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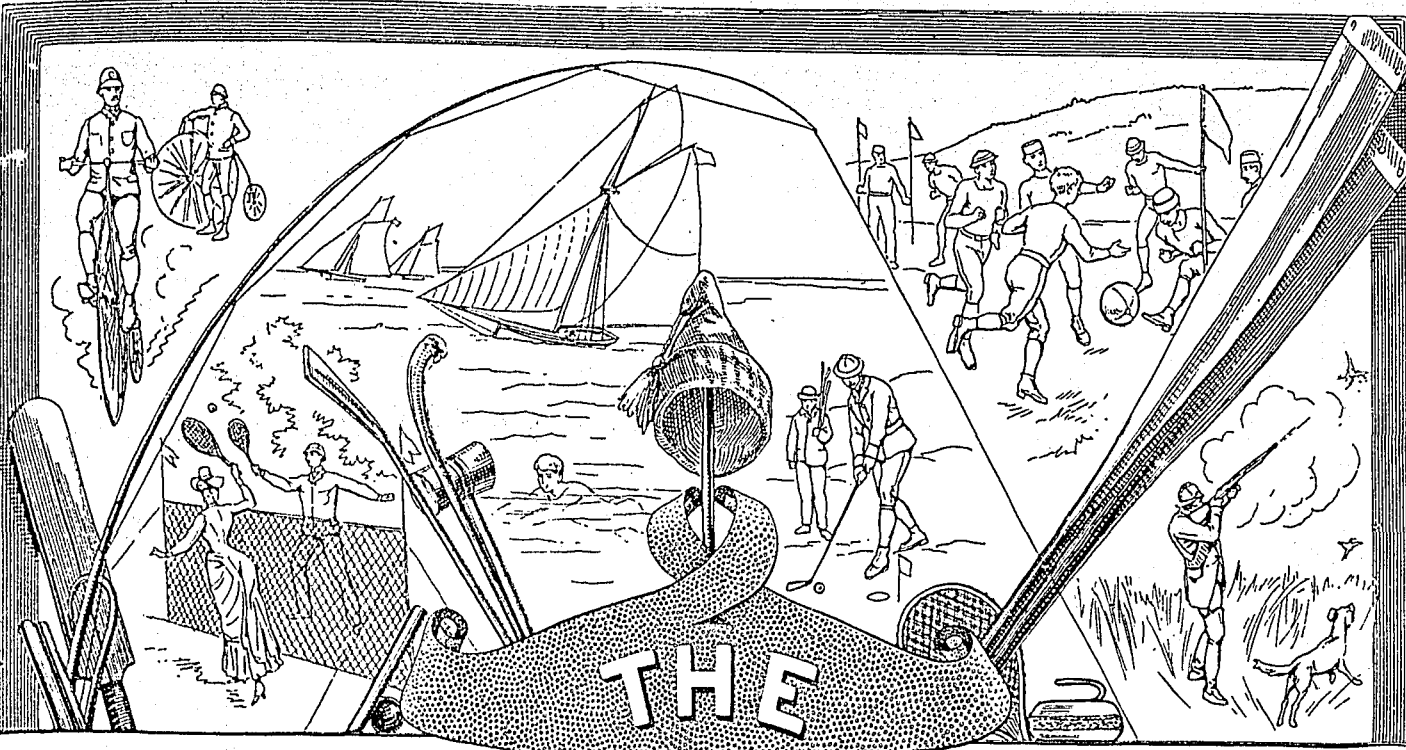
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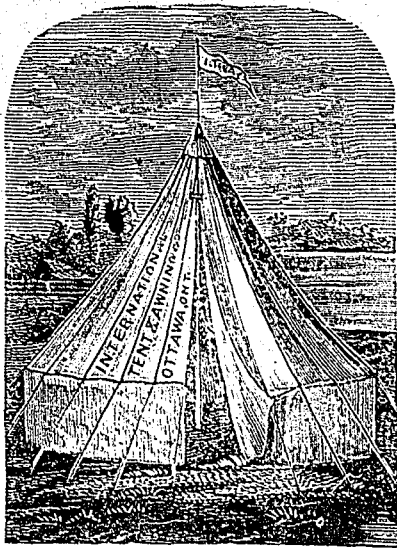
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WOMAN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

In the known history of the world, there have been three stages in the position of women. In the first, they were considered a sort of cattle, endowed with enough intelligence to make them more useful than the ox or the dog. Any one who doubts this does not need to leave his own country for proof. See an Indian tribe come in after a day's march, and watch the women bundle out of the carts, up with the tents, and gather wood for the fires, all without a word, while the "braves" light their pipe and expend their energy in looting! It may be whispered, indeed, that even among human beings of a lighter complexion the female drudge sometimes accompanies the male loafer. Then there is the second stage in woman's history, which has been pithily called the era of "silence and sewing." Having taken a new departure, in the right direction, that of reverence for woman, man rushed to an extreme. Woman was now an angel, the patron saint of chivalrous doings, and must not soil her fingers by work savouring too much of the earth. She must make music and embroidery; but anything fit for a man to do is *prima facie* unfit for a woman. The effects of this extravagant notion are now seen to have been more than ludicrous, to have been alarmingly serious. Man, being necessarily accustomed to physical exercise, relegates physical exercise to the limbo of the unwomanly. The freedom of lung and limb, so essential to himself, he deems unnecessary

in woman, and so comes to look with indifference on constricted ribs and feet. Instead of pitying the being whose circulation goes painfully on under merely tight clothing, man cultivates admiration even for the hideously small waists and deformed feet produced by corsets, high heels and other instruments of self destruction.

A third stage is now opening: an era in which women are being recognized as neither mere drudges nor mere fireside ornaments,—neither more nor less than human beings. With some difficulty, men have been convinced that women have much the same mental organization as themselves. The same great fact is gradually looming through the fog of prejudice in regard to physical nature as well. It is being discovered—or rather re-discovered,—as it was well enough known while our remote female ancestors were grinding corn and digging fields for their autocratic husbands—that good health is just as surely within the reach of one sex as of the other. A woman's physical nature is as thoroughly capable of carrying its owner safely and happily through life as is that of a man. It will not do for men to blame Providence for the results of their own ignorance!

It is not so very long since gymnastics were a dead art even to the more muscular sex, and even now there is much need to proclaim the necessity of physical exercise for men. So it is not to be wondered at that physical education is only beginning to take its proper place in the upbringing of girls and the preservation of health in women. But the outlook is full of promise. Every now and then we hear of fresh steps taken in the right direction. Two instances occur to us just now. In a large college in

England, near London, "calisthenics" are taught in a fully equipped gymnasium by a competent instructor, as regularly as history and geography in the other class rooms; and the girls—all daughters of ministers, by-the-by—are never more at home than when exercising in their neat athletic costume. And in a Montreal gymnasium we have a capital example of what may be done in this way in our own country. The girls who have gone through a course of instruction from Mr. Barnjum may well be envied by those who have grown up without such advantages. When precautions are taken against over-exercise—precautions equally necessary in both sexes—the value of such instruction is well understood by the medical faculty. In fact, no less than four-fifths of Mr. Barnjum's young lady pupils are sent to him by their family physicians. Comparatively few girls, however, have a calisthenic instructor within reach. These need be at no loss. Rowing, tricycling, horse-riding and tennis are capital exercise for those who can obtain them; while those less easily situated can prove to themselves the grand effect of a good walk, in clothes that are clothes and not fetters,—and may even learn the value of exercise with the homely broom! When medical men, seconded by fathers and mothers, insist on the importance of this question of physical education, it will be a blessed day for Canada!

This is a time of solemn anniversaries for the volunteers. On the 24th of April last year our citizen army received a baptism of blood at Fish Creek. On the 25th, Lieut-Col. Otter's brigade relieved Battleford; on the 2nd of May Cutknife Hill was fought; on the 12th General Middleton captured Batoche; on the 28th, General Strange and Big Bear had their duel on Frenchman's Butte. Looking back, it seems a short time from the first to the last shot of that campaign; it seemed a long time then especially to those who were there!

NOTE AND COMMENT.

There are mornings in a month like this when the air stimulates as wine, and when one feels a positive ache to grapple with hard tasks and overcome obstacles. This because May is the first month in the twelve when abundant fresh air can be safely enjoyed in houses, restoring energies partly torpid through the scant ventilation of winter. But why should we ever feel "below par" or enjoy anything short of our highest possible efficiency of mind and body? There is no good reason why. Pure air, even in winter, can be had in houses well designed and generously warmed. Other elements of good health and spirits consist in the familiar prescription of plain food, good habits and plenty of exercise.

We are apt to overrate the importance of conspicuous matters, but are not the neglected causes of dyspepsia, dulness of feeling, listlessness and apathy, working as much evil in the world as the severe and violent maladies which afflict but few? For one consumptive, aguish or paralytic patient, there are a hundred who have the edge of their enjoyment of life taken away, and its term shortened by some minor cause of illness or weakness, which, at the same time that it is reducing their vitality, is predisposing them to serious disease. When the germs of infection are in the air, men and women whose wholesome blood is kept in quick circulation by work and exercise inhale them without injury. It is in debilitated and run-down constitutions that floating seeds of disease fasten and multiply. Epidemics only devastate populations weakened by neglect of their prime duty to be strong by observing wholesome conditions of life.

The Montreal Bicycle club had a good run to Lachine on Saturday. Members and their wheels don't take long to rub off the winter's rust, and if one or two riders *did* think their steeds too slow and tried a journey through the air on their own account,—why, their graceful headers didn't hurt the road, anyhow.

The Montreal Bicycle Club has a big undertaking on hand, a two days programme in connection with the Canadian Wheelmen's Association meet. The club is in every way capable of doing justice to the occasion, and as preparations are already being made we may look for a fine display of wheeling on Dominion Day.

The M. B. C. is having a run now nearly every day or night. The membership shows a healthy increase—now numbers about 125. The list does not go up by "leaps and bounds," like Mr. Gladstone's revenue a few years ago and Canada's debt to-day! But then what can you expect, with the sort of roads that are thought good enough for the Province of Quebec? There are some members of the M. B. C. who could probably tell the exact position of every fence-rail between Montreal and Lachine! A good enough road, that, and affords a little practice in the way of hill-riding. But the cyclist who goes much further afield cannot afford to have a very delicate backbone—either above or below the saddle.

