

Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association will be held on Monday evening next, when the following reports will be submitted to the members.

To the Members of the Association:

Gentlemen,—Your Directors have much pleasure in submitting the Eleventh Annual Report containing a summary of their administration during the past year, which has been one of prosperity. The liabilities have been reduced from \$17,598.76 to \$15,258.13, a reduction of \$2,335.68, of which sum \$12,500.00 represents a mortgage upon premises occupied by your Association.

During the year a new roof was put on the grand stand, which cost \$588.00; the grand stand was repainted at an outlay of \$295.43, a new fence was erected on southern side of grounds for spectators, which involved an expenditure of \$254.60. These three amounts forming a total sum of \$1,138.03, have been treated as extraordinary expenditure, and in consequence charged to capital account. It is the intention to write of a certain portion of this amount each year. Your Directors have made in addition to the foregoing the usual repairs to equipment, the whole of which is now in excellent order.

The membership has increased during the year, but there is yet scope for the energies of all interested in our undertaking to still increase it.

The affiliated clubs have all been actively engaged in their respective departments. The senior affiliated body has had a season of unexceptional success in the field, winning the championship of the Senior League, and retaining possession of the Minto Cup. The financial returns have been most satisfactory, as may be seen by a reference to the statement of the Treasurer.

The Hockey Club, for reasons with which you are pretty familiar, particularly owing to the fact that a new team had to be trained on account of the retirement of members of the old team, shows a deficit, the first for many years. Your Directors, however, look forward to a large surplus in this department in future.

The Young Shamrock Club has won the championship in its league, and as was expected, there is a small deficit in connection with it.

During the year deaths has deprived your Association of members who have been prominently associated with it since its foundation, and with the affiliated clubs prior to their organization. Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, K.C., a life member, one of the staunchest and most enthusiastic in his loyalty; another, Mr. Michael Loughman, also a life member of much zeal. Of those who came into our ranks at a later period we have to record the names of Mr. James H. McNally, John McNally and John Halpin. R.I.P.

Arrangements have been completed with the Baseball Company for the rental of the grounds for the season 1904.

Your Directors found it necessary to make a change in the position of caretaker. Although the present occupant gave satisfaction, it was considered advisable to have a man qualified as trainer, and have the position, as heretofore, occupied by a person as caretaker and trainer. Your Directors have acquired the services of Patrick Rooney, who will begin his duties on May 1st.

Your Directors held 26 meetings, and the attendance was as follows:

H. J. Trihey	25
W. J. Hinchey	23
E. Quinn	24
T. O'Connell	22
W. J. McGee	22
P. J. Brennan	21
T. F. Slattery	20
M. J. Brennan	19
H. Hoobin	17
H. E. McLaughlin	15
W. P. Kearney	15

The annual statements showing Revenue and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities, and Auditors' Report are offered for your approval.

The whole respectfully submitted.

HENRY J. TRIHEY,
President.

STATEMENT

Shewing Revenue and Expenditure for Term Commencing April 1st, 1903, and Ending February 29th, 1904.

REVENUE.

Membership fees	\$ 954.00
Repairs Grand Stand fences and Club	170.00
Shamrock Lacrosse Club	3,754.18
	\$4,878.18

EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Mortgage and Notes	\$803.69
Insurance	130.00
Fuel and Light	164.06
Repairs Grand Stand fences and Club House	203.34
School and other Taxes	109.00
Telephone Services	70.00
Wages	617.00
Fees, C. A. A. U.	15.00
Printing and Stationery	114.12
Plumbing	64.59
Law Expenses	61.40
Funeral Expenses	77.80
Sundries	197.87
	2,627.87

DEFICITS AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.

Deficit Football	31.35
Deficit Young Shamrock	85.77
Deficit Hockey Club	153.84
	270.96
Surplus Earnings for Year	\$1,979.35

Eleventh Annual Statement

OF THE

SHAMROCK AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, 28th March, 1904.

ASSETS.

Real estate, comprising Land, Club House, Grand stand, open stands, and other permanent equipment at grounds, St. Louis de Mile End	\$44,061.96
Mortgages held on Lots sold at St. Louis de Mile End and accrued interest	1,220.71
Furniture	743.29
Insurance	46.50
Cash on hand	127.61
	46,200.07

LIABILITIES.

