you a little anecdote concerning the doings of a bantam hen and cat during the Summer of 1876. The hen being broody, I put seven eggs under her for her to sit upon, which she did with the help of the cat. When the hen came off to eat and drink in the daytime, the cat would go on the eggs and keep them warm until the hen came in; then the cat would leave for the hen to go on the nest, while she would sit upon the nest-box and watch for the rats and mice that came to disturb the hen. When they were hatched she would sit and watch them, so that no harm came to them when they strayed from the hen; and I think if it had not been for the cat they would have disappeared, and we should have had no idea how they were gone, unless they were taken by the rats. I am happy to say all that were brought up by the watchfulness of the cat and the hen are now living, and still in the possession of myself and two friends of mine, and the cat visits the hen-cote up to the present time."

A NEW DEODORISER.

Dr. Golden, in a recent paper in the Lancet, recommends nitrate of lead as a most effective deodoriser. Bad smells from what ever cause are removed as if by magic by its use. A pound of the material (costing less than a shilling), in combination with common salt, furnishes sufficient to make nearly 400 gallons of the fluid, so that it is also remarkably cheap. To prepare for use, take for ordinary purposes half a drachm of nitrate of lead, dissolve it in a pint or more of boiling water, dissolve about two drachms of common salt in a pail or bucket of water, pour the two solutions together, and allow the sediment to settle. A cloth dipped in this liquid and hung up will sweeten a fetid atmosphere immediately.

THE FUR TRADE.

Cablegrams received by our principal dealer from the London spring sales go to show that furs have considerably declined in price. On Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Hudson Bay Company's sale, Montreal, Martin sold 25 per cent. below the price obtained in 1876, Mink 10 per cent. lower, Lynx 35 per cent., Bear 30 per cent., and Silver fox 30 per cent. On Thursday, the 8th inst., at C. M. Tompson & Co's sale same city, Skunk sold at 30 per cent. below the price obtained in 1876.

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Le Roy, N.Y.	May 29 to 31
Flintwood Park, N.Y.	May 29 to June 1
Whitmarsh, 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.	" 12 to 14
Ettnara, N.Y.	" 19 to 21
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Crummatt	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Port St. Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Chesland, O.	July 24 to 27
Dobbs, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Port Jervis, N.Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Windsor, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
Port Jervis, N.Y.	2d " "
Tulawa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N.Y.	3d " "
Urbana, Ill.	4th " "

CANADIAN.

Windsor	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Byearline	May 24
Dundas (local)	May 24
Amherst	May 24 to 25
Fredericton	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
Mr. Forest local	July 2
Mr. Forest	Sept.

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bilious are greatly against any such course of action. If these places should offer such inducements, it will be found the representatives from the Western section at least would be of an inferior class, as it is quite natural enough to imagine that owners would not feel disposed to let the greater inducements pass to almost take the chances of grasping the smaller one. Of late years, very few of our first-class Province-breds have won the Plate. Terror, Emily, Jack Vandal, Pilot, and many other good ones were not successful in capturing the prize, and many of those who did win it were scarcely heard of afterwards. It is the prestige of seeing the Plate run for that is the great attraction, the quality of the horses usually engaged is not such as to guarantee a fine contest, being, in accordance with its conditions, nutried or beaten ones.

Taking into consideration the success of this race alone, without speaking of the whole meeting, we think there would have been a better field of horses if it had been run on the Queen's Birthday. However, there will doubtless be quite a sufficient entry list to make a good field, even if some of the better ones are waded out by our Western Associations, and the *celat* which is always visible on this occasion will not be absent this year. The Prescott Association have our best wishes for their success, and any difference of opinion on the question of date, will not cause us to think any less of their judgment, or render us at all dilatory in giving such assistance as they have a right to expect from a paper like the SPORTING TIMES. Of one thing we feel assured, and that is, from the personnel of the Association, that nothing will be left undone to make their meeting successful, and no energies will be spared to satisfy all who are in any way interested, horse owners and others.

AT LAST.

After all the discussion in regard to the Haulan-Scharff affair, and the many explanations which have been submitted, we are pleased to learn that at a meeting of the Ontario Rowing Club of this city, held last week, it was resolved to forward a challenge on behalf of Haulan, to row the Pittsburg sculler a three-mile sculling race, with turn, for \$1,000 a side. As an evidence of business \$100 as forfeit was deposited in the hands of Mr. Frank Queen, of the New York Clipper. It is, we believe, conditional that the race shall be rowed on Toronto Bay, for which concession Scharff will be allowed reasonable expenses. Now the prospects of an aquatic contest, in which our champion will take part, are a little more brilliant, and the course of the SPORTING TIMES in this matter, has, no doubt, been the means of bringing the negotiations to this advanced state at this time. It is satisfactory to know that this action of the Ontarios will render unnecessary the begging appeal to the public, which was suggested by the sporting editor of the *Globe*; and it is to be hoped that that individual will place no obstructions in the way of successfully carrying out to a satisfactory conclusion the negotiations already instituted, even if the action of the Ontarios should not be in consonance with the expressed idea that the rules of amateur aquatics would not permit a club to undertake the management of a match in which a professional sculler was engaged. The attempt of such a course will probably be overlooked, and an adhesion, silent possibly, will be given to the action of the Ontarios, on the principle that the end justifies the means.

of \$50, on July 1st, 1879. Dominion Rules will govern, and the race will be 2 in 5, mile heats, in harness.

This stake should be a great success in entries, and consequently in value. A great deal of credit is due to its originators, and it is to be hoped it will meet their highest expectations. Their action is something more liberal than that of a breeder of thoroughbred horses who suggested in one of our city papers last week, that some club would institute a 3-year-old stake of \$100 each, and add \$400. Our trotting horsemen appear to be well enough satisfied to go for their own money, without the additional inducement of added money. We have been advocates of stake racing, and we are pleased to see that one of the first issues has been a stake, pure and simple, in the widest sense of the term. The 1st of July will be watched anxiously to see how our breeders will support this new institution.

CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

The by-law for \$25,000 bonus to the Credit Valley Railway must now be taken into consideration by the people, as it is to be voted upon on the 3rd April.

This railway has been under construction for about three years, and, we believe, there were employed upon it from 600 to 1,000 men. Over 100 miles is ready for the iron, but not consecutively.

It was originally contemplated on the 3ft. 6in. gauge, and to extend only 40 miles from Toronto, to the town of Milton and the Village of Alton, forking at Streetsville; but this scheme was abandoned, the broad gauge adopted, and the enlarged scheme made to embrace connection with the Canada Southern at St. Thomas, thus making Toronto the terminus of the Canada Southern as far as Canadian business is concerned. At present all the business of this line is carried across the International Bridge to Buffalo.