The Montreal Tennis Club expects to commence play in the course of the next fortnight. A shower bath and other much needed accommodation is in course of erection in rear of the present club house. The executive also contemplate laying out an additional couple of Courts behind the building. The first competition will probably be held during the end of the ensuing month.

There is scarcely a prettier place than Valois on the whole river, and the railway station being right at the village makes it an exceptionally convenient summer resort for Montreal business men; so it seems remarkable that comparatively few take the advantage of the splendid boating

to be had there. The village is on a bay of Lake St. Louis; neither sailing or rowing is interfered with by current. One cause of the neglect,—which is certainly all the better for those who do go there!—is the astonishing lack of enterprise sufficient to provide accommodation for people who want it; and another cause is the railway fare, which is not low enough to suit the majority of pockets, or to attract a very large number of "summerers."

A propos of Valois, we may mention that the neat little boat house has been sold by the owners, Messrs. J. & T. Paton, to a syndicate of about a dozen gentlemen, the Patons themselves being of the number, with Messrs. J. G. & W. Ross, F. Barlow, W. Badenoch, J. Walker, J. Thompson, T. L. Paton, Jas. Sutherland.

The Longueuil Boating club's officers, elected last Friday, are: President, Mr. William J. Gear; vice-president, Mr. B. E. Cotte; captain, Mr. J. W. Moffatt; secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. J. Carmichael. Committee, Messrs. G. H. Graham, G. McClure, W. T. Rodden, Alfred Jones.

The Lake St. Louis Canoe Club has chosen an unusually enjoyable programme for the coming holiday. Thirty or forty members,—two in each canoe,—take the cars from Montreal to Huntingdon on Saturday, the 22nd, and paddle down the Chateauguay River and over to Lachine, by Monday evening. Any canoeists, not members of the club, who would like to join in the excursion are invited to send their names to the treasurer, Box 1559, Montreal.

Sport is fairly booming in Ottawa this spring. There are many clubs in the city, and they all start out with unusually bright prospects for a successful season.

The Ottawa Rowing Club has not taken part in the Association Regattas for the past two years, but it is hoped, to send two crews to the Regatta this year at Lachine. Last year a number of young men joined the club, and took kindly to four-oared rowing, the result being, that in the fall Regatta there were some startling developments. This spring there is material for a good junior four, but, as it is probable that a vacancy in the senior crew will be filled from the juniors, the latter will probably be considerably weakened. It is a debatable question, whether it is preferable to have two moderately good crews, or one very strong one.

The Ottawa Rifle Club had its first spoon competition on Saturday last, and, considering the lack of practice the scores were good. Mr. Chamberlain won the large spoon with a score of 84, composed of 39 at 200 yds., 30 at 500 yds., and 24 at 600 yds.; Mr. Sutherland won the tea-spoon, with a score of 31 at 200 yds., 31 at 500 yds., and 21 at 600 yds. The club has increased the number of spoon competitions from 15 to 21; nine to be shot with Snider, and six with Martini Henry, at Queen's ranges, and the remaining with Martini Henry, at 900 and 1000 yds.

At the Ottawa Sharpshooters' first anniversary dinner, in commemoration of the battle of Cut Knife Hill. Every member of the body living in the city was present. Absence, sickness, and the two killed in the engagement, had reduced the original number of the corps by just one-fourth. It is hoped that there will not be such another reduction to record next year.

There are few places in Canada that possess an Athletic Association more comprehensive than that in Peterborough. Based on purely amateur principles, no professionalism is allowed in any form. The clubs comprising the association are seven; the cricket, baseball, football, bicycle, tennis, toboggan and snowshoe clubs. For admission to the membership of all these, the small fee of \$5 per year is charged; or any single club

may be joined, the fee being \$1.50. The association was very successful last year, the first year of its organization. At the annual meeting the finances of the association showed a handsome credit balance after all expenses had been paid. The expenses last year were unusually large, a considerable amount being laid out in permanent improvements, such as putting down a circular path, building a grand stand, etc. The interest in sporting events is never allowed to flag. First comes football, then summer sports, then football again. The latter is succeeded by tobogganing and snowshoeing, and when these fall the members join hands with the ladies in presenting amateur theatrical performances, which, it may be remarked, have been met with much success.

The association, not content with last year's improvements, proposes to build a great tank in the rear of the dressing rooms. The tank will be connected with a force pump, on which the members are expected to expend elbow grease. From the tank numerous conduits will lead to different parts of the ground, where hydrants will be placed. Watering the grounds will then be a comparatively easy task. Then a set of bath rooms is to be fitted up under the tank, and passages made directly from the dressing rooms to them. This improvement is a very essential one, and one which the association will not regret having made. The obliging secretary, Mr. J. E. Hammond, reports a steady growth in membership, there being even now more members than there were last year. Mr. Hammond, has offered a bat for the best bowling average, made by a cricketer during the season, and Dr. Barnham, the popular president, of the association, has offered another bat for the best batting average. Mr. Herbert Hammond, gives encouragement to tennis players by offering a handsome medal to be competed for among the members of that club. The clubs both appreciate the liberality of these three gentlemen.

In London sporting news of all kinds is dull, this spring, and very few club meetings have been held so far. The London Gun Club has had its meetings, D. Skirving being elected president and W. F. Bullen secretary, the members have had a practice already, and say the Cincinnati blackbird is ahead of any other target. The Forest City Gun Club has done nothing as yet, with the exception of four members out for a few shots on their old grounds. The Village of London West, where the London Club has its grounds, has prohibited the use of fire arms within the municipality, and unless they can be persuaded to reconsider their determination, the club will probably take grounds at the eastern end of the city. The St. Anne's shooting club, of which several prominent Londoners are members, held its annual meeting on 3rd May, at Chatham. The London members are not yet sufficiently strong to have the headquarters of the club moved here, which they would like.

Only one baseball match at London this spring, viz.: Post Office clerks vs carriers; the clerks came out ahead, with a score somewhere in the forties.

Boating on the pretty little Thames has not been of much account since the Victoria disaster, but this summer will probably make a better showing. Messrs. Travers and Brown took a trip recently to Chatham in a canoe, actual paddling time 25 hours, and since then Messrs. C. H. Gordon and C. Murray made the same voyage, sending their canoe back by rail. The distance by river is variously estimated from 125 to 150 miles. The first named gentleman was very roughly handled by old Sol, and will wear a sombrero next time. Mr. Joseph Jeffery, manager of the Molsons' Bank, went to Brecon fishing on the 1st and got 23 trout.

It is probable there will be no lacrosse club at London this season. What has come over the Forest city.

Rumor says a new Gun Club is to be started this season at Brockville.

We hear that the Picton Driving Park Co. are closing out their concern, their property which cost between \$5000 and \$6000, is being offered at the low figure of \$2,500.

Mr. Alex. A. Allan (son of the late Sir Hugh Allan) is having a new steam yacht built by Davis of Kingston; it will be 50 feet keel, 10 feet beam, and 5 feet hold, with a freeboard of 2½ feet, speed to be of 13 knots an hour. The hull will be white oak, the cabins, closets and pilot house of cherry and mahogany. The boiler and engine are being made in England. The whole cost will be about \$5000.

The Gymnasium in connection with the Brockville Lacrosse club is in full swing and well patronized. The Committee have secured the services of Mr. James, a well known teacher—who has formed classes for boxing, fencing, club swinging, parallel bars, etc. The subscription being placed within the reach of every member of the club, who should at once "go in" for them.

The annual meeting of the "Lake Yacht Racing Association" was held at Oswego, N. Y., on 8th May.

Rumor has it that Jim MacDonald, athlete, late of London, Eng., is to make his headquarters in Brockville.

The London Lawn Tennis Club recently met and elected officers. Saturday will be ladies' day, as before. This is about the most popular amusement in London.

The "Victoria Polo Club" of Ottawa visited Brockville during Easter week and were beaten. They are making a circuit taking in besides this place, Almonte, Kingston, Cobourg, Peterboro and Toronto.

Sauvé Bros. the Brockville boat builders, have taken their brother Joseph into partnership. He will be a loss to Cornwall. Boat houses are at a premium in Brockville, bringing \$6 to \$9 per month in rent. Brockville boat owners had better own their boat houses at once.

A Brockville correspondent writes:—"The advent of the CANADIAN ATHLETIC NEWS is well received here, as the want of such a paper, which at some time will prove itself an authority upon our native sports, has long been a felt want.

The Roller Rink on James street, Brockville, it is rumored, is likely to change hands, and for a far different object too—the Salvation army are after it for use as "barracks."

The Royal Military College Canoe Club, with some of the Descroites and Brockvilles, are going into camp at Knapp's Point, five miles below Kingston, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Lieut-Colonel Fairclough, the Commodore, issues a generous invitation to other clubs. Informal races will be held on the 24th. We would advise all canoeists who can do so to accept the hospitality offered, first notifying the R. M. C. C. Commodore Rathbun, A. C. A., is to be in command.

Brockville is quite a sporting town, possessing two Lacrosse clubs (a "senior" and a "junior"); a well patronized Snow Shoe club under a jolly good president; a Toboggan club, that has a capital slide; a Polo club, a Canoe club (which is a branch of the "Amateur Canoe Association"); a Gymnasium, in connection with the Lacrosse club, besides quite a fleet of steam and sailing Yachts and Launches, — also numerous Bicyclists, in good Roller Skating Rink, (this latter by the way, is quite the rage in nearly all

towns and villages of any pretence to size in Ontario and there are several well-known "Fast" horses owned here and in this vicinity. Brockville has a pretty little Opera House, nicely laid out as to seating capacity, (its only drawback is that of a winter's night, it is badly heated); and then there is Mr. Wesley Worsly, the coming amateur oarsman, who having got his new shell from Toronto, is going into active training at once. He has plenty of financial backing, it is said, and now that Laing, O'Connor, and Enright are out of the amateur ranks is looked upon—by some who claim to be judges—as the "Coming man." Nous verrons! We heartily wish him all the success he deserves, we shall follow him closely in his career. Then there is a Rifle Association, among the members of which are some "crack" shots. Brockville is the headquarters of two militia battalions, whilst the camp for this—No. 4 district, has come to be looked upon as a "standing" institution there. The Hon. Secretary of the Snowshoe club, Geo. M. Côté, is captain of one of the Rifle companies, and if he works as well for the Rifles as he does for its Snowshoers, he should have the best company in his battalion. The indefatigable president of the Snowshoe club, Mr. Benj. Richards, is a great canoeist, and can manage his paddle as well as his snowshoes.

