

SPORTS OF THE SEASON

Badly as the base ball fever has struck Halifax this season, St. John is still several laps ahead...

The Recorder is in error. The game spoken of above was between nine ministers and nine deacons...

The late Roscoe Conkling speaking of the national game, held up a paper and said: "Here is a full page about base ball and horse racing..."

Friend Todd's stallion, Lumps, has another in the 2.30 list. His daughter, Bessie P., got a mark of 2.29 1/2 in the third heat...

The St. John Progress takes a hand in the base ball wrangle and prints a long article headed "Picking the Pirate..."

So Picking thinks. The grand stand contains some queer people, sometimes, and they say very curious things...

Joe Herr, of the St. Louis Browns, stutters. The other day he was at the bat and started to talk to the pitcher as to how to pitch...

Let us have as few games as possible in the world's championship series, this year. It is most irritating to see the Detroit and the Browns dragging themselves around the country...

By the way, though, what an excellent proof of the thorough-going honesty of the national game that long drawn-out fizzle of last fall was!

The official base-stealing records of the league up to Sept. 14, as recorded by President Young, show that Sunday, of the Pittsburgh team, leads all the players...

My friend Harrison has shown himself, this week, to be as good a sporting writer as he is an umpire. His summing-up of the strong and weak points of our base ball players...

Some have objected that the article in question was too complimentary, flattering rather than critical. There was no good reason why it should be otherwise...

But what about the umpires? Morton modestly leaves them out, yet we all recognize that to their good work we are largely indebted to the pleasure we have had on the ball field this summer...

It is of course understood that I am thanking Picking for the umpiring he did in St. John—not for the crime he committed in Halifax...

About this time the Halifax papers begin to print long editorials on the exceeding sinfulness of base ball, and to rejoice that the season is over. This is adding insult to injury with a vengeance...

Vale, Wagg and Larrabee! Good-bye, good boys! Enjoy a peaceful and prosperous winter—and don't forget to come back to us early in the spring...

I shouldn't like to see him leave St. John, but, all the same, if Whitenet is wise he will sign with a professional club, next season. There are worse players in the New England league—lots of them...

Frank White's decision that he would not take part in the Halifax sports was eminently right and wise. He agrees with the old Scotchman who told his attorney, "If ye cheat me once, shame for ye; if ye cheat me twice, shame for me..."

Hugh McCormick is as brown as a berry and as hard as nails. If he keeps up to his present form he will do great work this winter...

Once in a while my eyes are gladdened by the sight of Harry Vail, who is getting into shape for his races with Dalton and Galanaugh. Harry is modest and doesn't do any rowing with his mouth, but I fancy...

that he is ready to back himself on either race, to the extent of his pile. The record of Dick Nagle's chronometer gives good ground for his confidence.

A correspondent of the Sun makes the excellent suggestion that the C. and A. club send representatives to the Montreal A. A. association sports. A delegation headed by Frank White would give the Montreal athletes a pretty good opinion of us...

Davis (of the Augustas) pitched for the St. Louis Browns in 1883 and 1884, for the Bostonians in 1885 and for the Toronto in the International league last year. He is a good man, but with all his record he cannot equal Robie Davison of Halifax...

Robinson and Whitenet had a rousing benefit, Tuesday, as they deserved. They celebrated the occasion by getting there.

They tell me that there was more fun at Loch Lomond, the other day, than the Nationals have given us all summer! I know the crowd that went and can imagine the fun. The umpire was bribed, the losers say. They call him Jay Gould's Picking...

After all, it must have been great fun for eighteen of the cranks who never hand a bat to give an exhibition.

The grand stand contains some queer people, sometimes, and they say very curious things. At the last game, a strange young lady accompanied a friend, and the latter pointed out all the favorites as soon as they were settled...

"But who is that gentleman," said she, pointing to the field captain. "President Skinner," was the reply. "What a big salary he must get."

Somebody tell us—How much does he get—or give?

I don't know whether the plucky little catcher had designs on that cradle or not. It will probably come in handy some day. I was amused the other day and surprised as well at the extent of the ball craze. A well known business man early in the season was dragged to a ball game to cure a headache...

The National-Augusta games were not up to the standard. There were too many errors, too much free and easy slugging for an enjoyable afternoon—but I fancy the Nationals liked it and 17 to 8 wasn't too bad a victory over Maine's champions!

The second game was very unsatisfactory. Every man in the visiting nine became a mule and kicked for all he was worth. The people were tired and sick of the wrangling and that and the frequent showers thinned the crowd woefully.

Incessant kicking spoils a game and disgusts a St. John crowd. Sometimes it is necessary and no one objects when it is warranted, but the continued howl is very wearisome.

Today, I hope, both the Nationals and Augustas will play the ball they are capable of playing. The visitors are a good nine, and there is nothing the matter with our own, but neither got down to business on Tuesday and Wednesday.

John McCoy has bought DeBarry. So long as the big purses in the "free for all" continue, the investment will be a good one.

"Charley Mitchell" brought the brace asked, \$700, and is sold to Mayor Chipman of St. Stephen. He is in excellent hands and will prove a valuable and speedy addition to the list of fleet border trotters.

The last time I saw Mike McLaughlin was in a foot ball contest at Fredericton. He was as quick as lightning and was always where his opponents didn't want him. He ought to make a fine umpire.

Now that presentations are in order, I beg leave to offer a diamond pin, a purse of \$500 and a brown-stone house and corner lot to the pitcher who has not more than nine balls called on him in today's game.

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Notice is also hereby given that the New Brunswick Railway will carry stock to the Exhibition to be held at Fredericton on the 3rd and 4th days of October next, free, on the usual freight being prepaid at the point of shipment, the money to be refunded on the return of the animals without change of ownership.

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SURPLUS, \$18,104,254 85 New Assurance, \$138,023,105

Outstanding Assurance, 485,029,562 Paid Policy Holders in 1887, 10,062,509

Paid Policy Holders since organization, 106,610,293

Total Income, 23,240,849 25 Premium Income, 19,115,775 47

Increase in Assets, 8,865,432 09 Assets to Liabilities, 127 1-2 per cent.

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