A branch of the Credit Valley is to join the Wellington, Grey & Bruce of Ferguson, giving a more direct route to the County of Bruce. This railway passing through so extensive, rich and populous a district, studded over with towns and villages and manufacturing, must throw a great number of well-to-do people into the City of Toronto with their business, a class of people who have something to sell and something wherewith to pay for their purchases.

The people on the narrow gauge through-out a large extent of country are new settlers, comparatively unable to travel or to spend much money in daily necessities or sight seeing.

When the merits of the Credit Valley Railway come to be examined, we find that not only will it prove valuable on account of the people whom it will bring to trade with us, but because of competition it will compel the Grand Trunk and Great Western, especially the latter, to do business with the City on terms which is well-known that at present we are discriminated against by both these roads.

Under a bond given by the Credit Valley Railway the city is secured, on penalty to the Company of \$500,000, against discriminatory rates. This clause is of vast importance. By the want of a similar agreement with the Grand Trunk the progress of the City of Toronto has been much impeded.

Let us have plenty of business, people to sell goods and to purchase, and then shall we have our hotels full, our warehouses busy, our shops patronized, cabmen and carters, in fact all classes better employed. Nothing bears more truth than the fact that a city

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. John Forbes, of Woodstock, reports his horses all doing well. Bruce and Vicksburg are looking as fine as silk.

Mr. T. C. Patterson has lately imported three very fine thoroughbred fillies from England. Their breeding is exceptionally fine.

Mr. E. A. A. Grange, V. S., left Guelph, on Tuesday morning for Lexington, Ky., for the purpose of buying a first-class thoroughbred stallion to make the coming season in the Wellington district.

Col. McDaniels has nominated a three year old colt, by Oysterman, Jr., (Hunt Bros. horse of Pt. Hope) dam Spotted Fawn by Deaulion in the Summer Handicap for all ages, to be run at the second Saratoga meeting this season.

Mr. John Leys, of this city, sold on Thursday of last week, a pair of carriage horses to Mr. Wm. Cawthra also of Toronto, for \$1,000. This is a good price, but they are a spanking team.

Mr. Henry Russel, of Weston, has sold his fine French stallion, noticed in the SPORTING TIMES last August. The consideration was \$700.

Mr. Frank Lowell, of Galt, is said to have a very promising candidate for the Queen's Plater, in the shape of a colt, by Harper, dam an Allendale mare.

Dr. Hamilton's black mare Furze, trotted against "Time" at Athlone, on St. Patrick's Day. After two trials she gave it up, the old scythe-bearer being too fast for her. \$20 was the stakes.

Mr. Borst's grey stallion Rival, that trotted in the free-for-all class at the late snow meeting at Woodbine, is passing the winter, we are informed, at Homer, in Mr. Tom Brown's stable. He will probably be taken back to Indianapolis, Ind., where he belongs, as soon as the Spring opens.

Mr. Frank Restorick, the well-known western turfman, of Watford, Ont., left on Saturday for Liverpool, with seventeen fine horses. Among the lot are the track horses, Grey Bird, Gypsy Queen, and Larkin.

Mr. Henry, of Cheltenham, is giving his Plater walking exercise, preparatory to stronger training.

We have received the Spirit of the Times Trotting and Pacing Record for 1876 from the publishers. It comprises summaries of all trotting and pacing races in the States and Canada for 1876, pedigrees of winners, and statistical tables of value, compiled from official sources. It is gotten up in a condensed style, suitable for the pocket, and is sold for \$1.50. Gentlemen wishing to procure it should address Mr. E. A. Buck, Spirit of Times, 3 Park Row, New York.

A large number of fine horses from Ontario were sold in Montreal on American account last week. The average of the prices has materially advanced, evidently showing an increased demand or a superior quality of animals.

Mr. Wm. Beattie, of Lambeth, near London, has shipped twenty-eight horses to England.

A lot of mustangs were recently sold in California at \$1.00 each.

An Ottawa correspondent in the Spirit of the Times last week, falls into an error when he says that Deck Wright made the quickest time ever trotted in Canada, at the late winter meeting at Leamey's Lake there. He gives 2:24 in his second heat as the record. Dexter trotted a second heat at Hamilton, Ont., on Aug. 23, 1867, in 2:22.

Messrs. Enright Bros., of Dundas, have heard from the lot of horses they shipped for England a short time ago. They met with

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The Veterinary Society in connection with this institution held its weekly meeting in the lecture hall on Thursday evening, the 16th inst; the chair being occupied by Mr. J. T. Duncan, V.S.

The chairman expressed his regret that Mr. A. Stephenson was unable to read his essay on account of severe indisposition. He therefore called on Mr. David Stovel, who came forward and read an excellent paper descriptive of a very difficult case of "Parturition" which he had attended the past Summer. A lengthened and animated debate followed, in which the subject matter of the communication was thoroughly ventilated and sifted. After being on his feet for fully an hour, Mr. Stovel returned to his seat amid loud applause.

A unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Stovel closed the proceedings, and the meeting was adjourned.

THE PRACTICAL VIEWS OF PRACTICAL BREEDERS.

MR. J. P. WISER, OF CANADA, SPEAKS.

PRESCOTT, Feb. 26, 1877.

EDITORS TURF, FIELD AND FARM.—In relation to the breeding subject, I am almost too young in the business to say much about it, and this, coupled with extreme modesty (about getting into print), will prevent my letter being very interesting, entertaining or instructive.

