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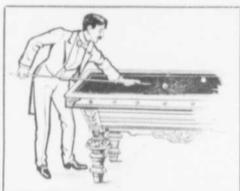
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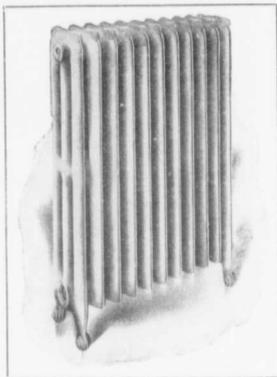
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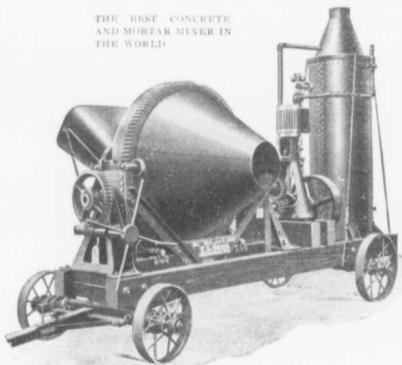
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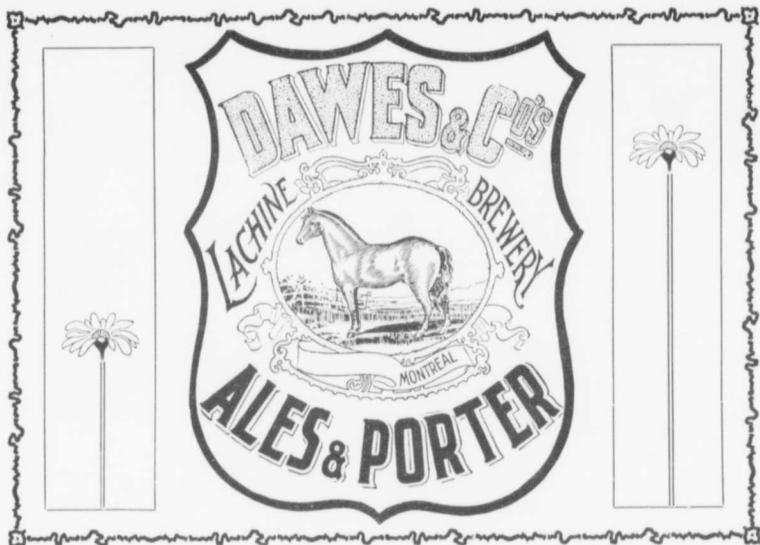
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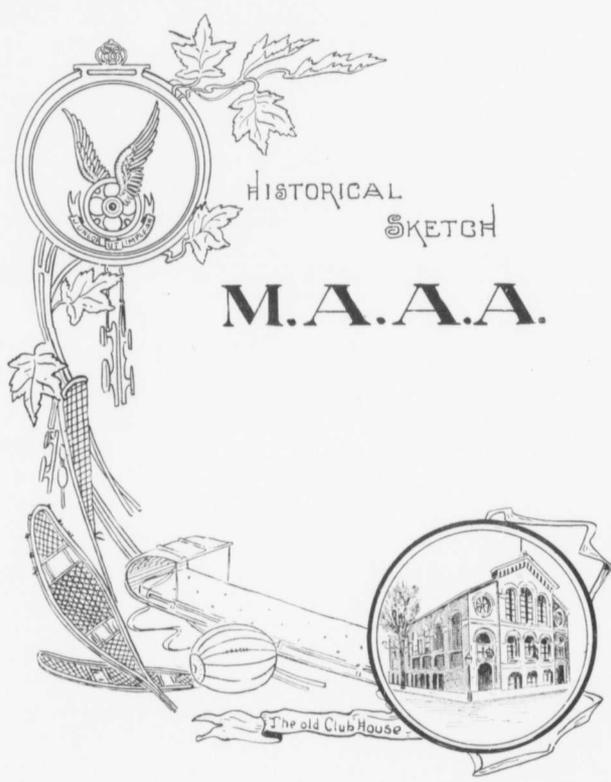
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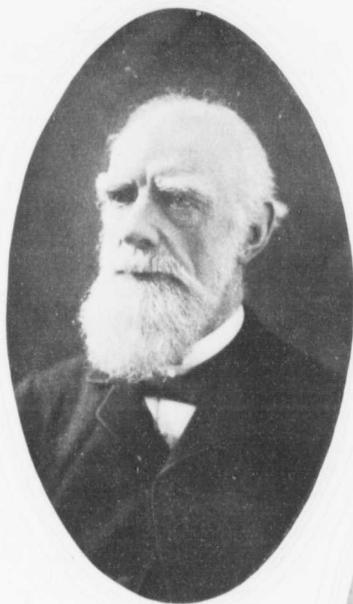


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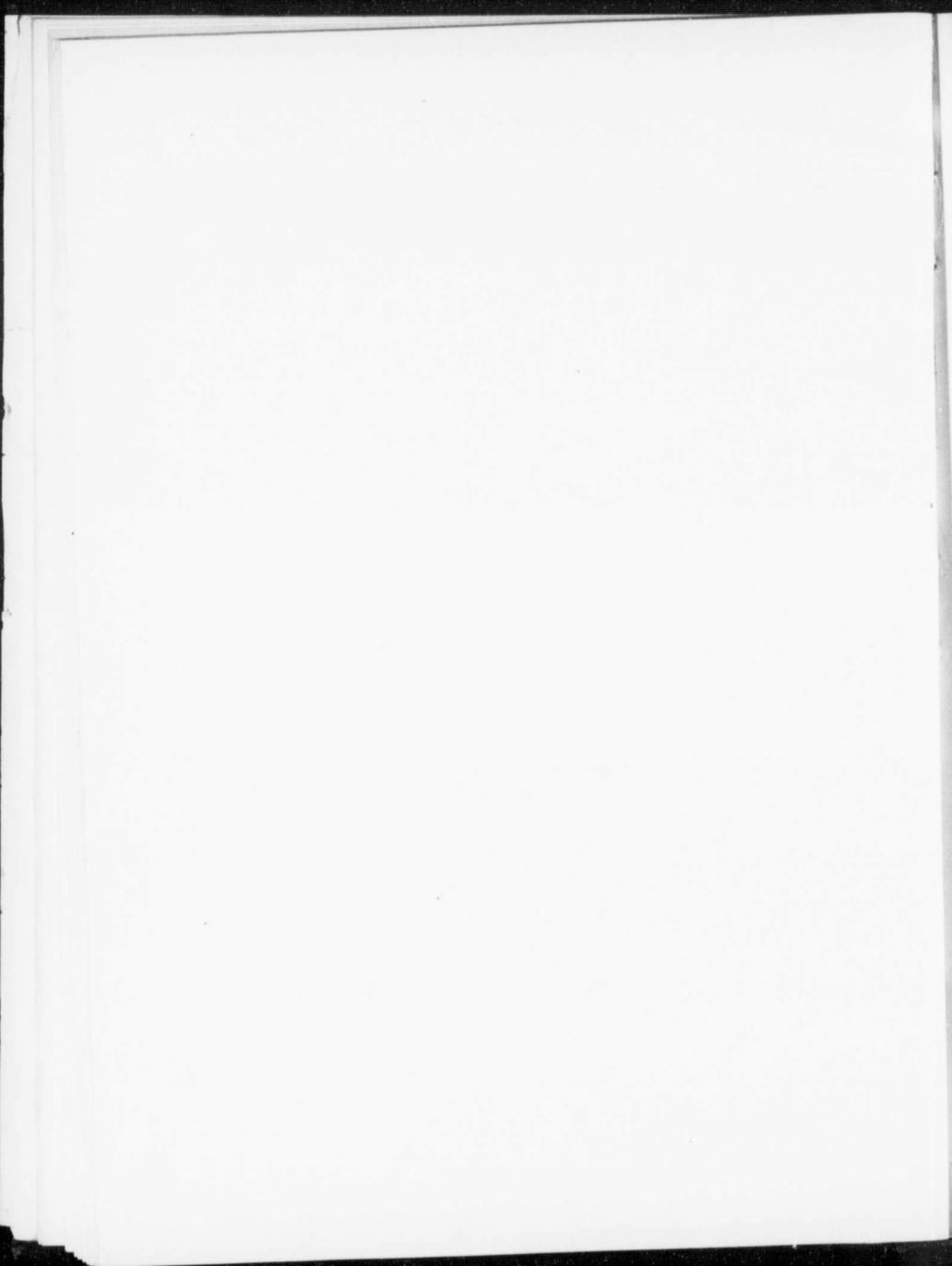
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Many traditions are still extant of the early history of outdoor sport in the City of Montreal, but the verifying of much interesting matter is somewhat difficult, for the athlete of days gone by cared nothing for records; he indulged in outdoor games for the sake of the healthy exercise it gave him and the good fellowship which it engendered, and kept few registers of passing events.

Through patient research, much interesting data has been recovered, but a great deal has yet to be accomplished to make early records complete.

Among other incidents handed down, it has been said that when the "Lily flag" of the Bourbon was replaced in 1760 by the "Union Jack" upon the citadels of Quebec and Montreal, the Briton brought with him and introduced to Canadian ice and soil curling and cricket, those national games of Scotland and England, and both have found congenial homes in the land of the Maple Leaf.

Tradition hath it that the clear cold winters of Canada delighted the Scotch hearts of Fraser's Highlanders, and many a game of the "besom and the stane" was played on the green ice of the St. Lawrence, and that the "bat and the wicket" was much in evidence under the bright skies of summer.

Tradition also goeth much further and saith that long ere the advent of Maisonneuve, who planted

Ages have passed since Pindar, on his lyre, to Hellas' sons

Did honour. Gone are the glories of Olympia, Yet still survives the spirit of the past: And from such azure skies as even Greece Could not excel, the glowing sun looks down On scenes as gay as those of Altis grove.

Whether, in summer, on the level field Marshalled as friendly foes, we strive to urge Homeward the much sought ball, with well aimed crosse,

Or, when stern winter reigns, o'er snowy was'te We tramp with cheerful hearts and joyous song; No Greeks of Hellas were more proud than we Of our Canadian Land. What Grecian games More fitted to develop the young frame, To give it suppleness and fire and force, Than our own aboriginal lacrosse, The snow-shoe and the skates.

What firmer bulwarks can a nation have Than sons thus trained in eye, in foot, in hand, In quick resource, in temper and in skill?

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the cross and laid the foundations of "Ville Marie," the primitive settlement that has since developed into the great Canadian Metropolis, the Hochelaga, or Beaver Indians, indulged in many a game of their Indian ball play, to which the early French explorers gave the name of "La jeu de la Crosse," now abbreviated into our modern name "Lacrosse," upon the Beaver meadows which lay near to their ancient village of Hochelaga.

Of the ancient lords of the land upon which the City of Montreal is now built, nothing now remains to remind us but the name "Hochelaga," and the three fascinating outdoor pastimes of lacrosse, snowshoeing and toboggan

ing. From the ball play of the Indian have we inherited our national game, and from the snowshoe and the toboggan, their means of locomotion over the snows of winter, the white man has developed two glorious winter sports.

The associating together of individuals for the promotion of sports and athletics had not come into general practice prior to the middle of the nineteenth century, but the athletes of Montreal appeared, long ere that period, to have developed the idea of forming themselves into clubs or associations for the furtherance of muscular Christianity, and thus early laying the foundation for that first and original institution of its kind, the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.

Of the three clubs who have the honour and credit of organ-



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izing this celebrated association, the oldest is the Montreal Snowshoe Club, founded in 1840. A number of the members of this club also took part in 1842 in forming a club for foot racing and summer outdoor athletics, called the "Olympic Club." It is claimed for this club that it was the first known association to be formed for foot-racing. The "Athletic Club" of Exeter College, England, claims to have formed the first athletic club in

England in 1850, eight years after Montreal athletes formed the "Olympic Club."

This Olympic Club was also undoubtedly the predecessor of the Montreal Lacrosse Club, for after an active existence of some years it disbanded, leaving a number of its members, who had annually played a game of lacrosse with the Indians at the yearly games, to formally organize the present Montreal Lacrosse Club in 1856.

During the forties, when Montreal was a "Government City," a gymnastic club flourished, which had rooms in the business part of the City, but in 1859 a number of athletic young men agitated for the formation of a gymnastic club in the upper part of the City. Their efforts were finally successful in March, 1860, when a club was organized, which later induced the authorities of McGill University to erect a gymnasium on University Street, near Dorchester, to be used conjointly for the benefit of the pupils and the club, the latter paying a rental for the privilege. In the spring of 1867 the members earnestly discussed the idea of erecting a gymnasium of their own in order to have increased accommodation, for the club had grown.

A joint stock company was eventually formed, and a fine stone building was erected on Mansfield Street, on the corner of Burnside. For a number of years this gymnastic organization was very popular and flourishing, and many of the leading young business and professional men of the City were its enthusiastic supporters, but the time came when for various causes the young men of the City lost interest in the institution, and the older ones only remained because they were stockholders.

The officers of the two leading athletic organizations of the City, the Montreal Lacrosse Club and the Montreal Snowshoe Club, had long felt the want of a place to hold both club and committee meetings in. Mr. Will H. Whyte, who had been secretary of both institutions, in his reports at the annual meetings strongly advocated the two clubs joining together to procure a suite of rooms for club purposes, and a

committee, consisting of Messrs. Grant, Becket and Whyte, endeavoured to secure such accommodation, but nothing came of it.

In March, 1877, Mr. Angus Grant suggested the leasing of two rooms in the Montreal Gymnasium for club quarters, and the two clubs becoming weary of meeting in different places to transact club business quickly agreed to the proposition to have a fixed habitation. The matter of rental having been arranged with the directors, alterations were made for club and reading rooms, and the place made cosy and comfortable by donations and otherwise. This joint occupancy was continued until the end of 1878, when the gymnasium directors, finding they were falling into arrears owing to a heavy mortgage on the building, determined to sell the property. The two clubs finding the rooms had been of great benefit were loth to part with them, and made overtures to the gymnasium authorities to lease the whole building for a term of years. A rental of \$1,000.00 per annum was asked, this barely meeting the interest and other incidental expenses of the Gymnasium Company.

After considerable trouble, this proposition was ultimately concluded in January, 1879, largely through the exertions and labours of Mr. Angus Grant and Mr. Hugh W. Becket, both of whom were shareholders in, and the latter the secretary of, the Gymnasium Company, some of the more cautious members of both clubs giving a very reluctant assent to the scheme.

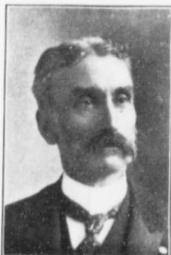
Much needed improvements were immediately proceeded with, the gymnastic apparatus thoroughly overhauled and classes formed; the different rooms renovated, the billiard room and bowling alley improved, and a shooting gallery erected. Rules and regulations relating to the new order of existence

were promulgated; among them, card playing, gambling and liquor being strictly prohibited in the building.

The clubs prospered under their new regime, and found each year that they had funds in the treasury after paying the rental. Some of the leading



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property and receive in return therefor a life membership in the building and Club House.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal Gymnasium, held on April 28th, 1881, a resolution was passed in favor of this proposition. On the 11th May a special meeting of the Montreal Lacrosse Club was called, when a motion was unanimously carried authorizing the committee to acquire the property in conjunction with the Montreal Snowshoe Club on the terms agreed upon. A meeting of the latter club was also held and a similar resolution also adopted, and at a joint meeting of the two clubs, a committee was named to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the government of the new association. The Montreal Bicycle Club, which had been formed in 1878 and was composed of many of the members of the two clubs, now offered to join in the scheme, and its request was acceded to. Details were finally completed and an act of incorporation obtained from the Provincial Parliament at Quebec in June, 1881, under the name of the "Montreal Amateur Athletic Association," and the Montreal Gymnasium Company lost its identity in its amalgamated successor. The trinity of clubs thus found themselves in the possession of a home of their own, and a most valuable acquisition towards the promotion of athletic interest in all lines of amateur sport.

The Association at its start was managed by a Board of nine Directors, four each from the Lacrosse and Snowshoe Clubs and one from the Bicycle Club. In the fall of 1883, the Bicycle Club agitated for an increased representation, which was conceded them in the Spring of 1884, and the rule changed that each and every club should have three, or an equal representation on the board. On the 24th November, 1884, the "Tuque Bleue" Toboggan Club affiliated with a large membership, and on the 5th of April, 1885, the Montreal Football Club did like wise, making a governing Board of fifteen Directors.

In order to facilitate the management, this Board was divided into departments controlling the gymnasium, reading and club rooms, bowling, shooting and billiard room, field sports and entertainments, grounds, property and building. These divisions have since existed, with the exception of the shooting gallery, the interest in which having subsided, the space was utilized for a third bowling alley.

Many improvements and alterations were made during the first four years. The upper floor in the front of the building had been occupied by the Mercantile Library Association with a large collection of books. This association was likewise dormant, and overtures were made to the surviving Trustees to assume the charge of the library, make it an active one if the funds (which were considerable) and the books were transferred.

The majority of the Trustees were willing, but two proving quite obdurate and opposed to the scheme, the Directors finally insisted on the books being removed from the building. The books were removed to the Fraser Institute in the Spring of 1885. The Montreal Chess Club also occupied the same quarters, and they had to seek other habitation. The room was then fitted up and has since been occupied as a reading room and decorated with portraits of many of the "old boys" of the different clubs.

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In the early years, in order to increase the interest of the members, the Directors encouraged the formation of clubs within the Association for specific or special purposes. Among those which flourished for a number of years and

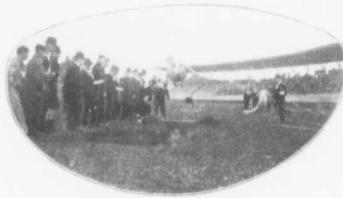
proved most interesting and enjoyable adjuncts, were the M. A. A. A. Dramatic Club, Cinderella Club, Fencing Club, Chess Club, Baseball Club and Hockey Club.

The Dramatic Club possessed a number of members with considerable amateur dramatic ability. They erected the stage in the Gymnasium and gave many very enjoyable entertainments. The Cinderella was a social or dancing club, limited to 125 members. They held two "At Homes" each winter in the Gymnasium, which was prettily decorated and the floor waxed. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, the Club, like its namesake of old, retiring promptly, as the midnight bell sounded from the Cathedral spire. The Fencing and Chess Clubs held tournaments each winter. The Baseball Club attracted a number interested in that sport, and the Hockey Club, coming into prominent existence with the winter carnivals, held the active interest of the Association and the public for many years until they withdrew from active connection with the M. A. A. A.

