

Lacrosse.

Secretaries of Clubs will please forward short concise reports of their Meetings and Games, as soon as possible after the events happen. Write on one side of the paper only. Address all correspondence or questions on this subject to the Lacrosse Editor, TOWN AND COUNTRY, Toronto, Ont.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CLUBS BELONGING TO THE NATIONAL AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

At the late Convention of the National Association it was unanimously resolved,

"That TOWN AND COUNTRY be adopted as the official organ of the Association."

In pursuance of the above resolution, I shall in future publish all notices of business in connection with the Association in this paper, and will consider such publication to be the same as if each individual club had been notified by circular.

For this reason it will be necessary for every club in the Association to take at least one copy of TOWN AND COUNTRY in order to keep themselves posted upon any premeditated changes in the laws, appeals, decisions of council, or other business of the Association.

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"THE OFFICIAL ORGAN."

We wish to direct the attention of Lacrosse Clubs to the official letter at the head of this column anent the appointment of TOWN AND COUNTRY as the official organ of the National Association. If every club in the Association (and out of it as well) can be induced to subscribe for a copy of the paper, the advantage to the game would be very marked. As things formerly stood, if a player had any ideas he thought would be beneficial to the game, he had no means of communicating them to the lacrosse public except through the local papers. This was all well enough for those who took them, but there was and is no one paper in Canada to day that is taken by lacrosse players generally. The result was that his opinions were almost entirely lost because of the want of a common medium for the interchange of ideas upon such topics. It was for this reason principally that certain of the delegates at the late Convention advocated the adoption of an official organ so inexpensive that all the clubs could afford to subscribe, and thus secure a medium that would be certain to reach the bulk of Lacrosse players throughout the country.

If the Lacrosse Clubs in Canada take the organ, a discussion upon any live subject would be certain to bring out the ideas of the best and most thoughtful lacrosse players, because, in sending a letter to such a paper they would feel certain of having their ideas laid before the lacrosse public in every place in Canada where the game was played. At present this end can only be accomplished by issuing a circular letter, a tedious and expensive process which no individual player, be he ever so interested in the game, ever attempts. While it is advisable that every Lacrosse Club in Canada should take the paper thus selected, it is imperative upon clubs in the Association to do so if they wish to keep themselves posted on the work that the Association has in hand. As was explained by the Hon. Sec'y at the last Convention, in future all official communications made by him to clubs will simply be published in TOWN AND COUNTRY and such publication will be considered the same as if each club had been notified by circular as has previously been the case. This, while equally good for the clubs, will save the Association a great deal of expense and the Secretary a considerable amount of labor. For the reasons stated above, and others into

which we have neither time nor space at present to enter, we trust that the official organ will receive a liberal support from every Lacrosse Club in the Dominion.

ACROSS THE BORDER.

We have just received from the Secretary of the American Association an account of their second convention, from which it will be seen that the game is flourishing in the United States, and has good prospects ahead. We are glad to know that the American Association has not only endorsed the action of our Association regarding professionalism, but has also adopted, entire, all the changes in the "Laws of the game" made at the late Convention. As we pointed out some time ago, the Canadian Association has a work to do in connection with Lacrosse which can be done by no other Association, because, at the present time, this country has the largest number of experienced lacrosse players who have made a study of the needs of the game. The action of the American Association is a high compliment to the reliability of our own, and shows the manner in which it is appreciated abroad. Their action in assimilating the laws is highly to be commended, and cannot fail to do good to the game by strengthening the bands of the Association and adding weight to its utterances.

THE AMERICAN CONVENTION.