However, we'll see what can be done. In the first place, I would say my first purchase was the brood mare Lady Patchen, by Geo. M. Patchen, dam Long Island Maid, by Montauk, son of Cassius M. Clay, bought of W. H. Peck, Esq., Hartford, Conn. The next one, Belle, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Rhoda, by Amos Cassius M. Clay, Jr., bought of C. M. Pond, Esq., also of Hartford, Conn. My third purchase was Rysdyk, also of Mr. Pond. These three purchases were made in the Spring and Summer of 1874; and you will say they have been very productive when I tell you I have to-day something over sixty head of stock. The two mares named were in foal when I bought them—Lady Patchen to Peck's Idol, and Belle to Rysdyk. Lady Patchen's produce was a bay filly, now 32 months old, 15-8½ hands high, and weighs 975 pounds. She is a right good one, has been handled a little, and can show a 2:40 out very handily. Produce of Belle: a bay colt, 31 months old, 15-3½ hands high, and weighs 1,105 pounds. He has not been worked as much as the above filly, but is well broken, and can show a 3-minute gait. I have kept him a stallion, and think him a very promising young one. Now, as to how they are fed, &c. At five months they are weaned, put into a box stall 16 by 20 feet, run out-doors daytimes, and shut up nights; were turned out every day; don't think they missed a day all Winter. I commenced by giving them two quarts each per day, and kept increasing it to six quarts daily; was changed to ground oats, then back to oats again. Carrots twice a week in place of oats, and in addition to this about four quarts of milk each night and morning all Winter, together with all the good hay they could eat. I have treated all my colts in this manner till this Winter, when I have added one-quarter corn to three-quarter oats, and I like it better than the clear oats. For the two (this is the third year) years I have been breeding, I have not had a sick colt for an hour—always well and ready for their three meals a day. As I have said above, as I fed my two first colts, so I have fed them all, and I think successfully. One of my yearlings, Louise, by Rysdyk, dam Minnie Day (grand dam Old Kate, dam of Orient), sire by Green's Hambletonian (full brother, as you know, of Volanteer); is 15 hands high, as handsome as a picture, and can pull a man in a road cutter a ¼ in one minute, and has done it. Then I have two weanlings that stand 14-2½ hands.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATE.

By our advertising columns to-day, it will be seen the Pr. Scott Association have decided to run the Queen's Plate on Monday, July 2. This will give owners ample time to have their charges in proper shape, without any doubt, though there is a possibility that some of the better horses may be ineligible before that date. It is rather too much to expect, if a gentleman has a good green Province-bred, that he is to give no consideration to probably three or four good races for this class of horses, which, in all likelihood, will be run before that day. There is a possibility that such associations as Woodstock, London, Toronto and Hamilton, will not offer at least one good purse or stake for horses eligible for the Plate, but the proba-

AT LAST.

After all the discussion in regard to the Handan-Scharff affair, and the many explanations which have been submitted, we are pleased to learn that at a meeting of the Ontario Rowing Club of this city, held last week, it was resolved to forward a challenge on behalf of Handan, to row the Pittsburg sculler a three-mile sculling race, with turn, for \$1,000 a side. As an evidence of business \$100 as forfeit was deposited in the hands of Mr. Mark Queen, of the New York Clipper. It is, we believe, conditional that the race shall be rowed on Toronto Bay, for which concern Mr. Scharff will be allowed reasonable expenses. Now the prospects of an aquatic contest, in which our champion will take part, are a little more brilliant, and the course of the SPORTING TIMES in this matter, has, no doubt, been the means of bringing the negotiations to this advanced state at this time. It is satisfactory to know that this action of the Ontarios will render unnecessary the begging appeal to the public, which was suggested by the sporting editor of the *Globe*; and it is to be hoped that that individual will place no obstructions in the way of successfully carrying out to a satisfactory conclusion the negotiations already instituted, even if the action of the Ontarios should not be in consonance with the expressed idea that the rules of amateur aquatics would not permit a club to undertake the management of a match in which a professional sculler was engaged. The etiquette of such a course will probably be overlooked, and an adhesion, silent possibly, will be given to the action of the Ontarios, on the principle that the end justifies the means.

A TROTTING DERBY.

Our friends of the trotting horse class are slightly ahead of their brethren of the thoroughbred racer. It will be seen by an announcement in to-day's paper, that practical steps have been taken to institute a Trotting Derby for colts and fillies of 1876. It originated in a match between Mr. Booth of Caledonia, and Mr. Eli Gregory of St. Catharines, in matching their respective yearlings Harvey B. and Ontario Maid (a sister to Alexander), to trot a 3-year-old race for \$100 each, p. p. It was then left open to all colts and fillies foaled in 1876, owned and bred in the Dominion, on the same terms as the original match. Nominations to be made on or before July 1st, 1877, accompanied with description of entry and \$25 forfeit money; \$25 more being payable on July 1st, 1878, and \$50 on July 1st, 1879. Mr. F. Stinson, of St. Catharines, has been appointed treasurer, and will receive the nomination. The entrance money will be deposited in the P.O. Savings Bank, and the interest accruing from said money will be added to the net amount. Any default in payment of the entrance money will forfeit all that has been paid in, and the stake being p. p., if a horse does not start, the whole of his entrance money is forfeited. In this way the stake should be quite a rich one. It is proposed to trot it in September, 1879, the day and track to be selected by a majority of the gentlemen making nominations, who will send in their choice with their final deposit

the International Bridge to Buffalo. A branch of the Credit Valley is to join the Wellington, Grey & Bruce of Ferguson, giving a more direct route to the County of Bruce. This railway passing through so extensive, rich and populous a district, studded over with towns and villages and manufacturing, must throw a great number of well-to-do people into the City of Toronto with their business, a class of people who have something to sell and something to buy with to pay for their purchases.

The people on the narrow gauge, throughout a large extent of country, are new settlers, comparatively unable to travel or to spend much money in our city for goods or sight seeing.

When the merits of the Credit Valley Railway come to be examined, we find that not only will it prove valuable on account of the people whom it will bring to trade with us, but because of competition it will compel the Grand Trunk and Great Western, especially the latter, to do business with the City on terms which is well-known that at present we are discriminated against by both these roads.

Under a bond given by the Credit Valley Railway the city is secured, on penalty to the Company of \$500,000, against discriminatory rates. This clause is of vast importance. By the want of a similar agreement with the Grand Trunk the progress of the City of Toronto has been much impeded.

Let us have plenty of business, people to sell goods and to purchase, and then shall we have our hotels full, our warehouses busy, our shops patronized, cabmen and carters, in fact all classes, better employed. Nothing bears more truth than the fact that a city full of business must also be comparatively full of money; and where there is plenty of money and good times, we will find increased building, and a continual rise in the value of prosperity.

We notice that one Toronto paper is giving its countenance and support to the city's enemies, and, under the subterfuge of reduced taxation, is really doing battle for the Great Western and Hamilton, together with the other opponents of the rise and progress of the city of Toronto.—Cox.

FAT CATTLE.

The following examples of Canadian feeding speak more forcibly for, and are greater practical evidences of, the resources of the country and its adaptability for stock raising, than columns of writing. At the Guelph Fair, last week, Mr. Alfred Reeves, the well-known Toronto drover, purchased from Mr. John West, of Guelph, a large fat steer, weighing 3,075 lbs, for which he paid \$350. It is Mr. Reeves' intention to ship it to London, where it will occupy a prominent position for a time in the museum owned by Mr. Reeves' brother. This is believed to be the heaviest ox on record in Canada, being within 44 lbs. of the weight of the heaviest steer at the Centennial.