The members of the Winnipeg Rowing club have commenced training for their Queen's Birthday Regatta.

The Winnipeg Tennis club will lay two new courts this season, and at a Promenade Concert to be held on the 12th the 90th Battalion will have their North West medals presented to them.

The members of the Winnipeg Bicycle club have decided to adopt the gray uniform instead of the blue which was formerly worn by them.

The people of Brandon intend holding a review on the 24th which will be attended by the 90th Battalion and other Winnipeg corps.

A concert was given by the St. George's Snowshoe club of Winnipeg on the 4th and 5th of May, an account of which will appear next week.

The *Referee* gives a sarcastic description of the attendance at a certain meeting near London the other day. The Canadian reader who masters the technical and metaphorical expressions will have before his mind's eye a pretty good picture of a scene which we never want to come before his material optics.

"Though earls and county families were certainly not in the majority among the patrons of the trotting revival at Alexandra Park this week, the congregation of professors of the art of getting a bit was leavened by enough lovers of sport for sport's sake to make the meeting compare favourably with some of its predecessors. All the same, various industries not indicated in the trades directory must be at a rather low ebb to account for so powerful a marshalling of the dangerous classes as assembled at Wood Green on the opening day. Had all those who then found their way into the grounds and into the ring been paying spectators, I should have thought trotting was looking up. Unfortunately many dispensed with the formality of paying, and the pecuniary results were perhaps disproportionate to the numerical strength of the attendance. The mass meeting of unemployed which took possession of the place really deserved credit for their moderation. Naturally enough, opportunities were now and again utilized in workmanlike style, and a point was perhaps stretched sometimes in forcing business beyond its legitimate limits—as, for instance, when an eminent welsher had his pocket picked, and the leader of one gang of dippers was stoed on his head by a more powerful confederacy, what time his trade rivals went over him and relieved him of any risks attaching to illegal possession."

One of our leading stock brokers maintained his reputation as a crack shot the other day by killing a wild goose on the wing at over sixty yards. We do not know whether the range seemed as long from the goose's end of the line.

We are very glad to notice the resuscitation of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and that already there have been some prosecutions under its auspices for shooting insectivorous birds. No class will more heartily welcome the society than those who take an interest in legitimate sport.

Somehow, the Montreal A. A. sports were announced for the 5th of June "weather permitting." Not a bit of it! "Rain or shine" is the old watchword, and it would take a very substantial visitation of heaven to wash out the enthusiasm of the athletes concerned.

"Between thirty and forty years ago," we are quoting from the history of football, mentioned last week,—began the first movement in England of the great athletic revival, which, after gradually spreading until it covered the whole United Kingdom, is still rolling like a wave over the colonies and all foreign countries where the English tongue is spoken. It will not be too much to say that the great athletic movement, which is still too near for us to be able to calculate its full effects with certainty, has worked a greater revolution in English character and habits than any movement, religious or secular since the time of the Puritans. In modern times, when nearly all the world is given up to the feverish bustle and worry of money-making, the body of a young and lusty man, by a natural reaction, craves for a muscular exercise which may give relief to the nerves and the brain. Our authors, enthusiastic for their own game, go on to say: "For the performance of this function it is admitted that there is no game in the world like football. The student at the University, and the young man who is tied to his office stool throughout all the daylight hours of the winter months, with the solitary boon of a Saturday's half holiday, alike find that an hour's hustle at football sends them home more tired perhaps, but happier, calmer, and wiser men." And, leaving any particular game out of the question we echo and re-echo this solid advice.

The following is culled from the *Referee* just to hand:

"Occasionally the artist who seeks to run, row, box, wheel, or what not with amateurs, and draw pay like professing professionals, has his ingenuity taxed by difficulties put in his way by inconvenient reformers. Cycling, which used to be the most profitable branch of athletic promateurism, is threatened. Young persons of more racing ability than moral principle have found in it ready market for their services as advertising agents for manufacturers' wares. They began perhaps with gratuitous loan of a machine for a special occasion. If they can win races or create records they finish by being retained on the lenders' establishment in some light clerical capacity more or less nominal as regards work, and drew handsome salaries really to exploit the firm's goods in racing. From a recognized abuse the system grew into an accepted institution, until the leading cycling contests became so many battles amongst manufacturers' samples. Their representatives had the game pretty much to themselves, because an ordinary amateur could not give as much time to training and practising as the maker's hybrid, nor could he command a constant succession of new racers. In short, the manufacturers' capital swamped private and individual enterprise on the track, and disguised pro's had a fine time."

Since the ice broke up several large flocks of wild geese have been seen on Lake St. Louis, and rather more duck than usual; but on the whole sport is not reported as having been very brisk.

What a splendid enthusiasm was that of old "Christopher North in his sporting-jacket," in the days when enthusiasm was not reckoned incompatible with scholarly or collarly dignity! How he revels in his freedom when he has left his professor's gown for the famous "sporting jacket" aforesaid!

And listen to his account of the "sportsman's progress"—a sort of Hogarthian series in words. "The shooter begins with his pipe-gun, formed of the last year's growth of a branch of the plane tree, the beautiful dark-green-leaved and fragrant flowered plane tree. Then comes, perhaps, the city pop-gun, in shape like a very musket, such as soldiers bear—a Christmas present from parent, once a colonel of volunteers—nor feeble to discharge the pea-bullet or barley-shot, formidable to face and eyes; nor yet unfelt, at six paces, by hinder end of playmate, scornfully yet fearfully exposed! But the shooter soon tires of such ineffectual trigger, and his soul, as well as his hair, is set on fire by that extraordinary compound, gunpowder. A pistol is bought or borrowed by the young shooter, who begins firing first at barn-doors, then at trees, and then at living things; a strange cur, who from his lolling tongue may be supposed to have the hydrophobia, a cat that has purred herself asleep on the sunny churchyard wall, or is watching mice at their hole-mouth among the graves, a water-rat in the mill-lead, or weasel that, running to his retreat in the wall, always turns round to look at you; a goose wandered from his common in disappointed love, or brown duck, easily mistaken by the unscrupulous for a wild one, in pond remote from human dwelling. But the pistol is discharged for a fowling-piece, brown and rusty, with a slight crack probably in the muzzle, and a look out of all proportion to the barrel. Then the young shooter aspires at half-pennies thrown up into the air, and generally hits, for there is never wanting an apparent dent in copper metal; and thence he mounts to the glancing and skimming swallow, a household bird, and therefore to be held sacred, but shot at on the excuse of its being next to impossible to hit him, an opinion strengthened into belief by several summers' practice. . . . But the Day of Days arrives at last, when the schoolboy, or rather the college boy, returning to his rural vacation, has a gun, a gun in a case, a double-barrel too, of his own, and is provided with a licence, probably without any other qualification than that of hit or miss. On some portentous morning he effulges with the sun in velvet jacket and breeches of the same, many buttoned gaiters, and an unkerchiefed throat. 'Tis the 14th of September, and lo! a pointer at his heels—Ponto, of course—a game-bag like a beggar's wallet at his side, destined to be at eve as full of charity, and all the paraphernalia of an accomplished sportsman."

There's no need, of course, to give Christopher's description of the *finished* sportsman, for surely our readers are well aware of their own qualities!

A ball given under the joint auspices of the Winnipeg Cricket and Lawn Tennis clubs for the purpose of raising money to improve their grounds proved very successful financially and otherwise.

At a meeting of the Gananoque Yacht and Skiff Sailing Club, the following officers have been elected: Commodore, C. E. Britton; Vice-Commodore, H. Storey; Treasurer, James Hayward; Secretary, Edgar Cook; Committee, Chas. Byers, Wm. Fuge, S. Annett, Jas. Moore, W. Livingston, Wm. Bulloch, jr., S. Griffin, T. R. Rough. It was decided that all sailing masters and crews must be regular members of the club. It was also decided to hold a regatta on the 24th inst. After the meeting a subscription list was opened to defray the expenses of the regatta, and a very fair sum was realized.

There are two very flourishing Lawn Tennis Clubs in Charlottetown, having five excellent courts, which can hardly be excelled throughout the Dominion. The *sods* on them is perfect and

looks at present like the surface of a billiard table. The names of these clubs are the *Mic-Mac* and *Fitzroy* respectively. The former having about thirty members, and the latter forty. The officers of the Mic-Mac are: Richard Sloggett, President; David Stewart, Secretary. The Fitzroy's officers are: F. H. Arnaud, President; Ernest Lugs, Secretary.

We are sadly in need of a good gymnasium in our city,—writes our Charlottetown correspondent,—and a big push is being made this spring to form a large athletic association, and to secure a suitable building for a gymnasium.

The Brockville Canoe Club has re-organized, and has discarded the rule by which only actual owners of canoes could hold office. The present officers are: Commodore, B. W. Richards; Vice-Commodore, James Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, J. H. Bagg; Committee, J. E. Chrysler and G. M. Cole. The committee has decided to again have a series of fortnightly races, beginning on the 19th May. There are to be sailing races for skiffs and both sailing and paddling races for canoes. The V. C. is chairman of a regatta committee.

Mr. E. A. Hague presided at the annual dinner of the West Manchester (England) I. C. the other day. This club's first team won 12 out of 16 matches last year, taking 81 goals to their opponents 31.

John Keen, the famous old professional bicyclist, has invented a machine that will go a mile in two minutes; at least, that is the intention.

The question whether amateur cyclist can take money from makers in order to ride none but a certain machine is agitating the wheelmen of both continents. On the other side, however, the National Cyclists' Union only enforced its adverse decision for three weeks, and the amateurs in question have had their standing restored to them. The N. C. U. executive are probably being reminded just now of the renowned King of France who marched his soldiers up the hill and then marched down again. To show the importance attached by makers to obtaining the interest of good riders, it is stated that one of the latter was offered his "expenses" and a bicycle, besides cash equal to the value of every first prize taken, and 50 pounds sterling for every championship won, if he would ride in the firm's interest. He declined.

A number of the fastest riders in the Toronto and Wanderers bicycling clubs are getting into trim for the meet at Woodstock on the twenty-fourth and fifth of May, and intend doing their best to bring home some of the handsome prizes which are offered for competition on those days. Mr. Fred Foster is among those who are going. On Saturday afternoon the Toronto and Wanderer clubs had a joint run, about thirty wheels being in line. The party assembled in the Queen's Park and started for Carlton at three o'clock. The roads were in fairly good condition and the run home was made in thirty minutes, a distance of about twelve miles, being traversed during the time they were out. A meeting of the Toronto club has been called for to-night to consider the advisability of the club adopting the C. W. A. uniform.

