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PRIVATE SECRETARIES TO THE MINISTERS OF THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT.

This is a very good idea to advertise a skating rink, but it is not at all likely that Mr. Donoghue will accept the kind invitation, for as far as I have learned Mr. Donoghue is an amateur and would scarcely care to have any doubts cast upon his standing. If the American champion cares about coming to Canada to meet our flyers he will probably enter for the Canadian Skating Association championships, where the length of the laps would be more favorable to him. He would probably not care about putting himself on exhibition for the benefit of any particular rink; and that is practically what he is asked to do when invited to skate with an unknown, and even a cup or medal worth \$100 would hardly be an inducement. Then again the offer of paying expenses must be extremely delightful to the wearer of the cherry diamond, whose club is generally supposed to be able to pay all the legitimate expenses of its representatives abroad.

A ten mile skating race was run in the Prince of Wales rink on Monday, when there were six starters, but only two competitors had any chance, Gordon and Bellefleur. The time made was not by any means wonderful, but then it should be remembered that the track is thirteen laps to the mile. Gordon's style however, showed that he was in pretty good trim and could have gone much faster. I will be surprised if Gordon does not win a championship this year.

There is one trophy which is particularly valued by members of the Thistle Curling Club, namely the Muir prize. On Monday last play began at nine o'clock in the morning and continued to eleven o'clock in the evening. The competition is one governed by points and the possible score is 36. The top score was made by Mr. W. H. Scott, who made 15 points and captured the prize. The five

next best scores were: Messrs. J. H. Balfour, 14; A. Nicoll, 12; W. Stewart, 12; F. I. Campbell, 14; J. F. Mackey, 12.

The Fish and Game Protection Club had a committee meeting on Monday night; when arrangements for the annual dinner were made. It will be held in the Windsor Hotel on Thursday next, the 29th inst.

The Montreal Hunt Club has made a general change about in the officers elected for the ensuing year. The report presented at the annual meeting was such a one as the retiring officials have reason to be proud of, and the other members have fully appreciated their efforts. Taken on the self-paying basis the club's generosity in giving entertainments and other expenses has left but a meagre balance to be shown at the annual meeting; but the past season has been more successful, the statement showing a cash balance of nearly \$400, while the insurance payments which were paid for open years would bring up the balance to \$500. The officers for the forthcoming season were elected as follows;—Master, Mr. M. H. Allan; secretary, Dr. C. McEachran; committee, Messrs. L. H. Gault, E. J. Major, Hugh Paton, Geo. R. Hooper, W. R. Miller. The retiring officers were:—Master Mr. John Crawford; secretary, J. Alex. Stevenson; committee, H. M. Allan, L. H. Gault, E. J. Major, J. Alex. Strathy and Dr. C. McEachran.

The annual meeting of the Club de Chasse et de Pêche du Chenal du Moine was held on Monday evening. From a financial point of view the club is decidedly in a prosperous condition, the secretary's report showing a surplus of over \$1,500. The election resulted as follows:—Honorary president, Hon. George Duhamel; honorary

vice-president, T. DeGrosbois, M.L.A.; president, Charles Desmarteau; vice-president, Jos. Monette; treasurer, Armand Dion; secretary, L. A. Lapointe; assistant secretary, J. B. Bureau; directors, E. G. Phaneuf, J. O. Peland, Jos. Riendeau, A. Carmel; auditors, E. L. Ethier and M. Longtin, N.P.

The trotting men are in the height of the ice season just now, and what may be called the Province of Quebec circuit is in full swing. Opening on the Driving Park and continuing on the Jacques Cartier track, the programme will pretty well fill up two weeks. Then will follow the meetings of the Ottawa and Hull clubs. The opening at Point St. Charles saw some good sport, and there was also an evident desire on behalf of both management and officials to have the letter and the spirit of the law carried out. At the time of writing there are only three races completed, and wet weather is making matters inconvenient, but the programme will be finished out in time for the second meeting on the river. Following is the summary:

2.40 class:			
Mr. L. Larin's Farmer Boy.....	1	1	1
D. Donnelly's Billy Ross.....	2	2	3
F. Gibeau's Berthier Boy.....	3	3	2

Time, 2.49¼, 2.51½, 2.47.

Three-minute class, purse \$150:			
Mr. H. Pope's b s King Charles.....	3	1	1
Mr. D. Deardon's g g Silverton.....	1	2	2
Mr. L. Larin's cg Vancouver.....	2	6	5
Mr. M. Bain's b g Butcher Boy.....	4	3	4
Mr. D. Donnelly's b g Billy Ross.....	6	5	3
Mr. C. Fournier's c m Rose Ann.....	5	4	4

Time, 2.51, 2.46½, 2.48, 2.50.

2.29 class, purse \$200:			
Mr. A. D. Maloney's c g Col. Stoner.....	1	1	1
Mr. J. Mallette's blk g Blackstone.....	2	2	2
Mr. G. Essery's c g Whistler.....	3	3	3
Mr. E. Cameron's blk m Blackbird.....	dis.		

Time, 2.39¼, 2.39¼, 2.39¼

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