On the same day, Mr. Wm. Kelly (formerly of the Mansion House, of this city), bought from Mr. Wm. McLean, of Goderich, the two first prize cattle of the Fair. They weighed 4,960 lbs, and the consideration reported for them was \$500. They were shown on King street here on Friday, and attracted general attention. Subsequently they were disposed of to Mr. Hugh Kelly, of St. Lawrence market, in whose stall they will make a prominent display at Easter.

Indianapolis, Ind., where he belongs, as soon as the Spring opens.

Mr. Frank Restorick, the well-known western turfman, of Watford, Ont., left on Saturday for Liverpool, with seventeen fine horses. Among the lot are the track horses, Grey Bird, Gypsy Queen, and Larkin.

Mr. Henry, of Cheltenham, is giving his Plater walking exercise, preparatory to stronger training.

We have received the Spirit of the Times Trotting and Pacing Record for 1876 from the publishers. It comprises summaries of all trotting and pacing races in the States and Canada for 1876, pedigrees of winners, and statistical tables of value, compiled from official sources. It is gotten up in a condensed style, suitable for the pocket, and is sold for \$1.50. Gentlemen wishing to procure it should address Mr. E. A. Buck, Spirit of Times, 8 Park Row, New York.

A large number of fine horses from Ontario were sold in Montreal on American account last week. The average of the prices has materially advanced, evidently showing an increased demand or a superior quality of animals.

Mr. Wm. Beattie, of Lambeth, near London, has shipped twenty-eight horses to England.

A lot of mustangs were recently sold in California at \$1.00 each.

An Ottawa correspondent in the Spirit of the Times last week, falls into an error when he says that Deck Wright made the quickest time ever trotted in Canada, at the late winter meeting at Leamey's Lake there. He gives 2:24 in his second heat as the record. Dexter trotted a second heat at Hamilton, Ont., on Aug. 23, 1867, in 2:22.

Messrs. Enright Bros., of Dundas, have heard from the lot of horses they shipped for England a short time ago. They met with very rough weather, and will not be in shape to offer for sale for some time after landing.

There is some talk of a meeting of prominent horse breeders, to be held in Toronto, in the latter part of April, probably during Messrs. Grand's big sale. Questions affecting their interest will be thoroughly discussed. The subjects of racing, exportation, turf clubs, and stakes will be brought up, and the views of the practical men had.

Hon. C. I. Douglas, of Oak Ridges, Ont., sold last week to Mr. J. C. Mahon, of Truro, N. S., the bay trotting stallion Frank Allison, eight years old, by Blackbird (a Clay) dam by the Harris Horse (a Messenger), grand-dam by Gifford's Morgan. He stands about 16 hands, and has a record of 2:36 at Marengo, Ill., June 1875. The consideration was \$2,000.

THE DERBY SWEEP.

OTTAWA, March 19, 1877.

To ED. SPORTING TIMES:—On reading your paper last week, I was much pleased with the suggestion of a \$5,000 Derby Sweep. If not inconsistent with your business principles, I should like to see it conducted under the management of the SPORTING TIMES.—In this way investors would have a confidence in the scheme which would go a great way in promoting its success, and which purely private enterprise could hardly command. Trusting you will take this hint into consideration, and give your assistance in carrying out the plan.

Yours, respectfully,

AN OLD COUNTRYMAN.

P. S.—You will have my practical encouragement to the extent of \$50.

My third purchase was Rysdyk, also of Mr. Pond. These three purchases were made in the Spring and Summer of 1874; and you will say they have been very productive when I tell you I have to-day something over sixty head of stock. The two mares named were in foal when I bought them—Lady Patchen to Peck's Idol, and Belle to Rysdyk. Lady Patchen's produce was a bay filly, now 82 months old, 15-3/4 hands high, and weighs 975 pounds. She is a right good one, has been handled a little, and can show a 2:40 gait very handily. Produce of Belle: a bay colt, 81 months old, 15-3/4 hands high, and weighs 1,105 pounds. He has not been worked as much as the above filly, but is well broken, and can show a 3-minute gait. I have kept him a stallion, and think him a very promising young one. Now, as to how they are fed, &c. At five months they are weaned, put into a box stall 16 by 20 feet, run out-doors daytimes, and shut up nights; were turned out every day; don't think they missed a day all Winter. I commenced by giving them two quarts each per day, and kept increasing it up to six quarts daily; was changed to ground oats, then back to oats again. Carrots twice a week in place of oats, and in addition to this about four quarts of milk each night and morning all Winter, together with all the good hay they could eat. I have treated all my colts in this manner till this Winter, when I have added one-quarter corn to three-quarter oats, and I like it better than the clear oats. For the two (this is the third year) years I have been breeding, I have not had a sick colt for an hour—always well and ready for their three meals a day. As I have said above, as I fed my two first colts, so I have fed them all, and I think successfully. One of my yearlings, Louise, by Rysdyk, dam Minnie Day (grand dam Old Kate, dam of Orient), sue by Green's Hambletonian (full brother, as you know, of Volunteer); is 15 hands high, as handsome as a picture, and can pull a man in a road outter a 1/2 in one minute, and has done it. Then I have two weanlings that stand 14-2/2 hands, good ones, and show good promise of speed.

The stallions—Rysdyk, Phil Sherman, Chestnut Hill, Wm. B. Smith and North America—are given eight to ten miles daily. Chestnut Hill, by Rysdyk, is a slick one; trotted a quarter for us the other day in 37 seconds. The brood mares are never worked; run out days and stabled nights. They are fed four quarts oats daily, carrots twice a week and all the hay they want. They all look well, and notwithstanding it has been thought by some, our Winters are so severe, we could not breed and raise the trotting horse successfully, I am very much inclined to think we can, and hope in a few years to be able to prove it. I am satisfied myself that we can, and am well pleased with my stock so far. I am told by those who have seen Eastern and Kentucky stock that mine compares very favorably with their stock; that they have seen no better ones than mine, and that I need not be ashamed of my efforts thus far. I consider this very flattering indeed, for the remarks are made by those having no interest in one section more than another. If there is any difference it is rather against Canada than for it.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Wisser.

