PROGRESS, next Saturday, will give in a special edition the story of the Friday games between the A. A. nine and the South Portlands, with portraits of some of our boys. You know our style of doing things, but perhaps I may be allowed to remark that next Saturday's paper will beat the record.

Small and Rogers arrived in town Wednesday. They are welcome.

The managing committee of the A. A. club has one thing more to do before the season opens, and that is to appoint an official scorer for the ball nine. Few men connected with the great game work harder than the man who scores it, and he who is capable of doing this as it should be done ought to have the credit for it. Give him the honor as well as the responsibility, and all the people, will say tainly extremely "select." It is probable there will

I leave out of question Mr. Payne, who is doubtless equal to any of us, but whose duties do not always permit his presence. There remain but two St. John newspaper men who make a point of scoring every game. One of these has brilliant qualifications, no doubt, but they have never come under my notice. The other, my friend Berry of the Sun, may well be satisfied to let his work speak for him. I have kept a close eye on it for the last two sca- their requirements, and they took his advice. Mr. sons, and I have nothing but praise for it and him. I know he is impartial and I believe he is thoroughly capable. I have never exchanged a word with him on the subject, and he may not thank me for suggesting an addition to his work, but I believe the A. A. club couldn't do better than make him official scorer.

As for myself, I would take the place in the last emergency, if the club found nobody else, and not on any other condition. I have no ambition in the matter, and I would like to see Berry appointed.

It is only natural that a man, whether he plays for a record or not, should wish to know at the end of the season what his record is. In certain contingencies it might be very valuable to him. But the newspaper scores do not form a record. The only average that would be accepted by another club or league would be that made up by an official scorer. Our foreign players at least will see the point and I venture to say that they will want an appointment made.

The aim of the A. A. club is to do business in a business-like way, and it should not err in this respect any longer. Whether Mr. Berry is appointed or not, the other man will continue to favor his friends and roast his enemies in the nine, as he has done ever since he began to "score." Nothing will be gained and everything lost by allowing the matter to hang at loose ends.

There are few horses around St. John handsomer or better bred than John A. He is in fine shape this spring. His owner, Mr. M. F. Josselyn, has him standing at Silver Falls, where he can be found any need be ashamed of. Foster Palmer was sired by Gideon (145) sire of those well known and fleet horses Bay, 2.271/2, Ezra L., 2.211/4 and others in the .30 class. His dam was Lady Star by Seely's American Star. When four years old he trotted a trial mile heat in 2.41, showing plainly that the speed of his ancestors descended to him. He is the sire of the dam of John A., the handsome and speedy five year old stallion, who was sired by Rampart, and is also sire of the dam of the fast two year old Allie J., by Allie Clay, a fast two year old colt, standing 15-3 and settling the scales at 930 pounds.

Gideon had a fine reputation in Maine, where the mares sired by him and his sons are regarded as among the finest! in the country. He is the sire of the dams of Nelson, 2.311/2; of Independence, 2.1614; Glen Arm, 2.2334, and Susie Own, 2.26. Among other speedy ones of his get are Gray Dan, 2.30, sire of Maud L., 2.30, and Molly Mitchell, 2.28, Pequawket, who was the sire of Sadie S., 2.2814, and Sweetness, 2.2614. Gideon was sired by Hambletonian Ten, and traces his descent from Imported Messenger, through his first dam, Dandy, by Young Engineer, second dam by Commander and third dam by Imported Messenger.

With Foster Palmer and his promising descendant, John A., Mr. Josselyn ought to be able to satisfy lovers of good horses.

Mr. Frank Todd, of St. Stephen, landed the firs salmon caught on the St. Croix with a fly this season, one day last week, and was rewarded for his toil, as the fish was a beauty, weighing 28 pounds.

Capt. Anson, the great kicker, kicked at Monte Carlo, but there was some reason for it. He made a small bet and won. Then, while he turned his head for a minute, somebody raked in the pot. Anson's big face grew very red, says the Chicago Herald, and the rule against making any noise in the gambling hall was broken then and there:

"Stop 'er, Mr. Dealer!" he shouted in that awful voice which he employs on the umpire when he strides in from first base to register a kick. Every one looked up. Loud talking was unusual there. "I don't know your lingo here," said the captain, "but the game doesn't proceed until I find out who nipped that seven in the red bet of mine. I don't propose to get skinned out of \$4.50 that way." He talked very loudly and every one became excited. "Right there on the seven," he insisted, "and some one swiped it. I want it, and right now, too."

