

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

If "the A. and A. club" is too much of a mouthful for you, call it "The Maroons." That will be the color of the nine's new uniform.

Secretary Barker and I are indebted to Manager Trefethen, of the South Portlands, for handsome photographs of the Maine champions. The boys look contented and happy, as might be expected from a club that is in the habit of getting there.

If Larabee plays ball anywhere, this season, it will be in Moncton. Chalk that down.

St. John has never seen Larry at his best. When he joined the Nationals he had played but two games, and was in no physical condition. This year he is practicing daily with Wagg, and will be as fine as silk when the season opens.

The Colbys are hard at work, and will open their season next Saturday. The Presumpscots play with them on the 20th.

A correspondent writes me that St. Stephen will have a good nine this season—"one that will make the rest of them hush." I hope so. With St. John, Moncton, Fredericton and the border city all to the front, we shall find it to be a season of organized matches that won't cost a great deal of money, and will keep up the interest of every crank.

I am sorry for Sussex. An Athletic association has sunk pretty low when it confers its highest office upon such as Ora P. King.

The Maine State league is likely to be re-established by Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath. The Reds will represent the first-named city.

Robert Nixon and a few other enthusiastic admirers of base ball are organizing a new club. Mr. Nixon said, last evening, that James Robinson would be the pitcher and that arrangements had been concluded with Nick Wise to play behind the bat. Robinson and Wise would make a good battery, and if the team is organized base ball will be very lively the coming summer.

Precisely. Let's all pitch in and organize clubs! Then, after we have accomplished our object—to divide a patronage that isn't a cent too large for the A. A. and Shamrock nines—base ball will be more than lively—for the men who have to pay the bills.

I have letters this week from our star pitcher and catcher, Small and Rogers. Both men are in fine condition and happy in the thought that they are coming to St. John.

The Lovell Arms company's nine, which my friend Power mentions elsewhere, must have made a dismal exhibition of themselves, last Monday. The Worcesterers scored six runs off two hits. Nevertheless, the nine is a good one, as Power says, only subject to occasional attacks of that common disease, the rattles, and I'd be glad to see them here.

The Interprovincial league which was to have been organized in Amherst, Tuesday, failed to materialize. Only three clubs, from Moncton and Amherst, were represented.

The Neptune Rowing club favors a regatta in the harbor and on marine displays—one in the harbor and one at Indiantown—during the summer carnival. Good scheme. The Neptunes will help, of course.

The Y. M. C. A. sports have dwindled down to a "gymnastic exhibition," open only to members of the gymnasium and to be held there on the 25th inst. Does our correspondent, "Some Muscles," feel any better now?

The Thistles have organized with P. Mills as captain. It's a wise choice.

The Chicago and All-Americans have touched the home plate.

At the banquet given to the globe-trotting ball players in New York, the other night, Mark Twain, Chauncey M. Depew, Erasmus Wiman, Dan Dougherty and other spell-binders were present. According to Mr. Depew, Mr. Wiman had "a tear in his eye and melancholy in his tone when he spoke of the fact that you can go around the world and not touch Canada." But Mr. Wiman's tears were the only liquid resembling water that was seen at the banquet.

Anson and Ward both responded to toasts. The great kicker remarked that this was the proudest moment of his life. (It strikes me I have heard something like that before.) John Montgomery said that the most impressive thing he had seen during the tour was Fire Island light. Then they opened another bottle.

Mark Twain, introduced as "a native of the Sandwich Islands," made a great speech. I wish I could print it all. It ended as follows:

They carried the American name to the uttermost parts of the earth, and covered with glory every time. That is a service to sentiment, but they did the general world a large practical service also, a service to the great science of geography. Ah, think of that! We don't talk enough about that—don't give it its full value. Why, when these boys started out you couldn't see the equator at all; you could walk right over it and never know it was there. That is the kind of equator it was. Such an equator as that isn't any use to anybody; as for me, I would rather not have any equator at all than a dim thing that you can't see. But that team fixed now; you can see it now; you can't run over it now and not know it's there; and so I drink long life to the boys who ploughed a new equator round the globe stealing bases on their bellies!

