

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

You could have knocked me down with a feather, Wednesday, when I heard that Jimmy Kennedy was aching to join the ranks of professional ball players; that he wanted his name put down on the pay sheet of the St. John club.

No reason is urged for this somewhat extraordinary request, but the bald statement is made: "unless I am paid I won't play. Very good. I for one will be sorry to see Kennedy off the grounds, but the line must be drawn, and Kennedy's demands are not likely to be acceded to."

This question is raised: If Kennedy is under salary, why not Frank White, the other end of the amateur battery? My understanding of the intention of the committee led me to think that they took as much pride in White and Kennedy as an amateur battery as in Small and Rogers or Parsons and Whitenect as professionals.

The public will not object to a professional battery, but will it look as kindly upon extending the salaries to the basemen and the field? I think not. We play ball not to make money beyond expenses, but for fun, but just as soon as our local players insist upon remuneration the strongest hold the A. A. club has on the public is broken.

If Kennedy is paid I see no reason why the outfield cannot make the same demand. I believe the good sense of the club will back up the committee in refusing to accede to any such demand.

It pays sometimes to have the officials of a great concern like the Intercolonial railway interested in sporting matters. For example if you can get a professional ball player a good job on the railway with the understanding that he will play ball when he is required to, why it is mighty convenient.

It has been said that our mutual friend and uncertain swifter "Manny" Robinson is going to Moncton to bung up whatever unfortunate attempts to stop him. This has been denied but I think you will find that the "smoky city" will secure him. It's curious that he and his old opponent Wagg should tramp the same diamond again this year. If Moncton gets as much out of them as St. John did last year she ought to be happy.

But how much do you get a week, Robinson? Seventeen fifty?

"Doe" Nixon's nine has gone "where the woodbine twineth." There has been a good deal of talk about outside nines but it was all talk. St. John's faith will be pinned to the banners of the A. A. nine, and it won't get lost.

"Al" Spaulding has extended his love to the New Brunswick ball tossers, and in token of his affection will hoist a dainty banner on the grounds of the champion nine.

I hear the Emeralds have organized for the season, with what they consider a strong team. They go to Fredericton, May 24, to play the Shamrocks of that city. Lenihan and Brittain of last year's Emeralds, will play with the Shamrocks on that day.

Cal. McCarthy, of New York, and Johnny Murphy, of Boston, had a great fight in the Bay State club-room, a few nights ago. The purse was \$1,000, and betting was about even, the Harvard boys backing their favorite and coacher Murphy from the bottom of their pockets. The shekels went to Gotham, for Murphy broke his hand in the first round. He was so game that none of his friends found out the fact until the fourth round. In its account of the mill, the Sun describes the scene:

After Murphy took his corner he had an animated discussion with his seconds. They were evidently trying to dissuade him from doing something, but he would not take their advice. When time was called he sprang into the ring and put up his guard as though he was in first-class fighting trim, but his left hand hung limp, and the crowd saw that it was badly hurt.

There were murmurs of remonstrance, but no interference. McCarthy started in to win the fight, which he saw was already in his hands. He under-estimated Murphy's ability, however, and while he was recovering from a light lead he caught a hot right-hander in the wind. Then he neatly parried another that was aimed at his throat, and closed with Murphy with some hot short-arm blows.

Murphy's seconds then refused to allow him to suffer any longer, Donovan asking Al Smith to stop the fight, explaining that Murphy's hand was broken. The referee refused to interfere on the ground that both men had agreed not to have a draw.

Murphy kept right on fighting. Donovan called to him to stop, but he shook his head and bravely faced the music. McCarthy was getting all over him and he could resist no feebly. His second could not stand it any longer, and rushed between the men, ordering Murphy to take his corner and give up the unequal fight. He steadfastly refused to do so, however. Dragging himself away he shouted:

"I'm all right. My hand is broken, but I don't care. I won't give up." The crowd called upon Al Smith to interfere. Men who had considerable money on Murphy begged him not to sacrifice himself. Murphy's seconds took him by the arms, forced him into his chair, and held him there. McCarthy had magnanimously put down his hands as soon as he saw how the crowd felt about it.