If there is anything that stinketh in the nostrils of the athlete, in his athletic capacity, it is the smell of a law-court. No local allusion is here intended; the Montreal court-house affects the nostrils of others than the athletic. So we cannot pretend to care much about either side in the baseball case in Toronto. But it is as well to point out, in case some of our readers in other parts have been misled by brief telegrams, that the plaintiff's objection to the Toronto and Hamilton clubs joining the New York State League was on financial and not on patriotic grounds. Chancellor Bowditch, though he refused an injunction to prevent the Toronto and Hamiltons taking part in the "International State League"

series, rather thought the plaintiff had a right to damages.

The baseball boom is gradually assuming alarming proportions and that without a really important match being played in this city. The season of the Toronto Club commenced on Saturday at Rochester, where an international league match was played. A number of the citizens accompanied the team to that city, and they all bring back glowing descriptions of the play of the Toronto team. Of course the Toronto men won. It seems to be generally recognized that if Toronto is to have a baseball team it must be the best one in the Dominion, and the Directors in making their selections seem to have been animated by this same spirit. The home season will commence as soon as their new ground, down the Kingston road is completed.

The popularity of the game was well evidenced in the Park on Saturday. There were no less than six teams playing "the game"; one playing lacrosse; and one playing cricket. Since the advent of the Toronto club "mascot," all the junior clubs had sought for "mascots too," the mascot generally taking the form of a very diminutive umpire.

The Ontario Jockey club have issued their programme and the usual race-talk which precedes a large meet is making itself heard. The Queen's Plate; the open-cash handicap-\$400; and the Welter Cup will be run on Saturday the 22nd. On the Monday, the Woodstock Plate (for three year olds); the Queen's Hotel Stakes; the Dominion Handicap (\$300; the Railway Steeplechase Handicap) will compose the chief events. Every one anticipates plenty of good sport; and the Woodbine promises to be very popular on the Queen's Birthday especially. The rules and weights will be according to the American Jockey club. The last day of entry will be May 17th, except in the Queen's Plate which closed a week ago. The regulations in regard to the jockeys and owners will be rigidly enforced. Ample warning is thus given of this most necessary stringency. The committee have decided that where foreign bred animals are not penalized, that the Province bred shall have 5lbs allowed to them.

The Hanlan Regatta is assuming proper proportions and there is little doubt now that the matter will be pushed through with great vigour. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has promised to be present and lend his face to help the scheme through. The dates have been definitely fixed for the 4th and 5th of June. It is expected that the crowd of notables in the rowing line will surpass in number any assemblage which has ever been in this city at one time. There is some talk of a regatta to be held on the Humber some months later. It is intended to bring into notoriety the new summer resort a few miles past the old Mimico pleasure resort. Doubtless if the purses are large enough the big men in the rowing world will come along. The rowing season seems to offer more encouragement to professional men than it has for five or six years past.

RACQUETS.

On the 10th April a professional match was played at the court, before a crowded gallery. The players were C. Boakes, of the Quebec R. C., and A. Bridger, of the Montreal R. C. The match was for the best out of seven. The play was the best that has ever been seen in Montreal. Boakes gave Bridger 6 aces, but Boakes could not manage to pull up the game, as Albert Bridger volleyed all his service, and did the same thing in returning. Bridger won the first game, Boakes the second, and Bridger won the other three with ease.

Mr. E. S. Clouston won the championship. (MacDougall cup,) Mr. Lorn S. MacDougall and Mr. E. P. Winslow came next.

Mr. H. Abbott won the Handicap.

THE N. R. A. WIMBLEDON PRIZE LIST, 1886.

The following notes, which refer only to the competitions which are either new this year, or which are altered either in the conditions of shooting or in the number and amount of prizes from the corresponding events of 1885, are taken from the *Volunteer Service Gazette* of 1st May:—

PRIZES UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

The "Shooting Times."—This is a new competition, the conditions of which are the same as those of the "Whitehead," except that it is shot for the running deer instead of at the running man. The sum of £26 (£16 given by the "Shooting Times" and £10 by the N. R. A.) is divided into four prizes from £10 to £2.

The "Whitehead."—The "Cup" is now open to all comers, as well as the money prizes.

The "Martin Smith."—The distance is decreased from 110 to 94 yards. M. B. L.'s as well as sporting rifles, are admitted, and all the latter must be breechloaders, and the N. R. A. adds £50 (in place of £20) to £20 given by Mr. Martin Smith. There will be four prizes from £10 to £2 for double rifle and the same for single.

The "Morris."—The N. R. A. adds £40 (instead of £20 as last year) to the £20 given by the Morris Aiming Company. The total sum (£70) is divided into thirty-eight prizes, from £10 to £1. Last year there were only twenty-three prizes.

The "Wilmot."—This takes the place of the popular "Haake" of 1885, and is shot for under similar conditions—except that the position instead of being "any" is standing, kneeling, or prone, and that "unlimited" instead of "bi-diurnal" entries are allowed. The prize money is £120, divided into thirty-eight prizes, from £20 to £2.

The "Eugene Clicquot."—This is a form of competition which has been disused for many years. It is for the best score made (with the M.-H.) in one minute (number of shots unlimited), at 200 yards standing. The prizes consist of three, two, and one dozens of champagne, presented by Messrs E. Clicquot, of Rheims.

The "Kynoch."—In this competition, as last year, only the special ammunition made and provided by Messrs Kynoch must be used. There are two series—one at 200 yards in the first week, and one at 600 yards in the second week. In each week £50 divided into twenty-five prizes from £10 to £1 will be given.

"Revolver."—In addition to warrant and petty officers, retired officers of Her Majesty's land and sea forces are now qualified to compete. The new definition of the weapons to be used is as follows:—"Revolvers provided by the Association and of any military pattern carrying the Government ammunition." The prize money is increased from 40l to 50l, and is divided into twenty-four prizes from 10l to 1l.

ANY RIFLES.—(No alterations.)

ANY M. B. L. RIFLES.

The "Henry."—The prize money is reduced from 80l to 50l, divided into fifteen prizes from 10l to 2l.

The "Loisette Memory Prize."—This is shot for under the same conditions as the "Fraser" of last year, except that unlimited instead of bi-diurnal entries are allowed. The prize money consists of a sum of £100 given by M. Loisette, of New Oxford Street, divided into eighteen prizes from £25 to £2. Professor Loisette will also give the winner of the first prize a course of memory lessons "on his usual conditions."

The "Steward."—£75 instead of £50 is added to the £25 teles. ope given by Mr. Steward, optician to the National Rifle Association. There are thirty-four prizes, the first prize being the telescope and £5, and the others ranging from £15 to £1. Unlimited entries in place of bi-diurnal are allowed.

The "Perinet."—This competition takes the place of the "Molineux" of last year, and is shot for under the same conditions. The prizes consist of seven dozen of champagne, and £25 given

by MM. Perinet et Fils, of Rheims, and £50 added by the Association, the whole divided into thirty-six prizes.

In concluding the notices of the M. B. L. category, it may be remarked that there is no M. B. L. aggregate this year, and that the "Khoosh" prize has not yet appeared in the list.

MARTINI-HENRY RIFLES.

The Ashburton Shield.—Competitors must be under 20 years of age on the day of the competition.

The Spencer Cup.—The conditions of this prize are changed in an important particular. Instead of the cup being shot for as heretofore, by the highest scorer in each of the Ashburton Shield teams, it is now "restricted to one competitor of the teams that have just shot for the Ashburton Shield."

The "Army, Navy, Marines, and Militia" Challenge Cup and Prizes.—This is virtually a new competition taking the place of and absorbing the former "Army, Navy," and permanent staff prizes. It is open to "all ranks of the regular army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and Militia, including the permanent staff of the Auxiliary Forces." There is only one "stage"—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each—and the Challenge Cup may be won by any competitor, whatever his rank, for his corps or ship. £100 will be divided in twelve money prizes among the commissioned and warrant officers, and £200 in seventy-two prizes among those of the lower ranks. We have given the conditions as published in the prize list, but we understand that they are not yet finally settled, and may be altered.

The "General Eyre."—This prize in this year to be open to two representatives of any rank (except commissioned officers) from any regiment, brigade, battalion, or division of the regular army and marines. The money coming from General Eyre's gift will be divided as heretofore, but there will also be fifteen prizes of the aggregate amount of £50 given by the N. R. A. to the highest scorers. Targets and conditions of firing as in the Wilmot—i.e., at disappearing targets (representing the heads and bodies of men) at 200 yards.

The "Gregory."—The conditions of this prize are the same as last year, except that Mr. Gregory, optician to the N. R. A., increases the value of the piece of plate given by him, which forms the first prize, from £25 to £31, 10s.

"Robin Hood" and the "Heath."—The prize money in each of these competitions is increased from that of last year by £15—i.e., from £100 to £115.

The "Graphic."—The total value of this is now £140, the N. R. A. adding £87, 10s. (£15 more than last year) to the £40 given by the proprietors of the *Graphic*.

"Kirkman."—£5 is added to the £75 given by N. R. A. in this competition last year.

"Armourers."—The total value of the prizes in this competition is now £60—viz. 10l. 10s. given by the Company of Armourers and Braziers, and 49l. 10s. added by the N. R. A. Last year the added money was 39l. 10s.

"The Alfred."—The prize money is increased by £50, the total value being now 400l, divided into 124 prizes, from 20 to 2 pounds.

"The St. Georges."—£50 has been added to the prize money of this competition. The total value is now 745l, divided in 155 prizes, from 30l to 2l.

The Queen's.—The following is a summary of the new conditions for this great competition:—All competitors fire in the first stage—200, 500, and 600 yards, seven rounds at each distance. The best 400 scores are then taken, the head man receiving the N. R. A. bronze medal. The lowest 100 receive prizes of £2 each, the 300 firing in the second stage, 500 and 600 yards, ten shots at the former and fifteen at the latter. The aggregate scores in the first and second stages are then taken, the last 100 receiving 3 pounds, the next 100 above 4 pounds. The highest scorer wins the silver medal and silver badge, and he and the remaining ninety-nine of the highest hundred fire in the third stage—800 and 900 yards, ten shots at each range, and by the aggregate scores over the whole of the stages of the Queen's Prize,

carrying with it the gold medal and gold badge, and the other badges and money prizes are decided. The total increase this year in the money given by the N. R. A. in this competition amounts to 450 pounds.

