

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The C. and A. club ought to put up a pole and run up a flag on the grand stand on base ball days. "Champions" would be a good word to put on the bunting.

That was a magnificent audience at the game with the St. Stephens, Monday, but unhappily a few hours crowded in among the gentlemen and ladies. Two or three of them went into the press stand—where they had no business—and, though there were ladies behind and around them, smoked persistently all the time. I wish to assure those who were the victims of this rudeness that these people were not reporters, though one of them apparently tried to make it appear that he was. With few exceptions, reporters are gentlemen.

As for the game, it was a good one throughout on the part of the St. Stephens. The Nationals, in the first five innings, fielded about as crazily as they have this year. After the sixth, when Robinson went into the box, they stiffened and gave a fine exhibition. Reilly was batted pretty freely. The safe hits made off Wagg were scattered, except in one instance, and would not have amounted to much if he had been supported. Robinson pitched a fine game, and received much better backing from Whitenet than the latter had given Wagg.

It looked to me, indeed, as though Whitenet purposely failed to hold Wagg. If he did this little trick—and it will be pretty hard to convince a good many spectators that he didn't—he should be disciplined right away. Victory was of too much importance to us, Monday, to be jeopardized by any baby business. As for the future, Wagg has a good many friends who are not inclined to stand any dirty work—and unemployed catchers, and much better ones, are quite numerous in the United States. Bear it in mind, Whitenet.

The star players of the St. Stephens are the catcher and second baseman and they work together beautifully. I observed, however, that they never tried to cut off Frank White.

I was amused to see McNamara "sprain his ankle" during the game, and it struck me as a notable circumstance that none of the St. Stephens' left their bench and went into the field to learn how serious his injuries were. However, of course there will be no race with Scott, now, and both men have a fine chance to use their mouths and rest their legs.

As I happened to know that the captain of the St. Stephens went out of his way, after Monday's game, to commend the umpiring, it amused me to read the "blather" which the *Telegraph* reporter credited him with on Tuesday. I was still more amused, Tuesday, when the captain declared that he never made any such statements as those that appeared in print. Which lied, I wonder?

I am glad to see that Sam Milligan is getting in deck again. He is too good a man to have been absent from the nine.

Our boys usually set such a good example in their treatment of the umpire, that I was sorry to see two of them make a break Monday. Whitenet was unjustifiably impudent, and Kennedy allowed his disapproval of a close decision to manifest itself in some pretty strong language. All that sort of thing should be left to men who play dirty ball—the St. Stephens, for example.

According to the league rules—under which you play—even the captain cannot question a decision in which merely an error of judgment is involved. Did you ever think of that, dear boys?

A friend sends me a copy of the Old Orchard *Sea Shell*, containing the score of a game between the Old Orchard and the Portland Stars, won by the former nine by a score of 11 to 3. The *Sea Shell* says: "The Stars play the game with a snap and 'go' that is refreshing. They were weak in the box, just where the home team excels, but did good work till rattled in the next to the last inning," when they let in 8 runs, the score having been tied up to that time.

"Yes," said a base ball man, "I'm discouraged, and have given up the business forever. Why, in the first game they got onto me in the second inning, and pounded me all over the field."

PROGRESS congratulates the enterprising gentlemen of the C. and A. club upon the success which has attended the grand stand venture, and is glad to learn that the prospects point to an addition next season.

Hennessey and Costigan have been suspended by the Shamrocks, for the reason that they have been hitting the bottle a good deal often than the ball. I am rather sorry that Costigan has merited this discipline. As for Hennessey, he should have been bounced two years ago.

I hear that a number of the old Shamrock players are about to organize another nine, since the managing committee of the present club suspended Hennessey and Costigan. The new team will, if organized, include these two players and Jack Callahan. Another ball player named Collins is also spoken of.

Griffin, the Emeralds' pitcher, has a great many admirers in town. Those who are about to organize the New Shamrock nine think that, with good support and training, he would be as good as any of them.

Griffin's style of pitching is different from any of the twirlers now in town. He is cool and does not seem to exert himself, but is at times very bothersome. He never has had good support and may turn out to be a really good pitcher.

Syracuse papers have St. John down fine. The *Standard* says: "Manager Hackett objects to the way the Toronto reporters score ball games. Marr batted

to Kearns, who was slow in picking up the ball and throwing it, so that Marr beat the ball to base. The scorers neither gave Marr a hit nor Kearns an error. The day before Beard knocked a ball which the account said Mansell misjudged. But Mansell was not credited with an error, nor did Beard get a hit. Such scoring might be expected of St. John, N. B., but Toronto should know better."

There is one thing that outside ball players cannot say of St. John. We do not pick a nine to play an outside team. Even the Juniors—who I am glad to see are beginning to distinguish themselves outside of the city—never take other than their regular players and in the majority of cases go with a weaker nine.

The veteran Chadwick, in the *Sporting Life*, suggests an amendment in the rules to allow pitchers to hold a variable position in the batting order. It's a good idea, too. More than one game has been lost by a man going straight into the box after making a run on a hot day.

If this season's experience has shown anything it is that your class of swift, wild, striking-out pitchers will win pennants. They cost too much in the wear and tear of catchers, for one thing, and when they do happen to win a game the exhibition wears the spectators from being a mere pitchers' game. Strategic pitching is what wins pennants, not strike-out box work. Keefes and Clarksons are worth dozens of Krocks and Crates.—*Chadwick in Sporting Life*.

