THE PEOPLE'S PASTIMES.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN SPORTING CIRCLES THE WORLD OVER.

Proposed Athletic Association — Annual Meeting of the Argonaut Rowing Club Stewart Gets Away with Popp—Wayper Beats Cockburn.

Charles Brightwell, the English oarsman, is coming to America.

The university of Pennsylvania talks of building a $100,000 gymnasium.

The Brunswick & Blake, and Collender & Co. billiard table firms have been consolidated.

June will see the three great American guns—Carver, Bogardus and Buffalo Bill—embarked for England.

George Fulljames has challenged any man in America at 124 pounds to fight for from $1000 to $2500 a side.

Negotiations are on foot for a meeting between John Flood and John L. Sullivan in a four-round glove contest.

There will be a clay pigeon match at the byres to-day at 2.30 p.m. This will be the final shoot for McDowall's medal.

John Kay, horse trainer, who never slept in a house nor drank spirits, is dead at Sheepshead Bay, aged 40 years.

Goldsmith Maid has been stinted to Gen. Washington, the son of her old rival, Lady Thorne. She has been barren for three years.

The Dauntless baseball club of this city will meet in Temperance hall on Monday night at 8 o'clock to organize for the season.

Sheriff, the Prussian, offers to fight Mervine Thompson or Charles Mitchell to a finish in any way for $1000 a side, and has posted $100 forfeit.

W. B. McAllister, Pembroke, Ont., has purchased from Mr. Stewart of Eardley the 5-year old trotting stallion Lightfoot Lee. Price said to be $2000.

English authorities think their amateurs will have no trouble in getting away with the Americans—Myers, Murray and Frederick—on their approaching visit.

John Meagher of Lawrence, Mass., the champion walker of America, has severely sprained his ankle, and a ten-mile match with Dennis Driscoll has had to be declared off.

A four-mile trot for $300 took place at Winnipeg on March 22 between G. H. Kerr's Inspector and Z. Laporte's London Boy. The latter won easily, leading from start to finish.

The Windsor driving park association have already received more applications for membership than they have shares for sale. It is now thought that the park will be an assured fact this season.

The agitation to secure an amendment to the pool bill permitting the sale of pools on authorized race tracks has failed. The bigotry that would make it illegal to sneeze on Sunday was too strong.

All the clubs in Montreal were represented at a snowshoers' convention on Wednesday night last, when the rules of snowshoe racing were revised in order to present them to the Canadian athletic association meeting in this city next month.

Madden has posted $500 with R. K. Fox to make a match with Sheriff, the Prussian, four rounds, Queensberry rules, for $1000 a side. He also offers to bet $1000 that Mitchell can beat Sullivan, Thompson or any man in the world under the same rules.

The absurd statement is made that Tonans, the winner of the Lincolnshire, belongs to the Prince of Wales. His royal highness has no interest in him. Boulevard, 4 yrs., by Uncas—Madeline, was third in the race. Plunger Walton's Sutler ran unplated.

Among the passengers in the steamer Greece that arrived in New York on Wednesday last were Edward Gifford and Edward Day, an English jockey and trainer, who have brought the English thoroughbred Caraxus. Day belongs to the famous family of English trainers of that name, while Gifford has a good record as a jockey.

E. W. Johnston, the athlete, has matched his grey mare Jennie Stewart against Mr. McDonald's bay horse Bay Chief for $400, of which $200 has been sent to the editor of the Sportsman Journal, who is to be final stakeholder. The race is to be trotted on the Barrie driving park July 9, 1884. Considerable money has already been laid on the result of the match.

When Wallace Ross landed in England he weighed 202 lbs. He rowed at 182 lbs. Bubear rowed at 161 lbs. Ross' daily preparation for the month preceding the race was a row of twelve miles and a walk of eight miles. It is our opinion that, in condition, Wallace is the second best sculler in the world, and if auybody beats Hanlan, Ross will be the man.—Turf, Field and Farm.

William Gale, the famous English endurance pedestrian, is "a little bruised, but still in the ring," and from Cincinnati announces that he is prepared to repeat his great feat of walking 4000 quarter miles in 4000 consecutive ten minutes. Gale to accomplish this feat would have to walk 440 yards each way each and every ten minutes, day and night, for twenty-eight days, and the first time he is unable to start he loses the race.

