

OUR MONTREAL LETTER.

This, Saturday, afternoon, a very fair assembly of spectators was on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds to witness the match between the Montreal and Caughnawaga. It was excessively warm, and very trying to the players. The Indians had an excellent team, with two exceptions, probably, the best that could be picked in their village. Keraronwe, the d'Aillebouts, Lazarre, Joe Rice, Ross, and the other well known players. Moreover, they were in fine trim, and made no secret of their intention to win the match.

The match was played under the new rules of the Association as to umpires. Messrs. Hodson and J. B. Flynn (captain Young Shamrocks) were the umpires; with Mr. Bowie, referee.

At about 3.40 the match commenced, the Indians playing down the field, and for 30 minutes a very hard struggle ensued. During the game, Cross the River fired a high ball and a shout of "game" went up, but the umpire shook his head; and, although, the former grumbled, the game proceeded without any stopping, and was finally taken by Paton.

After a short rest, the second game was begun, and developed some very hard and rather rough play—the Indians seeming to have brought to perfection the art of holding the home men's sticks when the ball was sent in. Notwithstanding its severity, both teams being in fine fettle, the science and brilliancy of the game was more admirably brought out. In a scramble around the goals W. Kay knocked the ball between his own flags. Time, 26 minutes. The third game was as hotly contested, and it is too bad there was such an unsatisfactory ending to what promised to be one of the finest games of lacrosse witnessed for some time. For about 15 minutes the ball was from end to end. Indian like, the Caughnawagas were massed at the two goals, the field being empty, and making a desperate charge on the Montreal flags. The ball was knocked from behind, but Kay sent it back. "Game," shouted the Indian, but Mr. Flynn said "No," and he was immediately subjected to a lecture from one or two Indians. As before, the play did not stop. The referee was at that end standing alongside of the Indian captain who, as before, said nothing, and Hubbell, who had got out of the *melée* with the ball, having no one in mid-field to oppose him, continued on up—the Indians on the defence noticing some talk going on at the other end (in reality a slight misunderstanding which the Indian captain and referee were endeavoring to quell) stopped playing, and Hubbell put the ball through and the umpire gave game. The referee was not appealed to, and stated in conversation that he did not consider it then his duty to interfere, as he had his back turned and imagined the play was going on, and as neither captains requested his decision he had nothing to say. The Montreal captain refused to face, and he insisted on claiming the game. There was some dissatisfaction expressed, and the Indians were going off the field, but some potent incentive was brought to bear, and took up their places, but allowed, on the word play, the Montreal man to run the ball through. There will doubtless be a great deal of adverse criticism on the result, and it is to be deplored; but however, exacting the position taken by the Montreal captain may be considered, I think he was strictly within the letter of the law, inasmuch as it was a side issue that was engaging the referee's attention, and there seemed at that moment, no desire to have the ball faced, as the Indian captain shouted to his men to go on, but it was evidently misunderstood. Moreover, there had been a similar case in the first game without a stoppage. Another thing in favor of the Montreal Club was, Mr. Flynn had been named by the Indians. During the match "Cross the River" got hurt, and was replaced by a fresh man, and again after twenty minutes rest, came on.

This evening the European team are celebrating the anniversary of their visit to Windsor Castle by the usual dinner. Ten out of the fifteen were to sit down. Messrs. Beers, Grant, Bowie, Becket, Hubbell, Joseph, Massey, Struthers, Greene, and MacIndoe. Absentees, Messrs. Ross, Toronto; Macdonald, Boston Ralston, St. Johns; Summerhayes, Boston; and Hodgson now in Europe.

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Montreal, June 26, 1890.

It is rumored about town that Sir John A. McDonald, in conversation with Harry Piper, told him that he had heard that Alex. Mackenzie declared Alderman Baxter had stated to Sir L. Tilley as a fact that the Marquis of Lorne told Major de Winton, that Lady Dufferin had told H.B.H. the Princess Louise that Lord Dufferin had informed Prince Leopold that the only place in Canada he could get a first-class shirt was at A. White's, King St. West Toronto.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Wanderers of Toronto, visited Newmarket on Monday, and played their cup match with the local club. Only one innings was played on account of rain, and Newmarket won by 101 to 91.

Guelph and Brantford play their cup match on Dominion Day.

A match was played at Chambly on Saturday, June 19th, between the Longueuil and Chambly Cricket Clubs, on the grounds of the latter, resulting in a victory for the Chambly Club by one innings and two runs.

Guelph beat Brampton by 120 to 21 on the first innings, but Brampton were looking up in the second innings, with 91 for three wickets.

Aurora beat Victoria Square at Aurora, by five wickets on June 19.

Cricket has reached Manitoba and one of the old fashioned Married vs. Single matches took place at St. Andrews recently; the single eleven winning by an innings and 40 runs. The Benedicts only made 8 off the bat in the second innings.

The St. John (N.B.) C. C. play Fredericton on July 1, and are in treaty with Charlottetown for a match.

The Young Americans play Toronto on July 7 and 8, and then visit Whitby and Hamilton.

Dunnville beat Cayuga by nine wickets.

Owen Sound beat Leith by 80 runs.

The Simcoe Club defeated a team from the 89th Battalion.

Belleville disposed of Cobourg on the 18th inst. by three wickets. Cobourg went to pieces in the second innings, only scoring 20.

