



Last week I spoke of St. Lambert being a comparatively unknown, but still an enthusiastic supporter of aquatics. How little justification that statement needs may be left to anybody who had the good fortune to be present at the annual regatta, which was held on Saturday last. In most other water front resorts, at a regatta, the rowing men, the canoeists and their lady friends turn out to see the sport. In St. Lambert it is different. Everybody, without exception, goes to the regatta there. The village is deserted for the water front, and an enterprising burglar, with three hours to spare, could have carted away as much of the family plate and household goods as he cared for without molestation last Saturday afternoon. It has been said that the Imperial Parliament was known to adjourn on Derby Day because most of the members had business of importance and a field glass waiting for them at Epsom. It has been suggested that even local legislatures in some benighted capitals in the States have let the laws go to the "demnition bow wows" when the greatest of all shows on earth pitched its canvas in their vicinity. And there are stories afloat of municipal councils and juries of twelve good men and true finding it necessary to take a respite of an hour or so because their attendance would add *clat* to the due celebration of a lynching bee or some other equally engaging pastime in the early days of the wild and woolly West. But St. Lambert does none of these things. The only day when St. Lambert forgets business and all its mortal cares is the day when the annual regatta is held. All the year round everybody in St. Lambert knows everybody else, but on regatta day the acquaintance is considerably enlarged, because a large number of north side citizens know where they can enjoy themselves on that particular Saturday afternoon, and the result is that if a census taker were to go round the river bank that day he would marvel that the population had been doubled.

There is another feature that is distinctly commendable in the regattas of this club—all the officials work; the burden does not lie on any one individual, and the result is that even if the 3.15 train is waited for before the start, the whole programme is got through with in good time. It would be a good idea if a little of the same spirit actuated other clubs who have better facilities than the St. Lambert Boating Club. The races were most interesting and decidedly well contested. The programme began with the junior double scull for boys. This was nicely captured by R. Hunt and L. Thompson. The single scull was a splendid race, in which the Grand Trunk, St. Lambert and Longueuil were represented; the latter won by two lengths. Then came the double scull for lady and gentleman, the prize for which was taken by Miss Morris and Mr J. Riley. A very sportsmanlike thing was done in the canoe race. There were only two starters—Lake St. Louis and St. Lambert. The latter swamped and the Lachine men stopped paddling until their opponents had righted and started again. This is the kind of generosity that makes amateur sport what it is. In the double scull there was a surprise in store, as everybody thought the race was a certainty for the Grand Trunk, but St. Lambert put on a spurt and won. The tandem canoe was won by the Routh brothers, of Lachine, easily. A. Irving had what is called a "cinch" in the hurry-scurry, and the fours were won by the Grand Trunk. Then the day was wound up by a most enjoyable hop, at which all the visitors and most of St. Lambert were present, the unanimous verdict being that once more the annual aquatic meet had been a decided success. The following table summarizes the events of the day:

- President, W. Percival, Esq.; vice-president, A. J. Whimby, Esq.; treasurer, W. Beatty; secretary, J. C. Bowden; captain, A. Irving; committee, L. Betournay, Frank Riley, R. Steacie, John Beatty, jr., Thos. Riley, A. Horsfall, T. Radford, J. Morris, Jr., A. Corner; judges, W. J. White, Esq., James Wright, Esq., W. H. Kirby, Esq., James Stewart, Esq., L. Gordon, Esq., president and vice-president of the club; starter, Norman Fletcher, Esq.
- The following is the summary of the events:
1. Junior double scull—
L. Thompson, bow, R. Hunt, stroke. 1
A. Horsfall, bow, A. Lockie, stroke 2
 2. Single scull race—
E. Elliott, Longueuil 1
L. Mitchell, G.T.R. 2
A. Irving, St. Lambert 3
 3. Double scull race, lady and gentleman—
T. Riley and Miss Morris 1
F. Riley and Miss H. Furniss 2
 4. Canoe race, four paddles—
Lake St. Louis crew :
F. W. Stewart, F. Fairbanks, H. Routh, C. Routh . . . 1
St. Lambert crew :
W. Beattie, W. Cooper, J. Beattie, F. Riley 2
 5. Double scull race—
St. Lambert crew :
A. Irving and J. Morris 1
G. T. R. crew :
L. Mitchell, H. Henderson 2