In latter years Lawn Tennis and Revolver Clubs were organized and well patronized.



T. L. PATON,  
Hon. Sec. 1811-6.



THE BROAD JUMP.



W. M. CAIRNS,  
Hon. Treas. 1811-6.

#### OUTDOOR SPORTS.

The Montreal Lacrosse Club, as the senior athletic club interested in summer sports, had held annual championship meetings for athletic sports up to 1881 on the old grounds on Sherbrooke Street. Upon the formation of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association the Lacrosse Club, in the absence of any National Association, delegated to it their annual meetings, which were also annually held until the establishment of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada in 1884, in the organization of which the M.A.A.A. took a leading part.

#### EVENTS.

Among the important events, only a few of which can be referred to, was the action of instituting an entrance fee of \$10 in July, 1888. In the same year the old Montreal Toboggan Club went out of existence, and the Tuque Bleue Toboggan Club, on the 5th November, 1889, bought its property and assets in order to assume the name of "Montreal," so that the nomenclature of each of the clubs in the M.A.A.A. might be in conformity therewith. In the winter of 1890-1891, the Toboggan Club organized an open air skating rink on the new grounds and added the name of skating to its cognomen.



ROBERT LLOYD.  
Sec.-Treas. 1890-91.

This was a popular and profitable move.

In 1883, Mr. R. D. McGibbon, an active member of the Association, proposed the holding of a winter carnival of sports. The associated clubs took an active part in the success of these popular events for some years, and their members bore the brunt of the hard labor entailed thereby. They finally ceased, and in January, 1893, a week of sport to take their place, without the heavy expense of ice palaces and other spectacular attractions, was held. The M.A.A.A. offered a prize for competition among the curling clubs of the city, and the deep interest evinced in this tournament has been yearly continued ever since.

In May 1899, the election of Directors was changed, the clubs naming two each and the Association



HORACE S. TIBBS,  
Sec.-Treas. 1893-96.

electing four and an Honorary President.

On the 3rd of March, 1900, an overflowing and patriotic demonstration was held in Gymnasium Hall to celebrate the success of the British Arms in South Africa, where some thirteen members of the association had been fighting for Queen and Empire. Some days later the members took part in the reception to the "Strathcona Horse," a Canadian Regiment equipped by the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, who had been elected the first Honorary Life Member of the Association some time previously.

On the 19th October, Gymnasium Hall was again filled to overflowing at a reception and presentation of an address to Lord Strathcona.

On the 24th January, 1901, upon receipt of the news of the death of the late Queen Victoria, a message of sympathy was cabled to King Edward with expressions of loyal devotion to His Majesty.



W. S. WELDON,  
Sec.-Treas. 1896-98.

#### PROPERTY AND GROUNDS.

The financial success of the M.A.A.A. is something its members can point to with much pride, and reflects credit on the men who organized and worked long and steadily in its interests. Starting in 1881 with a debt or mortgage on the gymnasium property of \$13,000, and an expenditure of \$4,000 for repairs and alterations, May of 1886 saw the Association free from debt, and November of the same year a surplus of \$8,000. In April, 1887, the house adjoining was purchased for nearly \$7,000, and two years later the house next it was likewise purchased, the first being utilized for office and club room purposes, the other retained for possible extension.

The property on Sherbrooke Street, through which Bishop and Crescent Streets now run, and long known as the Montreal Lacrosse Club grounds, was first occupied by that Club in May, 1868. It was an uneven bit of ground and much money was at times spent in leveling and draining and building a fifth of a mile cinder path on it. This occupancy was continued until the subdivision of the property in the fall of 1887, when the



THE HALF-MILE RUN.

present grounds were purchased in Westmount in the Spring of 1888, the amount paid being \$45,000. A Club House had to be erected, the property fenced in, and the ground graded and levelled, and a cinder track built. The members, however, went to work with a will, and in a short time a subscription list of \$18,000 was secured, largely among the members. A Fair, ably assisted by the ladies of the members, was held in the Victoria Rink to defray the cost of the fencing and stands, and realized in conjunction with a generous donation, upwards of \$10,000. The annual report, May, 1890, showed the total amount expended on these grounds had been \$69,712.60, with only a balance of \$26,000 to be paid thereon.

In the Spring of 1895, the Irvine property next the Westmount grounds was purchased for \$4,316, and the house used for the caretaker of the grounds. Steadily the debt was reduced, and on June 1st, 1902, the balance due the H. B. Smith Estate was paid off and the grounds were free from debt.

As the years passed by the Association was rapidly outgrowing the old building on Mansfield Street, and the younger men agitated for more accommodation. In May, 1896, the building of a new club house was strongly advocated, and a committee composed of Messrs. W. L. Maltby, James Paton, and Will H. Whyte appointed to report on the matter. At the semi-annual in November they reported that a building costing the sum named, viz., \$100,000.00, could not be built and maintained unless the annual fees were raised and a bigger revenue obtained. They were continued, and a further report in the following May only confirmed their previous investigations. This led later on to increased annual fees being adopted, a subscription list started, and other schemes being devised to meet the desired and wished for new home. A proposition to alter the constitution permitting the Association to obtain a club license for a social club failed to obtain the consent of the majority of the members. But at last the long-looked-for new club house is nearing completion on a new site on Peel Street, and what promises to be most handsome and commodious quarters will be occupied this summer of 1905.

The day of leave-taking of the "Old Gym," as it is familiarly called, will to many of the older members be a day of sadness, not that they will not rejoice in the possession of more commodious and up-to-date quarters, but memory will bring back many happy and joyous hours spent with comrades now dead and gone.

The success of the M.A.A.A. in the past has been not only through the pride felt and evinced by its members in its wonderful growth, but to the influence and guidance of clear business rules and principles, and the encouragement of all genuine amateur sport and pastime. Cultivating a love for athletic exercise and a desire to see the best man win in a "fair field and no favor," the Association on these lines will long prove of incalculable benefit to the young men of Montreal.

W. H. W.



## Outdoor Sports

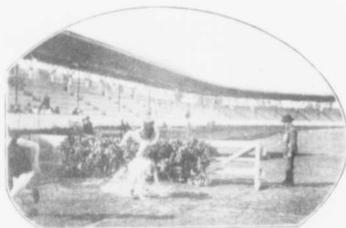
"What more fame can yield  
Than the swift race?"—Homer.

The inherited love of the youth of Montreal for all outdoor sports has been evinced for many decades, as shown in the numerous organizations that have been formed during the past seventy years.

Records of early events are not numerous. The oldest extant is that of the Montreal Snowshoe Club, formed in 1840 for winter outdoor exercise.

Following this the "Olympic Club" in 1842, the oldest known organization for foot-racing, had an active existence for a decade. The events of that period have yet to be recorded.

The Caledonian Society then came on the field with their Scottish games, in which events for foot-



AN OBSTACLE RACE.

racing were included in 1855, and have continued their good work ever since.

On the 7th April, 1865, the Montreal Pedestrian Club was formed, and had successful meets for a number of years. Among some of the members who won distinction in that famous organization were Dr. W. Geo. Beers, Frank Johnson, son of Sir Francis Johnson, and C. P. Davidson (now Judge Davidson), in the 100 yards and other short races, and W. L. Maltby, Teifer and others in long distance running.

These were the days of the military, and many keen competitions were had in which Her Majesty's Garrison in Montreal distinguished itself. Men from the Guards Rifle Brigade, 25th, 13th Hussars, Black Watch, Artillery and other well known regiments often showed their quickness of foot.

In October, 1869, a Lacrosse Tournament under the auspices of the Montreal Lacrosse Club was held in honour of H.R.H. Prince Arthur, now Duke of Connaught, and a number of interesting running events were held.

In October, 1871, the Montreal Lacrosse Club held its first pedestrian races, Lemuel Cushing being President; W. L. Malthy and Angus Grant, Vice-Presidents, and Will H. Whyte, Secretary. This meeting was very successful, and revived the interest in foot-racing.

In May, 1873, it was thought advisable to form a regular pedestrian club to further outdoor sports. Angus Grant was elected President, and Duncan E. Bowie, Secretary.

On July 17th, Mr. Bowie took part in races at Springfield, Mass., open to members of American Universities, and gallantly captured the magnificent cup presented by James Gordon Bennett, of New York, for a two mile race, time 11 min. 18½ sec.

At the annual races in October, D. E. Bowie, H. W. Becket, W. L. Allan and R. Summerhayes, a quartet that distinguished themselves for a number of years on the cinder path, took part. Among the long distance runners at this time were Keronaire, Daillebout and White Eagle, noted Indian runners who won fame for a number of years until the strict definition of an amateur withdrew them from competing with the white man. Among other organizations, McGill University for many years held successful annual meetings, many of its events being, however, confined to the students, while a certain number were thrown open to all comers.

Successful races were again held by the Montreal Pedestrian Club in 1874, the Montreal Cricket Club also holding a similar event.

In 1875 the Montreal Pedestrian Club did not organize.

In the endeavour to create more interest in the Montreal Gymnasium, the Directors called a meeting of all their members and invited a number of others, well known for their interest in athletics, to give their views as to the best method of increasing the waning interest in that institution.

W. H. Whyte suggested the placing of the control and running of the Gymnasium more in the hands of the younger men, the discussion finally resolving into the formation of the "Montreal Gymnasium Athletic Club," with Angus Grant as President, W. H. Whyte and George Tolley as Vice-Presidents, and Hugh W. Becket as Secretary Treasurer.

A very successful athletic meeting was held on

the Lacrosse Grounds on the 18th September of that year.

The second athletic meeting of the Club was likewise successful, held in October, 1876.

The various Volunteer Regiments of the city also held a most interesting meeting the same year.

In 1877 Chas. C. McIvor carried Montreal colours to the front by winning the 100 yards Championship of America in 10½ sec. at the New York meeting.

The Gymnasium Club did not have a very strenuous life in 1877, and the Montreal Lacrosse Club came to the front again in 1878, with a Spring meeting in June, and a Fall meeting in October, and the leasing of the rooms in the Montreal Gymnasium in December, 1878, put the Gymnasium Club "out of business." The Victoria Rifles and Irish Protestant Society, together with the Caledonian Society and McGill University, gave plenty of opportunity for the fleet of foot in 1878.



A HOT RUN.

In 1878 our American cousins came to Montreal to compete for the Canadian Championships, which the Montreal Lacrosse Club offered. There being no National Institution, the Club claimed that privilege as the oldest Canadian club for Summer sports. La-montagne and Merritt of New York, carried away the 600 yards and half mile run, and Purdy the three mile walk, while Arthurs and Pellat of Toronto took the eighth and the one mile.

In 1879 Merrill, of Boston, and Arthurs, of Toronto, and in 1880 Purdy, and that celebrated runner Lon E. Myers, carried off a number of the leading events at the annual fall meetings of the Montreal Lacrosse Club, a procedure which many of their successors now yearly manage to do ever since. 1881 saw the formation of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and on the 4th of June, of the same year, the Spring handicap meeting of outdoor sports was held under the management of the M.A.A.A., which meeting proved exceedingly interesting.

The annual fall sports were held by the Association until the fall of 1884, when the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada was formed, through the instrumentality of the M.A.A.A., whereupon the latter resigned its control of championship events to the national body, but still maintained its annual spring and fall meetings.



THE HURDLE RACE.

On the 1st October, 1881, the first fall championship games were held under the auspices of the M. A. A. A. on the grounds of the Montreal Lacrosse Club. This meeting, notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the weather, was attended by a large crowd, and many competitors were entered from the United States and Canada, which made the contests exceedingly interesting.



SKATING AT THE M. A. A. A. GROUNDS.

In this year the committee having charge of outdoor sports suggested many innovations for the betterment of the then track and field events, and which were adopted with great success. At this fall championship meeting two championships were retained by the members of our Association, the running broad jump by Mr. W. R. Thompson, and the three mile bicycle race by Mr. F. C. Holden.



W. G. SLACK,  
Chairman Billiard Committee.

In the year 1882 the pole high vault was added to the list of games, but did not prove as large a drawing card for competitors as was anticipated. The usual Spring handicap games were held on

the 3rd June, 1882, and continued to prove as successful as the former meets.

On the 7th October, 1882, the fall championship meeting proved a great success, with the one exception that most of the championships went to the United States, and at this meeting Mr. F. C. Lambrecht broke the record at putting the shot, putting the same a distance of 41 ft. 4 1/4 in.

The annual spring handicap games were continued year by year, and they proved a great success by bringing out a large number of competitors.

The usual fall championships were held again in October, 1883, and New York again sent a strong contingent, which carried off the majority of the medals.

In December, 1883, the M. A. A. A. issued a circular addressed to the different athletic clubs of the Dominion seeking co operation of the amateur athletic clubs in the Dominion, with a view to forming a Canadian National Amateur Athletic Association, and some twenty-five or thirty letters from the different athletic clubs were received, each heartily endorsing the scheme, and on the 14th December, 1883, the organization meeting was held

in the Montreal Gymnasium, Mansfield Street, and the name of Amateur Athletic Association of Canada was adopted, and on the 11th April, 1884, a constitution and by-laws for the Association were adopted, and the first officers of the Association were elected. The object of this Association was to regulate certain athletic sports, and principally to regulate amateur competitions on the cinder path, and the first annual championship meeting of the Association was held in Montreal on the 27th September, 1884. The success of this meeting was



THE FINISH OF A 100 YARDS.

considerably marred owing to the wretched state of the weather, and no records were broken.

On the 16th August, 1884, the M.A.A.A. championship competition for the best all-round athlete took place. Mr. William Kerr won first place, with 22 out of a possible 30 points. This was the first year in which the honour of holding the championship programme passed out of the hands of the M.A.A.A. owing to the organization of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, above mentioned, so that from this date, the M.A.A.A. annually held their own spring and fall handicap meets, and continued to give the A.A.A. of Canada every support, both in competitors and in maintaining the amateur rules and regulations of the Association.

On the 25th October, 1884, a cross-country steeplechase to Back River took place to select representatives to attend the American Championship Cross-Country Steeplechase, which was to be held in New York on the 4th November of the same year. There were nine competitors, and Dr. D. D. McTaggart was the winner, and well did he maintain his reputation as a cross-country runner, by winning the American Cross-Country Steeplechase Championship in New York on the 4th of November of the same year.

On the 6th June, 1885, a new feature of the annual spring games was the presence of competitors from several of the surrounding towns and villages, representatives from Cornwall, St. Johns, Hemmingford, Lachute and Brockville being present.

On the 28th June of the same year Messrs. J. S. Robertson and D. D. McTaggart competed at Toronto in the spring meeting of the Bank Athletic Association, Mr. Robertson winning the 100 and 200 yards races and Mr. McTaggart the mile, lowering the Canadian record for that event by 4 3/5 seconds.

In that year the annual championship games of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada were held in Toronto in September, and our Association was ably represented by several members. This meeting was made interesting for the reason that a representative Irish team competed, but notwithstanding the strong competition, Mr. J. W. Moffat, of the M.A.A.A., won the half mile and mile, making a Canadian record for the latter.

On the 24th October of the same year, the Association being authorized by the A.A.A. of Canada, held a cross-country run to Back River for the championship of Canada, with Mr. J. W. Moffat, M.A.A.A., winning this event in 38 minutes 48 seconds.

On the 26th June, 1886, Messrs. S. J. Jones and F. D. Owens, members of our Association, competed at the games of the Ottawa A.A. in Ottawa, the former winning the mile and two mile races from scratch, Mr. Owens getting a place in the 100, 220 yards and 1/4 mile races.

In this year the M.A.A.A. sent a team to the championship meeting of the National Association of Amateur Athletes. This team was composed of Messrs. J. W. Moffat, J. T. Robertson, W. R. Thompson and D. D. McTaggart, and represented the Association most creditably.

During this season a clock, with chronograph and electric attachments for timing our races by electricity, was purchased, and was used for several seasons satisfactorily, the success being commented upon most favorably by several of the leading American sporting papers.

On the 24th September, 1886, competition for the championships took place on the Shamrock Grounds under the management of the A.A.A.

An exceptionally large contingent from New York was on hand, notwithstanding which our members won three first and four second places, Mr. J. S.

Robertson lowering the Canadian record in the 440 yards to 51 2/5 seconds, and Mr. J. W.

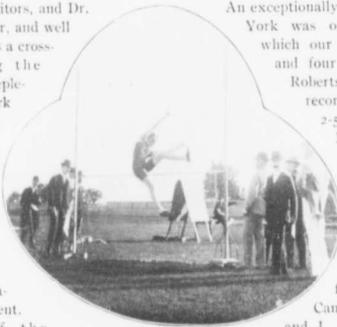
Moffat lowering the record for the half mile to 1.59 7/8, and the mile to 4 minutes 34 seconds.

In the same year the Toronto Lacrosse Club obtained permission to give a cross-country run for the championship of Canada. Messrs. S. D. Jones

and J. G. Ross were selected as representatives of the M.A.A.A. and had no difficulty in winning the 1st and 2nd places respectively.

During this season Mr. J. S. Robertson lowered the record for the 220 and 440 yards distances, Mr. J. W. Moffat performing a like service in the half and one mile events, and were accordingly presented with record medals.

In 1887 the Association was deprived of the use of the cinder track, owing to the sale of the old Sherbrooke Street property by the Phillips Estate, but by the kind permission of Mr. Robb, the agent of this estate, were permitted to use the remains of our old track for the spring handicap games, which were held on the 4th June, and notwithstanding these disadvantages, the meeting proved very satisfactory. At the athletic games of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition held in that city on the 7th September, Messrs. W. R. Thompson, J. W. Moffat and J. W. Hughes represented the Association. Mr. Thompson won the first place in both



THE HIGH JUMP.



DR. A. CLIFFORD JACK



ALLAN CAMERON, JR.



W. E. FINDLAY



JOHN DAVIDSON



LESLIE H. BOYD



ARTHUR H. HAMILTON



VICTOR C. BUCHANAN  
President, 1905-1906



GUY T. PETTIGREW



W. A. COATES



W. G. AYLING  
President, 1907-1908



W. McNALLY



T. YATES FOSTER



C. A. SPRIGGINS



FRED. D. ROGERS



F. W. G. JOHNSON

D. LOYNE MCGIBBON

Board of Directors  
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the 220 yards flat race and the 220 hurdle race, Mr. Moffat winning the half mile.

