

Sporting Comment

J. C. MILLER'S All-Canadian lacrosse team would have been wise in their generation if they had left out their games in British Columbia. Getting the team together the day they started on this long tour, there was no chance for them to learn each other's ways or those little tricks of combination that go so far towards winning. Neither does railroad travel fit men for playing strenuous. Consequently it was to be expected that when they met a first-class team like New Westminster they would get beaten—and well beaten. But a score of seventeen to nothing against them was too much. When the returns were all in, did Mr. Miller take a vote of the team to decide whether they would go ahead or turn back home?

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The two stars of the recent C. A. A. U. meet at Toronto Island were W. R. Knox, of the Central Y. M. C. A., and Tom Longboat, of the West End Y. M. C. A. Knox was disqualified a few days later for professionalism, and threatened with prosecution on a charge of perjury, while the great Indian found a police cell inside the week for disturbing the quiet of peaceful Hamilton. However, the West End Y. M. C. A. made a couple of thousand dollars out of the meet, and the good old cause of amateur sport was none the worse for it.

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So it became necessary to once more inform Mr. Titus, the famous Yankee amateur oarsman, that he really wasn't wanted at Henley. Let's see, isn't this three times the same glad tidings have been gently broken to the same gentleman? And a man who is thrice told should take a telling.

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Those Toronto golfers who were beaten at the Lower Lakes League Tournament at Detroit, represented the Toronto Club, and not Toronto as a whole. At that they gave Detroit a close run, while, as usual, Geo. S. Lyon won the singles. It is rather disappointing that there is little prospect of an international game this year, as some of the best authorities on golf think that a Canadian team could be selected that would make a good showing against the best that could be found south of the boundary line.

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The lacrosse so far played in the N. L. U. series seems to show Shamrocks, Tecumsehs and Torontos the strongest teams. The English trip seems to have been detrimental to the champion Capitals, but a defeat on their own grounds by Cornwall has wakened them up a bit, and a few weeks' practice will again make them contenders in the race for the Minto Cup. Montrealers, too, will likely be heard from before the season grows much older. In fact, the series seems just as strong and well balanced as it was a year ago, when Capitals, Tecumsehs, Torontos and Cornwall tried for the championship.

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The racing game has moved on to Buffalo and Windsor. Toronto had the most successful meet in the history of the Woodbine. Hamilton sends in a similar report, and though the attendance at Blue Bonnets, the new Montreal track, was a trifle small at times, there is every reason to believe that only patience is required to make a new racing centre in the East. Of course, mistakes were made this year, and one of them was having dates to conflict with Hamilton. But experience teaches, and those mistakes won't occur again.

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And the attendance question will work itself out all right, too. A city has to be educated up to a racing standard. It takes time to let the social end see its facilities for exhibiting clothes, and the other end those unequalled facilities for losing money. When this is accomplished the fight is over, and Montreal Jockey Club stock will be more valuable than Yukon nuggets.



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