THE BASE BALL AND TURF GOSSIP OF THE PROVINCES.

General Notes on City Ball Players-Why the St. Johns are Not Likely to Play the Socials-What the Amateurs are Doing-The Latest From the Turf.

My friend Power is quite anxious that the St. Johns-nee Nationals-and the Socials should meet on one diamond this season. He can see no reason why last year's dispute should enter into this year's games.

I noted with considerable pleasure that Pickering has got the grand bounce from the Social diamond this year, and look upon the action as a complete endorsation of our protest of last year against his pilfering umpiring. Respectable Haligonians, if they did not acknowledge that St. John was robbed of the games, could not stoop to defend Pickering. But I hope he will never get another chance to roast a decent club.

But curiosity prompted me to ask president A. O. Skinner, of the A. A. club, and chairman of the base ball committee, what the feeling of the club was regarding a game with the Socials. He looked at me and laughed quietly. "There is a little matter of \$100," said he, "between this club and the Socials. When we went to Halifax last year we were to get \$100 for expenses. We did not get a cent, and more than that, never heard from them concerning the matter. The St. John club never treats its visitors in that way, and the Socials will have to pay its debts before we can even entertain any proposition of theirs to play."

Now, gentlemen, you have it straight from head quarters. Why the Socials failed to pay that hundred dollars has never been explained. Our boys went there and played the two games arranged for, though if they had followed good advice the second game would never have been played; the home club must have made great money from the attendance, and yet they had not the courtesy-the word | bought the dog on the spot, saying he was his is a mild one-to fulfill their obligations. Have not | mascot, as he could never have won the race only the St. John's just ground for complaint?

Base ball seems to be almost a dead letter in Portland, Me. The last league season paralyzed all the monied cranks-and, of course, the game. A friend of mine writing from that city sums up the situation very nicely when he relates an interview he had with Dr. Voes, president of the Base Ball association. He says: "Dr. Voes tells me he got into such a state that he used to turn pale and shiver whenever he passed the almshouse. Such is life!" I don't think President Skinner feels that way this

Considering the fact that the Shamrocks expect to play a game of ball on their new grounds, July 1, Who the playing nine is going to be, outside of Kelly and Donovan, seems a great mystery. Lane, of the old Shamrocks, is the only one anybody seems to be willing to name as sure of a place on the

I hear, however, that the Shamrocks have a big list of playing members, and that the managing committee are going to let Donovan choose the team from among them.

A few games like the one played by the Thistles and Franklins, Tuesday, will make junior league stock go up, but I think it must have been as hard for the managers to find that \$4 or so in the bottom of the contribution box as it was for the 1,000 spectators to find the box itself.

good players. Sandy Holly of the St. John's, will be one of the La Tour's backstops, and another old National player, Higgins, will pitch for them. Then the Franklins have Mitchell, who plays first base for the St. John's, and Low has left the Thistles to owned by John O'Ronaghan, Kinkora, P. E. I. The play with the Carleton team.

This looks as though all the clubs were making great efforts to secure the best players available, and the club that gets Mr. Spaulding's pennant will have to hustle.

TURF GOSSIP FROM EVERYWHERE.

News of Horsemen and Horses Compiled

by a" Progress" Correspondent. In my article last week on the get of Trusty Boy, I overlooked Mark Patten's yearling colt, which is about the best of hiss ire's get in this vicinity. He is a handsome dark bay, star and black points, has a splendid head and ear, nice neck, fine shoulders, of several 2.30 horses) son of Mambrino Chief. strong back, nice arching hips and the best of limbs and feet. He should make a 16 hand 1100 horse and | Electioneer, sire of Manzanita, 2.16 at 4 years; be fast, as his dam is a very speedy pacer and is developing into a great brood mare. She has a fine colt by her side by Elation, and has been bred to the same horse this year.