The annual fall games were suspended for this year, owing to our having no proper grounds for training, but in the early fall a number of successful paper chases were held over the cross-country course to Back River, and on the 22nd October Mr. F. H. Johnson won one of these races in the record time of 37 minutes 10 seconds. During this year considerable interest was evinced, owing to the prospect of the magnificent track about to be built on the new grounds of the Association, at Westmount, which it was expected would be ready for use in the fall of 1888.

On the 29th September, 1888, the A.A.A. of Canada had the honour of holding their annual race meeting on the new grounds for the first time, and Mr. Moffat was the only one of our members who was a winner at this meet.

The old St. Lawrence A.A.A. of Montreal held their annual games on the 6th October of this year, and Mr. A. S. Lamb won the mile and two the half and quarter mile events. On the 10th of the same month Mr. A. S. Lamb competed at McGill College sports under our colours, and won the half mile race. In the fall of the same year Mr. J. W. Moffat distinguished himself by winning the half mile championship of America at the games of the National A.A. of America, held in New York City on the 13th October, and in the same month won the half mile championship from scratch at Yonkers, N.Y., and the half mile at the games of Columbia College.

The completion of our new Westmount track received the unqualified praise of every athlete and sportsman who saw it, and a noticeable increase in the number of competitors at the subsequent spring and fall games was the result, and the committee in charge of the outdoor sports department decided that a series of weekly handicap events during the summer might be arranged.

In the year 1889 a largely increased number of active athletes took part in the track events of the Association, and the weekly handicaps, inaugurated in the month of May of the preceding year, proved a source of great interest, not only to those who competed, but also to the members in general, who attended in large numbers to witness the different weekly events.

On the 1st July, 1890, Messrs. W. O. H. Dodds and A. Leithead represented our Association at the C.W.A. meeting at Ottawa, the former winning

the half mile and the latter the 220 yards run. At the regular fall games of the Association, held on the 20th September of this year, the usual custom was departed from as regards scratch events and most of the same were made handicaps.

The season of 1891, although not a very active one, was notable for the fact that three Canadian records were lowered by members of our Association, Mr. D. D. Carr winning the 100 yards in even time, at our spring games on June 6th, with Mr. S. G. Waldron breaking the quarter and half mile records at our fall meeting, running the quarter in 50 1-5 seconds, and the half in 1 minute 59 3-5 seconds.

The season of 1892 showed considerable improvement on the previous year, for the reason no doubt that the games were held in the evening with the aid of electric light. Mr. S. G. Waldron again distinguished himself by establishing a new record at the championship meeting of the A.A.A. of Canada, in lowering the half mile record to 1.59 1-5 seconds. The spring handicap games were this year held on the 17th and 24th of June in the evening with the aid of electric light, and a large number of competitors took part, and made the two meets most successful.

The athletic championships of Canada were this year held on our grounds, on the 24th September, under the auspices of the Association. On the 17th September, at the handicap games of the Ottawa A.A. Club, Messrs. A. W. Gifford, C. M. Cameron, George Moffat, E. A. Courtemanche, W. Gentleman, Jr., and S. A. Finley represented the Association, and all were fortunate in securing first places. On the 25th November of the same year Messrs. Gifford and Finley succeeded in winning the open half and mile runs respectively at the M.G.A. Games.

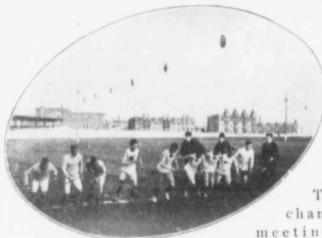
On the 16th September, 1893, Mr. S. G. Waldron represented our Association at the World's Fair Championship Games at Chicago, but was not successful in securing a trophy of this meet.

In the year 1894, the services of Mr. Alfred Bennett, of Toronto, were engaged as trainer for our Association, and well has he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Association, being still with us in that capacity.

During the season of 1895-1896 interest in outdoor sports increased to a remarkable degree, and the Association had the honour to present Mr. A. W. Gifford with a record medal for the half mile, which was run in the fine time of 1.57 2-5 seconds on the 21st September at the spring games. Mr.



PUTTING THE SHOT.



THE START.

A. Brodie broke the mile record with a time of 4 minutes 27 4-5 seconds.

The Spring championship meeting of the A.A.A. of Canada was this year held in Toronto,

A. R. Williams winning the mile and Mr. A. W. Gifford the half mile.

On the 12th September, 1896, several of our athletes were sent to Moncton, N.B., to compete in the annual championship games of the Maritime Provinces A.A.A., and Mr. George Stephen captured the 440 and 880 yards runs, and Mr. S. A. Finley second place in the one mile.

The 13th annual championships of the A.A.A. of Canada were held on our grounds on Saturday, 3rd October, 1896, and some exceedingly fine performances were witnessed in the different events.

The regular Fall championship games were held in Toronto on 2nd October, 1897, and our Association was represented by Messrs. Brodie, Stephen, McDonald, Finley and Paris, but unfortunately no first prizes were captured, Brodie losing the mile owing to an accident.

The annual meeting of the A.A.A. of Canada was held on our grounds on the 24th September, 1898, Mr. Brodie winning the mile championship. On the 19th of August of the same year, the Caledonian Society held their games on our grounds for the first time, and Mr. Brodie won first in both the mile and half mile events. In this same year Messrs. Spriggings, Stephen, Davison and Gifford won the team race at the Y.M.C.A. games.

During the season of 1899-1900 increased interest was noticed in foot races and field events, and in this year the championships of the C.A.A.U. were held in Toronto, but our representatives failed to bring back any prizes.

The season of 1900-1901 was not noted for anything exceptional either on the track or field amongst our athletes.

The season of 1901-1902 was particularly noteworthy for the fact that on September 14th a very interesting athletic meeting was held on our grounds when Oxford and Cambridge and McGill and Toronto tried conclusions. These events will long be remembered by all present, as some of the events were strongly contested. On the 21st September of the same year the Canadian championships were held on the Rosedale grounds, Toronto, and our representatives captured several prizes.

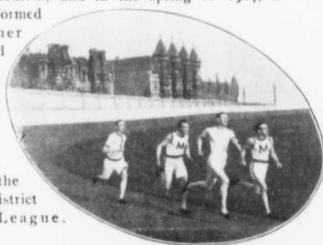
On the 20th September, 1902, the C.A.A.U. held its regular championship meeting on our grounds, and was perhaps one of the most successful in the history of the Union, a large number of New York athletes being present, which made the competition very keen.

On the 13th September of the same year our Association sent a team of competitors to New York to take part in the senior and junior National Championships of the American Athletic Union of the United States, which was held at Travers Island. The team consisted of Messrs. Craig, Morrow and Osborne. The weather turned out most unsatisfactory, and the track as a consequence was rendered slow and dead. None of our members were fortunate enough to secure first place in any of the events for which they were entered. Mr. E. Desmarreau, a member of the Police A.A.A., accompanied our team, and created great enthusiasm by winning both the junior and senior championships for throwing the 56 lb. weight.

In the Spring of this year cross-country running revived to a marked degree, and the Montreal Harriers Club was organized under the captaincy of Mr. Percy Gomery, who had formerly organized the Orton Club of Toronto. This cross-country running has proved a great benefit to our athletes as it enabled them to get down to work earlier in the season, and consequently when the track is ready in May, most of our runners are in fair condition.

The season of 1903-1904 is noteworthy in the fact that our Association sent a team composed of Messrs. Percy Molson, Morrow and R. Gomery to represent the Association at the senior and junior National Championships of the American Athletic Union of the United States, held in Milwaukee. At this championship meeting Mr. Percy Molson had the good fortune to defeat the American champion in the senior broad jump event, and also won the 100 yards junior championship, Mr. Morrow securing second place in the 440 yards run, and Mr. R. Gomery third place in the mile run. On the 10th September, 1903, Mr. John D. Morrow won the 440 yards run from Mr. Hillman, the champion of the New York Athletic Club, at the championship meeting of the Canadian A.A. Union held on our grounds. During this year the Harrier Club continued to flourish, and in the spring of 1904, a league was formed and further

encouraged cross-country running, and the name adopted by this league was the Montreal District Harrier League.



ON THE HOMESTRETCH.

This League has boomed cross-country running, as there are no less than twelve or thirteen clubs attached to it at present.

On the 11th June, 1904, the Annual Spring Handicap Meeting was held, which was one of the most encouraging meets for many years past. Over 100 entries were registered, which made the competition very interesting. In this year the Mid-Summer Handicap Meet was held, which helped a great deal to keep up the interest in the regular weekly handicaps.

On the 17th of September of the same year, the usual Fall handicaps were held, with the usual success.

The 21st Annual Championship Meeting of the C.A.A.U. was held on the 24th September, but owing to a disagreeable and rainy day, this meet was not as interesting as it otherwise might have been.

This year was perhaps as regards track and field

On the 1st October an M.A.A.A. team consisting of Messrs. Dizney, Riddell, Connolly, Lukeman, Savage and Deer, attended the 1st Annual Championship Meet of the Canadian Association Athletic League of Y. M. C. A. at Toronto, Lukeman winning 2nd place in the 100 yards, Deer winning the 1 and 3 mile events, and Riddell taking 2nd place in the 440 yards.

On the 28th May of the same year, the Montreal District Harriers League held its 1st Annual Track Meet on our grounds. Eighty-one competitors took part, and the Montreal Harrier Club won the honours of the afternoon by securing the majority of points.

The usual Spring and Fall Games were held on our grounds in 1905, and the weekly handicaps were also continued during the summer. The 22nd Annual Championship Meeting of the C.A.A.U. was held on the 16th day of September, with perhaps the largest



MORTON

SEITZ

THE FINISH OF THE 100 YARDS AT THE CANADIAN A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, M. A. A. GROUND, 1905, WHEN MORTON, THE BRITISH CHAMPION, DEFEATED SEITZ, THE AMERICAN CHAMPION.

events, the most interesting meeting which this department has experienced in many years, in the fact that the 3rd Olympian or Olympic Games were held at St. Louis, Missouri, from August 29th to September 3rd, at the Exposition Stadium of the Louisiana Purchase Grounds.

Most of the prominent athletic authorities of the world were present at these Olympian Games during the week. The entry list for the many events included more world record holders and more notable athletes than did the same meet at Athens and Paris. Our Association was ably represented in Messrs. Percy Molson, J. B. Peck, Peter Deer and E. Desmarteau. Mr. Peck was fortunate in making a place in the half-mile handicap, and Mr. Peter Deer taking a 3rd in the mile, and Mr. Desmarteau winning the world's championship and the handicap 56 lbs. events.

entry list of American competitors which this Union has ever had. The meet was particularly noteworthy in the fact that we had with us Mr. J. W. Morton of one of the English Harriers Clubs, and the champion sprinter of the world, Mr. Morton defeating a large number of competitors in the 100 yards dash, and also winning a special 120 yards dash which was placed on the programme for that day. Among the competitors was Seitz, the champion sprinter of America, who was second in the final heat of the 100 yds.

With the many advantages which the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association offers in its grounds and track, the Association should certainly be able to produce as fine a class of athletes as may be seen in any athletic organization in the world, and with the largely increased Junior members, the prospects for the near future are of the best.

## The Physical Department

THE GYMNASIUM

There is scarcely a human being but who can probably testify to the truth of the assertion "Non est vivere, sed valere vita." "Life is only life when blest with health." Juvenal advises men to pray for "a sound mind in a sound body," which, though excellent advice, should be accompanied by some voluntary exertion on the part of their possessor. A want of exercise is often followed by a degeneration of the body and a clouding of the mind.

Exercise is therefore good, and a gradual development and strengthening of the body can best be obtained by systematic training in the gymnasium.

Physical culture produces health and longevity. The true meaning of physical culture is to build up, and this it does if intellectually applied and with instructors understanding the science. If you could awaken in every one interest enough in their physical condition to exercise intelligently and faithfully each day, many now possessing miserable or indifferent health would gain perfect physical development and health. Outdoor athletics are conducive to strength and vigor if practised in moderation, but they should be always preceded by proper gymnastic or physical training.

The Ancient Greek, to judge by the statues of "Achilles," the "Fighting Gladiator," and other well-known specimens of art that have been preserved, must have been moulded by gymnastics or physical exercise to produce that harmony of form and pureness of contour which developed every muscle—every part in fact of the human form divine. It is recorded by history that the Greek was an adept in all kinds of sport and physical exercise, and in order to bring this about, a rational course of training must have been complied with. It has been demonstrated that exercise has a stimulating action

on all the organic functions of the body, because it renders the circulation in all the organs more active. The blood makes all parts of the system share in the stimulation which the will has sent to the muscles to put them in action, and when the limbs move the internal organs cannot remain inert, and the body performs its functions with more energy. Physical exercise causes an economy of labour as the result of a well co-ordinated movement; for the man who exercises his muscles is like the general who drills his troops in order to have them under control in the day of battle, and therefore the man who has properly indulged in physical culture will be the more able to win out should he be exposed to disease or accident.

In furtherance of these ideas the gymnasium has been long recognized as a necessity, especially in towns or cities where the indoor life and business of the people prevents active exercise in the open air.

In Montreal, a club for gymnastics or physical exercise was formed towards the middle of the last century. In 1859 another club was formed. In 1862 a building was erected near the old High School, and in 1867 a Joint-Stock Company erected what was then considered a model gymnasium. With more or less success this gymnasium was patronized by the youth of Montreal, until in 1881 the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association secured control of it. As an important department of the Association, the attention paid to physical culture caused much increased interest to be devoted to gymnastic exercise. Mr. Samuel M. Baylis was elected as the first Chairman of the department, and held that position for some years. In 1883 Dr. Sargent's pulley



SERGEANT-MAJOR LONG  
Instructor of Physical Training.

weight system was installed, at Mr. Baylis's suggestion, and Dr. D. F. Gurd took charge of the examinations for the greatest physical development under the use of the new apparatus.

In the fall of 1884 it was decided to engage an instructor, and Mr. W. A. Doig secured the appointment, which he acceptably filled until 1893, and was followed by Mr. W. Liddell, who held the position till 1897, being succeeded by Mr. R. Wylie who remained only one year. Mr. John Doig then took up the duties, remaining till 1904, when Mr. John

Long, late Instructor to His Majesty's Imperial forces in Halifax, was appointed as physical instructor to the Association.

In 1885 championships were arranged and were continued until 1903. These competitions were keenly contested and aroused great interest in the membership. Some splendid gymnasts have graduated from the M.A.A.A., as the following list of champions will show :

E. P. Guy, 1885 ; F. A. Rodden, 1886 ; J. C. Allan, 1887 ; F. A. Rodden, 1888 ; F. A. Rodden and F. W. Gross, 1889 ; Wm. McDougall, 1890-91 ; Geo. Jacoby, 1892 ; S. Forget, 1893 ; C. S. J. Thompson, 1894 ; W. J. Smith, 1895 ; T. Bert Cole, 1896 ; no contest, 1897 ; W. J. Smith, 1898 ; A. Chaplin, 1899-1900-01 ; E. L. Wilson, 1902.

About this time interest in the gymnastic class began to wane, as the members were always looking forward to a new building with an up-to-date outfit. This is now an accomplished fact, and the gymnastic classes for the winter season of 1905-6 will take place in the handsome Gymnasium of the new M. A. A. A. building on Peel street. This Gymnasium is second to none on the continent both in size and equipment.

This department of the M.A.A.A. is one of the most important. Many of the new members entering the Association immediately join the gymnastic classes, which gives them a splendid opportunity of becoming acquainted with their fellow-members, while receiving the benefit which comes from the physical work which they enter into.

Members cannot over-estimate the great results to be derived from regular and faithful attendance at the gymnastic classes. It is anticipated that with the increased facilities which the new building affords and the experience and energy which the new instructor brings to his position, that interest in the Gymnasium will be greater than ever, and certainly the outlook gives much promise.

The members enjoy the benefit of a magnificent swimming pool and various sorts of shower baths in connection therewith. There is also a large boxing and fencing room in connection, which is being largely used already and bids fair to be one of the busiest rooms in the building.

A new departure made by Mr. Long are classes for business men, ladies and boys.

Special attention will be given to the junior members, as it is widely recognized that it is from their ranks that we must look for our athletic teams in the future.

The Gymnasium is in charge of a chairman appointed yearly from the Board of Directors of the M. A. A. A. The past chairmen are as follows :

S. M. Baylis, 1881-87 ; J. G. Ross, 1887-88 ; D. J. Watson, 1888-91 ; T. L. Paton, 1891-92 ;

F. M. Larmonth, 1892-93 ; T. Yates Foster, 1893-96 ; D. J. Watson, 1896-97 ; A. Harries, 1897-98 ; E. W. James, 1898-99 ; A. Chaplin, 1899-04 ; Fred. D. Rogers, 1904-06.

It is safe to say that never in the history of the M.A.A.A. has the interest and enthusiasm in the Gymnasium been so marked.

The classes are larger than ever, taxing the accommodation even of our new quarters to the utmost, and it is very evident even now that in the future this branch of the Association will be one of the most popular.

## Montreal Billiard Club

Billiards is a mathematical game, and affords scope and exercise for those faculties which discipline and strengthen the mind. A steady hand, a clear head, quick perception, and a pleasant exercise of the calculating powers, are the requisites for an accomplished billiard player. The practical development of these qualities must naturally be productive of good results. As an indoor game, billiards has no equal, and has reached such a degree of popularity on this continent that there are few young men who do not play, and a billiard table is now looked upon as a requisite in many modern households.

The Billiard Department of the M.A.A.A. affords to the members ample opportunity for indulging in the various games which may be played upon carom or pocket tables, and friendly competitions are held from time to time which tend to encourage proficiency, suitable prizes being given in each, according to the number of entries, the entry fee charged being merely nominal. Towards the end of each season, championship games are played, the results for 1905 being as follows: Mr. P. D. L. Lyall, jr., holds the medal emblematic of the championship of the Association, played for at 14 inch balk line, having won every game. Mr. Ben Slater won the championship at both English billiards and pool, the prize in each case being a silver cup. The M.A.A.A. is a member of the Canadian Amateur Billiard League, and their team came out a good second in last season's matches, of which the Cercle St. Denis were the winners.

The billiard room in the new Club House is equipped with thirteen tables, viz., seven carom tables (of which two are 5 by 10 and five 4½ by 9), four English billiard tables and two pool tables. The equipment is equal to any room in Canada, while the price charged is less than in public rooms.



