

...son, ... Palmer, ... Williams, ... Meekley, ... Holbert, ... and Ryan. They are all, but two young chaps, utterly unknown to the average friend of the professional game, and yet they have beaten this year that they could beat the veterans more than half of the time. Now, on the theory that a club should be paid for what it does, and that the better club should be paid more than the poorer, the two men named should get high salaries. The facts are that two of the team get \$1,200 each, three get \$800 each, and the other five \$700 each, making the entire salary list \$8,000. This ought to dispel the long cherished illusion that it is necessary to pay big salaries to get good players. There is no association in the League except, it may be, one that does not pay as much to four men as the Alleghenys do to ten; and yet the latter get as good service, or better, as good play, or better, and as much gentlemanly conduct, as the others. The sooner people begin to understand that \$22,750 (the sum paid by a single League club for salaries alone) will not necessarily get any better men than \$4,800, the sooner will the national game get down to the only honest basis—that of paying for itself."

Quoiting.

THE TORONTO TOURNAMENT.

The grand quoiting tournament commenced on the 18th inst., at 318 Front street west. The following are the names of the competitors who entered, the championship of Canada, gold medal, and \$20 being the first premium:—

James Ronnie, Toronto; Robert Russell, Pembroke; John Taggart, Kleinburg; Jno. Rippon, Toronto; John Brown, Galt; Simon Kennedy, Milliken; Bob't McCowan, Scarborough; George Sheppard, L'Amaroux; Walter Glendenning, Gillesmere; David Fordy, Malvern; James Patton, Danforth; M. J. O'Hara, Kleinburg; James Dobson, Galt; A. J. Reid, Ayr; H. Cameron, Acton; S. C. Edwards, Belleville; W. J. Reid, Ayr; James McTague, Galt; R. Winning, Angus; and James G. Malcolm, Toronto.

After two days' play, the tournament resulted as follows:—First prize, championship of the Dominion, holder of the grand gold medal, and twenty dollars in cash, Mr. Walter J. Reid, Ayr; second, cash \$12, Mr. James McTague, Galt; third, cash \$10, Mr. George Sheppard, L'Amaroux; fourth, cash \$8; Mr. Walter Glendenning; fifth, cash \$6, James Ronnie, Toronto; sixth, cash \$7, Mr. John Taggart, Kleinburg; seventh, cash \$6, Mr. Simon Kennedy, Milliken. Holder of the silver medal, valued at \$15, presented by the Dufferin Curling Club, for all quoits not exceeding seven pounds, Jas. Ronnie, Toronto. Holder of the silver cup, valued at \$10, presented by the Hon. John Johnston, for members of specified curling clubs, Mr. Walter J. Reid, Ayr. Consolation prizes—First, a cigar holder, valued at \$4, won by Mr. Jas. G. Malcolm, Toronto; second, a hat, valued at \$2, Mr. Andrew J. Reid, Ayr.

The present champion, Mr. Walter J. Reid, is open for challenges from any part of the Dominion.

PRESCOTT.—During the Prescott Fair a quoit contest took place on the track, for a prize of \$15, given by the Agricultural Association. There were ten competitors, the distance was 21 yards. Messrs. J. M. Taylor and R. K. Clark represented Ottawa. The winners were Messrs. C. E. Nettleton (Spencerville), 1st, \$7, after a well contested game, with a score of 21; J. McLaren, (Prescott), 2nd, \$6, 20 points, and James Mundley (Prescott), 3rd, \$3, at 17 points.

It is said the Marquis of Lorne will visit Nova Scotia next month to hunt Moose.

Ducks at Long Point and on the St. Clair Flats promise this season to be plentiful, and sportsmen anticipate heavy bags.

A MISSISSIPPI COON.—Mr. Moore, of Madisonville, Miss., recently killed a raccoon, which when skinned and dressed and with out the head weighed forty five pounds.

What would you think of a restaurator who mingled damaged shot with the dressing of baryaras, to make believe they were wild ones?

LAKEFIELD.—On Saturday last Mr. Jos. A. Sabler and five other gentlemen returned from the upper lakes, where they had been enjoying a week's hunt. As they succeeded in securing thirteen deer, it seems almost unnecessary to say that they were well pleased with the result of their trip.

The Barrie Gazette says:—"Mr. Edward Staley, of Flos, captured a large yearling bear in a steel trap by one of the fore-paws. The trap was fastened to a piece of wood, which the bear managed to drag about twenty-five rods, not dragging it by the paw fastened in the trap, but by the one at liberty. The bear was in the habit of visiting at night a patch of corn where he was ultimately caught. Mr. Staley brought the carcass to Barrie and climbed up to a photograph gallery, where he had the photograph of himself and bruin, while he was, as it were, encumbering the animal and killing it while in the trap. The crop of bears it is said is very abundant in Flos this year."

GOOD SHOOTING.—Mr. G. B. Patter, of Ottawa, at the Military Rifle Match, held at Almonte, during the past week, took the first prize in the small bore competition at 800 yards. He made ten bulls eyes in succession. Fifty points out of a possible fifty.

IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON A STALLION.

Last week Professor James Law, of Cornell University, castrated a cryptorchid stallion, the property of Gilbert H. Reynolds, of Rochester, N.Y. The term cryptorchid is applied to animals having one or both testicles concealed either in the inguinal canal or abdominal cavity. In this case one testicle had descended into the scrotum, its usual place; while the other was retained within the abdominal cavity. The operation of removing a testicle from the abdomen used to be regarded as extremely dangerous; but within the last ten years has been practiced to considerable extent, and with but a small percentage of deaths. To Professor Law, so far as known, is due the credit of having been the first man in America to perform the operation of removing testicles from the abdominal cavity through the abdominal ring. He commenced the practice of it about eight years ago, since which a few have removed concealed testicles in a similar manner, though, judging from the information we have received, by not nearly so scientific and skilful a method as that practiced by Mr. Law. The operation was witnessed by one medical gentleman, Dr. T. B. Collins, one lawyer, several veterinary surgeons, and a few amateur horsemen among whom was Nathan Palmer, of Rochester. All present were highly pleased with the quiet, smooth and masterly manner in which the operation was performed. The animal apparently suffered but little during the operation, and as soon as released from his fetters arose and walked off cheerfully, and today appears lively and in good spirit.

EXTRAORDINARY PASSAGE.—The steamship Surinam, of the Annapolis Line, and commander, arrived at Quebec at 6 a. m. on Saturday morning, beating the fastest passage ever made by five hours and a half. She landed her mails at Rimouski in 6 days 22 hours and 80 mins. after receipt of them at Montreal at 7 p. m. on Friday, 14th inst.

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