#### SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Let me congratulate the St. John Agricultural society upon the financial success of their meet, July 2. I am informed that, every expense met, \$200 was deposited to the credit of the society. That will pay twice for the grand stand; but I fancy this latter addition will be as profitable to the society as the cricket club has found theirs to be.

Apropos of this, let me tell the ladies of St. John that our sports are being carried on under entirely different management, this year. I refer more particularly to the races. In the olden times, no lady was afraid or ashamed to go and see a good horse race, but when the management became loose, I do not wonder that the gentle sex left the track with its tone. Race tracks must have a good name to be popular, and I can imagine no better hands for Moosepath to be in than those who control it at present.

Therefore, I can with sincerity recommend to you Moosepath for an enjoyable afternoon, when a programme is announced. The society of Halifax would miss a ball as soon as a race, and yet what little interest St. John ladies manifest! They have had a reason in the past, they have none now, for, in addition to the track being controlled by gentlemen, they have provided suitable accommodations for everyone who may patronize them.

I am a lover of running contests, myself, and I congratulate the society upon the meet announced for August 16, when the thouroughbreds, provincial breds and ponies will have a chance.

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First of all the date is well fixed, coming right before the great cricket match with the Irishmen. Exenrsions from every point will run into the city and the races the day before the great match should be a great drawing card.

Another advantage they have is the fact that Halifax horsemen will have a chance to accompany her cricketers to St. John, and if they can whip the St. John horses and give the old country visitors some fine sport, I imagine the presence of the Irish cricketers upon the track would be no small attraction for a crowd. I give the committee this hint

But to come down to particulars: The open race will be a dash, mile and a half, purse \$100, divided as usual; the provincial bred will be run in heats, best 2 in 3, for a purse of \$80; the pony dash race for a purse of \$50, and the pony hurdle race for the same amount.

The protest against Jack Mack was not put in writing and of course went by the board. Apropos of this I quote an interesting paragraph from the Recorder which asserts that "Jack Mack, the winner of the 2.50 class at St. John, and who made a record of 2.45%, was formerly owned by Mr. N. H. Meagher, of this city, when he was known as Han-

A valued correspondent in Fredericton sends me an extra copy of the list of entries for the Fredericton Park association colt stakes No. 1; foals of 1886, to be trotted in October, 1888. They are as fol-

Amos B. Etter, Amherst, N. S., names bay filly, Chartreuse, foaled April, 1886, sired by Sir Walkill (1,547); dam Restless by Regulus (264) g. d., Dolly by Independent (179) g. g. d., Kate by Abdallah

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J. R. Lamy, Amherst, N. S., names bay colt, Robert Kirkwood (5,784), foaled 1886, sired by Allie Clay (2,931), dam Winifred by Beacon (56).
Thomas Clark, Saint John, N. B., names chestnut filly, Daisy, foaled May, 1886, sired by Dutchman.
J. M. Kinnear, Fairholme, Sussex, N. B., names chestnut filly, Sagita, foaled 24th May, 1886, sired by Olympus, he by Almont (33); dam Beauty (dam of Helena, 2.32) by Flying Frenchman, g. d., thoroughbred.

oughbred.

W. H. Fowler, Saint John, N. B., names chestnut filly, Governess, foaled 1886, sired by Olympus, he by Almont (33); dam Princess.

Wm. Hagerman, Fredericton, N.B., names brown gelding, Billmont, foaled 1886, sired by Rampart; dam Gipsy Morris by Robert R. Morris (648) g. d., by George M. Patchen, jr.

A. L. Slipp, Truro, N.S., names bay filly, Claybell, foaled 1886, sired by Allie Clay (2,931).

John McCoy, Saint Mary's, York Co., N. B., names bay filly Nervia, foaled 1886, sired by Florida (482); (sire of Walnut 2.19¼, Lotta 2.24½ and Hambletonian 2.26½); dam Lady Nerve, by Kirkham's Hambletonian, g. d., by DeLong's Ethan Allen (860).

Allen (860).

B. D. Chase, Woodstock, N. B., names gray colt, Prince Charles, foaled 23rd June, 1886, sired by Sir Charles (2,745); dam Lady McCoy by Robert R. Morris (648), g. d., the Gisson mare.

