

Aquatics.

HANLAN AND TRICKETT.

THE AUSTRALIAN ON HIS WAY TO ENGLAND.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., June 14.—Trickett will embark from this port for England to-morrow. He will train in England and compete for the rowing championship with Hanlan in November next. The coming match already excites much interest here. Trickett has many friends and betting is at present in his favour.—*Special Telegram to the Mail.*

ARGONAUT ROWING CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon the Argonaut Rowing Club postponed regatta took place on Toronto Bay, from the Northern Elevator to the club House. The members and their friends attended in full force and a most enjoyable afternoon's racing was witnessed. In all seven four oared crews were entered and drawn in four heats Mr. McKay's crew drawing the bye. Mr. G. Harris was starter, Mr. G. W. Yarker, judge, and Mr. Roger Lambo, referee.

First heat—Celia McCaug, bow; Hume Blake; J. A. Tarbut; G. F. Galt, stroke, 1.

Villiers Sankey, bow; Duncan Campbell; Victor Armstrong; W. E. Moffatt, stroke, 2.

Moffatt's crew were quickest under weigh, but Galt, setting his men a good stroke soon got level, and eventually won by a length.

Second Heat—Wm. Gwynne, bow; A. M. Nanton; S. A. Roberts; B. O'Brien, stroke, 1.

Wm. Ince Jr., bow; L. V. Percival; J. F. Kirk; Charles Jeffries, stroke, 2.

The boats were never apart, and crossed the line dead level. In rowing off, the President's crew won by a length after a very hard race.

Third heat—W. A. Allen, bow; A. B. Dennison; A. G. Thomson; J. P. Galt, stroke, 1.

G. Tempest, bow; S. Piddington; Geo. Smith; J. W. Hogg, stroke, 2.

Hogg's crew fouled no less than three times, and were disqualified after coming in first.

Fourth heat—L. H. Robertson, bow; George Bidout; C. C. Byrnes; and Robert McKay, stroke, rowed over.

SECOND ROUND.

McKay's crew, 1. Moffatt's crew, 2.
Won easily.

Hogg's crew, 1. O'Brien's, 2.
Won by a length after a good race.

FINAL HEAT.

Hogg's crew, 1. McKay's crew, 2. A close race throughout, won by over a length.

CANADIAN AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Regatta Committee of the Association of Amateur Oarsmen was held at the rooms of the Argonaut Rowing Club, on Saturday evening last. The fourth day of August was fixed for the first annual Regatta, which will be held on Toronto Bay. The Sub Committees appointed at a former meeting, are now hard at work soliciting subscriptions and arranging preliminaries, and it is hoped that every lover of this manly sport will contribute liberally, as there will be over two thousand dollars spent in cups and trophies. It is expected that four or five of the crack amateur fours from the States will be here, including the Hilldale and Shaw-cro-mettes from Michigan.

Geo. Warin has received an order from the Toronto Rowing Club to build a four-oared white cedar shell, which will be fitted with all the modern improvements.

Garratt & Newbery easily defeated Reynolds & Booth in a double scull race of a mile and a half at Belleville on Friday last.

PATRONS BOAT CLUB.—On Wednesday last the second Regatta of this club was held on Little Lake with the following results:—Four Oars.—McGilland, (stroke) Fairbairn, A. Leck, and O. Shaw defeated Bidden (stroke), G. Leck, Hutton, and Harkiss. Single Scull.—W. P. Shaw, defeated D. Cameron. Double Scull (Juniors)—M. Dennison, H. Morrow, and M. Kincaid, F. Dumble, defeated G. Leck and O. Shaw.

The building of Hanlan's shell has given Messrs. G. & J. Warin a great lift, and now they are over head and ears in work.

The Telegraphers decide their single scull race on June 24.

A regatta will be held at Orillia on Dominion Day. Lapstreak skiffs, amateur and professional races.

The newly established Don Rowing Club is officered as follows:—President, George Worrell; Vice-President, James Williamson; Treasurer, John Long; Secretary, John Connors; Committee, William Connors, John Christie, James Christie, Thomas Reynolds and Thomas Hogarth.

REGATTA AT LESLIEVILLE.—Four races were decided at Leslieville on Saturday as follows:—H. D. Wise defeated — Long by two lengths in a two mile race. T. Price beat Marsh by a length over the same course. J. Jones in a race of a mile defeated R. Swanton; and C. Greenwood, in a similar race defeated J. McP. Ross. The losers were let in for a supper bill.

Messrs. Maitland & Hayes of the Western Assurance Co., decided a mile race in skiffs on Friday evening. The decision was in favour of Mr. Hayes by half a length.

Obatham intends holding a regatta on Dominion Day, and it is stated that the Champion will be present.

The Insurance Regatta prizes were subscribed for by the members, and not by any outside parties as was might be construed from a paragraph which appeared recently in one of our contemporaries.

The annual regatta of the Lachine Boating Club will take place on Saturday the 7th of August when the challenge cup will be rowed for.

Ottawa may have a regatta on July 1, but it is not likely as the horse track will attract the holiday folks.