Uxbridge beat Whitby by five wickets on June 18.

Married vs. Single at Lucknow, resulted in favor of the bachelors.

Hamilton Juniors fell an easy prey to Upper Canada College, on the latter's grounds on June 18. Score, College 46 and 44; Juniors 22 and 26.

Fergus defeated Elora by 12 runs at Elora.

Cornwall visited Prescott on June 19, and were beaten by an innings and 71 runs.

The Staten Island Club play Toronto here on July 20 and 21.

Toronto will visit Whitby on July 1 and 2.

All North vs. Toronto will be played here on July 6.

Dundas cricketers want spurring up, they could not muster more than three of their own members when Ancaster visited them. This is not right.

The Grimsby Club officers are:—President, Mr. Geo. C. Pettit; Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Bingle; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Fitch; Managing Committee, Messrs. B. R. Nelles, A. Vandyke, Wm. Fitch, H. W. Read and Geo. Udell.

Paris beat Brantford by 84 runs at Paris. Score: 96 to 62.

The London *Sportsman* of the 21st inst. says:—"Last week a court-martial was held at the Knightsbridge barracks, London, the headquarters of the Horse Guards, on Thomas Dale, alias Jordan, the captain of the Canadian team of cricketers, who was sentenced for desertion from the army to 86 days' imprisonment, but managed to escape from the guard-room. Being captured subsequently by a civilian, another court-martial was immediately constituted, and the sentence increased to 366 days' imprisonment."

The Canadian team at Stockport, Eng., and were badly beaten. Canadians, 90 and 101; Stockport, 196—the latter thus winning in one innings with 5 runs to spare.

Galt Collegiate Institute defeated Berlin High School on June 18th by four wickets.

The Staten Island Club tour includes games at Hamilton, Toronto, St. Marys, Toledo and Detroit.

Durham defeated Mount Forest at Durham on June 22, by eight wickets.

Brussels and Fergus played a draw at Elora on June 23.

Upper Canada College visited Port Hope on Saturday to play Trinity College school, and won by an innings and 5 runs. Score: U. C. C., 56; T. C. S. 29 and 22.

A game of cricket was played at Watford on Thursday, 24th inst, between the Strathroy and Watford clubs, resulting in an easy victory for the latter with 6 wickets to spare. This is the first game played by the Watford Club, and their unexpected success was a surprise to all and will, doubtless, be encouraging, and add to the interest and support of the citizens. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the Strathroy gentlemen are to be congratulated for the good humoured manner in which they bore their defeat. The umpires were Messrs. Wood and Robinson and the scorers Messrs. Willy Jay and Robt. Fowler. Score, Strathroy, 42 and 10; Watford, 89 and 16 for four wickets.

In a one-day match game between the Canadian cricketers and 15 players of Walsden, Eng, played on June 26, the Canadians scored 120 and the Walsden team 62.

Toronto played Carlton on the University ground last Saturday. It was an Association Cup match and resulted in a dispute. Only one innings was played, the score being 63 to 58 in favor of Carlton. These disputes will break up the Association and injure cricket materially.

At match was played at Hastings on Wednesday between Campbellford and Hastings, the latter winning by 15 runs.

Trinity College easily defeated the Toronto Club on Thursday last by an innings and 19 runs. Score: Trinity, 112; Toronto 45 and 48.

The Toronto Wanderer and Barrie club showed some fine cricket in their drawn match on Thursday last. Score, Wanderers 127 and 59; Barrie 79 and 59 for one wicket.

A new club has been organized at Utica, N. Y.

A good piece of bowling was done by Spofforth, of the Australian Team, June 4th, in the first innings of the eighteen of Burnleigh. He bowled fourteen overs and three balls, eleven maidens, ten runs and twelve wickets.

Rain caused the Association Cup match between Cobourg and Barrie, played at Toronto on Friday last, to be abandoned.

The Canadian Team played an eleven of Surrey at Kennington, Oval, on June 25. The calibre of the eleven is best gauged by the score. Canadians, 212; Surrey, 102.

Base Ball.

DIAMOND SPARKS.

Richmond, the celebrated pitcher, graduated from Brown University on the 16th inst.

The Alliance club, of Stratford, defeated the Mutuals, of St. Marys, by a score of 17 to 8.

The Standards, of Hamilton, will play the Harrison Browns at Harrison on Dominion Day.

Mr. Gilleen, League Umpire, will umpire the championship game between the Maple Leafs and Clippers at Guelph on Dominion Day.

Galloway, formerly short stop of the Clippers, was in town this week.

The base ball season has now fairly opened in St. Johns, N. B. The St. Johns met the Loyalists for the second time this month, the score of this game showed a considerable difference from the first, resulting in a walk over for the St. John nine, with a score of 89 to 16.

A game was played last week between the North Stars of Monticello, and the Shamrocks of Proton, the Stars defeating the Shamrocks by a score of 16 to 7.

The Clippers of Toronto, after playing the Maple Leafs of Guelph, will leave Guelph and play Galt the next afternoon in Galt.

On Wednesday of last week a game of ball was played on the Agricultural Grounds, at Newmarket, between the Young Mechanics of that village and the Clippers of Aurora, resulting in a victory for the home team.

Providence now occupies second position in the race for the League Championship.

Newmarket and Bradford played a game at Bradford for the Junior Championship, Bradford defeating Newmarket. Score, 15 to 8.