#### SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

THE BASE BALL AND TURF GOSSIP OF THE PROVINCES.

Notes and Comments on Local Clubs and Players - The Advancement of Base Ball in New Brunswick-Horse News From

Everywhere. When I think of the slow and careful moves that brought Wagg here last spring a year ago; when St. John broke the amateur wall that had hemmed base-ball about in the maritime provinces for many years, and compare now and then, I can hardly realize what strides the American national game has made in these lower provinces.

\* \* \* All the base ball that St. John knew in former years was in the main confined to the rivalry between the Nationals and Shamrocks. The announcement that a match game would be played was sufficient to crowd the barrack square from the fence to the ropes. And it was a dangerous crowd, the friends of the losers allowing no disparaging remarks and no signs of victory.

It mattered not how large the crowd the gate could not secure more than a certain amount of cash. Only a few hundred paid where thousands should have. The clumsy cops and the broken board fences told the rest of the story.

But all this has changed. Both local clubs have grounds second to none in Canada, and both have imported players who have made their mark in the New England and other leagues.

The introduction of professional ball players has increased the expenses of the clubs, and in order to meet it more ball had to be played. The public has supported the game nobly, and it seems are almost ready to attend daily.

The Nationals started the ball by engaging Wagg and followed it by paying their old local battery, Robinson and Whitenect, Larrabee coming later to keep Wagg company. Moncton and Fredericton had no teams worth speaking of, and Halifax, with its old methods, was no match for the Nationals.

The Shamrocks had not caught the fever either, their only digression from old methods being the toleration of a bum named Kelly, who proved anything but a credit to the team. Forrest Goodwin was engaged to play one game, but that was due to private rather than club enterprise.

There was a change this spring. Again the Nationals, now styled the St. Johns, took the lead, following their signal success of last year, by engaging such tried and true men as Frank Small, an ex-pitcher of the New England and Western leagues, and his college chums, Rogers and Parsons. Whitenect also signed again with the club, and Kennedy, until then an amateur, was given so much a game. Harrison was retained as umpire. A few days ago Cunningham, another professional, was added to the team, making at the present time six professionals

The Shamrocks came to the front under new managers. Good grounds were secured and made ready, and the best players that could be got were engaged. Donovan, McNamara, Sullivan and Abbey are all first-class men.

Fredericton and Moncton awakened and came forward in a surprising manner with shekels and players. Underwood, Call, Foster, Burns, Thayer and Graves are all professionals in the Celestial team, which, with grounds and grand stand, take no rear place in the base ball procession.

Moncton thought St. John made a miss when Robinson was let go and grabbed him, likewise Wagg and Larrabee and Soule and Burns and Webster, and last but not least, a Boston pitcher named Doe, who they say is worth-or I should say costs-\$50 per week.

This is the sum that Halifax, where the Socials and Atlantas continued their alliance of the previous year, pays for Flynn, an ex-pitcher of the National eague. Like other pitchers, he has won and lost games. As yet there has been no trial of strength between the New Brunswick and Nova Scotian teams though it is quite probable there will be before September is here.

The Socials want the Shamrocks to play August 17, the Monctons August 22, and Fredericton Aug-

The Boston Blues games were not a great financial success, either in Fredericton or here.

I have two letters from well known horsemen, who claim that McCoy's horse Stanley that swept all before him at the carnival races here is none other than Earle, record 2.201/2. One correspondent says: "Two steals in one season are quite enough."

DOWN TO HARD PAN.

#### The Socials Would Be Lunatics to Pay That Hundred Dollars.

HALIFAX, Aug. 14 .- The Lovells and Woven Hose teams which played here last week are great rivals. In Friday morning's game they played with the greatest determination to win, and it was amusing to watch how they strove to gain every advantage. When the umpire called a strike, the batsman was sure to turn about and give a "you're away off" look, and when he called a ball, the pitcher would show a disposition to question the decision. On one occasion when a ball was called O'Brien, of the Lovells, sat down on the grass and expressed his disgust, and so it was on all close base decisions. They played a regular league game for five innings, neither side scoring a run, but there the break came, and the Woven Hose won, 8 to 3. Both are strong teams, the Woven Hose being apparently the best batters. In the game which the Socials played with the Woven Hose, nothing could be gleaned as to the merits of the teams. The Socials had marched over several miles with the procession the previous night, and they played worse than a lot of children, the infield they played worse than a lot of children, the infield having 10 errors between them. Flynn was batted harder than before, but was like the others, in no shape. The Woven Hose won, 13 to 4, but they did not play as well as they can, and if Flynn had received the same support as has been given him all season, the Haligonians would have won. The Boston team have made many friends here, especially Manager Loyell. cially Manager Lovell.