Lacrosse is played all the year round in Great Britain. Toe London Field, March 8, records no less than twenty-two matches as played during the preceding week. The match for the sonth of England challenge flags between London and Clapton was won by the former by five goals to one. In this game our old friends Messrs. Sachs did good work. The north of England challenge flags were won by South Manchester by nine goals to nil. These evidences of the progress of lacrosse in England must be pleasing to all lovers of the game.

The Parkdale cricket club has elected the following officers: Hon. president, Mr. J. S. Lockie; President, Dr. A. H. Lynd; 1st vice-president, Mr. H. J. Hill; 2d do., Mr. E. Mumford; patrons, Major Gray, M.P.P., Messrs. R. N. Gooch and W. Hamilton; committee, Messrs. A. Black, Land, Middleton, Chambers and Mackenzie; sec.-treas., J. E. Hall; match secretary, S. W. Black. The special prizes offered last season, viz.: A pair of batting gloves for best average in batting, given by the club, and a cricket ball for best average in bowling, given by Mr. J. J. Land, were won respectively by Geo. Mackenzie for batting and J. E. Hall for bowling. The season for 1884 opens with very good prospects.

Old Joe Spencer of Chesles, England, is striving to outdo Edward Payson Weston, whose great feat of walking 5000 miles in 100 days across the highways and byeways of England without partaking of stimulants stronger than tea or coffee has just gone on record. Spencer started on Feb. 4, at the Compton skating rink, Highbury, "to walk 5000 miles in less than 100 days, without partaking of tea or coffee," and up to March 10 had completed 1173 of his task. The match is alleged to be for a wager of $5000 to $500. Just what kind of stimulants old Joe uses we have not been informed, but as he is not a waterman, we opine he is never without his "pocket pistol." J. Green, the Southampton pedestrian, has also undertaken a similar task at Winchester, Eng. On March 10 he completed 1000 miles of his journey.

The Montreal football club has elected the following officers:—Mr. R. M. Esdaile, president; Mr. G. Cains, 1st vice-president; Mr. M. Drummond, 2nd vice-president; Mr. R. Campbell, captain; R. Stirling secretary; Mr. C. Lawford, treasurer; the committee consisting of Messrs. H. R. Drummond, F. Cains, A. E. Abbott, A. Campbell and W. Louson. Of the eleven Rugby matches played last season the club won eight and three were drawn, the club thus securing an unbeaten record. It has been decided to form an association team, of which Mr. J. N. Fulton will be captain. The Rugby team will shortly play the Britannias, the Ottawas, and the military college at Kingston. The club's finances are in a very satisfactory condition, and so they ought to be with 170 members.

Buffalo v. Toronto.

The tug-of-war between Buffalo and Toronto police officers will take place in the Grand opera house at the fencing club's entertainment on Monday evening. The teams are as follows: Buffalo, M. Reagan, weight 245 pounds; T. O'Leary, 190 pounds; J. Geary, 180; T. Haley, 170 pounds. Toronto, J. Stormont, 260 pounds; J. Reid, 250 pounds; C. Bell, 230 pounds; C. McCrae, 200. The Toronto men will meet the Buffalonians at Union station, take them to a hotel for dinner, drive around the city for two hours and then banquet them in Albert hall, where Mayor Boswell will preside.

Why Not an Athletic Association?

Mr. Walter Bonnell, who for years past has been a distinguished figure on the lacrosse field, has determined for the future to devote himself to athletics proper. He is very anxious that an organization shall be formed after the manner of the Montreal athletic association with radiating branches in lacrosse, cricket, football, etc., and would like to see the Toronto lacrosse club take the initiative. The idea is a good one, and should be acted upon. We have now excellent grounds at Rosedale, exactly suited to the requirements of such an organization. Mr. Bonnell is actively moving in the matter, and it only remains for lovers of running, jumping, hammer throwing, etc., to second his efforts, not only to secure the formation of the association, but to guarantee its success. Of recent years Toronto's prestige for amateur athletics has not been very great, but if this movement goes forward as it should do there will be hopes for the future.

The Game Laws.

To the Editor of the World.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of March 27 a new set of rules on this subject proposed at a sportsman's convention.

The fact is that the existing are, (1) too complicated already; (2) not posted up for public information. People err through ignorance of their existence or their meaning.

It would serve all practical purposes better if the game laws were summarized in some such form as this:

"Game should be shot and taken only during the months of October, November and December in each year."

