

ATHLETICS.

LAST Saturday's lacrosse matches were looked to with considerable interest, as it was expected that some insight could be got into the probabilities of the season's work, but very little if any definite conclusions could be arrived at. The match the Shamrocks played with the St. Regis Indians was but a poor augury for the N. A. L. A. champions, as the Indians played all round them. Perhaps it is that the noble red man is getting back some of his old time prestige at his own game; but certain it is that if the wearers of the green do not do better, they will have no chance to win the senior trophy.

PERHAPS never before has so much interest been taken in the *personnel* of lacrosse teams, and more wires are being quietly pulled than ever before to secure the best players. It is an open secret, too, that considerable "inducements" are being held out. The letter of the law may not be violated, but the spirit of amateurism, especially in some junior clubs seems to have flown to the happy hunting ground.

THE second twelve of the Orient proved conclusively that the Montreal Juniors were not in the same class with them last Saturday. Perhaps this will change after the M. A. A. boys have practiced a little more together. At present they are not in it.

THE composition of the Crescent and Orient teams is causing much disquiet in some quarters, and many of the crack players are still straddling the fence if all reports be true. The team that will represent the Crescents at Ottawa to-day (Saturday) is said to contain some Orient men, but as it is not a championship match they may again change their allegiance. It would be interesting to know the *real* cause of this vacillation.

THE success of the M.A.A.A. during the past year has been of the phenomenal sort, and deservedly so, and the reports read at the annual meeting could hardly have been more satisfactory. Notice has been given of a change in the by-laws, which at present say that the board of directors shall consist of the president and two members of each affiliated club. The change suggested will likely give the president the option of resigning from the board of directors, when the committee may elect a substitute. This would still give the president the right to sit on the board and the option of resigning if he so desired, and it seems a wiser course than the actual amendment proposed. Once more has the wisdom been shown of having business men at the head of such an institution as the M.A.A.A. The purchase of the house next adjoining the gymnasium is here referred to. It will enable the association to not only have swimming baths, but also an indoor running track, and even now is a good investment.

THE Red Cross Knights have too much fun in the winter at their Club House to let the summer pass without making some arrangement for similar enjoyable gatherings. So it is on the *tapis* now to add billiards,

tennis, archery, shooting, quoits and other attractions to the place, and when the St. George men make up their minds to anything they usually get there.

THE Montreal Hunt are to be congratulated on the acquisition of a new huntsman, Will Nicholls, who has been engaged by Mr. Leslie Gault, who is at present on a visit to the Old Country. Nicholls has occupied the position of first whip to several of the leading packs in England, Ireland and Scotland.

THE Montreal Gun Club met with a Waterloo when they went after the challenge cup to St. Johns, but the defeat was almost as good as a victory, and such close team shooting is not recorded in the annals of the Club. Just imagine both teams tying twice, and then Montreal in the third shoot off only losing by two birds. And such wind, too! That is the kind of a match that makes the boys furbish up a bit and practice.

VERY few people have done more practical good to horse-racing than Mr. George Carslake, whose generosity in the stakes that bear his name has succeeded in bringing together the largest list of entries ever seen in the province. And perhaps more people take a vivid interest in the Derby and St. Leger through the medium of his success than from any other cause. There will not be enough tickets to go round for the Derby, and the Leger this year will be for \$50,000.

FEW clubs take more interest in the trotting horse than the DeMontenach Club, whose horse show was given yesterday, and whose summer meeting will take place on July 1st. One thing may be said for this club, too—their races are run honestly.

THE Montreal Baseball Club lost a good man when catcher Kelly signed with the Moncton Club. But they are not disheartened, and will give the Rouse's Point men a hard struggle to-morrow.

THE cruise of the Lake St. Louis Canoe Club and the concert at Huntingdon ought to be a big success if hard work counts for anything. How the echoes of that quiet little town will ring!

LACHINE has got together a strong crew for the junior forces in the C. A. A. O. regatta. It consists of C. Gwilt stroke; J. K. Bruce, No. 3; T. Stewart, No. 2; Chas. Howard, bow. The trial fours will be held on June 21. By the way, is there not enough enthusiasm to get up a senior four?

THE St. Lawrence Yacht Club open their season to-day (Saturday). The Shamrocks go to Toronto, the Orions go to Sherbrooke, and the Crescents to Ottawa, which narrows down Montreal outdoor attractions pretty much to the baseball match.

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