While friendly competition is encouraged, no betting is allowed, life pool and similar money games being strictly prohibited. Henry Ward Beecher thus wrote of billiards—"The game is a noble one. It should be encouraged in all safe ways. The mind is kept alert and sharp. The whole game is manly, ingenious and eminently agreeable."



Love fifteen! Love thirty! Well volleyed! A good rally! Love forty! Oh, well smashed! Fifteen-ten! Pretty back-hand stroke! Thirty-ten! Let! Watch that twist service! Well lobbed! Deuce!

Tennis does not possess many difficult technical names; is not hard to learn, and very interesting to watch. It furnishes lots of amusement, provides good healthy exercise and keen excitement. Perhaps easy to the novice, as skill is acquired it becomes more strenuous, and a first-class, closely contested match, calls for supreme staying powers, and is one of the hardest physical and mental strains among athletic games. The game requires a steady nerve and a quick eye, firmness and quick thought, perseverance and activity, mental calmness and self-confidence, energy and endurance.

Tennis is played by both sexes with a fair footing of equality; is interesting both as singles or doubles; satisfies the novice as well as the expert, and is eligible for the young and middle-aged. It does not require expensive apparatus nor costly grounds. These are the reasons that the game has become so popular.

Lawn tennis, although of ancient and royal lineage, is a modern game. The rules and regulations of the present game were drawn up in England about 1874, and the first open tournament was held in that country in 1877. It soon emigrated to America, and the first national tournament was held in the United States in 1881. In Montreal, the game was played on private courts as early as 1878, and probably even before that. The first club to be formed was the Montreal Tennis Club, which started in 1886, and whose courts were situated on St. Catherine, near the

present corner of Bishop. The game spread rapidly, many private courts being used in the city, and other clubs, as McGill and Westmount (now Cote St. Antoine), being formed. Two courts were laid out on the present M.A.A.A. grounds in 1888, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to form a club in connection with the Association. These two courts were over-taxed by the members of the Association until 1893, when a larger piece at the west end of the grounds was sodded and five courts marked out. A committee, under the supervision of the chairman of the grounds, was appointed to manage this department, and non-members of the Association were allowed to use the courts upon the payment of a \$5.00 membership fee. Lady associate members were also granted the privilege of playing in the mornings.

In 1894 the M.A.A.A. Tennis Club was organized, with Mr. T. L. Paton, president, and Mr. V. C. Buchanan, secretary, the members of the committee being Messrs. L. E. B. Deveber, J. Smith, R. Maculloch and Arthur Fry. About 40 members enrolled their names as wishing to play, and during the season a handicap tournament was held, the first prize being won by Mr. P. Barton. In 1895 the first outside match was played with McGill. During the succeeding

years the club grew in membership and strength as the game became more popular. A city league of four clubs was formed and outside matches were played. In 1897 the fee for outside members was reduced to \$3.00, and has remained the same until the



THE LAWN TENNIS COURTS.

present year. Henceforth, however, the courts will be open only to Association members. In 1899 the Province of Quebec Lawn Tennis Association was formed, constituting a governing body for teams, clubs and leagues, within the province, and holding an annual open tournament in Montreal. The forming of this P. Q. L. T. A. was mostly due to the efforts of a few members of the M.A.A.A. Tennis Club, and one of them, Mr. H. L. Peiler, was chosen the first president. The first annual tournament was also held on their grounds. In 1900 an intermediate league was advocated by the M.A.A.A. Club, and was successfully formed by five city clubs. At this time, Ottawa, Cote St. Antoine, McGill and M.A.A.A. formed the senior league.

The laurels of success in competition have never weighed heavily upon the Montreal Tennis Club, and the vault at the clubhouse has never been overcrowded with its trophies. No team of competitors has ever been able to wrest the honors from the Cote Club in senior competition. The intermediates have done slightly better, and once during the four years have they come out on top. The individual glory, how-

ever, has been greater, and several members have successfully competed in open tournaments. The honor of first holding the Open Championship Cup (1899) of the P.Q.L.T.A. belongs to Mr. H. W. Cowan, of this club, and Dr. Harding, for two years (1900-1901) held the Provincial Cup open to players of the Province of Quebec. In 1904 Mr. G. L. Foster won the Intermediate Trophy, and in the same year, Mr. R. H. Angus and Dr. Harding won the open doubles.

The courts of the M.A.A.A. have been used by the members only as a pleasant pastime, and continued serious hard work on the courts has been done by very few. It has always been difficult to find teams of men who had time and opportunity to devote to the game that constant attention which is necessary to success. There is need of a master player who has plenty of time and lots of enthusiasm to coach and encourage the beginners, to stir up the indifferent, and to work up the splendid material which is available, and the M.A.A.A. would go forward to success in that grand English game which is now so popular throughout the world.

The past presidents of the M.A.A.A. Lawn Tennis Club are as follows:—

Mr. T. L. Paton, 1894-5; Mr. A. G. B. Claxton, 1895-6; Mr. Lewis Skafie, 1896-7-8; Mr. A. H. Ross, 1898 to 1900; Mr. E. J. Fry, 1900 to 1902; Mr. H. L. Peiler, 1902; Dr. E. L. Harding, 1903-4-5.

## Montreal Cricket Club

For many years England's grand old game of cricket was the chief summer sport indulged in at Montreal. This was especially the case when the English regiments were stationed here. Upon their withdrawal, about 1873, local interest in the game flagged for a time, but revived again subsequently, as we find the M.C.C. at its zenith in 1885 and 1886.

As far back as 1840 there was a club called, as at present, the Montreal Cricket Club; so the Cricket Club now playing under the auspices of the M.A.A.A. may therefore be ranked with the oldest sporting clubs in the country. The first minute existent records the proceedings at the annual general meeting held April 10th, 1881. At that time the Club played on beautiful grounds occupying the site now bounded by Mackay, Sherbrooke, Mountain and St. Catherine Streets; the south portion was used by the Cricket Club, and rented on occasions by them to other clubs, amongst which were the Montreal, Britannia and McGill Football Clubs, the Lawn Tennis and the Tuque

Blue Snowshoe Clubs; the Lacrosse Club occupied the northern portion of these grounds.

The Cricket Club flourished until 1887, when their ground was taken from them for building purposes. Efforts were made to purchase grounds, and we find frequent reports on different sites; but none seemed suitable both as regards locality and cost. In the minutes of May 9th, 1887, we read that it was moved that the Committee purchase five acres at Upper Lachine; it was moved in amendment that it was advisable to act with the Athletic Association, and that the Committee be instructed to wait their decision as to new grounds and to report to a general meeting to be held in three months; this amendment was lost and the main motion carried. No further mention of the question of acquirement of grounds is recorded; in fact very little at all is recorded until the minutes of a meeting of members of the M.C.C. held April 18th, 1890, when we read that the Annual Meeting of the Club had been called in April, 1888, but that no business was transacted as there was not a quorum; since then no meetings had been held.

This lamentable condition of affairs was due to the impossibility of playing cricket without a ground. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that at the last mentioned meeting when business was transacted—viz., April 18th, 1890—the following motion was carried unanimously:

"That this meeting declares the M.C.C. to have ceased to exist from this date, and offers the assets of the late Club to the new M.C.C. in connection with the M.A.A.A. on condition that that Club undertakes to pay off any outstanding liabilities."

This resolution, however, did not betoken the extinction of the Montreal Cricket Club, but merely a resurrection under different auspices.

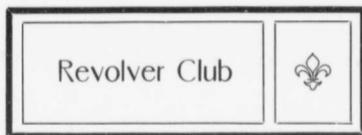
It is evident that flirtation had been going on for some time between the M.A.A.A. and the M.C.C.; the former desired to gather into their fold the cricketers, numbering about fifty, and the latter cast longing glances at the beautiful grounds in Cote St. Antoine.

Informal meetings of the members of the M.C.C. were held on March 31st and April 7th, 1890, to take into consideration the reorganization of the Montreal Cricket Club in connection with the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association; terms having been agreed upon, the above mentioned reorganization was formally effected, April 7th, 1890, at a meeting of the M.C.C. at which some fifty members were present, and over which Mr. F. C. A. Melndoe presided, and the relationship thus formed has continued since.

The Montreal Cricket Club is now in a flourishing condition; it is composed principally of the class of men who are sought by such organizations as the M.A.A.A. The M.C.C. has proved a valuable recruiting ground for the parent body, who have thus derived some benefit from the generous encouragement they have afforded the cricketers,

both financially and by providing excellent practice and match wickets. Interest in cricket has materially increased during the last few years; the Montreal and District Cricket League comprises clubs which are formed into two divisions; the M.C.C. had the gratification of winning the 1904 championship in the Senior Division.

It is to be hoped that this grand old game will continue to grow in popularity in Montreal, and that the M.C.C. will always be found near the top at the end of the season.



In writing a short history of this, the youngest club in the M.A.A.A., it may be well to place on record the manner in which the club came into existence.

It will be remembered that in July, 1900, a certain speech made by Lord Salisbury had the effect of causing the formation of a large number of rifle clubs all over the Empire.

In Canada, in particular, was the idea speedily taken up and clubs were formed all over, with the object in view of bringing up a

nation of trained marksmen, who would be prepared to defend our borders in the event of a national emergency. The members of the M.A.A.A. were well to the front as usual, and a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a rifle club in July, 1900, at the Club House, Mansfield street. There were present Lieut.-Col. Starke, Lieut.-Col. Busted, Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, Messrs. James A. Taylor, E. C. Eaton, the late Dr. Beers and others.

After patriotic speeches by Col. Starke, Col. Busted, Col. Henshaw and the late Dr. Beers, it was resolved to form a Rifle Club in connection with the M.A.A.A. Mr. Taylor was unanimously elected president and Mr. R. Binmore secretary.

Owing to the fact, however, that there was then (1900) no rifle range for the militia of this district, it was found that the organization of a rifle club was impracticable, but in order to keep the idea before the members, permission was obtained from the Board of Directors to erect a revolver range on our grounds at Westmount. Although it was then rather late in the

season, a fair number of members availed themselves of the opportunity for practice with the revolver, but from the beginning of the season in May, 1901, till November, the range was very well patronized and several club competitions held. In fact these club competitions go on all the time. In 1901 the name was changed from the M.A.A.A. Rifle and Revolver Club to the M.A.A.A. Revolver Club.

The outdoor season having proved so very successful, the committee accepted the kind offer of the directors of the Victoria Rifles Armory. A good range was fitted up and practice continued all winter, and also a series of ten competitions.

The first team match was held on February 15th, 1901, with the cadets of the Royal Military College of Kingston, resulting as follows:—

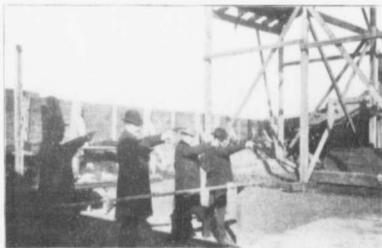
M. A. A. A.	CADETS.
H. B. Young . . . . . 76, 39, 33—91	C. S. M. Weatherbee . . . . . 27, 35, 28—90
Dr. G. W. Oliver . . . . . 32, 45, 33—110	B. S. M. Edgar . . . . . 21, 27, 27—75
R. Binmore . . . . . 28, 20, 31—79	Cadet Leonard . . . . . 29, 19, 24—66
C. Little . . . . . 12, 18, 20—50	Cadet Bradl . . . . . 25, 21, 30—76
J. A. Taylor . . . . . 20, 22, 17—59	Corpl. Wright . . . . . 11, 10, 26—53
G. C. Morris . . . . . 16, 22, 19—55	Cadet Francis . . . . . 25, 20, 10—55
	477
	Majority for M.A.A.A. . . . . 48

The following is the winter prize list for season 1901-02:

PRIZE LIST, WINTER SEASON, 1901-02.

- 1st Aggregate Prize (presented by Lt.-Col. Henshaw), won by G. C. Morris, with a score of 200.
- 2nd do (presented by W. C. Finley), won by C. A. Lockerby; score, 105.
- 3rd do (presented by N. P. Leach, Esq.), won by C. Little; score, 107.
- 4th do (presented by Capt. Starke), won by H. D. Young; score 102.
- Record Prize (presented by Dr. G. W. Oliver) won by Archie Lockerby; score, 30.

In 1902 two matches were held with the Washington Revolver Association, the first on



REVOLVER PRACTICE.

March 5th, which resulted as follows:

Washington . . . . .	1339
M. A. A. A. . . . .	1290
Majority for Washington . . . . .	49

The second match was held on April 2nd, and we were successful in winning as follows:

M. A. A. A. . . . .	1406
Washington . . . . .	1402
Majority for M.A.A.A. . . . .	4

On March 28, 1902, a match was shot with the Smith & Wesson Revolver Club of Springfield, Mass., in which we were defeated, which is no disgrace, as our opponents are considered as the second best club in the United States.

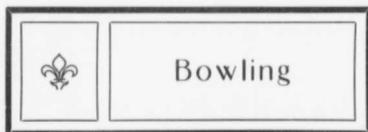
In 1903 the membership of the club increased very largely and many competitions were held, all of which are duly chronicled in the M.A.A.A. annual reports.

On October 10 a match was shot with the Kingston Cadets, which was won by the M.A.A.A. with a lead of 153 points.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1903, a club championship shoot was held at the M.A.A.A. grounds, fifty rounds being fired, resulting as follows :

R. Binmore . . . . .	390	points.
K. D. Young . . . . .	367	"
J. A. Taylor . . . . .	320	"
T. C. Cooke . . . . .	310	"
E. C. Eaton . . . . .	306	"
J. Lockerby . . . . .	287	"

In 1904 the club was not as energetic as usual, owing to the fact that the arrangements with the Victoria Rifles Armory were such that the use of the range might not be continued, and so arrangements for matches were not entered into, and consequently the interest lagged a little, but with the unusual advantages which the club will enjoy on their new range in the new M.A.A.A. building, it is confidently expected that interest will be greatly renewed and that the M.A.A.A. Revolver Club will soon be in shape to play matches with any sister club in Canada or the United States.



For the edification of the members who are not familiar with the game of Indoor Bowling, the following particulars have been compiled :

We are indebted to Spalding's Official Bowling Guide for many of the facts mentioned herein. Lawn Bowling, as far as can be learned, was introduced into the United States as early as the eighteenth century, but it was not till about 1840 that the indoor game was adopted in this country from that sport. There is a record of a match game being played in New York city on January 1st, 1840. It was not till 1875 that any attempt was made to adopt a standard for alleys, pins, balls, etc. The rules and regulations then put in force were altered in 1895, and the new rules helped to bring the game to its now scientific stage. For twenty-five years Bowling has been one of the favorite indoor sports with our members, and there is no more healthful exercise to be obtained. The arms become bigger and stronger, the legs gain in strength, and the body generally is developed from the running, twisting, bending, etc., natural to the game. It is thought to be the elixir of life by some old fogies. To come down to facts and figures where our Association is concerned, we have the following information to give :

Bowling started in the M. A. A. in 1881, the same year as the Association was formed.

From 1881 to 1887 ten pin and cocked hat competitions were held among the members only.

In 1888-89 friendly matches were inaugurated with the Victoria Rifles Bowling Club, honors being equally divided.

In 1889 the Montreal Amateur Bowling Association was formed in this city, being composed of three clubs, the M. A. A. A., V. R. C., and Le Canadien. In the M. A. A. A. Challenge Cup series a tie resulted between the three clubs; in the play-off our team defeated the Canadien Club on the V. R. C. alleys, and defeated the V. R. C. on the Canadien alleys, thus winning the first championship of the Montreal Amateur Bowling Association. The players who composed the team during the season were G. Delorme, A. G. Higginson, R. Summerhayes, F. H. Gardner, A. G. Gardner, H. H. Heishaw, T. L. Paton and J. R. Gordon.

In the year 1890 the title of the M. A. B. A. was changed to that of the Canadian Amateur Bowling Association, adding the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club to their membership, the Canadien Club withdrawing. The first championship of the C. A. B. A. was won this season by the Victoria Rifles Club. Mr. A. G. Gardner of the M. A. A. secured the C. A. B. A. aggregate medal, also the President's prize for the highest three string score. In this year an Intermediate league was formed, the M. A. A. team winning the championship.

1891-92. In this year the finger hole balls were first brought into use by the Canadien Club, who rejoined the C. A. B. A. with the understanding that they should be allowed to use finger hole balls against the other clubs playing flat hand, which had been the style in use up to this time. This gave greater interest to the matches, as everyone felt it was a test series between the two styles. The Canadien Club won the championship this season, the M. A. A. being second, V. R. C. third and Ottawa fourth.

In the season 1892-93 the finger hole balls were adopted by all the clubs of the C. A. B. A. The President's medal was won this season by Mr. A. G. Gardner of the M. A. A.

In 1893-94 the President's medal was won by a member of the M. A. A. A., Mr. A. H. Willison. This year the M. A. A. A. placed teams in the Intermediate and Junior Leagues, winning both championships.

In 1894-95 the M. A. A. A. failed to connect with any of the championships.

In 1895-96 new alleys were built. Weekly spoon competitions were introduced and proved so great a success that they are now a looked-for event every season. The bowling this season was marked by very high scores on the new alleys. Mr. P. Lyall, jr., made the magnificent score of 712 in three strings, in one of the Junior matches, which was the largest score ever made in a match in this city up to that date.

Among other remarkable scores made this season in the weekly competitions were those of Mr. James Baird, 739; W. J. Baillie, 732; A. G. Gardner, 729 pins in three strings. Mr. J. R. Gordon of the M. A. A. secured the President's medal for the three string record in the C. A. B. A. championship matches.

1896-7. This Season the M. A. A. A. Senior team won the Championship of the C. A. B. A. The Intermediate and Junior teams won the trophies in competition with the V. R. C.

1897-98. The M. A. A. A. Senior team again succeeded in winning the championship of the C. A. B. A.; also our Intermediate and Junior teams won in their respective leagues. Mr. W. J. Baillie, of the M. A. A. A., won the C. A. B. A. aggregate medal this season, and Mr. F. H. Gardner the President's prize for the highest three string score. A friendly match was played with the Athenaeum Club of Toronto and the M. A. A. A., the former winning by a majority of 177 pins.

