

The decision of the members of the South End Lawn Tennis Club at the general meeting the other day, (or rather the decision of the few members that put in an appearance on that occasion) in regard to the entrance fee is open to criticism. It was then decided that army men should be admitted without the formality of handing over to the Secretary the sum of five dollars, generally exacted as an entrance fee. The club is a new one, the expenses attendant upon its organization, and the laying of the courts have been heavy, and consequently, it cannot afford to dispense with entrance fees indiscriminately. But since the fact has been thus recognized that there are circumstances under which the entrance fee should be remitted, the question naturally arises, to what extent shall this be carried. If the officers are allowed to join the club because they are not permanent residents here, without paying the \$5 entrance fee, surely there are many civilians in whose favor similar concessions should be made. Most military men, on arriving at this station know that they will, in all probability remain here a certain period. But take the case of the young Bank fellows. They are constantly moved from one place to another, and their stay is generally of short duration. Several are members of the club already, more would be if the entrance fee is ever remitted in their case. The Halifax and City clubs recognize and provide for this. Why should not the South End Lawn Tennis Club do likewise?

The energetic Secretary of the club is busy getting the courts into order, and if we have only tolerable weather between the present time and the first week of June, play may be expected to commence about that date. There will probably be found to be a largely increased membership list, and the five courts should be kept going. Indeed, we should like to see the club have to make more courts on the at present unused land.

ORPHEUS CLUB.—The Sixth Subscription Concert will take place on Thursday evening next, 21st inst., at Orpheus Hall at 7.30. The concert commences at 8 o'clock.

The Chamber Music Concert by the Leipzig Trio, which was to have come off this evening at the Ladies' College Hall has been postponed owing to illness at the school, and will be given next Tuesday night at the Orpheus Hall. Mrs. Klingensfeld will be the vocalist on the occasion. Messrs Porter, Klingensfeld and Doering who constitute this excellent Trio, will no doubt have a good house, as there ought to be enough people in Halifax who can appreciate such high class music as will be provided, we all think that Halifax has made great musical strides of late years, and this opportunity will test the truth of this general belief.

There is some talk of "the only" John L. running for Congress again this year. The idea of a professional prize fighter being elected to legislate for his fellow-men is not exactly a novel one,—there have been prize fighters with brains before now, and the "Ring" has been represented even in the English house,—by Gully, once prize-fighter and bookmaker, afterwards M. P. But we draw the line at the Sullivan type, and we should think very little of the constituency that chose to be represented by John L. Strange things are done in the States, certainly, but we hardly

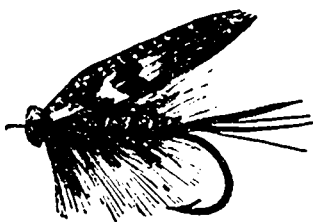
think any considerable number of citizens could be induced to disgrace themselves and their country by raising a depraved prize bull to their House of Parliament.

The Stellarton *Journal* of last week publishes a very complimentary notice of the benefit concert given to Mr. Sam. Porter by the Orpheus Club and others, and spoke highly of the musical ability of the club but says that the ladies of Pietou can easily stand the test for beauty with the auxiliary, and made some other personal remarks in rather humorous style about the artists. For instance, it seemed to be well pleased with Mr. Doring's cello performance as an artist, but the style of his get up of hair seemed to call forth the rather uncalled for remark that his head looked a mop. We can't see what that has to do with the artist. He ought to enjoy the privilege to put his hair in paper or have it either curled or frizzled up by either his wife or servant without saving public attention drawn to a personal peculiarity.

A very comical sight was met with yesterday on the streets by one soldier being between the shafts of a springless government cart while another was shoving the piano which formed the load over rough roads to an officer's residence. We do not often see pianos conveyed in this style in Halifax and fancy that fifty cents expended on a regular truck, with horse attachment, would prove more economical as it would avoid many jolts and dumps to the unfortunate musical instrument, always supposing that this piano case really contained the machinery commonly found in a piano.

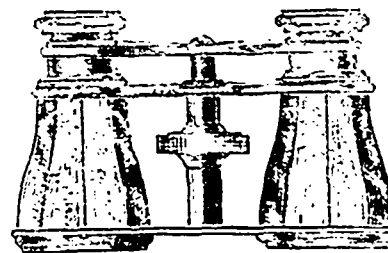
The unfortunate accident of young Johnny Morrow on the city railway, which occurred a few days ago, is very much to be lamented. The coroner's jury held an inquest and made some very important recommendations about youngsters jumping on the cars and stealing a ride, etc. It would have been more to the point if this intelligent body had advised the Street Railway people to provide a conductor to look after every car, to collect fares, and see that everything went on properly. The saving of a man's wages is all the advantage the management can claim for their present system, with a good deal of inconvenience experienced by the public as a contra.

The *Glasgow Daily Mail* is informed that the late Mrs. Elizabeth Orr Bell, widow of Mr. David Bell, of Craigmore and Blackhall, who died at Blytheswood square, Glasgow, on the 12th inst., has bequeathed the whole of her means and estate, after the payment of certain legacies, to General Booth, on behalf of the work of the Salvation Army. The amount falling to the General is from £60,000 to £70,000.



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