

exclusively American team, and promises to be a dangerous one, as the members of it are all athletes, who have speed, strength, and time to practice. The Brooklyn would be very glad to receive a few more accessions, and would try hard to make it pleasant for any Canadian players who came to live among them. Business is booming in N. Y. now, and players who are out of positions in your city and other cities, would do well, I am sure, to turn their eyes this way. We play an exhibition game on the new Polo grounds next Saturday of which more anon.

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#### OUR MONTREAL LETTER.

On 1st July the Montreal second twelve visited the beautiful little town of Frelighsburg, where they met a second Caughnawaga team under the captaincy of Keraroniare. After a very hard game on a rough field, time was called with the match in favor of the Indians by two to one.

To-day (Saturday) the Shamrocks met the Indian team which gave the Montreal men such a *mauvais quart d'heure* last week. There was but one change on the Indian team—a young fellow named Beauvois going on, but this did not materially alter the strength. The Shamrocks were: Cline, goal; Brennan, point; Lally, cover point; Hart, Butler, McGuire, Farmer, centre; McKeown, Meehan, Robinson, with Murphy and Morton, home. W. O. Farmer was referee. The ball was started at ten minutes to four, and at once a very hard struggle began, the ball being thrown from end to end. Now it looked a moral for the "Shams;" now for the Indians. After a little play at the upper goal, the ball went under the fence, and "face" was the order. Farmer got in some shots in his cool way, but his stick seemed out of order. Although the ball flew up and down, the Shamrock defence was not very hard pressed, as their long throws had a great effect. Once, however, the Indians made one of their "old time" grand rushes, and the ball went from end to end without touching the ground, amid the hearty applause of friend and foe. It was one of the best things I have seen for a long time. Hardly had this brilliant feat been accomplished when Mr. Croasling the River managed to trip up Farmer, and got a well-deserved admonition from the referee. On the "face" the ball hovered about centre field, and was "tobled" to McKeown, who got in a good grounder, and as Keraroniare was out some thirty feet, to his surprise it did the trick. Time, 30 minutes.

The second game was soon started, and although hotly fought for, seemed to be in dangerous proximity to the Indian flag. Here Morton caught it, dodged one red skin, and tried the same game on Keraroniare, who came down a regular thud on his head (a pure accident), which, however, seemed to make Morton more determined, and he sent in a savage ball which could not be stopped. Time, 35½ min.

Very little time was lost in starting the next game, but the Indians, despite some beautiful play, never were dangerous, and the Shamrocks, who seemed everywhere, took the third game in 11 minutes.

Brooklyn play the Champions on Saturday. Bumor has it the latter and the Montreal will play a home and home match

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#### DOMINIONS vs. CLIFTONS.

A lacrosse match was played in Clifton on Dominion Day between the Dominions of Toronto and the Cliftons, before a pretty fair attendance. Mr. Ellis was chosen referee, and Messrs. J. Colby, of Toronto, and Hammon, of Clifton, acted as umpires. The ball, which was faced at 1.30, was thrown down on the Cliftons' flag, where it remained pretty nearly all the time, until Hull tipped it through, thus winning the first game for the Dominions in twenty-five minutes. The second game was won by the Cliftons in fifteen minutes. The third was a repetition of the first, the ball being at last secured by Walker, who dropped it through the Cliftons goal; time, twenty-eight minutes. The fourth and last game was more closely contested, the ball travelling up to the Dominions' goal several times, and at last after some very hard play Walker again threw the ball through the Cliftons' flag; time, twenty-two minutes. The defence players of the Cliftons played a very good game. The Dominions did not play in their usual

dashing style, seeming to be very careless about the result of the match, and owing to the hard ground they could not pick up the ball like their opponents, who seemed quite at home at it. The match was not a very keenly contested one, the Cliftons playing a defensive game throughout.

#### MONTREALERS v. TORONTO'S.

This match, which has since its announcement caused a considerable amount of speculation amidst lacrosse circles, was played on Dominion Day on the grounds of the Toronto Club, before a large and fashionable audience. As we predicted in our last issue the match was won by the Montreal team; they taking the second, third and fourth games in 18, 38 and 49 minutes respectively, the first game being won by the home team in 4 minutes. The play throughout the entire match although not brilliant, was hard and well sustained, and the interest of the spectators became more marked as the game advanced. The Toronto's played without two of their best men, Arthur and S. Hughes, and their absence was all the more marked on account of the weakness of the home team, who represented the club on the occasion, Suckling being badly in need of practice, and Sherwood overmatched by his older and more experienced opponent Sherwood, considering that it was his maiden match against such redoubtable players as the Montrealers have always proved themselves, played a plucky and determined game and bids fair with additional years and experience to rank well up amongst the first class men. Davis, another of the new men, played a good game, but was evidently too much excited to be able to show what he was really capable of; he is a fast runner and will in time make a good player. Orr, also a new player, did some most excellent work and proved beyond a doubt his fitness for a place on the representative team. Throughout the entire match he played with great intrepidity and dash, and his performance was characterised by an amount of judgment rarely exhibited by young players on such an important occasion. Segrain, late of the Acme club of this city, although a new addition to the team, is an old player and well known to the lacrosse public. As usual he played a beautiful catch game, and will make an important addition to the team.

