SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

OF THE PROVINCES.

Notes and Comments on Local Clubs and Players, and Pointers Not Found on the Reports of the Games—Horse News From Everywhere.

The sports of the Maritime A. A. Association take place today, and if they are as successful as our local sports were last Saturday, no one will find any fault. They should be more successful, since the competition is open to so wide a field, and there are so many entries of good men. Frank White carried off many of the honors last week, and is saving himself for today, I hear. I wish him lots of luck and enough speed to show his out of town rivals his heels.

There are some fast sprinters coming, and they will cut out a fast job for him. The time in last Saturday's 100 yards was 10 4-5 second, not quite fast enough, I think, for today. If Jordan, of New York, arrives on time he will get a good reception and find rivals worthy of all his speed and spring.

Friday and Monday were two gala days for the St. Johns and dark ones for the Shamrocks, but the latter pulled themselves together Wednesday and with the aid of a bad case of rattles the St. Johns had, scored seven runs and won the game in the ninth inning. The fourth game is being played while Progress is being printed and I regret that the result is not to be in this issue. If the Shamrocks win there will be another game to be played on such grounds as chance—the toss of a cent-may decide, and the proceeds to be divided equally.

It will hardly do to speak of individual work until the series ends, but I cannot refrain from complimenting the star batteries of both teams. Small and Sullivan are doing the work of their lives, the former especially using his head and science to the greatest advantage at critical points. Rogers' work has been better, and Donovan's back-stopping can only be called average. "Billy" has had a great weigh on his shoulders, and if his hard work would have won the games, the result would never have been in doubt. Parsons seems to be out of tune as well as out of position. The latter fact probably accounts tor the former, but his base stealing and batting are also off.

Cunningham's bad errors Wednesday, gaverise to some absurd and amusing yarns that are not worth repeating. Be tolerant, boys, and if you are fools enough to put your money on a ball game, don't blame any one man if you lose.

Mr. Robinson, of Halifax, who is reported to have had a little agreement with Mr. Pickering, the alleged umpire when St. John played in Halifax last, has been in town this week placing his money on the Shamrocks. He was welcomed and in the first two games found plenty of takers for all the cash he had handy. He was slightly scary in the third game and could have kicked himself for his caution.

The overdone fashion of double games of base ball for one admission fee, besides cheapening the sport n public estimation, is likely to give people a sureit of base ball. Consider it how you will it is a dangerous innovation, and should be made the subject of legislation next winter .- Sporting Life.

The aggregate attendance during the season at the Boston games did not come up to the expectations of those interested. The correspondent of the Sporting Life says that 350 000 should have been the total of those who passed through the turnstiles, and we would have reached it, too, but for the unusually wet, nasty weather of the last month. As it was the total attendance figures up 295,000, which is 35,000 in excess of last year's figures. It is interesting to note the proportion of this aggregate that was contributed by each of the seven visiting clubs. New York, of course, leads the line with almost a quarter. Pittsburg has the smallest figures. The Hoosiers stand above the Phillies, which shows what big favorites they are here. Ten per cent of the aggregate attendance is made up of boys, who only pay 25 cents admission. For that reason you cannot figure the gate receipts as one-half of the total attendance, but insomuch as the money taken for grand stand seats and the score cards pays all visiting clubs' shares, the entire turnstile receipts go to the Boston triumvirs. Consequently Boston's "Three Graces" get the whole of almost \$140,000 for home games. As they have drawn so well away from home this year that their receipts have been far in excess of their expenses on the trips, they have brought back money to add to this \$140,000. In fact they will increase it by enough to leave over \$100,000 as net profit after all salaries and other expenses have been settled.

Chicago	9 games	49,252
Cleveland	9 games	39,538
Indianapolis	. 9 games	44,495
New York	9 games	70,299
Philadelphia	9 games	35,229
Pittsburg	9 games	28,094
Washington	. 11 games	28,470

Chicago hasn't yet been shut out this season.

The first Boston player to be fined this season was Dan Brouthers, and the fine-THE BASE BALL AND TURF GOSSIP \$10-was imposed by Umpire Powers for a mild protest on a foul ball decision. The fine was, according to all accounts, undeserved, and the Boston papers hint that it was imposed merely to break Boston's clean record.

> There is some talk of organizing a Canadian pro essional team to make a tour of the dominion this fall. The team will comprise such men as Knight, Wood, Jones, Andrus, Sheppard, Connors, Collins and Purvis.—Sporting Life.

> It is a pity such a team could not reach St. John in time to try conclusions with the New Brunswick league champions.

It is announced that Jim Hart has arranged to take the entire Boston team, except Kelly and Brouthers, to San Erancisco this winter. Kelly, of course, will have to attend to business at his New York saloon. and Brouthers has his farm at Wappinger's Falls to look after. The Hart party will start from Chicago Nov. 13. Under Hart's leadership they will at least have a pleasant time in 'Frisco, even if they should not make no money.

TURF NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE. An Interesting Budget from our St. Croix Correspondent.

Sunol reduced her record to 2.161/2 last week, and is fast regaining her form, and Marvin says 2.12 is a sure mark for her

C. J. Hamlin is going to drive Belle Hamlin (2.121/2) and Globe (2.191/4) double to beat 2.18.

Mons. Lupin declined \$100,000 for Galor, so says the London Truth. South American parties were the offerers.

