

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

I wouldn't mind accompanying our willow waders to Moncton, "the smoky city," this morning. Last year they got some fun with us on our own grounds and got the lead and kept it. Don't let it happen again boys.

Many people are asking why it is that two thirds of the maritime team which will oppose the Irishmen are Halifax men. The explanation is easy. The challenge, while it came to St. John, was not for St. John, but for the maritime provinces, and the managing committee will meet them with a maritime team selected from the three leading clubs in the provinces—the Garrison, Wanderers and our own. Nine of the fifteen will be Halifaxians, and we will have our just proportion—six; but then, you know, we have the honor of entertaining the visitors.

The mystery about the St. John men who will oppose the Irishmen has been the talk in sporting circles. They say the managing committee kept it quiet because 'twas probable sore heads would be plentiful when the list was announced. The gentlemen who compose that deliberative body are too old to think the date of announcement will lessen the "sore heads." They know there are some men in every club who will growl at the selection of a team in every local match and yet when invited to go always have some pressing engagement. That's how they manifest their interest. Growlers are as plentiful as fireflies these days.

From the present indications, the attendance at the Irish match will be very large. Excursions will be run from every point in the province, and the members of the club say there is much greater interest taken in the coming match than in any which has been on the boards for a long time. The races announced by the Agricultural Society will be an additional attraction, and the prospects are that the week will be a gala one.

I mentioned the fact a few days ago that when Ireland met the maritime provinces in St. John, Progress would give a group portrait of the visitors if possible. I have been cogitating since how to carry out the idea and have been so successful that I am able to tell you that the portraits will appear. I only wish our own men would come to the matter and let the public know who will play. I might be able to arrange another group.

That good cricket, J. L. Thomas, is leading the Borderers to victory now, and is so pleased with his recent victory that the St. John men have received an invitation from him and accepted it. They play at St. Stephen on the 25th.

Douglas Spencer tells me that he has been unfairly treated by a number of St. John athletes. He has not been allowed to enter any amateur jumping contest that has taken place in the city for some time past, or at several of the picnics that have been held this summer, his opponents claiming that he is a professional. Spencer says he has never outstepped the bounds of an amateur, and has called upon his opponents to produce proof that he did, but they have not been able to do so. If this is true it seems very unfair. Spencer asks anybody who can prove that he is a professional to send such proof to Progress office, and by this means let amusement committees know his standing as an athlete.

The Junior league is continually furnishing surprise parties, and it would seem impossible to get a "straight tip" on any game. The Franklins played good ball, Monday, but, in my opinion, Hatfield lost the game for the Lansdownes. He should not have gone on the field in the condition he was in, knowing how much was at stake.

The Lansdownes got desperate in the last inning, and as a result piled up five runs, three more than they made in the other eight innings. But they should have gone in for blood a little earlier in the game.

I hear that the Thistles promised the Franklins a good round sum if they won that game, Monday, and the way they played clearly showed that they played to win—for money and the honor of Lower Cove. From what I hear, it is the Thistles and Franklins against the league, the Franklins working for the good of the Thistles.

The Sun is correct in saying that in the second inning of the Lansdowne-Franklin game the former club put out four men instead of three. I am glad, however, that the point wasn't noticed by anyone but the Sun scorer, for the discussion has served to call out a very interesting and amusing letter from the Empire Comolly. On behalf of my friend Waggs and the other "importations," I thank you, Danny, for your eloquent tribute to their influence.

The game between the Clippers and Emeralds, Wednesday, makes the standing of the Junior league clubs the same as it was some weeks ago. The Thistles are now leading, with the Clippers second and the Lansdownes at their old place—third in the list. The Franklins and Emeralds hold fourth and fifth positions.

The Clipper-Emerald game was the first in which one club defeated another twice in the series.

I am glad to see that the juniors are playing better ball every time they meet, especially the tail-enders. The league is proving an excellent medium for developing ball players, and lovers of the game expect to see some good playing next year, if the league is re-organized, and it will be, sure.

The possibilities of a tie at the end of the season are increasing. It will be between the Thistles and Clippers, unless something very surprising happens. But it is impossible to tell anything about the Junior league until the end of the season.

The Skovlegans will play the Nationals here, July 23rd and Aug. 1. Waggs will be in the box, of course. I hope to see our boys win.

Whether they win or not, however, I look to them, as the saying is, to keep their tails up. They have played good ball, this season, and if they have been defeated pretty often—well, that was only the fortune of war. Hard luck has lost them most of their games. Luck is liable to change. In the record of the season, thus far, I see no good cause for discouragement.