1898-99. The M. A. A. A. team again won the C. A. B. A. championship. The trophy which represented this championship had been in competition for the past ten years, and according to the rules governing it, it had to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of any one club. This feat being accomplished by the M. A. A. A., this valuable trophy is now in possession of the Association for all time. As a mark of appreciation of the good work done by the Senior team of the M. A. A. A., an appropriation was granted them by the Association to assist in defraying expenses of a trip to New York to bowl an international match with the Roseville Athletic Club of New Jersey, who were the champions of the Athletic Bowling League of New York at this time. Mr. F. H. Gardner made a possible score of 300 in a single string during this season.

1899-1900. The M. A. A. A. team again won the C. A. B. A. championship this season. Mr. W. J. LeGallais of the above team won the C. A. B. A. aggregate medal.

1900-01. The M. A. A. A. team were not successful in winning the C. A. B. A. championship this season, but a team representing the Club won the open championship competition held on the V. R. C. alleys.

1901-02. The C. A. B. A. championship was won by the M. A. A. A. this season, with a score of thirteen wins out of a possible sixteen.

1902-03. None of the M. A. A. A. teams were fortunate enough to win any of the championships this season.

1903-04. The M. A. A. A. team won the championship of the C. A. B. A. this season, also the Intermediate team winning the City League championship.

1904-05. This season the M. A. A. A. team tied with the Victoria Rifles Reserves (winners of the Montreal schedule) in number of games won, but lost first place in aggregate of pins on outside alleys. Two interesting matches were rolled with the Royal

Bowling Club on their alleys. One Canadian and one American game, twelve men a side, both of which were won by the M. A. A. A. team.

In the new Club House there are six alleys, and the Building Committee made a special point of securing the best alleys made, and by keeping them in good condition the M. A. A. A. should develop a number of the best bowlers in Canada.

#### COCKED HAT RECORDS.

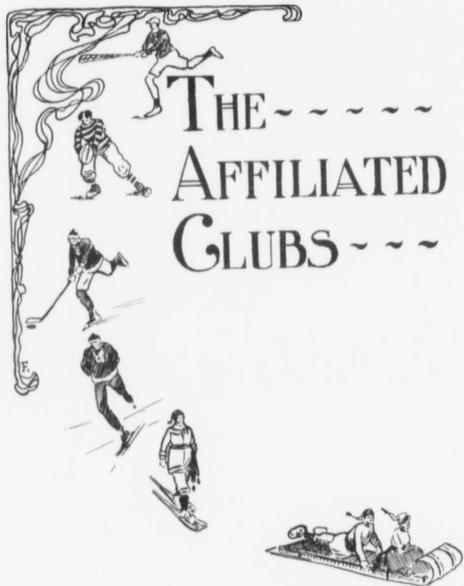
Season.	Name.	Score.
1882-83.....	G. R. Starke.....	49
1883-84.....	A. G. Higginson.....	44
1884-85.....	J. C. Buchanan.....	40
1885-86.....	W. G. Robertson.....	55
1887-88.....	W. P. McFeet.....	43
1889-90.....	J. E. Walsh.....	42

#### THREE STRING RECORDS.

Season.	Name.	Score.
1893-94.....	W. J. Baillie.....	638
1894-95.....	J. Baird.....	669
1895-96.....	J. Baird.....	739
1896-97.....	F. H. Gardner.....	793
1897-98.....	F. H. Gardner.....	726
1898-99.....	F. H. Gardner.....	762
1899-00.....	F. H. Gardner.....	718
1900-01.....	G. A. Forbes.....	656
1901-02.....	E. L. Turgeon.....	622
1902-03.....	W. J. LeGallais.....	664
1903-04.....	J. E. Walsh.....	677
1904-05.....	W. F. Daniels.....	634

#### SINGLE STRING RECORDS.

Season.	Name.	Score.
1882-83.....	G. R. Starke.....	237
1883-84.....	C. D. Somerville.....	202
1884-85.....	F. Cushing.....	211
1885-86.....	F. Cushing.....	258
1887-88.....	F. Cushing.....	241
1889-90.....	R. Summerhayes.....	264
1890-91.....	R. Summerhayes.....	278
1891-92.....	R. Summerhayes.....	276
1892-93.....	R. Summerhayes.....	280
1893-94.....	W. J. Baillie.....	267
1894-95.....	A. G. Gardner.....	279
1895-96.....	W. J. Baillie.....	286
1896-97.....	G. F. Ransom.....	288
1897-98.....	F. H. Gardner.....	290
1898-99.....	F. H. Gardner.....	300
1899-00.....	F. H. Gardner.....	278
1900-01.....	F. H. Gardner.....	257
1901-02.....	R. J. Walker.....	245
1902-03.....	R. A. R. Weir.....	258
1903-04.....	W. J. LeGallais.....	268
1904-05.....	R. J. Walker.....	254







## The Snowshoe Club



N the winter of 1840, the Montreal Snowshoe Club was formed by twelve men who used to take a ten or twelve mile tramp weekly, returning to Tetus' Coffee House, St. James St., near St. Peter, for supper, but not until 1843 was the Club finally organized and Colonel Ermatinger elected first President, his term of office lasting from 1843 to 1856. Little did these members imagine that this small beginning was laying the foundation of a club destined to become one of the largest athletic organizations in the country, renowned the world over. Prominent among the founders and early members of the Club were the Ermatingers, the Lamothes, Nicholas Hughes, C. J. Burroughs, Fred Matthews, Col. C. S. Duchesney, Judge Coursol, Romeo H. Stephens, H. E. Murray, Wm. Murray, Geo. Colthurst, and Senator E. Goff Penny, all whom have gone over to the silent majority, but whose names will remain green in the memories of snowshoers yet unborn. Tramps were held twice a week, with Lachine, St. Laurent, Chambly, Back River St. Vincent de Paul, St. Eustache, and Moores, Cote des Neiges, as the rendezvous, with occasional long tramps to St. Johns, St. Hilaire, St. Annes, and St. Hyacinthe, and we read of races at Belœil where some members tramped both ways, as well as taking part in the races; and also of concerts given by the Club at Cornwall and St. Andrews, to which towns a number of the members tramped.

It was in 1843 that the first snowshoe races were inaugurated, and the annual races of the Club, with a dinner in the evening, were continued for over fifty years. These races were held on the St. Pierre Race Track, in the fields opposite the Priests' Farm, Sherbrooke Street; Mile End Racecourse; Montreal Cricket Grounds, St. Catherine Street; Gibault's Gardens, St. Lawrence Main Street; the old Montreal Lacrosse Grounds, Sherbrooke Street; and in later years in the M.A.A.A. Grounds at Westmount.

The military commanders stationed here, at the time, took a great interest in the sport of snowshoe racing and presented valuable cups for competition. General Eyre's cup was won in 1859 by William Stanley; General Sir Frederick Williams' cup in 1861 by Hartland S. MacDougall, defeating thirteen competitors, and in 1863 General Lord Paulet's trophy, of which Richard Tait, of the Aurora Snowshoe Club, was the winner.

Among those who were most active in bringing the colors of the "Old Tuque Bleue" to the front, not only in the Club races, but in the open events of other clubs, we find the names of Hartland S. MacDougall, Col. E. A. Whitehead, Judge Davidson, A. W. Stevenson, W. L. Maltby, Leslie J. Skelton, J. Alex. Stevenson, Lt.-Col. Geo. R. Starke, F. C. A. McIndoe, William Kissock, T. L. Paton, F. H. Johnston, T. E. Hodgson, Robt. Summerhayes, W. R. Thompson, James G. Ross,

Norman Fletcher, James Baird, and Dr. D. D. McTaggart, all of whom are prominently identified with the professional and commercial interests of our city, men in the prime of vigorous manhood, and striking examples of the benefits to be derived from the grand old sport. It is very interesting to read in the old records of Hartland S. MacDougall as one of the most graceful runners who ever donned the shoe, and that E. A. Whitehead who won the boys' race under 14, proved himself the "coming boy."

The seasons of 1867 to 1869 were most successful racing years, there being an abundance of snow, combined with friendly rivalry between our own and sister organizations. Many meetings were held and the various events were keenly competed for, resulting in many wins for our members, which added to the already brilliant record of the Club.

On the 16th January, 1869, the Montreal Snowshoe Club inaugurated the Mountain Steeplechase, the course being over the usual trail from Union Avenue through McGill College Grounds, up McTavish Street, crossing the Mountain through Cote des Neiges Cemetery to Duclos' Club House, Cote



COL. ERMATINGER,  
First President, 1843-56.

### Past Presidents.

COL. ERMATINGER, 1843 to 1856  
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 1865, 1866.  
 N. H. HUGHES, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862,  
 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.  
 C. P. DAVIDSON, 1871 to 1877.  
 ANGUS GRANT, 1878 to 1881.  
 W. L. MALTBY, 1881 to 1883.  
 GEO. R. STARKE, 1883 to 1885.  
 J. K. WHITE, 1885 to 1886.  
 A. W. STEVENSON, 1886 to 1888.  
 THOS. L. PATON, 1888 to 1890.  
 F. C. A. MCINDOE, 1890 to 1892.  
 JAS. G. ROSS, 1892 to 1894.  
 N. G. GRACE, 1894, 1895, 1898, 1899.  
 ROBT. STARKE, 1895 to 1897.  
 J. W. FULTON, 1897, 1898.  
 W. O. H. DODDS, 1899 to 1900.  
 ALEX. STEWART, 1900 to 1902.  
 W. A. COATES, 1902 to 1904.

des Neiges. The green race was won by L. J. Skelton, from a field of seven, and the open race by W. L. Maltby, defeating nineteen competitors. Steeplechases have since been run annually with a few exceptions, the last one being on January 13th, 1904, the Union Steeplechase over the old Mountain course, each club donating a medal or prize for competition, but our Club was not fortunate enough to take a place.

In 1869 the "Tuque Bleue," a blue tuque with a red tassel, was adopted as the headgear of the Club. The original tuque was presented to the Club by the late Angus Grant, the originator of the idea, and occupies a place in the case of trophies in the reading room of the Club House. The same year H. R. H. Prince Arthur, now Duke of Connaught, attended the races of the Club, and was made an Honorary Life Member.

In 1873 the first torchlight procession across the Mountain was held in honor of his Excellency Earl Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, who was greatly impressed by the scene, and honored the Club by accepting a life membership.

In 1873 the Club Song, "The Old Tuque Bleue," was written by Dr. W. G. Beers, and first sung by W. H. Whyte, at the annual dinner held that year, and although the talented author has passed away, the song still lives, and will likely be the Club Song for all time.

"TUQUE BLEUE"

Hurrah! for frosty winter nights—the old moon shining clear,  
Our Club meets at the rendezvous with hearty shout and cheer  
We ask no better kind of fun than on the swift snowshoe,  
With chaps who never shirk a tramp, who wear the bright  
"tuque bleue."

*Chorus*—Lightly tripping, tripping, o'er the snow,

This Club in Indian file, tramps over many a mile.

Lightly tripping, tripping, o'er the snow.

Hurrah! for the wearing of the bright "tuque bleue."

The frost is keen, and cold the wind, the drifts are grand  
and high.

'Tis just the time for veterans their sturdiness to try;  
In Indian file we tramp along, no matter what may brew,  
We love the blustering storm that beats upon our bright  
"tuque bleue."

Oh, you who wish to lead a life exempt from every snee!  
Just step into a pair of shoes and tramp it o'er the snow;  
There is nothing like a ten mile tramp your vigor to renew,  
So don't back out, but come along and wear the old "tuque  
bleue."

For thirty years our club has lived and earned a noble  
name—

On cups and medals, not a few, you'll find engraved its  
fame;

When limbs are stiffened by old Time, we'll keep the Club  
in view

By training up our olive leaves to wear the bright "tuque  
bleue."



NICHOLAS H. HUGHES (EVERGREENS)  
President 18862. 6770.

In 1876 the Club, which had heretofore mustered at the corner of Union Avenue and Sherbrooke Street, with the Montreal Lacrosse Club, rented and furnished two rooms in the Montreal Gymnasium, Mansfield Street, as a meeting place for the members, and was the first step towards the foundation of the M.A.A.A., and in 1881 in conjunction with the Montreal Lacrosse and Bicycle Club, the M.A.A.A. was incorporated and the property transferred to them by the Montreal Gymnasium Corporation, on condition that they pay the debts due, and take over the mortgage, making them the owners of the Club House and all the furniture and apparatus.

In 1876 the Club gave the first public dinner held in the Windsor Hotel, which had just been completed. This function was largely attended and a great success.

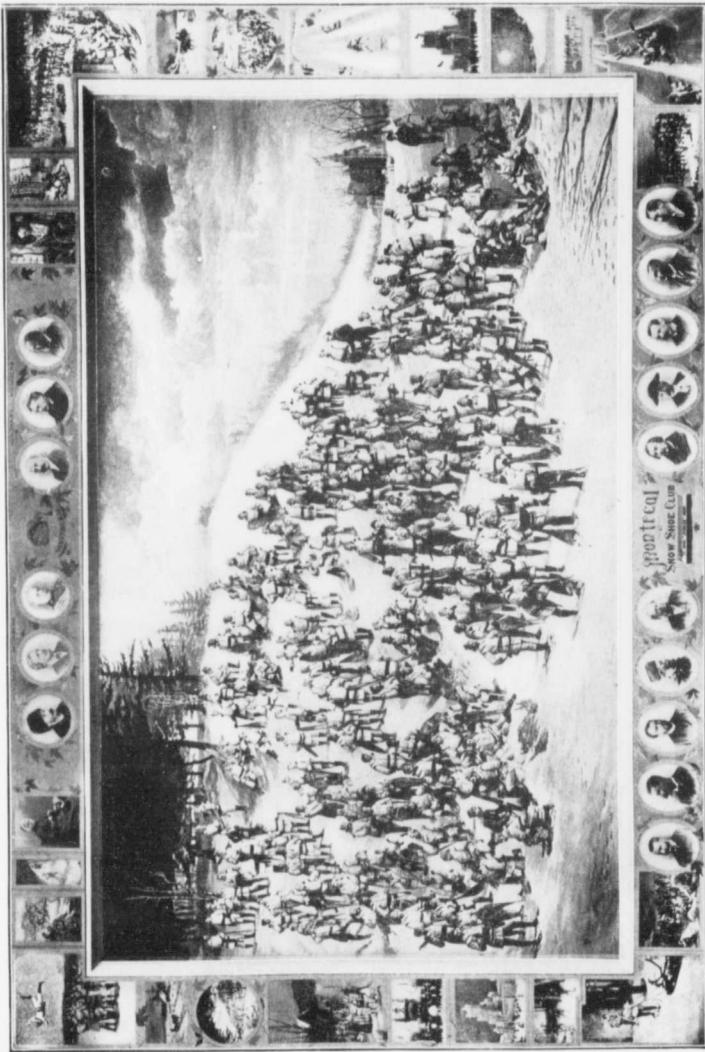
On May 18th, 1882, "Evergreen" Hughes, who may be termed the "Father of Snowshoeing," and who perhaps did more for this sport than any one man, his connection with the Club dating back to its infancy, he being one of its founders, and the winner of many a hard fought race, joined the great majority, and a monument was erected to his memory by his brother snowshoers, in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. One of his last requests was that his fellow-members would visit his grave once a year, which custom has never been omitted since his death, and on every veterans' night the Club tramps to his grave in Cote des Neiges Cemetery, all form a circle round his monument, join hands, and sing "Auld Lang Syne"—a most impressive and interesting sight.

In 1884, 1885, and 1887, the Club took a most active part in the organization and carrying out of the winter carnivals. In 1885, at the attack on the ice palace and torchlight procession, it had a muster of 498 members, and in 1887, the last carnival, 604 men were in line.

The seasons of 1882, 1884, were perhaps the most successful, from a racing standpoint; races



ANGUS GRANT,  
Hon. Permanent President.





THE BOUNCE.

some of the merchants of Montreal, called the "Merchants' Cup," was offered for competition for members of *bona fide* Snowshoe Clubs. Five races were run, one at each of the annual events of the Montreal, St. George, Emerald and Canadian Clubs, and at the carnival races. The coveted trophy was won by J. G. Ross, who took third place in 220 yards, won the 440 yards, half mile, one mile, and two miles, with 18 points out of a possible 20, a record which has never been equalled before or since. The next three places in the series were also taken by members of the Montreal Club viz., Norman Fletcher, second; Jas. Baird, third, and D. D. McTaggart, fourth.

In 1890, the Jubilee year or fiftieth anniversary of the Club, a week of sports was inaugurated by the Club under the presidency of Mr. T. L. Paton, consisting of a Torchlight Procession—a Veterans' Night—Mountain Steeplechase—a Snowshoe Concert in the Windsor Hall—a Grand Ball in the Windsor Hall—Races on the new grounds, winding up with a big dinner at the Windsor Hotel. It is interesting to note that the concert was the first entertainment given in the Windsor Hall, which had just been completed. Every event of the week was most successful, and the year 1890 may be regarded as one of the Club's best seasons. The following songs, specially written for the occasion, were sung at the concert:—

"GATHER ROUND ALL YE GOOD MEN  
AND TRUE."

By SAMUEL MATHEWSON BAYLIS.

Parched 'mid the dust of the hot summer's blue,  
Forgotten and lone sleeps the swift gliding shoe;  
When fair winter, deftly, a white covering weaves,  
And tenderly mantles the dank, fallen leaves—  
When the winds whistle keen thro' the maples and firs,

were held by the Montreal, St. George, Argyle, La Canadien, Emerald, and St. Charles Clubs, as well as a number of steeplechases. In 1883 a handsome trophy, valued at \$250.00, subscribed for by

And the throbbing pulse leaps and the sluggish blood stirs:  
Then the blanketet lads their phalanxes form,  
And laugh in the teeth of the fierce driving storm.

*Chorus*—Gather round all ye good men and true,  
Join with us in glad some jubilee;  
Unsoiled still our tasselled blue,  
Untarnished may its brightness be!

Fifty long years since we entered the race,  
Unchallenged the record and strong yet the pace;  
Old comrades may drop from the ranks in the snow,  
Still onward, majestic, the old colors go.  
They are twined 'mid the folds of our loved Union Jack  
That over us waves; and should dastard attack,  
Confusion attend on the pestilent horde,  
When the blanket and toque tramp with rifle and sword!

"ALL HAIL TO A NIGHT."

By WILLIAM D. LIGHTHALL.

All hail to a night when the stars stand bright  
Like gold dust in the sky;  
With a crisp track long, and an old-time song,  
And the old-time company.

*Chorus*—All hail to a night when the Northern Light  
A welcome to us waves,  
When the snowshoer goes o'er the ice and the  
snows,  
And the frosty tempest braves.