The Augustas are the next visitors, and the Lewistons are looking for dates.

The Socials will likely make a trip this month, leaving here about Aug. 26. Some of the Shamrocks who have been here this week have been conversing with the Socials, and made arrangements to play two games in St. John. They will also play at Prince, 2.21, by Kentucky Prince; Brown, 2.18%, Moncton and Fredericton, and may go to Bangor, where the Lovells play the first week of September.

There will be much interest here in the Shamrock-St. John games. I hear they play a series of five

games after the season is over.

As you state in your last issue, there are several officers of the St. John club who are not willing for their team to play the Socials until that \$100 is paid. This may interfere with the game taking place, although there are a number of persons in the club, or on the team, who thoroughly understand the matter and want a game. There is just this about the position of affairs: If the St. John club waits until the Socials pay that \$100, there never will be a game, as they will never pay it. They are not in the least manner responsible for the amount and if they ever pay the sum they will be nothing less than lunatics. Why do not the St. John club apply for their money to the parties who brought them to Halifax?

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Some of them can be found in the Social nine, in fact I do not think any of them have retired from reverted to the association, as Wayne Wilson, the the diamond. Davidson, White, O'Brien, etc., etc.,

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they are all there. A Halifax man stated recently in St. John that the reason St. John did not get the \$100 was because it was given to Davidson at the end of last season. Is this true?

I do not think the present managing committee of the St. John club would be justified in arranging a game with the Socials unless they had the sanction of the club. When they were elected to their present positions they knew what the feeling of the club was in respect to Halifax ball players. I would not pretend to say that there has been any change, in fact I know that if the club put aside its claims for the \$100 and met the Haligonians, it would only be because they wish to teach Halifax a lesson.

HINTS FOR DRESS AND ENTRIES,

From the Secretary of the Maritime Trot-

ting Association. HALIFAX, Aug. 7 .- With the advent of the circuit close at hand, it occurs to me that a reform might be made in the dress of drivers of races. At present we have a number of drivers who appear in suits of their own, wearing their colors in every race, but we also have a number of others who get up behind a horse wearing garments which are used in the stable. One reason why many persons (not interested in racing, but who merely go to the tracks for an afternoon's amusement) admire the runners is because of the handsome suits, with the various pretty colors worn by the jockeys. And why should not the drivers of trotters have a neat and attractive uniform. There is nothing looks worse than to see a man driving in a race in his shirtsleeves. There is plenty of room for improvement in this respect, and every driver who intends to go through the circuit should have a pretty uniform, and in forwarding his entries to the secretary of the various tracks mention the colors he will wear. There are many drivers who prefer their own colors to those furnished by the association, and these should always forward their colors, as the new rule of the National Trotting association says that "each rider or driver shall be required to wear such colors or numbers both as may be supplied by the member to designate a horse."

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While writing circuit matters, I might refer to the system of making entries in this country, which is to forward the name and color of the horse, and seldom is the animal's sire mentioned. The rules require that the entrie must be in writing, giving the color, sex, names of sire and dam, if known the residence and post office address of the nominator, and dence and post office address of the nominator, and the name and residence of the owner. The rule this year has been made very strict, as if the rule in reference to the pedigree is not complied with before the race, the horse need not be permitted to start. Owners of horses will see that if the pedigree of each animal is mentioned with their entry, what great assistance it will be to the breeding interests. Owners of stallions are always anxious to hear of records made by the produce of their animals, and the name of the sire of every animal which wins a heat should be published in the summaries, and the norsemen will lend great assistance by giving the

information with their entries.

I hear that J. M. Kinnear, the well-known breeder, of Sussex, N. B., has had the misfortune to lose a fine colt by Mr. Todd's Elation, from his bay mare Beauty, dam of Helena, 2.32. He had sent her to Maccan, N. S., to breed her to Dearborn, by General Hancock. She foaled there all right and the colt did well until it was three weeks old, but it was suddenly taken with diarrhese and died. Horsemen will come taken with diarrhœa and died. Horsemen will console with Mr. Kinnear in his great loss.