Although all of the old players played well, few of them were up to the championship form. The exceptions were McKenzie, Bonnell and Martin. Their playing was good throughout and drew forth the cheers of the audience time and again, of the others J. Ross in goal made some excellent stops, but seemed nervous and flurried; W. O. Ross was in want of practice and did not do himself justice, Hughes played well but does not come near his old game of three years ago; Logan put in some hard and very honest work and did good service to his side; but as we pointed out before exhibits defects in style which detract from his otherwise efficient play. The Toronto's were strong on defence and in the field, but lamentably weak at the home, a condition of things hardly compatible with success in a match with teams like the Montrealers. Their play, however, was dashing and showed a decided improvement over any of their previous efforts this season. If they can strengthen their home and get their players to take plenty of honest practice, they may hope to accomplish something worthy of their reputation before the season is out, but they must make up their minds to a complete reversal of their past policy of "masterly inactivity" if they would insure success.

The Montrealers played a good honest, and at times a brilliant game, but one far below their effort on the same ground last year, on the occasion of the Gov. Generals and Princess's visit. This they account for by the fact that they were short of four of their old players and had their places filled by new men, McGregor, Patterson, Sheppard and Elliot being the new additions. Although these new men exhibited the usual degree of nervousness, they are by no means second-rate players, and in several cases outplayed some of their veteran coadjutors. The play of Sheppard at defence field was particularly noticeable, and he gives promise of being a worthy successor to W. Hubbell. McGregor, although suffering from a very badly sprained hand, showed enough fine play to prove that under more favorable circum-

stances he will be a dangerous man to tackle. Patterson and Elliott played fairly well, but occasionally showed symptoms of extreme nervousness. They handled the ball very prettily, however, and when they get steadied down will make good substitutes for the veterans who have dropped out. Of the old players, Hubbell, Kay and Aird on the defence played a magnificent game, and time and again saved their flags when game seemed almost certain for their opponents. The long throwing of Aird and Hubbell was much admired and was very effective at times in changing the current of the game. All of these players sustained their high reputation for scientific play. Griffin was ubiquitous as usual at centre field, and played a dashing game, although on account of a broken stick he did not make as accurate throwing as he usually does in matches. He "fed the home," however, in the most approved fashion, and proved satisfactorily that his recent illness has not impaired either his playing or staying qualities. Cairns, Blacklock and Paton played a strong, and, as it proved, a very successful home game; but it had not the vim and dash of their former efforts. They worked well together, however, and at times showed some touches of their old-time game, which proved that they had not forgotten how it was done.

This match was somewhat peculiar in the way in which it was played, the first game, and early part of the second were mainly played in the field, the rest of the match being fought out at either goal, the ball rarely getting a chance to stay at centre field even for a moment. Captains Massey, Toronto, and McIndoe, Montreal, deserve great credit for the way in which they handled their men, and it was in a great measure owing to their untiring efforts that the match was so stubbornly contested.

The only thing that marred the harmony of what would otherwise have been a perfect match, was a couple of displays of temper, resulting in each case in one player deliberately striking another with his croasse. It so happened that each side had a player guilty of this offence, which we cannot censure too strongly, as it is neither manly nor gentlemanly, sets a bad example to young players, and is extremely distasteful to the spectators. The penalty laid down in the rules is immediate expulsion from the field, which, although severe, is none too strict for the offence. If a player cannot control his temper he should not play lacrosse, as nothing we know of looks worse on the field. With this exception, which we only chronicle in the hope that it may act as a warning to others, the match passed off with the greatest harmony, and at its conclusion victors and vanquished gave a mutual interchange of cheers.

#### DOMINION DAY GAMES.

A MATCH FOR MONEY.—The Brant Club of Paris, played Gibson's team of Indians at Paris for \$25. The Indians won by six straight games.

The Victorias of Toronto played the Orangeville's at Orangeville, the former team winning easily.

At St. Catharines the Brants of Brantford and the St. Catharines played a match which ended unsatisfactorily. The sides were evenly matched and the Brants only secured the first two games after an hour and a quarter, and 25 minutes play. Brant claimed the third game, and because the umpire decided "no game" they left the field. The referee called time, and the Brants not appearing the referee gave the match to the Athletics according to rule 6, section 3 of the Laws of Lacrosse.

The Ontario Club of Toronto, and the Barrie Club played a good game at Barrie, resulting in a victory for the Toronto team in three straight games.

At Paris the Hamilton Shamrocks played the Brant's of Paris. The Shamrocks won, and the Hamilton paper says the Shamrocks "together with the glory, got the very practical token of ten dollars." Messrs. Robinson (field captain), Hutton, Coulson, Day, Stewart, White, Smith, Kapelle, Overton, McCann, Walker, McLean and Leith played for the Shamrock Club. The Brants Messrs. Fair, Roberts, Henderson, McKay, Mavery, Watson, Inksetter, Taylor, Palmer, Adams, Oliver, Adams and Revel.

The most attractive feature of the Foresters demonstration at Listowel on Dominion Day, was a Lacrosse match between the Phoenix club at Listowel and the Stars of Listowel. The visiting team being older organized and in somewhat better practice succeeded in taking three straight games.

#### NOTES.

The Unions of Boston, U. S., have received an invitation from a prominent New York gentleman to visit Staten Island the last week in July, and the