



To reward an old and faithful servant on his retirement after years of honest service is always a pleasant task. It is pleasant to the donors to be able to thus testify to their gratitude and esteem, and it is doubly pleasant for the recipient to accept a tangible token of their satisfaction with his services and of their good wishes for his future prosperity. To so a loyal a servant as Mr. Wm. Drysdale, then, the moment of the presentation of the Hunt Club's testimonial to him must have been the proudest of his life. It was nicely done too, and under circumstances that made it especially appropriate and impressive. For one hour the old man stood again among the hunting men he had so often led across country. For one moment he was again huntsman, and standing thus among his old employers, his thoughts must have involuntarily flashed back along his 35 years of unbroken service to when he first entered the Hunt as junior whip. What changes the old man must have seen! How many young Nimrods he must have watched taking all before them and riding straight to hounds with that daring and dash which has made the British horseman the ideal trooper, who are now staid middle-aged citizens, whose most stirring ride is now in the common-place street car. What tales of fast runs and blank days the old man could unfold. Every covert and earth on the island must be as familiar to him as the post office clock. In a few well chosen words he endeavoured to convey a few of his reminiscences as well as a sense of his loyalty and gratitude to the members. He reminded them that he had served under thirteen masters. Lieut. Cox, R.E., Mr. D. Lorn McDougall, Captain De Winton, Mr. W. M. Ramsay, Mr. Wm. Cunningham, Mr. John Crawford, Mr. Andrew Allen, Mr. Hugh Paton, Mr. J. R. Hutchins, Captain E. A. C. Campbell, Mr. Baumgarten, and then Mr. Crawford again, have in turn profited by his experience. He married and brought up children in the service of the Hunt, and, throughout his long connection with it, was honestly proud of being its huntsman.

The testimonial itself consisted of a gold watch, chain and locket; the latter containing portraits of Mr. H. Baumgarten, the ex-master, and Mr. John Crawford, the present master, and engraved with a suitable inscription. In addition to this, Mr. Crawford handed to him a purse of \$200, specially presented to him by Mr. A. Baumgarten, in token of his especial liking and esteem. The subscribers to the watch number nearly all the prominent members of the club, among them being Messrs. John Crawford, M.F.H., A. Baumgarten, ex-M.F.H., Hugh Paton, ex-M.F.H., J. Alex. Stevenson, Hon. Secretary Leslie H. Gault, Dr. C. McEachran, E. J. Major, H. Montagu Allan, Hon. Honore Mercier, Colin Campbell, R. B. Ross, J. P. Dawes, J. A. L. Strathy, Robt. Allan, L. Galarneau, W. H. Meredith, F. F. Rolland, J. O'Brien, sr., J. O'Brien, jr., F. J. Robertson. A large number of ladies were present on the occasion, and altogether the old man has just reason to be proud of the manner in which the Hunt Club have treated him, and the hearty applause with which they greeted his farewell remarks.

The Bel-Air Fall races have come and gone and the miserable weather had a good deal to do in detracting from the pleasure of attending them. Then the track was so heavy that nothing but a mud horse had any kind of a chance; still there were two-year-olds out on Saturday, and the owners are probably sorry for it by this time. The racing, under the circumstances, could not be called interesting, and in a couple of events the jockeys were not above suspicion. The gentlemen at the head of the Bel-Air club have displayed sportsmanlike generosity both in their purses and the improvements made in their track, and it behooves them to look with a jealous eye on everything that even appertains to suspicion. It would be a pity if, after going to all the expense that has been incurred, the public confidence in the course should be shaken by the chicanery of a jockey. A little severity would teach a wholesome lesson to some boys, and the effect all round would be salutary. Another thing that is regretted is the small number of starters. It is discouraging for a club to hang out a respectable purse and then see only three horses face the starter. But the owners will be the sufferers in the long run. Take for instance the Carlslake steeplechase, the richest purse in the meeting, and only three starters, with apparently only one horse in the going. That certainly is not encouraging. But Rome was not built in a day, and neither can a jockey club be. There has been steady improvement since the beginning, and I hope to see still greater improvement in the future, but everything possible should be done to sustain public confidence.

