

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Small and Rogers won't be here until Wednesday, but the season has opened all the same. The boys had their first practice Monday evening and the lively way that bit of horse hide spun about the diamond put everybody in the spirits.

Captain Tom Bell has a double responsibility this year, but he doesn't look worried. He has plenty of faith in the ability and willingness of the boys. I think he misses Sammy Milligan in anticipation, for nothing pleased him better than to score a nice double play with the active second baseman.

Kennedy still retains his new idea about salary, to the regret of his friends. He advances the argument that he has as much right to payment as George Whitenet if he holds Frank White.

I regard the matter in a different light, one not so profitable to our old third baseman. We rather counted upon White and Kennedy for our amateur battery, but if the present demand is acceded to, of three batteries five men will be professionals.

The ground is in fine shape and ready at any time for a game. It is as dry and springy almost as in mid-summer.

Lower cove seems to be the only place where there is any activity among the juniors. The Thistles and Franklins have strong teams, and are clamoring for games. The Franklins want to play the Thistles, but I hear the latter did not like the noisy ball the Franklins played last Thanksgiving day, and their talk after the game, so that the chances for a meeting of the two clubs do not look very bright.

The Thistles go to Sussex Queen's birthday to play the Sussex team. The latter want Kearns and Riley of the Franklins to do the battery work for them on that occasion, but as the Franklins' two stars want \$10 a piece, I imagine the Sussex boys will make some of their own dime do the work, unless they want to pay for their fun.

Both the Thistles and Franklins are willing to enter a junior league provided some good teams come forward, which will make the games worth seeing. But the boys around town seem backward. Perhaps they have not handled a ball this year yet, and have quite forgotten the sensation of following a curve. Everybody will have the fever in a few weeks, and clubs will be thicker than good players. But to get the boys started is hard work.

I think a great many persons would like to see a good league this year, but it is no use organizing one unless it is composed of strong teams. How would it do to call a meeting, talk the matter over, and see if enough good material can be got together to make four or five good teams? If you can get enough good men, have a league by all means. If you cannot, let the matter drop.

Frederickton ball tossers are rather critical over Parson's recent record as a pitcher. They forget that one man can't win a game, and Clarkson himself would get discouraged and reckless if he got no support.

The New York ball tossers have settled down to their new home on Staten Island. Erastus Wiman gets \$9000 for the use of the grounds this season, and 20 cents for every man that crosses the ferry to see the game. Just think of what it costs to see a ball game there. Fifty cents entrance, 20 cents ferryage and grand stand extra!

Mr. Wiman told a New York Sun reporter "the ground was once the finest in the world, notwithstanding the fact that it was imperfect for ball playing. If the New York club would make up its mind to stay here, I would put it in the very best condition. It will take something like \$25,000 or \$30,000 to put the ground in order. It would then be better than ever, for the incline would disappear. However, I do not see my way clear, for the managers of the New York club are merely experimenting, and as yet do not know whether they will stay here another year or not."

Nothing has pleased me so much this week as a note in the University Monthly which says that the annual prizes presented to the students at the annual sports will give way to badges. That's right, boys. No more begging from the town's people.

I use the term advisedly. "Begging" it could hardly be called, but it certainly grew very monotonous to be called upon spring after spring for an annual subscription of from \$5 to \$10 for nothing else really than to buy prizes for the students.

Frederickton people have a ball club, now, and have subscribed \$1,000 for its support. This is another reason why the students should cease their levy. If the students will give with their usual freedom, or perhaps less, expenses will be more than met, now that prizes have been done away with.

From what I can gather, the origin of the "sports" contained the idea of hospitality, of returning in a measure, by a day of complete enjoyment, the numerous courtesies extended to the students by the citizens. It was a good idea, but when the townspeople were levied on for the greater part of the cash necessary to pay the expense, the boys drifted from first principles.