The snowshoer's tent is the firmament,  
His breath the rush of the breeze;  
Earth's loveliest sprite, the frost queen at night,  
Lures him silvery through the trees.

Yes, the snowshoer's queen is winter serene,  
We meet her in the glade,  
Dark blue-eyed, a fair pale bridle,  
In her jewelled belt arrayed.

Let us up then and toast to the uttermost,  
'Fair Winter!' we knights of the shoe,  
And in circle again join hearts with the men  
That of old time toasted her too.

"SNOWSHOE SERENELY."

By WILL H. WHYTE.

When o'er the sky storm clouds are looming,  
And the North wind blows a gale,  
Then all winter sport is booming  
And the tramp goes on the trail,  
Now the time for disappearing,  
Over fields of drifting snow  
Through the sparkling crystals crashing,  
O'er the snow drifts bravely dashing,  
Tramping serenely,  
Snowshoe serenely,  
O'er the snow.

When the stars are shining brightly  
In a clear Canadian sky,  
And the Anorora dancing lightly  
Sheds her polar light on high,  
Then is the time for disappearing  
Over the fields of sparkling snow,  
O'er the snowy billows tripping,  
Your snowshoe, swiftly, gently, dipping,  
You snowshoer serenely,  
Snowshoe serenely,  
O'er the snow.

After Jubilee year the interest in snowshoeing lagged for a time, but within the last three or four years it has again taken hold and is more popular than ever. Our Club has tramped regularly with increasing attendance, and it is most pleasant to see such a number of old veterans turn out in both evening and afternoon tramps. Caughnawaga has been added to the list of afternoon tramps, and is always one of the most successful events of the season.

As far as the Montreal Club is concerned, owing to a waning interest, track races have gone out for the time being, although at the weekly tramps, spoon races are held. On Veterans' night the life members' race takes place, in full costume with ordinary tramping shoes, on virgin snow, each winner's name being engraved on the Life Members' Cup, which reposes in the glass case of trophies in the Association Reading Room, and he receives a suitable prize as a memento of the occasion.

Any evening during the past winter, a visitor to Mount Royal would find it fairly alive with snowshoers of both sexes, for there is no finer sight to be imagined on a frosty night, with the snow sparkling like diamonds under the moonlight, and the countless lights of the city shining below making a perfect picture.

Last season snowshoes were at a premium, and there were times when a pair could not be bought in the city, so great was the demand; and it is to be hoped that, with the increased interest in snowshoeing as a pastime, that track racing will revive and become as popular as it was in the old days.

#### SNOWSHOE RECORDS.

- 100 yards run, 1871, J. D. Armstrong, Canada Snowshoe Club, 11 1/4 sec.  
 100 yards Hurdles, 1869, J. D. Armstrong, Dominion Snowshoe Club, 13 1/2 sec.  
 120 yards Hurdles, 1861, H. E. Murray, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 18 sec.

220 yards run, 1885, W. R. Thompson, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 26 sec.

540 yards run, 1871, J. D. Armstrong, Canada Snowshoe Club, 4 min. 5 sec.

440 yards run, 1885, James Baird, Montreal

- Montreal Snowshoe Club, 1 min. 7 1/4 sec.  
 One-half mile run, 1884, T. Moffat, Argyle Snowshoe Club, 2 min. 33 sec.  
 1 1/2 mile run, 1871, J. P. Scholes, Toronto Snowshoe Club, 5 min. 39 1/4 sec.  
 1 mile run, 1893, R. H. Davies, Lachine Snowshoe Club, 5 min. 40 sec.  
 2 mile run, 1885, Jas. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 11 min. 52 1/4 sec.  
 3 mile run, 1885, Jas. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 20 min. 18 1/4 sec.  
 4 mile run, 1885, Jas. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 27 min. 11 sec.  
 5 mile run, 1885, Jas. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 33 min. 49 1/2 sec.

<sup>1</sup>Doubtful shoes under regulation size.

#### STEEPLECHASE.

- Back River Course, 1885, J. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 38 min. 41 1/2 sec.  
 Mountain Course to Lumpkins, 1885, J. G. Ross, Montreal Snowshoe Club, 17 min. 20 sec.

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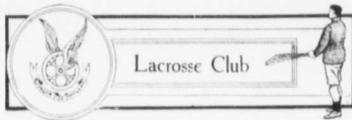
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SINGLE FILE TRAMP.



THE SNOWSHOE RACE.



THE records of Lacrosse, played by white men, go back only to the early forties. The "Olympic," an outdoor athletic club, formed in 1842, held yearly racing events at which six or seven of its members matched their skill and speed against a team of five "Iroquois" braves from the Caughnawaga reserve. These contests were only held, as stated, yearly, and Canada's National Game was at that time little known.

In 1856 some of the crack athletes of the Olympic Club met and organized the Montreal Lacrosse Club, the first club of its kind in Canada, and which justly merits being called the "Alma Mater" of the National Game. This club, by the way, was one of the founders of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.

In the half century that has passed since the Montreal Lacrosse Club was formed, its success has been gratifying, and although it has seen years of depression and discouragement, it has also known many seasons of prosperity.

The organization of the Montreal Lacrosse Club incited other devotees of the sport to form similar clubs, and it was not long before several were in existence. One of these, the Hochelaga Club, amalgamated with the Montreal in 1860, the new body being known as "The Lacrosse Club of Montreal." Formidable rivals of this club for the next two years were the "Beavers," who were nearly equal in prowess to the Montreal. The latter, in 1861, resumed their first title, "The Montreal Lacrosse Club," to which they have since adhered.

With the formation of numerous lacrosse clubs, it became imperative that a set of rules should be drawn up to govern the game, and to this task Dr. W. Geo. Beers set himself in 1859. So satisfactorily did he accomplish his work that the rules he formulated have been little changed since.

The first public appearance of the Montreal Lacrosse Club that excited more than local interest was in 1860, when it did its share towards entertaining the present King of England, who was then on a visit to Canada. Twenty-four players, twelve each from the Montreal and Beaver Lacrosse Clubs, played a match with an equal number of Indians before His Majesty.

It was not till seven years later that lacrosse was

formally adopted as the national game of Canada. It was a noteworthy coincidence that it was in this year, 1867, that the provinces were welded into the Dominion of Canada. In the same year were formed the Shamrock and Toronto Lacrosse Clubs.

It was the Montreal Lacrosse Club, however, that called a meeting of representatives of the various lacrosse clubs of Canada, and that was directly responsible for the organization of the National Lacrosse Association of Canada.

Lacrosse quickly assumed the prominence it deserved, and became a popular game. The players bought their own equipments and gate receipts did not occupy the place in the sport that they do now.

It was only natural that with keen rivalry existing between teams, some sportsman should think that the offer of trophies would even further stimulate interest in the game. The sportsman in this case was Mr. T. Jas. Claxton, who, in 1867, donated for competition a set of flags, which became famous in the athletic world as the Claxton flags. These were played for under the challenge system and were highly prized by the club that held them.

For three years these flags were competed for, and they were finally won by the subject of this sketch, the Montreal Lacrosse Club. During the three years, the Montreal met in competition the Crescent, Young Mechanics, Shamrock, Union, Caledonia and Dominion Clubs.

On October 11th, 1869, the famous flags were finally presented to the Montreal Lacrosse Club during a tournament arranged for the benefit of H.R.H. Prince Arthur, now Duke of Connaught, and medals were given to those players who had played for the flags. Their names follow, and it will be noted that some of them are still living in Montreal, holding prominent positions in business and professional life. They were:

W. Geo. Beers, W. L. Maltby, J. R. Middlemiss, Frank Dowd, Richard Tate, R. W. Macdonald, Sam. R. McDonald, J. Henderson, L. J. Skelton, Jas. Knox, David Brown, Jas. Brady, Hugh W. Becket, Geo. W. Torrance, F. O. Wood, C. Ermatinger, E. Ermatinger, C. H. Thompson, E. A. Whitehead, T. G. Ralston, J. Watson, Angus Grant, Nicholas Hughes (captain).

During the next few years members of the Montreal Lacrosse Club travelled extensively, and were the means of introducing the game in many distant parts of the world. In 1876 the club visited Great Britain, being accompanied by a team of Caughnawaga Indians, and the players, after touring the United Kingdom, played at Windsor Castle before our late lamented Queen, to whom they were individually presented.

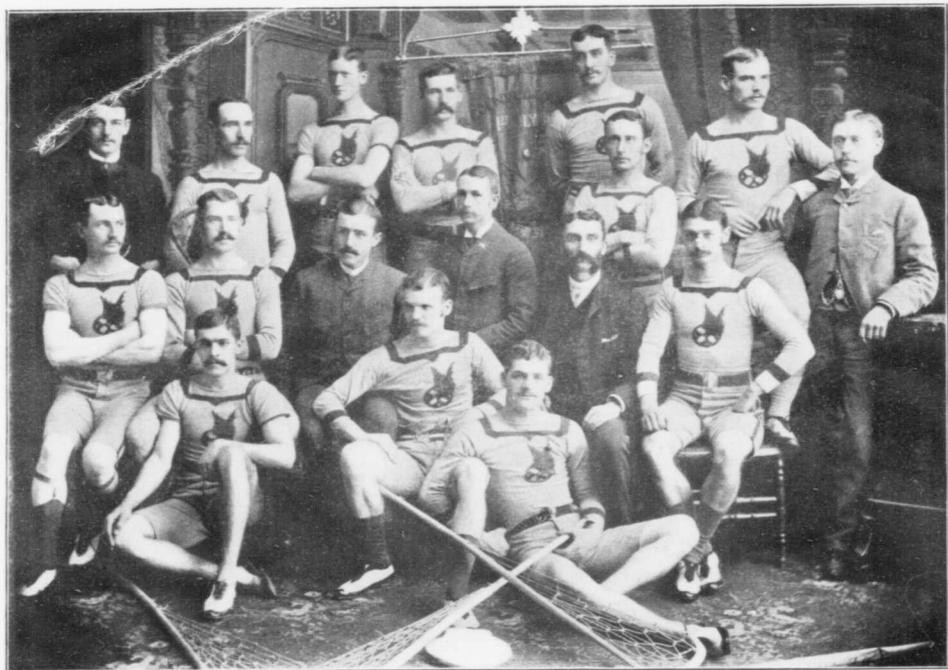
The teams left Canada April 8, and returned July 9. The following were the Montreal lacrosse players:

Since its formation, the Montreal Lacrosse Club has made few honorary members, those on the roll being:

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, (now King Edward VII.), 1860.

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, 1869.

The Earl of Dufferin,  
The Marquis of Lorne,  
Lord Lansdowne.



MONTREAL LACROSSE TEAM—CHAMPIONS 1886

R. NORMAN  
ED. SHEPPARD

R. A. ELLIOT  
W. J. CLEGHORN  
ALLAN CAMERON

A. E. McNAUGHTON

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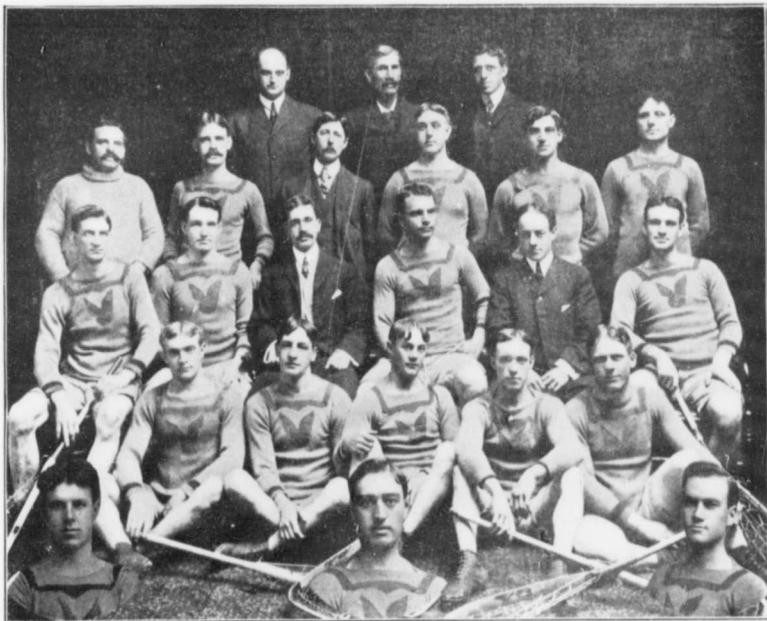
In 1877 the Montreal Club and White Eagle's Indian team played at the fair grounds, Portland, Me., before 10,000 people.

On Christmas Day of the same year an event

In 1882 the Montreal Club went west as the guests of the Garry Lacrosse Club of Winnipeg, and made a lengthy trip before they returned to this city, visiting Chicago, St. Paul, New York, Portland, Baltimore, Washington, Newport and St. Albans.

A year later a Canadian team, composed half of Montreal and half of Toronto players, went to Great Britain and played sixty matches, one of which the present King witnessed.

Montreal won the Dominion Championship from



**MONTREAL LACROSSE CLUB—1905**

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unique in the annals of Canadian lacrosse was recorded, the Independent and Montreal clubs playing a match, the proceeds being given to the General Hospital.

July 4th, 1879, the Montreal Club visited Boston and played before an immense audience on the "Common."

In 1881 the Montreal Lacrosse and Snowshoe Clubs organized the M.A.A.A., the premier body of its kind in Canada.

Toronto July 19th, 1884, but later lost the title to the Shamrocks.

The series system replaced the challenge system in 1885, and the Montreal won the championship.

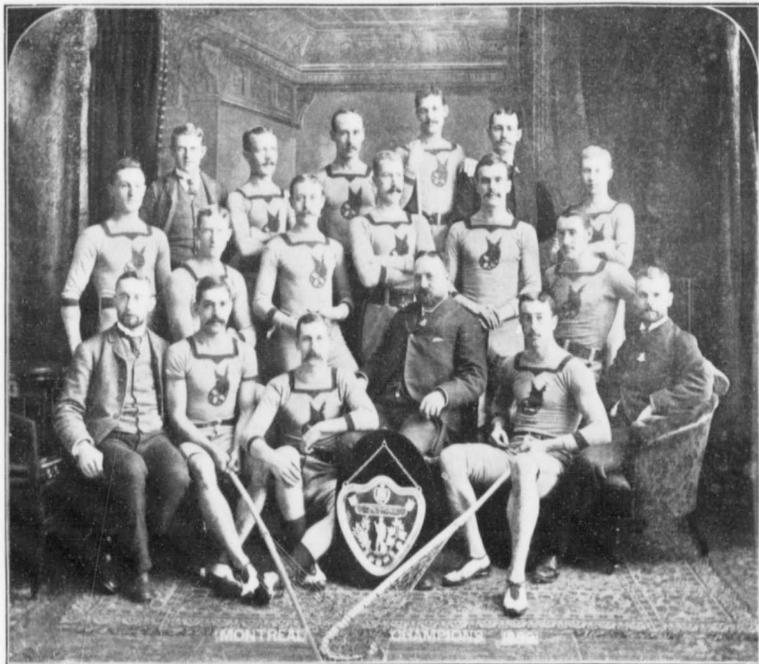
Two of the brightest years in the club's history were 1885 and 1886, when it won the Canadian championship in brilliant fashion. In the latter year a team from the North of Ireland toured Canada and the United States and were lavishly entertained while in this city.

The following extract from the report of the secretary of that year states :

" A season never to be forgotten in the annals of our club, distinguished by a succession of hard fought and brilliant victories and ending with our club holding the proud title of "Champions of the World." The following gentlemen played during the season :

" P. Gorman, W. D. Aird, W. J. Cleghorn, J. J. Louison, Ed. Sheppard, Jas. A. Michaud, N. J. Fraser, D. Paterson, T. J. Carlind, J. Paterson, T.

tween Toronto and Montreal, and a deciding match was ordered to be played November 20th. The match was played in snow about six inches deep and resulted in a draw. The match was ordered to be played on Saturday, November 27th, but Toronto defaulted. The Montreals were presented with diamond rings. The following played in the championships : R. Norman, P. Gorman, W. D. Aird, W. J. Cleghorn, J. J. Louison, Ed. Sheppard, Allan Cameron, N. J. Fraser, R. A. Elliott, D. Paterson, T. J. Carlind, A. E. Mac-



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L. Paton, W. C. Hodgson, J. Grant, Fred. Larmonth, captain, R. A. Elliot, J. Baird.

" The team won seven matches out of eight played. The twelve made a trip in October to Baltimore, New York, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia and Harvard College, Cambridge.

" In 1886 the club again won the championship, winning ten out of the twelve matches. The series was declared a draw by the Council of the League, be-

Naughton, W. C. Hodgson, T. L. Paton, J. Grant, W. G. Geraghty. This was the last year on the old grounds on Sherbrooke Street.

" In 1887 the club was without grounds and played on the Exhibition Grounds, losing the championship.

" In 1888 the club was still without grounds and did not play in the league.

" The following year was the first on the new grounds,

at Westmount, and the team won the championship of the league. The players were as follows: Dr. A. L. Shanks, W. J. Cleghorn, R. H. Cheyne, Allan Cameron, J. C. Paterson, J. A. Michaud, R. A. Elliott, T. J. Carling, W. G. Geraghty, A. E. MacNaughton, T. L. Paton, A. A. Hodgson, Ed. Sheppard, A. Hardman, J. J. Louson, W. Sprigings, G. Pierce, W. D. Aird, captain."

A presentation of gold watches to the players was made in Queen's Hall, October 10th of that year.

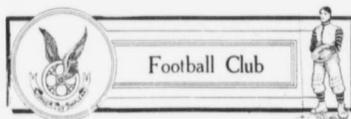
In 1890 the Montreal Club lost the championship but had the distinction of playing with the Shamrock Lacrosse Club before H. R. H. Prince George. In the fall of 1890 they visited Baltimore, New York, Washington and Boston.

The next year the Montreal Club retired from the league and played and won a series of games with the Toronto Lacrosse Club.

In 1892 a five club league was formed, with the Shamrock, Toronto, Capital, Cornwall and Montreal Clubs as members. The Montreal Club was not successful in winning the championship.

Then followed a decade in which the club did not meet with any startling success, but during the past three years it has taken on a new lease of life. This year it finished second in the N. A. L. L. championship race, and had it not been for a run of hard luck it would have probably won the championship. The prospects for next season are particularly bright.