HALIFAN, Aug. 14 .- A well known horseman writes me in regard to the entrance fee for the running and trotting races. Allow me to quote. "Take the running horses—there are very few breeders of this kind. Races are made for them and handsome purses, entrance commonly about 2½ p. c. of purse, they have no expenses connected with sulkies, and as there are so few of them they always win a fair amount. At St. John carnival week there were less than 200 people to see these races while were less than 200 people to see these races, while well up to a thousand attended the trots. Now it seems to me that several changes might be made which would materially advance our interests and increase the number of spectators. Make the entrance fee 5 p.c. for a start, or, as they are going to do at Bangor, only collect the second 5 p. c. from the winners. Increase the amount of the purses. The results of last years circuit, in spite of bad weather, were generally favorable I understood, to each association, and they could afford larger purses. By all means have few and competant judges able and willing to enforce the rules, do away with useless scoring and make drivers drive their horses out when they see them being pulled as they were at Moosepath in one trot to let another win. Then bring some pressure to bear upon the railroad authorities so that sulkies and one man can be allowed to go free and I dare say other changes could be made to help the thing along."

Many of the suggestions made above are worth considering. The rule as regards running recession.

considering. The rule as regards running races in this country has always been for small entrance fees, and this practice has been kept up. I am not aware how the circuit tracks came out last year, but if the amount of the purse were increased, I doubt when the money would be for the tracks. At Halifax, if the management clears expenses, with the present purses, at the circuit meeting they will be fortunate. Of course, the majority of people here have yet to of course, the majority of people here have yet to be educated to trotting, and it is only larger fields and little scoring that will make the meeting a success. This gentlemen makes a good point in regard to scoring, there is nothing that angers an audience, especially those unacquainted with the sport, nore than the continuous scoring; and if horsemen would make up their minds and endeavor to get away sconer, they would please the public, who would be bound to turn out in large numbers, which would mean an increase of purses. As he says, there are few runners, and it is just this fact that makes the small entrance fee, as in this part of the country, we have entrance fee, as in this part of the country, we have got to have the runners to help us out. The railroad authorities are being conferred with as regards to the transportatisn of sulkies and horses for the com-

The races held here last week showed the necessity of some arrangement being made about records made before the opening of the circuit not to be a bar. A number of horses were to be entered here, but they are going so fast, their owners were afraid of putting them out of their class, an incident of the meeting also showed the necessity for some change.

A. L. Slipp, who had Allie Clay in the race, was driving a fast heat, when the owner of the stallion, who was standing on the stretch, evidently not wanting a record for his horse, signalled to Slipp not to score so fast. Slipp obeyed him, and another not to score so fast. Slipp obeyed him, and another horse won the heat. The circumstance is much to be regretted, and will injure trotting in this city. Slipp is now sorry for his action; he was between "two evils," and upon the impulse of the moment, chose the worst.

The circuit commences at New Glasgow Aug. 23, followed by Halifax Aug. 28 and 29. Entries for the former place close Aug. 16, and for the latter Aug. 23. There is every promise of a good entry list at both meetings.

The Charlottetown track will offer \$150 for a running meeting, and \$100 for three-year-olds at its meeting in October. Powers.

NEWS FOR TURF FREQUENTERS.

Gossip of Horses, Owners and Races Everywhere.

Dauntless has eleven in the 2.30 list, instead of eleven in the 2.20 list, as you made it last week. The Junior Champion stakes for two-year-olds, run at the Monmouth, N. Y., last week, were worth \$34,000, and Bob Campbell, colored trainer for "Lucky" Baldwin, won with his \$350 colt, Protection. Quite a windfall for Bob.

The St. Stephen track has been put in shape, and the fast trials make your head swim. I hope the trials will be as fast when they come to get in the maritime circuit races. There are thirteen entries to the Balch stallion

race at Mystic, on Sept. 18: Mount Morris, 2.1914. by Smuggler, 2.1514; Nelson, 2.15, by Young Rolfe, 2.211/2; Ready Boy, 2.291/4, by Arnold; Pilot Knox, 2.19%, by Black Pilot; Gold Ring, 2.18, five years old, by Eden Gold Dust; Rajah, 2.2914, by Sultan, 2.24; Alcryon, 2.1714, by Alcyone, 3.2714; Bayonne by Combat; Junemount, 2.1814, by Tremont, by Belmont; Granby, 2.19½, by Princeps; Joe Young, 2.19½, by Star of the West; Mulatto, 2.22, by Arberdeen. Nelson will probably be the favorite in the pools, but there are six that are in the race that can argue the point with Nelson all the way unless he has a few seconds better than he showed at Buffalo last week. The \$1000 purse for pacers on the same afternoon will be a race which he showed at Buffalo last week. The \$1000 purse for pacers on the same afternoon will be a race which will alone be worth the admission fee, the nominees are Silver Thread, Allen Maid, Sir Archy, Gossip Jr., Budd Dobble, Hy. Wilkes, Et Monarch and Wickopee. This race should be faster than the stallion race as every pacer in it can pace a heat in 2.15, The circuit races at Buffalo were a grand success, while there were a few bad dumps. The races were not as fast, taken as a whole, as at Cleveland the previous week. The 2.30 class, purse \$2000, was won by Star Lily, winning the last three heats. Reference got second place by winning the second and third heats. Marksman Maid won the first heat but was drawn on the fifth heat and third money reverted to the association, as Wayne Wilson, the