Sergt.-Major Morgans, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, is now the acknowledged champion at all round swordsmanship. On the 11th he met Professor McGregor, whose knowledge was gained in the Thirteenth Hussars. Morgans won easily in every contest on the card. With the foils Morgans scored 5, McGregor 3; sword v. sword, the score was the same; bayonet v. bayonet, Morgans 5,

McGregor 1; sword v. bayonet, Morgans 5, McGregor 2. The rest of the programme was not carried out, as the 13th man acknowledged his defeat.

The regatta season is about wound up, and the Grand Trunk and Longueuil clubs' supplementary contests took place on Saturday and may be looked on as the finish.

The weather has been of such an obnoxious character that such a thing as a trotting meeting has been entirely out of the question. A new aspirant for public patronage in the trotting way is the track at Blue Bonnets, which will be opened with a two days' meeting on Monday. The Longueuil club have abandoned their meeting altogether, as further postponement would make dates clash with the races at Marieville and other places.

The annual games of the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association on the Metropolitan grounds were a grand success. Only one record was broken, and that in a dubious way that will bar its recognition, but the time made was very creditable all round, and the games were thoroughly enjoyable ones. G. R. Gray, the Canadian shot-putter of the New York A. C., put the 16 lb. shot a distance of 46 feet 8 inches, which would beat the existing record by eight inches; but, unfortunately, when the put was verified, it was discovered that the shot was three ounces light, and, therefore, the record still stands at the old figure.

If cable reports are correct, and in the face of the affidavits it seems impossible to doubt them, W. B. Page's record of 6 feet 4 inches for the running high jump must be relegated to the back-ground. A volunteer of the 5th Battalion Devonshire Regiment, at the regimental sports at Haytor Camp, cleared 6 feet 5½ inches, according to the rules of the Amateur Athletic Association, the measurement being taken from the centre of the bar and the ground tested with a spirit level. His name is George William Rowdon, a member of the Dawlish Athletic Club. He is compactly built, stands 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weighed 152 pounds when he broke the record.

The annual championship games of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, which will be held in Montreal on the 27th inst., give every promise of being the most important and best contested ever held. The big athletic rivals of New York will be represented in their full strength, and several other leading clubs in the United States have made known their intention of sending numerous entries. Mr. G. A. Avery, of the Manhattan Club, has also notified Secretary Weldon that he will officiate as time-keeper. The Salford Harriers of England will also be on hand, and amid such an array of athletic talent it appears to me that the Canadians will not have much of a show for first places; but still we might manage to get one or two. One thing, however, must not be forgotten, and that is, that to win in such company steady work on the track must be kept up. From the way in which some of the ground has been covered on the M.A.A.A. path, there is every reason to suppose that Montreal will make a very creditable showing, but creditable is not good enough; we should have some winners. By the way, why is there not more attention paid to the weights and the hammer? There is plenty of material in the M.A.A.A., and it only wants a start properly made to develop it.

Once more the Lulu has come to the front and carried off her third prize flag. It was in the last of the S.L.Y.C. series, and was practically a match race between the Lulu and the Chaperon, but the latter's board was carried away, and, of course, she was out of it. Up to date the Lulu can fairly be considered the champion of the lake.

The Pointe Claire Canoe Club crew has practically wound up its season with the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday last, and the statement of affairs was a most satisfactory one. A handsome silver cup, which is the Pointe Claire Canoe trophy, was presented by Mr. W. T. Wallace, and, in turn, Mr. B. Tooke handed it over to Mr. Archibald, who had won two out of the three races sailed for it. Mr. Montserrat was the happy recipient of the skiff trophy, which is a handsomely engraved pewter. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, W. J. Wallace; mate, A. C. Thomas; purser, Chas. Archibald.