His comments upon them are so terse that I give them: "On looking it over you will observe that we have a nice lot (nine) of well-bred ones, and, barring accidents, the contest for first place should be a good one. If all pay the second and third payments, the purse will amount to \$135 for entries, and \$50 added by association, being \$185, and  $\$25\,$  more if three minutes is beaten by the winner. This will make quite a respectable purse, and, beside the advertising given, should be an inducement for the

owners to stay in to the end.

"I would say that the entries for foals of 1887 to be trotted in 1889, close August 1, and for foals of 1886, to be trotted in 1890, on October 1 next. These two classes, I anticipate, will have a large number of entries, more especially that for foals of 1888, as there is considerable rivalry around here, especially among the owners of Harry Wilkes' foals, of those sired by Sir Charles and those by Kearsarge. Every person to whom I have spoken, being the owner of a colt by either of these horses, has announced his intention of entering him in these stakes for foals of 1888. In St. John there will be many good ones too, and I expect, if the breeders only take hold of this colt stakes business in earnest, that the purse will be something very handsome. Besides this, it brings the representatives of these different trotting sires together and gives the public a chance to judge of their respective merits. The only money that is in it for the Fredericton Park association, is what gate money we may get, by reason of the admirers of each colt coming to see how he will perform."

The same correspondent sends me some news which will be welcomed by every base ball and cricket crank in the country. He says:

I notice in your last issue you recommend a base ball and cricket ground on the field within our track. I may say that we have recently had it thoroughly plowed and leveled and seeded and are now rolling it, and that next year we expect to have it in first-class shape for cricket and base ball matches. Our buildings will answer every purpose, and from present appearances, these sports, footracing and wheeling will be the order of the day in the Celestial city for next summer.

Things at present indicate a tie at the end of the Junior league season, provided the tail-enders continue to lose as they have been doing. But I would not be surprised to see them win some of the games which the leaders are now counting on. It must be remembered that the Lansdownes were pretty far down on the list a few weeks ago. The game between the Thistles and Clippers will probably decide which clubs will tie.

There are teams in the league very much better than others, but I would warn the managers of the leading clubs that they cannot afford to fool with the tail-enders; but want their best men in the field every time, as some games that have been played this season showed.

I must congratulate Stewart, Hatfield and Alward -for they all had a hand in it-on the way they fooled their opponents at second base, Monday. Most of the Clippers are poor base runners, which probably gave the trio time to make the play successfully, but Alward seldom failed to tag his man.

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If the Lansdownes are going to win the cup, Stewstand each other well. From what I saw in the seen.

game, Monday, I would imagine that all the Lans. downes understand each other. The changes of positions made in the nine for the last two games have been well advised.

By the Thistles' defeat of the Emeralds, Wednesday, 17 to 2, the former club ties the Lansdownes for first place in the league. They have but two games each to play, and it is likely that there will be blood on the moon, those days.

No doubt you heard that the Nationals had some fun with the Clippers, Thursday?

The boys tell me that that was the best practice game of the season, which was played on the C. and A. club grounds, Tuesday night. It was the Nationals against the reserves, with Christie and Kennedy as battery for the latter, and Wagg playing Capt. Bell's position, first base. The score was not so very one-sided, either.

Thanks to the very efficient base ball committee, we are now able to place a good nine in the field, whatever happens. There are no less than 20 men in the club, at this time, who are qualified to wear the National uniform. That is as it should be.

The Halifax Atlantas appear to be willing to play the Nationals, provided our nine is entirely composed of "New Brunswick players." What did you ever do to Halifax, Wagg?

It suits us all right to let this restriction stand, but I should feel more respect for the ball players of the Nova Scotia capital if they removed it. Our own boys might have played the baby act, with better reason, when Small went on the field with the M. S. C's .- but they braced up to him like little men. The better the opposing nine is, the more a club learns by playing with it and the more glory there is in holding down the score.

Nevertheless, come along Halifax. We will keep Wagg in the press stand, out of the way.

And whatever you do, Halifax, don't forget to bring your betting men with you-but tell them to buy return tickets before they start.

The occurrences of this season make me think that Boston must be suffering from a hoodoo. Perhaps the new grand stand did it.

