

## BROCKVILLE CANOE CLUB.

"In connection with the regular races of the canoe club during the present season, it has been decided to adopt the following programme at each fortnightly race: 2.30 p.m. sailing race for skiffs; 2.45 p.m. sailing race for canoes; 7 p.m. paddling race, singles; 7.30 p.m. paddling race, tandem. Entries will be received at the judges' boat up to the hour of starting."

In accordance with above, the first of these races came off on Wednesday 19th inst., and considerable interest was manifested by members of the club and outsiders. Your correspondent was early on the scene and was made welcome at the Commodore's boat house. The judge's boat was moored out in river off Mathan's boat house. Mr. Geo. Reid was the judge (and proved himself worthy of the position) being accompanied in his boat by Mr. Jas. Moore, V. C., chairman of the Regatta Committee. There was a clear sky, but a heavy south wind blew during the whole time of the sailing races, freshing towards the finish—however, during the paddling races in the evening, there was not a breath of wind, and the water was "as smooth as a looking glass." Time was called at 2.30 for the first race and at 2.45 p.m. the word "go" was given, and ten minutes afterwards the contestants for the second race were called to the judge's boat, and the word "go" given them also. In the first race, sailing skiffs, three of the boats carried double sails (Mainsail and Dandy) and one carried mainsail only. Chrysler and Sauv  had new boats, the former, a 20 footer, built by Geo. Hutton, and the latter an 18 footer built by himself. Sauv  got rather the best of the start apparently, and was closely followed by Coates, who went to the leeward of the judge's boat, Chrysler got off third and showed his sailing qualities by getting to the windward of his competitors on the first stretch. At this time the wind was pretty strong and soon told in his favor, for his boat, the "Genesta," shot ahead in grand style. Before reaching Big Island, the turning point, the wind rose very high, and Coates (who was alone in his boat) having insufficient ballast, gave up the race; after turning the Island, Chrysler had increased his lead 2 m. 50 sec. in advance of Sauv ; the first round being finished as follows:—

Chrysler.....	37 minutes
Sauv�.....	41 "
Findlay.....	45 "

The wind was now very high, and white caps were plainly visible in the channel, Chrysler here—still leading—met his mishap which lost him the race, his canvass proved too great a spread, and pulled so on the sheets, that upon shoving the bow of his boat past the end of the Island, she capsized throwing him and his fellow sailor into the water—they were soon rescued by friendly hands from their watery position and brought ashore, whilst the boat was captured by others, righted, and towed into port; the race was then between Sauv  and Findlay. As to the "sailing canoe race," No. 2 on programme, it proved the Commodore's new canoe the "Mona" to be a regular flyer and certainly sailed the best race of the day, and one of the finest canoe sailing races I have ever seen—actually, by time allowance, beating Sauv 's skiff on the first round by half a minute.

The first round was finished as follows:—

Richard's.....	49½ minutes
Turner.....	47 "

with Lowe, out of race altogether. I must not forget to mention the course was a 7 mile one—3½ miles twice round—from Mathan's boat livery up to and around "Big Island" and down and around "Old Man's Island and back.

For the paddling races in the evening, the course was ¾ of a mile. The first race (singles) was won easily, whilst great interest was manifested in the second one (doubles), which proved a very close event.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Bagg, secretary of the Canoe Club, I have been permitted to see the "Log Book" of the club, and give you the official entries therein.

May 19th., 1886.

1st. Sailing Skiff Race—7 miles course.  
J. E. Chrysler..... Sailed by owner.  
C. A. Fitzsimmons... " " Moise Sauv .  
J. G. Findlay..... " " owner.  
H. B. Coates..... " " owner.

1st. C. A. Fitzsimmons. Time, 1 hr. 18 mins.  
2nd. J. G. Findlay..... " 1 hr. 27 mins.

Notes:—Chrysler led by 4 minutes on first round, but capsized on second round, putting him out of race. Coates did not finish.

2nd. Sailing Canoe Race—7 miles course.  
"Mona" B. W. Richards, 1st., 1 hr. 19 mins.  
"Olive" F. M. Turner, 2nd., 1 hr. 34 mins.  
"Grebe" C. H. Lowe—did not finish.  
Wind, S. W. freshing towards finish of races.

3rd. Single Paddling Race—¾ miles course.  
G. B. Wilkinson..... 1st.  
E. A. Pitt..... 2nd.  
C. N. Girdwood..... 3rd.

4th. Paddling Race—Tandem—¾ miles course.

1st. G. B. Wilkinson, and G. B. McLean.

2nd. F. M. Turner, and J. H. Bagg.

## ATHLETIC.

The local members of the Executive of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association met last Friday in the Windsor Hotel with P. W. Henshaw, President of the Association in the chair. Several subjects were discussed, among others, the championship meeting which is to be held in Montreal on Sept. 25th. This date unfortunately clashes with one of the championship series Lacrosse matches between Montrealers and Torontos, and as the Association cannot according to its by-laws alter it, the Lacrosse clubs are to be asked to come to the rescue and change the date of their fixture. Even were it possible for the Athletic Association to appoint another day it would be greatly against the success of the meeting to do so, as there would then be no chance of getting any representative American Athletes over to compete, the principal American meetings being down for all the suitable dates before and after Sept. 25th. It is to be hoped that the Lacrosse clubs will do their best to help the Association, of which they are the parents, out of its trouble.