The referee again refused to call it a draw, and Murphy broke away from his seconds once more, saying: "I won't lose a fight this way. I'll stay as long as I can." Then he was rushed out of the room. Finally Murphy said:

"I don't want to disappoint my friends this way, but if my seconds tell me to stop I'll do so." Then the referee awarded the fight to McCarthy, who immediately rushed to Murphy's corner and warmly clasped his good hand.

"Murphy broke his hand in the first round," explained Donovan, "before he had been fighting one minute. He is too good and too game a little fellow to sacrifice, and was sure to be knocked out if he continued. There is not a man living who can whip Cal McCarthy with one hand. That is the reason I refused to let Murphy fight any longer." The crowd shouted its approval, not a dissenting voice being heard.

miles from Kentville. This farm consists of several hundred acres, the larger part of which is under cultivation, and on which he has also fifteen acres of orchard. The main barn of the horse stable is arranged with a driveway through the centre, and behind the barn is a ten-acre field, perfectly level. Among the first horses owned by Mr. Bill was Barbara Patchen, which made a record of 2.34; in a seven heat race at St. John some years ago, when she defeated Nellie Thorne and others, and after he sold her, went into the grand circuit, where she made a record of 2.24. He also owned Jersey Lily, 2.34, (now owned by C. H. Nelson, the famous Waterville, Me., horseman), and Hartford, son of Rydyk. Hartford was the sire of Gladstone, who made a record of 2.46 last season, and Bronze, which was recently sold in Maine for \$1000. This stallion brought Mr. Bill into great prominence, but he became better known and the people heard more about the breeding of trotters, when he purchased Rampart, by Almont, who cost him landed in Nova Scotia close to \$2000. Rampart made a record of 2.39; at Halifax, when he could have trotted some seconds faster. He was the sire of Parkmont, 2.57 at 4 years, and several of his colts are owned in New Brunswick. Mr. Bill also brought from Kentucky for W. E. Roscoe, of Kentville, the brown mare Argentine, by Almont Lightning. She was bred to the great stallion Happy Medium, sire of many noted performers, and her foal Belle Medium, is now owned by Mr. Bill. Belle Medium has since been bred to the Wilkes stallion, Alycane, and her foal Agelon is now kept by Mr. Bill as a private stallion. This is certainly a remarkably bred colt, (foaled in Nova Scotia) being by Alycane, son of George Wilkes, 1st dam by Happy Medium; 2nd dam by Almont Lightning; 3rd dam by Mambino Chief. Mr. Bill is also the owner of Allie Clay, another Almont stallion, the sire of Clayola, 3.03 at three years, also the sire of two colts from Argenta, one having been sold when a yearling for \$400 and the other under two years old for \$500.

Newton Lee has taken his great stallion All-Right to Prince Edward Island for the season. This horse has sired so many provincial trotters and his name has appeared so often in print that he is probably better known than any stallion in this section of the country. His colts are owned in almost every city and town in the three provinces, while there are a number of them owned in the States. All-Right was bred by Rev. W. H. H. Murray, ("Adirondack") and was imported to Prince Edward Island when four years old at a cost of \$3,000. He has a record of 2.42, and was sired by Taggart's Abdallah, dam Toot, by Grey Eagle. Considering the class of mares All-Right has served, he has been most successful, being the sire of George Lee, 2.23, Black Pilot, 2.39, but had he been trained and driven by a first class professional driver would have at least trotted in 2.28 the day he made his record; Blackbird, which trotted on the circuit last year, and got a record of 2.36; the handsome black mare Maud R., 2.39; Defiance, 2.39, owned in Indiana; George All-Right, 2.41, owned in Fredericton; Lucy Derrick, with a record of 2.44, as a four year old; Nellie T., 2.55, and others.

