

OUR SPORTING COLUMN.

THE SHAMROCKS.

The Shamrocks, we learn, are actively engaged in an endeavor to secure more extensive headquarters. They are desirous of having them in the vicinity of St. Patrick's parish. Their principal object is to secure a gymnasium and amusement rooms for the members of the Association. This, indeed, is a most laudable step. While the principal object of the Association is to promote the success of the grand national game of Lacrosse, still to that field they do not wish to limit their endeavors. It is most desirable that, during the winter season, such an establishment should be secured wherein the members of the Association can enjoy themselves and reap mental as well as physical benefits. The directors have also arranged to build a splendid skating rink on the old Shamrock grounds. This move, if carried out successfully, must necessarily prove to be a great boon to the rising generation during the winter months. Perhaps there is no amusement or exercise that in winter so well corresponds with the summer's field sports as that of skating. We trust that success will smile upon their efforts, and that the skating rink may be a fresh attraction, and one that, above all, may prove profitable to the Association.

THE M. A. A. A.

It has been currently rumored that the members of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association are contemplating extensive alterations in their club house on Mansfield street. It is proposed that these changes will be made during the coming summer. According to what we have heard the present building will be increased to twice its present capacity. If so there will be ample accommodations for the Association. Owing to the recent increase in membership and the augmentation in all work that falls to the share of the officials, this will be a much needed and highly appreciated improvement.

LACROSSE PROTESTS.

It is with pleasure that we learn of the discontinuance of the protests between the Quebec Club and the Shamrocks. In fact we are very much opposed to all such protests. It would seem to us as if they tended to change results that should spring from the fair field of contest into the mere consequences of legal or other technicalities. It is preferable, by far, to win a game on the field than to carry off a victory by means of protest. This latter method, instead of tending to keep up the healthy out-door sports and the natural emulation that they create, is prone to bring matters for decision before a tribunal that can only go, in its judgment, upon the technicalities of rules and the accidents of regulations.

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

It is the intention of the Shamrocks to have a grand entertainment, at an early date, upon which occasion the trophies won during the past season of Lacrosse, as well as the piano carried off, at the Villa Maria Bazaar, will be presented. Later on, and when more definite arrangements shall be made, we will call special attention to this entertainment, which will certainly be one of the events of the season.

FREE COAL FUND.

The Shamrocks have decided that the Free Coal Fund organization may use their name for an Irish theatre night. This is both generous and charitable, and we trust that the name given thus will be a powerful drawing card in the interests of a most deserving cause.

THE MAISONNEUVE MONUMENT.

Mgr. Fabré has addressed a letter to his clergy inviting them to contribute to the Maisonneuve monument. "This is a task," says His Grace, "which strikes me as being eminently patriotic and worthy of the encouragement of all Catholics and the clergy should not remain aloof. Maisonneuve is one of the brightest and purest figures in our history; the Christian origin of Ville Marie is linked to his name. We should take advantage of this occasion to do him full honor and to show our gratitude for the great things which he did and the vir-

tues which he practised." The Archbishop states that he has sent his own subscription and will receive that of his priests. Their action will certainly, he believes, be productive of much good and stimulate subscriptions by the citizens generally.

ST. ANTHONY'S C. Y. M. S.

GRAND MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

To-morrow evening, Thursday, December 6, in the St. Anthony's Hall (basement of St. Anthony's Church) a grand musical and dramatic entertainment will be given by the members of the St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's Society. It is expected that the hall will be thronged, as the society is one of the most popular in the city, and the talent on the programme is exceptionally attractive. A Bell piano has been loaned by Messrs. Willis & Co., of Notre Dame street, for the occasion. Miss Drumm and Messrs. M. A. Pheasant and G. M. Hockley will act as accompanists. Without going any further, we have already mentioned enough to ensure a successful entertainment. The following is the programme—which consists of two parts and a one-act comedy entitled "The Secret, or a Hole in the Wall," with which the entertainment will close. The cast of characters for the comedy is as follows: Pat Ryley, "Never out of Trouble," Mr. Law. C. O'Brien; Mr. Irving, sr., Mr. W. P. Doyle; Master Fred, Mr. Harry Corcoran; Tom Brown, Mr. M. T. Cullen; Ed. Brown, Mr. Ed. Goodwin; and Ikey Hissetters, Mr. Will E. Wall.

After giving the programme, which is a most attractive one, we will have a word to say about the society itself.

PART FIRST.

1. Opening Remarks by the President, Mr. P. J. Gordon
2. Piano Solo.....Miss Drumm
3. Song.....Miss Marie Hollinshead
4. Barjo and Bandola Selections, Messrs. W. Hammall and E. C. Eaton
5. Song.....Mr. Frank Feron
6. Recitation.....Mr. L. C. O'Brien
7. Song.....Miss O'Malley
8. Sailors' Hornpipe.....Mr. J. P. McAnally
9. Duett.....Miss N. McAndrew and Mr. Frank Feron

PART SECOND.

1. Piano Solo.....Mr. C. M. Hockley
2. Comic Song.....Mr. James Cardiff
3. Recitation.....Miss Mabel Appleton
4. Song.....Miss N. McAndrew
5. Entertainment.....Mr. Percy Evans
6. Song.....Miss Marie Hollinshead
7. Club Singing.....Mr. Thomas Matthews
8. Song.....Mr. Charles Hamlin

St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's Society has been in existence for about ten years and has been exceedingly successful since the day of its inception. It now numbers about one hundred members, and they own one of the finest halls in the city, on St. Antoine street. It is an immense building and the interior is furnished with all kinds of amusements for the young men. Perhaps the finest hand ball alley in Montreal is that which adjoins the hall, and was built at considerable expenses by the society. In those days of lacrosse, football, baseball, and other more or less modern games it is a pleasure to know that the good old Irish game of handball is not allowed to pass out of existence. It is one of the least dangerous and most health-imparting amusements that has ever been invented.

