

THE SHAMROCKS.

THE REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION MOST SATISFACTORY.

An Annual Meeting—Addresses by the President, Mr. J. P. Clarke, Mr. E. Halley, and others—Bright Prospects for the Future.

The semi-annual meeting of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association was held last Thursday evening. Mr. Joseph P. Clarke, the president, occupied the chair. The principal feature of the session was the report of the secretary-treasurer, which was a very complete document in all its forms of detail. Although the association has been organized for a period of three years and duly incorporated by act of Parliament within one year afterwards it never manifested any sign of vigor in the prosecution of its objects until the season commencing in May last. Consequently the statement submitted at last night meeting was the first of the kind since its formation. When it is considered that the sources of revenue are restricted to membership fees and lacrosse matches it speaks well for the administration of the board of directors that the receipts during the term amounted to \$9,300 with the cash in hand at the opening of the season \$1,520.80, representing a total sum of \$10,820.81 which passed through their hands. The expenditure was equally large, mainly because the Shamrock grounds at St. Louis du Mile End was undergoing equipment, with a few of occupation at the close of next season. On that account the directors expended \$3,220 for fencing, ticket offices, drainage and laying out of grounds.

The next item of expenditure which takes rank in amount was for the maintenance of St. Catherine street grounds, and no less a sum than \$2,812 was disbursed in rental, taxes, repairs, caretaker's salary and in the erection of the large platform on the south side of grounds.

The railway account for travelling expenses of team and members of the association during excursions was a very important item during the lacrosse season, as is evidence by the fact that the amount required for that purpose reached the very respectable figure of \$1,469.

The other amounts of expenditure were given in detail and are associated with the administration of lacrosse matches and supplies necessary thereto, amounting to \$2,869. The balance of cash on hand was \$450.31.

The auditors' report, which accompanied the statement, read as follows:

"We, the undersigned auditors, have examined the books, vouchers and semi-annual cash statement of the association and find the same to be correct. We desire to express our satisfaction at the manner in which the books are kept and the statement prepared as well as congratulate the association upon securing the services of so efficient a secretary-treasurer.

"The cash balance on hand, while not large, shows that the association is in a satisfactory financial condition and that all that is required is proper care and management, as the condition of success.

"We regard the balance as being equally satisfactory, on account of the large amount expended on construction account at the new grounds."

"The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed.)

A. DEMERS, } Auditors.
P. H. BARTLEY, }

The President, in referring to the report, said that the first six months of active work of the association was, indeed, very satisfactory in every respect. He also dwelt upon the important duty devolving upon them in connection with the new grounds, when it would be necessary to proceed with the erection of a club house, grand stand and running track next summer. He estimated the cost of this work at \$15,000, although it was somewhat premature to review the actual standing of the association, as that was a matter for consideration at the annual meeting in April, when the history of their operations would be submitted and discussed. He, however, considered the question of such great importance that he would invite discussion in the form of sugges-

tion. He also said he was very glad to announce that, despite the fact of having been obliged to enter into an expenditure of \$3,220 one year in advance of what was practically necessary, the association now held the new grounds covering an area of 850,000 feet, fenced and equipped with entrances, ticket offices, tile drainage, as well as being generally laid out, without having one dollar of encumbrance upon it in any form. Continuing, he said that the cause and necessity of being obliged to proceed so early with the equipment of new grounds was due to the fact that an exemption from taxation was obtained from the municipality of St. Louis du Mile End for a period of 20 years, provided that the work of construction at the grounds was commenced during the month of August last.

Mr. E. Halley followed, and urged in a most strenuous and vigorous manner the importance of prosecuting the work of construction without delay. He pointed out in forcible terms that it would be a saving of at least \$2,000, because the old grounds' expenditure for rental and repairs would disappear. He admitted it was a large undertaking to build a grand stand and club house of the standard and dimensions which he proposed sometime ago, but his sole desire was to secure an equipment for the new Shamrock grounds, which would take a front rank amongst similar playing grounds in America. He had also hoped that the work would have been in an advanced stage now, but as the winter season was about to set in the matter would have to be deferred until next spring. Mr. T. P. Crowe followed and endorsed any undertaking which meant the adoption of the most approved and most modern plans for a grand stand and club house. He was of opinion that in view of the fact that the present St. Catherine street ground lease did not expire until the first of May, 1894, and also considering the necessity of securing a plan which would be an improvement on any other grounds it seem desirable and wise to go slowly and consider the matter carefully during the winter.

