

## SPORTS AND GAMES

The Beaver Lacrosse Club will have a moonlight excursion on June 1st, to Herne island. The Beavers are pushing ahead with the preliminary arrangements and a very successful outing is expected.

Barney Quinn, the great amateur lacrosse player, has received a lucrative offer from Brockville to play in their team there. It is expected, however, that the Capitals will do their best to retain him in their team; he is too good a man to lose.

The Cornwalls are regretting the loss of Danaher, and hopes are entertained that he will return to Corawall; but they are not likely to be realized, as Danaher is a pretty sure fixture on the Shamrock team and during this summer will do his best on the Shamrock home.

The newly invented hollow baseball stick will be a great acquisition to baseball men; the stick is lighter than the old style and quite as effective for hitting, as in the hollow part of the stick there are three loose iron balls which fly forward to the head of the stick when the ball is struck, thus giving a greater force to the blow.

Those M. A. A. members who are fond of athletic exercises and who formerly lacked the advice of a practical trainer should now have nothing to complain of, as a trainer has been engaged for two weeks on trial, and as he seems to have given every satisfaction up to the present there is every probability that he will remain permanently.

The Standard Lacrosse Club hold their first annual concert and ball in the Victoria Armory to-night, at 8 p.m. Music for the ball will be provided by Davis' celebrated orchestra. The best local talent has promised to contribute to the programme of the concert, among whom is Mr. G. Parkes, the favorite comic singer, also Miss May and Miss M. Kitts, Mr. W. Kitts, Mr. W. Traynor, Mr. J. Young, Le Marche and Denney, Mr. J. Lyons, Mr. McLeod, Miss Collins, and others.

The well-known footballer, Mr. H. B. McGivern, has returned to his home at Hamilton after a lengthy stay in England. Mr. McGivern, after a lengthy study of English football, has come to the conclusion that the English are not such good kickers as the Canadians, and their combinations on the field are not so good. He proposes that a good representative team of Canadian footballers go to the Old Country in the fall, and he is sure that they would be able to hold their own against a good number of the crack English teams.

The Herald is the authority for the announcement that the Montreal Lacrosse team may withdraw from the senior championship league. We sincerely hope that the statement is a mere rumor, because we would not like to see the depletion of such an organization as the Montreal lacrosse team—with its splendid record and its noble endeavor in conjunction with the Shamrock team to modernize a sport which had been in the hands of the Indians somewhat primitive. When the Montrealers were champions, in 1889, the Shamrocks were in a somewhat similar dilemma, through the retirement of their old players; but with even a small membership, when compared to the present roll of the M.A.A.A., with characteristic energy and zeal they entered a team entirely composed of juniors, and within a period of two years received the championship. This is an example that is worthy of imitation, and we would advise the Montrealers to follow it on this occasion.

Four or five hundred sympathizers of the S. A. A. A. particularly, and of lacrosse generally, might have been found on the Shamrock stand last Saturday afternoon. The attraction was the first practice match of the season between the senior team and the intermediate champions, the Young Shamrocks. Captain Polan performed his old time office for the seniors, while the younger twelve was under the generalship of John Ahearn. P. McKeown acted as referee and Messrs. J. Lunny and Wm. Snow as umpires. The seniors came out with a majority of games, but they had to do some tall hustling. The

defense of the intermediates developed a strong, well-balanced strength and succeeded in holding the Shamrock's home, who were playing admirably for this early date. The senior defense is not up to the mark, however. The same old intermittent attacks of the "rattles" were painfully noticeable. Mulcair is playing in too good company, and unless a very sudden change takes place he will doubtless be relegated to a lower rank. Moore, Murray and Dwyer show good form, but, for defense men, a too great anxiety to all get the ball. With the three men last mentioned in front of cool-headed, reliable point and cover-point players the green and grey wearers might defy attack, providing, always, that the goal-keeper is up to the mark. The fielders were running and playing fast and Kelly carried around his superfluous avoirdupois surprisingly lively. On the home, Tansey was conspicuous and daring. He would make an excellent point, but can he be spared from the home? Wall works hard, but as yet has not got over his old hesitation in handling the ball. Captain Polan and the committee should exercise consideration and more than usual judgment in selecting and placing this year's team. There is lots of good material on the grounds, and Stinson, McGrath, Brophy and Walsh might be commended especially. Danaher turned out late in Saturday's practice and had no opportunity to show any form. All through the players are in extraordinarily good condition for a season's opening and are evidently going in enthusiastically to win or know the reason why.

Among the clubs which distinguished themselves in association football last season was a comparatively new club, the Mohawks. The rapidity with which this club has passed from the intermediate into the senior league speaks well for its future success. The Mohawks are a quick team, perhaps one of the quickest in the city, but their most commendable characteristic is their splendid combination; it was this trait which enabled them to come out as champions of the intermediate league last year. The Mohawks played their first league match in the senior league on Saturday week, against the Druids, the match resulting in a draw. On Saturday next the Mohawks play the second match of the season, at three o'clock, on their own grounds, past the exhibition grounds, on Park Avenue. The Mohawks have decided not to charge admission this match. Their opponents will be the General Hospital team. Both teams are practising hard and seem in excellent trim, especially the Mohawks. There is sure to be a large crowd to witness this game, which bids fair to be a hardly contested one.

A meeting of the Emmet Lacrosse Club will be held at 8 o'clock to-night, in St. Ann's Hall, Ottawa Street, when final arrangements for the management of the Club during this season will be completed; the Club is in a very flourishing condition and numbers over 200 members. The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Club:—President, T. P. Conway; 1st Vice President, T. Dillon; 2nd Vice President, J. Donovan; Treasurer, W. Flannery; Secretary, J. Hussey; Assistant Sec., J. J. Gomersall. Committee:—F. Giles, E. Sullivan, T. Connelly, M. Lynch and J. Hanrahan; J. Kearney, Captain.

### A GOLDEN JUBILEE.

PREPARATIONS TO DO HONOR TO MGR. LAFLECHE, OF THREE RIVERS.

Great preparations are being made in Three Rivers for the celebration of the jubilee of sacerdotal golden wedding of Bishop Lafleche, which will take place on May 22 and 23. Invitations have been sent to the clergy of all the dioceses in the province and to several dignitaries abroad and the event promises to be a memorable one. Bishop Lafleche is one of the oldest and most respected prelates in Canada, and the Catholic population will be enthusiastic in doing him honor.

Louis Francois Lafleche was born in Ste. Anne de la Perade, on September 4, 1818, and was ordained a priest in 1844, and after a few years' service in the ministry here, devoted himself to the North-West missions. His success among the Indian tribes and half-breeds was very great, but the arduous labors proved too much for his weak constitution and failing health forced him to return to his native province after a few years. In 1866 he was appointed coadjutor to the



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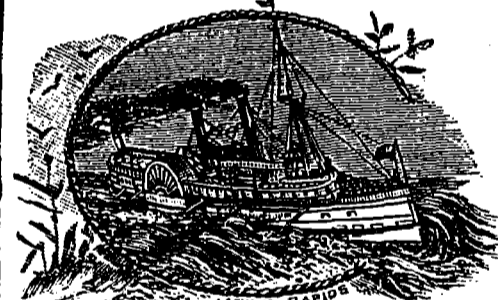
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