

R. K. Y. CLUB.

Quarterly Meeting Held Last Evening—Presentation of Prizes.

Reports of the Executive and Sailing Committees Approved of—Considerable Routine Business Transacted.

A quarterly meeting of the Royal Kennebecus Yacht Club was held on Tuesday, when the cups won during the season just closed were presented by the commodore, and a quantity of routine business transacted.

The executive committee beg to report that since their last statement to the club the strip of land on which the marine railway is placed has been surveyed and taken over by the club under agreement made with Mr. Turnbull last season, and that the whole club grounds have been surrounded by a substantial fence.

The committee has also recognized the cruising spirit of the club, and in order to foster it, has supplied an ever-present need by having an ice house built on the club grounds, whence members can be supplied next season at a nominal rate.

A very complete set of signal and racing flags has been procured from England by the committee, and through the kindness of the secretary, the cost has been advanced to the original cost.

A set of dies for club buttons was also procured this year, the cost of which has already been half paid for by the sale of the buttons.

Plans for a pier to extend out into deep water were considered by the committee, but the lowest tender for these being \$600, your committee did not feel justified in even considering the offer.

Repairs and additions to the marine railway have been made during the season, and the committee consider that in this they now have a most complete and necessary adjunct to so important a way.

New lockers have been placed in the club house, which were taken up immediately on completion of the new building, and are now being rented.

The committee have arranged to hold a carnival in the Victoria rink in the early part of the winter, and request all members to give their utmost assistance.

Through the very great courtesy of the Rev. Lindsay Parker, chaplain of this club, an illustrated lecture, entitled "Afloat on the Four Thro' Emerald Isle," will be given by him at the Opera house on Wednesday evening, January 10th next, under the auspices and for the benefit of this club.

Those who have heard Dr. Parker need nothing more than the bare announcement to make us determine that nothing else shall stand in our way for January 10th, but apart from the brilliancy of his Irish wit, apart from the fact that no club ever had a truer, manlier chaplain, reverenced by every man that is a man, the fact that he will be in winter at the way from Brooklyn to do us this honor should make every man in the club resolve to work to make standing room on that evening at a premium.

The increasing membership of the club has made the committee realize that the present rooms are inadequate to the needs of the club, but though many others have been carefully considered, none has been found which the committee would feel justified in submitting for your approval.

A proposition from Capt. Eddy to produce an opera called "The Boat" was submitted to your committee, but the terms were such that it was not considered advisable to undertake it.

Respectfully submitted, EDGAR H. FAIRWEATHER, Commodore.

F. HERBERT J. RUELL, Secretary.

SAILING COMMITTEE'S REPORT. Your sailing committee beg to submit to you the following report of the season of 1899. No effort on the part of the committee has been spared in order to make the racing a complete success.

sailed on June 3 over course D for the Willis cup, the starters being the Canada, Windward, Winogene, Gracie M., Wabwewa, Thetis, Marjorie, Robin Hood, Addie E. and Gracie C. The one gun flying start was used for the first time in this race, and the success and additional interest given to the start by the adoption of this method is now so well realized that no eulogy is necessary. The start was made at 2.35, the Thetis being the first to cross the line, scoring several points for her clever skipper. The wind was southwest for a great portion of the race, light and fluky, but in the last twenty minutes a fine stiff breeze came up from the north. On the first round the Canada led, but getting becalmed off Millikah on the second round was overhauled by nearly all the fleet.

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Some Remarks About the Recent Municipal Elections.

An Occasion to Which the Town Council Did Not Rise—The Carleton Co. Creamery.

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Particulars of the Wreck of the United States Cruiser Charleston.

No Hope of Saving the Vessel, or the Valuable Paraphernalia—Officers and Crew Had a Hard Time.

MEANWILE, Nov. 14, 8 p. m.—Further details regarding the grounding of the U. S. cruiser Charleston show that she struck an uncharted coral reef ten miles east of Kamiguin Island. Her stern was almost submerged and the bow almost out of water. A heavy sea was on, and the cruiser began rolling violently. The watertight doors were quickly closed, but were stove in under the engine compartment, the largest of the ship.

After the first efforts to right her, the officers feared she might slide off because of the heavy sea, and therefore abandoned the attempt to save her. They hurried to the launch and boats and rowed away, prepared to fight for a landing with two Colt, 134 rifles and ten days' rations. Some of the officers and men were dressed only in pajamas and their undertoiletting. The breech blocks of the cannon were removed before the boats put off. Two hours after the Charleston struck all had gotten away. The report that the crew remained two days on the vessel is inaccurate. A party returned two days later, but found it impossible to save anything.

The first landing was made on a little island, with a front of rocks. Next day the boats again took to the water and proceeded to Kamiguin Island, where a landing was made in expectation that fighting would be necessary. So far from this, however, the Charleston's men found a half savage people, who regarded them with curiosity rather than hostility.

On the third day the storm had greatly subsided, and later Gen. McDonald, with boatswain Dominick Glynn and six men, started for the Gulf of Lingayen in a thirty foot sailing launch, hoping to find an American warship, but entirely ignorant of Gen. Wheatson's expedition.