

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The Clippers are in fine form and you can gamble on them for the Junior league championship.

I don't want to turn your heads boys, but play ball; play for the game always and not for the audience and you will get there.

Why do they call themselves Juniors? We have no senior league in St. John and the Clippers are as athletic and fine looking fellows as can be seen anywhere.

They say that Connolly pitches as good a game as his brother Danny. If that is true no wonder the Emeralds went down as they did.

Capt. Bell says that Knowlton curves finely. I know this myself, and can congratulate the subject of these remarks upon being a good all-round man at cricket or base ball.

Mr. Comber gives the colts great praise for their work this year. Many of them are in fine form, he says, and will show the seniors how to play soon.

St. Mark's boys to the front again, and this time a victory over the grammar school! Go in to win, boys. I wish you had a better field.

Rev. Mr. de Soyres makes an admirable cricket critic, if he will pardon me for calling him such. When a St. Mark's boy is out of position, he is reminded quietly where he is.

The Maine Institute nine play the Nationals Monday and Tuesday. Brace up, boys, and give them a sound drubbing!

The Bowdoins would like to fix the dates the 22nd and 23rd, but enough is as good as a feast. The public is willing, but the management is wise in not driving it to death.

I am pleased to note that one of the best of base ball writers, the Boston correspondent of the Clipper, is far from joining in the prevailing howl against umpire Lynch.

Lynch was most unjustly raked down by the papers. He was nothing if not impartial, and his work gave the utmost satisfaction to unprejudiced lovers of the game.

I believe it all. Last summer, I know, Lynch did as good work as any umpire that ever went on the field, and it would have been strange if he had degenerated so markedly in one short year.

I am glad to note the announcement that a special chapter for the instruction of ladies who wish to play lawn tennis has been added to that clever little manual, Lawn Tennis as a Game of Skill.

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I always welcome a good thing in print or out. Consequently I am looking for the second volume of that most interesting of descriptive books, Around the World on a Bicycle. It will be published in the fall by Scribners.

I have never seen any rules in the St. John livery stables, and, with the proprietors' permission, copy these from the Horse-man, which gives a New York stable the credit of them:

No man will be employed who drinks intoxicating liquors. No man must speak loud to any of the horses, or in the stable where they are. Horses of good blood are nervous; and loud, excited conversation is felt by every horse in the stable who hears it.

It would not be a bad idea for livery stables all over the country to adopt a part or all of this rule. Don't know that it should be confined to livery stables only, either.

I learn that the new grand stand at old Moosepath will be something to stare at. The gentlemen in charge of it know what the people want, and as the latter can always tell a good thing when they see it, I imagine there will be nothing but smiling satisfaction.

Intellectual Boston stands a poor show for the tennis championship this year. Her favorites are lazy, while New Yorkers are ever at the nets.

The New England championship series begins the 20th inst., and all the clubs will be at the New Haven Lawn grounds, where the tournament will be held. There will be events in singles and doubles. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of first and second places in the singles and to the winners of first place in the doubles.

A ten feet jump, without weights, is always envied, and I can vouch that the muscles of the legs must be as hard as iron and as springy as steel to do it.

I wouldn't mind visiting Woodstock June 30. The flyers of Carleton county will be on the race course, and the purses amount to \$300—enough to make it interesting.

George Wright, of the Longwoods, is in hard batting luck this season. His team beat Chelsea out of sight—144 to 63—late-ly, but George only scored 2. Pettitt had 61 to his credit.

The Mystics got a worse thrashing from the Lawrences—53 to 139—but of the latter score Carmichael contributed 75 and Brice 26. That looks like professional work.

It was whispered about town last night that the Boston directors were negotiating with the officers of the Asylum for Deaf Mutes, at Hartford, with a view to securing coaches who could, if possible, make less noise than those now under Mr. Morrill's management.

Whether or not this is due to their good bringing up is not known. More bags might be sneaked, however, if proper coaching were indulged in. As it is now the coachman first keeps his eyes riveted on the Providence railway station, and a shad-horn has to be tooted to call him to his turn at bat.

Empire Daniels, of the National league, in case of a close play at the plate, calls out distinctly. "The run scores, or vice versa, as the case may be. This practice is one that all umpires might follow and give better satisfaction to the audiences.

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I hope the C. & A. club will have a fine crowd at their sports Saturday. They will be well worth seeing. The programme is as follows:

- Throwing Ball; 100 Yards Dash; Bicycle Race (1st heat); One Mile Run; Running High Jump; Bicycle Race (2nd heat); Putting Weight; Hurdle Race; One Mile Walk; Three Standing Jumps; 220 Yards Dash; Throwing Hammer, (Caledonian rules); Bicycle Events; 440 Yards Dash.

The 100-yards dash will be worth the price of admission. Frank White and Warlock will be the contestants and if they get there as they do when running bases, there will be some fun. Either of them can beat Scott, it is said, but that may be all talk.

Does the Junior league pay for the umpiring it gets? I am told so. Connolly should do better work than he is doing. A

pitcher himself, he ought to know the proper position of a pitcher. Kearns should also look at the rules before he goes into the box again.

There will be some changes in the National nine on Monday. The battery will be Christie and Whiteneck. I want to see that pair backed every inning boys.

Don't imagine that the visitors have no players. Their battery is a dandy I am told. Priest and Pashor have not struck St. John together yet, but I remember the latter as one of the Woodstocks team that sailed through town once.

There has been some practice this week. Morton is keeping the boys at it and they come up smiling every time. By the way Morton is smoking a new brand of cigars, called "Morton's Choice."

Will. White and Barker will be substitutes in the first game and Christie will change places with one of them the second day. I want to see a good crowd and victory for our boys.

It is announced that the Atlantas, of Halifax, have accepted an invitation to play the Shamrocks here, July 2. I am glad the old club is waking, and hope they are in good enough practice to show the visitors how to play ball.

Boston's admirers are crestfallen. Their favorite is still in third place and Chicago has a great lead. New York is dangerously close, while Detroit cares not for the eastern leaders, but has her eye on Chicago.

St. Stephen and St. Andrews cricket clubs play on Dominion day. The officers of the former club are J. D. Chipman, president; George Rider, vice-president; J. E. Ganong, sec. treas.; A. Cameron and H. C. Clarke, committee of management; J. L. Thomas, captain; George Ryder, vice-captain.

Another race track heard from, and it is St. Stephen this time. The officers for the next year are W. F. Todd, president; C. H. Eaton, treasurer; Jas. E. Osborne, secretary. It is proposed to hold a meeting on July 4th.

The Agricultural society of this city, since they leased Moosepath, has joined the National Trotting association. This is a move in the right direction, and bids well for the squariness of the races which the society will have.

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