The boys had a great time, but they're glad to get home. Natural enough. There aren't any base ball games in the old world and a country that hasn't got 'em isn't fit to live in.

Anson says the Chicago team that is now come home will not be the same team that will battle for the League pennant. He says:—"Hutchinson and Krook will do the bulk of the pitching, with Farrell to catch most of the games. Baldwin and Daly I shall reserve for the clubs against which I know them to be most effective." The outfield will be altered and improved over that of last season. Anson had no idea of engaging new talent, but the probabilities are that two or three of the present team will be released. Van Halten will probably be installed as a regular outfielder and emergency pitcher.

With Morrill and Wise added, Washington will have a good nine, one that won't gravitate so inevitably towards the tail of the list.

So John Ward will give up base ball in two years, and begin to practice law. It is a wise man who provides something to fall back upon.

A good man gets credit for good work in the New York Press. The "Tut News and Gossip" therein ends with the familiar signature, John Boden. Here's luck to our Jack!

The St. John Lacrosse club was organized here Thursday night. Its membership is limited to 25—just the number necessary to form two "sides" and leave one man over for manager.

The club is the idea of A. H. Bell, whom we shall have to thank for introducing a new game—for it is new to this city. He will play on one of the teams.

AN ACCIDENT



WIPE-UP-THE-GROUND (the Pawnee Chief)—"The scalp of the white traitor shall grace the wigwag of the great red man!"
PETERED DICK (the scout, under his breath)—"Leggo there, you barn-stormin' chump! You've got holt of some of my real hair!"—Judge.

After he has educated them sufficiently by means of practice games, he will take them around the province. Sackville already has a club, so there's a chance for sport in that town, and Halifax is likely to have one. In July, Mr. Bell will bring down one of the famous Indian teams from Upper Canada, and then we shall have a chance to see "the Canadian national game" well played.

It is a great pity, though, that Frank Dowd is in this club. He is a fine lacrosse player, but that's all that can be said for him. From the standpoint of square and honest sport, his reputation stinks.

I am authorized to add that he will never be allowed on the A. A. club grounds, to take part in any game.

Dowd is working at his trade of upholsterer for John White.

"I had a chat with John McKay, the Dartmouth sculler, the other day," writes Power, of Halifax, "and questioned him in regard to the proposed regatta at St. John in connection with the summer carnival. He says the dates selected for the carnival, July 1 to 10, would be most suitable for the oarsmen, but the race should not take place until after July 4, as the oarsmen in the East will row at Boston on that day. They can leave the day following for St. John. He says the dates and purses should be announced as soon as possible, as other places will be arranging regattas, and, of course, as soon as one city advertises a regatta for a certain date, other cities proposing to hold boat races, arrange their dates so as not to conflict with those previously announced."

"I see St. John is to have a lacrosse club," he adds. "The Wanderers have appointed a committee on the game, and the Chebuctos are seriously considering devoting their attention to this pastime. They have a strong hockey team, and they think that the game will greatly assist them in hockey."

C. H. Nelson, proprietor of Sunnyside Stock Farm, is not only one of the most enterprising among the numerous trotting-horse breeders, but is wide-awake to his own interests and equal to most any emergency, as is illustrated by the following incident: His valuable stallion, Dictator Chief, 2:21 1/4, was taken suddenly very sick recently, says *Spirit of the Hub*. Mr. Nelson hitched up one of his finest and in a few minutes the telephone rang. Dictator Chief was taken to the stable, and Dr. G. H. Bailey—Come quick! Dictator Chief is sick. Nelson. The answer was: "Can't get there; it's too late. He's dead." Nelson's order to this was: "Hire a locomotive at my expense and come." "Cost you something," said the agent at Waterville. "What's that to you?" said Nelson. "I pay the bills." Dr. Bailey got the engine, and the engineer had the right of way. He was something of a driver, and he emulated the "Cavalier" when he landed Dictator Chief a winner in 2:21 1/4. Twenty-five miles were run in twenty-six minutes. As the locomotive rolled into Waterville Mr. Nelson stood on the platform and handled the engineer a little souvenir, with the characteristic remark, "This is for you. Whenever I want you again pull the throttle wide open." Then behind one of his own "engines" he kept the clip up to Sunnyside. Dictator is all right now—only a temporary illness; but for a time that horse had the whole railroad system of Maine attending to him.

