

## Sporting Notes.

The following letter reached us during the week:  
DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I am sorry to see that there is some difficulty in carrying on the Gun Club, and may I suggest that you as an unprejudiced person should suggest that the committee allow the military to become members (as I believe they were not last year.) I am sure that plenty of us would like to join.

I remain,

A SUBALTERN.

Very likely our correspondent is right, but if so it is somewhat anomalous that some of the most conspicuous men on the ground, and those who seemed to do most shooting, were members of the Garrison. If they are not regular members, so much the better for them, as they get the sport without paying for it; in that case, we would advise "Subaltern" to join on the same footing and say no more about it. But if the Club is to be a success, it should have but one class of active members.

There is another thing: some men who are not extra good shots, but still like to shoot, don't care to go out there, and put some coin into every sweep with no chance of ever winning any; they say it is expensive enough without this. Surely they could have handicaps!

The second prize offered by the Dominion Artillery Association for the most efficient garrison batteries in the Dominion has been awarded to No. 5 Battery, H. G. A., (Capt. F. H. Oxley, commanding.) The first prize was missed by one point only.

The annual meeting of the Red Cap Snow Shoe Club was held at the Halifax Hotel on Tuesday evening. It was decided to do away with the usual sleigh drive and to have a dinner on long race day and a dance some time in January instead. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Captain—W. L. Brown.

Second Captain—George DeB. Smith.

Secretary—J. C. Lithgow.

Committee—R. M. Symons and Frank Grierson.

MCCORMACK AND LAIDLAW.—Laidlaw, the Dartmouth skater, has received from Hugh McCormack, of St. John, articles of agreement providing for a series of three races for the world's championship each for \$100 a side; the first to take place in St. John Dec. 26, the second in Halifax Jan. 1, and the third place to be named by McCormack (other than St. John or Halifax) not later than Jan. 1, and to take place before Jan. 10. Each party to deposit \$25 with James Barry, of St. John.

## Musical.

We have now had several days to think over Miss Laine's announcement, -time enough to realize that a great treat is in store for us, and that a progressive stride is about to be made in the musical history of Halifax. There has been many a friendly debate as to whether Miss Laine's great popularity is due entirely to her perfect rendering or partly to her taste in selecting songs. We ourselves have always held that the true artist is shown as much in the selection as in the rendering, and we have been able to trace the educational influence of Miss Laine's singing in our musical society, even while listening to performances in which she herself takes no part.

The little we know of the coming programmes confirms these impressions, and we have no doubt that the recitals will be, as indeed they can hardly help being, a brilliant success.

Miss Laine leaves Halifax on the 19th inst. for Boston, where she is engaged to sing at the Philharmonic Society's concert on the 28th. We expect her back again on the 11th January, and the first recital will very probably be given on the 22nd. The date of the second is uncertain, but will certainly be before the departure of the West Riding Regiment.

The Boston Philharmonic orchestra is conducted by the famous violinist, Bernhard Listemann, with whom Miss Laine sang before coming to Halifax, and who has never ceased to regret her absence from Boston.

Our old friend, Professor Saml. Porter, has decided to take up his residence in Annapolis Royal next spring, much to the regret of his many musical friends in this city. Mr. Porter has done a great deal for music while here; we owe him a debt of gratitude for having trained many a church choir and singing society to be the pride of Halifax; and it is hoped that a handsome testimonial will be gotten up and presented to him before he leaves us.

In anticipation of Prof. Porter severing his long connection with St. Paul's Church as organist and choirmaster, the church authorities are now looking out for another good man to take his place. Mr. Chas. H. Porter's name has been freely mentioned as his successor, unless some good man from abroad can be secured. Halifax has grown so much in musical importance within the last ten years that two or three good men would find ample scope to employ their talent profitably amongst us. The city is becoming an important educational centre, and the more good teaching talent can be concentrated here, the better for the cause and the place.

## Fashion.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is really very charming of you to ask me to tell you all the latest things in the way of dress—woman's dress, I suppose you mean; but, to tell you the truth, I'm a plain little body myself, and don't care even to read all the fashion columns in the ladies' papers,—they only seem to muddle me up, and make me think I must be a perfect guy, not to have any of the wonderful things they described last week as being "quite the rage." All the same, I have got eyes in my head, and if I happen to see anyone wearing anything particularly nice, I won't forget all your pretty compliments. Just now, there really isn't anything very striking; in fact, just the opposite,—the best people seem to stick to the perfectly plain, tailor-made gowns. The three-quarter length jacket is in vogue for the winter, and very sensible it is, too, if we do have any cold weather: I wonder how you folks in Canada care for anything else, with the thermometer in the zeros;—you can't walk comfortably in anything longer, and these pretty little short jackets can't keep you properly warmed through, though they might do very well for skating.

There are several new things in the way of material:—for instance "Raynhan Mohair," which is very soft and pliable, suitable for the present style of gown for rough wear, as it is very thick, and therefore best fitted for slight folds. For a prettier costume, the "Imperial Amazon" habit cloth is good; while the "Cotslet"—a kind of vellum, only ril bed,—seems to be very popular.

For the circular cloaks the "Liberty" Art Serge is certainly the best thing.

The latest caprice has completely shelved our dear old sealskins, though I mean to stick to mine—Persian Lamb and Astrakans are the thing this winter; but it would be very silly to part with your seal if you got a good one: there aren't enough millionaires in the world to drive it out of fashion for long. I'll give you anything good I can find in the way of shoes next time I write,—that is, if this is any use to you.

Ever yours,

JOANNA.

## Cookery Notes.

OYSTERS AND MACARONI. (a nice supper dish.)—Lay some stewed macaroni in a deep baking dish, put upon it a thick layer of oysters, season lightly, *very lightly*, with cayenne pepper, and cover heavily with grated lemon-peel; add a small tea-cup of cream, and strew a layer of bread crumbs on the top. Dot with pieces of butter, and brown in a very quick oven for about 10 minutes or even less. Serve with piquante sauce.

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