

considerable energy has been expended during the year in the preservation of moose. The following officers were elected :

President—Lieut.-Col. Clerke.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. Geoffrey Morrow and Col. Ryan, R.A.

Secretary—Mr. George Piers.

Treasurer—Mr. A. M. Scott.

Council—Major Bagot, R. E., Capt. Boileau, R. A., Mr. John Bowers (Shelburne), Mr. C. S. Harrington, Mr. H. T. Jones, Mr. D. W. Archibald (Sheet Harbor), Mr. R. G. Leckie (Londonderry), Mr. MacGowan, R. A., Mr. George Piers, Mr. J. C. Sievert, Mr. Chas. Stabbing.

It is only through the efforts of the Society that sportsmen can ever hope to have a fair field to work in, and more especially to keep the big game in this country, which is one of its last resting places; and we cannot understand why it is that more do not join; the subscription fee is merely nominal (\$2 per annum), and, properly speaking, no one has any right to indulge in sport with any freedom without being a member.

Halifax is not the only city that has taken advantage of the splendid weather the last few weeks. Our neighbour and rival, St. John, has turned out in great force. Last week, for instance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harding gave a good old-fashioned sleigh drive out to the beach club house, where a good feed was prepared, and the guests danced till they were tired, and came back to town in the small hours of the morning. Then again, on Thursday, a merry party was organized by Messrs. C. Troop, Fred Jones, Jack Warner and Harry Fairweather, ending up with a dance in Mr. Fairweather's house at Rothesay. The Misses Addy, too, led a large party out to Dr. Addy's place at Bay View on Wednesday. On the whole things social don't seem to stagnate much in St. John, although there is no garrison to enliven the proceedings:—perhaps the residents value one another's society the more in consequence. This week there were two big dances, one at Mrs. J. D. Shatford's and one at Mrs. H. D. Troop's, not to mention several "at home's."

The 3rd Orpheus Club concert was given last night, when the following programme was gone through:—

PROGRAMME.

1. OVERTURE "La Gazza Ladra".....Rossini.
Orpheus Club Orchestra.
2. WALTZ. "The Magic of Spring" (By request).....Wintzell.
Orpheus Club with Ladies' Auxiliary and Orchestra.
3. SOLO "Dream Singing".....Porter.
Miss Louise Laine.
4. CHORUS "O happy day".....Gott.
Orpheus Club with Ladies' Auxiliary
5. SONG "Star of my Heart".....Dexter.
Mr. D. C. Gillis.
6. DANCE OF RUSTICS "The shepherd donned his Sunday best."
Moszkowski.
Orpheus Club with Ladies' Auxiliary and Orchestra
7. SONG "Fleeting Days".....Bailey.
Mrs. Percy Lear.
8. VAISEL "Souvenir de Vienne".....Joh. Strauss.
Orpheus Club Orchestra.
9. GRAND ARIA FROM CARMEN "Qui del Contrabbandier".....Bizet.
Miss Louise Laine.
10. CANTATA "The Wreck of the Hesperus".....Auderton.
Orpheus Club with Ladies' Auxiliary and Orchestra.
Solos: Mrs. G. S. Campbell, Messrs. D. C. Gillis and G. E. Bock.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The selection of choruses was remarkably happy. "The Magic of Spring" and "The Shepherd donned his Sunday Best," were both very well rendered. Miss Laine disappointed the audience by refusing to respond to the encores which her solos—as usual—elicited. Her first song, "Dream Singing" (by Mr. C. H. Porter) is a very pretty little thing, but of course her chief effort was in the selection from Carmen, which she handled with great power.

This was, we believe, Mrs. Lear's first appearance in connection with the Orpheus Club, and we must congratulate her on making a decided "hit." We also commend her taste in responding to the encore with an old favorite.

Mr. Gillis sang in better voice than we have ever heard him before.

We would like to venture a remonstrance against the practice of talking during the performances; the audiences at these meetings are, as a rule, very well-behaved, but a great many had their evening spoilt last night by the folly of two or three couples, who seemed to think the commencement of a song the signal for the commencement of conversation.

"A Parent," writing in last night's *Mail*, raises all sorts of objections to the new dance, the "Militaire." This will raise rather a howl, as the "Militaire" is one of the easiest and most enjoyable of dances, and it is rather hard to see why it should be cut out just because some girls stretch the capabilities of the "kick" rather farther than is quite proper. Fashions in dancing, as in everything else, move in cycles, and we have for the last few years, been enjoying one of the "gliding" cycles, gradually cutting out every variety till the programme consists entirely of waltzes, with a Lancers for the older folk, and a polka thrown in as a sop to Navy men and the little girls who run after the middies. At last the "Militaire" has come to the rescue, and from the eagerness with which it has been adopted, little doubt remains but that our programmes will be a good deal livelier in a couple of years or so. The reaction has been rather sudden, however, and we have noticed a slight approach to rowdiness on two or three occasions, so we cannot think "Parent" unreasonable. We quite agree that young ladies should not kick too high, but we don't feel like giving up the "Militaire" just because it gives them a chance of doing so.

The St. Patrick's Minstrels are performing at the Academy just now for a few nights, and are giving a matinee on Saturday. We hear they are stronger than ever, which is saying a great deal.

Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association.

FIRST ANNUAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO-NIGHT.

— PROGRAMME —

440 YARDS.

F. P. Carroll ..	Pictou A. C.	C. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.
F. A. Young ..	Chebucto A. C.		

ONE MILE.

Alex. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.	C. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.
Geo. Laidlaw	Dartmouth.	F. P. Carroll ..	Pictou A. C.

HALF MILE BACKWARDS.

Gillespie.....L. M. C. A., St. John.	J. Bonang.....	Dartmouth.
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ONE MILE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(For boys under 18.)

W. R. Carson ...	N. B. A. S. A.	B. Edgar Dawson ..	Pictou A. C.
A. Patterson	Chebucto A. C.	Geo. Laidlaw ..	Dartmouth.
L. Major	Crescent A. A.	W. S. Archibald ..	Antigonish.

220 YARDS HURDLE.

H. L. Ruggles Wanderers A. C.	C. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.
J. Jollimore....	Standard A. B. C.	

HALF MILE.

C. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.	F. P. Carroll ..	Pictou A. C.
Geo. Laidlaw ..	Dartmouth.	A. Patterson ..	Chebucto A. C.

THREE MILES.

W. R. Carson ..	N. B. A. S. A.	B. Edgar Dawson ..	Pictou A. C.
A. Patterson ...	Chebucto A. C.	W. S. Archibald....	Antigonish.
C. Patterson	Chebucto A. C.	F. P. Carroll	Pictou A. C.