



AT THE International meeting at Heerenveen, Holland, under the auspices of the Dutch National Skating Association, held last month, J. F. Donoghue, the American amateur champion, and Smart, the English champion, showed good form. From an English exchange we see that Donoghue won the amateur mile championship of the Netherlands in 3 min. 19 4-5 secs., and came in a quarter of a mile ahead of the other three competitors. He also won the three mile amateur championship, his time being 9 min. 17 secs. Smart won the one mile championship in 3 min. 17 secs being 2 4-5 secs. better time than Donoghue.

Donoghue has also beaten the amateur champion of Norway, in a five mile match, the time being 16 min. 28 2-5 secs., which is very fast time.

A CORRESPONDENT in an English exchange says: During two days of last week I had the pleasure of shooting over a roughish part of Wales in company with a gentleman who upon April 2 next will have attained the age of 89 years, and who during his lengthened career has been the holder of seventy-one licenses to kill game. I may say that upon the second day of shooting he walked five miles to where the shooting commenced, and after that he held his own with the rest of the party over at least fifteen miles of mountain and valley. How's that for record?

WE HAVE just heard of a novel rabbit burrow. A gentleman whilst walking through a field of swedes on his farm, noticed a large turnip apparently rotten; a hole was eaten in the side, and something moved in the interior. On inspection he found the turnip had been completely eaten out, scarcely anything but the rind remaining, and that it contained a doe rabbit and seven young ones.

WE ARE glad to see that horse breeders are recognizing the importance of colts' races and a meeting is being held as we go to press of all those interested in the subject, at the Royal Hotel. There is nothing which will so help to develop the breeding of good stock, as races for two-year-olds. We trust that the system of nomination, on which an article appeared in the first number of the Prairie, will be discussed. However, if horsemen and stockmen meet, it will be a step in the right direction.

HAROLD HAGAN, the Norwegian skater, offers to pay Hugh McCormick's expenses to go to Norway and skate him three races. Joe Donoghue says he will

handle the New Brunswicker if he accepts. McCormick was beaten at St. John, N. B., Dec. 26, in a five mile race by Laidlaw, of Dartmouth, N. S. Time 17.47 1/2. Laidlaw won easily. The race is the first of three for a purse of \$100.

IT LOOKS at present as if the six months trip to Great Britain next season of a team of Canadian Association football players will be abandoned, several of the men of whom it was decided to form the nucleus of the team, having declined to go. However, it is hoped that a sufficient number will be induced to go, and an aggregate team sent that shall be strong enough to at least keep Canada's present good name in English Association football.

FOUR mallard ducks were shot in the Big lake, St. Albert settlement, on Saturday, Dec. 27, by a halfbreed named Belcourt, who also shot two on the preceeding Thursday.

THE department of justice has ordered the purchase of a photomicrographic apparatus, to cost about \$250. It is claimed that the retina of the eye retains for a certain time the image of objects last seen, and in this way, if the image left on the murdered person's eye could be photographed, the result might be the picture of the murderer. It will, if successful, prove a novel witness at a trial.

