

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

I spoke last week in another column of the determined and contemptible efforts of some would-be sportsmen to mar the success of the races at Moosepath today.

Those persons who allow private malice to prejudice them against such enterprise should not be considered as sportsmen and are not.

There is too much of this petty jealousy among us, though I am glad to say its originators are few—and before we can count securely upon united efforts and the success which attends it that element must be eliminated.

But to return to pleasanter topics: the prospects for good racing and a better crowd to say are excellent. I am glad the cricketers and their guests will turn out in a body, for they are a crowd—and a jolly one—in themselves.

The Fredericton park association is bound to make its circuit races in October successful. Every horseman in the country is taking a keen interest in them, and though the event is more than a month distant speculation is rife as to the probable winners in the different classes.

And this reminds me that sport of all kinds has braced wonderfully in the capital this summer. Even local base ball has secured a hold on every boy who can catch the sphere.

Horse talk, however, keeps up all the year round, and you can drop upon a knot of turfites in a dozen places every evening, and all the news worth knowing in their line is in their possession.

The colt races, open to foals of 1886, will be trotted Oct. 3 and every turfite will watch these green ones with interest, for upon them in a great measure depends future turf sport.

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The efforts on the part of the eleven to make the match a draw were wearisome but amusing. Of course among ourselves that kind of conduct doesn't matter much and is always taken in good part, but it isn't cricket, boys. Play the game for all it is worth and if you don't win, it won't be because you don't try.

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minor leagues. They could get the trial without any difficulty, and I have a notion that they would not disappoint our confidence in them.

At the Boston base ball grounds: Stranger—"Who are those men sitting on that bench in uniform? Why don't they play?" Citizen—"I guess it's because Boston might win if they did."

So the amalgamated Socials and Atlantans are not to play the Nationals, but the regular nine will visit us. It is a mistake on the part of Halifax. Their best is none too good for us.

Truro has found a curve pitcher. He wandered into town on the railroad track, the other day, joined in a juvenile game and was seen by a member of the "first nine," who promptly added him to the aggregation of talent that Truro is so proud of. It needs him.

The great game has caught Yarmouth, too. The uptown and downtown boys played recently, (score 30 to 28) and, says the Times, the match was "won by uptown 2 runs and 1 innings." That was indeed good ball.

Here is a pointer for the managing committee: If visiting clubs are unable to arrive in season for the games to begin, as usual, at 3 o'clock, don't bring them here at all. Four o'clock is altogether too late for a game to start.

I expect to see some good ball when the Nationals meet the Portland Stars, next Wednesday and Thursday. Manager Bradley, of the once-famous Portland Reds, writes that the Stars have one of the best batteries in the state, and that they play a rattling game all around. Nevertheless, I am betting on our boys.

The South Portlands won't come. They want too much money. The managing committee didn't object to give them a mortgage on King street, but when it came to a question of handing over the city hall and the post-office, my friend Barker kicked. He was right, too.

The Maine club that, when a generous guaranty is offered, refuses to come to St. John, is only injuring itself. There may not be great profit in games played now, but nines that make themselves solid with the town will find big money here next year.

Of course we must have another series with the M. S. C.'s, next month. Some familiar faces may be missed from among them, but all who come will be heartily welcome.

From present appearances I conclude that the last game in the Junior league series will be one of the attractions of Christmas week.

New York seems to have started on the down grade—but not to stay, I hope. If the Giants win the pennant Progress will save the \$25 which was offered to the best guesser. My interest in the nine's continued success is therefore deep and abiding.

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A specimen of Milled Miller's coaching at Recreation park Saturday, in a trombone voice to be heard two blocks: "What are you doing there now? Whoa! An old '77 hit, Jimmy! Get down there! Whoa! Smack her on the kisser, Pop! Git away git away! That's the stuff! He'll smack her in the eye this time! Whoa! Git off your perch there! Whoa!"—Detroit Journal.

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