

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 18.—I don't think I ever saw quite such perfect arrangements in the way of grounds and sheds completed in so short a time for an exhibition as has been done in Fredericton. The horse box stalls are models in their way and to use the words of a member of the committee, "nothing Woodstockian about them." Judging from the preparations, the association expects a very large horse exhibit, much larger than the cattle show. I can't think they will be disappointed, though some do, because Fredericton is without doubt the horse centre of the province now. Everything tends to make it so and the efforts of the people help it along wonderfully. Many of the prominent citizens are great lovers of horse flesh—for example, there are Sheriff Sterling, D. F. George, J. A. Edwards, John M. Wiley, F. P. Thompson, Andrew G. Blair, W. P. Flewelling and scores of others I could name.

One of those named, D. F. George, lost a fine and valuable brood mare Sunday night. Cause, a large feed of dry flax seed followed by a pail of water.

A good deal of effort is being made to place the track in the best possible shape for the close of the circuit races, and I have no doubt that it will be as level and as perfect as horse feet could want it.

By-the-way, Secretary Flewelling has had a splendid portrait taken of the track, the government stables and the new exhibition sheds. I am afraid he delayed it too long for the special edition of Progress, but we can produce it later, and at a time when it will interest the people quite as much as next week.

"Jack" Edwards is delighted over the complimentary remarks passed upon Charley Mitchell, or Edward Allright, his more recent name. I mentioned him before as the handsomest horse in the stables, and others seem to be of the same opinion. His recent performances at St. John were quite satisfactory to his owner and his friends. There are a few solid horse fanciers after Charley, and when they name the correct figure can have him—provided a good man wants him. Edwards is one of the kind of men who won't sell a good horse to a professional hack, and I give him credit for it.

And now the prayer of everybody is, fine weather!

"Pickering 4, Nationals 1," was the score of Tuesday's game at Halifax, according to the Telegraph—and that sums up the situation perfectly.

All that Pickering needs is a dark lantern and a jimmy to make a first-class burglar.

A more bare-faced theft was never perpetrated—not even in the old racing days—than the outrage which gave that game to Halifax. Search the annals of sport from end to end and you will find no blacker picture. If, after the umpire had been bought by betting men, the honest friends of the game had joined in reproaching his conduct, the case would be different. Unhappily, the whole city seems to have espoused the cause of the sharps and its papers are flinging dirt with all their strength against those few who venture to condemn. It forces me to think that Halifax might have given Sodom and Gomorrah some valuable points.

The less that St. John ball-players have to do with Halifax men, after this, the better off we shall be. Rather than play with such a gang, we might wisely get up a series with a convict nine from Dorchester.

I extend my sincere sympathy to the St. John men who were robbed of their money. I blame them, however, that they did not take revolvers to protect themselves against the highwaymen who held them up.

"One ball," shouted the umpire, as the 7-year-old pitcher of the Young Eagles sent the ball about two feet to the right of the plate.

"One ball!" echoed the juvenile pitcher, "sure that's one of Robbie Davison's curves."

I wish to add my congratulations to the many that have already been showered on the management of the C. and A. club sports, Saturday. They were a success, in every sense of the word.

As a general thing, the weather is cold and raw on the day the sports are held, and one used to feel very uncomfortable during the long intervals between the events. There was no trouble of this nature, Saturday. The day was fine, everything was in readiness, and one event followed the other in rapid succession.

Another good point was that everybody had a chance to see the sports. The arrangements of the grounds were excellent, and the crowd had to keep in its own dominion.

I am sorry that Henry of Halifax could not run in the 100 yards dash. However, Frank White defeated his old opponent easily and wears his gold medal well.

I think the bicycle races and pole vaulting were the favorite events, Saturday. They were both interesting and exciting and they pleased the people. Harrison is a fine vaulter. He is graceful and throws the pole well.

Hall did some fine work on the bicycle, as usual, but each of his competitors made an excellent showing. It seemed as though any of them might have come in ahead.

