



A SUMMER SCENE NEAR LAPRAIRIE.

at great length, but the true inwardness of the case has been kept back. This was probably due to a desire not to unnecessarily hurt anybody's feelings. In fact it was apparent that when the Montreal and Toronto clubs' representatives stated their case, the excuse given of not being able to play two matches in Ottawa, although a sufficient one, was not the only reason. Sometimes it is kind to be cruel, and the knife occasionally does a great deal of good, and after looking at the situation from every side the only natural inference to be drawn is that the two clubs, of the best social standing, from a conventional point of view, do not care to play with the Capitals. This may seem somewhat harsh and may be vehemently denied, but if the members will go down into the inside pockets of their consciences they will say it is true. It may be an assumption of arrogance on the part of the two clubs and it may be humiliating to the Capitals, but after all no set of rules and regulations will outweigh the unwritten code which forbids a man or a club to meet an antagonist considered inferior in certain respects.

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Even with a majority in that committee does anybody suppose for a moment that the Ottawa club is anxious to have the Capitals in their series? Of course we are bound to respect the vote of the Ottawa delegate, but it is safe to say that although Mr. Kent seconded the motion for the admission of the Capitals, his club would have been thoroughly delighted had his motion been voted down. It was very magnanimous on the part of the Ottawa club and it looked well in the newspapers, but the lacrosse men who know the feeling and the state of affairs smile a smile of deepest meaning when the question is discussed. I had a long talk on Monday with two prominent lacrosse men, whose names are known in Great Britain as well as in Canada. One was a Torontonian and the other a Montrealer. What struck me most was the fact that both used almost exactly the same words in expressing their opinion and they can be fairly quoted as follows:—"My dear R.O.X., in the first place we don't want a six club league; in the second place if we did want a six club league it would not be the Capitals we would look to for the addition; in the third place the Capitals are not in our class, we don't want to have anything to do with them and we won't; in the fourth place, this is a private league that has no business to accept impertinent suggestions from the N. A. L. A." If that fact has not dawned on them by this time there is a wonderful dullness of comprehension under the shadow of the Parliament buildings. Toronto and Montreal can get along fairly well without Cornwall or Ottawa, but the other four—well, go along and have a little league of your own and at the end of the season see how pretty faces look with noses bitten off.

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There is no earthly reason why a Canadian bench show should not attract as much attention and be just as successful as any of those held on the other side of the line, and it is with pleasure that one reads of the arrangements being made on an elaborate scale for the exhibition at the Toronto Industrial. American fanciers have at last come to the conclusion that some good dogs may be raised in Canada, and consequently are taking more interest than hitherto in the matter, and are sending larger entry lists. At the meeting of the dog show committee Miss Annie H. Whitney, of Lancaster, Mass., was appointed to judge great Danes, St. Bernards and pugs. Mr. C. H. Mason, of New York, and Mr. Davidson, of Monroe, Mich., will also judge. For the spaniel classes the authority has not yet been decided on.

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Cycling is looking up at the present time, and already in the cities fortunate enough to have got rid of the snow, the festive bike is out in all his pristine pride. Of course, in Montreal, where a benevolent road department lets nature take care of itself, there is no possibility of doing any wheeling as yet, but there is every preparation being made. There will be race meetings in Montreal, Toronto, Woodstock, Hamilton, Ottawa and other places, and between the lot the wheelmen will be kept pretty busy. The Mont-

real B. C. held its annual meeting last week, and although there was a little difficulty about recognizing a safety division the meeting was harmonious on the whole, especially as the reports were decidedly satisfactory. The officers elected for the coming season are: President, A. I. Lane; first vice, G. Kingan; second vice, H. MacKenzie; secretary, A. Harries; treasurer, W. S. Weldon; captain, Louis Rubenstein; first lieutenant, D. S. Louson; second lieutenant, F. E. Adams; committee, W. G. Ross, E. Barlow, D. S. Louson, J. E. Walsh.

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Lawn tennis advocates are promising to boom things in St. Johns, P.Q., and the reports of the last meeting show the affairs of the St. Johns Club to be in a most progressive condition, the debt having been reduced more than 75 per cent. during the past season. The following gentlemen will look after the club's affairs during the coming year:—President, Mr. J. B. Stewart; vice-president, E. H. Heward; secretary-treasurer, N. T. Truell; committee, C. J. Coursol, R. Gould and F. A. Mann.

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The Capital Lacrosse Club, of Toronto, are giving promise of great things, and if any judgment may be formed from their annual meeting and the enthusiasm displayed they will give a good account of themselves during the coming season.

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