

Toronto is crowded with strangers and everything is giving way to the gallant knights of Pythias. The baseball match was played in the morning on Tuesday; and about the only game which is not at a temporary standstill is cricket. Guelph and Toronto met on Tuesday in Toronto and the players seemed perfectly contented to spend the day on the beautiful ground of the Toronto club.

The Toronto Bicycle Club held the second monthly Road race on Saturday afternoon. The course was the same as before, but the roads were not in anything like decent order. There were seven starters. Fred. Briner took a header during the progress of their race; but managed to recover the lead which he had lost by this disaster and won with several minutes to spare in thirty-four minutes and thirty seconds. The length of the ride was seven miles and considering the badness of the roads the time was exceedingly good. C. D. Vesey, of Surrey, England, is a guest of the club at present and the chances are that he will engage in some of the races which are about to be got up in Toronto. Mr. Vesey is said to be a very fast rider and the autumnal meet of the Toronto club will afford the Toronto wheelman a chance of seeing his form astride of a wheel.

The Canoeists of this continent are anticipating with such pain and furbishing of brass the annual meet of the American Canoe Association at Grindstone Island, from August 13th to 27th. The Commodore this year is a Canadian, Mr. F. S. Rathbun, Deseronto, and in his circular to the canoeists of Canada, he calls upon them to turn out in good numbers, and forward the interests of the Association in every possible manner. The meet will be more interesting than usual on account of the expected advent of four members of the Royal Canoe Club of England. Baden Powell and E. B. Tredwen will be among the number and as they are amongst the best sailors in England there will be some interesting races. The Association as far as Canada and the United States are concerned recognized no distinction between the two countries, but it is intended in order to commemorate this event. An International Challenge cup will be sailed for in which all comers are at liberty to participate. The Island which is the headquarters of the Association is a canoeist's paradise; and in the past nothing but enjoyment has sprung from the annual outing there.

William O'Connor of whom much was heard in the past in regard to professionalism has become an out and out professional and has resigned his membership of the Toronto Rowing Club. His first act in professionalism was to issue a challenge to John Ritz of Bellaire, O., to row a three mile race with a turn for a thousand dollars a side. In leaving the ranks of amateurism he follows in the path of his companion C. T. Enright; and doubtless this pair will frequently be heard of during the summer in the "doubles."

There were only two Canadian entries for the North-Western regatta held at Grand Rapids on Monday and Tuesday. The Canadians are Henry Ball and W. B. Wells from Chatham, Ontario. These gentlemen are well known in the Canadian sporting world from the very fact of their steady allegiance to aquatics, and their success in that line of athletics.

Quoiting has been kept up by a small knot of enthusiastic players in Toronto and as time went by this knot increased in number and a club was organized and christened "The Heather." As the number of the players kept increasing the headmen bethought themselves of obtaining a ground that they might indulge in their game without being at all crowded. A suitable ground was found on Front street, west of John, and the turf was prepared for the regular practice of the sport. On Thursday night the ground was opened to the members formally; and after a contest between Alexander Muir, whose name is

familiar to every quoter in the Dominion, and L. L. Walker. A piper was present and the band of Scotchmen was regaled with the strains of the tuneful pipe; then all adjourned to an hostelry near by and sat down to enjoy a feast of strawberries and claret. A tournament will be held this week on the new grounds of the Heather club this week.

The Toronto Canoe Club challenge cup was contested for again on Saturday. McKendrick being called upon by Mr. Tyson, to defend his title to that honour. McKendrick's canoe again brought him in first and proved the superiority of this class of canoe over all others. The Novices competed for the Newman medal and after a capital race with the seniors who were started over the same course at the same time, W. A. Cooke in his canoe "Firely" won, being but a short distance behind the leaders in the senior's race, and beating several of the best sailors in the club.

Actors are, more than any others, victims of "cosmetics." A competent chemist says that lead is a common ingredient of the paint, in quantities sufficient to produce, when frequently applied, poisoning effects, both as a basis for the paint and as a coloring substance. He also stated that it was not uncommon to find lead in toilet preparations, and that in cases of chronic lead-poisoning the absorption of the lead took place solely through the skin. Mixed with grease, the poisonous properties of the lead are increased. Besides lead, mercury, in the form of calomel, bismuth as trisnitate and zinc as oxide, are used as whitening powders. Their employment is objectionable and should be discontinued, especially as less harmful substances are within the reach of the manufacturer.