Here are some of the latest things the Cuban Giants are saying in coaching: At a recent game at Chester, the Giants were at the bat. There was a runner on first base, and the following dialogue took place between the coachers at third and first base: "Say, wot ye do ober dar a standin' on dat base? Why don't yer come off dat base? Is yer married to dat bag? Come, honey, git a move on yer." Coacher on first base: "Fur goodness, chile. do mobe off dat base. Git a divorce from it and trabel down to secind. Dar's a hunk of molasses candy on dat secind bag a-waiting fur yer." Third base coacher: "Yaas, and heah's yer supper right on dis heah third base. Wot's dat, Mr. Umpire: Did yer call a strike on dat ball? Oh, fur goodness sake, come down off dat dar band wagin and gib de child a chance. Look here, Mr. Abe, if you don't smash dat ball on de nose yer git release dis blessed

The entries for Progress' prize problem closed Tuesday. Two hundred and thirty-two lists were sent in. They came from as far west as St. Paul, Minn., and as far east as Harbor Grace, Nfld. Eleven American states and all the provinces are represented among the competitors. All of which goes to show how wide-spread the circulation of this

The diversity of the writers' opinions is as great is the distance of space that separate them. A glance at the lists shows that every league club has its admirers. It would interest me, though, to hear some of these correspondents explain why they think certain clubs will finish in certain positions.

For example, I fear a good many of the boys are going to get dumped by means of their guesses on

For first place at the finish, 116 name Chicago; 102, Detroit; 14, Boston. The other guesses are as

Second place: Chicago, 87; Detroit, 80; New York, 44; Boston, 14; Philadelphia, 7. Third place: Boston, 101; New York, 87; Detroit, 29; Chicago, 15.

Fourth place: New York, 101; Boston, 80; Detroit, 22; Chicago, 15; Philadelphia, 14. Fifth place: Philadelphia, 196; Boston, 22; Pitts-

burg. 7; Indianapolis, 7. Sixth place: Pittsburg, 160; Indianapolis, 58; Philadelphia, 14.

Seventh place: Indianapolis, 94; Washington, 80; Eighth place: Washington, 160; Indianapolis, 65; Pittsburg, 7.

These lists cover a good many combinations. At this writing, many of the guesses seem pretty crazy -but there's no teiling. I shall put them all away -some of them in the ice-chest, so that they will keep-and next October we will see who has cap-

My notes on the great international match, lasi week, were necessarily brief. It appears that the Canadians had heavier metal against them than the Canadian gentlemen last year at New York. Our own representative, Capt. George W. Jones, played splendidly, and won fame and praise among the upper Canadians.

Yet, notwithstanding the event-the greatest of the year in American-Canadian cricket circles-and the fact that it took place in the queen city of the west, but 1,000 people saw the game, and of them, the World says, the ladies formed a good propor-

The Americans bowled slow balls, difficult to watch, but fielded admirably-"as quick as lightning," one account says. "The Canadians certainly did not do themselves justice, but no one can deny that the better side won, and to be defeated by such a powerful combination as the American team is no disgrace."

Of the sixteen matches played, the United States have won ten and Canada five and the remaining game was left unfinished.

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1853, Harlem, N. Y .- United States won by 34

1853, Toromto—Canada won by 10 runs. 1856, Hoboken—United States won by 9 wickets. 1857, Toronto—Canada won by 4 wickets. 1858, Hoboken-United States won by 4 wickets. 1859 Toronto-United States won by 4 wickets. 1860, Hoboken-United States won by 5 wickets

1879, Ottawa—United States won by 5 wickets.
1880, Philadelphia—Drawn.
1881, Hamilton—United States won by 10 wickets.
1882, Philadelphia—United States won by 8 1883, Toronto-United States won by an innings

and 49 runs. 1884, Philadelphia—Canada won by 100 runs. 1885, Toronto—Canada won by 35 runs. 1886, Seabright—Canada won by 97 runs.

The double-scull race between Gaudaur and Mc-Kay, and Teemer and Hamm, seems to take up the attention of the lovers of this sport. Gaudaur and McKay are practising on the Charles river, and row a very pretty stroke for men that are so unevenly matched in size, and some rowing men think they will make a hard race before they are beaten by Choice Table Butter and Teemer and Hamm. I hope so, but I'm afraid not.

I am glad to have the first publication of the New Brunswick Circuit official programme, as it appears art alone can do it for them. He is the brainiest in another column. I shall take occasion to boom pitcher in the league, and Hatfield and he under- those races, which will be the best this province has JACK AND JILL.

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