The Trust and Loan Co. of Canada, Mortgage	12,500.00
Six months interest due 1st May, 1904	375.00
	12,875.00

ORDINARY CLAIMS.

Bills payable	\$1600.00
Open account	783.13
	2,383.13
Net capital, 1st March, 1904	\$30,941.94

W. P. LUNNY,
Secretary Treasurer.

Certified correct.

W. J. MCGEE,
M. J. BRENNAN.

Auditors.

Montreal, 9th March, 1904.

THE DIVORCE ISSUE.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

A New York despatch tells us that agitation against divorce and the marriage of divorced people has resulted in a meeting there of eminent Protestant ministers and laymen, who will attempt to solve the problem of uniform legislation on the subject by the States of the Union. A meeting of the executive committee of the conference, presided over by Bishop Doane of Albany, drafted a rough outline of the proposed law. The conference is the direct result of action taken by the Protestant Episcopal Church, in its general conference at San Francisco.

"Every effort will be made to solve the divorce evil so far as Protestant churches are concerned," said Rev. D. H. Greer, Bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Archdiocese (Protestant) of New York.

The same gentleman made use of the following significant remarks:

"The Roman Catholic Church was invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference, but declined. The opposition of that Church regarding divorce is well known, however. Personally I do not believe in divorce or re-marriage, but in separation only. Other gentlemen at the conference may have other views; but it is the purpose of the representatives of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Universalist-Unitarian and Reformed Presbyterian churches to decide upon some final method involving a comity of relation and uniform practice to treat the great evil of divorce in this country, so that persons who were married under the rites of one church cannot, after securing divorces, re-marry under the rites of some other Protestant church."

We fully appreciate the reasons why the Catholic Church cannot participate in the crusade, as stated in the foregoing paragraph. It may not be untimely to state why, among other good reasons we adduce only a couple, the Catholic Church cannot cooperate directly with the various outside denominations of Christianity in this vital matter.

The Church regards matrimony as a Sacrament, and as such its celebration or its violation affects one of the most sacred things in the Church, namely, one of the sources of grace. Hence the impossibility for her to have any common cause with those whose principles are antagonistic to hers and whose fundamentals have been the source whence came divorce itself.

In the next place the Catholic Church never did and never could admit any compromise on this question. From the higher religious and sacramental plane, divorce became and becomes an absolute impossibility as far as she is concerned. Her methods are of one kind, and the

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methods of those outside her fold are of another kind. They are seizing upon the question from a simply social, a moral—if you will—standpoint; she deals with it not only morally but dogmatically. They see the evil both, but to the Catholic Church it has a deeper, a higher, and a broader significance than to the denominations.

Finally, the Catholic Church knows well that there is no possibility, not to speak of probability, of there ever being any union—even on this subject—amongst those various sects; and she knows that to succeed in their aim they must eventually come back in practice, as in precept, to her teachings; otherwise all their efforts are foredoomed to failure. Hence it is that we trust they may help to lessen the evil to some extent, but we have no trust in any unity ever existing amongst them. There is only one unity, and that is in the Church of Christ.

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LATE THOMAS McNULTY. PATRONAL FEAST OF PIUS X.

Shortly after our last week's issue had been published, a well-known Irishman, and member of St. Patrick's parish, this city, passed to his reward, in the person of Mr. Thomas McNulty.

Deceased had, since the inauguration of the Mount Royal Park, occupied the position of assistant ranger. He was esteemed and respected by a large section of the citizens of Montreal, with whom he daily came into contact in various ways.

The funeral was held on Monday morning to St. Patrick's Church, with a solemn Requiem Mass was sung, and was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Dominick and John McNulty, brothers of deceased; Thomas W. Henry, James and Dominick, sons; Richard Burke and John Sullivan, sons-in-law and T. Burke and T. Sullivan, grandchildren.

The interment took place in Cote des Neiges cemetery. R.I.P.

We attain to heaven by using this world well, though it is to pass away; we perfect our natures not by undoing it, but by adding to it what is more than nature, and directing it towards aims higher than its own.