Bros. farm at Auburn, Me., writes me of the two year | The fillies purchased by Mr. Brennan were both old colt Palm, by Messenger Wilkes, that holds the yearling record for the state of Maine as follows: When Palm starts this year you will be pleased,

and it will show the possibilities of Maine in the developement of colts. In Palm, Briggs Bros have the material to work on, and with intelligent methods will, barring possible accidents, show a performance creditable to his sire and the state.

One gentleman tells me that the colt that beats Palm this fall will never start in a '.40 class again, and I see in the Lewiston Journal that the owner of Bisbee, a 2 year old by Olympus, would like to have arace between Palm and Bisbee this year. It is doughnuts to oyster crackers that Bisbee can't make Palm trot fast enough to get a scrape on him.

By the withdrawal of Guy and Clingstone from the Frasig sale, Mr. Gordon declared he made the mistake of his life. Both of the horses have been placed in Millarb Saunders' hands to be campaigned -Guy to beat Maud S'. record of 2.08%, which Saunders says he can do, and Clingstone for the

free-for-alls. John Haines, Biddeford, Me., will handle Jack Spratt and Baby Deane this year. Baby has shown a mile as a four year old in .251/2, and is probably the fastest of the Daniel Boone family.

dam Noonday by St. Elmo, 2nd dam Midnight, dam of Jay Eye See, by Pilot, Jr., and intends to give him a fast record this year.

Geo. Wilkes, and in the trade, if she threw a filly, Wheelder made many friends last year, and at the lighted with their treatment here, the audience have it, May got word a few days ago that she had Trotting circuit was formed, while the fast class was ing their good plays with as much applause as those foaled a filly and it was his. The colt will be left in being considered, Elmo was mentioned as one of of the home team. Calais for a year, when it will be sent to Kentucky Mr. Overton is very much pleased with his good luck.

We are to have, I understand, an afternoon's fun on July 4th at the St. Stephen's driving park, consisting of a truckman's race, gentleman's driving uninteresting, while it would give our own free-forrace, 2.50, and free-for-all, Full particulars next

week. The entries for Balch's stallion race closed last week with sixteen entries, with such horses as Nel- this class. Elmo was almost taken as a basis in son, Edgemark, Bayonne Prince, Ready Boy, Brown, Mulatto, France, Pilot Knox and Axtell. People who are fortunate enough to get there should see a grand race and be more than satisfied for what it will cost them.

John Shepard's Butterfly, by Young Jim, by Geo. | the time was 2.2714; and while I have not Wallace Wilkes, dam Tansey by Geo. Wilkes, 2nd, dam | Trotting Register at hand, the Spirit of the Times, Dame Tansey, by Daniel Lambert, foaled on June

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SPORTS OF THE SEASON. 2d, the bay filly Flyaway, by Viking, by Belmont, Waterwitch. There does not seem to be anything but cream to this filly's pedigree, and that of the richest kind. If breeding has anything to do with Flyaway, she should come pretty near being the queen of the turf when she is matured.

Cleon (.22), by Neptagon, and David L. (.191/2), by Fuller's Wilkes, trotted a match race at Waverly, N. J., on May 30, and Jimmie Goldsmith landed Cleon an easy winner; best time .26. David L., who is probably the smallest trotter in the world, with a record of better than .20, won the second

I always understood that DeBarry, 2.19, went across the ocean, but it seems that I was wrongly informed, as he won a race May 30, over Sire Bros.' track at Morristown, N. J., easily in .27 and .3114, in the free-for-all.

Miller and Sibley's stallion. St. Bel, by Electioneer, dam Beautiful Bells, has 77 marcs booked to him this year, at \$300 each, and St. Bel's book for next year is full at 70 mares, at \$500. So the above gentlemen have every reason in the world to decline a match for the next two years. St. Bel cost \$15,-000 as a four-year-old, and has been a bonanza to his owners ever since.

