



RUINS OF BUILDING ON CRAIG STREET, MONTREAL, DESTROYED BY FIRE 12TH JANUARY.

(By our Special Artist.)

The progress of athletics and athletic institutions in Canada during late years has been marked. The latest town to fall into line is St. Catharines, Ont., which inaugurated the new year with the formal opening of the St. Catharines Amateur Athletic Association. From present indications the new organization will soon be heard from, as St. Catharines is essentially a sporting town, and with a start of 240 charter members there ought to be a healthy development of athletics in St. Kitts.

The default which the Quebec club made to a certain extent threw a damper on the senior hockey contest, but the juniors and the outside leagues do not seem to have been discouraged to any great extent. The first match in the junior series between the Victorias and Hawthornes resulted in a win for the former, with a score of two to one, after a game which, in merit, would run some of the seniors pretty close. Then there is the Drygoods League and the Insurance aggregation, both of which can put several really first-class teams on the ice. The more the merrier. There is plenty of room for all the hockey clubs that can be got together, and the only pity is that although other cities have hockey clubs they do not seem to follow up the sport with any amount of enthusiasm.

The trotting men are having a very lively time all to themselves in Ottawa, and before they get through they will have succeeded in preventing each other from making any money out of their tracks. The Ottawa club and the

Hull club have carefully arranged their dates so that they will clash, and the battle began on Saturday last, when each club gave a meeting. The Ottawa club are now out with a programme for a four days' meeting, from the 10th to the 14th February, when \$1,500 will be hung out in prizes. One race will attract the attention of horse owners; it is the Central Canada Breeders' and Owners' purse of \$175 for the 2.50 class, for horses bred and owned in Canada, and it will probably receive a large number of entries.

O'Connor, the champion sculler of America, has not given up hope yet of meeting with Hanlan, Gaudaur or Teemer. In fact he is particularly anxious for a match with any or all of these oarsmen, and he still has on deposit the \$500 which McLean forfeited to him, which he is willing that any sculler should cover for a race for the championship. The Toronto man is keeping himself in splendid condition for an emergency and is in daily active training, which principally takes the form of skating on the bay.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Chess Association the following officers were elected for the coming year:—Patron, his Excellency the Governor-General; Honourary Presidents, H. A. Howe, LL.D., Montreal, and T. Ledroit, LL.D., Quebec; President, Wm. Boulton, Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Henderson, Montreal, J. E. Harroway, Ottawa and C. P. Champion, Quebec; Managing Committee, Messrs. Davidson, Cross, Freeland and Braith-

waite, Toronto; G. W. Liddell, R. Short, Montreal; T. Taylor, Ottawa; W. J. Murphy, Quebec; Secretary-Treasurer, John McGregor, Toronto. The annual chess tournament is now in progress, at which representatives from Quebec, Ottawa and Montreal are present. The prizes are a silver cup valued at \$100, with a prize valued at \$25 added, and a second silver cup valued at \$35, with a prize of \$15 attached.

The Bel Air Jockey Club are again lucky this year in the generosity of their friends. S. Davis & Sons have donated \$500 for a race, the conditions of which will be announced later. The club will add \$500, making it a stake race of \$1,000, which will be called the El Padre stakes.

The annual meeting of the Fish and Game Protection Club was held on Saturday. The secretary's report was particularly interesting, as showing the amount of work done during the past year, and a continuance of such energetic work will go a long way towards fulfilling the objects of the club. The following gentlemen were elected officers: President, George Boulter; vice-president, T. C. Brainerd; secretary, A. N. Shewan; treasurer, H. W. Becket. Committee: I. H. Stearns, L. A. Boyer, George Horne, A. A. Wilson, W. H. Parker, T. V. R. Brown, H. W. Atwater, H. R. Ives, A. Boyer, M.L.A., T. Hiam, G. W. Stephens, A. Dawes, E. L. Clarke, E. A. Cowley, Dr. Finnie.

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