

THE ROCKWOOD SPORTS.

Last year saw no sports at Rockwood, but this season there was a revival of interest in the matter, and for a month before the date, (Oct. 31st.,) "dark horses" were prancing about the Grounds at all sorts of unseemly hours. The records that were broken in private were legion those smashed in public, not so numerous. The weather that has not been propitious to sports this fall, was just right this day. The sun smiled his broadest, almost a haw-haw, when he saw the athletes gather at the main door, at two p.m. Some of these were slim as to their ankles and stout as to their calves, others were vice versa, and all chewed gum with a determination that showed a do or die spirit. The athlete who can't or doesn't chew gum in these days is of no account. The first event took place in the Rink. Kingston and Portsmouth contributed largely to the crowd of spectators, and when the first contest, that of putting the shot, came off, many hundreds were present. Billy Shea had made a record two days before by putting the shot where no one could find it, so was excluded from this trial of strength.

The four legged Race made plenty of fun, and seems to have the same sort of difficulties as one encounters in rubbing his chin and patting his leg at the same time. The potato Race fell to the nimble Coxworthy, who seemed to be nearer to his work than Giant George. It is useless to attempt to follow the details of the different events, but several incidents of an exciting kind took place. In the 100 yard Dash, two of the contestants got off before the pistol, and the Brush Shop contingent ran into the inevitable small boy, who was bound to get on the track at any cost. That boy has a faint conception of what

it feels like to stop a trolley car. The finish of the 440 yards Race was one of the events you read of, and two of the contestants staggered over the line, not a foot apart, threw up their arms in a tragic style and fainted. Not so with the others, they may still be on the road, or else may be doing "around the world in forty days" contract, for they have not yet crossed the line. On the whole, the Sports were a grand success, well managed and free from bad feeling.

I. Putting the Shot—1st, Kennedy, 36.9; 2nd, Dehaney, 32.8; 3rd, Shanahan, 29.1.

II. Four-Legged Race—1st Shea, 2nd Shanahan, 3rd, Coxworthy.

III. Running Broad Jump—1st, Kennedy, 16.2; 2nd, Dehaney, 14.7; 3rd, Shanahan, 13.3½.

IV. Potato Race—1st Coxworthy, 2nd Shanahan, 3rd Kennedy.

V. Running High Jump—1st, Gilmour, 4.6; 2nd Kennedy, 3rd Cochrane.

VI. 100 Yards Race—1st Dehaney, 2nd Telgmann, 3rd Gilmour.

VII. Married Men's Race, (over 35.)—1st Potter, 2nd Graham, 3rd Shea.

VIII. Running Hop, Step and Jump—1st, Telgmann, 32 feet; 2nd, Dehaney, 30 feet; 3rd, Cochrane, 30 ft.

IX. Obstacle Race—1st Coxworthy, 2nd Shanahan.

X. Pole Vault—1st, Coxworthy, 6.8; 2nd Kennedy, 3rd Shanahan.

XI. Obstacle Race, (patients only)—1st W. Stewart, 2nd Horn, 3rd J. Stewart.

XII. 440 Yards Race—1st Telgman, 2nd Dehaney, 3rd Shanahan.

XIII. 100 Yards Race, (patients only)—1st W. Stewart, 2nd McDonald, 3rd J. Stewart.

XIV. Comic Race—1st Shea, 2nd Davidson.

XV. Hurdle Race, 120 yards—Telgmann, Kennedy, Dehaney.