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## LOCAL ITEMS.

The Skiff Races have furnished no end of sport on Wednesday afternoons, and some of the contests have become exciting.

In the Thistle-Flirt Match, the Flirt succeeded in winning three events to the Thistle's one, the Thistle establishing a rough weather record. In the Viola-Minstrel series the score stands one all, the Minstrel being awarded the last race on a foul. She was beautifully handled, and crossed the line not a boat's length behind the fleet Viola, showing great speed in reaching and running free. The skiff race for 21 footers is still undecided, Gildersleeve's Wonka and O'Donnell's Fearless having each scored at victory at the time of writing.

The punt races have been amusing and instructive to the youthful captains, and honors are easy—the Letter B., sailed by Harold and Herbert Clarke, and the Flamingo by W. Dennison and J. McWaters, having won one race each. A third race was started but not finished, as the captain of the Letter B. claimed a "crooked start," but afterward withdrew his charges, and it is to be hoped made ample apology for his mistake.

The Viola came to grief during a recent gale, and upset with a crew of experts on board. Now the great moral question is who upset the Viola, as every one of the crew blames another fellow for the accident. The case will be investigated by the local Lloyds, and the salvage

claimed by the Portsmouth rescuers paid by the delinquent. One thing was satisfactorily proved, viz., the fact that the Viola has enough air tanks and cork on board to keep a crew not only afloat, but comparatively dry in case of an upset.

Mr. Fisher, Reeve of Portsmouth, has purchased the yacht Wild Flower, and says that botanically she must be called a "daisy."

Mr. T. Carson, of Princess street, has parted with his trained Irish Water Spaniel, "Dan Rice," at the price of \$150.00. "Dan's" new home is Dakotah, U. S.

A new Secret Society has been formed in Kingston, with the suggestive name of "The Sons of Rest." Their Lodge Room is situated in a certain city boat house, and the initiation fee is payable in street car tickets. Dues are also paid in the same fee simple or initialled notes of hand.

Columbine is making great preparations for the Industrial Bench Show in Toronto, and expects to get fame and glory with a certain beautiful Gordon Setter.

Mrs. Aveling, Matron of the Verdun Hospital at Montreal, died quite suddenly this month. We heard of her death with great regret.

Miss Walker, Matron of the Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, made a flying visit to Rockwood recently. Her many friends gave her a warm welcome.