6. Junior single scull—
R. Elliott, Longueuil. 1
R. Hunt, St. Lambert. 2
George Furniss, St. Lambert 3
7. Tub race in costume—
A. Snowden. 1
L. Thompson 2
8. Tandem canoe race—
H. and C. Routh, Lachine. 1
F. Stewart and F. Fairbanks, Lachine. 2
A. Irving and J. Morris, St. Lambert 3
R. Laing and W. D. Mason, G. T. R. 4
9. Hurry scurry canoe race—
A. Irving, St. Lambert 1
F. Fairbanks, Lachine 2
10. Four-oared race—
G. T. R. crew, No. 2 :
Davis, bow; Kell, 2; Beattie, 3; Green, stroke. 1
G. T. R. crew, No. 1 :
R. Laing, bow; H. Henrichon, 2; D. Brown, 3; W. Laing, stroke. 2
St. Lambert crew :
W. Cooper, bow; L. Betournay, 2; P. Thompson, 3; F. Kelly, stroke 3

There will be two great matches to-day in the lacrosse struggle—one of which may materially influence the ultimate positions of the clubs—that between Cornwall and Toronto; the other, between Montreal and Shamrock, will practically be the decider of last place. Leaving out the protest business, which, by the way, has apparently dropped from the memory of all the protesters, the shield will be fought for by the Queen City and the Factory Town, with one chance in favour of the latter. In the last few years it has grown to be a bye-word that Cornwall cannot play off its own ground, a bye-word which has frequently proved to be misleading, for the twelve have played and conquered on foreign fields, but certainly not as well as when at home. An instance, I might mention, was the recent Montreal match. Of course, they defeated the local team, but the play was not nearly up to the standard shown the previous week in the match with the Shamrocks. The Montrealers were slow, out of condition, and, in many lacrosse men's judgment, badly placed; and, perhaps, it was because they were no match for the visitors and could not push them that the latter did not make a better showing. Cornwall will have to play better and faster lacrosse than they did here to beat the fast team of Toronto, especially on such grounds as the Rosedale, that is, if Toronto plays in anything like the same style as at Montreal. If they work as they did in Ottawa, then Cornwall will add one more laurel to its wreath of victory.

The Montreal-Shamrock match is one of even greater uncertainty. Both teams are erratic and what may be called in-and-outers; the only thing in which either appears at all consistent is the apparent ability to lose matches this season; in one match a magnificent scientific exhibition of lacrosse is given, in the next it is loose, ragged, and not at all interesting. In the first case bad fortune seems to have followed them,—when they played well enough to win the fates seemed against them; in the second case, when they played badly enough to lose they did it without difficulty, and at the present time the two clubs, which for years were the shining lights of the lacrosse world, are now hid under a densely dark bushel basket. One thing is certain, however, and that is that the match to-day will be a good one. There is a lacrosse legend to the effect that whenever playing against each other the Shamrocks and Montrealers have shown magnificent lacrosse, even if they fell to pieces when playing with outside clubs, and the truth of this legend has been so persistently verified that there is no reason to doubt it now. Both clubs have been doing some wonderfully hard practice, and the Shamrocks have succeeded in defeating a combination team, the superior of which on paper it would seem difficult to find. To-day's struggle ought to be a hard one, with, I think, the chances in favour of the Shamrocks.

The lacrosse millennium seems to have arrived very close to Toronto. The Capitals, who are captained by Mr. Rose, a gentleman well-known in lacrosse circles, have played practice matches with the Torontos, in order to fit the latter for the contest with Cornwall. This is so unusual a proceeding in the west that the *Empire* is moved to print the following sentence:—"Not for many years has Toronto had two clubs in the senior series that could meet for a friendly game, and now when the feeling is friendly let it remain so." Why, bless the *Empire's* dear heart, in Montreal the big lacrosse clubs have been doing that sort of thing for a long time. Toronto should not be so slow to learn.

The Crescent Lacrosse Club are making a wonderful record for themselves in the District Championship series. Last year they only lost one match. This year a match has not been lost so far and but very few games. The Crescents appear too good a team for the District Championship and should at least try for the Intermediate, if not for the senior league,—the only drawback to the latter course being the doubt whether Montreal is big enough for three senior teams. There are some men on the Crescent twelve whose team play could be imitated with advantage

by two or three big clubs, who would probably not condescend to attend a junior match; but the fact that such is the case remains the same. There was an exhibition of this branch of skill given on Saturday last.