People who attend the sports would, I imagine, be disappointed if their friend, Frank White, did not appear, with the Watsons and a host of others. Still we are all glad to see the new faces and to know that the roll of our athletes is yearly growing larger. May their number never be less!

I think it would pay the C. and A. club to induce the Nationals' mascot to accompany them upon foreign tours. 'Twould make all doubters sure. Now, does any one know who the mascot is? The luck-bearing gentlemen who accompany certain leaguers upon their trips are rather diminutive. The Nationals', on the contrary,

will tip the scales at 300 pounds, if I mistake not. Has any one noticed the corpulent, impassive, middle-aged gentleman who fills the corner of the grand stand next the scorer's bench, and never loses the ball? Well, he's the mascot—Fishery Inspector Venning.

Wagg has so richly earned the handsome testimonial which was presented to him, Saturday, that but one feeling—satisfaction—prevails with regard to it. The gentlemen who organized the movement deserve the hearty thanks of all of us who like to see good work done by a gentleman.

The Halifax Mail's funny story about Mayor Thorne's ordering a man who cheered for the Socials to be removed from our grand stand resolves itself, on inquiry, into this: A party named Smith, who had money up on the game, cursed most emphatically all the time, when his men lost, notwithstanding there were ladies all around him; and the order to remove him was not given until after he had been politely requested to desist. The straight fact is, that the foul-mouthed blackguard should have been ducked in the nearest horsepond, and every Halifax gentleman who was near enough to hear his blasphemies will admit it.

The fakirs with the pea and thimble game did well at Moosepath during the races. I have heard so much about them during the week that I feel like giving them a notice. I hear that a stableman dropped \$65 into the fakirs' hands, because he thought he knew which thimble the pea was under. A well known city merchant gambled \$16 on the racket and lost—and there were many more.

The temptation to try the scheme is very great—but it's queer how the pea is never there. A very straight-laced fellow out at the races, warned everybody not to be faked, as he had lost on the game in Bangor. He hung around, however, and watched the pea. He was sure he knew which thimble it was under and could not resist the temptation. He kept his eye on the thimble, hurriedly placed his \$10 on the table. He lifted the thimble. The pea wasn't there, so he lost.

Ed Morris, of the Pittsburg club, favors the introducing of trick pitching, as it existed several years ago, when he was the greatest of the left handers. He thinks that the rule compelling the pitcher to hold the ball momentarily in full view of the batter should be done away with, and that the twirler should be allowed to start the ball from any position. As to moving the pitcher's box back five feet he is totally indifferent. Galvin holds nearly the same views in regard to the proposed changes, but does not care a great deal which way the rules are fixed for 1889.

Capt. Anson told a reporter, the other day: "Only last week a wealthy English gentleman approached me and offered me flattering inducements to accompany him to England and take under training, for two years, fifteen men in the pastime. I have as yet made no decisive answer. In my opinion it would be profitable to organize a team in each of the six principal cities of England and form them into a league similar to ours. So confident am I of its ultimate success that I would not hesitate to put capital into the venture. It might not pay for the first season, but would do so enormously in the end. As a result of such a step, we could have a series of International games, which would attract immense crowds and universal attention."

The Chicago Times contributes its mite to the batting question as follows: "Put a coat of rubber on the ball; paint it red; hang a bell on it; give it a lantern; put a music box in it; fatten the bats; remove the infield; build the centre field fence in the rear of the pitcher's box. This ought to increase the batting."