The Elwell European tourists will sail for Europe on Saturday, May 18. Great preparations have been made for this trip both on this side of the water and on the other. The number was at first limited to twenty-five, but on account of the number desiring to go, Mr. Elwell increased the number to thirty. The cyclists expect to be gone about five months, and will be royally entertained by the different wheel clubs on the other side.

President Day of the New York club talked recently with Pitcher Keefe. Keefe wants \$4,500, which is a come down of \$500 on his original demand, and he says he will not play for a cent less. No understanding was arrived at.

Poor John Morrill is having a tough time at Washington. He has gone to first to stay, but the home team seems to be all broken up, and in the games with Boston all of the usually reliable players made damaging errors and seemed utterly demoralized. John Morrill alone distinguished himself by knocking out two home runs Monday.

Fifty dollars is a pretty stiff price to give for a glass of beer, but that is the rate paid by a Cincinnati player. When President Stern met Lee Vian, Monday, he remarked, "I hear you have been drinking." "Yes, I had a glass or two of beer," admitted the pitcher. "Well, that will cost you just \$100." It was a severe lesson, but the Cincinnati club is resolved to enforce discipline to the letter this year. Manager Schmeitz has warned the team that, for infractions of the temperance or staying-out-of-the-night's clauses in their contracts, it would cost the offender dear. Vian had the tough luck to be made a horrible example of.

The latest ring news is from Atkinson of the Police Gazette, who cables from London that Slavin, champion of Australia, will fight Peter Jackson in a championship club for purse of £2,000. Carney will fight McAuliffe, club, £2,000 purse and Police Gazette championship belt. Kilrain and Mitchell will have a pot of money on Vyner's Minute; one thousand and guineas, over \$6,000.

Kilrain's benefit will be in Agricultural hall; will be big affair.

Articles of agreement were received at the Police Gazette office, Monday, from Jem Carney of Birmingham, Eng., for a fight to a finish under London rules, with Champion Jack McAuliffe, which stipulate that the stakes in the match be £500, open to £1,000 a side, and the battle to occur within 200 miles of London. The date and number of witnesses to the match are to be fixed by McAuliffe. Carney posted £200 with the Sporting Life in support of his offer, and if his forfeit is not covered by May 31 the bold Jew will proclaim himself light weight champion of the world, and demand that McAuliffe shall surrender to him the Police Gazette belt. McAuliffe's manager Billy Madden, was shown Carney's ultimatum. Billy said that Jack would pay no attention to a finish fight under London rules, but would be ready to fight Carney a limited number of rounds before any private club in England, and that he will bet £1,000 that Jack will win. But before going to England he will give any light weight in this country a chance to try his mettle against McAuliffe for a purse, in any of the California clubs, and he will bet them \$1000 to \$5000 on the result. Paddy Smith, of Brooklyn can have the preference, if he will fight.—New York Sun.

Celestial Base Hits.

FREDERICKTON, May 9.—We are a little slow on the start, gentlemen, but just watch us on the home stretch, please. An association comprising nearly 200 names, including with few exceptions every prominent citizen of the town, a subscription list of \$1000, a first-class battery engaged and another good man on deck, the finest base ball field in New Brunswick as good as leased, with grand stand seating 400 people, in perspective,—it looks as though base ball had come here to stay, doesn't it? The truth is that there are more ball cranks to the square acre in town than any other in the three provinces. They are here now and they have always been here, but they have never seen good ball and that has made them a trifle blue-moulted, that is all. Last Friday's meeting in the City Hall was a rouser. It reminded one of the old days when Frederickton bore off the palm for cricket, and later when aquatics became so popular here, to see the live and solid men who came forward to give the enterprise their countenance and substantial support. Here are the officers elected and members:

T. Carleton Allen, president; M. Tennant and J. H. Berry, vice-presidents; Jas. H. Hawthorn, secretary; A. F. Street, treasurer.