The second annual convention of the United States National Amateur Lacrosse Association, was held at the Astor House, New York, on Saturday evening, June 12, and was attended by a large number of delegates representing the different American lacrosse clubs. In the absence of the president, Mr. Hermann Oelrichs, who was detained at Washington by important business, the meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Macdonald, U.A.C., Boston, Vice-President. A very gratifying report of the game's progress was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. R. Flannery, which showed that it was taking firm root here and becoming more popular every year. It also showed that the playing strength of American clubs had been largely developed, and that before long it was very probable the championship of America instead of being in the hands of Canadian clubs would be a fixture in the United States. The feature of playing International matches had already been inaugurated by the Union Athletic Club of Boston, who visited Montreal last month, and although defeated there made a surprisingly good fight, considering that three of their strongest players were replaced on the team by substitutes. The Baltimore Athletic Club have also made arrangements to play the champions of America (the Shamrocks) in Montreal, on June 25, and will be followed a few weeks later by the Brooklyn Lacrosse Club. The Shamrocks will make a short American tour before the close of the season, playing in New York (probably Philadelphia) and Baltimore. The Toronto Lacrosse Club will also visit New York to play the Brooklyn on or about the 15th of July. The Secretary also stated that he had been corresponding with several other Canadian clubs with a view to bringing them on, but nothing definite had been fixed beyond what had been already mentioned. The new polo grounds would, it was hoped, prove a great help to lacrosse, as it would give the New York and Brooklyn clubs a suitable place to play matches on, and which was very much needed heretofore. Taking everything into consideration the secretary had every reason to hope for a brilliant future for the game of lacrosse in the United States.

After the Secretary's report had been read and adopted, and the regular routine business finished, the delegates proceeded to ballot for officers for the

ensuing year, the following gentlemen being elected:—

President, Hermann Oelrichs, Brooklyn L C, re-elected; First Vice-President, J D Iglehart, Baltimore A C; Second Vice-President, Edward Kennedy, Osceola L C; Third Vice-President, S Macdonald, Union A C, re-elected; Sec-Treasurer, J R Flannery, Brooklyn L C, re-elected.

Council—M St C Wright, Harvard L A; G H Hope, Bay Ridge L C, re-elected; W H Comstock, Baltimore A C; E A Pearce, New York University L C; H M Howard, Union A C.

After a unanimous vote of thanks to the Westchester Polo Club for their generous gift of a champion cup to the association last season and a similar vote to officers for previous years the meeting was adjourned.

A NEW LACROSSE CLUB.

The Brooklyn Lacrosse Club was organized on Saturday afternoon, June 12, and elected the following gentlemen as officers for the season:—

President, Mr. Hermann Oelrich, N.Y.; Vice-President, Rev T R Slizer, Brooklyn; Sec-Treasurer, Mr. J R Flannery, Brooklyn; Captain, Mr. E Merritt, N.Y. Committee, Messrs. A D Ritchey, J W Danicis and A Barker.

REGULATION BALLS.

The accident to a lacrosse player at Leamington is unprecedented in the annals of the game, and the only way we can account for it is, that the ball used at practice was one of the hard kind that one so often sees exposed for sale as lacrosse balls. A regulation lacrosse ball should be light and spongy, so much so indeed that when thrown swiftly it should assume an oblong shape. When pressed between the thumb and fingers it should feel soft and spongy; if it resists pressure in this way it should not be used either at practice or in matches, as it is exceedingly dangerous if thrown with any degree of swiftness. While it is hard to describe a regulation lacrosse ball, almost every player instinctively knows one the moment he gets his hands upon it. Great care should be exercised in this matter, as the sad accident above recorded shows that unless ordinary precautions are taken results may follow which will bring the game into bad repute on account of fancied danger.

THE MONTREAL CLUB.

A meeting of the Montreal Club was held on Wednesday evening last to consider the propriety of their withdrawing their resignation to the Association. After some discussion the matter was referred to a committee of seven, who are to report to the club in three weeks time.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

In our last issue we inadvertently stated that the match between the Shamrocks and the Caughnawagas was for the "Championship." This was a mistake, the match, as originally arranged, was for the Championship, but the action of the Association in declaring the Indians professionals, barred them from competing for the title.

A sad and fatal accident occurred at Leamington, Ont., on the 9th inst. About 7:30, while the Lacrosse Club were playing on the Agricultural Grounds, a young lad by the name of Smith was struck on the side by a flying ball and instantly killed. Medical aid was at once summoned, but life was extinct before anything could be done for him. The ball struck opposite the heart.