Lacrosse.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton club was held at Fairchild's Restaurant, Hamilton, on the 16th instant, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. A. H. Hope; 1st Vice-President, Dr. E. C. Kittson; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. F. C. N. Robertson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. Dunn; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. Turner; Captain, Mr. Geo. Filgiano; Committee, Messrs. H. B. Johnson, J. Heath, and F. Leggo.

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT MONTREAL.

FASHION COURSE, Montreal, March 16—\$100. Sweepstake. Mile heats, 3 in 5 to sleighs.

Mr. Love's Waltzing Dan	2	1	2	1	1
D. Wilson's b g	1	3	3	3	2
Mr O'Rourke's Baker Boy	3	2	1	2dr	
Mr Mischino's Silver Boy					
Mr Beauvais' Old Horse	not placed				
Mr Monteith's Mill					

Time—2:50½, 2:47½, 2:50½, 2:52½, 3:00½.

Immediately afterwards Mr. Park's black mare beat Mr. Lajunesse's Prodigal Son, for a purse of \$50.

TROTTING AT INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, March 17th—\$20. Mile heats 3 in 5 to sleighs.

Wm McMurray, run in Maggie Smaller, by Capt Tom	1	1	1	1
G. Kempshall, b g Bay Tom	3	2	2	
D. Kemp, ch m Sorrell Maggie	2	dr		

No time.

TROTTING AT WOODSTOCK.

WOODSTOCK, March 19, 1877—\$100—Match. Half-mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

Forbes & McKay's J H Boyle	2	1	1	1
Forbes & Burgess' Zora Boy	1	2	2	2

No time.

JET.

ANOTHER WITNESS.

TIPPO AND THE ESCAPE.

In our issue of March 9th, we submitted a couple of letters from Mr. Leovons, of Bloomfield, Ont., claiming that Tippe, the grandsire of Dougherty's Royal George, was by a horse called The Escape. In the letters were evidences of this theory. On March 2nd we compared the respective claims of Ogden's Messenger and Fleetwod in this respect. Today we have a communication from another source, which still further strengthens the The Escape theory, and points strongly to the correctness of the assumption that so far as his sire was concerned, Royal George was innocent of Messenger breeding. This investigation into the breeding of one of our leading trotting strains will prove eminently interesting to the equine student, and may possibly clear up a point which is not very well defined, if indeed it is tangible—was Royal George a Messenger.

[copy] Oro, March 12, 1877.

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 10th inst. at hand. With respect to my father, he is dead, but I can give you the information necessary. As for the pedigree of the horse my father had, he was called Tippe Sultan, and he was sired by old Black Tippe, and he by a horse called The Escape, imported from England, and owned by a man by the name of Spike, in the Township of Loberough, near Kingston.

Black Tippe was not brought from New York State, but he was sired in Canada, in the County of Lennox. Tippe Sultan was sired in Lennox also, and raised by a man by the name of Murdoff, and sold to G. B. Sills, and my father bought him from Sills, took him to Whitby and sold him to W. Hilliker.

A great many try to make out that The Tippos were descended from Messenger, but that is false.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed), HIRAM BARNHART.

FROM INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, March 20th, 1877.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

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Mr. McMurray (proprietor of the Mc-

Aquatic.

HANLAN TO WALLACE ROSS.

Just at the time of going to press we received the following challenge from Hanlan to Ross. From reports in various papers it would appear that Ross was anxious for just such a match, and it is possible there will be no trouble in arranging the preliminaries.

TORONTO, March 21, '77

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

I hereby challenge Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B., to row me a three or four mile single scull race with one turn in best-aud-best boats, to take place on Toronto Bay, on or about June 6th, for \$1,000 a side. Here-with is deposited the sum of \$100 in the hands of the editor of THE CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES as a forfeit. I will allow Mr. Ross his reasonable expenses to row here. Upon sending articles to SPORTING TIMES, and covering forfeit, they will be immediately attended to. Editor SPORTING TIMES to be stakeholder.

Yours,

EDWARD HANLAN.

HANLAN AND SCHARFF.

We understand \$100 forfeit money has been forwarded to the N. Y. Clipper for the purpose of making a match between Scharff and Hanlan, to come off on Toronto Bay, 3 miles, with a turn, for a \$1,000, gold, a side. Scharff will be allowed reasonable expenses to come here. It will probably be July before the race takes place, assuming that the Pittsburger will pick up the glove.

Scharff has accepted the challenge of Morris to row for \$1,000 and the United States championship. The race will take place on June 9th, on the upper Monongohela.

Bell's Life, Land and Water, and the Sportsman all expect Oxford to win the University race next Saturday. The Sporting Gazette thinks Cambridge will win somewhat easily.

FROM LOCKPORT.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., March 19.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR—Two days sleighing last week, and a full assortment of roadsters anxious for a brush. Mr. Clark White, of Catskill, N.Y., and his liberal purse, have paid us another visit. Phenomenon, by Niagara Chief, dam by Caro's Norman, and his oldest son Sawko being the victims. Phenomenon has a record of 2:35, obtained at the Le Roy Spring meeting of 1876, and it is claimed that he can trot in the twenties. Sawko was foaled in 1872, making him now five years of age. He has no mile record, but as a four-year-old trotted three quarters in 2:08½, at the annual fair of the Niagara Agricultural Society. The get of Niagara Chief seems to have created a favorable impression upon Mr. White, and in Phenomenon, Cambria Girl, and Sawko, he has secured a trio hard to beat.

The stock of the late Wm. Bedford has been sold at auction, administrator's sale. A fine Niagara Chief colt, and the brood mare Crazy Jane, were bought by his son, and the brood mare Gargling Oil, record 2:48, by Tom Ashford. Not being present at the sale, I could not learn the prices paid.

I understand that Conover & Derome intend closing their billiard parlor.

The Albert Gymnastic Association have suspended till more suitable rooms can be obtained.

Present appearances in base ball circles do not indicate that we are to have that cracked nine this summer, the Lockport Base Ball Association being in a rather disorganized condition. The Niagara Light Guards intend giving a grand ball some time in April. A pleasant time is anticipated. The outside of the Opera House is receiving its annual coat of paint.

Amusements are dead at present, and very likely to be for some time to come. The Holman English Opera Troupe, on the 13th inst., gave a fine entertainment to a moderate

FROM COBOURG.