Notwithstanding the prejudice against clipping which so generally prevailed a few years ago, the practice is steadily growing in popular favor, and more horses are clipped now than ever before, says the *National Stockman*. This outcome is not strange, in view of the fact that veterinary authority is practically solid in its favor, and the demonstration in actual results that no evil effects are following the innovation. Thousands of power clips are now scattered all over the country. Many of the horses intended for the Ontario Jockey Club's May meeting are now quartered at Toronto, Ont. J. E. Seagraves' string will occupy the stable at Woodbine in which the Hendrie horses were located last year. He will have six or seven horses in charge of Trainer Walker. Among them are Glen Fox, Bonnie Ino, Helen Leigh, Vicino, Objection, Clarinet and a two-year-old. The Ottawa stable of P. Gorman & Co. will put up with the veteran Dick O'Leary on the Kingston road. The string will consist of Danbert and Remsen, and the jumpers Burr Oak and Beechmoor. The Red Bank horses, from Montreal, in charge of Billy McBride, will go to Gates track. The Hendrie stable will finish at Charles Gates' place, near Woodbine. Wild Rose will be the only bearer of the well-known colors of the Halton stable at the May meeting.—*Chicago Horseman*. JACK AND JILL.

Power's Base Ball Budget.

HALIFAX, April 10.—The Socials have received a number of applications for positions of pitcher and catcher on their nine. James Doyle, of this city, who played with the Gardiner, M. C. club, last season, has been heard from, and he will play second base for the Socials this season. He writes that John A. Davis and Brown, the two pitchers who came here last season with the Augustas, would like to play in Halifax, and a pitcher named Lezotte, who played with Lewiston last year, has been recommended by the manager of the Lewistons. There was a player named Lezotte who made the tour with the Augustas, but he played in the outfield, and nothing was heard of him being a pitcher; but perhaps this is not the same man. Nick Wise, brother of Sam Wise (late of the Boston), but now of the Washington, writes that there is a battery in Houlton, Me., which might be communicated with, and a letter has also been received from an Eastport, Me., player. The Haligonians, however, have not made arrangements at present, and they still hope to secure a good man.

The Socials expect to have a number of American teams visit Halifax this season, and, with the exception of the month of July, which they will have no difficulty in filling dates. The cheap rates on the steamship lines between here and Boston, with the new steamer and fast travel, should enable them to bring a number of clubs from the Hub this season. Under the present arrangements, parties can leave Boston at 3 p. m. Saturday, arrive here at 6 p. m. Sunday, and leave here Wednesday, at 10 a. m., to return, thus giving two days at Halifax.

The Boston *Globe* recently reported that the John P. Lovell Arms company nine would make a visit to the provinces this year. Manager Lovell claims to have as strong a club as there is in New England. McKie, the regular backstop, was with the Haverhill last year, and Lyons pitched for the Lowell, the champions of the New England league last season. Lloyd, the first baseman, is a well-known Massachusetts man, and played in the picked nine against the Boston, Fast Day of last year. Flynn, the captain of the team, has played with some of the best amateur nines in New England, and last year was with the Lowell. Stall, the third baseman, was with the Brooklins last year. Williams, the shortstop, has played with the Portland club, and Gough, left fielder and change catcher, was with the Belmonts. Newsome, centre field, was a member of last year's Boston Blues, and Burke, right fielder and change pitcher, was with the Stoughtons last season. The Amateur Athletic association should make an effort to have them visit St. John.

