

## OUR CARICATURES



THIS gentleman has become eligible for our columns by his late phenomenal action, "a lawyer going to law." His figure is familiar to all; he is a "rustler" from away back. He gets a big "move-on" of his own accord, but strongly objects to being moved on by commissioners and such like individuals.

—SPV.



I hear that a meeting of the North West Amateur Athletic Club was held on Saturday afternoon, when it was decided to carry out a programme of athletic sports on the day set apart by the town for the celebration of the Queen's birthday.

As I said last week, it is a very great pity that there is likely to be a clash between the athletic club and the firemen, and I must say I think the latter are to blame in the matter.

There can be little doubt that their chief Mr. Rogers knew thoroughly well that the club intended holding sports on this day. Their meeting is a combination of business and sports; the club's entirely one for sport. The club contains members who are great

admirers of our local fire brigade, but surely it is asking them too much to change the day of the sports from that originally fixed on.

A meeting of great interest to the clubs in town will be held this evening, when delegates will attend the Amateur Athletic Association meeting, for the purpose of some scheme being formulated by which a revenue may be obtained to improve the grounds, and carry them on to the mutual advantage of all the clubs.

It will cost quite a sum of money to carry on the grounds properly this season. A small pavilion of some sort or other will require to be built; water will have to be laid on, and a considerable rent paid for the same; then a man will have to be engaged to keep the ground in order, whose salary will be \$40 or \$50 per month, and that for at least six months.

I sincerely trust that the clubs will give the association all the support in their power. In a few years' time, when the association are wealthy enough, a large pavilion will be built, with swimming bath, club rooms, etc., attached; the grounds will be planted at the sides with ornamental trees, and other improvements made.

But all these improvements must come gradually, and the present duty of the hour is to make a start, and a start on such a basis that retrogression will be impossible; a start where every dollar expended will add a dollar's improvement to the grounds.

A FORTNIGHT ago the *Prairie* published an article on coursing, giving an account of the wonderful success of Col. North by the aid of Fullerton. It will be remembered that Col. North's Simonian won the Waterloo Purse on the occasion of Fullerton's victory in the Waterloo Cup. This victory, I see, has since been supplemented by Col. North winning the Haydock Gold Cup at the Haydock Park meeting; his two greyhounds, Simonian and Young Fullerton, both first season greyhounds and brothers, being by Greentick—Bit of fashion and consequently brothers in blood to Fullerton—being left in for the final course. The stake was consequently divided. There were 53 runners, Lucky man, Col. North! or perhaps I should say plucky, for he pays big prices for his dogs.

AT THE meeting of the Cambridge University Athletic Club, held three weeks ago, some exceptionally fine performances were recorded in the "Long Jump." There were four competitors, and the following particulars will be interesting to many of my readers:—R. J. Leakey, Corpus, 22ft 4in, 20ft 11½in, 21ft 6½in, 21ft 10½in, 1; H. Le Fleming, Clare, 21ft 7½in, 21ft 9in, 2; T. Jennings, Caius, 21ft 1in, 20ft 10½in, 21ft 1½in, 20ft 5in, 3; H. E. Scowcroft, Caius, 20ft 6½in, 20ft 9in, 0.