The Glengarrians, of Lancaster, are following closely in the wake of the Cornwalls and Crescents as far as the number of victories are to be considered. They have played six matches and won them all, and seem to have the championship of their district in safe keeping.

By the way, the default of one of the Orient teams should be a salutary lesson that a small club cannot run three lacrosse teams. There are too many irons in the fire. Ambition is a very good thing in its way; but it killed Caesar, and an overdose has been too much for the Orientals.

In the cycling world last week saw an important record broken. W. J. Gassler lowered the American time for a mile on a Safety to 2.37 2-5. This was made at Charter Oak Park. The mark previously was held by George Hendee, viz., 2.41 3-4. While cycling is being referred to, a word may not be out of place respecting a comparatively new club in Montreal, the Star Bicycle Club. This organization has been most enthusiastic since its formation, and several road races have already been held. On Saturday last there were two events—scratch and second class—and this afternoon the third race in the present series will take place. A club that makes such a beginning should receive all encouragement. There is plenty of room for two bicycle clubs in the city, and it is a pleasant thing to see the Star and Montreal Bicycle Club fraternizing and wishing each other well.

The American record for Safety, referred to above, does not come near the world's record, recently made at Paddington by McCredy. This gentleman, who is the editor of the *Irish Cyclist*, covered the distance in 2.26 4-5. This same flyer also sent all the records flying from 6 to 21 miles, and only stopped there because it was too dark to go on.

Next week the annual meeting of the Montreal Bicycle Club will be held at the M.A.A.A. grounds and a large turnout of wheelmen from all parts of Canada is looked for. There will also be several flyers from the United States, and already Gassler, Rich and Campbell have entered. As the entries do not close until the 27th, it is likely that other large clubs on the other side of the line will be heard from. If such is the case, our local talent do not appear to have much chance. If the track is in good condition, there is a possibility of Gassler lowering his own mark, as he is sure to go in for the mile; but it is doubtful if there will be any one in for the race able to drive him to his limit. In the Toronto tournament, not a single Torontonian got a first in the open events. Hanna, of Montreal, got first place in the combination race, and W. H. C. Mussen was second to E. C. Anthony, of Taunton, Mass., in the five mile open. It looks as if the great bulk of trophies will be carried back by the American wheelmen. Some of our best Canadian riders will be represented at the big meet of the L. A. W. at Niagara Falls next week; but where all the cracks will be assembled, as in this case, it is almost too much to hope for any firsts, and the best that can be done is to wish them good luck.

The four-days' blue-rock tournament, held last week in Toronto, was perhaps the most interesting shooting event ever held in Canada, and in management was fully equal to the great competition held in the United States, while the shooting itself was much above the average. The system of rapid firing adopted also proved most successful. Rolla Heikes came out of the contest with the greatest amount of cash won, while the best average was made by Kelsey. Most of the American shots left Toronto for Corry, Pa., where the Keystone tournament has been in full swing all this week. This will be followed by a long succession of meetings for trap shooters, which are of almost continental interest. Harrisburg comes next, then the Bandle tournament in Cincinnati, and the shoot of the Middlesex Gun Club at Dunellan, N.Y. The success of all these competitions is due more than anything else to the system of guaranteed purses. In the Toronto tournament Ottawa was represented by Capt. Dalton and Mr A. W. Throop; but Montreal did not have a solitary blue-rock breaker there, and still there was a time when there was keen shooting competition in this city.

Last week the readers of the DOMINION ILLUSTRATED were given some idea of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, together with pictures illustrating some of the leading types of craft. Since that time the second regatta of the Lake Yacht Racing Association has been held at Toronto, and in all the classes there was a total of 27 starters, a remarkably good showing. These races were under the auspices of the R. C. Y. C. The Oriole, apparently non-defeatable, won from the Vreda and Aileen in the first class, with 37 minutes to spare on corrected time. The 46-foot class was captured easily by White Wings. The Yama won from the Merle and Psyche in the 40-foot class. The 35-foot class fell to the lot of the Vision, while the 30-foot class, in which there were eight starters, was won by Nancy, and the 25-foot class by Maud B. Again, in the