The fastest son of All-Right, George Lee, was bred in Prince Edward Island, and trotted in the provinces under the name of Sir Selly, making a record of 2.45. He afterwards went to the States, where he was principally handled by the Boston driver, Charles Tapp. I noticed an interview with Tapp in a paper the other day, when he was asked what was the fastest horse he ever handled and replied:

"I guess George Lee was. I started him green in the spring of 1886 at Sagus, and he got a mark of 2.29. I then took him to Lawrence and he was forced a mile in 2.23 and got only second money. He was a very speedy horse, and in his work showed ability to go very fast. He was started in eleven races and won eight of them, getting second money in two of the other three. In one of his races at Hartford he was right up to the winner in 2.30. The hardest race I ever rode was when George Lee made his record. In the race against me were Bijou, Screwdriver, Smuggler's daughter, George A. and Arxley. The betting was all against my horse and the five took turns at trying to wear him down. First one took up the going and then the other, and it ended in my beating the field in straight heats in 2.24, 2.24 and 2.26. The horse was very speedy and the forcing the rest gave him kept him up to his clip right along. He was game and trotted the third best fastest."

Your last issue makes reference to a proposed summer meeting at St. John which should be held about the same time as the Halifax races. Both tracks will then be liable to receive more entries than under other circumstances as the more inducements are offered will cause the owners of horses to interest themselves to a greater extent. The Halifax people offer \$250 for the open race on June 21st, and they will make an effort to have some of the members of the Boston Country club present with their horses and ponies. They also hope to have Yorktown among the starters, and if rumor is correct there are a couple of St. John men likely to have one or more runners before that time. The managers of the Riding Ground are anxious to encourage province bred horses and offer \$150 for these animals at the June meeting, and will give a similar purse for a similar race at the carnival meeting in July. They trust that Hugh O'Neill, of Fredericton, H. McMonagle, of Sussex, and others will have starters in those races. An amusing feature of the races here will be an umbrella and cigar race in which many of the officers will doubtless take part. The committee will supply the cigars and the matches and the conditions require the rider to light his cigar, then open his umbrella, and holding the same over his head, mount his pony. A line is drawn across the track in front of the stand, and the ponies must be started from behind this line. After the rider has mounted he is obliged to make the circuit of the track on his pony, with the umbrella over his head, and if the cigar is not lighted at the finish he is disqualified.

There is no place in the provinces where there is more racing done "around the stove" or "on paper" than in Kentville, and for some time, C. R. Bell Jr., the owner of the stallion Gladstone, 2.46, and J. L. Neary, the owner of the Wedgewood stallion Tomano have been talking race. The former suggested a race of mile heats, but Neary would not have it, and proposed half mile heats, which Bill finally accepted, and made a match to trot at Kentville on Friday last. Tomano, however, did not put in appearance, and the crowd were disappointed. Tomano was formerly owned in St. John.

A son of one of the Euclyne mares has changed hands, J. H. Shultz, the owner of Pancoast and other trotters having purchased from W. F. Rhodes, New York, the bay mare Lizette, trial 2.27, by Voltaire, dam Susie, 2.21, giving in part payment the bay gelding Harvey G. by Jay Gould, dam Augusta Schuyler, daughter of Emeline.

POWER.

Power's Base Ball Talk. HALIFAX, May 1.—The Socials have been delayed in their negotiations for a catcher, having written to Flynn, the ex-Chicago league pitcher, over a fortnight ago, explaining their requirements and to ascertain his terms. They received no reply, however, and addressed him a postal card requesting an early answer. They received a letter on Saturday last from him stating that he had got no letter from them, and requesting them to write him fully. Another communication was forwarded and he will be doubtless heard from next week. If his terms are satisfactory, they will no doubt engage him, at least on trial. If he is able to alternate in the box with Davison, it will be all that will be required of him in the pitching line. It is felt here that Davison, under the guidance of such an experienced man, ought to develop into a formidable pitcher. The great trouble here has been want of practice, but under a stranger the players will take more interest in the game. One advantage which the team will have this year will be that the men will be kept in their regular position as much as possible during the season, with the exception of the pitcher, and this will be a great change to other years, when the players were being continually changed about.

Joseph McNamara, who is residing in St. John, and who played first base for the St. Stephen's club, of Boston, during their provincial tour last year,

writes to the Socials intimating that the St. Stephen's will likely come to the provinces again this year, and requesting dates.