What is a thoroughbred Arab horse? is a question that has often been asked, and a number of different answers have been given to it. The latest, however, is from the Melbourne Sportsman, which says: Not every horse imported as an Arab is a thoroughbred. Many are what the Arabs call sons or daughters of a horse. What then is a thoroughbred Arab? A well known English writer on the Arab, and an acknowledged authority on the subject, defines a thoroughbred Arab to be one belonging to the Khamsa. There is a tradition among the Arabs that the Khamsa is descended from one of the five mares of King Solomon. We read in Holy Writ that "King Solomon brought horses out of Egypt." It is assumed that the wise king procured the best horses available in Egypt. The Eastern tradition, therefore, is that one of the Egyptian mares produced five fillies of surprising beauty, and from these five mares the five great breeds of Arab horses are descended. According to the writer referred to—well known by his initials "E. F. D."—all true Arabs trace to one or other of these five fillies of King Solomon. Some of the Arab tribes preserve the pedigrees of their horses with as much care as a Scotch laird preserves the charter of his estates; and when a chief sells his horse he usually gives a written pedigree or guarantee that the horse is pure. This guarantee is generally preceded by the remark, "Praise be to Allah, this is a good horse!" It then recounts how the family came into possession of the tribe, and how it had been handed down unalloyed from generation to generation, and that the present is a pure lineal descendant of one of King Solomon's mares.

The "Harry" family is confusingly numerous in the trotting and pacing world. There are 29 horses of that name in the 230 division, the only distinguishing attachment being an initial. This same thing applies in a greater or less extent to other popular names. It gives excellent chances to get things mixed, and shows a woful lack of invention on the part of the name-givers.—Chicago Horseman.

Old gentleman (to boy behind the bat)—"Haven't you got a mask, little boy?" Boy—"Yes, sir." Old gentleman—"Why don't you wear it?" Boy—"My big sister's wearin' it today."—Epoch.

Duncan Ross, the well-known Scotch athlete is going to spend the winter in Australia, his chief object being a series of contests with Donald Dinnie, the Scotch champion. Ross says that before going he will introduce a few new games in which skill and strength are required. He thinks the interest in Caledonian games is dying out

in New York because of the lack of inducements for training.

A novel race took place the other day between horse and bicycle from Silver City, N. M., to Deming, Tex., 50 miles. The course was over a long mountain road and long stretches of sand. The wager was \$200 and 50 head of cattle a side, the cattle valued at \$10 a head. Kennedy, a professional bicyclist from Denver, who holds the all-round championship of the State of Colorado, rode the bicycle. The course was decidedly in favor of the horse, as the bicycle could not make any time in the sand. They started from Silver City at 6 o'clock, a. m. The horse won the race. Time, 3 hours and 40 minutes. The bicycle's time was 4 hours and 50 minutes. About \$10,000 changed hands in the city. The bicycle was the favorite. Horsemen claim that this is the best time on record for the distance.

A Chicago paper says: "John Tener, Chicago's new pitcher, is not a phenomenon. He was not a wonder. He is merely a very tall man with an armful of curves, a pocketful of confidence and a headful of sense. These go to make up a good pitcher. They were what John Clark possessed. One of these days Tener will sit in the orchestra of star pitchers and play a very large instrument—a slide trombone, perhaps."

The patriotic resident of the United States, Mr. J. A. St. John, who has come forward to back John Teemer against Wm. O'Connor to prevent the title leaving that country, is a Canadian hailing from Nova Scotia. Patriotism, like charity, usually begins at home.—Toronto Empire.

The New York World frankly admits that good fortune as well as good play put the New York club where it is today, when it says: "It cannot be denied, however, that many things outside of their own fine work have contributed to the success of the Giants. Chicago has suffered from a dearth of first-class twirlers, Detroit has been overmanaged. Boston has been cursed with internal dissensions, while Philadelphia lost its hopes of success through the death of Ferguson. Had all the evils never existed the Giants would have had a very dubious time in getting to the front. All the same, they are there, and they will be in the van at the finish."

Miss Ethel (of Boston)—I understand, Clara, that young Mr. Mason, who was very attentive to you last month, is engaged to Miss Racket, of Philadelphia. Miss Clara (of New York)—Yes; I released Mr. Mason on Thursday, and do you know it wasn't two days before he had signed with the Philadelphia girl.

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Thursday, 13th Sept., 1888	Thursday, 20th Sept., 1888	Free for all class. " 175
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2-50 " " " 125.	2-40 " " " 175.
Free for all " " 175.	Thursday, 4th Oct., 1888.
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