

Sporting Notes.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S FOOT BALL CLUB.

DEAR SIR:—

As I dare say it will interest some of your readers, I propose to give a short summary of the matches played by the team during the season that has just passed.

Matches, 7. Won, 6; Drawn, 1.

Oct. 4th, vs. Navy. 1 goal dropped by Briggs, and 1 try (Turner) to one try (Parker).

" 11th, vs. Navy. 3 tries, Gilks (1), Turner (1), Briggs (1), to Nil.

" 18th, vs. Dalhousie. 1 goal, (try by Turner) to Nil.

" 24th, vs. Mr. Stevens' Team. 1 goal dropped and 2 tries, all obtained by Turner, to Nil.

Nov. 4th, vs. Abegweits (at Charlottetown). No score,

" 5th, vs. New Glasgow. 3 tries, Turner (2) and Bruce (1), to one goal.

" 6th, vs. Pictou. 1 goal dropped by Briggs, and 3 tries, Fraser (2), Smith (1) to Nil.

I should also like to mention the match 25th October, United Service vs. Dalhousie. 1 goal dropped by Turner, 1 try Rogers (by Bruce) to Nil.

The back division, especially the three-quarters, has been greatly strengthened this year, which is in a great measure due to Lieut. Turner, (formerly of Cheltenham College and Sussex County), who in 8 matches has run in 7 tries and dropped 2 goals, a record which I think will be hard to beat; and possessing a thorough knowledge of the game, he has very ably captained the team throughout. Capt. Bruce, (Sandhurst), and Lieut. Fraser rendered very useful assistance, the latter being an old Murchistonian; he played for the school Fifteen, but did not obtain his cap owing to his leaving at the end of the Xmas Term. Private Briggs has also played a splendid game throughout the season, his tackling and dropping leaving nothing to be desired.

The half-backs have been the weak spot in the team, but the forwards played a good fast game all through, and it would be unfair to individualise any one.

The tour was a great success, and I should like to express through the medium of your paper, our thanks for the great courtesy we received while on tour, and regret that our leaving in the spring will not allow us to repeat the experiment.

It was unfortunate that owing to the absence of some of the best players on both sides the return fixture with Dalhousie did not take place, as I think it would have produced a splendid game.

Had we remained here till next Football season, we should have certainly contemplated making a tour in the Upper Provinces and should have endeavoured to win fresh laurels, but as it is I am afraid our Football career in this country has already closed, we must perforce say "Good bye" to our Football Friends of Nova Scotia.

Yours faithfully,

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Hon. Sec.

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Fitzsimmons, the Australian, is reported never to have spent an hour of dissipation in his life, and not to possess a single bad habit. Since he reached the age of ten he has worked industriously for his living (not in the prize ring, I presume, though this is not stated) he does not drink alcoholic beverages, repudiates the smoking or chewing of tobacco, and, it is further stated, has never been heard even to use a big, big D. It is to be hoped that if Fitzsimmons visits this country he will come with these virtues thick upon him, but it is pretty even betting that after a few successful engagements (or unsuccessful ones, for it is pretty much the same thing nowadays) his first impulse would be, like some of his predecessors, to start a "pub."

The following time records for the mile will be interesting to sporting men:—

	Min.	Sec.		Min.	Sec.
Train.....	50		Tricycle.....	2	37
Racehorse..	1	35	Skating.....	3	0
Trotting-horse...	2	8	Running.....	4	12
Safety Bicycle..	2	20	Walking.....	6	23
Ordinary Bicycle...	2	25			

The cabinan, the Earl of Shrewsbury, and the manager of "variety shows," the Earl of Lonsdale, have arranged to drive for a wager twenty miles on the Queen's highway, between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. In the first five miles those worthy members of that exalted chamber, the House of Lords, will drive trotters in single harness. The next five miles they will drive a pair of trotters each. In the next stage of the proceedings they are to ride as postillions five miles with a pair of horses. The last five miles is to be accomplished in four-in-hand fashion, and the two Earls, after thus making donkeys of themselves, will wind up the proceedings with a greasy chin match.

TO OUR SOCIETY GIRL.

AN APOLOGY.

"A fool—a fool!—I met a fool,"
A fool that's sometime bright,
A fool is cousin Freddy dear,
When he attempts to write.

What prompted him to pen such bosh!
We all thought him so clever;
Until he wrote such rigmarole,
Can we forgive him?—never.

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"
So said Bulwer Lytton.
What would he say if he could see
Such stuff as Freddie's written?

The metre bad—the theme—well there!
He climbs up treacherous heights
Who makes the subject of his song,
A pair of ladies tights.

My reputations gone I know,
Proclaim yourself the winner,
Extend your sympathies to me,
Who will write after dinner.

Edith—adieu—the hour is late,
And I am off to bed
Edith! one word—say you'll forgive,
Your foolish cousin "Fred."

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