The bicyclists still keep smashing away at the records, and Peoria, Ill., has been the scene of the latest performances in this line. The tandem bicycle record for a mile was the first to go—Smith and Murphy doing the distance in 2.25, a reduction of eight seconds in the world's mark. Rich, of the New York Athletic Club, also did a little smashing, and he now holds the world's amateur five mile mark. His time was 13.51 3-5, which is 6 1-5 seconds better than the English record. The best previous American record was 14.07 2-5. Then Windle stepped in, the world's record for the mile was dropped a notch, and with a solid tire the pneumatic tire was forced to lower its colours. The record was 2.28¼ on a solid tire and 2.26 4-5 on a pneumatic tire. Windle made it in 2.25 3-5 on a solid tire. Berlo made a mile in 2.30 on a safety solid tire. England's solid tire record was 2.34 1-5 and the

American two seconds slower. This was also smashed by the pneumatic record of 2.32 4-5.

The Orients returned from their Eastern holiday trip with a good deal of healthy exercise and some additional adipose tissue stowed away under their waistcoats. They speak in the warmest way of the manner in which they were treated in every city visited, and the cities in return got some exhibitions of good lacrosse. This excursion scheme is a good one, and the example might be followed with advantage by other clubs.

How have the mighty fallen! The invincible Crescents to lower their colours to the Montreal Juniors! But such is the fact, and it is easily explained. They thought they could play on their reputation, and they were very much surprised when they found they could not. It will perhaps teach them in future not to despise their opponents and to do a little practising beforehand. The day for terrorizing a team into defeat at lacrosse has gone past, and whoever wants to win has to come on the field in something like condition and play hard.

The Montreal Fall games, which take place to-day, will give a fair insight into what kind of work the Montrealers may be expected to do at the championships the following week. The showing made at the Ottawa games was a satisfactory one, but better should be done on the Montreal track.

The lawn tennis contingent have watched with interest the progress of the tournament at McGill grounds, and this afternoon the friends of the club will be entertained at tea.

Now is the time for the football men to begin thinking about the Fall's sport. The Montreal F.B.C. have got pretty well under way and intend to carry along their championship form of the past few years. But it is said also that there will be a big stir up in the old rival club.

The West Indian cricketers will not have the pleasure of meeting a Canadian eleven this eleven, as the proposed match has been abandoned on account of the impossibility of getting a Canadian team together.

There has been a good deal of talk recently about an international football team. It will be remembered that when Canada sent away an association team two years ago they did every credit to the Dominion, and held their own with the best elevens on the other side. There is no reason why such a thing should not be done again, and there are many suggestions as to the men who should compose the team. Among others the following are worthy of consideration:—Shibbin or Garrett for goal; Lawrence, Crawford, Chittick, Fernier, Robertson, Hill, Emmett, Jacoby, Forbason, Cameron and Hill, of Valleyfield.

From what I hear there would be nobody surprised if the old-time herculean goal-keeper of the Torontos should once more be seen on the field—not as a player or an official—but simply to see how far he can send the ball from a lacrosse stick. And it is safe to say that every lacrosse man in the country would be glad to be on the field that day.

There ought to be great racing in the Argonaut Rowing Club's meet to-day. Just imagine seventeen four-oared crews practising for the Fall meet. That shows enterprise, at least, that is worthy of imitation, and there the club has two new Wharin four-oared practice boats. Our local clubs might take a hint from the Torontonians.

At the annual meeting of the Western Football Association the following clubs were represented:—Woodstock, Berlin, Seaforth, Toronto, Elora, Galt. The date of the annual meeting was changed from September to December, which practically means the changing of the championship from a semi-annual to an annual affair. It is also likely that an inter-association match will be played this Fall, the arrangements for which have been left in the hands of a committee, and the winners of the cup series in the West will likely be recommended to play off with the winners in the East.

The bad management of driving a good horse too far is just now being illustrated in the case of Axtell, who will not be seen on the track again this fall. Last season's heavy campaign told on him, and a very slight injury was sustained, which it is hoped will not be permanent; at least the best vets in the United States say so. It would be a pity if the great stallion was off the track for good. He will probably be around in good shape for next season, but still the incident conveys a lesson for other owners.

Once more I hear that Mr. T. H. Love has parted with the services of W. McBride, who has had the Love stable in charge. The owner has not been playing in particularly good luck this year and better things were to be expected from his string.

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