COBOURG, March 21st, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR,—If there is a depression in mercantile circles, I can say that it is decidedly the other way at the curling rink in this town. The club own seven medals, five of which are the Caledonia Society's medals, and have been won at various times by our club; the other two have been presented by the patrons. The members of the club are very busy playing off for the ownership of the above medals. The rink medals have been won by E. A. MacNachtan's, first, and J. Pratt's, second. John Pratt has won the point medal, with a score of 14. J. Sailsbury and H. Burnham are the winners of the first and second medals for individual matches, having beaten every other member of the club in the process of the different draws. The patron's medals now lie between Messrs. Pratt's and MacNachtan's rinks for first and second. Most of the above players are well known throughout the country, as they are all old votaries at the game.

Mr. W. Jakes, jr., left for Montreal on Monday night. I hope to hear a good account of him.

The cricket club have organized, and are going to make a good programme for the coming season. All clubs desirous of a game can address J. H. Munson, secretary.

ANEMONE.

Amusements.

CITY.

The distinguished young English actor, Mr. H. J. Montague, commenced a week's engagement at Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House on Monday, in the excellent Society comedy of False Shame. Miss Alice Wyrdham had been specially engaged to support him in his pieces. Mr. Montague is one of the finest light comedians with which the boards of the Grand has ever been graced, and his success has been quite marked and due to his merits alone, coming here quite a stranger. The piece has been admirably played, and every night of its production was favored with good houses. To-night Mr. Montague takes his benefit, when in addition to False Shame the charming petite drama of Idle Tears will be presented. By all means, go and see him.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—At the Academy of Music, Mr. Geo. Fawcett Rowe commenced a week's engagement, and made his first appearance on Monday last as Micawber, supported by the regular company.

QUELPER.—Miss Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Combination, Town Hall, for one week, commencing 21st.

PETERBORO'.—Mr. James Lumsden, Scottish vocalist, assisted by Miss Isa Robertson, Miss Jennie Lumsden, and Mr. Galletly, at Bradburn's Hall, March 23.

KINGSTON.—Tom Allen and Jack Madden at Victoria Music Hall, on 16th, to a large audience.—Randolph & Cecil, spiritual exponents, gave a clever exhibition.

HALIFAX.—At the Academy of Music from the 9th to the 14, the Shaugraun. The part of Coun being taken by Mr. J. R. Griesmer. Manager Nannery has engaged for a short time Mr. Oliver Doud Byron, who appeared for the first time in Halifax last night as Ben McCallough. Mr. Nannery's company will remain here for two weeks more and will then go to St. John, N.B. Two of the company were married yesterday by the Rev. Corbillo Weston, namely, Mr. W. Harkins to Miss Lenora Bigelow. The bride-maid was Miss Pearl Eytynge, and the groomsmen Mr. Harry Pierson.—Ann Eliza Young will not be here this season, as reported in the New York Dramatic News.

FOR RENT.

THE QUEEN'S HEAD, TORONTO.



COLT STAKES.

FOR PRODUCE OF 1876.

CONTRIBUTION \$100 each, ply or pay, for colts and fillies foaled in 1876, bred and owned in the Dominion of Canada, to be trotted in September, 1879, on a day still to be named by a majority of the parties entering for such stake; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness; Dominion Rules. Entries to be made with Mr. STRATTON, Esq., St. Catharines, on or before July 1st, 1877, and to be, with name of sire and dam, sex and color of colt or filly entered. \$25 to accompany nomination; balance of money to be paid as follows: \$25 on or before July 1st, 1878, and \$50 on or before July 1st, 1879. If five start the money to be divided in the proportions of 40, 30 and 20 per cent. to first second and third horses; if more than five start, money to be divided in proportions of 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent. to first, second, third and fourth horses.

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STALLION Race

Canadian "Sporting Times" Stake

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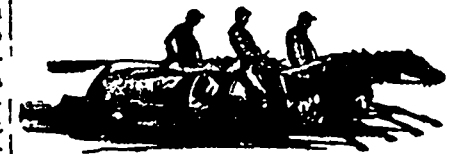
September, 1877

The Proprietors of the SPORTING TIMES offer the following stake to be trotted for by all Stallions owned in Canada at the date of this announcement (bar Phil Sheridan and Caldonia Chief), publicly advertised to, and making the season of 1877 in Canada. The season's service to consist of not less than ten mares.

CONDITIONS.

\$40 each; \$20 forfeit, with \$250 added by the proprietors of the CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES, and a Gold Medal to the winning horse. Mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. Entries will close on FRIDAY, 1st JUNE. Forfeit money must accompany nomination; and the other \$20 payable on the 1st of September. 60 per cent. of money to first horse, 25 to second, 15 to third. In case of a walk over, winner to receive his own entrance money and one-half of all the other entrance money received. Pedigree and description, with owner's name, to be given in nomination. March 16, 1877. 290-td

HAMILTON, Ont



SUMMER RACES!

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When Liberal Purses will be given.

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PRESCOTT, Ont.



DRIVING PARK ASSOCIATION

July 2nd & 3rd,

SUMMER MEETING

The QUEEN'S PLATE will be run on MONDAY, JULY 2nd.

E. JESSUP, Secretary

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GRANDS'

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HORSES!

GREAT SPRING SALE

CRYSTL PALACE, TORONTO.

To Farmers, Breeders and Others, having sound young draught horses, drivers, and well-bred carriage and saddle horses for sale, Messrs. GRAND intend holding an extensive auction sale on

TUESDAY, APRIL 24,

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500 HORSES,

—AT THE—

CRYSTAL PALACE, TORONTO.

The above sale will be widely advertised in ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE and GERMANY. UNITED STATES and CANADA, and from communications received from European and American buyers, a large attendance is confidently assured.

This sale will afford an opportunity never before offered to farmers and others to dispose of their Stock.

Entry Book is now open and will be closed when 500 ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED. No Unsound or Inferior Horse will be Received for this Sale.

The above sale has been instituted at the instance of a number of foreign buyers who purpose being present to purchase horses for their various markets.

Sale commencing each day at 10 o'clock. Grooms will be in attendance to receive all horses advised by rail. TERMS, CASH.

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It is Mr. McMurray's intention to enter Maggie Smaller in the green trots this coming season.

Mr. Angus McKay who is never without a good one or two is giving his colt Bay Fearnought easy work. This magnificent stallion is by Western Fearnought, he by old Fearnought, 1st dam by Oakland Black Hawk, 2nd dam by old Toronto Chief. He is a beauty, and, in high breeding and ease of gait go for anything, he is bound to earn a reputation for himself. It is to be hoped he will prove a good investment to Mr. McKay as he sustained a very serious loss in the death of his other Fearnought colt last summer.