The Tyro.—10 pounds have been added, making the total value 185 pounds.

Nursery Aggregate.—18 pounds have been added, and the total value is now 250 pounds.

All Comers' Aggregate and Volunteer Aggregate.—Both increased by 50 pounds, the total value being 300 pounds each.

Grand Aggregate.—This has been also increased by 50 pounds, and now consists of 450 pounds divided into 125 prizes, from 25 to 2 pounds.

The special prizes for the permanent staff of the auxiliary forces are no longer given, being merged in the Army and Navy Competition.

St. George's Snow Shoe Club, Winnipeg

This club gave a most successful Nigger Minstrel Show in the Opera House, Winnipeg, on the 4th and 5th instants. On both evenings the performances were greeted with packed houses. The circle performance was excellent, the hits being mostly local, and in most instances first class, kept the audience in roars of laughter from first to last. Joe Tees, S. P. Russell, H. D. Tulloch and W. F. Gouin worked the bones, while A. Holloway, Fred Wall, F. Campbell and George Tempest showed their skill on the tambourines.

The performance opened with a double Quartette, "Dimah's Wedding Day," which was well received. Then a solo by Mr. J. D. Scott which in turn was followed by an end song from Mr. S. P. Russell "Swim out for Glory" Messrs. Kellond, W. F. Gouin and H. M. Arnold, each contributed a song, and then Bob Holloway fairly paralysed his audience with "Dars a lock on de Chicken Coop Doah." He rendered it in a style which will make citizens instinctively keep a watchful eye on their hen roosts when he is by. After he had complied with an encore, and when the people managed to stop laughing, Mr. Teele sung "The Tar's Farewell." Then succeeded another very funny song "Our baby beats them all" by Jos. Tees. When the real identical infant appeared on the scene and Joe strutted around in the orthodox happy father style the fun knew no bounds. "White Wings" by Mr. T. H. Atkinson deserves especial mention. The song itself is beautiful and Mr. Atkinson rendered it in a manner achieved by very few amateurs, and for which he received a well merited encore. A medley from the Pirates of Penzance closed the first part of the programme.

The second part was opened by the Manitoba Snow Flakes, "who held harmless all the Crowned Heads of Europe, paralysed the Nihilists and melted the Ice Palace at St. Paul." The complicated evolutions of those dusky warriors were excellently carried out, although the horse of their commander, (Joe Tees) seemed ever on the eve of pitching him into the front ranks of the audience. A chorus, "Solomon Levi," was then given. Mr. Haming followed with a banjo solo, during which he got off some excellent hits. The Southern Serenaders created much amusement, but Bob Holloway's stump speech brought matters to a climax. Hardly any local hits was forgotten in this impassioned oration, which stamped Bob as one of the greatest colored orators of the age. The effort proved too much for the orator, however, and he was carried out on his own table, in a very demoralized condition amid roars of laughter.

Mons. Legalitti, better known in private life as Fred Wall, came next with some blood curdling feats on the trapeze in which he was ably assisted by a block and tackle. Prof. Andersdaughter—"The only living colored presdigateur" then give a display of his skill.

The Micky Doo, a burlesque of Gilbert and Sullivan's, well known opera concluded the entertainment of the first evening, but on the second was wisely omitted—the programme being abundantly long without it. The St. George's Snowshoe Club are to be congratulated on having furnished one of the most amusing entertainments given in Winnipeg for a long time.

THE GALATEA'S RECORD.

The English yacht "Galatea," which is being sent over to compete for the America's cup, is a 90 ton cutter, measuring 86 feet 9 inches on the water line and 15 feet in beam. She first appeared last season, sailing in 16 first class races. She won no first, and only two second prizes, being pitted against the Irex, Marjorie and Marguerite; but on two occasions she beat this famous trio in actual sailing time. On the 30th May, with the New Thames Yacht Club, over the 50 mile course from Southend to Harwich, she came in first, 22 seconds before the Irex, which took first prize by time allowance. On the 10th July, on a 50 mile course in Belfast Lough with the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, she took second prize, coming in 7 m. 39 sec. behind the Irex and 8 m. ahead of the Marjorie. The above three, as well as the Yawl, Lorna, have all defeated the yacht that now aspires to defeat the Genesta. She has never met the Puritan.

Here is the record in full:

May, 30.—New Thames Yacht Club—Sailed from Southend to Harwich, course 50 miles; wind moderate; contended with Irex, Wendur, yawl, Lorna, (yawl), Marguerite, Tara, Marjorie, and five others; came in first and took second prize. Irex, which was 22 seconds behind, taking first prize on time allowance. On this occasion she beat the Marguerite 20 minutes 3 seconds and the Tara 32 minutes 35 seconds. Marjorie was not timed.

June, 1.—Royal Harwich Yacht Club—Sailed at Harwich, course 40 miles; wind moderate and steady; contended with Irex, Wendur, yawl, Marguerite, Marjorie, Tara, Lorna, yawl, finished third, 2 minutes 45 seconds behind Irex, which was first, and 1 minute 43 seconds behind yawl, Wendur, which was second; Tara and Marguerite respectively took first and second prizes on time allowance. Irex being disqualified for fouling a lightskip.

June, 2.—Same club—Course, Harwich to Southend, 50 miles; wind moderate; contended with Marjorie, Irex, Wendur, yawl, Marguerite, Tara; finished 7 minutes 2 seconds behind Marjorie and 4 minutes 17 seconds behind Irex.

June, 8.—Royal Thames Yacht Club—Sailed from Lower Hope to Mouse and back to Rosherville Pier; course 45 miles; wind light; sailed with Marjorie, Tara, Irex, Lorna, yawl, and Marguerite; only the Marjorie and Tara finished, the others were becalmed.

June, 9.—New Thames Yacht Club—Sailed from Lower Hope round Mouse and back to Gravesend; course 50 miles; wind moderate; finished fifth, the order being Wendur, yawl, Marguerite, Lorna, yawl, Marjorie, Galatea, Irex, Tara. Irex took first and Tara second prize on time allowance.

June, 12.—Royal Thames Yacht Club—Sailed from Nore to Dover; course 60 miles; wind very light at start; sailed with Irex, Wendur, yawl, Marguerite, Lorna, yawl, Marjorie, Tara and three others. The 10-ton cutter Ulerin took first prize. Irex finished first and Galatea fourth, 4 min. and 50 sec. behind her.

June, 18.—Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club—Sailed at Dover; course 45 miles; wind moderate; contended with Irex, Marguerite, Lorna, yawl, Marjorie; finished second, 3 minutes and 17 seconds behind Irex, though Marguerite took second prize on time allowance.

July, 1.—Mudhook Yacht Club—Sailed at Hunter's Quay, Clyde; course 50 miles; wind light; contended with Irex, Marjorie, Vanduara, Wendur, yawl, and Marguerite; Galatea not timed.

July, 4.—Royal Clyde Yacht Club—Sailed at Hunter's Quay; course 50 miles; wind light; contended with Marguerite, Irex, Marjorie, Vanduara, Wendur, yawl, Tara, Samoona, yawl; finished in the lead, beating Marguerite 20 seconds actual time, though latter took the prize on time allowance, and Irex 8 min 10 sec.

July, 6.—Same club, same course; wind light; contended with Irex, Marjorie, Wendur, yawl, and Samoona, yawl; finished third, 23 minutes 4 seconds behind Marjorie, which was first, and 4 minutes 25 seconds behind Irex, which was second.

July 10.—Royal Ulster Yacht Club; sailed off Bangor, in Belfast Lough; course 50 miles; wind fresh and increasing after start; sailed with Irex, Marjorie, Marguerite, and Tara; Galatea finished 7 minutes 39 seconds behind Irex and took second prize; beat Marjorie nearly 8 minutes, Marguerite nearly 18 minutes, and Tara about 36 minutes.

July 11.—Same club, same water; course 44 miles; wind blowing hard; contestants—Irex, Marguerite, Marjorie, and Tara. Irex took first prize, Marguerite second; Galatea lost her name.

Aug. 1.—Royal London Yacht Club—Sailed off Cowes; course 40 miles; wind whole sail; contended with Irex, Lorna, yawl, Marguerite, Marjorie, and 10 others; finished third, 21 minutes 40 seconds behind Irex and 1 minute 17 seconds behind the yawl Lorna.

Aug. 3.—Royal Southampton Yacht Club—Sailed off Southampton; course 44 miles; wind light; sailed with Irex, Marjorie, Marguerite, and Lorna, yawl, Galatea and Lorna not timed; Marguerite took first and Marjorie second prize.

Aug. 5.—Royal Yacht Squadron—Sailed off Cowes; course 50 miles; wind light; contended with Marjorie, Marguerite, Irex, Lorna, yawl, Tara, Slenthound; Marjorie finished first, Marguerite second, Irex third, Galatea fourth, 32 minutes 14 seconds behind leader.

Aug. 6.—Same club, same water; course 50 miles; wind whole sail; contended with Marjorie, Marguerite, Irex, Lorna, yawl, Tara, Slenthound, Galatea was not timed.

CRICKET NOTES.

The members of the Montreal club commenced practice last week. The ground is still a trifle heavy but is rapidly drying up. A match has been arranged with the Victoria Rifles for Saturday, and two or three other games will probably be played before the club meets Ottawa on the Queen's Birthday.

Mr. J. Varley has gone from Peterborough to Buffalo where he takes the position of "coach" to the cricket club there. He will be succeeded by Mr. S. Ray, one well qualified to take the position. Sam is a thorough cricketer and has distinguished himself more than once in the most important matches which have been played in the country during the last decade.

The adjourned meeting of the Ontario cricket association was held on Tuesday evening the 4th of May. There was not a large attendance. Delegates from the Toronto, Hamilton, Trinity College, Canadian Zingari clubs were all who were present. The new constitution which has been prepared is decidedly lengthy, but it is at the same time very comprehensive, and has been arranged to meet every contingency which may arise in connection with the system of tie-matches. The object of the association as laid down by the revised constitution are as follows: For the encouragement of cricket in the province of Ontario, for the promotion of sociability and good fellowship between the clubs comprising the association, for the management of district champion matches, and for the selection of provincial teams and of provincial representatives in important matches.