Mr. E. Loye endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, and considered that the action of the directors in proceeding with caution would receive the support of the members present.

Speeches were also made by Messrs. P. H. Bartley, P. McKeown and others, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The chairman, in answer to a question put by a member regarding the prospects of the newly organized hockey club, called on its president, Mr. R. J. Cooke, to give an explanation. Mr. Cooke, in reply, stated that they had a hockey club for several years, but last year, through one cause or another, chiefly because the association had not taken any active part in the matter, no team was put on the ice. However, this year it is the intention to enter the race for the championship, and he had every reason to believe that the record of the hockey team at the close of the season would be worthy of that of the lacrosse team. He also said that they were waiting on the result of the deliberations of the directors of the association who were now considering the question of constructing a rink on the St. Catherine Street grounds. He also expressed himself as being strongly in favor of playing championship matches on open rinks. The chairman, in reply to another question relative to railway communication with the new grounds, stated that the Montreal, Park and Island railway had secured several lots in the vicinity of the grounds and were now preparing plans to erect a large station and siding in order to accommodate the public. He also said that the company have entered into arrangements with the association for a double track the distance between the city and the grounds before the first of next May, and that the work was in an advanced condition, one of the tracks being now completed and passed in front of the main entrance by crossing Shamrock avenue.

The Shamrock Hockey club have made application for admission to the association, and it is generally conceded that at the annual meeting of the Emerald Snowshoe club, which takes place next Monday evening, a motion will be adopted with a similar intention, so that the next statement at the annual meeting will show a large increase of membership.

It is not unlikely that a further influx of membership may be secured by the adoption of a project which has been discussed by several leading members of the association and which is receiving much favor amongst the members generally, and that is to bring about an amalgamation or the affiliation of several leading young men's literary societies, and by that means erect a large building in the centre of the city, where they would have a hall, library, reading rooms and every feature calculated to increase a desire to combine physical and mental culture.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The debate on the parish councils or local government bill occupied all the time of the House of Commons this evening.

Walter McLaren, Radical, a pronounced woman suffragist, moved that the committee be instructed to insert in the bill a provision enfranchising women who would be entitled if they were men to vote in local government and parliamentary elections.

Henry Fowler, president of the Local Government Board, opposed for the ministry Mr. McLaren's motion. Women already possessing the right to vote on local affairs, he said, would have also the right to vote for parish councillors. The multiplication of amendments threatened to prolong the debate indefinitely and suffocate the bill.

The House then divided on McLaren's motion, which was carried by a vote of 147 to 126. The announcement that the Government had been defeated by a majority of 21 was greeted with ironical cheers from the Unionists and shouts of "Resign." Among those voting against the Government were Sir Charles Dilke, Advanced Radical; and James Stansfield, Radical, and former President of the Local Government Board; Justin McCarthy, leader of the Anti-Parnellites; John Leng, Advanced Liberal; John Burns, the labor agitator; Edward Blake, the Irish Nationalist from Canada, and William O'Brien, Anti-Parnellite.

The Daily News mildly lectures Mr. Fowler for having led the Government to defeat in the House of Commons last evening. "He failed to recognize the essential justice of Mr. McLaren's position" it says. "The Franchise proposal can be effected without difficulty. Mr. Fowler would have done better to acquiesce if only to make a virtue of necessity."

The Loudest Noise Ever Heard on Earth.