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Since several meetings of the managing committee have been held, and it is not too much to say that the success they have achieved in their negotiations has been of the most encouraging character. Secretary Hawthorne has been in correspondence with C. F. Griffin, of Portland; D. J. Cotter, of Boston; W. L. Poshor, Skowhegan; J. F. Larrabee, of the Colby's; M. L. Thayer, of Turner; Messrs. Brown and Dunning, of the Bath team; C. F. McGuire, of Waterville; Scott Wilson, of Melrose, Mass.; A. B. Coll, his catcher; E. P. Fraser, of Waterville, and other battery artists in the New England states. Of course our association is not as yet rolling in affluence—hence some of the offers received were rather beyond our reach. The terms of Mr. Thayer, who is a left-handed pitcher, and said to be capable of good work in any position, have, however, been accepted. Negotiations for a catcher are well advanced. It would not be surprising if Ed. Brown, who pitches for the Bath team in St. John on the 16th and 17th inst., was also engaged as pitcher.

Perhaps the most important subject with which the association has had to deal has been that of suitable grounds. At the outset, it was thought that the generous proposal of the Frederickton Park association, who offered the use of the grounds free for recreation, and upon very reasonable terms thereafter, would be accepted. But there seems to be a strong sentiment in favor of Scully's field, which is certainly a most admirable location for base ball grounds, and has been offered to the association by Mr. Scully, upon very fair terms also. The cost of putting these grounds in shape would be much less than those of the Park association, with the exception of the item of fencing, which, however, it is believed would be more than counterbalanced by the increased attendance the games, if played in Scully's field, would receive as compared with the park. So I think you will see our ball-tossers located on these beautiful grounds this season.

One great disadvantage Frederickton labors under at the outset is the lack of really capable base ballists in the city. But a whole swarm of snappy youngsters are on deck in Frederickton, and if you follow in St. John will handle us leniently at first we will reach second bag in due time no doubt. Dates are already being arranged for visiting teams. The club will not be in position to play any outside nines before July 1st, when it is possible an opening may be made with Houlton. One of the leading features of the season will undoubtedly be the championship series of 12 games between St. John, Moncton and Frederickton which is now being arranged.

Border Horse Notes.

MILTOVNS, May 8.—The handsome horse on the river, bar Lumps, is King Forrester, owned by H. B. Murchie, of Orange, N. J. King is coal black, 15 hands high, three years old, by King Wilkes, by George Wilkes; dam Lillian, by Olympus, 2nd dam by Burns' Black Hawk. When fully matured King will stand 15-3 high, and will weigh 1100 pounds. He shows a splendid gait and is perfection in style—going without overdraw or martingale and attracting the attention of all. Horace wants him to become fully matured before he begins to give him any fast work. He should trot fast if he breeds back on his sire's side as regards speed, as in looks he is a typical Wilkes. King's book of ten mares at \$25 each, was only open one day. Any one who wants to see a pretty horse should call at James Mills' stable, Calais, Me., and examine King and draw their own conclusions, as he will bear inspection.

Nelson says his stable will be represented in Balch's \$10,000 stallion race at Beacon, in September, by Dictator Chief comes out all right and is in shape when the bell rings. The horse that wins the money from him will think that they have had a race. The well known pacer Westmont was sold at auction in Kentucky last week for \$850. He is by Almont, dam by Peck's Black Hawk. His record is 2:13 1/2, made five years ago. He got record to pole hitched to a running mate of 2:01 1/2, the fastest ever made in that rig, and was one of the pair that J. M. Hill bought for Margaret Mathers' own use, paying \$50,000 for the pair in solid cash. "Surely the mighty have fallen."

It seems that "Regulator," of the Calais Times, and a few others, have been chaffing George about his trotting colt Vieumont, by Olympus, dam Viechy, 2nd dam Nannie Thorne, and would give one the impression that Vieumont could beat 30 right off the reel, but George has no bees in his bonnet over the electrifying burst of speed shown by his colt. "Regulator" wanted to handle the colt this coming season, but could not make his plea of sufficient force to get him. George sent him to a friend in New York, whom I believe is part owner. By some unforeseen accident the colt threw himself in the stall and will not be able to walk before the middle of June. Now "Regulator," through the Times, assails George's good judgement and the abilities of his driver, which caused dark frowns on the faces of both gentlemen.