The St. John *Progress* publishes a group picture of the Irish cricketers. Unless the cut does them an injustice the visitors are certainly a hard looking crowd. Perhaps it is well they do not come to Halifax. Now that the police are on the look out for burglars and roughs from across the border, they might, by mistake, scoop in some of the cricketers.—*Halifax Mail*.

St. John Father—"Johnny, I never see you playing ball with the other boys. Don't you like base ball?"

Johnny—"Yes, I like it, but I'm taking boxing lessons."

"You ain't going to be a boxer, surely?"

"No! I'm going to be an umpire."

To hear the St. Stephens and their friends bluster about a return game with the Nationals is enough to make anybody tired. The Boston men are not the guests of the Nationals, and never came here for the purpose of playing them. That the Nationals gave them one game was of their own courtesy, and not because any obligation rested upon them so to do. In that game the home club was the victor—and would have won by a score of 9 to 3 if Wagg's work had been seconded in the opening innings. It has been made plain to the St. Stephens that the Nationals do not feel themselves justified in playing without three of their 1st men. If they are anxious to continue, o.k. in the face of these facts, my advice to the boys is, Let them howl.

The nearest fixtures for the city are Nationals vs. Houlton, Wednesday, and Shamrocks vs. Houlton, Thursday. The Nationals may meet the Clippers also next week.

Who can keep away from the Wanderers' match, next week? I can't, and won't; in fact, I haven't seen a good game of cricket for so long that I'm getting rusty, and that, you know, won't do. I want to see everybody go for another reason: it is Mr. Comber's benefit, and it should be remembered. Indeed, let me suggest to the club members that, instead of using their privilege of free entrance, they deposit their quarter.

"Jimmy" Hawthorne, of Fredericton, squanders three-quarters of a dollar every day on the league games for his own satisfaction and for his customers, who, by the way, are increasing rapidly; which shows that the speculation pays.

I am sorry to see that no New Brunswick horse is entered for the stallion championship race at Halifax, next month. Nova Scotia and P. E. Island have it between them, and if the starters show up, it should be a grand race.

The entries are as follows:

A. L. Slipp, Truro, N.S., chestnut stallion Melbourne King, no record, by Mambrino King, dam Helen McGregor, by Ratler.

B. Dockendorff, Charlottetown, P. E. I., black stallion Black Pilot, record 2:33 1/4, by All Right, dam Black Jenny, by McGinnis' pony.

Mr. McLeod, Summerside, P. E. I., bay stallion Hernando, record 2:37 1/2, by Belmont, dam Terry Clay, by American Clay.

Thomas Doran, Windsor, grey stallion Harry Morgan, by Royal Harry, dam by Walker's Morgan.

C. R. Bill, Biltown, N.S., brown stallion Ramart, record 2:36 1/2, by Belmont, dam Kate Thompson, by Ericson.

C. L. Rood, Pictou, N.S., grey stallion Highland Chief, record 2:37 1/2, by Bashaw Prince, dam Snowball, by Young Norfolk.

As the recent shooting at Wimbledon is believed to be the last at that range, interest is felt in a review of affairs connected with the yearly contests there, which have gone on continuously since 1860. There is a record down to the year 1876, the *Pall Mall Gazette* says, and the present opportunity would be a good one to bring the account down to the present contest. The matters to be recorded comprise such events as the adoption of the Martini-Henry rifle in 1871, a change in the system of marking in 1874, and so forth. Accidents to marksmen used at first to be rather frequent, but it is said that only one proved fatal. This was in 1864, when a marker named Cooper, forgetting that the target was not of iron but of pasteboard, went behind it to pick a lead out of the earthen butt. The register keeper also forgetting that the target was penetrable fired a shot to arouse him, and the bullet striking the poor marker killed him. The Queen's prize, which has been shot for twenty-nine times, never fell to the same man twice, save in case of Private (afterwards Corporal) Cameron, of the 6th Inverness Regiment, who won the coveted trophy in 1866 and again in 1869.

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A handicap one mile on the flat for horses bred and owned in the Maritime Provinces. The first horse to receive \$55; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$5. Entrance \$5. Four to enter and three to start. Weights will be allotted as follows: Ida Grey, 120; May Queen, 124; Lily, 129; Goshin Snob, 112; Bismarck, 110. Weights for horses not named above, if half-breds, to carry 110 lbs.; if thoroughbred, 125 lbs.; over-weight allowed if declared.

THIRD RACE, Value \$65.

A Flat Race for Ponies 14-1 and under 1/2 mile on the flat; Ponies 14-1 to carry 161 lbs.; 7 lbs. allowed for each inch under gentlemen riders. The first pony to receive \$50; 2nd, \$15. Entrance \$4.

Purses will be paid on the grounds immediately after the races. Entrance fee must accompany nomination and be addressed to

FOURTH RACE, Value \$100.

A handicap race for all horses top weight, 150 lbs., 1 mile on the flat. The first horse to receive \$70, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10, entrance \$7.50; 7 to enter and 5 to start. Weights in the above race will be allotted as follows: Yorktown, 150; Golden Maxim, 147; Emisarry, 138; Mistleton, 129; Ida Grey, 120; Twilight, 124; May Queen, 124; Lily, 129; Goshin Snob, 112; Bismarck, 110.

Weight for horses not named above, if half-breds, to carry 110 lbs.; if Provincial thoroughbreds 125 lbs., over-weight allowed if declared. If entries of thoroughbred horses bred outside of Maritime Provinces should be received in addition to those named above, a competent gentleman will allot their weights.

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

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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	
A. M. MAGEE, Sec'y,	J. E. OSBURN, Sec'y,	
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