It is unfortunate that the dates of these games should conflict with the Boston-Shamrock series, to be played Aug. 1 and 2—but such accidents are hardly to be avoided, occasionally.

At the time of writing it seems likely that the second Nationals-Clippers game will be played next Thursday.

I congratulate the Shamrocks upon securing a ball team from Boston to visit this city. From what I have heard, the visitors are good men, and the "Green stockings" will have all they can handle. Still it shows lots of enterprise on the part of the old club to get such a good team, and from such a distance.

All I regret is that they will not receive the full benefit of the crowd who will swarm to the game. I wouldn't pretend to count the mean men who will try to get through the fence and see those games, but I give them fair warning that if the Shamrocks will appoint a vigilance committee and take the name of every man who cheats the gate in this fashion I will publish them in the next issue, and I won't charge anybody a cent for the free advertising. This is no idle threat. I usually mean what I say.

It is a shame that a club so old and so good as the Shamrocks should have no ground of their own. I am told, however, that a strong effort is being made

to obtain suitable grounds for next year, and that the moonlight excursion announced for next Monday is held with that object in view. I don't want the boat swamped, but I hope the attainment of the object will induce hundreds to patronize what is sure to prove an enjoyable trip.

The C. and A. club has refused to rent its grounds to any outside club. The managing committee, acting on principle, and of course in what they consider the best interests of the club, which no one doubts they have at heart.

Nothing gives a greater boom to any game than a victorious club. This was exemplified in the case of the Nationals last year, and though their luck has been rough this season, their patrons know they can play ball, and are willing to give them plenty of chances.

They're having some fun in Fredericton over a couple of local clubs. Why don't you organize a good club, and whether it be "Hiptongs" or "Tit-willows," get there and create a love for the game in your city.

The cyclists have awakened, and I rejoice with them in the new interest they have shown in the sport. What use is there of such a track as you have on your grounds unless you use it? That was a good mile of "Tom" Hall's. He has plenty of muscle and no lack of speed.

Barnes will have a good time in the hearts of the sister provinces. He has begun a long trip, and it he manages to carry it out, will be ahead of any of his club fellows in that respect.

In Halifax, Monday night, Dufur, the Massachusetts wrestler, downed A. McDonald, "the Cape Breton giant," the contest being best two in three back falls, under Ed. James' rules, "for \$500 and the championship of the world." Previous to the last fall, Dufur asked the referee to make the announcement from the stage that he, Dufur, was prepared to wrestle any two men in Nova Scotia, one after another, on the same night, for \$100 to \$500.

That fight between Jack Dempsey and Charlie Mitchell for \$10,000 a side will be the sensation of the year, if it comes off. There is no doubt in my mind that Dempsey is the best man in America today, John L. not barred.

Teemer, Courtney, Hamer, Hosmer, Kennedy and Ten Eyck are entered for the single-scutt race, to be rowed at Pleasant beach, Syracuse, N. Y., next Monday. The distance will be three miles with a turn. The first prize will be the Police Gazette medal and \$500; second, \$300; third, \$200; fourth, \$150.

The executive committee of the Coney Island Jockey club announce that the Futurity Stakes will be run on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. Out of the original 752 entries, 363 are eligible to start. The probable value of the stakes will be \$50,000. That's almost as heavy a pot as we could raise in St. John.

The Chicago papers sat on Mike Kelly pretty hard, because of his bad break in that town. Here are some of their comments:

Kelly was suffering from a case of "next day."—Herald.

This tells the story: "Passed balls—Kelly, 4."—Globe.

Kelly's ball should be re-christened "Passed Balls."—Score Card.

He groped for balls like a man in the dark.—News.

He was ragged-eyed and sulky.—Times.

Morrill was boiling with anger at Kelly's actions. —Inter Ocean.

He deserved it all, I guess.

This is the latest on the New Yorks:

"Who was that man you were quarrelling with, Brown?"

"Did he hit you?"

"No; he struck at me three times but he didn't hit me."—Time.

It is said that Jake Gaudaur proposes to make his home in New England. If he does this, all the great oarsmen will be located at the eastern end of the continent. If I am not mistaken Teemer's home is nearer the west than that of any other of them—and he is only a Pennsylvanian.

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Not a crease was in their armor, not a cut to show they bled.

Though they bled on the carcass of our glory lying dead.

Trampled wickedly upon us whilst we struggled all in vain.

With the chances slipping from us, not a point our host could gain.

Ah! the break—the shattered idol trundled head long to a fall.

As our champions fell like soldiers stricken by the fatal ball.