Meeting George, the other day, I said: "Regulator" gives you and Horace a pretty hard rub in his last week's notes." He was mad in a minute, and muttered something which sounded like Y. U. B. dam, and on turning round said: "Young man, when I own a trotter, I want one that will drive straight and that will fight it out from the word 'go' to the finish; and I want a man of some nerve to drive my horse, and one that will go right in with the gang and take his chances with the rest to win the heat and money; and if he goes over the fence or under it, he is not afraid to get in and go at them, hammer and tongs, the next heat. Some other would-be drivers I know of would do this."

Mr. C. H. Eaton has just got Rattler and Woodland home from his farm at Forest, Me. It is invited to go and see the horses, and found both in fine form, having wintered nicely. Rattler needs no introduction to the readers of PROGRESS and should be a grand horse in the 2:30 class through the maritime circuit. Mr. Eaton thinks very highly of him, and none can show a finer dispositioned stallion. I went into the box while he was being stripped and he is as clever as a kitten. Rattler will not serve any mares this season, as his owner wants to beat 20 with him, and he will give him every chance to do so. He will be sent to genial "Al Shipley, who all Nova Scotia swear by," who will drive him in his races this year. They should be a hard pair to beat. "Al and Rattler" will make our Acadian neighbors hustle to win first money.

Woodland, by Woodland, dam Kate Clyde, by Ericson, by Mambrino Chief, is a dark bay, black points, 15-3 high, five years old, and a nice, large, fine made stallion. He will be bred to a few choice mares this season, service fee \$50. He is a horse of much bone and substance and weighs 1100 pounds. I am informed that he has shown quarters in .39 seconds, and his colt attracted much attention. Several have been entered in the Maine state fairs. I saw J. H. Keefe early this morning, with Elation hitched to road-cart, on his way to the stock farm. Elation is a beautiful bay, black points, five years old, full 16 hands high and weighs a few pounds over 1200. He is by Electioneer, dam Sally Graham, by Volunteer. "Well, Jim, he is a dandy." "He is all that; no man living can show a finer stallion," answered Jim. "I never drove any horse as fast as this one, except Lumps, and he can beat 30 as easily as 'rolling off a log'."

Elation is a horse of splendid size, and very stylish, with a set of legs that cannot be surpassed by any trotting stallion of the day. He is very gentle, fine gaited, throws beautiful foals, and best of all, is a great trotter. If this horse does not have a record of 14 or better when he is nine years old, I will be very much disappointed.

I hope that Mr. Todd will consent to show this horse a mile better than .39 over our track, at the circuit meeting this year, to stop the croaking of the Know-All (who can only see one horse and his get), and thus show the people that all breeding to his horse that they are really breeding to a pure, gilt-edged trotting stallion, whose speed equals his pedigree. Elation's book of 50 mares for the spring, at \$50, is full.

I intended to send PROGRESS a description of the St. Croix Stock Farm, but as the celebrated Emerline mares are in Kentucky, I will defer it until next fall, when all the horses are home and the foals are weaned. Edgardo, bay stallion, 15-3, by Ramor, by Tatler, by Pilot, Jr., dam Lucia, by Jay Gould, 2:19 1/2, 2nd dam, the famous Lucy, 2:18 1/2, by Geo. M. Patchen, will not be in the stud this season, as Mr. Todd intends giving him a record, and Jun will commence his preparatory work in a few days. I hope to see Edgardo, in his four-year-old form, beat 30.

Kehee will also show Dominion Queen, bay filly two years old, by Charlie Wilkes, dam Lady Messenger by Messenger Chief, sire of Maud Messenger, 2:18 1/2, and if breeding goes for anything Queen should beat 45.