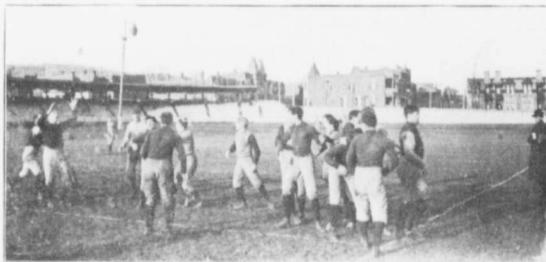
Before closing this brief sketch of the Club one incident in its history should be recalled. The day the tidings reached Montreal that war was imminent between England and the United States, over the boarding of the British Steamer "Trent," by the latter nation, a meeting was called, which was composed principally of the members of the Beaver and the Montreal Lacrosse Clubs and a Rifle Regiment was organized. A few weeks afterwards, on the 10th January, 1862, this regiment was formally gazetted as the "Victoria Volunteer Rifles." Messrs. W. G. Beers, W. L. Maltby, E. A. Whitehead, Chas. W. Radiger, and many other well known Lacrosse men took an active interest in those days and the "Victorias" have ever since been strongly supported by the athletes of Montreal.



THE Montreal Football Club was the first Rugby football club to be formed in Canada, and was started in 1868. For many years after the formation its members practised on the McGill University Campus and on the old Montreal Cricket Grounds on St. Catherine Street.

When the Club was first formed it followed the English Rugby rules, but as it was found there was too much close formation in that game, it was one of the clubs which first introduced the "snap-back" game, and is one of the few Canadian teams which had matches with Harvard University, its home-and-home matches with that "XV," being always

keenly contested. As the "snap-back" game did not prove a success, the clubs in Ontario and Quebec made innovations in the playing rules, which brought

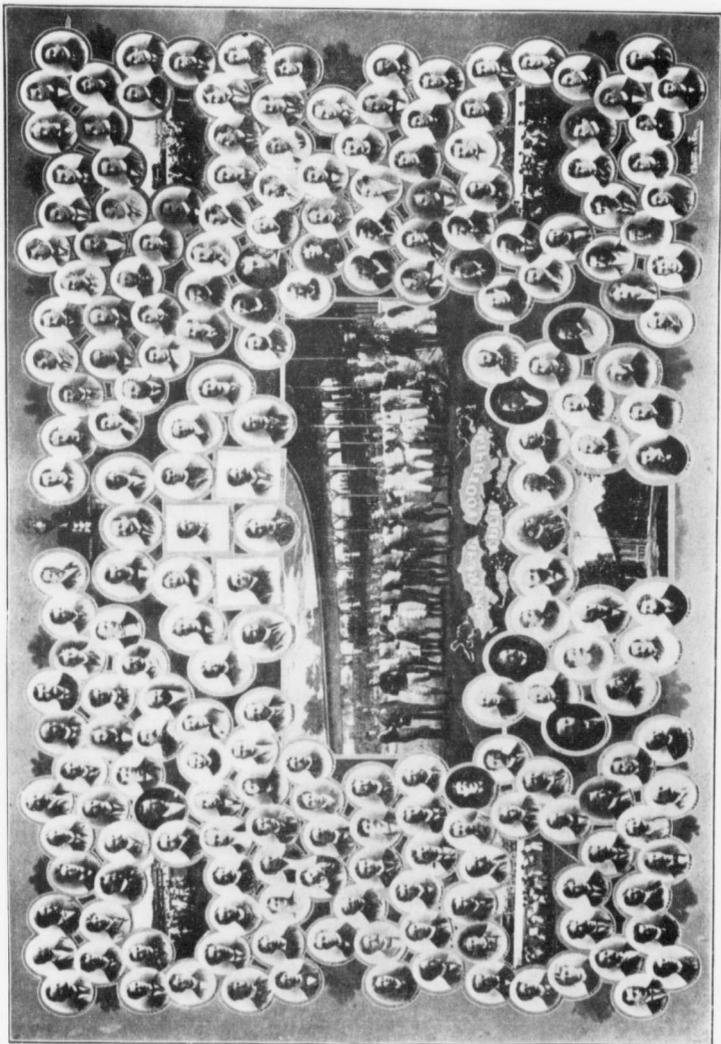


THE THROW-IN.

it down to the game that is played in the Quebec Rugby Union of to-day, and the Montreal Club was one of the clubs which was instrumental in making these changes.

When the Quebec Rugby Union was formed "Montreal" was the mover in the formation of this Union, as it was also of the Canadian Rugby Union, formed some time later, and it has had the honor of having several of its members holding the presidency and other important offices in these Unions.

It was only in 1885 that the Club affiliated with the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, a step which the Club has never regretted, and which has proved both a success and strength to it, and a credit to the Association, whose winged wheel emblem its players wear, although when affiliating it did not alter the colors of the Club, which are "black and red," and are well known all over Canada.



It puts into the field, under the Quebec Rugby Union, senior, intermediate and junior teams, and there are also usually a number of players sufficient to make a fourth team, and at one year of its history the Club did actually have the four teams playing on the one day.

The Club has always endeavored to obtain all the enjoyment possible out of the game, and whilst fighting to a finish, and winning championships of Canada and Quebec a number of times (as the trophy case will show), it has always attempted to inculcate into its players that the game is for sport and should be played under the sporting instinct only.

Many of our former players, as the copy of the thirtieth anniversary picture printed on these pages will show, are now prominent in professional, financial and business circles, and the Club has reason to be proud of this fact. Amongst others might be named Mr. E. S. Clonston, the present Honorary-President of the Association, and one of the best and most energetic captains that ever played for the "Black and Red."

We were the first in Canada to hold practices by electric light, and the outcome has been a success from every standpoint. The members turn out better and more regularly, and every evening on practice nights from sixty to seventy men can be seen going through the different plays.

In closing we may say that the Club owes its present high position and its past success to the interest that has always been shown by its past players. Men who have played the game and know it, have always been found willing to turn out and help the players both practically and theoretically. This readiness to work for the good of the Club on the part of past players shows the good feeling which exists among the members.

In moving into the "new building," while with a certain amount of regret on account of leaving the old quarters, still the improved accommodation, and the finest grounds and best fitted out club house in Canada, will more than make up for regrets, and there is no reason why the Club should not be "second to none" in the Canadian football world.

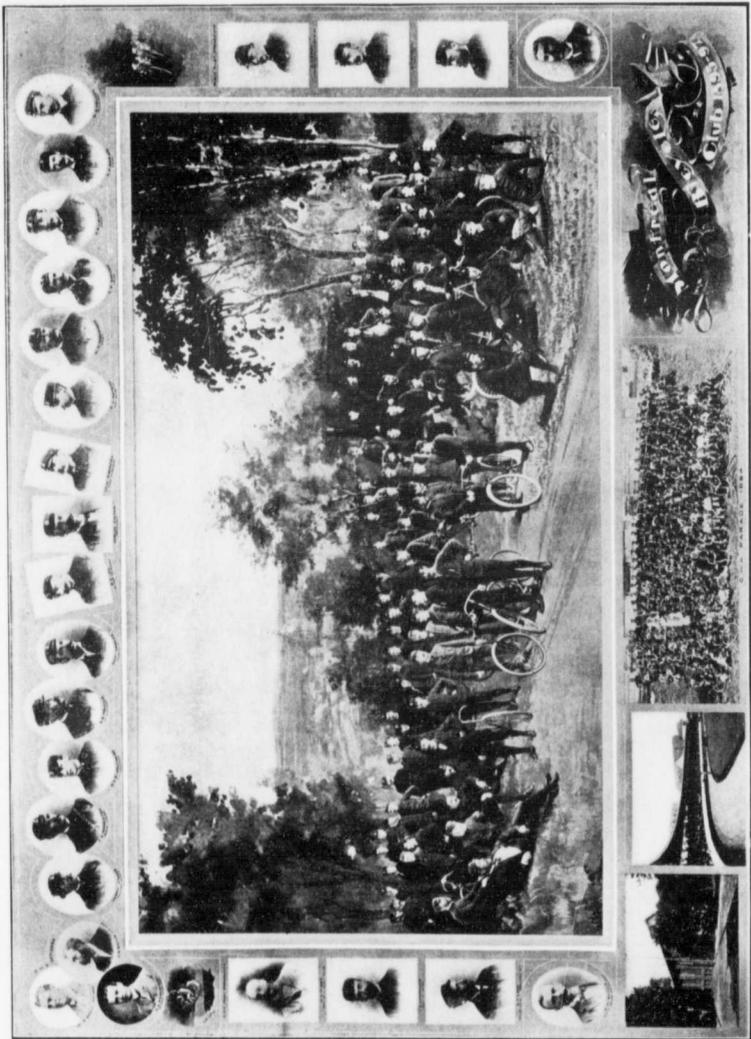


A GOOD PUNT.



**B**ICYCLING may be said to date its birth from 1865, when Pierre Lallemand, a French mechanic, invented a two-wheel cycle with a foot crank, at Ansonia, Connecticut, and rode from that town to New Haven. Lallemand's wheel was undoubtedly the forerunner of the present cycle, for it had all the essential ideas. Lallemand went afterwards to Paris, and from there, it is claimed, the invention travelled to England. In August, 1866, an Englishman named Gilman obtained a patent in England, and laid claim to the invention of the modern cycle. The old "bone shaker," or velocipede, craze of 1868 and 1869 had died out, and between 1872 and 1874 developments were made that eventuated in the modern wheel with the rubber tyre, the sky-scraper wheel of this date being succeeded in later years by the pneumatic safety.

In June, 1874, the bicycle took an Atlantic voyage in care of Mr. A. T. Lane, one of the three founders of the Montreal Bicycle Club, and landed on Canadian soil on the 30th day of that month. No time was lost in preliminaries, and on July 1st, 1874, "Dominion Day," Mr. Lane had the honor of riding through the streets of Montreal a 50-inch plain-bearing socket-steering Coventry, the first bicycle imported and ridden on the American Continent. It was not, however, until 1876 that the bicycle became known in the United States. At the "Centennial" Exposition of that year held at Philadelphia, a number of bicycles were exhibited. During the same year two Englishmen, John Keen and David Stanton, gave exhibitions in New York on a bicycle. It is stated that Mr. A. D. Chandler, of Boston, imported on May 29th, 1877, a wheel, and was thus the first native American to ride a cycle. The year 1877 saw a score or more of riders in Boston, New York, and several other large cities. Mr. Horace S. Tibbs, one of the founders of the Montreal Bicycle Club, imported a "Challenge" wheel, and rode it through the streets of Montreal on August 15th of that year. Mr. Tibbs commenced cycling in England in the year 1874, and afterwards won the first bicycle race ever ridden in Canada, two miles, on June 7th, 1879. The year 1878 can, however, be claimed as the year the foundation of bicycling was laid on this continent. The number of riders constantly increasing, enthusiasts began to advocate the formation of clubs. The first club to be organized was Boston in February, 1878, and next Bangor, Maine. Montreal was the next to agitate in June, and the organization was



completed on the 3rd of December, San Francisco following ten days later. Bangor ceased to exist, leaving the Montreal Club the second oldest on the American Continent. Later San Francisco had trouble in keeping up their organization, and for some time was inactive, and when reorganized, for some unknown reason, claimed an earlier date of formation. The Boston Bicycle Club likewise passed into a moribund state for some time, and of the clubs formed in 1878 the Montreal Bicycle Club is the only one that has kept up her organization steadily and continuously, as shown by the minute books of the club.

The first presiding officer of the club was Mr. C. J. Sidey, and Mr. H. S. Tibbs was the first secretary. Those gentlemen, together with Mr. A. T. Lane, were the founders of bicycling in Montreal and the pioneers in Canada, the latter on this Continent.

On the 31st of May, 1880, the League of American Wheelmen was formed, and the Montreal Bicycle Club affiliated with it, and in June, 1881, in conjunction with the Montreal Lacrosse and Montreal Snowshoe Clubs the Bicycle Club took an active interest and share in forming the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. On the 11th of September, 1882, the Canadian Wheelman's Association was formed at Toronto, Montreal being represented by Mr. H. S. Tibbs. In July, 1883, the bicycle club joined the C.W.A. in order to assist a national undertaking, although they had good reasons at the time for remaining attached to the American Association. During this year the racing men of the club were very active, all the Canadian Championships being held by them. In 1884 a good many out-of-town rides were indulged in, and in 1885 T. Morrison rode to Toronto, being the first member to make the full distance, and also in this year nearly all the championships were held by the M.B.C.. In 1886 the first C.W.A. Meet was held in Montreal, extending over three days and attended by clubs from all over the Dominion. In 1887 racing was indulged in considerably, and also a mania for hill climbing, and scarcely a hill on the Island was steep enough to debar an attempt. In 1888 the M.A.A.A. completed the work on their new grounds at Westmount, laying a cinder track second to none on the Continent, and thereby giving a great impetus to all kinds of bicycle racing, the club previously using tracks very unfitted for dash work. In this year the Bicycle Club took charge of one of the tables at the Bazaar in aid of the M.A.A.A., and cleared quite a sum for the Association. In 1889 safety bicycles were introduced into races, and were quite prevalent in 1890. The year of 1891 was remarkable from the fact that the riding season closed on the last day of the year and opened on the first of the following, the President and Secretary of the club starting their ride on December 31st, 1891, and finishing in 1892, and other members riding to Lachine on New Year's Day.

Nothing of particular interest transpired in 1892 and 1893; in these years the Club membership roll showing increased membership and a good deal of activity in racing circles, but the season of 1894 will ever stand out prominently as one of the greatest in the interest of bicycling from a cyclist's point of view, the C.W.A. Meet being held in Montreal under Vice-Regal patronage, and all clubs throughout the Dominion represented in large numbers. All the city clubs amalgamated in making a gala week, chiefly among them being the Wanderers and V.M.C.A. Chinese lantern parades, one to two hundred wheels taking part, and very originally and tastefully decorated. The event of the year was a relay road race from Sarnia, Ont., to Montreal, the estimated length of the route being 556 miles, which was covered in 33 hours and 20 minutes. Long rides were much indulged in, 125 miles being covered by members of the M.B.C. in 11 hours 25 minutes actual riding time. During this season the club held 64 rides, attended by a total of 874 members, covering 1,301 miles.

In 1895, the civic authorities proposed taxing cyclists \$5.00, and placing on them other severe restrictions, a delegation was sent to Quebec to oppose this tax, and succeeded in having same reduced to \$2.00; other corporations likewise following suit and imposing taxes. Also in 1898, the Turnpike Trust proposed levying a toll on all cyclists, but again this was fought and defeated in the legislature, and it is to be regretted that it is attributable in a great measure to these annoying taxes and restrictions that this beneficial pastime is at present at such a low ebb; in 1896, ladies commenced riding a great deal, and it was noticeable that the average attendance at club rides suffered somewhat, presumably owing to members preferring a social ride with a club composed of only two. In 1897, euchre and card competitions were inaugurated as a winter social pastime and proved quite a success, bringing together and producing a closer intimacy between members.

1898 and 1899.—In these years racing gradually waned, professionalism coming into prominence, and in the year of 1900 the M.B.C. decided to go out of racing as public interest in same had, in a measure, died away.

In the years 1901 to 1905, the M.B.C. have continued the weekly rides during the summer months, and the euchre competitions in the winter evenings, looking confidently forward to a revival of interest in one of the most healthy and pleasant of pastimes which can be indulged in.

The members of the "Winged Bicycle" look back with much pride to the part they had in the formation, nearly a quarter a century ago, of the M.A.A.A. Always taking an active interest in its affairs, they together with their comrades of the other affiliated clubs, look forward to many happy days in the new "Club House."



THE Toboggan and Skating Club has for years been one of the most successful and popular branches of the Association, owing, no doubt, to the fact that it has been patronized by the ladies and juniors, as well as Association members.

This Club originated with the Tuque Bleue Toboggan Club in 1883, which constructed the first artificial slide in Canada, and was situated on the old Montreal Lacrosse and Cricket Grounds, running from Sherbrooke Street as far down as St. Catherine, just in the vicinity of Crescent and Bishop Streets.

The Tuque Bleue slide was one of the big attractions of the Winter Carnivals and the Club became affiliated with the M.A.A.A. in 1884 and instituted the first toboggan races ever held by any club, on January 17th, 1885. In those days the slide was illuminated by lamps and torches, but in the winter of 1886 a change was made, and the torches were replaced by electric lights.

In the winter of 1887 the Club was compelled to disperse with the slide, owing to the sale of the old Lacrosse Grounds.

During the winter of 1888, the Club occupied the slide of the Montreal Toboggan Club, on the Priests' Farm. This was a magnificent site, starting up the Mountain side, crossing Sherbrooke St., which was bridged, the track ran down what is now known as Wood Avenue, and ended on the present site of the "Arena." In November, 1889, the "Tuque Bleue" bought the title and assets of the "Montreal Toboggan Club" and assumed its name, in order to correspond with the other affiliated clubs in the M. A. A.

In the season of 1889-1890, the Club was obliged again to do without a slide, owing to the sale of part of the Priests' Farm. We were thus again deprived of one of our winter sports, but not for long. The Snowshoe Club was to a large extent responsible for the suggestion which led to the inauguration of the M.A.A.A. Rink. The

story, which is not a little interesting, runs as follows:

One night, after a heavy rainfall, a party of snowshoers happened to be at the M.A.A.A. grounds, and noticed that the entire field was covered with a sheet of glare ice, the idea occurred to these members, that instead of the regular tramp, which was to have been held on the following evening, and would have to be postponed for want of snow, a skating party would be somewhat of a novelty. This suggestion was promptly acted upon, and the word passed around, with the result that on the following night a large party of the members turned out with their lady friends to the Club House at Cote St. Antoine, being equipped with steel blades instead of "the gutted shoe." A splendid evening's skating was enjoyed, ending up with a dance in the Club House, and from that night the open air rink on the grounds was practically assured, for, on December 11th in the winter

of 1890, the largest open air rink in the world was opened on our grounds, the skating space being 330 by 150 feet.

Since that time this Club has been one of the strongest branches of the Association, providing healthy and vigorous exercise for our members, and at the same time being a source of considerable revenue.

In addition to the advantages afforded our members, we recognized the neces-

sity of encouraging speed skating, and, in 1894, with this object in view, built a racing track, one quarter of a mile in length. This track has been built almost every season, and has been the means of bringing to our city the fastest skaters, both amateur and professional, in the world, among them being Jno. S. Johnson, Jno. Nelson, J. K. McCulloch, Jim Donoghue, Joe Donoghue, Harley Davidson, Julius Seyler, Naas, Lordahl, and many others.

