

I am sorry to hear that Findlay, whom I mentioned last week as the probable successor to Aird, will not be able to play. He has allowed business to interfere with Lacrosse and the latter has been worsted. Norman has been filling the goal in the practices and he does very fairly.

I beg Paton's pardon for publishing his obituary prematurely. I should have waited to see what effect that great reviver—the first practice—would have.

He is at it again and is proving himself to be as big a nuisance to the goalkeeper as ever.

While all the men are placing well, the most improvement is shown by Grant and Fraser. The former is keeping the "horse" trotting in great shape, and the latter seems to have shaken a reef out of his legs, and now goes over the ground as if he had fallen heir to the famed "seven league boots."

Michaud has not as yet turned out for practice, and I hear that he is not well, and probably will not play this season. This would be a bad blow to the team were it not that "Robbie" Elliott is practicing, and if he succeeds in getting into anything like his old form, his presence on the defence will make the Montrealers stronger than ever.

The Shamrocks are keeping very quiet both on and off the field, and are most likely holding their breath waiting to see what is going to happen to them next.

There is one good man in the city unattached as yet. The Montrealers will be lucky if they can get him to drop the "red cross" and don the "winged wheel" again.

"Capital" is a great power, and while it is apparently getting a little the worst of it on the other side of the line; score one victory for it here. Cregan and McKay have gone to Ottawa, and so has Daly the retired, Prior has been made a fixture, and Green has changed his color.

The Toronto "Mail" publishes the following, which it calls a "forecast" of the names and positions of the Toronto and Ontario teams, who open the Championship Series with a match at Rosedale, on Queen's Birthday:

<i>Torontos.</i>		<i>Ontarios.</i>	
Mills	Goal.	Clewes	Goal.
Bonnell	Point.	Clark	Point.
J. Garvin	Cover Point.	Small	Cover Point.
Drynan	1st defence field.	Neil	1st defence field.
T. Martin	2nd defence field.	Hull	2nd defence field.
McDonald	3rd defence field.	R. Ryan	3rd defence field.
Blight	Centre.	McPherson	Centre.
R. Coulson	3rd home field.	Arows	3rd home field.
Dixon	2nd home field.	Wilson	2nd home field.
Irving	1st home field.	Gerry	1st home field.
McHenry	Outside home.	Foley	Outside home.
Stowe	Inside home.	A. Martin	Inside home.

"It is probable—but not certain—that Blight will reappear for the Toronto-Ontario Match. If he does not Eckhardt will take his place. For a reserve the Torontos have D. Coulson, Eckhardt, and Meharg. The spare men of the Ontarios will be J. Ryan, McGovern, Cheyne, and Burns."

These are both good teams, but something has happened to the Toronto team. Perhaps the printers are to blame? Garvin and Drynan should be inside of Bonnell, Irving, Blight and Coulson together in the field, and Dixon, McHenry and Stowe the home. Martin is all right on defence, but McDonald and his "back jukie," would be of more service next to Dixon.

The Ontario team as given, is as far as I can remember, identical in names and positions with that of last year, and I think is placed to the best advantage. They are practicing on the Moss Park Rink, a most unlikely lacrosse ground, and are doubtless heavily handicapped in consequence.

But in addition to mixing up the positions of the Toronto team, the *Mail* has left out one very important name, Hubbell; who will be in his old position on that day, consequently we won't refer to the item as a "forecast," but rather term it a "guess."

The Montreal Juniors seem to be taking their time about getting into shape for the season. A number of their first twelve have not as yet shown up, but I fancy this week will see them all at work. The club is such a live one that to stay on the first twelve necessitates constant attention to practice.

This year, similarly to last, they will be able to put into the field, three good twelves, and it is, as it has been, a hard matter to say who really are the first twelve of the first twenty-four.

I doubt if there is in existence, a club that has such a large number of players in proportion to its membership, or one that can stand the loss of first-class men without any perceptible decrease in its strength, as the Montreal Juniors have done.

Last year they lost Hodgson, Michaud, and Carliand, and still they beat everything in their class easily. This year Findlay, Cameron, Norman and Geraghty go, and they are able yet to show a good enough team to keep them in the position they hold. I think they should drop the title of "Juniors," and that championship, and have a go at the "Intermediate," which they would have a good chance of winning.

Their team for this season will likely be, Sheridan, goal; McDougall, point; Beard, cover; R. Drysdale, Graham, Rodden, Wilson, Cornell, and Brady, field; and Gauthier, Michaud and Herbert, home; with J. Woods again as captain.

They play Brockville, the Intermediate Champions, a friendly game at Brockville on Queen's Birthday.

