

ATHLETIC

Sports and Pastimes

An interesting question arises over the action of the Montreal A.A.A. and Shamrock Hockey Clubs as to whether they have not jeopardized their amateur standing by playing a game for seven railway fares to Ottawa.

I do not think there can be any question about the law having been broken, if viewed from a strictly technical standpoint, although I think it would not be in accordance with the spirit of the law if such an interpretation was put upon it.

It is, however, undoubtedly a dangerous precedent to establish, and unless action is taken to prevent a repetition of the act, may lead to no end of trouble before the matter is finally disposed of.

If railway fares are allowed to be played for by amateurs, it will be a hard matter indeed to determine what is within the circle of amateurism and what without.

It must always be a matter of regret to find a good manly game being spoilt by men who, anxious to obtain reputations of being hard, strong players, see no other way to win their spurs, than by recklessly seeking to injure their opponents. Hockey runs great risk of coming under the category of such games, and will soon be regarded with as much abhorrence as lacrosse unless strong determined steps are taken to prevent unnecessary tripping, and other equally objectionable use of the hockey sticks.

In Toronto recently a prominent young lank official was made to swallow most unceremoniously one of his very best front teeth. In Montreal another member of the same profession received a clip between the eyes, which left a very pretty bruise just above the bridge of the nose, and painted his visual optics all the colors of a rainbow; necessitating his visiting a noted photographer to be painted a more ordinary flesh colour before he could attend the wedding of his sister.

That it is altogether unnecessary to adopt this style of play in order to put up a good game has been well evidenced by the Quebec Club this season, whose play, while probably as hard as and faster than any other club in the Dominion, is entirely without blemish in regard to rough play.

It would well repay Montreal and Toronto hockey players to get their Quebec confreres to visit them, in order to learn from them that hockey may be played in first class form without inflicting deadly injuries upon your opponents.

HOCKEY.

ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DRAWS.

Granite to play Galt at Hamilton.

Granite Colts to play Osgoode on the latter's ice.

Both the above matches to be played on or before the 13th inst.

Ottawa to play Queen's College at home on or before the 20th.

The winner of the last match will draw with the winner of one of the others, and the match to be played in Toronto.

CANADIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

The champions (Ottawa A.A. Club) are again called upon after a rest of two weeks to defend their laurels, and will meet the ex-champions (Montreal A.A.A.) on the ice of the Rideau Rink on Thursday 11th instant.

It may fairly be expected that the M. A.A.A. will do their utmost to regain their lost prize, and with a stronger seven than they put on the ice for the last game, the match may be expected to be a hot one.

The Hawthornes of Montreal played the Ottawa Juniors on Saturday evening in the Rideau Rink, Ottawa, for the junior championship. After a well contested game the Montrealers won by 6 games to 3.

VICTORIA (MONTREAL) VS. SHERBROOKE.

Played in the Skating Rink, Sherbrooke, on Saturday, 30th ult., before over 200 spectators, and resulted in a win for the home team by 6 goals to 5.

After the match the visitors were entertained by the home club to a sumptuous repast at the Sherbrooke House.

SHERBROOKE VS. LENNOXVILLE.

A match was played last evening in the Lennoxville Rink between the Sherbrooke 2nd team and Lennoxville village. The ice was in splendid condition, and although the Sherbrooke team found the small rink rather difficult, managed to win by 8 goals to 4. The playing of Abbott for Lennoxville was much admired.

CYCLING.

THE CENTURY ROAD CLUB ORGANIZED.

A meeting to establish the Century Road Club was recently held at the 'Hub' café, Toronto. The meeting having been called to order Horace Pease was elected to the chair and J. H. Gerrie, secretary of the provisional committee, explained to the meeting the probable cost of initiation, badges and century bars, which met with the satisfaction of those present. Nearly two hundred cyclists, he stated, had already signed the membership lists, and the probabilities were that within the next fortnight the membership would run up to nearly five hundred. Cyclists throughout the country were very enthusiastic on the subject. It was decided that all cen-

turies made within 16 hours should be recognized. The objects of the club were defined to be the encouragement of road riding; recognition and establishment of road records, relay rides and road racing; and the improvement of public highways. All amateur wheelmen are eligible for membership. The officers of the club shall consist of a board of control, composed of a representative from each of the Toronto clubs and one from Hamilton, these officers to elect one of their number Chief Centurion, who shall act in the capacity of secretary-treasurer and chairman of the board. These officers were elected to the board.

F. J. Brimer, Wanderers B. C.

E. J. P. Smith, Toronto B. C.

F. H. Skeritt, Hamilton B. C.

L. D. Robertson, Athenæum B. C.

S. H. Gibbons, Royal Canadian B. C.

These gentlemen will meet to elect the Chief Centurion. The Board of Control was empowered to draft a constitution and by-laws. They also were authorized to contract for gold badges and bars, and transact all other business necessary for the welfare of the organization. So soon all returns are in, local centurions will be appointed in districts where membership warrants it.

The members of the St John, N.B. bicycle club have determined to take the initiative in forming a maritime provinces wheelman's league. Other provincial clubs are to be communicated with, and an endeavor made to induce them to join in the movement.

CURLING.

THE ONTARIO TANKARD.

Primary competitions for the Ontario Branch Tankard in the various groups into which the Branch has been divided are rapidly drawing to a close, and a few weeks now will see the representatives of the survivors of each group gathered in Toronto to do battle for the coveted trophy.

The following games in the primaries have been decided: At Galt, Feb. 2nd, between Galt Granites and Waterloo, in group 16, resulted in favour of the Granites by fifteen shots.

Waterloo.	Galt.
J S Lockie	W W Wilkinson
F Haight	J G Turnbull
A Lade	J Perry
H J Grasset, skip... 7	C Turnbull, skip... 20
A G Habbick	Thos E McLellan
W Hogg	R Macgregor
G A Bruce	R S Strong, jr
J Hespeler, skip... 13	Dr. Sylvester, skip... 15
Total 20	Total 35

BELLEVILLE DEFEATS PORT HOPE

At Belleville, February 3rd, the primary competition in group No. 1 was played. Port Hope, the only rink present, was pitted against Belleville. Ogdensburg, Brockville, Cobourg and Bowmanville de-