

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

THE BASE BALL AND TURF GOSSIP 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.

Well the league series—the New Brunswick league series—is over, and our boys won hands down. The percentage was: St. John, 833; Fredericton, 363, and Moncton, 272. I would like to have seen the pennant race a better one. Moncton started out well, but could not keep up the pace necessary to come even near the winners.

The last two games were played here, and were exhibitions of bluff and bad ball. Words cannot excuse the conduct of the players in Tuesday's game, and nothing can efface from the memory of a St. John crowd the rank ball the Moncton club put up Wednesday. I think Monctons play better ball on their own grounds. At least I have no doubt that the players are forced, for very shame's sake, to come to the diamond sober, and not so drunk that they can hardly see the ball. I need not mention names, because before this, no doubt, every one interested in the Moncton club knows who is to blame for much of the rank work of Wednesday. But if names are wanted they can be had.

I am glad that we succeeded in getting a lot of boys who could hit the ball hard and miss the bottle every time. I have been around considerable and I have not seen the St. John's professionals making fools of themselves or the club at any time. They keep decent hours and prefer quiet company every time. I know the amateur association has every reason to be satisfied with their work, and I believe that the boys' treatment satisfies them.

Fredericton had a quiet lot of good fellows who minded their own business and preferred the diamond to the saloon. They played good ball and got there.

Since the Shamrocks released Kelly there has been no trouble there, and from the captain down the boys shun the bottle. The result is that they have been victorious in game after game over opponents who were lax in this respect.

I am convinced that the excellent backing of the Moncton club will not permit any such fooling another season and that one of the mottoes over their engagement box will be "No rummies need apply."

The National league series is nearing the end, and still New York clings to the skirts of Boston, ready, it would seem, to spurt at any time and pass the bean-eaters. My own sympathies are with New York, but I think this town would like to see Boston win.

How is this for Parson's record in the league games? In twelve games, he was 52 times at the bat, made 24 base hits, stole 25 bases, and made 31 runs!

The Maritime Amateur Athletic Association second annual championship games will be held Saturday, September 28, on the club grounds at the Marsh bridge. For the events and time of entry-making consult announcement in another column.

The following summary of the boys' work in the league games I am indebted to the Sun. For one, I have no doubt of its correctness, since it was compiled by the official scorer, Mr. Berry.

Table with columns: Name, Games, Runs, Hits, Stolen Bases, Errors, Batting Average. Lists statistics for various players like Parsons, White, Underwood, etc.

When it was known, says Saturday Night, that a match was to be played on Friday last between eleven members of the Toronto Cricket club and eleven ladies, the agreement being that the former were to field, bowl and bat with "the hand nearest the heart" only, very much interest was excited in the event. Many of the sex came to the grounds to applaud their sisters' efforts, and instead of the cold beef and ale to which cricketers are accustomed, the space under the trees at the northern end of the field was turned into a charming drawing-room, where five o'clock tea was served with all its usual accompaniments of chatter and flirtation.

THE EFFECT OF THE RINGERS.

"Stanley" and "Lucy C." and "Jackson" Spoil the Circuit Races.

The action of our local trotting association toward McCoy and Stanley will be awaited with interest. Horsemen generally throughout the country believe that an example should be made of him. His success in ringing Earle here in the carnival races encouraged others in Truro to do the same trick, and in the presence of "Lucy C." and "Jackson" there has had a fatal effect on other circuit events. Horse racing is a favorite sport in Fredericton, which is second only to St. Stephen in its number of really splendid racers. But the prospect of encountering ringers has deterred even these game horsemen, and to have a sporting man among them as McCoy, who would resort to such an expedient to win a race, has given a severe blow to the sport. The circuit races did not fill in consequence. To make sure that there was no mistake, I have secured the following statements, from reliable authority, respecting the failure of the entries coming forward:

One entry was withdrawn after being made because it was currently reported that the horses Lucy C. and Jackson were ringers (they were at Truro) and the owner did not care to start a good horse in his class against either.