The Cornwall *Freeholder*, is out with a solid column of Lacrosse, chiefly devoted to their champion team, the names of which they give as follows: Lally, goal; Lewis, point; Adams, cover; Grant, surnamed "Centennial," and McAtee, telept, "Old Iron-sides," and Smith, commonly known as "Bad," defence; field; McCracken, centre; Crites and A. G. Grant, (whom I have heard called "Andy," ) home field; and Carpenter or Broderick, Black and Blacklock, home. There is also a dark horse suggested which is entered to provide for possible contingencies.

After reading over the records of the men, which are so lengthy that the limited space at my disposal in this paper will not admit of my publishing them, I have come to the conclusion that Cornwall has the champion team, and that consequently all the interest is out of this year's matches.

In England the Lacrosse season is closing. The flag competitions have been decided with the result that South Manchester again holds the title of "champion of the north," which Liverpool won from them last year, and a new "champion of the south," has arisen in the shape of Cambridge University team. In the annual match between the "North and the South," the latter were victorious for the first time.

The matches between counties are now being played off, and the last heard of, are "Essex vs. Kent," in which the former won, and "Yorkshire vs. Cheshire," played on the South Manchester ground at Widdington, when Cheshire won. Members of the Canadian Lacrosse team of 1883 will be glad to hear that two of their friends, Glover and Ben Schofield, distinguished themselves, but unfortunately were on the beaten team. The annual match between England and Ireland is off for this year, as the Englishman object to the date, which is late in May, and is out of the English season, and in the middle of the Irish, thereby giving the latter an advantage which they have usually utilized by winning the

match. Considerable talking is being indulged in ament a team for Canada, both from England and from Ireland, but as yet it is all talk.

The Lacrosse clubs of several towns along the C.P.R., are discussing the advisability of forming a new Lacrosse district, for the amateur clubs of the Ottawa Valley, to be known as the Ottawa Valley district. This will comprise the junior clubs of Ottawa, and all the clubs on the C.P.R. between the Capital and North Bay, including Smith's Falls and Perth. The Montrealers have sent their regrets to the Capitals of Ottawa, that a previous engagement will prevent them from visiting them on the 24th, the Capitals are determined upon a match, however, and are now making arrangements with the Cornwall Indians and Shamrocks, to play upon that day. The Capitals with their additions to last year's team, expect to be strong.

The Athletic L. C. of St. Catharins, possesses most convenient grounds, about 170 yards by 90, at the corner of Maple and Catharine streets. There is a large covered grand stand, and a club house containing lockers, showerbaths, etc. Mr. H. O'Loughlin, the corresponding secretary of the club, was elected to the council of the N. A. L. A. at the recent meeting in Toronto, for the third time.

As I write, the sad news of Stuart Hubbell's death has reached me:

There will be many sorrowing hearts among his old Lacrosse companions when it is known that "The Kid" has passed away.

SPECTATOR.

WHAT "QUEEN CITY" SAYS.

To the Editor:

Sir—I am delighted to see your first number, and think I can speak for Toronto sportsmen as a whole—or as many as have seen it. You seem to have got hold of us good sources of information in this city as if you published here, and after all, that's what is wanted—not a glorification of one place and running down another, but a fair comment on what is happening all over the Dominion, from an impartial point of view. You have hit the nail on the head, and if you go on as you have begun I believe I can promise you enthusiastic support from the sporting circles of the

QUEEN CITY.

P. S. You are on the right tack, on the question of professionalism, especially in Lacrosse. If it were only to maintain the purity of our national game, you would have enough cause for publishing your paper. Hammer away, and more power to your elbow!

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

MONDAY, MAY 19TH.

Haverly's Minstrels commenced what promise to be a very successful weeks engagement this evening. To quote from the bills, "a good hearty laugh is worth a thousand groans in any market," and we most heartily say, amen. To describe a kaleidoscope performance of this sort is far beyond us. It is more a matter for the pencil than the pen. That the Cragg Family did wonders, goes by the saying, Cragg, jr., is a marvellous little fellow. It almost requires a microscope to see him. We wonder when he's sick if he knows whether its headache or corns. It was evidently the one desire of the entire company to do their best to please and amuse, and the constant laughter and applause must have assured them that the audience thoroughly enjoyed this decidedly "gigantic" evening.

Professor Blackie, the venerable sage of Gaelic and Greek renown, has again been showing no less disregard for the Kirk Sessions. In an interview with a Glasgow journalist, he is said to have declared Mary Anderson's performance better than any sermon that was ever preached by Platitudinarians.