Mr. George F. Todd, of Miltoons, has purchased of George N. Leavitt, Boston, Mass., the black stallion colt Lux, by Lumps, 2:21, dam Dora, by Stockbridge Chief, Jr., 2nd dam Annie, s. t. b., by Billy Waggoner, by Waggoner. Lux is two years old and said to be a very fine colt and has on his dam's side the blood of Highlander, American Clay and Messenger, Stockbridge Chief, Jr., by Stockbridge Chief, (sire of the dam of Gloster, 2:17) 1st dam Dave Highlander, 2nd dam by American Boy, by American Clay and Big Norah, by Boy Messenger. Seward Hill, of Brockton, Mass., will handle Lux this year. I am glad to see the different strains of blood which this river will soon have to choose from, and hope in the near future that there will be enough horses from our own circuit to fill out a race, without having to import ringers to do so. ST. CROIX.

Power's Sporting Talk.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 8.—About the time the St. John Amateur Athletic club engaged Small and Rogers, I made some reference to a question which had been raised in regard to other men playing on the nine with those professionals—as to whether it would injure their amateur standing under the maritime provinces Amateur Athletic association, in which the St. John club have recently been admitted to membership. I then showed there was nothing in the definition of an amateur as adopted by this association to prevent them from playing with those professionals, unless they played for any prize, and at the same time mentioned that while this association claims jurisdiction over almost every kind of sport, they did not include cricket, foot ball and base ball among the number. The offering of a pennant by A. G. Spalding & Bros. for a series of games between St. John, Moncton and Frederickton clubs has again brought this question to the front and I have interviewed several prominent members of the maritime association on the question. I met

one of the founders of the association and explained matters to him. He said he could not see how amateurs would injure their standing. "There is no doubt but what the definition of an amateur as adopted by the association would be violated, as it stipulates that an amateur is one who has never competed for or against a professional for any prize, but then it had claimed no jurisdiction over base ball (in reference to this question) not having been fully considered." In consequence of this he did not think the amateurs would have their rights interfered with.

A gentleman thoroughly conversant with athletic rules, and who is a member of the executive, said there was no doubt they violated the amateur definition, and he did not think because base ball had not been included in the list they had jurisdiction over that it would make any difference. He thought, however, it would be a paltry matter to protest against a competitor in a race on such grounds, and he would not be one who would do so.

Another member of the executive who here happened along, remarked that it was drawing the line too far to make a man a professional because he played with or against a professional in a base ball match for a pennant. When cricket and football was mentioned before the association as to be included in the list over which they had jurisdiction, it was stated they had laws of their own, and it was decided to leave them alone. "If a man received money in any way for playing base ball or any other kind of game, he would, of course, be excluded from participating in amateur sport, but he was then receiving an individual benefit, while this was merely team work, in which the amateur received no benefit whatever."

It will thus be seen there is a difference of opinion on the matter, and while no competitor may be protested against on these grounds, it would be just as well to think the question over before the games take place. In the amateur games in the United States amateurs who played on a nine for a pennant with a professional battery would not be excluded. An attempt was made in the western association, this year, which has its headquarters in St. Louis, to enforce such a rule, but without avail. The question made much discussion here last year, in consequence of a member of the Social club who had played the previous year against professionals for a prize, taking part in amateur league games. There was much talk over the subject, but the player was never protested against, and the matter never came before the maritime provinces association, so that no action was taken. This same player, it may be here stated, afterward competed in amateur athletic games. Owing to the discussion of last year, the Amateur league decided that they would not be troubled by such a question this year, and adopted a definition of their own which defines an amateur to be one who has never played ball for a money consideration.