I'll go bail a sorry plight 'tis when one cannot stand nor run.

So they drove us to the slaughter till the fatal field was won.

Long on hearts that beat with valor will a load of sorrows be.

Memories of hopes that slumber 'neath a foreign willow tree.

For the eagle in his power struck a blow that laid us flat.

Knocking swift our shining beaver into the historic hat.

Blocked our fancied march of triumph, and they left us in the hole.

We, like many men before us, found our ruin in the bowl.

Off our brows they caught the laurels, and they show in freshened green.

On the naughty fronts of women, such as we had never seen.

But what's the odds? The thing is over, and what's done is done!

Mayhap next year another story may reverse this season's fun.

Let us don the mournful sackcloth, hushed our cricket's song of mirth.

As he grovels mid the ashes on our cold Canadian hearth.

—Nomad, in Toronto Saturday Night.

Says the Chicago Horseman:

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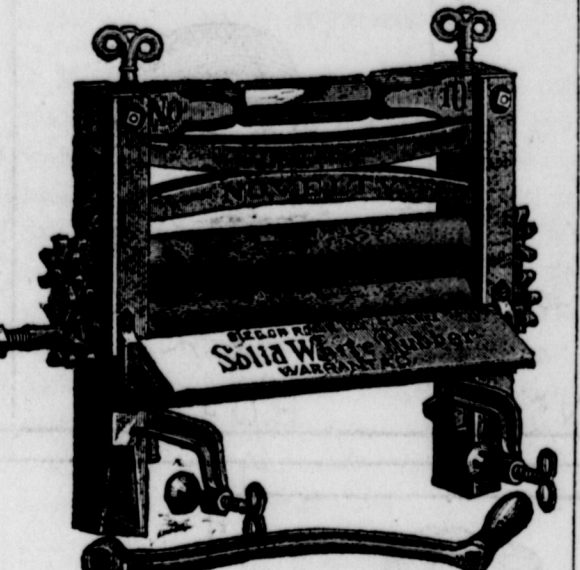
The best bicycle mile on the ordinary, world record, is 2.29 4-5, made by W. A. Rowe, Oct. 22, 1886, at Springfield, Mass. The best Star record, as made by C. Frazier, is 2.38 2-5, at Lynn, Mass., October, 1886. Frazier is credited with 2.35 in a practice spin, but this last is not authentic.

Ralph Temple is probably the first man who has actually "made rings around" his competitor in a race. In his ten mile match with W. Wood, at North Shields, England, when within half a mile of the finish he spurred ahead, rode to the outside of the track, turned round and waited for Wood to pass him. He rode the first lap of the race (one-fifth mile) in 27 1-5, winning the race by 200 yards in 30.01 2-5.

Here is something from the Canadian Wheelman worth circulating:

In the recent twenty mile road race of the Toronto Bicycle club, Messrs. West, Robins and Koor sacrificed all chances of taking a place at the finish, by caring for an old man who had fallen out of his wagon. In turning off the road to let the boys pass, the seat of his wagon, which had not been properly fixed in its place, dropped, and the unfortunate veteran fell headlong on the road. He was badly cut and bruised, but not seriously injured. He was very grateful for the attention paid him by the boys, but had he known what they were giving up, he probably would have been doubly so.

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Fredericton, N. B., 3rd and 4th October, 1888.

MOOSEPATH PARK,	ST. STEPHEN PARK,	HOULTON PARK,
Wednesday, 12th Sept., 1888	Wednesday, 19th Sept., 1888	Tuesday, 25th Sept., 1888
3-minute class—Purse \$150	3-minute class. Purse \$175	3-minute class. Purse \$100
2-40 " " " 200	2-40 " " " 200	2-40 " " " 125
Thursday, 13th Sept., 1888	Thursday, 20th Sept., 1888	Free for all class. " 175
2-50 class. Purse \$150	2-50 class. Purse \$175	Entries close 20th Sept., '88
Free for all class. " 300	Free for all class. " 300	M. D. PUTNAM, Sec'y,
Reserved for special races. 200	Reserved for special races. " 150	Houlton, Maine.
Entries close 5th Sept., 1888	Entries close 12th Sept., '88	
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WOODSTOCK PARK,	FREDERICTON PARK ASSOCIATION,
Saturday, 29th Sept., 1888.	Wednesday, 3d Oct., 1888.
4-year old class. Purse \$100.	3-minute class. Purse \$125.
2-50 " " " 125.	2-40 " " " 175.
Free for all " " 175.	Thursday, 4th Oct., 1888.
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