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WHILE I am fully aware of the amount of kindly feeling expressed towards a new venture, I cannot but construe the general expression of opinion of Sport as anything but most favourable.

While speaking of unfair waters I must say that I do not consider rowing at Lachine, by any means, a fair test of the relative merits of two crews in a three quarter mile race.

The antipathy shown by a certain element of the hackmen in Montreal to wheelmen is most unaccountable. There are instances on almost every ride of the Bicycle club where drivers try deliberately to run down the wheelmen.

CROAKERS and those prone to imagine that lacrosse is dying in Canada would do well to take a walk to either the Montreal or Shamrock grounds about six o'clock on any afternoon in the week, but Friday, and mark, learn and unwardly digest the evidences of the hold the game has on the young mind.

ADMIRE the feeling which prompts the Herald sporting man to enquire why Mollie Stanton was allowed to start in the 38 class at Illus Bonnets this day week when she is known to have trotted faster in winning public money.

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cleaning of the turf this season. Time has always been a great trouble to trotting in Canada. Seldom in small monthings have I seen the correct figures hung out and there is the greatest work possible to get judges to enter upon their duties with a determination to do perfectly right.

I am sorry to see that the proposed race between Cambridge and Harvard will have to be abandoned, I suppose on account of lack of funds.

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The Montrealers did not by any means play lacrosse as it should be played, or as they can when they like. They stayed behind the Ottawa men on every occasion and the visitors started every time in the race for the ball with the result that they got there first and had the nine points of possession, which is big odds even against a superior team.

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Lacrosse says: "He shall have the power to suspend at any time during the match any player infringing the laws—whether the foul has been claimed by the captain of either side or not—the game to go during such suspension." This practically gives a referee the right to order a man off without explanation or hearing of his statement, and in the hands of an unscrupulous official could be used with disastrous effects to favor a losing team.

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and have seen the finest sights of the old world at about a tenth of the cost which the more luxurious but not a whit more pleasant mode of travelling entails.

I have always thought, and time only strengthens the impression, that the persecution of Malcolm W. Ford on unfounded charges of professionalism meant more than the hostility of shady professional athletes, and I think that some of the "amateurs" (Heaven save the mark) who have tried most unsuccessfully to beat him by their prowess on the track, have, since they failed, taken the course suggested always to cowardly natures—a stab in the back.

While on this subject let me tell my friends down in New York one thing and that is this. While Ford competed in Canada there never was a question about his contests. They were all fair, square, above board and on their merits.

This week the chess column makes its appearance for the first time and will I am sure prove a very strong attraction to readers of the paper.

Outing the best monthly existing, from a sportsman's standpoint, has been working up a new way of cheap tourist travel which I think will be in the fashion amongst the better class of athletes before long.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT should be addressed to "The Chess Editor of Sport, P. O. Box 937."

In compliance with the expressed wish of many friends we have consented to undertake the editing of this column, and will endeavor to exert our humble efforts to render the department instructive as well as interesting.

The following game contested in 1878 was won by the late Prof. Anderson, one of the most eminent chess masters of this century, from Captain MacKenzie the present chess champion of America.

GAME NO. 1. SOULIAN-DIFFENCE.

Table with columns for WHITE (CART. MACKENZIE) and BLACK (PROF. ANDERSON), listing chess moves like 1 P K 4, 2 K Q B 3, etc.

Adopted by Bird against Anderson. Taking Knight and then playing Knight to K 2 seems better line of play.

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Skirmish lately played in Toronto. Alligator Gambit.