The Ontario Jockey club have at last got off their races, and on Dominion Day there was a very large attendance of spectators, on a fast though dusty course and excellent sport. Everyone seemed perfectly satisfied with the day's sport and though it was somewhat difficult to reach the Woodbine park, this obstacle did not stand in the way of the horse-loving public. The first race on the programme was the Trial Stakes. Forbes' Shamrock won handily with 104 lbs. The Queen's plate brought out 10 horses and the excitement ran high. The betting was 20 to 5 against Wild Rose, but the Chestnut filly managed to get under the wire ahead of the field. It was a splendid race and the result was hardly what the general public expected. Wild Rose was bred by John White of Milton, though she was run in the name of D. W. Campbell, Mr. White's son-in-law. The winner is a stout chestnut filly bearing a marked resemblance to her speedy dam "Stolen Kisses," who is a daughter of "Copee" and "Annie Lawrie," by Lapidist. Canada is commencing to assert her sway in the horse world. The "Woodbine's Steeplechase" was won by C. Brown's chestnut gelding "Bruce." The race was a most unsatisfactory one. With anything like decent management, "Willie W." would have won the race, but by bad management every chance of his winning was thrown away early in the struggle. Ward's Blanton raked in the Open Cash Handicap. The Welter cup was secured by A. Shields' "Cyclone" with Hendries' "Laird" close at his flanks. The "Laird," according to those who ought to know something about it was held back too long. On Monday the weather was decidedly hot and uncomfortable. The attendance was not as great as the sport provided called for. The clubhouse purse was won by Dr. Smith's chestnut gelding "Argyle." The start was an exceedingly poor one, the winner being well under way when the signal to start was given. Wild Rose was out of it as also was Bright Star. The Woodstock plate was given to John Forbes. His horse Shamrock won easily in the home stretch.

The Queen's Hotel stakes fell to John Forbes too. In this instance Zamora was the lucky mare. Owen's Felix came in second and seemed to have considerable hard luck. The Dominion

handicap was the best race of the day. Willie W. showed up in his true colours and through a mighty effort won by a half-neck. The railway steeplechase was next on the list, J. Dymont's Lucy Lightfoot winning, E. A. Nicholl's Spectacle was ridden by Mr. Penniston of Montreal, and that gentleman though not successful in getting a place won many eoniums by his straight riding. The last race of the day and meet was the Hunters' Flat race. W. G. Ward's Williams was the first to show his nose over the wire. Thus ended a most successful meeting and the Ontario Jockey club are to be congratulated on their efforts being, after their postponement, crowned with success.

An Association Football tournament was held at Markham on Dominion Day. But four teams filed an appearance and these were Victoria, Seniors and Juniors, the Boxgrove and Cedar-grove. The Junior Vics were defeated by the Boxgrove team, being much too heavy for them. The Senior Vics won in their contest with Cedar-grove. The final contest was thus between the Boxgrove and the Senior Vics and was won by the Toronto team. A short half hour was all the time allowed and though the Vics got but one goal, the Boxgrove men were never near their opponents' stronghold.

The Toronto Baseball club recognizing the advantages of having the best men available for umpires, have offered to clip in with the other clubs in the International League and raise the salaries of the umpires. This is a step in the right direction and the difficulties which have arisen lately will in a measure be obviated by this step. Heretofore the umpires have been very much underpaid and none but needy men would apply for the position. With an increased salary better men will be attracted, and there ought to be fewer questionable decisions in the future.

Charlottetown has recently formed a gun club. At the first of a series of Saturday afternoon competitions held on 26th June. Captain Weeks won the first prize with a total of 63 and Mr. Urquhart secured the horn spoon with the grand total of 2 points. Conditions, 200, 300 yds., seven rounds, any position. Another competition was held a week later at 200 and 300 yds. Sergeant Grey obtained the silver spoon with 60 points. The horn spoon was given to Brigade Major Irving for his total of 2. We understand these very profitable meetings are to be continued by the club every Saturday afternoon during the summer.

We clip the following from an American exchange:—The full British yawl rig is a decided novelty in American waters, Cythera being, we believe, the first one to visit New York. She now lies off Staten Island, and has been seen at anchor and under way, during the past week. Her handsome sheer, high sides and shipshape look have won favorable comments from almost all who have seen her. Near by her is anchored a similar vessel, an English yawl, Xarifa, lately arrived from England via Madeira and the West Indies, after a very pleasant cruise, having left England in March. Her owner, Mr. Ames, with several friends, is on board. She is a foot wider and several feet shorter on waterline than Cythera, and much shorter over all. She flies the burgee of the Royal Thames Y. C.

The Sandwich Islands have a jockey club with His Hawaiian Majesty King Kalakaua for President. This ought to ensure any club's success, even when the second in command bears the plebeian and common place name of "N. S. Pratt." The 11th of June was Kamehameha Day, a national holiday among the Hawaiians, and the sports were held at the equally euphonious Kapiolani Park.

Many have been the enterprises which have entered well for the public and been rewarded with a small share of pence. That can evidently not be the complaint of the "Skating and