One of the managers rushed up, hearing the noise, and when Anson's kick had been interpreted he hastily told the croupier to reimburse the big man. The "Stop 'er, Mr. Dealer!" he shouted in that awful

tily told the croupier to reimburse the big man. The "Old Man" complacently pocketed his winnings and walked off, saying: "The suckers can't do me. I thought I'd make that umpire change his decision." That aching void in the New York nine has at last

been filled. With the Hon. Timothy J. Keefe and

Mickey Welch both on deck, as they were last year, Gotham has nothing left to wish for. Harvey McKenna, the great rail billiard player,

writes from Chicago that he has returned from his successful Mexican tour and will remain at home in Detroit, during the fall. His lungs are troubling

The most complete newspaper score I have yet seen, and the best for making up averages, is that prepared by Mr. Dickenson for the New York World. The headings in the tabulated score are "A. B."—at bat, "R."—runs, "B. H."—base hits, "P. O."—put outs, "A."—assisted, "E."—fielding errors, "S. H."—sacrifice hits, "S. B."—stolen bases, "S. O."—struck out, "B. B."—bases on balls, "B. E."—base on errors, and "L. B."—left on bases. These make twelve columns of figures, just the width of a newspaper column, and these particulars in the tabulated score save a great deal of space in the summary, besides telling the story of the work done by each player at a glance.—Henry Chadwick in the Sporting Life.

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Mike Kelly has apparently caught on to the positive fact that the public was getting sick of brag and bluster and is as quiet as a lamb. He is catching his opponents was 1.34, which was smaller than any finely and his hitting and base-running have been other pitcher in the league that season, Ferguson, quite in his old-time form. He can play ball if he wants to.

The New York club is not a gold mine this year, so four men will have to go in order to pay Keefe's increase in salary. Only three extra men will be carried this season, namely, Slattery, Hatfield and Murphy. Titcomb and Wagenhurst are the first | Stemmyer, .219, while among those following him victims of the new economy policy. Foster and were Casey, .222; Clarkson, .222; Boyle, .223; George will also go.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean's prize of \$100 to the guesser of the correct standing of the National league clubs at the close of the season has only been won once in three years. The guesses are as wild as average of .894. Had Flynn been able to keep up they were on PROGRESS' offer, last season. JACK AND JILL.

Cricket and Base Ball in Halifax.

HALIFAX, May 15 .- Is it not a curious coincidence that three of the professionals who are to reside in the maritime provinces this summer have all spent the winter in Lawrence, Mass.? Carmichael, the professional for the St. John Cricket club, I understand, was there recently, and Ceasar, who has been engaged by the Wanderers, played with Lawrence, last season. Flynn, who has been engaged by the Socials, also resides there.

With two new professional coachers in the province, cricket ought to be more popular than ever before, this season, but I think that after the novelty wears off, after seeing them play a few times, the general public will turn their attention to base ball. Still there is always a certain crowd that attends cricket matches, and I expect that crowd will be larger than ever. In Halifax, the audience referred to includes the military and our most fashionable people, and if it is not large in numbers, it is cerbe considerable curiosity among cricketers as to which is the better cricketer, Carmichael or Ceasar, but from all I can learn from authorities, St. John will have the better batter and Halifax the better bowler. Ceasar was engaged principally on the strong recommendation given by your old coacher, Comber, and W. Roffe, cricket editor of the Boston Globe. Comber speaks very highly of him, and informed the Wanderers, "He is just the man you want." They considered Comber ought to know Roffe, in his letter, says: "It gives me great pleasure to testify to his ability as a bowler, having kept wicket to him in several matches last year, and batted against him upon two occasions. I have kept wicket to most of the bowlers who have been here during the past sixteen years, and I don't remember one who was so hard to handle as Ceasar." After describing the kind of a ball he bowls, he says, "As a coach I don't know his ability, but as Carmichael assured me, about fifteen months back, that he had been engaged at the Surrey Oval for the previous season, it is very safe to assume he is a very capable one. As a batter, I must say, he is not very strong, but is still a very fair one; but his bowling is his strong point, and he was by long odds my first choice for bowler, last year, in getting a New England eleven together to play the Longwoods for Chambers' benefit. I may add, he is a good fielder, and plays excellently at point and midwicket on. These are the only positions I have seen him in." Ceases will arrive here by the steamer Halifax, May 19.