It is predicted that several records will be broken in the State of Maine, this year. George F. Todd has gone to Massachusetts, and

will return this week. with his Lumps colt Lux, as he is going to give him a short season in the stud, and probably a little fast work later on.

Jack Splan has quite a large stable this year, the most prominent being J. B. Richardson, .1714; Nobby, .1814; Nellie V., .20; Smuggle, .24, and Mullatto, .22, as trotters, and the pacers Argyle, .1434, and El Monarch, 1714. Jack starts in at Jonesville, Iowa, to get his stable ready to go down the Grand circuit.

At Mystic park, on June 6, when the fifth heat was being trotted, and Shep and May Be (not the ringer Sussex Lass that went through our circuit last fall) were fighting out on the home stretch, with Shep leading, a dog ran across the track and got canght in the wheel of Shep's sulky, causing Shep to break, and May Be won the heat and race by a neck. George Hicks, owner of May Be, ST. CROIX. by his aid.

ISLANDERS AND THEIR HORSES.

A Journalist Who Finds Time and Money to Patronize the Turf.

HALIFAX. June 12 .- W. A. Brennan, editor and publisher of the Summerside, P. E. I., Agriculturist and Journal, is not only an able editor, but a thorough horseman, being the owner of several head of choicely-bred stock. He has two stallions named after his paper-Agriculturist, 9105, by the Almont stallion, Hernando, dam Lucy Thorne, by All Right, and Journal, 9104, by All Right, dam Starlight, by Thorndale. Mr. Brennan is the owner of the dams of both these colts. Lucy Thorne is now seven years old, and is a daughter of Starlight, the latter dam being Starling, by American Star. Starlight was bred by Edwin Thorne, Thorndale, and other Hernando, dam Lucy Thorne; Delta, bay mare, two years old, by Hernando, dam Nell, by Abdallah Messenger; Gama, bay mare, two years, by Hernando, dam Nelly, by All Right, and Hernani, four years, by Hernando, dam Starlight, all owned by Mr. Brennan, and every animal mentioned as owned by him are standard bred. With the exception of Starlight, every one of his horses mentioned above were bred on Prince Edward Island, and their sires and dams, with the exception mentioned, are all owned in the provinces. This but shows the class of stock that can be bred here, and the rapid progress the breeding of the trotter has made in the provinces. Hernando, the sire of several of the animals mentioned above, has a record of 2.37 1/2, and is owned by W. W. McLeod, of Prince Edward | dent Young of the National league, declared that the All the amateurs seem to be on the lookout for Island. Hernando is a son of Almont, dam Jennie Clay, by American Clay. All Right, also mentioned above, has already been described in your columns, and is owned by N. Lee, Truro, N. S. Abdellah Messenger, the sire of Delta's dam, is horse is 16 years old, and was sired by Jupiter Abdallah (sire of three 2.30 horses), son of Jupiter, by Black Hawk, dam Hoagland's Grey Messenger (sire of two 2.30 horses), by a son of Sherman Morgan. Abdellah Messenger is the sire of Bijou, 2.2514, and grandsire of Telephone, the speedy 3-minute horse on the circuit last season.

Mr. Brennan has recently added to this stock by a California bred colt and two fillies which he purchased at the Kellog sale, New York, when the consignment from Hon. Leland Stanford's Palo Alto farm was disposed of. The colt is named Parkside, foaled March 13, 1888, by Clay, record 2.25, dam Winter, by General Benton, second dam Barnes' Idol (two mile record 5.161/2) by Aker's Idol, (sire Clay, the sire of Parkside, is a son of the great Sunol, 2.18 at 2 years; the \$50,000 stallion Bell Boy, 2.191/4 at three years; Hinda Rose, 2.191/4 at three years, and other noted performers. Clay's dam is the Maid of Clay, the dam of four 2.30 horses, and My friend Forester, who recently visited Briggs | the dam of his sire produced seven 2.30 trotters. foaled the same day-March 11, 1888-and both are sired by Clay. The dam of one is Lady Beecher, by Reserve, son of Hambletonian, and that of the other is Theora by Gooding's Champion, her second dam being Lady Beecher.