There ought to be some great ball here carnival week, which will be August 5 to 10. The Socials will make an effort to have an American team here to play two games, and some of the Wanderers are thinking about endeavoring to have the Longwood Cricket club, of Boston, visit Halifax at that time. Geo. Wright, the old Boston short stop, is with the Longwoods, and should they come a base ball match will be proposed.

"True, True - Till Death."

She lay dying. It certainly did not add to the bliss which the hope of a future life held out to her, to hear her husband propose to the nurse. No, certainly not. Summoning what strength was left to her, she rose in her bed, and, fixing her large, black and lustrous eyes upon the face of her heartless spouse with a reproachful intensity that must haunt him through life, she fell back a corpse.

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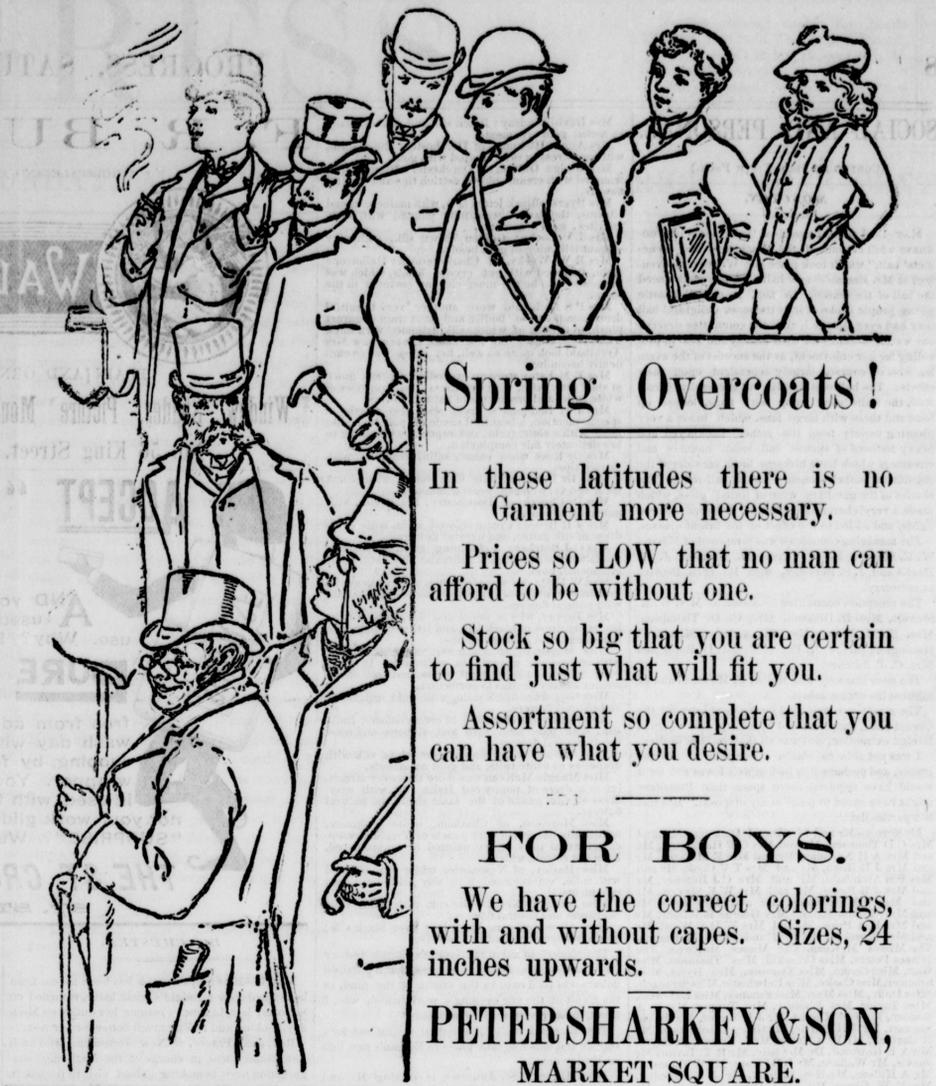
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