On Saturday, 19th March, the Feast of St. Joseph, His Holiness Pope Pius X. celebrated that day as his own patronal one. Addresses and telegrams of congratulations came to him from all over Italy. The members of St. Peter's Club, consisting of the elite of Roman Society, presented him with a splendid basket of flowers and fruits, in the form of a Venetian gondola. In his reply of thanks, the Holy Father spoke feelingly of his dear Venice, and he added: "I pray that I may be a good Gondolier of St. Peter's barge." Over 30,000 persons met in St. Peter's to hear the Te Deum chanted by Cardinal Rampolla, in honor of the Pope's patronal feast. In the evening entertainments were given in the hall Belvedere, in the Vatican, in which all the high dignitaries of the court took part. The Holy Father appeared at the window and expressed his gratitude to all present. The band played the Papal anthem and the crowd cheered "Long Live Pius X." "Long Live our Pope."

Happiness depends on what we are, on our individuality; for only that which a man has himself which he carries with him into solitude, which none can give or take away, is intrinsically his.

HEIGHT

The proprietor of The . . . at behind his little desk . . . door and gazed into the . . . covered street. He was . . . thirty-five or six years, . . . al face Care had left it . . . lines and furrows. Yet . . . seemed to have added att . . . emphasizing the resolute . . . form of mouth and chin . . . ing attention to the . . . frankly pleasant blue eye . . . prior was a whole . . . man, whom birth, you w . . . said, had intended for hi . . . than running a tiny rest . . . side street of lower New . . . Despite its smallness—p . . . haps, because of it—the V . . . was eminently attractive . . . than hinted at the person . . . proprietor. Outside, ov . . . row entrance, a wooden . . . swung from an old-style w . . . crane. The front of t . . . was stained to the smoky . . . oak, and the leaded pane . . . and windows lent to the . . . viting aspect of comfort . . . cheer. Within all was of . . . est and neatest. The tw . . . undraped tables stretched . . . the semi-darkness of the . . . on either side of an aven . . . carpet. The ceiling was . . . dark beams, and the wa . . . wainscotted to shoulder-h . . . hung above with picture . . . tures, framed plainly and . . . ly.

To-day the inn was emp . . . the man at the desk. It . . . mas, and the little clo . . . struck two. Outside, it w . . . softly, monotonously, and . . . taurant was silent and di . . . at the front, where the v . . . struggled in through t . . . snow-plotted panes, and . . . gentle sighing and rustle . . . storm made themselves he . . .

The proprietor looked fr . . . trons to-day, and yet whe . . . passed the window and th . . . ed a fumbling at the late . . . expressed no surprise, . . . opened and a man entered . . . the snow off his coat and . . . umbrella in the stand.

The proprietor slid off t . . . chair and greeted him. . . "How do you do, sir?" . . . "A stormy day."

"Very," replied the oth . . . looked about him, searchi . . . vista of unoccupied tables . . . seeking some one, and em . . . sigh when he discovered th . . . be empty, save for the pre . . . proprietor and himself.

"Will you have dinner?" . . . proprietor. "I regret to . . . cannot offer you a great o . . . it being Christmas. I ha . . . all my help to go except th . . . cook. You see, my patro . . . most all business men, an . . . the offices and stores are . . . do not look for custom. I . . . can give you a steak, or ch . . . slice of venison. Turkey, I . . . to say, is not among the p . . . but perhaps the half of . . . chicken would do as well?

"It doesn't matter," rep . . . other. He glanced irresol . . . ward his umbrella, as tho . . . tating retreat. But the . . . had drawn back a chair . . . from the table nearest the . . . and, after a moment, the . . . allowed him to take his sh . . . coat, and sank somewhat . . . ly into the seat.

"The fact is," he said, . . . appointment here with a fr . . . scarcely expected to find hi . . . yet I am disappointed. . . appointments are not new . . . one more won't hurt. I da . . . unfolded his napkin listless . . . "Perhaps your friend is . . . the storm," suggested the . . . "If you care to wait a wh . . . "No, he won't come. I c . . . ly expect it. He said two . . . Christmas day, 1901. J . . . ver late to an appointment . . . He won't come now, for, if . . . is right, it is already a qu . . . the hour."

"The clock is right to . . . sir. But—pardon my curio . . . understand that the engag . . . long standing?"

"It was made ten years . . . coming June, sir."

"Ah! then it is just pos . . . it has escaped your friend's . . . Ten years is a long time in . . . I am sorry you have met w . . . appointment." The proprie . . . gret was so evident and sh . . . the stranger warmed to him . . . "You're very good," he . . . ing for the first time since . . . entered. "And, look here,