

OUR SOCIETY.

Sporting Notes.

At the cross-country meet on Saturday Mr. MacGowan, who was riding that game little mare "The Tramp" got a nasty fall: he put her at a rather stiff fence that was not in the direct "line of run," and as the ground was soft above and frozen below the mare slipped and fell heavily, throwing her rider. Luckily they escaped with a few bruises and scratches, and the veteran mare once more escaped being hurt from a fall.

How are the mighty fallen! Poor "Trent" sold for \$45 at Clarke's auction rooms on Saturday last. H. H. Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh paid 15 guineas for him in England only a year ago last May. We believe he bought him from Lord Harrington. He is a well-bred one and ought to go a bit—but won't, and we think he never will. His record in England was not so bad, but he never did anything here, and on his first appearance was beaten by poor old "Why Not" in a canter in a two mile match. At the same time was sold Eclipse, a good horse once. The first time he figured on a race card was at the Summer meeting of 1882, when he belonged to Mr. Stairs Duffus, he is the only one left of all the horses and ponies in that card, and he now descends to a truckman's cart.

We are sorry to hear that there is some difficulty in keeping the Gun Club going. The difficulty lies, we believe, in getting any one to accept the financial responsibility and the actual loss which the late Secretary experienced. Surely there is some way of getting over this difficulty. It was quite an institution last year, and a number of ladies used to walk out and have tea with the members in the quaint old waiting room, where many a hardened criminal has said his last good-bye to the outside world before retiring into the gloomy abode of the penitentiary. Capital tea and hot rolls were served. Let us hope that we will have an opportunity again of accepting the hospitality of the Gun Club.

BADMINTON CLUB.—A Badminton Club is in course of formation, the promoters being Capt. Mullins and Mr. Elliot. Its meetings will be held in the Drill Hall, and at present membership is confined to the Garrison, though of course, civilians (especially ladies) will be invited to play. A consignment of rackets, etc., is already ordered from an English firm.

CURLING CLUB.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, to arrange preliminaries for the coming season. The rinks are already being frozen in, and it is likely that the season will be opened with an At Home, somewhere about the beginning of the year. The officers for the year are:—A. C. Edwards, Esq., *President*; Col. Noyes, R. A., *Vice-President*; and G. E. Faulkner, Esq., *Secretary*.

STUDLEY QUOIT CLUB.—The season at Studley is only just over, though for some of the more enthusiastic pitchers it is never really over, so long as there is a piece of brown earth visible above the snow. Last Saturday there was quite a respectable muster on the field, and the kettle on the fire seemed to want filling at least as often as usual. The Saturday before, the muster was certainly small, but none the less noteworthy. A shower of rain, accompanied by a slight blizzard and gales from the Northeast, is a trifle at Studley;—the only difference it makes is that the fire is taken inside the tent, while play goes on as merrily as ever.

Fashion.

There is nothing to be worn this winter but astrachan, and velvet or velveteen dresses are often trimmed with this fur.

Jewelled or spangled nets are to be the rage for evening dresses, and Paris Elegantes are using small muffs for evening wear.

Bodices for evening wear are now often cut square, with high collar—gold and silver galon being used as trimming.

Wanderers Athletic Club.

GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOV. 27TH.

REPORT OF CRICKET SUB-COMMITTEE.

The season of 1890 was from all standpoints less interesting than that of 1889. While there was, perhaps, nearly as much practice at the grounds as at former years, yet the first eleven, especially during the earlier portion of the summer, did not work as earnestly as they might have done, and the younger members might easily have turned out in greater force. The non-playing members of the club also manifested less interest in the game, and the public followed their lead.

This state of affairs would be discouraging, looking to the future prospects of cricket in Halifax, were it not that from the existing circumstances no other result could have been anticipated.

In the first place it was learned early in the season that our old rival, St. John, was not able to put a team in the field, and in the second place, it was found to be impossible either to induce any other foreign club to pay us a visit, or to organize a team to carry the Wanderers' colours abroad.

The only matches which remained to us were such as could be organized in the city, and, as the Navy were too weak to be willing to play us, our only fixtures were against teams from the Garrison.

We already have hopes of better sport in 1891. A letter has been received from St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., proposing to make Halifax the objective point of a cricketing tour next summer, and every inducement has been offered by us to ensure their visit. During the last two years this team has made two tours, one to Upper Canada, and the other to New York and Philadelphia, their record being 16 wins out of 18 matches. A strong effort will also probably be made to take a Wanderers team to Toronto, about the date of the International match, and to this end your sub-committee beg to solicit the active co-operation of every lover of the game among our members.

We have with regret to chronicle the departure of one of the mainstays of our XI. Mr. F. A. W. Tayler has returned to the land of his birth, carrying with him hearty good wishes for his success on the cricket field and elsewhere from his numerous friends in this the place of his voluntary exile. A sound bat (although unfortunate this season), an excellent bowler, a useful field, and an out-and-out sportsman, his place on the XI. will be difficult to fill. As some compensation, we hear of the advent of one or two cricketers, new to Halifax, whose merits time will prove.

Your sub-committee wishes to give expression to their gratitude to Walter Leigh, Esq., for valuable assistance given by him in the way of coaching at the ground. In a community like ours, a man of Mr. Leigh's acknowledged ability can, and Mr. Leigh did, make his influence upon the practical development of the game distinctly felt.

The ground, during the first weeks of play, was not in its usual excellent condition, owing to the fact that a great deal of the grass had been winter killed, but thanks to the exertions of the ground committee, to the energy and skill of John Irons, and the fertility of the soil itself, the wicket had, before play ceased, resumed its wonted appearance.

Appended are the details of the matches played, and the batting averages. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman Cricket Committee.

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