The Franklins, of Boston, have organized and the Socials will endeavor to have them visit Halifax. The team includes C. Wise, Boston, 1888, c.; Dunn, New Orleans, 1888, p.; Donohue, Kalamazoo, 1888, 1st b.; McGrath, Boston College, 1888, 2nd b.; Thomas, Legion of Honor, 1888, 3d b.; Cotter, Randolph, s. t.; McLaughlin, Temperance League, 1888, 1. s.; Carroll, Southern League, 1888, c. f.; Sheehan, Boston College, 1888, r. f.

The first game of the season will take place here May 24, when the Maine Central Institute nine, of Pittsfield, Me., will play two games with the Socials, morning and afternoon. The South Portlands could come here May 27 and 28, but that would be too close to the Pittsfield games. The Maine State college team will play their first games in Halifax July 1 and 2 against the Socials. The Lewistons write that they will visit Halifax in August.

The Socials received a reply from Flynn, last week, and he asked them for a salary of \$50 a week, for four months engagement, which would bring the total amount to about \$500. This exceeds the salary limit in many of the minor leagues in the States and is certainly a large salary for a man who pitched but little last season owing to a lame arm, and whose arm is not yet in good condition, but he thinks he can pitch two games per week. According to the New York Sporting Times, he pitched against a team of professionals at Lowell a few weeks ago, and they scored but one hit off him. The Chicago correspondent of the same paper states that if he recovered his old form, Capt. Anson would engage him at once, but Flynn does not think he could stand the strain of pitching a number of games a week. The Socials think that from his experience he would make a valuable coacher, and as they would not want him to pitch more than one game a fortnight they decided to offer him \$125 a month, which was more money than they expected to pay at the outset, as they hoped they would secure a good man for \$25 per week. Flynn telegraphed on Saturday, "Cannot come; terms too low," and the Socials gave up all hopes of engaging him, and were much disappointed, as they had felt all along they would secure him. They were considering what to do next, when a number of admirers of the game informed them, they would assist them with subscriptions to make up the balance. They again telegraphed Flynn to give his lowest terms, and replied, "Same as first." The Socials have agreed to accept his terms and will engage him on trial.

Many of your athletes are probably unaware that the annual championship games of the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic association are open to all amateur athletes of the world, and are not, as many suppose, confined to the provinces. At the meeting to be held in St. John this year, there should be some consideration as to the dates and the class of entries looked for. If there is a desire to induce some noted American and Canadian athletes to compete at the games, the date selected should not conflict with that of the championship games of the American and Canadian associations, but if it is felt their presence is not required, the games might take place on one of the days selected by the associations referred to. But there is an objection to this, inasmuch as some members of the provincial clubs might want to compete at the American and Canadian games, and it would not be fair to them to arrange the date so as they could not compete for the championship of the maritime provinces, as men who have the pluck and take the time and trouble to put themselves in such shape as to go abroad and compete against the pick of the athletes of America in their efforts to uphold the honor of the provinces, certainly deserve an opportunity of winning the championship of their own association.

The presence of American or Canadian athletes would certainly increase the interest in the games, but there is a question whether our own athletes would be encouraged by their presence. Doubtless those who have not yet shown championship form will feel the strangers are not wanted, but there are several who won at the games last year who will not fear all comers. That some noted athletes can be induced to compete at the meeting I have not the slightest doubt. Last year A. A. Jonathan, the famous all round amateur athlete, of New York, entered for several games, but missed a train and did not arrive on time. I read a letter from him afterwards, and he was very much disappointed and hoped that he would compete at the games on a future occasion. Several other well known foreign athletes have spoken about this meeting. Another reason why American athletes are liable to come to the provinces may be noted from the following paragraph from a recent issue of the Boston Herald:

It is now quite likely that America will not be represented by a team of athletes in the athletic meetings in England this year. An impression appears to gain ground that there is nothing to gain by sending over a team, and that the expense it would entail would be better applied in advancing the interests of amateur athletics in this country. However, in the event of a team not going to England it is very probable the National association will send five or six men to Canada to compete in the important meetings to be held there during the summer.