No thunder from the skies was ever accompanied with a roar of such vehemence as that which issued from the throat of the great volcano Krakatoa, an islet lying in the Straits of Sunda, between Sumatra and Java, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, Aug. 27, 1883. At that dreadful Sunday night wore on the noise increased in intensity and frequency. The explosions succeeded each other so rapidly that a continuous roar seemed to issue from the island. The critical moment was now approaching, and the outbreak was preparing for a majestic culmination.

The people of Batavia did not sleep that night. Their windows quivered with the thunders from Krakatoa, which

A SEDENTARY OCCUPATION,



plenty of sitting down and not much exercise, ought to have Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets to go with it. They absolutely and permanently cure Constipation. One tiny, sugar-coated Pellet is a corrective, a regulator, a gentle laxative. They're the smallest, the easiest to take, and the most natural remedy—no reaction afterward. Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all stomach and bowel derangements are prevented, relieved and cured.



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resounded like the discharge of artillery in their streets. Finally at 10 o'clock on Monday morning a stupendous convulsion took place which far transcended any of the shocks which had preceded it. This supreme effort it was which raised the mightiest noise ever heard on the globe. Batavia is ninety-five miles distant from Krakatoa. At Carimon Java, 355 miles away reports were heard on that Sunday morning which led to the belief that there must be some vessel in the distance which was discharging its guns as signals of distress. The authorities sent out boats to make a search; they presently returned, as nothing could be found in want of succor.

The reports were sounds which came all the way from Krakatoa. At Macassar, in Celebes, loud explosions attracted the notice of everybody. Two steamers were hastily sent out to find out what was the matter. The sounds had traveled from the Straits of Sunda, a distance of 969 miles. But mere hundreds of miles will not suffice to illustrate the extraordinary distance to which the greatest noise that ever was heard was able to penetrate. The figures have to be expressed in thousands.

This seems almost incredible, but it is certainly true. In the Victorian plains in West Australia, the shepherds were startled by noises like heavy cannonading. It was some time afterwards before they learned that their tranquility had been disturbed by the grand events at Krakatoa, 1,700 miles away.—From the "Youth's Companion."

St. Patrick's Oyster Festival

The St. Patrick's oyster festival was brought to a close of last Wednesday evening and proved, as anticipated, a most successful and enjoyable event. The success of the festival is due to the indefatigable efforts of the following Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's congregation, who had the principal charge of the various booths. They were assisted in a very efficient manner by their lady friends:—

Confectionery—Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. Monk.

Toys—Mrs. William McNally, Mrs. C. F. Smith.

Cigars and soft drinks—The Misses McCormack, Miss Butler.

Ice cream and cake—Mrs. T. McKenna, Mrs. J. McCrory.

Oysters and other refreshments—Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Harding.

Tea set—Mrs. F. B. McNamee, the Misses Coleman.

Tableaux—Mrs. Beauchamp, Mrs. M. Elliott.

In charge of guests' table—Mrs. Cahlane and Mrs. M. Phelan, assisted by a score of lady waitresses.

10 p.m., special supper—Mrs. R. Warren, Miss Fitzgerald.

Flowers—Mrs. Emerson, Miss Emerson.

Art gallery—Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Reynolds.

National horse race—Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. Jensen.

Electric elevator—Mrs. J. J. Costigan, Mrs. Griffin.

Store room—Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. McEnroe, Miss Reilly, Miss Austin.

Cloak room—The Misses McCouragh, Downey and Wilson.

The officers of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society formed an efficient committee of management. The tableaux, the choirs of angels and the Virgin Mother of Christ in silent adoration of God, was very beautiful, and evoked long continued applause. The average attendance was 800 each night. The returns are not yet all in, but are sufficient to show a net profit of \$1,150.

Bishop Ryan, as treasurer of the delegate residence fund, has forwarded to Mgr. Satolli, \$10,500 mostly the contribution from the Buffalo diocese, for that purpose. It is nearly a third of the price of the \$35,000 mansion recently selected in Washington.

Pompous school examiner: How is the earth divided? Intelligent lad: By earthquakes sir.

Yabsley: Well, what's the latest in the racing line? Mudge: The horse. I bet on usually.

A bit of every day philosophy—Many a man has made a goose of himself with a single quill.