The first spiritual director of the society was Rev. Father McCarthy; for a time the Rev. Father O'Donnell, the popular and beloved pastor of St. Mary's, held the office relinquished by Rev. Father McCarthy. Then came the Rev. Father Larque, the present genial parish priest of St. Louis de France. Finally the fourth and actually director is the Rev. Father Donnelly, the universally esteemed and kind-hearted as well as zealous pastor of St. Anthony's parish. The society has in its ranks some of the model young Catholics of the city, and the good that it is doing is difficult to adequately estimate.

We once more express the hope that this concert will be a grand success, and we can promise all who attend a good time and a hearty welcome.

HONORING MR. LORGE.

We were pleased to learn, last week, that our popular and respected citizen—Mr. J. B. Lorge of St. Lawrence Main

street—was made the recipient of a magnificent testimonial in the form of a pair of gold studs and a handsome watch charm set in diamonds. It is well known that Mr. Lorge is a prominent member of the administration of the G. A. R. for the district of Vermont. During the progress of the recent annual encampment, Mr. W. E. Wood, a member of the G. A. R., took advantage of Mr. Lorge's presence to make this splendid donation. It must be pleasant to our many citizens, who know Mr. Lorge, and all of whom admire his high integrity, fine qualities, and kindly disposition, to learn the news of this well-deserved tribute. We wish Mr. Lorge many happy years, and prosperous ones, to enjoy the admiration and friendship of all who come within the circle of his acquaintance.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a general meeting of the above society, held on Sunday, December 2, resolutions of condolence were adopted and copies ordered to be sent to Mr. M. Lynch, 126 Murray street, on the death of his son; also to Mr. Edward Sullivan, 26 Young street, on the death of his mother; and also to Mr. M. Lynch, 150 Ottawa street, on the death of his sister.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular meeting of Div. No. 1, A.O.H., held in their hall, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, 1894, the following resolution of condolence was adopted:

Whereas,—It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite goodness, to remove from our midst our beloved brother and worthy member, Thomas Birmingham, who departed this life on Sunday, Nov. 18th, 1894, and

Whereas,—Whilst we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doth all things well, we cannot but deeply feel the loss of such a worthy member; for in the death of our beloved brother our Division loses one of its most active members; one who has always been zealous for the good and welfare of our noble Order, and in whom was truly embodied the threefold principles of "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity." His once happy home has been made desolate by the loss of a kind husband and father and a beloved brother; therefore, be it

Resolved,—That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in this the hour of deepest sorrow and affliction, and hope that our mutual loss will be his eternal gain; and be it further

Resolved,—That we present a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and that they be spread on the minutes of this Division, and be published in the TRUE WITNESS.

(Signed)

BERNARD FEENY,
REDMOND KEYS.

FROM THE DUBLIN IRISH CATHOLIC LIC.

Sometime ago we referred to the Hon. Mr. Curran's address, delivered at an Ontario picnic, in which he alluded to the question of snakes being unable to live on Irish soil. Considerable comment was created in the American and European press by this remark, and finally Mr. Curran's quotation from Mr. Hagan's book, on the "Irish in Australia," went the rounds of the press. We give below the quotation and the short but emphatic comment of the Dublin Irish Catholic:

Sir Henry accepted his fate with philosophical resignation, and commenced to build a new home for himself on the beautiful estate which he had purchased and called Vauluse. But though the place was, and still is, one of the loveliest spots on earth, it had at that time one serious and annoying drawback. It was infested with snakes. One day, however, a bright idea struck Sir Henry. He resolved to try a bold and remarkable experiment. He accordingly sent home for a number of barrels of Irish soil, and they arrived in Sydney in due course. Sir Henry then spread this imported earth as far as it would go around his residence, with the result, very gratifying to himself, that his domestic precincts were never afterwards troubled with snakes, although the other portions of the estate continued to be infested by the reptiles. Succeeding occupants of Vauluse, amongst them the distinguished statesman, W. O. Wentworth, all agree

in testifying to the singular fact that a snake was never known to cross the charmed circle of Irish earth.

This verification of ancient Irish belief is certainly remarkable.

DIED.

FOLEY—In this city, on November 30, Thomas W. Foley, eldest and dearly beloved son of James Foley, dry goods merchant. Funeral took place from his father's residence, 77 Coursol street, on Sunday, December 2, 1894, and funeral service in St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 3, at 8 a.m.

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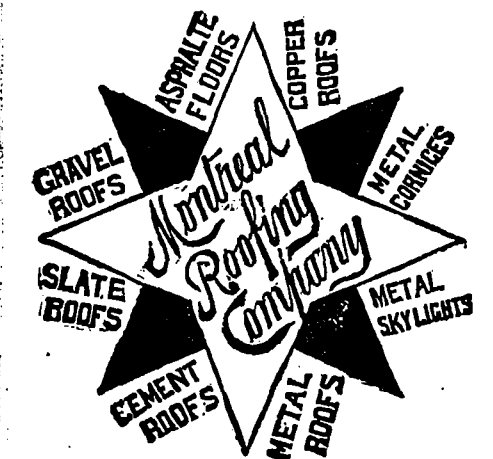
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