There seems to be the same reason for the formation of a Canadian association that there ever was; and yet no effort has been made with this object in view save through the press of the West. The tie system may and may not be productive of good. The machinery required to get it started must needs be very complicated, and unless the executive are assisted heart and soul by the clubs of Ontario the scheme must necessarily fall by its own weight. The truth seems to be the country is too wide to be traversed by a voluntary organization. There is too, a great lack of means, and no matter how enthusiastic the cricketer, he can accomplish little without going through the country and solidifying the clubs into one substantial mass. Greater unity is the great want of the game in Canada. Without it every effort is likely to become weak and disjointed. The association have our best wishes in the matter, and we trust that they will succeed in their difficult task. These by-laws will be definitely accepted at the meeting of the association next Saturday week.

A number of the members of the Toronto clubs commenced their flannels on Saturday afternoon, and had their first real practice of the season. The Parkdale club sent a team to Lambton and there engaged in a friendly game with the club of that hamlet. The Toronto club colts have obtained the use of the ground on six Saturdays in the year, and they may hope to have good matches. The colts are an active fielding and capital bowling team, and they promise to develop marked strength in batting. Their chief opponents will be the Upper Canada College team, Trinity College School, and the smaller clubs in the city. Trinity University will do battle with the Hamilton team on the 22nd in Toronto. Trinity go to Guelph on the 15th. The Toronto club opens the season with a half day semi-club match against an Osgoode Hall eleven. The turf is not as yet in good condition for the practice of the game, but the sun is rapidly drying it up.

The Halifax Wanderers will not engage Tattersall their last years professional. All the available funds are to be devoted to their new grounds. An Amateur Dramatic Club who recently scored a hit in Gilbert's successful comedy "Engaged," have consented to repeat their performance on 18th inst., in aid of the club's scheme. The club anticipates a handsome sum from this performance.

Another Halifax club, the Royal Blue Athletic Association have re-organised for the season, and intend purchasing a cricket outfit and commencing practice immediately. It is reported that they will put a fairly strong team in the field.

The "Park Club" at Charlottetown have had their capital ground put in shape for the coming season, which will open about the 24th. An effort is being made to arrange matches with Picton, Stellarton and Halifax.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The annual spring championship match between the Montreal and Britannia Clubs was played under association rules at the Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday last. The weather was again favorable, and a fair attendance, including many ladies witnessed the game. On account of the late hour at which play commenced the time was restricted to two half hours and after a stiff encounter victory rested with the wearers of the red and black by two goals to nil.

Although weakened by the absence of Davis the champions placed a very powerful team on the field. The capital work done by Hodgson and Short was only surpassed by the brilliant defence of their full backs, Galt and Rolland being simply invincible. The clever heading, strong and well directed kicking, and judicious tackling of the Montreal captain was certainly the feature of the match. Ellis at goal was seldom called upon, but what he had to do he did well. Jack Campbell was far and away the best of a very fair lot of forwards. He dribbled nicely, passed unselfishly and correctly, but in front of goal he would have met with greater success had he been able to "shoot" lower. Unfortunately this is a weakness too common among our association players who miss many capital opportunities to score simply through "shooting" with the point of the foot exact, instead of the *face over or across* the ball. During the second half Fisher did not give him much support, R Campbell and Jones did some neat things on the "wings," but Fulton had a propensity to stick too long to the ball and wander out of his place to be of much use in the centre.

The Britannias were to some extent unfortunate. Their captain was too indisposed to be of any use, and during the second half had to retire in goal, indeed it was in direct opposition to doctor's orders that he played at all. Stevenson who promised well as a "centre" hurt his knee so badly on the previous morning that he could not play and Munn who took his place was a complete failure; Gibbs fumbled terribly, but when it is known that he was injured badly early in the game this is not much to be wondered at. Liddell and Whitehaw strove manfully to avert disaster, but being almost wholly unsupported either by the remainder of the forwards or by the backs their excellent individual efforts came to naught. Arnton, Hornsby, Adair and McEachren at times did fairly well, but it was manifest that they lay far to far back and did not "back up" half enough to be of much use. Their kicking at times was very wild and their tackling often feeble and inefficient, Blacklock had by no means an enviable position, exposed as he was, time and again to the assaults of his opponents and that the score against his club was not greater is due largely to his efforts as well as to the erratic and wretched "shooting" of his opponents.

The most pleasant feature of the game was the very friendly feeling manifested by the players one to another throughout. There was a total absence of that unnecessary coarse play and squabbling that unfortunately has sometimes been too prevalent in these contests. This is as it should be, and we sincerely trust it will continue; a word of praise is also due to Mr. James Wilson, the referee, and to Messrs. Ayton and McBoyle the umpires.

Ottawa College met the Royal Military College Cadets in the capital on Easter Monday. There was some fine play by both teams, and at the close of the game, the score stood thirteen to nil in favor of the Ottawa. On the college grounds on May 15th the 'Varsity Club will play the "Montrealers," champions of Canada. This match, however, if won by the Ottawa College will not give them the championship of Canada, for, in accordance with the rules of the Football Association, the cup must be taken from the champions on their own grounds.

The day following Easter Monday, the cadets faced a scratch military team, hastily gotten up for the occasion by Mr. Low. The militia were of course defeated.

Some of the papers in Montreal have made adverse comments upon the conduct of the Ottawa Football Club, in playing the cadets after declining to meet the Britannias, upon the grounds that they did not intend playing this season. The explanation given is that the Ottawa club, as a club, had nothing whatever to do with Tuesday's match; that while most of the team were members of that club, there were but few of them on the 1st fifteen of last year, and in this match they played as members of the different militia corps. And, while not wishing to detract from credit of the Cadets' team, it is but fair to say that not one member of the militia team had any practice or training for the match, that being their first and last game this season.

In Toronto the Association Football season has opened strong enough in the point of the importance of the matches played by the Victoria club, but the public do not seem to appreciate their efforts. On Saturday an excellent game was played on the Rosedale ground, but the spectators did not number over one hundred and fifty people. This made the venture a financial failure, the club coming out fully twenty-five dollars behind. There are many reasons to account for this falling off of interest in the game. In the first place the people are not accustomed to watching football at no time except the autumn. If then the association club wish the thoughts of the people to turn to football they must go more quietly or stand the risk of financial loss.

The Victorias were well beaten in the association match by the Berlin Rangers, three goals to none being the score.

There is some talk of reviving the deceased football club at Brockville,—or rather raising a new one from its ashes. There should be a meeting at once, so as to arrange for a fall's play. Brockvillians are also talking of a boxing school.

On May 1st the return fixture between the Winnipeg Rugby Club and the school of Mounted Infantry was played on the excellent grounds at the Driving Park. The game was under the patronage of Col. Taylor and officers of the corps and the excellent band of the school discoursed at intervals a capital programme during the progress of the game, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the large gathering of ladies and gentlemen who had assembled to witness the match. The weather was very warm. Winnipeg early assumed the aggressive and fifteen minutes from the start A. H. Dickens secured a try from which nothing resulted. Shortly afterward Bowman got in and Dickens scored a goal. The school in turn took up the attack and were on the point of scoring when Tulloch broke away with a grand dribble and cleared his lines from the impending danger. Then Currie broke away and ran behind, but nothing further resulted save a try, and a most interesting and enjoyable game thus resulted in favor of this club by one goal and two tries to nil. The first encounter resulted in favor of the club by two goals and two tries to nil.

The Winnipeg Association Football Club purpose making an Eastern tour this summer, and seven or eight matches will probably be played.

Verily, football has flourished in spite of mighty opposition in high places. Looking through Shearnan and Vincent's new history of the game, we notice that as early as 1349, King Edward III commanded the sheriffs of London to put down such "useless and unlawful games" for which "the skill in shooting with arrows was almost totally laid aside." But it was of no use; the people would have their own sport, especially on Shrove Tuesday. So, forty years later, Richard II promulgated another law, prohibiting "all playings at tennis, football, and other games called corts, dice, casting of the stone, kailes (a kind of kittles and other such inportune games)." Henry IV, in 1401, and Henry VIII, more than a century later, both tried their hands at the same task, but could not stop their subjects' feet. Then came Good Queen Bess, with a proclamation that "no foteballe play be used or suffered within the city of London and the liberties thereof, upon pain of imprisonment."

Even in Scotland the popular game was offensive to the paternal monarch, James III, in 1458, decreed that displays of weapons were to be held four times a year, and that "footballe and golfe be utterly put down."

Sir Thomas Elyot, writing a sort of manual for the education of the young gentry, was very hard upon "footballe, wherein is nothing but beastlie furie and extreme violence, whereof procedeth hurte and consequently rancour and malice do remaine with them that be wounded, wherefore it is to be put in perpetuall silence."

The most plain-spoken of football's denouncers was a good old puritan with the uncompromising name of Stubbs, who in 1583 produced an "Anatomic of Abuses." Mr. Stubbs verily believed that the end of the world was at hand, and one sign of this was that "football playing and other develishe pastimes" took place on Sunday. "Lord," he prays, "remove these exercises from the Sabaoth."

But not content with that laudable desire, he runs a-nuk against the game itself. "Any exercise," he says, "which withdraweth us from godlinesse, either upon the Sabaoth or any other day, is wicked and to be forbidden. Now who is so grossly blinde that seeth not that these aforesaid exercises not only withdraw us from godlinesse and virtue, but also haile and allure us to wickednesse and sin? For as concerning football playing, I protest unto you it may rather be called a friendlie kind of fight than a play or recreation—a bloody and murdering practice than a flowly sporte or pastime. For dooth not everyone lye in waight for his adversarie, seeking to overthrow him and picke him on his nose, though it be on hard stones, in ditch or dale, in valley or hill, or what place soever it be he careth not, so he have him downe. And he that can serve the most of this fashion, he is counted the only felow, and who but he?"

Mr. Stubbs' evidence as to the extraordinary "fields" then in vogue, consisting apparently of a whole country side, and as to the high value set upon a good "tackler" even in those days, is of great interest. But we must continue the quotation:—"So that by this means sometimes their necks are broken, sometimes their backs, sometimes their legs, sometimes their arms, sometimes one part thrust out of joint, sometimes another, sometimes their noses gush out with blood, sometimes their eyes start out, and sometimes hurte in one place sometimes in another. But whosoever scapeth away the best goeth not scot free, but is either forewounded, crazed or bruised so as he dyeth of it or else scapeth very hardlie, and no mervaille, for they have the sleights to meet one betwixt two, to dash him against the hart with their elbows, to butt him under the short ribs with the griped fists and with their knees to catch him on the hip and pick him on his neck, with

a hundred such murdering devices. And hereof groweth envy, rancour, and malice, and sometimes brawling murther, homicide, and great effusion of blood, as experience daily teacheth. Is this murdering play now an exercise for the Sabaoth day?"

