



How, sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.



I DON'T think much of the way the Prairie has been run during the last two or three weeks. It's been nothing but politics, Davis and Reilly, Reilly and Davis. MY readers have had to suffer. However its no good grumbling, and sporting men, now the elections are over (for which I thank the gods) will find me in my old place for the future.

BY-THE-BYE, if any of my friends in the Territories can send me any interesting sporting notes, I shall be only too happy to publish them. My eye has to range over a large tract of country, and I may miss a few items.

THE Calgary Rod and Gun Club of which Mr. W. H. Hogg is secretary, was to have met on Tuesday but those politics interfered and the meeting had to be postponed. When this club does meet, I sincerely hope that several very necessary amendments in the Game Law will be considered. I refer particularly to the public sale of prairie chicken and also to the changing of the close time from December 1st to Jan-

uary 1st. These are both very important matters and should be taken up with as little delay as possible.

ALTHOUGH the question of stock is hardly in my line yet I am pleased to hear from a gentleman, who has been traveling over the country, that the splendid weather which Calgary has enjoyed this winter, is characteristic of the weather experienced over the whole of the North West. My informant tells me that it has been "just grand for stock", and that it will go a long way to make up for the severity of last winter. I am genuinely glad to hear this and I hope every rancher in the country will have a big calf crop this year.

SEVERAL times while watching the curlers at their exciting game it has struck me what an elegant gymnasium the place would make after curling was over, and it is consequently with considerable pleasure that I hear that valuable association the Calgary Amateur Athletic Association, has some scheme, by which the rink may be utilized somewhat after the manner in which I have mentioned. I understand that it is to be taken up in connection with the Association ground. It is to be sincerely hoped that all the clubs in town will amalgamate this year. It will be far the cheapest and most sensible plan for obtaining the use of the very fine grounds.

THERE is also another view of the question, to be considered by every club in town. The Association has purchased and fenced this ground at very considerable expense, and contemplate putting up a pavilion and other buildings as soon as ever they can. This has been done, not as a speculation, but purely in the interest of sport of every description. For years to come, every dollar received will be sunk in improving the ground, thus adding to the comfort and convenience of the clubs, besides being a very decided attraction to the town. It should therefore be the desire of every club in town to support such an institution by every means in its power.

There is no doubt that were the rink obtained for the purpose I have mentioned, it would be an additional reason for all the clubs forming some sort of a union, that is to say, if additional reason be needed. It would also be a very convenient place in which clubs could hold their business meetings, as the rink possesses a couple of fine rooms, which could be used for this purpose. Steps should be taken at once, so that everything can be in working order by the time the weather breaks.

MANY of my readers will hear of the death of Joseph Capp with regret. He was the "T'owd Mon" of the *Sporting Times* and that paper's various offsets. Mr. Capp, who for many years was a racing reporter,