A resident of Cumberland county, who says he reads PROGRESS, writes to me for particulars of the breeding of Landers Knox. I can supply him with a portion of the information, but have written to a person whom I think can give him more particulars. I will be glad to give him the information required should I obtain the same.

A proposal has been made to change the fast class in the circuit from 2.28 to 2.27. Jno. P. Wheelder, the well known horseman of Bangor, Maine, has written to W. P. Flewelling, the efficient secretary of last year's New Brunswick circuit, requesting that the change be made to the 2.27 class, as he says his horse Elmo is only eligible for that class. He says if the class is changed he will make an entry in every class throughout the circuit. At a meeting of the directors of the Fredericton track, the other evening, the letter was considered, and it was decided to recommend the change if the other tracks concerned agree, and it was further decided to have the secretary of the circuit consult with the presi-W. C. France has bought Dark Night, Alayone, dent as to corresponding with the other tracks in the home team enabled the visitors to tie the score,

the circuit relative to the change. Elmo, it will be remembered, trotted on the circuit last fall, and made an interesting race for our May Overton sold Alma Mater to Mr. Hobart, of horses, but the contests proved that provincial the horses which might be expected on the circuit, and as it was then stated his record was 2.2714, it was decided to make the class 2.28. This would prevent one or two very fast horses coming on the circuit from the states, and making the free for all all horses a chance of winning first money, as our horses would be likely to be able to trot as fast as any of those coming from the states agreeable for forming the 2.28 class. As I have already stated, our horses made interesting races with him, while his record was made in Massachusetts after he had trotted in the provinces. His record, as published in the summaries in the sporting and daily papers at

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which have this year published 2.30 lists give Elmo's record as 2.2714. The owner of Elmo, in his stallion announcement for 1889, gives Elmo's record as THE MYRTLE HOUSE, 2.2714, and Mr. Wheelder must have made some mistake about his record, or misapprehended the rule which provides that fractions of a record shall not constitute a bar. The managers of all the tracks will be delighted to see Mr. Wheelder and his horses. The presence of American horses will make more interest in the circuit, and the chances are that there will be several.

A letter has been received here which states tha some members of the Country club, of Boston, are likely to bring some ponies and horses here for the races, June 21st. The entries close on Friday, so that the probable starters will be then known. The 21st will be a great day for sport here, as beside the horse races, there is to be baseball matches between the Socials and Bowdoin college, the amateur league game between Y. M. L. A.'s and Socials, promenade concerts, etc.

"Good Luck" and His Breeding. While passing through Maccan, N.S., lately, I had the pleasure of seeing and driving behind the trotting stallion, Good Luck, 6612. Good Luck is six years old, of a good solid color, and weighs over 1,200 lbs., raised in Machias, Me., and purchased by Henry Wood, who now owns him. He now has a few foals coming three and four years age. Among the number is a mare owned by Howard Murchie, of New York, that last season showed a half mile in 1.121/2, and was bred to Sancoast, 1439, record 2.213/4, sire of Patron, 2.141/4. Good Luck was sired by Hernando, 2891, record 2.371/2; he is by Almont, .33, sire of 33 in the 2.30 list; dam by All Right, 5817, who sired Geo. Lee, 2.2314; Maud R., 2.391/4; Geo. All Right, 2.41; Lucy Derrick, 2.441/4; Nellie T., 2.55. Grand dam by Messenger Boy, 2.3714, who, many of your readers will remember as one of the gamest trotters ever raised in the province. If Good Luck ever should be handled for speed, he cannot help but make a fast trotter, as he shows a big, open gait, and has the breeding to make a

BALL GOSSIP IN HALIFAX.

Minudie, N. S.

STANDARDBRED.