ISLAND BOAT RACE.—On Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week the trial heats of the four-oared crews of this Hamilton Club were decided at Burlington Beach, and on Wednesday the three winners met in the final as follows:—H. Giles, bow; J. Ferries, A. E. Plummer, H. Clarke, stroke, 1. A. Powis, bow; E. A. Kittson, R. Hobson, H. N. Kittson, stroke, 2. W. Ferrie, bow; J. Thompson, J. Osborne, A. McKenzie, stroke, 3. Won by four lengths, five lengths between second and third.

Gil Ward got hold of an empty headed correspondent the other day and stuffed it full of trash. Josh Ward's old records were made on tidal waters and won't hold water with later records.

The Toronto R. C. regatta takes place on Saturday week.

LACROSSE.

PERSONAL.

During the past few weeks I have several times been asked, "What is my position, and how my utterances in this paper are to be construed; whether as Lacrosse Editor of TOWN AND COUNTRY, or Secretary of the National Association, or both." In reply to all such questions, and to prevent any misunderstanding in future, I wish it to be distinctly understood that any contributions of mine that have appeared or may appear in these columns are my own individual opinions, and have no connection whatever with the National Association, which should not be held responsible in any way for my shortcomings. Anything that may emanate from that body will be stated in an official manner and signed by its Secretary.

As long as I have the honor to hold the Lacrosse Editorship of TOWN AND COUNTRY, this paper will give forth no uncertain sound upon any questions which affect the well-being of our National game but will uphold whatever it conscientiously believes to be right, and combat with all its might what it regards as wrong.

I believe in the discussion and thorough ventilation of all questions of importance as the only way by which correct conclusions can be reached, and for that purpose invite any who may differ from my opinions to briefly state their views in these columns, and can assure them that their ideas will have an equal chance with my own, and all the publicity that this paper can give them.—W. E. McKeown.

DOMINION'S V. TORONTO'S.

Contrary to general impression the Dominion's succeeded in winning the Championship of Ontario by defeating their opponents in three straight games. The match although played under very disadvantageous circumstances, was a stubbornly contested fight the whole way through, and it is highly creditable to the victors that in their first match with a veteran club, whose reputation is "second to none," they should have made them so decisively lower their colours. The Toronto club is the rock upon which all our former Junior champion clubs have wrecked themselves, and it was looked upon as an almost forgone conclusion that the Dominion's would meet with a similar result in their first encounter with them. But fate willed it otherwise, and to-day the Toronto's are beginning to realize the truth of the saying, that it is bad policy to underrate an opponent. We have no idea that the Dominion's can defeat the best team that the Toronto's can put forward, but we do think that they can make a better fight against them than any other club in Canada, barring the Montreal's and the present champions, in fact, from their public performances, we think it may be fairly assumed that they rank as the fourth club in Canada.

They have a good defense and field, but a badly handled home. Time and again during the first game on June 5 they left their home entirely deserted and the ball was lobbed on the flags when there was no one there to take it except their opponents. They seemed to lack the appreciation of what constitutes successful home play in using the drop shot. If their fielders had held on to the ball and refused to throw it, until two or three of their home men had massed on the flags, a drop shot would then have been of some service to them, as it was both the shot and the exertion of bringing the ball up the field, were entirely thrown away. In the second and third games this fault was somewhat remedied, but this seemed to be more on account of the weak play of their opponents than to any skill their captain showed in handling his men. This seems to be their failing and the weak point in their otherwise faultless team play, and if they want to win matches against first-class clubs they will have to see that this is thoroughly remedied. The hard material to improve with, if they only go the right way about it, and it lies principally with themselves whether or not they will come to the front or remain where they are.

With the exception of Arthur, who played in more brilliant form than he has ever done before, the Toronto's played a very inferior game. The weak point of the Toronto's this year seems to be their "home," and if they cannot improve very materially upon its present form, they need scarcely attempt to compete for championship honors for some time to come.

We understand that the Torontos intend shortly to challenge the Dominions to a return match, in order to redeem their laurels; when they next meet it will be a match well worth seeing, for both sides have strong incentives to spur them on to victory.

One of the most pleasing features about the late match was the absence of all disputes about "games claimed," such as we used to witness under the old rules. The new law of one Umpire at each end was on its trial, and it was the opinion of every one that saw it that it worked splendidly, and that more substantial justice was done to both sides than was possible under the former system. There is no doubt but that the idea of dividing the responsibility between Umpire and Referee is a good one, and will mark a new era in the game.

The Baltimore Athletic Lacrosse Club will visit Montreal on the 20th inst., and cross sticks with the Shamrocks.

The lacrosse match on Saturday afternoon, for the championship, between the Shamrocks and White Eagle's Indian team, was attended by about 800 persons. The superiority of the Shamrocks was evident from the first, and they took the first, second and fourth games, in 20 minutes, 15 minutes and 30 seconds respectively, the Indians taking the third game in 20 minutes.

The match between the Independents and second twelve of the Montreal club Saturday afternoon resulted in a victory for the former, who took three games to the Montreal's club.