Another team which might be induced to visit the provinces, and which will be communicated with, has been formed in Boston to play exhibition games against the strongest clubs. Among the players are Hackett, who played with Boston and Indianapolis league teams; Burke, pitcher for the Lowell last season; Gardner, second baseman for the Washington league club, and Houck, an old league shortstop.

James Pender, the old Haligonian player, has retired from the diamond, and will this year probably devote himself to umpiring, at which he ought to be a success, having been playing ball for fourteen years, and having also umpired a number of games. He also has a thorough knowledge of the rules, excellent judgment, good habits and during the many years he has been on the diamond he has borne the highest reputation, and not one dishonorable act of any kind can be charged against him. Pender is well known throughout the provinces, and especially in St. John, where he played with the Atlantics against the Mutuals in 1875, when the Haligonians won 22 to 9. He also played against the old Shamrocks, the Invincibles of Moncton, and was also a member of the Atlantics in 1878 when they won the \$100 prize at the base ball tournament at Fredericton, defeating the Mutuals of Fredericton, 9 to 5, and the Houlton, Me., team, 9 to 0. With such experience and such a reputation, he ought to make a model umpire.

In your last issue you say that "St. John is the only city that you know of that permits its fair residents to see a ball game for nothing." Halifax will have to claim a rivalry with St. John again, as here the announcement "Ladies Free" is always posted. The boys here feel that there is nothing that will make the game more popular than the presence of the ladies, and they are always pleased to see them. Even on holidays, they do not charge admission to the fair sex, who turn out in goodly number.

The Wanderers held their annual meeting last week, and an amount was placed in the estimates for base ball supplies. The Wanderers' team has on its nine several cricketers and one or two amateur base ballists who made their first appearance in public last season, while the only one who has made a reputation at the game is Frank Grierson, the Socials' old catcher, who has many friends in St. John. The majority of the players never handled a base ball until last season, and few understood the "fine points" of the game. When the Wanderers' cricket team visit St. John this year, and the eleven from your city visit Halifax, might not an interesting base ball match be arranged between the Wanderers' base ball team and an Amateur Athletic association nine, or some sort of a similar arrangement? The suggestion might be considered by the two clubs.

SOMETHING ABOUT HORSE.

HALIFAX, April 10.—The Maritime circuit is extending every week, and now New Glasgow has applied for membership. They propose to give a one day meeting on Friday, Aug. 23, offering purses for the 2:45 and 2:28 classes, which are the same as "the fastest slow class and the fastest fast class" throughout the circuit, thus obtaining the principal horses in each class. The date selected is the week before the Halifax meeting, and as many of the horses which will compete here are owned in the vicinity of New Glasgow, they ought to have a good meeting, and besides these races would also be a break in the journey for the horses coming from Prince Edward Island. D. A. McDearmid, the secretary of this track, is a hustler, and will make a success of the meeting. The owners of trotters should commence to make arrangements to prepare their horses as soon as possible, when such inducements are offered as continuous trotting each week from Aug. 23 to Oct. 3, for purses aggregating \$5,600. The circuit cannot be a success unless owners enter their animals and make the sport, and breeders especially should use every effort to have some of their stock, or the get of their stallions participate in the races, not only at one track, but at every track in the circuit, and thus increase the interest and advertise their stallions, as well as assist in placing the circuit on such a footing that it will continue to grow, and become a fixed annual event.

We ought to have a number of American horses here from the amount of advertising the circuit is receiving. An extended report of the meeting held in St. John appears in the *Marine Horse Breeder*. Monthly, while summaries of the meeting have been published by the *Chicago Horseman*, *Canadian Sportsman*, *Times*, *Field* and *Farm*, *New York Spirit of the Times*, *New York Spirit of the Hub*, *Boston*, and others, and the two first named journals have made most complimentary references to the circuit. Most of these papers publish a list of claimed dates for trotting meetings, and among them appear those of the circuit, which they will continue to publish until after each meeting is concluded. POWER.

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