Mr. Joseph Hawkins, V. S., is jogging his stallion Whalebone.

Whalebone is by Long Island Black Hawk, dam a thoroughbred mare by imported Diomedes. Long Island Black Hawk was sired by Andrew Jackson, dam the famous trotting mare Sally Miller. Whalebone is the sire of Colbourn, and many other fast ones. The old horse is as lively as a colt, and promises to do his owner good service for some years to come.

Dr. Sommerville and Mr. Jas. Collier were again here last Friday buying horses for the Scotch market.

The Danbury News man lectured here last week to a miserable house.

I am,
Yours very truly,
TOB WRIGHT.

FROM LOCKPORT.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., March 19.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR—Two days sleighing last week, and a full assortment of roadsters anxious for a brush. Mr. Clark White, of Catskill, N.Y., and his liberal purse, have paid us another visit. Phenomenon, by Niagara Chief, dam by Caro's Norman, and his oldest son Sawko being the victims. Phenomenon has a record of 2:35, obtained at the Le Roy Spring meeting of 1876, and it is claimed that he trotted in the twenties. Sawko was foaled in 1872, making him now five years of age. He has no mile record, but as a four-year-old trotted three quarters in 2:08½, at the annual fair of the Niagara Agricultural Society. The get of Niagara Chief seems to have created a favorable impression upon Mr. White, and in Phenomenon, Cambria Girl, and Sawko, he has secured a trio hard to beat.

The stock of the late Wm. Bedford has been sold at auction, administrator's sale. A fine Niagara Chief colt, and the brood mare Crazy Jane, were bought by his son, and the brood mare Gargling Oil, record 2:48, by Tom Ashford. Not being present at the sale, I could not learn the prices paid.

I understand that Conover & Derome intend closing their billiard parlor.

The Albert Gymnastic Association have suspended till more suitable rooms can be obtained.

Present appearances in base ball circles do not indicate that we are to have that cracked nine this summer, the Lockport Base Ball Association being in a rather disorganized condition. The Niagara Light Guards intend giving a grand ball some time in April. A pleasant time is anticipated. The outside of the Opera House is receiving its annual coat of paint.

Amusements are dead at present, and very likely to be for some time to come. The Holman English Opera Troupe, on the 18th inst., gave a fine entertainment to a moderate house.

Yours, &c.,
E.L.L.

FROM KANSAS.

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, March 15th.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR,—I thought I would write you a note, to let you know that I am in the land of the living yet, and that my stock has wintered in this western country. The old stallion Cataract Chief, by Old Royal George, of whom there has been so much writing of late, is still with me, and is looking well and in splendid condition. Also the young imported thoroughbred stallion Earl Marshall is now perfectly sound and in good condition, and is taking his walking and jogging exercises. I intended to run him in Canada this season. I am also walking and jogging my chestnut horse St. Paul, and I have fully made up my mind to trot him this year. He is in splendid condition, and, bar accidents, I think he will fulfil all expectations. I also have a 5-year old white-footed chestnut colt, by the sire of White Stockings, which shows extraordinary action. I have also a Copper-bottom mare, a fast pacer, which I intend to bring East this spring for a brood mare. I have also something else which I shall bring with me, something that I have never seen in Canada, that is, a pure bred Jersey heifer, for which I had to pay a very large figure. Seeing in your paper that a gentleman wanted to get some quail, I thought while I had an opportunity to procure a brace of California quail I would do so, and shall bring them home with me, as they are a beautiful bird, far handsomer than the common quail, having spiral feathers on their heads, something of the Cockatoo style. Hoping that you have enjoyed yourself this winter with the splendid sleighing, and that the coming year may be better for all classes of business,

I remain, yours truly,
REMBLER PAUL.

and his success has been quite marvellous and due to his merits alone, coming here quite a stranger. The piece has been admirably played, and every night of its production was favored with good houses. To-night Mr. Montague takes his benefit, when in addition to False Shame the charming petit-drama of Idle Tears will be presented. By all means, go and see him.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—At the Academy of Music, Mr. Geo. Fawcett Rowe commenced a week's engagement, and made his first appearance on Monday last as Micawber, supported by the regular company.

GUELPH.—Miss Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Combination, Town Hall, for one week, commencing 21-st.

PETERBORO'.—Mr. James Lumsden, Scottish vocalist, assisted by Miss Isa Robertson, Miss Jennie Lumsden, and Mr. Galletly, at Bradburn's Hall, March 23.

KINGSTON.—Tom Allen and Jack Madden at Victoria Music Hall, on 16th, to a large audience.—Raudolph & Cecil, spiritual expositors, gave a clever exhibition.

HALIFAX.—At the Acad my of Music from the 9th to the 14, the Shaugraun. The part of Coun being taken by Mr. J. R. Grimmer. Manager Nannery has engaged for a short time Mr. Oliver Doud Byron, who appeared for the first time in Halifax last night as Ben McCullough. Mr. Nannery's company will remain here for two weeks more and will then go to St. John, N.B. Two of the company were married yesterday by the Rev. Costello Weston, namely, Mr. W. Harkins to Miss Lenora Bigelow. The bride-maid was Miss Pearl Eytynge, and the groomsmen Mr. Harry Pierson.—Ann Eliza Young will not be here this season, as reported in the New York Dramatic News.

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Miscellaneous.

Two bears were recently caught in the Township of Cleveland by Mr. George Dixon.

An illiterate correspondent, who is given to sporting, wants to know when the "Anglo-Saxon race," so much talked about is to come off.

Numbers of meadow larks have remained in the vicinity of Windsor and others a few miles back of Detroit, Michigan, all through the winter season.

Mr. George Rattan, of Morris, lately caught a large grey eagle in a trap. The bird, which we believe is still alive, measures seven feet from tip to tip of its wings.

The success of the new trade in American beef seems to have suggested the importation of American fowl into England, 14,000 prairie hens and Virginia quails having been received in London on the 2nd inst. from New York.

Jo Goss, the English puglist, one of the principals in the Goss-Allen fight, near Louisville in September last, was arrested in New York, on the 7th, and held to await a requisition from the Government of Kentucky.

A game of draughts was recently played at Griffin's Hotel, Arthur, between nine gentlemen from Alma and the same number of Arthur. The match resulted in favor of Alma by 27 games won to 23. The return match will be played at Alma shortly.

Mr. L. W. Smith, of Strathroy, recently sold a setter dog to a gentleman in the Eastern States, the price paid being \$500. The animal is of the field-trial breed, which is now becoming so fashionable with sportsmen in this country.