An application from the Emerald Snow Shoe Club, backed up by a number of affidavits from track measurers and time-keepers, was received, asking that a record be given their member, Robert Larkin, for his performance of 32.18 in a 5 mile race on snow-shoes for the *Police Gazette* medal on March 27th last.

Before this race was run the Association issued circulars, and published advertisements notifying all its clubs that it had nothing to do with the race, and that although it was advertised as for the "Championship of Canada" the winner could carry no such title. The whole affair was a speculative advertisement of a man whose numerous publications are not allowed to pass through the Canadian Customs, and the Executive decided to act consistently in the matter and passed the following resolution: "That while we regret that such an apparently good performance as that of Mr. Larkin's should go unrecorded, we feel that in view of the decided stand taken in this matter by the association in the shape of advertised resolutions warning all members of clubs affiliated with it against competing, it would be altogether out of place for this association to recognize the race in such a decided way as to issue its certificate for the "record."

## FEATS AT GOLF.

In 1815 Mr. Brown, a member of the Edinburgh Burgess Golf Club, backed himself to drive a ball from inside the Golf House on Bruntsfield Links over Arthur's Seat in forty-four strokes (the distance is nearly two miles.) He accomplished his task in forty-four strokes, and thus won his wager; but a brother member, who attempted the same feat, failed to do it in less than forty-six

strokes. Arthur's Seat is upwards of 800 feet high.

In 1798 a wager was laid that there were no two members of the above-named club who could put a ball over the spire of St. Giles's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The society took the bet; Mr. Seeales, of Leith, and Mr. Smellie, a printer of Edinburgh, were chosen to do battle for their club. In case of need they could use six balls each. The necessary elevation was got by a barrel stave, suitably fixed in the South-East corner of the Parliament Square.

The balls were struck off in the early morning; both soared considerably higher than the weather-cock on the dome, and were found nearly opposite the advocates' close; the height, including the base distance, is 168 feet. A suitable erection for the judges was placed up beside the weather-cock, and they at once decided that the club had won the wager.

Thirty years later, two similar matches were made to drive a ball over the Melville Monument in St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh. In both cases the club and ball won. This is a smaller undertaking than the St. Giles' feat, as the pillar here is only 136 feet high, and the statue 14 feet, in all 150 against 168 feet.

Mr. Skipsey a clerk in the Exchequer in Edinburgh, was a noted "driver," and on one occasion drove a ball upwards and forwards 200 yards before it touched the ground. Tradition tells of a feat in driving even greater than this, that of Mr. Messieux, who, on St. Andrew's Links, drove one of the old leather balls 308 yards before it stopped.

On one occasion, at the Antipodes, skill at Golf was of great service. The rains had so swollen an Australian river that the mails could not venture across. By no means could a rope be got across to pull the letters over. Guns, slings, arrows were tried, but all failed, much to the disappointment of the crowd waiting for the news from home that lay in the bags on the other side. At last a Scot, a keen and earnest Golfer in the old days at home, volunteered to try what he could do with the clubs and ball he had carried with him to his new home. A long string was attached to the ball, which was carefully "teed"; then, with a long, steady "swipe" of his supple driver, he sent the ball curving into the air till it landed on the opposite bank, and re-established the broken communication.

The Roller Skating Rink at Brockville was well patronized on the Queen's Birthday, there being about 1000 persons in the Rink, of whom over 200 were skating. During the evening a race of 2 miles for the Championship of Canada between Jas. Williams (present champion) and a Mr. Ulmer, of the "Mikado Polo Club" of Kingston, was the attraction, and it was won by the former, his time being for 1st mile, 4 minutes and the 2nd mile, 4½ minutes, or the 2 miles in 8½ minutes. Williams is certainly a fine skater, but his opponent is certainly a very plucky one to race against him. After the race a polo-match between the "Mikado's" of Kingston, and the Brockville polo club, for the Championship of Eastern Canada, took place. We could not wait for the finish and will give the result next week, the team and their positions were as follows:—

MIKADO.	BROCKVILLE.
J. Dozle.....	Goal.....
D. McRae.....	Back.....
C. Campion.....	Back.....
A. McCutcheon, 1st Rush.....	Riddle.
G. Jamieson... 2nd Rush.....	Murray.
W. Kileanley... Home.....	Williams.

The Rink is a fine building and has one of the best floors we have ever seen in a Roller Rink. Your correspondent is under obligations to the genial manager "Alie" Murray for his kind reception and the willingness with which he afforded all information desired. On Monday 31st, there is to be a grand Fanny Dress Carnival, and if to-night's attendance is any criterion there will be a bumper house. We wish the management all success.