At Brighton Beach, last week, \$5, mutuals, on Bona Fide paid \$535 while \$2 tickets paid \$300. Budd Doble says: "We have never

seen anything like the speed of Maud S., but for an all around trotter to Dexter give the palm." Andy Welch paid \$2,500 for Star Lilly,

few weeks since, and has made \$25,000. with her in the Grand Circuit.

Edward B. Rankin, for 20 years sporting editor of the Boston Herald, died at his sister's home, at the Rose Standish house, Charlestown, Mass., a few days since, of heart trouble and bleeding at the stomach. Mr. Rankin was 46 years old, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Lizzie Miller, by Fred Boone, the Maine yearling filly that trotted a mile in 3.0134, over a bad half-mile track, has been sold for \$700 to Boston parties.

Don Pizzaro, the three-year-old pacing stallion, reduced his record (2.1434), at Cincinnati, last week. Don is by Gambetta Wilkes, dam by Garrad Chief.

Halpointer, the pacer, is troubled with corns, which cause his lameness. Clingstone was so bothered with corns last season that he had to be let up, and Fanny Witherspoon was also badly affected with

It is said that Budd Doble will take Nelson to Kentucky shortly and try and beat the stallion record.

The big \$5000 purse for Harry Wilkes, Oliver K. and Gene Smith was trotted at Mystic park last week and was won by Harry Wilkes. Oliver K. won the 1st and 3rd heats, Harry taking the other three. Gene Smith, the favorite was away off. The best time was 2.171/2, in the second heat, by Harry Wilkes.

Johnny Goldsmith sold Sister V., by Sidney, for \$8000, and her owner won her out in the first race.

Twenty-three sons of George Wilkes, 18 of Hambletonian, 6 of Almont, 8 of Belmont, 4 of Daniel Lambert, 3 of Electioneer, 5 of Happy Medium and 3 of Volunteer have had their get enter the 2.30 list this year.

Also, by Blackwood jr., 2.22, dam So So, 2.2714, by George Wilkes, owned by M. T. Pooler, Skowhegan, Me., trotted a mile over a slow half mile track in 2.221/4, recently, being twenty days out of the stud after serving 50 patrons.

L. B. Franklin, Fall River, Wis., lost five well bred horses during a thunder storm on Sept. 4, by one stroke of lightening. The horses were going through a gate in tandem order when struck and lay on the ground as if asleep, with the mark of the stroke on the right side of each horse.

It is said that Allerton has a slightly sprained ankle, while Axtell is a trifle lame, and Mr. Williams does not care to start either before October 15th.

C. F. Emery, owner of Patron, 2.141/2 by Pancoast; W. R. Brasfield, owner of Bonnie McGregor, 2.131/2, by Robert Mc-Gregor, 2.171/4; C. H. Nelson, owner of Nelson, 2.1414, by Young Rolfe, 2.2216 W. H. Hobart, owner of Stamboul, 2.1434 by Sultan, 2.24; C. W. Williams, owner of Axtell, 2.14, by William L., and Clarke and Hopper, owners of Bell Boy, 2.191/4. by Electioneer, contemplate starting, their horses shortly to beat the stallion record. Surely some one of the lot should beat 2.12. Horsemen in Kentucky are trying to get on a race between the two great three-year-old stallions, Axtell (trotter) and Don Pizzarro (pacer), to take place at the Breeder's meeting at Lexington in October. The owners of the pacer are willing to start their colt for a purse, as they are confident he can show a mile better

er than a 2 minute clip. I see St. John has also fallen by the

han 2.12, as he has shown quarters in bet-

The maritime circuit was born full of vigor and health, but died in its infancy, and I hope the the adage, that "a burnt child dreads the fire" may be a warning to our New Brunswick horsemen, and that next year they can make up a circuit with such a programme of races that success shall be assured from the start. While I firmly believe that the 2.28 class killed our circuit, I do not for a minute believe or think that Cohannet was the sole reason for our races here being a failure, as Henry F. Todd, of St. Stephen, owns Cohannet, and horse will probably be in the stud in this section of the country next year, and the idea of Messrs. Todd and Leavitt going to the trouble of purchasing Cohannet for the sake of winning a paltry purse of \$200, divided into three moneys, at St. Stephen, is simply ridiculous, and absurd in the extreme, and any horseman who makes such an assertion is not worthy of notice by any true lover of a trotting or pacing horse. While the 2.28 class was an injury to our circuit, our races here would have filled, I think, had not Moncton stepped in and had two days' racing on our dates, which, to say the least, was a very scaly and ungentlemanly proceeding. They had their choice of a date in the circuit last March at St. John with the other delegates and got the day they wanted, and when the summer came they decided to hold two days' trotting during their exhibition, and, knowing our dates, they advertised for the same days, and before their entries closed for the circuit they declared the circuit races off. By so doing they saved what money they hung out and monopolized all the Nova Scotia horses which I honestly think we would have had-a half-a-dozen or more,-and our races would have been assured. I am glad that the Moncton races were a grand success, and hope that they were financially rewarded, but I hope in the future that they will not be such hogs and want the earth in a basket, and will "do unto others as they would have others do ST. CROIX.

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