The date is fixed by the executive of the association, but the convenience of the club on whose grounds the games are held are always considered, so that the St. John Amateur Athletic association will have considerable to do in deciding upon the date. POWER.

Some Horses and Their Prices.

HALIFAX, May 8.—Halifax is not famous for its trotting horses, but there is a two year old stallion owned in this city, whose superior cannot be found in the provinces. He is of splendid size and color, perfectly formed, and royally bred, having been sired by Hermes, 2:27 1/2, (sire of Hersey, 2:27 1/2, and other 2:30 horses) by Harold, sire of Maud S, and other famous trotters, dam Mirza, by Belmont, sire of Nutwood, 2:18 1/2, Wedgewood, 2:19 1/2, and other noted performers. This colt, whose name is Prince Nelson, and registered in Wallace's Trotting Register as standard bred, is owned by Mr. John Mullane, who purchased him from C. F. Emory, Forest City farm, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Mullane is driving the colt, and he says he will make a trotter. Mr. W. F. Todd, the noted St. Stephen horseman, on his last visit to this city, inspected the colt and informed him (Mr. Mullane) he had a valuable stallion. Customs Inspector Barnes, who was in the city last week, had a view of the colt, and he was so thoroughly impressed with him that he asked Mr. Mullane if he would not sell. Mr. Mullane had not considered disposing of the colt, but the New Brunswick offered him \$3600 for the colt. That was certainly a fine offer for a two year old. Mr. Mullane almost agreed to take \$4000, but he decided that the colt should fill engagements with six mares which had been booked. No sale was made, however, it being decided not to do anything about the transaction until after the season is over.

Some weeks ago the thoroughbred stallion Yardley, was brought to this city, en route for Ontario, but his owner having heard that some persons in this city were likely to purchase him, he decided to remain here. He wanted \$1000 for the horse, but no person would buy him. Finally he was offered at auction, and while there was a large crowd present, bidders were few. Some would have liked to purchase him, but were afraid that he might not be of the pedigree presented. Mr. Thomas Robinson, however, purchased him for \$425, and this week his

horse has received unexpected advertising in the result of the 2000 guineas, in England. Enthusiast, the winner of that event, was bred at the same farm as Mr. Robinson's Yardley, and he was sired by Sterling, who is also the sire of the dam of Yardley. The recent Boston Horse show seems to have been a great success, and among the winners was the bay mare Diana, formerly owned by Mr. Geoffrey Morrow, of Halifax. She won the first of \$75 for thoroughbred mares, 4 years old and over. She was sired by Inps Abel, dam Leila, by Uncle Vice, and is now owned by Marshal K. Abbott, of Boston. POWER.

Of Interest to Anglers.

Senator Frye, of Maine, and Senator Hampton, of South Carolina, will whip the Tobique early in July. The fishing party will be a large one and includes a number of Philadelphia gentlemen.

Sport in St. Andrew's has developed wonderfully. The Chamcook lake is earning a reputation for trout and salmon. A well known sportsman looked a ten pound salmon from its waters a few days ago and followed his success by securing some splendid trout.

"PROGRESS" St. Croix correspondent writes: "Chief Engineer Cleland, of the fire department; F. L. Reynolds, master mechanic of the St. Croix cotton mill, and Geo. O. Dexter, electrician of the same, are at Grand Lake stream, angling for the lucious lake trout, which are now in season, and bite very freely. S. S. Pincio and J. S. Pincio have just returned from the same place, after three days' fishing, with 22 beauties, averaging about 4 1/2 pounds each."

"Mr. Dave Williams, overseer of the beaming-room, and Ike Tarr, the speedman of St. Croix cotton mill, took a sly sneak, Saturday morning, to a small stream a few miles out in the country. If Dave can't get the trout no one else need try. Returned Saturday night: Dave, 1; Ike, 2; total 3. "Mr. Lewis Dexter, Jr., is on a fishing tour at Grand Lake stream."

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