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### Editorials.

#### A HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

We notice with much pleasure that the Hockey Clubs of the Dominion have formed themselves into an Association resembling that of the Lacrosse Clubs. Such an Association, if carefully conducted, will greatly foster what may be called "our winter national game." Heretofore, the selection of rules has been arbitrary with clubs or carnival committees, and with all due reference to the latter, we are certain that the game of hockey will profit by its rules being superintended by those whose delight it is, and who are thoroughly acquainted with it.

McGill, the oldest hockey club in and around Montreal, if not in the Dominion, has entered this Association, and if the committee who will have the arrangement of the matches will but consider our peculiar circumstances, the new era will be a satisfactory one. The Lacrosse Clubs have found that they have too long a season, and that the men are almost overtrained, and their employers certainly put about. This is due to the method of playing matches, and the number of clubs entered. The football matches, being between fewer teams, are carried to a successful issue, and so also will the Hockey competitions, if the Association looks the facts in the face and tries to prepare for them. McGill must of necessity have a short season. Men cannot be expected to play during examination time, and examinations take place just after the opening and closing of the Hockey season.

For this reason the matches should take place close upon one another, and the number of competing clubs must be limited. Let there be a senior and junior championship, the former open at present to all clubs that possess carnival or champion cups, and hereafter to all clubs that have held a junior championship. Thus we shall find the pioneer clubs of McGill, Victoria, Montreal and the Crystal pitte! against each other, and the Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto and new clubs entered for the junior championship. Or, to enable Quebec and Ottawa to be eligible for the senior competition, of which honor their playing has shown them worthy, there might be a time rating. It is obviously unfair to clubs of known standing to force them to face every new club that may be organized, no matter whether its men have never before handled a hockey