Capt. Rawson, Royal Engineers, has been appointed secretary of the Garrison Cricket club, and a better selection could not have been made. He is a perfect gentleman, obliging to everybody, and is one of the most popular officers of the garrison. He is already showing his great interest in cricket by endeavoring to have a week of cricket in this city this summer, and with that end in view he is corresponding with the St. John club, I Zingari club, of Toronto, the Longwoods, of Boston, and the Staten Island club, New York. While he may not be successful in arranging the cricket tournament, he has more chances of securing these clubs than a civilian organization would have, as I believe these foreign clubs would be more liable to accept invitations from the military. If they come, they will be treated time. There also Foster Palmer can be found. He in a royal manner, as if the military decide to extend comes from fine stock and has a pedigree no owner their hospitality to any person or organization, they

> There seems to be no doubt there will be at least summer. W. A. Henry, of this city, and G. W. Jones, of St. John, are corresponding with the Toronto club, and as the Garrison are in correspondence with the I Zingari club, one or the other will probably come. I asked Mr. Henry the other day, when the St. John Cricket club would visit Halifax this season, and he said, "Probably in July. We allow them to fix their dates to suit their convenience, and they let us know when they are coming. There is never any trouble between us." That certainly shows a friendly feeling, and it is to be regretted there is not the same spirit evinced between the two the former being by Canadian Pilot and the cities in regard to base ball. A Halifax gentleman who is greatly interested in America's national game recently returned from a visit to St. John, and he said he had been speaking to some of the A. A. nine, and they declared they would not play against Halifax again. Regarding the statement in one of my letters to Progress that a member of the Socials said "they should not object to playing the Socials, as they were pitted against the Atlantas when the trouble occurred last year," they said it did not make any difference, they would not play against a Halifax team with several of those players who were against them in that match. Persons who love the game simply for the excitement it provides, and the enjoyment to be gained therefrom, feel despondent that there is no probability of the game between these clubs, especially as the St. John club now has several new faces. Then again there is no more popular player visits the city than Capt. Thomas Bell. Those who are acquainted with him admire him for his affable disposition and pleasant manners, while those who simply know him from seeing him on the field delight in his first base play and his wonderful one hand stops. The St. John club certainly has a jewel in Capt. Bell.

There are some people who believe that if a game is not arranged, the Socials will challenge the St. John club for a series. They may do so, but, while I am not aware what the Socials intend to do, I do not believe that, as a body, they have yet considered anything in reference to a game between their club and the St. John nine.

Although there is no prospect of a series of games between them, there promises to be more base ball here this season than ever before. The Socials have been corresponding with all the principal clubs in Maine, and they have secured the Pittsfields for May 24; the Bates college, for June; Maine State college and the Bath club, for July, and the Lewis ton, Augusta and John P. Lovell nines, for August. Houlton and St. Stephens (of Boston) have written for dates, and the Presumpscotts want to come the latter part of June. The John P. Lovell dates are Aug. 5 and 6. The Moncton and Fredericton clubs will also be corresponded with.

The Amateur league, which consists of four clubs, has arranged a schedule of 20 games, with games morning and afternoon of May 24, which will make four games arranged to take place here on that day, as the Socials play the Pittsfields morning and afternoon. Then the Wanderers, Royal Blues, St. Marys and Chebuctos, of Dartmouth, all have clubs which play exhibition games with each other and with amateur league clubs.

The Standards have been invited, by the Electries of Moneton, to play in Moneton, June 21

John A. Flynn, the Socials' coacher, hails from Lawrence, Mass., and first came into prominence as a pitcher in that city in 1884. The following season he played in Meriden, Conn., where he did such good work that he was engaged, with his catcher, Moolie, by the Chicago league club of 1886. Under the eye of that great captain, Anson, he became a good pitcher, and during that year pitched 32 games. The percentage of earned runs made by Philadelphia, being next, with 1.51; Casey of Philadelphia and Baldwin of Detroit's average being 1.57, followed by Keefe, New York, 1.65; Healy, St. Louis, 1.70; Kirby, St. Louis, 1.79; Clarkson, Chicago, 1.88, and others. The percentage of first-base hits made by opponents off his delivery was .221, those smaller being Baldwin, .209; Ferguson, .215; Keefe, .231; Healy, .237; Getzein, .246; Daily, .246; Shaw, .248. He was 59th in the batting list, having an average of .200 for first-base hits. Flynn also played in 24 games in the field that season when he put out 15, assisted 2, and had 2 errors, an this pace he would still be in the Chicago club, but during the next season his arm gave out and new

outfielders were secured, and during the winter of 1887 Flynn was engaged to play with Omaha in the Western association. He pitched in only a few games and played 13 games in the outfield, where he made 14 put outs, 9 assists and 7 errors, an average of .770. In writing to the Socials, he says that he will be able to pitch two games a week, but if he can officiate in the box in one game per week it will be all that will be required of him. A contract has been drawn up by a legal firm, which stipulates the conditions of his engagement, and unless he gives satisfaction he will be released and some other engaged in his stead. The citizens here are anxious to see the Socials have a good coach and close to \$400 has already been subscribed to assist them.