An exchange says:—In Newfoundland there is not a snake, toad, frog or reptile of any sort, not a squirrel, nor a porcupine, moose or mink. The Arctic hare is found in Newfoundland, but not in Cape Breton or Nova Scotia, and yet these islands are full of logs and swamps.

Two men in Baltimore bet \$1,000 on the result of the Presidential election, and, being unable to agree, which had won, the case was taken into court, where the District Attorney, under a law of the State, took possession of the stakes and turned the money over to the city treasury.

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Horse Notes

RED CLOUD—We have it from excellent authority that the famous Hoosier trotter has outgrown his lameness, and will certainly appear upon the trotting scene this Summer. When Red Cloud is at himself, it takes quite a trotter to give him a beating.

Mr. Warren H. Corning, of Cleveland, has lost his remarkable colt, purchased in St. Louis for \$5,500, by lockjaw, resulting from a wound in the foot by a nail. He trotted a half mile in 1:07, as a four-year-old, and great things were expected of him this season.

ENGLISH TURF—The field for the Lincolnshire Handicap will probably be the largest ever known; out of one hundred and twenty subscribers, seventy-six have accepted the weights fixed by the handicapper.—Kisber, the winner of the Derby of 1876, is said to be a sluggish, lazy horse, content to be kicked, bullied, and shaken up by his rider without exerting himself beyond a trot. For all this he is regarded as a dangerous house in the Cup contests this year, for he is powerful in build, symmetrical in form, and thorough in breeding, with a wonderful constitution.

DEATH OF CAPT. LITTLE—We regret to state that Capt. Little, the celebrated steeplechase rider, died at the Hotel Clarendon, Paris, on Saturday, after a short illness from jaundice. Deceased made himself famous by winning the Liverpool Grand National in 1848 on that good horse, Chandler, who finished half a length in front of The Curate, with Tom Oliver up. Chandler was then the joint property of Capt. Little and W. Peel, but after his victory the horse passed into the hands of the last named gentleman, who gave in these columns a few weeks back a description of Chandler's great jump at Warwick. Peter Simple was another good animal owned by Capt. Little, for whom he won the Grand National in 1853, having four years previously secured the same for Mr. Mason.—London Sportsman, Feb. 19.

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Blondin's stay in Santiago, Chili, has been an uninterrupted success. The papers vie with each other in relating instances of his prowess, and one assures us that in St. Petersburg on one occasion he went through his performance on a rope covered with ice. It may not be out of place to mention a still more remarkable exploit of Blondin's at Vienna. Not only was the rope covered with ice, but the performer traversed it on two stilts two feet long, the ends of which had been sharpened and thrust into soda water bottles, and not only this, he actually danced the "Liverpool hornpipe" thus accounted, carrying his secretary on his shoulders, and letting off fireworks at the same time!

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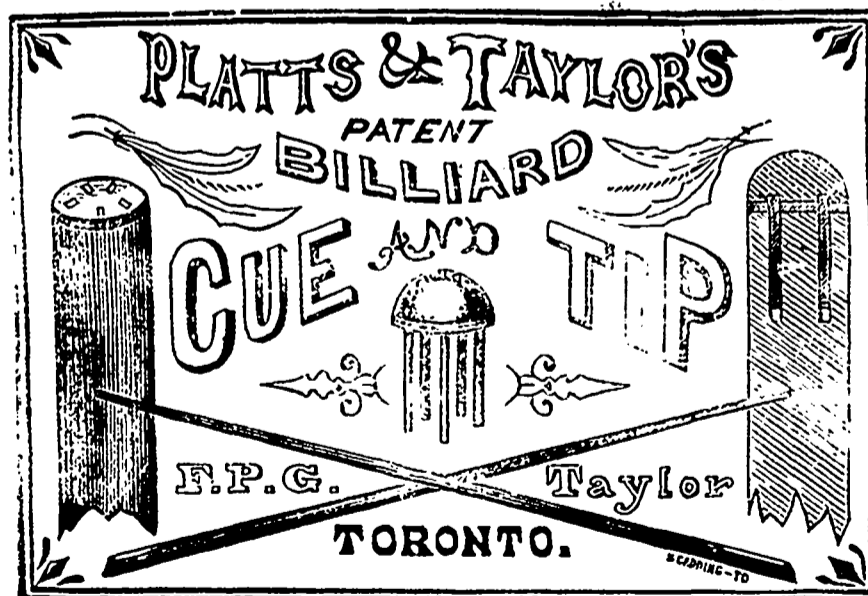
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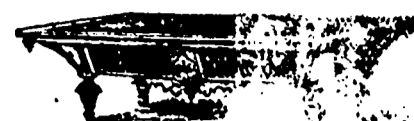
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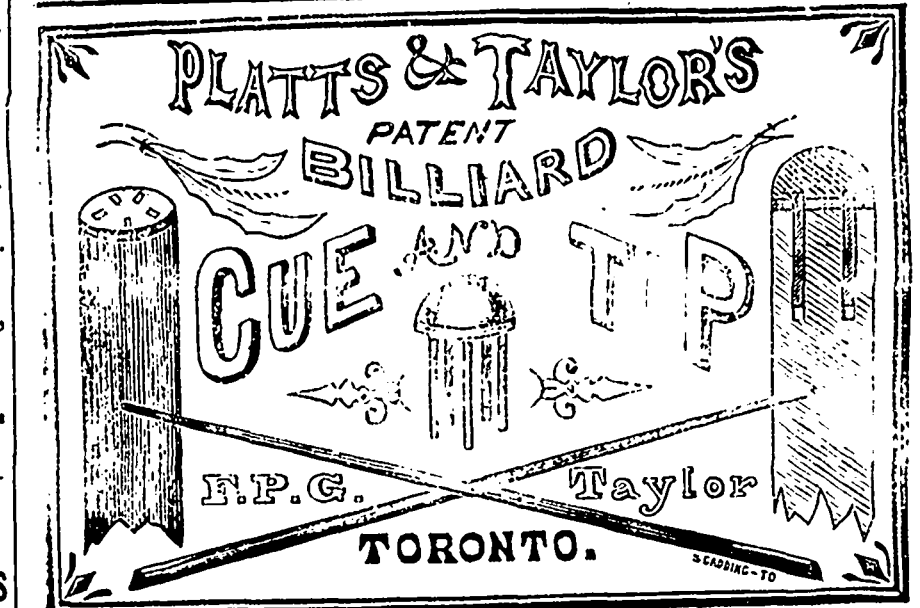
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