A New Umpire for the Socials-A Game Wanted Between St. John and Halifax.

HALIFAX, June 12 .- The Socials have made strenyous efforts to obtain an umpire, and have induced Frank J. Power to consent to occupy the position. Mr. Power umpired the Social-National games played here a couple of years ago, and also the Colby-Social games last September.

The statement published in a local paper that the Socials would play the Shamrocks at St. John, July Best \$1 House in the Maritime Provinces. 1st, seems to have been incorrect. I asked a prominent member of the Socials, the other day, if they were to play the games, and he said: "No, we would sooner have a game with the Nationals. There is no reason why there should not be games between our club and the Nationals before the season closes." I questioned him in regard to umpires, WM. CONWAY . . Proprietor and he said they would be quite willing to have Morton Harrison umpire the Halifax games. famous horses. Beta, bay mare, foaled 1887, by Whether these clubs will meet is a question, but should they do so, great interest will attach to the

It seems curious that the same question should arise in both Halifax and St. John in regard to a point in the rules which does not seem to be covered by the rules. I refer to a batter being hit by a pitched ball when he makes a strike, as I observe occured in the last Bates-St. John game. Twice has the same thing occured here this season, and it was generally considered that it was a strike, as in the American association guide, President Wikoff in his instructions to umpires makes special mention of this rule, and declares it is a strike. A prominent baseball enthusiast, however, hunted up a clipping from a sporting paper of last year, in which Presibatter is entitled to his base. Thinking, however, teat some decision in regard to this interpretation might have been made during the winter, and owing to President Wikoff's instructions, it was decided to write to President Young, and he has replied:

In the case of ball hitting the batter on the first or second strike, the batter is entitled to his base. The strike should be ignored. Of course, President Young's decision will be ac

cepted, but authorities seem to differ on this point, as in the Boston Globe of last week, T. H. Murrane, the well known base ball editor answers a correspon-

If a batsman misses the ball, and then it hits any part of his clothing, it is a strike.

The New York Clipper gives a similar opinion. The Bowdoin college team play here June 21st, morning and afternoon, and the Maine State college

A local paper here publishes a paragraph about the Atlantas being reorganized, and gave the names of several of the club's players, among them being Foutz and McCarthy. How much truth there is in this paragraph can be judged from the fact that Foutz is first baseman of the Brooklyn team, and McCarthy a member of the St. Louis Browns. All the information I can gather about the proposed | Thanks the ladies of St. John for their libteam is that there is an idea of organizing a team composed of several of the old Atlantas and some of the amateur league players, and that Hackett has been written to, that they might learn what terms he would want to come to Halifax.

The Bates-Social Games.

HALIFAX, June 13 .- The games between the Socials and Bates college team here, this week, resulted in a victory for each. Flynn and White and Lezotte and Call were the batteries for the first game, which the Socials won, 9 to 4. Flynn pitched a better game than any since his arrival here, and he made a catch in the fourth inning which was a feature of the game. Day hit the ball, and it was apparently bound for centre field, but Flynn put out his right hand and caught the ball, apparently with the greatest ease. The ball was stopped so suddenly that the crowd were amazed, and when they recovered from their surprise, they burst into loud applause. Five hits were scored off Flynn and six against Lezotte, the errors of the visitors allowing the home team to obtain their long lead. The second game was a pitchers' battle between Davison and Burns, but two hits being made off the latter and four off the former. Not one of the visitors reached first until the fourth inning, and but two men in five innings. The Socials led until the eighth inning, when some wretched fielding on the part of and they secured the lead by two singles, making the score 5 to 3, by which they won the game. Power's umpiring in both games was most satisfactory, and the visitors congratulated him for his Calais. The old mare was in foal to Wilton, by horses had the ability to cope with him. Mr. work. The collegians expressed themselves as demeeting at St. John last March, when the Maritime | treating them with the utmost fairness, and reward-

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