This might be modified, perhaps, in regard to fish; but for all practical purposes it is worse than useless to make a difference of a day or week or so in the legal periods for different kinds of game.

Post up one or two such permissive and prohibitory sentences, which everybody can understand at a glance, in public sporting resorts, and there will be an end of the trouble.

AMATEUR.

Stewart Beats Popp.

Last night sporting men were interested in a boxing match which took place in Albert hall between Joe Popp of this city and Jack Stewart of London, Ont. There was a fair audience, which was obliged to put up with the usual weak preliminary contests. Why people who go to see a boxing match should be obliged to sit and witness bouts which should take place in a back yard, if anywhere, is more than can be understood. George Cooper was appointed referee, and John Forbes of Woodstock, time keeper. At about 10 o'clock the principals stepped upon the stage. Stewart was stripped to the waist and showed himself a splendid specimen of humanity. Popp appeared in the conventional small clothes. From first to last of the six rounds, it was an easy victory for Stewart. His long reach downed Popp nearly every time, although sporting men said that the latter showed the most science. The match was fought with blackened gloves, face hits to count, and the time spent in wiping off marks made the match very tame. At the conclusion a very quiet audience was informed that Stewart won, but Cooper resolutely refused to give the number of points made on either side.

The Argonaut Rowing Club.

There was a splendid gathering of the Argonaut rowing club at the annual meeting in the Rossin house last evening. The veteran and ever-green president, Mr. Henry O'Brien, presided. The secretary read the annual report, which showed the club to be in an unusually flourishing financial condition, the debt having been reduced from $900 to $350. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Henry O'Brien; first vice-president, Mr. G. W. Yarker; second vice-president, Mr. J. W. Beatty; captain, Mr. Oliver Morphy; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Hume Blake; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mr. Geo. H. C. Dunstan; committee, Messrs. C. E. Ryerson, T. P. Galt, W. D. Gwynne, W. M Richards, Wm. Ince, Jr., A. W. Morphy, A. Laugmuir; delegates to the Canadian association of amateur oarsmen: Messrs. Oliver Morphy and H. E. Thompson. A committee consisting of the president and captain and Messrs. C. E. Ryerson and McKay were appointed to confer with the semi-centennial committee relative to holding a regatta in June.

Wayper Defeats Cockburn.

It is a long time since a shooting match has created so much interest as did the one that came off yesterday at John Oulcott's, Eglington, between Collie Cockburn of this city and J. Wayper, Guelph. There were between four or five hundred spectators, including a number from Guelph, Woodstock and Galt. Betting was strangely light for such an important match, the visitors having too much money and too much confidence in their champion for the city men, who required odds of $20 to $15 against Cockburn before they would back him. Even at this price not much business was done. The terms of the match were 35 birds each, 21 yards rise, 30 yards boundary, for $250 a side.

Wayper led off by dropping his first three birds in good style, while Cockburn missed his second. The fourth bird of each was a blank, and then the Toronto man showed his skill by bringing seven down in succession, and only missing three out of fifteen. At this stage the score stood, Wayper 16 and Cockburn 17. The visitors backed blue and home men imagined they had a sure thing. Alas for human certainties! Cockburn missed three brace in the last baker's dozen, only killing one out of five at the wind up. Wayper brought to earth eight out of the thirteen, thus making the match a tie at 24 out of 35. On the shoot off at five birds, 26 yards, Wayper missed his first and Cockburn did likewise. The Guelph man then scored three, while the Torontonian spared the lives of two easy ones. Wayper missed the last, but he had the match won by three to two, Cockburn bringing down his fourth and fifth. There was great joy among the friends of the gentleman from the Royal City and corresponding depression among the Toronto man's backers. However the latter had lost and Cockburn did the next best thing to winning, viz., made another match on the same terms.

Following is the full score:

Wayper	111011011011011011011011011101	24
Cockburn	101011111110110110110011111100100	24

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Wayper	01110—	3
Cockburn	00011—	2

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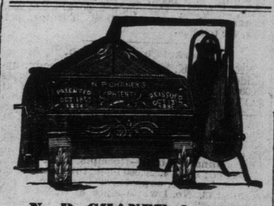

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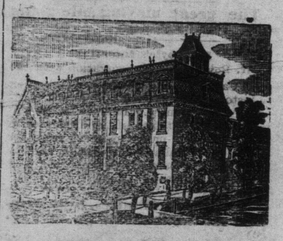

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