

ATHLETICS.

THE Queen's birthday as usual was the opening of the athletic season, and about every club in the city and out of it had some little engagement on hand; but most of them were engagements outside the city, in accordance with the time-honored custom of "going somewhere" on that day.

THE leading attractions in Montreal were undoubtedly the baseball games. A great many people have been in the habit of telling us that baseball would never take in Montreal. They would perhaps have changed their minds had they been present on Saturday. The two games played were good enough for anybody especially the afternoon game, where only in one winning did the Montreal nine lose their heads. If they are able to keep up the same gait they will be money in at the end of the season.

THE lacrosse clubs, too, were kept pretty busy. The Shamrocks journeyed to Toronto to face the Queen City men in an exhibition match. The reports that have been heard as to the strength of the Western men seem to be somewhat exaggerated, or else the Shamrocks must have improved wonderfully over their form when they played with the Indians, the result being a draw—four all.

NEVER did a club leave home more confident of victory than did the Crescents when they started for Ottawa, and how the mighty fell before the much despised Capitals. The Crescents, too, had the team on about which there has been so much discussion, and many of whom were supposed to be Orient men. Verily the ways of the junior lacrosse men wind deviously, and are dove-tailed with brass rings and other trinkets, that cost all the way from \$75 to \$150.

THE St. Gabriel's and Orients had an enjoyable match, the former winning by three to two. Honors were even. In Huntingdon the Junior Shamrocks were on hand and beat the local twelve by 3 to 2 goals. The Juniors will undoubtedly make a good deal better showing than they did last year.

WHILE speaking of lacrosse it will hardly be necessary to remind all lovers of the game that this (Saturday) afternoon the match for the benefit of the Cregan Fund will take place on the Montreal grounds. Not only will every spectator be doing a good work in helping perhaps the finest exponent of the game that Canada ever produced, but the match itself will be worth going to see. Some idea may then be got of the merits of the teams for the championship struggle. There will also be an extra attraction in the quarter mile handicap, the final of which will be run between the games. There ought not to be a vacant seat on the grand stand this afternoon.

IT is only two weeks ago since I wrote that the Grand Trunk team would be pretty near the top in the association football series, and last Saturday they gave the Ramblers of Ottawa a taste of their prowess taking nine goals while the Ottawaites captured a goose egg.

THE St. Lawrence Yacht Club opened their season in the most satisfactory sort of way. Point Claire was the *rendez-vous*, and all the lake front was represented. A little more wind was all that was wanted to make the cruise a perfect one. The "Valda," which flies the commodore's flag, has justified all the good said of her in advance, and the modeller has good reason to be proud of her lines.

THE Montreal Bicycle representative did not do particularly well at the Hamilton meet, but it should be remembered that in Windle there was a world beater to contend against.

THE St. James Cricket Club are delighted with their trip to Somerville, where they made an excellent showing against the Bishop's College school, and they look forward to making it a yearly fixture.

THE Bonaventure Cricket Club made short work of the Alexandria eleven during their recent visit, but that did not prevent the Alexandrians from being hospitable to the last degree. The visitors won by an inning and 18 runs.

THE Montreal Cricket Club are on the field at every possible opportunity, and the scores they roll up prove that they will be formidable opponents when the big matches begin.

THE Point St. Charles Club easily defeated the East end eleven. Run getting was very slow, the score being 29 to 16.

BY the way, what has become of the Victoria Rifles Cricket Club?

THE first class boats in the S. L. Y. C. will have something to stimulate them this season. Mr. C. H. Levin, with characteristic generosity, has given a beautiful challenge cup. The first race will be open to all the first class yachts, the winner to be subject to challenge afterwards. Every boat in the class will race for it, and as the plans for two new 27 footers are being laid, a lively time is in store for our Corinthians.

THERE is an agitation on foot for the establishment of swimming championships. At present there is only one recognized championship—the thousand yards—which

One Hundred Dollars in prizes.—See page 9,