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only other starter, was ruled out for not winning a heat; time 2.23, 2.21, 2.23, 2.20½, 2.20½, 2.22. The 2.27 class for pacers, purse \$1000, was won by Halpointer, who won the third, fourth and sixth heats. Red Belle got second money, winning the first and fifth heats, and Minnie P. third money, winning the second heat: time 2.17, 2.19, 2.18, 2.19, 2.21½, 2.20½. The 2.22 class, purse \$5000, was won in straight heats by Nelson; Lady Bullion got second money, and Sensation third money; time, 2.15, 2.17½, 2.15. Nelson is now the fastest stallion ever bred in Maine, and is next to Hopeful, 2.14½, the fastest trotter ever bred in Maine. The 2.27 class, purse \$5,000, was won by Jock Bowen, with J. R. Shedd, by Red Wilkes. Nelson's Aubine, who was a big favorite and won the first two heats, got second money, and Jim Fuller third money; time, 2.21½, 2.19½, 2.19½, 2.19¼, 2.20½. The free-for-all pacers' purse, \$1,000, was won by Roy Wilkes, who won the first two and the sixth; Gossip Jr. second, winning the second and third heats, and Jewett third winning the fifth; time, 2.16, 2.13½, 2.15½, 2.17, 2.18½, 2.15. The 2.20 class, purse \$2,000, was won by Graylight, by Starlight by Kentucky Prince, who won the first two and fourth heats; Jack second money, winning third heat, and T. T. S. third money; time, 2.17½, 2.16½, 2.18¾, 2.17½. In this race Jack was a great favorite and the talent lost heavily. The special match for \$10,000 was a farce, as Harry Wilkes was in no condition and could not make Belle Hamlin extend herself, and Belle won two heats and \$10,000, in 2.15, 2.17¼. The 2.24 class, purse \$5,000, was another big mistake for the talent, who made Hendeyx a big favorite; but the best he could do was to win fifth place. Aleyron, a blind stallion by Aleyone, won the race in one, two, three order easily, and as he is in the big stallion race hell should not be overlooked. He may make Nelson trot faster than he has yet. Geneva got second money and J. B. Richardson won the fourth heat, third money; time 2.18½, 2.216½, 2.21

Ketch, by Keystone; Kentucky Blance second, Poem third; time 2.23½, 2.22½, 2.22; really a remarkable race, as the day was cold, raw, and the wind blew a gale down the home stretch right in the

wind blew a gale down the home stretch right in the horses' face.

The 2.17 pace purse \$2000, was won by Budd Doble, with Ed. Annan, by Dauntless, capturing the sixth, seventh, and eighth heats. Emma won second money, winning the second and fifth heats, Mambrino Harris third money, winning the third heat. Wilcox won the first heat and Doctor M. the fourth; time 2.16, 2.16½, 2.19, 2.16½, 2.18½, 2.20½, 2.19½. Budd Doble drove the pacer Johnson to beat 2.6¼, but the conditions were very unravorable, the high wind proving an anchor, but his mile of 2.08¾ was one of the greatest performances of the meeting. one of the greatest performances of the meeting.

Negotiations are pending for a match between
Nelson, 2.15, and the Californian stallion Stamboul,

Nelson, 2.13, and the Californian stallion Stamboul, 2.144, by Sultan. Nelson says he would take his horse to California to trot the match.

J. B. Percy, Lexington, Ky., has sold his 8 year old stallion, Wheeling Wilkes, by George Wilkes, dam by Edward Everett, to H. C. Wann, of Detroit, Mich., for \$15,000. The Wilkes come high, but it looks as if their boom had come to stay.

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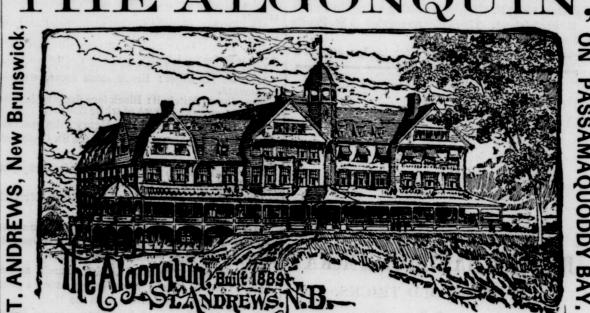
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