

was held so long by the old gentlemen who was to give it its "sweet liberty" that its interest flagged, and John Myers soon captured it. Prize, \$2 and the duck.

The races over and the rain commenced, the main trouble was getting home; there was no shelter on the island and punts and skiffs were above par. It is to be hoped that at the next regatta better accommodation will be provided.

THE POINTE CLAIRE REGETTA.

The second annual regatta of the Pointe Claire Yacht Club, took place on the 6th inst., over the usual course and was very largely attended. The course being "choppy" and full of "white caps," sculling was rather a thing to be avoided than desired.

The first was the yacht race, for which the following craft entered:—

"Eolus"—Grenier and Brunet, St. Ann's; allows 3m. 12s.

"Waterwitch"—D. Lewis and F. Tracey, Longueuil; allows 3m. 24s.

"Oriole"—Wright and Raphael, Pointe Claire; allows 1m. 36s.

"Zephyr"—R. Barber, Pointe Claire.

"Petrel"—G. A. Campbell, Pointe Claire; 3m.

The "Oriole" came in first, "Waterwitch" second, "Petrel" third. The prize, a \$100 silver cup, is now the property of Messrs. Wright and Raphael; the "Oriole" having also won it last year. The winners receive in addition to the cup, a medal valued at \$10, presented by Mr. T. J. Claxton.

The boats which entered for the row-boat race were:—

"The Agnes,".....A. Ross, Pointe Claire.

"Frou Frou,".....D. Ducharme, Lachine.

"Alice," C. Thurston and Killaly, Lachine.

"Lottie,".....C. Houston, Pointe Claire.

The course was round the Dorval Light house and back, and seven of the boats were handicapped. The "Lottie" ran into Pointe Claire shortly after the start. When the light was made, and on the way in, while the "Frou Frou" and "Alice" were scudding along neck and neck, the former to the leeward, and the "Agnes" to the windward a short distance behind, the "Alice" capsized. Mr. Ducharme immediately lowered his sails and had his boat rowed to the rescue. The three men who were in the "Alice" were in the water for over an

hour, and were picked up by the crew of the "Frou Frou" after considerable trouble. A very high wind was blowing, at the time. The "Agnes" had a walk over the rest of the race. Mr. Ducharme entered a protest, and has left his boat at the Pointe, in the anticipation of the race being sailed over again.

The double scull lap-streak, won by Conway and Duquet, of Lachine.

Single scull lap-streak, won by Jno. Conway.

Canoe (two paddle) race—Messrs. C. DeB. Leprohon and G. Auldjo, of Lachine, won; Messrs. C. Nelles and Kohl, of Pointe Claire, second.

Tub race—W. Auchterlonie first, C. Holden second and G. Claxton third.

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To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPORTSMAN and NATURALIST:—

DEAR SIR,—I regret that my Postscript about shooting robins should have annoyed Dr. Garnier. I do not question the delicacy of a dish of robins, nevertheless, I adhere to my assertion that I never knew a sportsman who shot robins for pleasure or profit. I object to the killing of robins, because the male is a favorite songster, protected in Ontario by Statute. Robins and other insectivorous birds can only be killed legally by men on their own land, and then only when damaging fruit. There is an old tradition of the origin of which I am not aware, that the robin is "God's bird," hence by many held sacred. I differ with the Doctor regarding the hunting of deer. There is infinitely more sport in a shot at a buck while leaping and bounding through the forest, than at one standing still; and the signal music made by the hounds is itself exciting and worth listening to. If either kind of hunting deserve the title of "Pot hunting," it is, in my opinion, "Still hunting." One skilled still hunter in a favorable locality, will kill more deer in a given time, than three parties of five each can with dogs. I have hunted frequently with dogs for deer, and I never knew of a deer driven by hounds out of his beat on the first day, that could not (if alive) be found in the same neighborhood on the second day. In conclusion, let me say that my experience leads me to think that "spike-horned" buck and doe differ in appearance and structure from the branching-horned kind; they are lower in stature, with finer heads