Power's Horse Talk.

HALIFAX, May 15 .- "Horse news" is dull about here just at present, though a great deal of interest is being manifested in the June 21 meeting. The races will be under the patronage of Sir John Ross and the officers of the garrison, while the officials will be military men, and several of our wealthy citizens. A number of new ponies is expected to take part, and in the cup race it is expected Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh will have an entry. May Queen, formerly owned in Moncton, will probably start in this race. Yorktown and Yardley are only probable starters for the Jubilee purse of \$250 known at present. New conditions have been made in the race for | tion. Maritime bred horses, half-breeds being required to carry weights for age, and thoroughbreds 7 lbs extra. The directors are endeavoring to induce some members of the Montreal Hunt club and the Country club of Boston to bring their horses here to the meet-

I hear that Yorktown will start in the Country club races at Boston, May 24, and that May Queen will also be seut on from here in charge of Yorktown's popular owner.

Your St. Stephen correspondent makes a trite remark in your last issue, in his suggestion to show Elation a mile "to stop the croaking of the Know-Alls who can only see one horse and his get.' After
A. L. Slipp had Melbourne King in the stud for a
few seasons, owners of colts commenced to query
why he was not trotted. Slipp said the horse had why he was not trotted. Slipp said the horse had lots of speed, but as he did not trot him in public, friends of other stallions said the horse could not trot, and this statement became so general that many owners of colts sired by Melbourne King commenced to think he had no speed, or his owner, being the most professional driver in the country, would certainly show what he could do. Last season Slipp determined to show the "croakers" that he meant all he said. He trained him, and had him in superb condition when a blacksmith injured the horse's foot. He started in St. John, however, where he showed at least he could trot in 2.40, and atterward started in the stallion race at Halifax, where he was separately timed in 2.35. At Truro, the following week, he won a five-heat race, trotting the last heat in 2.371/2. Slipp is now confident the horse will trot in 2.30 this season, and makes that prediction over his signature in his stallion circular. Several New Brunswick mares are being sent to

Prince Edward Island this season to be bred to Preceptor. This horse is owned by C. C. Gardiner and Benj. Heartz, of Charlottetown, two gentlemen who have always been to the front in assisting the ARTHUR M. MAGEE, J. M. JOHNSON, breeding interests. Preceptor was limited to 50 mares at \$25 each and I hear his book is full. It certainly ought to be, as the services of such a royally bred colt could not be obtained in the States one Toronto cricket club visit the provinces this for considerably more money. An analysis of the breeding of this stallion will show how fashionable is his pedigree. He was sired by Nutwood, 2.18%, (sire of 25 thirty horses), son of Belmont, trial 2.26 (sire of 21 thirty horses) and Miss Russell (dam of Maud S.) Belmont was by Abdallah, (sire of Gold- Has enlarged his business, and has a new smith Maid 2.14), son of Hambletonian (sire of Dexter, 2.1714, and 40 others on the 2.30 list) dam Belle, (dam of McCurdy's Hambletonian, 2.261/2 and the dam of Pancoast, 2.21%) by Mambrino Chief (sire of Lady Thomas). Miss Russell, the dam of Nutwood, is a daughter of Pilot and Sally Russell, latter by Boston. Preceptor is equally well bred on the dam's side, his dam Precept being a daughter of Pancoast and Artless. Pancoast, 2.21% (sire of Patron, 2.14%) is by Wood's Lord Mambrino, 2.211/2 (sire of Abbotsford, 2.191/2; Mambrino Dudley, 2.19%); son of Mambrino Chief and Woodbine (the dam of Wedgewood, 2.19), dam Bicara (sister to McCurdy's Hambletonian, 2.261/2), son of Harold (sire of Maud S., 2.0834), and Belle, daughter of Mambrino Chief. Precept's dam was Artless (sister to Orange Girl, 2.20; Walhill Chief, sire of Great Eastern, 2.18), daughter of Hambletonian and Dolly Mills, sired by Seely's American Star, the great sire of brood mares. This brief outline of this animal's pedigree shows that he has tracing through his veins all the blood lines which have produced extreme speed.

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