Another rumor has currency on our streets to the effect that many owners were afraid to enter here for fear McCoy would drop down on them with some other ringer beside Stanley.

Another reason is that it was decided not to accept any conditional entries or any late ones.

Only four entries out of the lot were accompanied by the required amount of entrance money, and some came as late as Saturday afternoon.

Seeing no chance to come out of the arrangement whole, it was decided to declare the races off and to fix a later date for a day's trot, when the association will put on some races with their stake race for foals of 1887, which will have to be trotted this year, so as to make up an afternoon.

The trouble about Stanley is much more far reaching than would at first appear if it have the effect of stopping legitimate entries for our track. It would seem that the St. John society should take some action in the matter to have McCoy punished. The impression here is that Mr. Gibson was innocent in the matter.

There can be no doubt after reading the above terse evidence, that Stanley has made much trouble. The heaviest penalty that can be inflicted cannot be too severe.

McCoy's record has not been such a clean one that he should be allowed to escape this time. There is an impression, founded on good evidence, that he has worked the New Brunswick tracks in times past for all they were worth. The protest against "Jack Black," last year, will be remembered, and there is little doubt now that he was "crooked," though McCoy's oath in St. Stephen would appear to be an answer to the charge. Perhaps Mr. Bonness, the owner of Joe Hooker, that was in the same race in St. Stephen, can give me some information about the matter. Am I wrong Mr. Bonness in stating that you and McCoy came to an "understanding" to some such effect as this: In case "Jack Mack" was sold you were to get first money provided you kept quiet about "Jack Mack"? You will remember that "Jack Mack" was sold. Did McCoy keep to his agreement with you?

McCoy has been asked to explain some questions in re "Stanley," and if they are not satisfactory will be called upon to refund the money won at the carnival races, or be expelled. He is also liable to a heavy fine.

THE RACES AT BANGOR.

Running Notes on Them and Other Events by "St. Croix."

ST. STEPHEN, Sept. 9.—I hear that Joe Hooker has been sold to parties in Truro, N. S. Terms private.

Fredericton follows Halifax and declares her Maritime Circuit races off, as the entries did not fill, partly through the presence of several fast ringers at Truro, N. S. No man's to be blamed for not putting a three-minute horse against an old thief that has been there in the 2.20's many times. Strenuous efforts should be made to bring these old horses, and all the parties concerned in their nefarious dealings, to a halt, and let justice have its sway and the full penalty be imposed on the law-breaker. J. H. Kehoe left last Thursday with Edgardo for Mystic Park, where Ed. will be laid up and sent for a record of 2.30 or better. Kehoe will be away for five weeks. Keystone, the winner of the yearling colt race at Bangor in 1.31 and 1.31 1/4, is an inbred Knox, he being by Dick Lighthouse by Dr. Franklin by Gen. Knox, and his dam by a son of Dr. Franklin. Keystone is a brown colt, stands 15.3, weighs 1050, and is one of the grandest formed colts to be found. He has a fine gait and is the making of one of the grandest horses in Maine.

Palm by Messenger Wilkes, who won the 2 year old colt race in 2.36 1/2, beating the Maine state record by five and one half seconds, has been described before in these columns. He could have had a record of 2.33 just as well as 2.35 1/2 had his driver wished. He starts at the Breeders Meeting at Mystic Park the last of the month, and the colt that beats him will never trot in the 2.30 class again.

Lycurgus, by Lumps, the winner of the 3 year-old race in Bangor in 2.40 1/2, is a very beautiful seal brown colt owned by H. F. Todd, St. Stephen. He is a pretty turned colt, resembling his sire very much. He stands 15.3 and won his race without an effort. He could have trotted that

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track in 2.34. He has shown 2.29 over Mystic.