No, friend Stubbs, some of the practices you describe are not fit exercise even for Saturday—us one or two fiery footballers not a thousand miles from our elbow would do well to remember!

OUR NATIONAL GAME.

The Championship Series.

The following is the series of matches for the Lacrosse Championship of Canada this season:—

May 24, Toronto and Ontario at Toronto.
 May 29, Montreal and Cornwall at Montreal.
 June 5, Montreal and Ontario at Toronto.
 June 5, Shamrock and Cornwall at Cornwall.
 June 12, Shamrock and Toronto at Montreal.
 June 19, Ontario and Shamrock at Montreal.
 June 26, Montreal and Shamrock at Montreal.
 June 26, Toronto and Cornwall at Cornwall.
 July 3, Montreal and Toronto at Toronto.
 July 10, Cornwall and Ontario at Cornwall.
 July 17, Toronto and Ontario at Toronto.
 July 17, Montreal and Cornwall at Montreal.
 July 24, Toronto and Shamrock at Toronto.
 July 24, Montreal and Ontario at Montreal.
 July 31, Toronto and Cornwall at Toronto.
 August 7, Ontario and Shamrocks at Montreal.
 August 21, Shamrock and Cornwall at Montreal.
 August 28, Ontario and Cornwall at Toronto.
 August 28, Montreal and Toronto at Montreal.
 September 4, Montreal and Shamrock at Montreal.
 September 4, Toronto and Cornwall at Toronto.
 September 11, Toronto and Ontario at Toronto.
 September 11, Montreal and Cornwall at Cornwall.
 September 18, Shamrock and Toronto at Toronto.
 September 25, Shamrock and Ontario at Toronto.
 September 25, Montreal and Toronto at Montreal.
 October 2, Montreal and Shamrock at Montreal.
 October 2, Cornwall and Ontario at Toronto.
 October 9, Shamrock and Cornwall at Cornwall.
 October 9, Montreal and Ontario at Toronto.

Lacrosse is not yet dead in Quebec, although the disbandment of the Thistle club was supposed to have killed it. Last month a number of members of the local Snowshoe club met and organized the "Quebec Lacrosse Club," electing a strong directorate, and, judging from the enthusiasm manifested the Ancient City will again be heard from.

Why don't a few clubs outside the big cities endeavour to follow the example of enterprise set them by the Niagara Falls club. In '84 this club went to Detroit and there played and defeated the Independents of Windsor. Later in the season they journeyed to Chicago and met and defeated the Calumets the then U. S. Champions. In '85 they visited New York and walked through the New York and the Brooklyn clubs and were handsomely entertained by that thorough sportsman and prince of good fellows, Erastus Wiman.

This year they have a trip organized which embraces New York and vicinity, Boston and Baltimore, and at the same time they are ready for a lively season in their own district.

The Montrealers, from the amount of practice they are putting in evidently fully realize the big task they have before them. Their success last year was entirely due to the steady united work that they did all through the season, and from the business like way in which they are following along the same lines. I see that they have thoroughly learned their lesson, and if they do not come out in the van again, it will not be because any of the abilities of their players have been allowed to become rusted through disuse.

They play the Caughnawagas on the 15th and again on the Queen's Birthday, and the Harvard team is in negotiation with them for a match here which may possibly be arranged for this month.

I am sorry to hear that Findlay, whom I mentioned last week as the probable successor to Aird, will not be able to play. He has allowed business to interfere with Lacrosse and the latter has been worsted. Norman has been filling the goal in the practices and he does very fairly.

I beg Paton's pardon for publishing his obituary prematurely. I should have waited to see what effect that great reviver—the first practice—would have.

He is at it again and is proving himself to be as big a nuisance to the goalkeeper as ever.

While all the men are placing well, the most improvement is shown by Grant and Fraser. The former is keeping the "horse" trotting in great shape, and the latter seems to have shaken a reef out of his legs, and now goes over the ground as if he had fallen heir to the famed "seven league boots."

Michaud has not as yet turned out for practice, and I hear that he is not well, and probably will not play this season. This would be a bad blow to the team were it not that "Robbie" Elliott is practicing, and if he succeeds in getting into anything like his old form, his presence on the defence will make the Montrealers stronger than ever.

The Shamrocks are keeping very quiet both on and off the field, and are most likely holding their breath waiting to see what is going to happen to them next.

There is one good man in the city unattached as yet. The Montrealers will be lucky if they can get him to drop the "red cross" and don the "winged wheel" again.

"Capital" is a great power, and while it is apparently getting a little the worst of it on the other side of the line; score one victory for it here. Cregan and McKay have gone to Ottawa, and so has Daly the retired, Prior has been made a fixture, and Green has changed his color.

The Toronto "Mail" publishes the following, which it calls a "forecast" of the names and positions of the Toronto and Ontario teams, who open the Championship Series with a match at Rosedale, on Queen's Birthday:

<i>Torontos.</i>		<i>Ontarios.</i>	
Mills	Goal.	Clewes	Goal.
Bonnell	Point.	Clark	Point.
J. Garvin	Cover Point.	Small	Cover Point.
Drynan	1st defence field.	Neil	1st defence field.
T. Martin	2nd defence field.	Hull	2nd defence field.
McDonald	3rd defence field.	R. Ryan	3rd defence field.
Blight	Centre.	McPherson	Centre.
R. Coulson	3rd home field.	Arows	3rd home field.
Dixon	2nd home field.	Wilson	2nd home field.
Irving	1st home field.	Gerry	1st home field.
McHenry	Outside home.	Foley	Outside home.
Stowe	Inside home.	A. Martin	Inside home.

"It is probable—but not certain—that Blight will reappear for the Toronto-Ontario Match. If he does not Eckhardt will take his place. For a reserve the Torontos have D. Coulson, Eckhardt, and Meharg. The spare men of the Ontarios will be J. Ryan, McGovern, Cheyne, and Burns."

These are both good teams, but something has happened to the Toronto team. Perhaps the printers are to blame? Garvin and Drynan should be inside of Bonnell, Irving, Blight and Coulson together in the field, and Dixon, McHenry and Stowe the home. Martin is all right on defence, but McDonald and his "back jukie," would be of more service next to Dixon.

The Ontario team as given, is as far as I can remember, identical in names and positions with that of last year, and I think is placed to the best advantage. They are practicing on the Moss Park Rink, a most unlikely lacrosse ground, and are doubtless heavily handicapped in consequence.

But in addition to mixing up the positions of the Toronto team, the *Mail* has left out one very important name, Hubbell; who will be in his old position on that day, consequently we won't refer to the item as a "forecast," but rather term it a "guess."

The Montreal Juniors seem to be taking their time about getting into shape for the season. A number of their first twelve have not as yet shown up, but I fancy this week will see them all at work. The club is such a live one that to stay on the first twelve necessitates constant attention to practice.

This year, similarly to last, they will be able to put into the field, three good twelves, and it is, as it has been, a hard matter to say who really are the first twelve of the first twenty-four.

I doubt if there is in existence, a club that has such a large number of players in proportion to its membership, or one that can stand the loss of first-class men without any perceptible decrease in its strength, as the Montreal Juniors have done.

Last year they lost Hodgson, Michaud, and Carliand, and still they beat everything in their class easily. This year Findlay, Cameron, Norman and Geraghty go, and they are able yet to show a good enough team to keep them in the position they hold. I think they should drop the title of "Juniors," and that championship, and have a go at the "Intermediate," which they would have a good chance of winning.

Their team for this season will likely be, Sheridan, goal; McDougall, point; Beard, cover; R. Drysdale, Graham, Rodden, Wilson, Cornell, and Brady, field; and Gauthier, Michaud and Herbert, home; with J. Woods again as captain.

They play Brockville, the Intermediate Champions, a friendly game at Brockville on Queen's Birthday.

The Cornwall *Freeholder*, is out with a solid column of Lacrosse, chiefly devoted to their champion team, the names of which they give as follows: Lally, goal; Lewis, point; Adams, cover; Grant, surnamed "Centennial," and McAtee, telept, "Old Iron-sides," and Smith, commonly known as "Bad," defence; field; McCracken, centre; Crites and A. G. Grant, (whom I have heard called "Andy,") home field; and Carpenter or Broderick, Black and Blacklock, home. There is also a dark horse suggested which is entered to provide for possible contingencies.

After reading over the records of the men, which are so lengthy that the limited space at my disposal in this paper will not admit of my publishing them, I have come to the conclusion that Cornwall has the champion team, and that consequently all the interest is out of this year's matches.

In England the Lacrosse season is closing. The flag competitions have been decided with the result that South Manchester again holds the title of "champion of the north," which Liverpool won from them last year, and a new "champion of the south," has arisen in the shape of Cambridge University team. In the annual match between the "North and the South," the latter were victorious for the first time.

The matches between counties are now being played off, and the last heard of, are "Essex vs. Kent," in which the former won, and "Yorkshire vs. Cheshire," played on the South Manchester ground at Widdington, when Cheshire won. Members of the Canadian Lacrosse team of 1883 will be glad to hear that two of their friends, Glover and Ben Schofield, distinguished themselves, but unfortunately were on the beaten team. The annual match between England and Ireland is off for this year, as the Englishman object to the date, which is late in May, and is out of the English season, and in the middle of the Irish, thereby giving the latter an advantage which they have usually utilized by winning the

match. Considerable talking is being indulged in ament a team for Canada, both from England and from Ireland, but as yet it is all talk.

The Lacrosse clubs of several towns along the C.P.R., are discussing the advisability of forming a new Lacrosse district, for the amateur clubs of the Ottawa Valley, to be known as the Ottawa Valley district. This will comprise the junior clubs of Ottawa, and all the clubs on the C.P.R. between the Capital and North Bay, including Smith's Falls and Perth. The Montrealers have sent their regrets to the Capitals of Ottawa, that a previous engagement will prevent them from visiting them on the 24th, the Capitals are determined upon a match, however, and are now making arrangements with the Cornwall Indians and Shamrocks, to play upon that day. The Capitals with their additions to last year's team, expect to be strong.

The Athletic L. C. of St. Catharins, possesses most convenient grounds, about 170 yards by 90, at the corner of Maple and Catharine streets. There is a large covered grand stand, and a club house containing lockers, showerbaths, etc. Mr. H. O'Loughlin, the corresponding secretary of the club, was elected to the council of the N. A. L. A. at the recent meeting in Toronto, for the third time.

As I write, the sad news of Stuart Hubbell's death has reached me:

There will be many sorrowing hearts among his old Lacrosse companions when it is known that "The Kid" has passed away.

SPECTATOR.

WHAT "QUEEN CITY" SAYS.

To the Editor:

Sir—I am delighted to see your first number, and think I can speak for Toronto sportsmen as a whole—or as many as have seen it. You seem to have got hold of us good sources of information in this city as if you published here, and after all, that's what is wanted—not a glorification of one place and running down another, but a fair comment on what is happening all over the Dominion, from an impartial point of view. You have hit the nail on the head, and if you go on as you have begun I believe I can promise you enthusiastic support from the sporting circles of the

QUEEN CITY.

P. S. You are on the right tack, on the question of professionalism, especially in Lacrosse. If it were only to maintain the purity of our national game, you would have enough cause for publishing your paper. Hammer away, and more power to your elbow!

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

MONDAY, MAY 19TH.

Haverly's Minstrels commenced what promises to be a very successful weeks engagement this evening. To quote from the bills, "a good hearty laugh is worth a thousand groans in any market," and we most heartily say, amen. To describe a kaleidoscope performance of this sort is far beyond us. It is more a matter for the pencil than the pen. That the Cragg Family did wonders, goes by the saying, Cragg, jr., is a marvellous little fellow. It almost requires a microscope to see him. We wonder when he's sick if he knows whether its headache or corns. It was evidently the one desire of the entire company to do their best to please and amuse, and the constant laughter and applause must have assured them that the audience thoroughly enjoyed this decidedly "gigantic" evening.

Professor Blackie, the venerable sage of Gaelic and Greek renown, has again been showing no less disregard for the Kirk Sessions. In an interview with a Glasgow journalist, he is said to have declared Mary Anderson's performance better than any sermon that was ever preached by Platitudinarians.



A SWIMMING CLUB'S HISTORY.

A slight sketch of one of our leading clubs may not be without interest to our readers, and the Montreal Swimming Club certainly deserves the good wishes of all, for it to-day holds a position which is a credit to the City of Montreal and would be a credit to any city. The club was organized in 1876, starting in a very small way, and having for its members only a few young men who were already good swimmers. But the founders had from the beginning, the intention of building up a club which should provide a resort of never failing pleasure for lovers of fresh water, and also teach the rising generation to become proficient in the art of swimming, thereby making them more healthy and stronger, as well as enabling them to become capable of saving their own and others' lives, should such necessity ever occur. With these objects in view a small number of the younger of our citizens founded the Montreal Swimming Club, but could get no help from outsiders, the City Council did nothing to help the movement along, and for a long time the only place procurable for exercise was the old wharf and Island at St. Lambert, and the only concession obtainable from any one was a reduction of fare to one half the ordinary price, by the St. Lambert Steam Ferry Co. Nothing daunted, the promoters held on, increasing their membership slightly from time to time, until by the courtesy and kindness of the Hon. A. P. Caron, now Sir Adolphe P. Caron, Minister of Militia, they obtained a grant from the Government of a portion of the Military reserve on St. Helen's Island, with permission to inclose the same, to build the necessary buildings thereon, and to exclude from the ground all who were not members of the Montreal Swimming Club. From this small beginning the club has grown to its present proportions. It now possesses large dressing sheds with locked cupboards, for members wishing to keep towels, &c. at the bath, a neat office, tool and implement house, refreshment stand, professor's pavillion, &c. with wharves, walks, springboards, &c., and the boats, which are ready at all times to give assistance to any young swimmer who may have ventured too far and become exhausted. There is employed at the bath during the season, a professor, whose duties are to see that no one ventures too far from land, to render any assistance which may be necessary to the members, and to teach beginners how to swim; with a caretaker and porter, who keeps the grounds in order and takes charge of the gate. The bottom of the river in front of the bathing ground is kept covered with sand, several large loads having been placed there from time to time as the current washes the rocks bare again. The membership numbers at the present time over 1000, and the fee is \$1 for adults and 50c. for boys under eighteen years of age. Annual races are held, and very good time has been made; valuable prizes are given, and diving, fancy swimming and hurdle races are a feature at these meetings.

In the early days of the club all the funds were required for improvements for the bath, &c., and the prizes given were only of trifling value. Some of the old members still pointing with pride to the "brick-a-brac," won by them at that time; but later the citizens of Montreal nobly came forward and offered many valuable prizes for competition. The question of opening a bath for women and girls, has often been discussed in the club, but, so far it has been found impracticable.

An incident which will be remembered by many of the members, occurred when Sir A. P. Caron, paid the members a visit some years ago. The members considered that as he had done so much for them, they should give him a fitting reception, and accordingly on entering the grounds he was met by a procession of over 200 of the members in full dress,—which consisted of a pair of bathing trunks, and was escorted round the bath, this so delighted him that he peeled off his things and took a plunge himself, and proved a very expert swimmer.

The following gentlemen were made life members for important services rendered in the formation of the club, and the placing of same upon a

solid footing:—G. E. Desbarats, M. Desjardins, Alfred B. Guilt, R. Darling, and N. Labranché. "Williams," the famous swimmer who defeated the late Captain Webb, in the Montreal Exhibition races, was at one time Professor of this club. Several hundred persons have been taught to swim in their bath, principally young people, but we might mention an instance of an old man of sixty-five, who, became a good swimmer in one season. Some years ago it was a frequent event to see several members of the committee holding "a meeting" in the water, lying on their backs and floating like so many frogs.

MUSIC.

"Enchanting power, 'tis thine to still
The storms that life's sad circle fill;
The burden of our woes to ease,
And make our pleasures doubly please:
Each tender feeling to refine
Through life, enchanting pow'r, 'tis thine;
Descend, celestial harmony,
Life owes its sweetest charm to thee."

Mr. Charles Harriss's English Ballad and Orchestral Concert, Queen's Hall, May 7th. Vocalists, Mlle. Henrietta Beebe, Mrs. Baron Anderson, Mr. Charles H. Thompson, Dr. Carl E. Martin, and Mrs. Story and Mr. L. W. Howard, (their first appearance,) and a full Orchestra. Musical Director, Mr. C. A. E. Harriss.

This "Grand" Concert, with a list of patrons as long as St. Catherine street, was attended by a large and appreciative audience which applauded throughout with no stinted hand. It had the great merit of being concluded in reasonable time, although we cannot but think that two hours is amply sufficient for any concert. As we write, a most delightful one of Thalbergs comes to mind which only lasted one hour and three quarters.

The very name of "Ballad" is so delightful we regret there were so few on the programme. Give any one a book of Ballads, and if they are not perfectly happy, they ought to be. Sing a few of the best to them, and if they are not in bliss, they never deserve to be. As in the days of old when

"Court'd and carress'd,
High plac'd in hall, a welcome guest,
He pour'd, to lord and lady say,
The unpremeditated lay"

the minstrel charmed as much by the tale he told us by the voice and "harp a king had lov'd to hear," so we believe it will be to the end, that no singing can really be worthy of the name unless each word reaches the ear with perfect distinctness. For what is singing but just the most delicious way imaginable of holding sweet converse with you. Words and music "mix for ever with a sweet emotion." Songs without words that reach the ear (a sort of vocal accompaniment) may be very delightful music, we do not doubt it, but all the same we think the addition of the words a decided improvement. Of course the technical difficulties are great, but what are "the triumphs of art" but triumphs over difficulties. "'Tis not enough the voice be sound and clear, 'tis modulation that must charm the ear." Actors find elocution very difficult. (most horribly ditto) but do we not in our inmost heart long for the speedy execution of any actor who does not speak his "lines" with perfect distinctness.

Much of the otherwise excellent singing on this occasion was sadly marred by the manner in which the words were slurred over. Indeed, without the programme it would frequently have been difficult to know what the song was about. If artists would only remember that although the words are perfectly familiar to them, they are not so to the audience, how soon would there be a blessed change.

As Hamlet says, "Come, some music," and the orchestra is tuning up, and they tuned up to some purpose too, for their playing of the "William Tell" overture was so capital, so spirited, and full of vigor, we almost expected to see the curtain rise, and the splendid opera begin. It was rapturously redemanded, (the overture we mean, not the opera.) The "Grand Orchestral March," by Mr. Harriss will always be welcome, especially when it has the good fortune to be

played in the same masterly manner. The scoring seemed to us to be exceptionally good. The "Massaniello" overture and selections from "Martha," were additional orchestral treats, and we feel sure that all present must have felt much indebted to Mr. Case for the admirable manner in which he availed himself of the resources at his command, and for the thoroughly artistic style in which he discharged the double duties of conductor and leader.

The numerous songs have already been so fully noticed elsewhere, and the merit of the artists so fully given in the "extracts from opinions" in the programme, that we feel it would be an intrusion on our part to prolong this notice farther, but we cannot conclude without naming Miss Beebe's "Kerry Dance," Mr. Thompson's "Waiting," and "Sleep on," and his duet with Dr. Martin "Love and War," as deserving special praise. Mr. Trevors appearance must, we presume, be accepted as a "revelation."

"And the brass will crash,
And the trumpet bray?"

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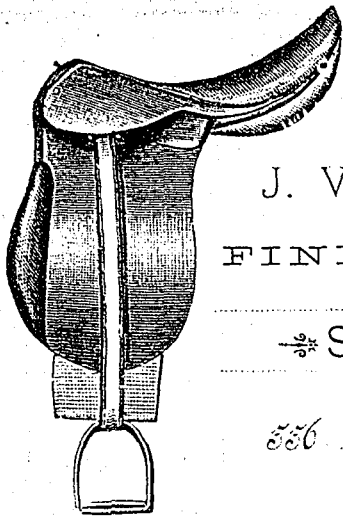
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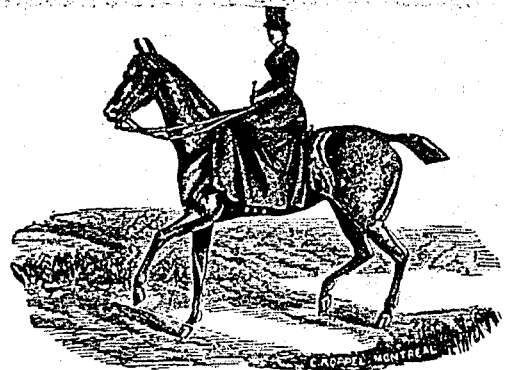
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