Westland, by Col. Cross, by Egbert, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Knox Girl by Gen. Knox, dam of Aubine 2nd dam.

Gretchen, by Gideon, dam of Nelson, won the 2.35 stallion race in straight heats. He is a four-year-old, and got a record of 2.31 1/4, the third heat. It is thought he can trot at Mystic, in four weeks, in 2.25. He has sired 85 mares this season, and has trotted four hard races, being out of the stud only three weeks. He is a brown, very stylish, nice made, as fine gaited as Aubine, and a trotter from the word go. In four years, if nothing goes wrong, he should trot as fast as Aubine. He is owned by Barrett Bros., and priced at \$10,000. They also own his sire and a grand two-year-old, Prince Artemus, by Artemus, who stands 16 1/4 hands, and can trot sharp.

While there were no stars shown at the Bangor fair, expert judges agree that never before has there been such a display of grand young horses made. Maine is fast coming to the front as a breeder of trotting stock. Probably the stable that attracted the most attention was that of B. F. & F. H. Briggs, of Maple Grove farm, Auburn, Me., with Messenger Wilkes at the head, a grand horse every way, and one who is winning many admirers by the way he finishes and gaits his get. He is bound to make one of the grandest sires in America in a few years. They showed Ben P., full brother to Messenger Rockefeller, by Electioneer, dam by Clarke's Chief; Palm, Jim Gray, Franceska and Lola Wilkes, all the get of Messenger Wilkes, and Granitta, by Rockefeller, who won second money to Keystone in the yearling race, but the half mile was rather short for the little miss, as she is a mile trotter, and can stay the route out for 3 in 5. Don't be surprised if she beats three minutes.

Old Yorktown, the favorite with Bangor folks, won his race, and is fast and game as ever, and was ridden by Mr. Willis to perfection as only Ned can ride.

Glenarm won a grand race in 2.25, 2.25 1/4, 2.25 1/4. He is a grand horse this year and 2.18 is claimed for him. There is no reason why he should not trot that fast as he shows wonderful speed this year.

I noticed Provincial Secretary McLellan, F. B. Edgecombe, C. H. Eaton, H. W. Eaton, H. B. Murchie and several others chatting horse together in the grand stand. I think the Provincial Secretary was very sweet on Westland and C. H. Eaton on Palm; "Forrester" on Messenger Wilkes, and others on Cunard, Jr., Keystone, Col. Cross and Glenarm, while Martin said Bayard Wilkes was good enough for him. George was stuck on Lycurgus.

Nelson has sold Aubine to a New York party for \$17,000.

Lillian Wilkes, by Guy Wilkes, beat the great Sunol in the three-year old race in California, trotting the fastest mile in 2.17 3/4—the first race Lillian ever started in. Axtell's record may be lowered yet before Jan. 1st.

Belle Hamlin went a mile in 2.12 1/2 for a record; Bonne McGregor 2.13 1/4. The stallion record is shakey. This is the fastest record for a stallion living. Norval 2.17 1/4, the 3rd heat in a race, Roy Wilkes 2.12 3/4, in a race. Who says the stallions are not of a better class this year than ever before?

Aubine has been placed in Budd Doble's stable and will be specially prepared to beat Belle Hamlin's record of 2.12 1/2, while Budd has Nelson under his direction and is giving him a grand preparation for the stallion race. I heard a prominent horseman offer to bet \$250, at Bangor, that Nelson would beat any stallion the party could name.

Sarah B., Alric, St. Elmo, Tariff and Graylight are the largest horses on the turf this year—all standing over 16.2 hands high—with Graylight the tallest—17 hands.

Robt. Bonner's premier stallion Nutbourne by Belmont, dam Miss Russell by Pilot, Jr., died at Mr. Bonner's farm Aug. 16, from rupture.

Fleet by Sidney, 2-year-old, won a record of 2.24 at Napa, Cal., and hopes are entertained that she can beat 2.20.

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