In 1896 the name of the Club was again changed to the Montreal Toboggan and Skating Club. This was the banner year of the Club, as over



THE LAST LAP.



THE START.



THE FINISH

five thousand members took advantage of the privilege afforded.

This brings us to the year 1897, when on February 5th and 6th the "World's Championship Races," held for the first time in America, took place on our rink. On this occasion world's records were established that have not since been broken, and J. K. McCullough, Canada's representative, skated away with the title of amateur champion of the world.

Among those of our members who have brought honor to the Association as speed skaters might be mentioned, Messrs. Tom Moore and Jimmy Drury, W. A. Coldwell and the Irwin boys, the latter distinguishing themselves in the hurdle races especially.

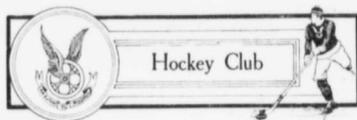
During the fall of 1901, it being apparent that tobogganing was becoming again a popular sport, a slide was constructed on the Westmount grounds. Unfortunately, the length of the grounds not permitting of as lengthy a slide as was desired, it was not well patronized, and in consequence the Club's energy has been concentrated solely on skating the past year.

In concluding this article it might not be amiss to point out that this rink has been a very important factor in the winter life of the Association. It has afforded the members the opportunity of indulging in that healthy invigorating Canadian winter sport of skating and sliding.

The opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow members tends to foster and increase the *esprit de corps* which is so indispensable to the success of the Association.



THE BACKWARD RACE.



GLORY and fame so dear to the hearts of all true sportsmen, has been brought to the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association by all its branches, and if any one of these branches has contributed its fair share of leaves to the Association's laurel wreath in the past, that branch was the Montreal

Hockey Club.

That Canada has a popular national winter game essentially Canadian, and played best by Canadians, is due to some enthusiastic Montreal athletes. Away back in the early eighties, more than a score of years ago, these gentlemen became imbued with the idea that Canada should have a winter sport that would correspond with the lacrosse of the summer. Familiar with Rugby football they recognized that many of this game's good points could be utilized in a winter sport, and the game that lent itself the most readily to their scheme was "ye old-time" shinny. Shinny, however, could not be easily adapted to Rugby rules, so they familiarized themselves with English field hockey and devised a set of rules, which combined the best features of these two sports, with a few pointers from lacrosse, for the new game—Canadian ice hockey.

The Winter Carnivals did much to advertise this new pastime and it became generally popular, and now hockey clubs in Canada and the United States are numbered in their thousands—and with reason, for there is no more exciting, exhilarating and scientific game played.

In 1882 the Victoria Skating Club organized a Hockey Club. In January, 1884, the Crystal Club was instituted. On November 28, 1884, the Montreal Hockey Club was formed. Mr. Thos. L. Paton was a moving spirit in the matter and was chairman of the organization meeting. The officers of this club were as follows:—

President, Thos. Fraser; Vice-President, W. D. Aird; Hon. Secy-Treas., Fred. W. Barlow. Committee, J. G. Ross, F. M. Larmouth, Wm. C. Hodgson, A. E. McNaughton and T. L. Paton.

It was with the McGill University Club that the Montreal team played its first match. That was at the Victoria Rink on January 20, 1885, and Montreal was victorious, the score being two goals to none.

The team on that occasion was composed of the following players:

Goal, T. L. Paton; Point, F. M. Larmouth; Cover Point, W. D. Aird; Forwards, W. C. Hodgson, D. McIntyre, R. F. Smith and F. W. Barlow.

How different was this early game to those of

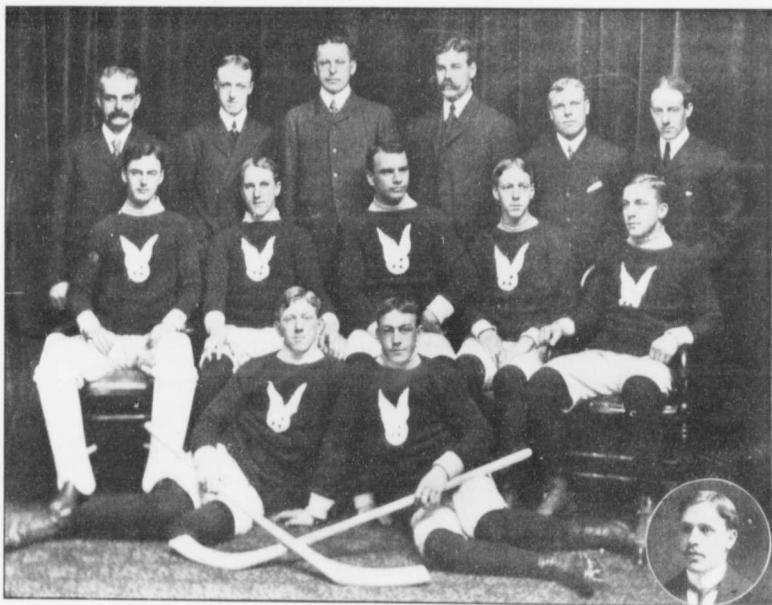
the present day! The players were not armored like Knights of the Round Table period; neither were they earnest searchers after each other's gore. They played the puck, and gashed heads were ever accidental. Though the game has since become faster, perhaps, it has deteriorated in one respect—it has become rougher.

The Montreal Hockey Club was a winning aggregation. In the winter of 1885 it captured the championship at the tournament at Victoria Kink, but

of Canada was formed in the season of 1886-87, when the club achieved further distinction by winning the championship at the Carnival tournament.

The champions of the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada in the first year of its existence was the Montreal Hockey Club, whose players were the following:

Goal, T. L. Paton; Point, J. A. Stewart; Cover Point, Allan Cameron; Forwards, A. A. Hodgson, J. A. Findlay, G. S. Low and J. Virtue.



M. A. A. HOCKEY TEAM—1905

TOM ELLIOTT, Trainer	THOS. POTTER, Sec.	H. L. SHAW, Pres.	R. ELLIOTT	BERT HORSFALL	D. BROWN
OLIVER WAUGH	E. JOHNSTON	GEO. S. CAMERON, Capt.	GROVER SARGANT	H. S. COULSON	H. HORSFALL, Vice-Pres.
		E. RUSSELL	W. H. CHIPCHASE		

only after stubbornly fought battles with the Ottawa and McGill clubs.

In the season of 1885-86, the club had hard luck in the championship series, losing the premier place, but it atoned for earlier defeats by winning the championship at the Burlington Carnival, vanquishing its former conquerors. The personnel of the team this season was practically the same as in the winter of 1884-85.

Mainly through the instrumentality of the Montreal Hockey Club, the Amateur Hockey Association

even more fortunate were the M.A.A. players the following season, 1888-89, for they not only captured the A. H. A. C. championship for the second time, but they also won a set of medals offered by the management of the Victoria Kink to the victors of a special match between the Victorias and Montreals. The all-conquering players that season were T. L. Faton, J. A. Stewart, Allan Cameron, G. S. Low, A. E. McNaughton, A. A. Hodgson, J. A. Findlay, F. W. Barlow and Fred. Larmouth.

For the third successive season, 1889-90, the

Montreal Hockey Club won the championship of the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada and became permanent possessors of the Association cup, which had to be won three times in succession by one club to become its property. The players this season were T. L. Paton, J. A. Stewart, Allan Cameron, J. A. Findlay, A. E. McNaughton, G. S. Low, R. A. Elliott, Sam. Lee and A. B. Kingan.

This was one of the most successful seasons the Montreal Hockey Club has ever known. It won all

In 1892, when Mr. T. L. Paton was president, and in 1893, when Mr. J. A. Stewart was president, the Montreal Hockey Club won the senior and intermediate championships of the A.H.A.C. In 1893 the seniors won seven out of nine matches, drew one and lost one.

The players were T. L. Paton, J. A. Stewart, Allan, Cameron, G. S. Low, A. A. Hodgson, W. McK. Barlow, H. Routh, A. B. Kingan and A. A. Irving.

During this season a match was played with the



M. A. A. A. HOCKEY TEAM (CHAMPIONS—1892)

H. L. SHAW	A. A. HODGSON	A. E. MACNAUGHTON	ALEX IRVING
W. MCK. BARLOW	G. S. LOW	T. L. PATON	ALLAN CAMERON
A. B. KINGAN			JAS. A. STEWART

its matches, which included seven championship and two exhibition contests.

The club kept up its winning streak in 1890-91, winning the A.H.A.C. championship, playing seven championship matches without a defeat, and its intermediate septette landed the intermediate championship of the Association. The players that winter were T. L. Paton, J. A. Stewart, Allan Cameron, A. B. Kingan, G. S. Low, A. E. McNaughton, R. A. Elliott, J. A. Findlay, A. A. Irving and Sam. Lee.

Winnipeg Hockey Club, in Montreal, and the Montreal won by seven goals to four.

For the seventh successive year the Montreal Hockey Club won the championship of the A.H.A.C. in 1894, and was given the custody of the Stanley cup, being recognized as the champion club of the most important hockey league then in existence.

For the first time since the A.H.A.C. was organized, the Montreal Club lost the championship in 1895, its conquerors being the Victorias, but it had the satis-

faction of successfully defending the coveted Stanley cup in a series of matches with Queen's University Hockey Club.

During the next half dozen winters the Montreal Club was one of the mainstays of the league which succeeded the A.H.A.C., viz., the Canadian Amateur Hockey League, and was always a factor in the championship race.

In 1902 the Montreal Hockey Club, under the presidency of Mr. H. L. Shaw, won the championship of the C.A.H.L. and journeyed to Winnipeg in quest of the Stanley cup, which was then held in the Prairie City. One of the hardest series of games in the history of hockey was played in Winnipeg, and the Montrealers emerged victorious.

They brought the cup East and the following winter defended it in a series of matches with the Victorias, of Winnipeg. These contests were adjudged by experts to be the finest expositions of hockey ever given, and it is doubtful whether their equals for speed and science have since been seen in this city.

The same season the intermediate seven of the Montreal Hockey Club won the championship.

In 1904 all the old players but the late Archie Hooper, deserted the Montreal Hockey Club, and a

new team had to be built up. This septette pluckily stayed with the game, and though its successes were not numerous, its showing was creditable considering the disadvantages under which it had to labor. Mr. H. L. Shaw was president that year and worked indefatigably to bring the team up to its former state of efficiency.

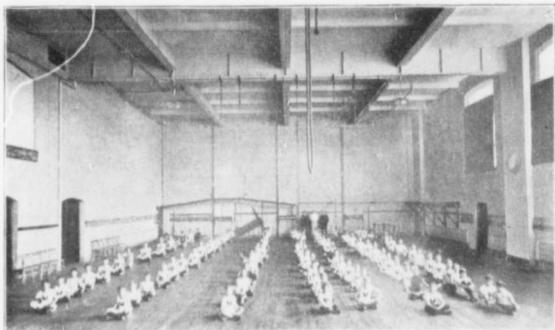
Last winter the club celebrated its twentieth birthday, and though it did not win the championship, yet its record was, in view of the unusual strength of its competitors, one to be proud of. Ten championship matches were played, and of these seven were won and three lost. The president was again Mr. H. L. Shaw.

The players were: Goal, Oliver Waugh; Point, W. H. Meldrum; Cover Point, Dr. G. S. Cameron; Forwards, H. S. Coulson, G. Sargent, E. Johnson, E. Russell and W. H. Chipchase.

The intermediate team had a very successful season, though it was not fortunate enough to win the championship.

Glancing over the record of the Montreal Hockey Club, it will be seen that it is creditable to a degree and has ever been a prominent factor in the world of Canadian sports.





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FRONT VIEW OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE.





## THE NEW CLUB HOUSE

**T**HE great stone stairway is the dominant feature of the internal economy of the new M.A.A.A.

It is not particularly ornate, being entirely in keeping with the severe modernized Greek conception of the whole building. Neither is it of specially sumptuous materials, for the richness of effect that is found throughout the whole structure is obtained simply by solidity and genuineness.

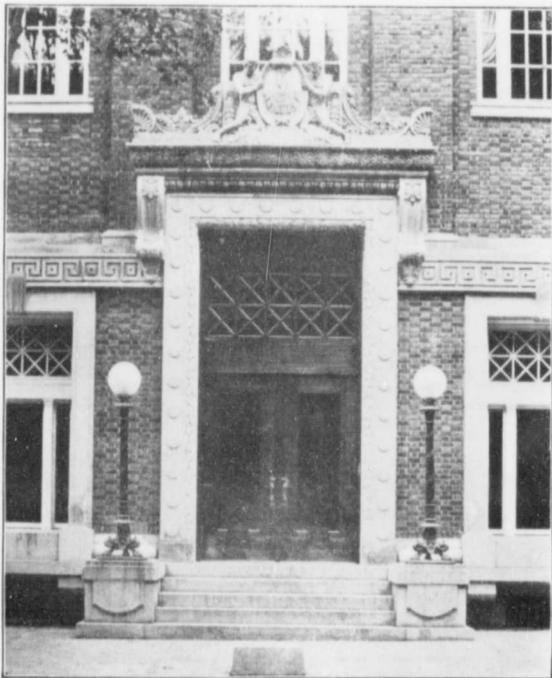
Yet it is safe to say that no one will visit the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association without taking away an abiding memory of this superb approach to the more prosaic apartments of a purely athletic institution.

Its chief characteristic is a certain spacious hospitality. The visitor feels at once that even if this be not a social club, it is at any rate an eminently sociable one. The stairway rises out of a broad

tesselated entrance hall, its lofty roof, two stories above the floor, consisting of close-set oaken beams of mediaeval blackness, supported upon two tremendous cross-beams of the same material. Four great pillars sustain the oaken ceiling, and bear upon their capitals almost the only free decoration in the building, an effective scroll-work of leaves and flowers. The columns themselves are of plain grey stone, rising out of moulded bases, and two of them stand near the entrance doorway, while the other two tower up from

the lowest steps of the great stairway, giving it a dignity and solidity that could be obtained in no other way.

Taking its rise from the far side of the entrance hall opposite, and twenty-five feet away from the doorway, the stairway is almost the centre of the building. The galleries which surround it on the second and third floors are backed by the wall that divides the gymnasium half of the building from the half devoted



MAIN ENTRANCE.



SIDE VIEW AND LAWN.

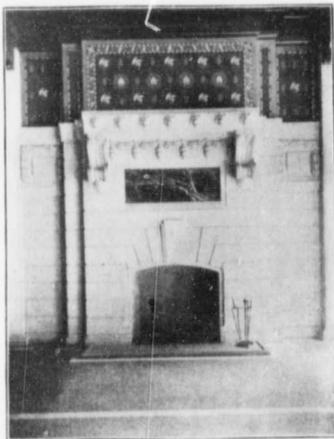
to the smaller apartments. On the main floors, the section occupied by the offices is less deep, for the bowling alley and swimming bath, which occupy the back of these floors, come forward to within thirty-five feet of the entrance. Between these two the stairway ascends, and on its first landing, at the level of the mezzanine floor, gives access to a public gallery running from it to the back of the building, also between the bath and the alleys, both of which it commands for their entire length. Side stairways lead from the main stair to the locker gallery of the swimming bath, and an end gallery over the bowling alleys; but the locker gallery is of course also connected with the platform of the bath by an inner staircase, which goes on up to another tier of lockers on the second floor adjoining the gymnasium.

Continuing on up the great stairway, the visitor comes to the wide and airy gallery that gives access to the gymnasium at the back and the reading rooms

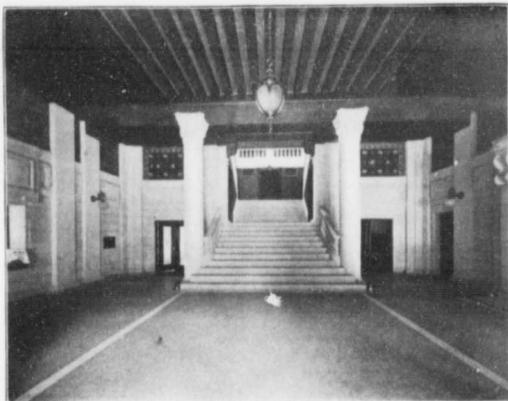
and life members' rooms at the front. From this gallery and the one above it, other magnificent views are secured of the solidity and proportions of the stairway, which is lighted from above by a skylight on the fourth floor level, beneath which the central well runs all the way down to the ground floor. The

main design is thus not carried up to the top, or bachelors' quarters floor, the plan of which is differently shaped from that of those below. This top floor consists of an aisle along the front of the building and two wings running back from it along the two sides, and between these wings is an area for lighting the inner rooms and the skylight above the stairway. The third floor, which resembles the second in general plan, is devoted to the various billiard rooms, one half of its area being cut off by the upper part of the two-storey gymnasium.

Having thus examined the lay-out of the entire building by way of the grand stairway, let us now



THE FIRE-PLACE IN THE ROTUNDA.



THE ROTUNDA.

ascertain in detail the character of the provision made by the architect for each of the various functions of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. Again commencing with the entrance hall, one feature will be observed which escaped notice in our contemplation of the grand stairway, and that is the immense open fireplace, severely plain in its stone outlines, and decorated with a magnificent set of iron fire-dogs that strikes the note of homeliness and generous hospitality the minute one enters the edifice. This fireplace, which is nearly large enough to roast the traditional ox upon the traditional spit, occupies the whole of one side of the hall, with the exception of the doors leading to the cloak room and the elevator. The latter is a swift and capacious affair, run by electricity, and faced with a handsome iron grill, whose straight lines and solidity are well in keeping with the general scheme.

Opposite, on the left hand side as one enters, is the counter of the Secretary's office, which apartment, with the Board Room, occupies the entire south-east corner of the building. Both rooms are twenty-five feet long and a little over half as wide, fitted throughout in the solid weathered oak that is called for by the design. The Board table is about fifteen feet long, and if two men can lift it from the ground, that is about all that they can do. In the Secretary's office is a vault, very heavily built into the foundations, which, with another one less accessible immediately beneath it in the basement, will be the storehouse of the Association's worldly treasures.

The stonework of the entrance-hall is all in the same tones, a very light and clear-colored sandstone, pillars, fireplace and all. The necessary relief is given by a frieze extending a few feet below the ceiling,

with a large conventional design in "art nouveau" style, a decoration which also appears in a good many of the smaller rooms. The whole effect is a most judicious combination of airiness and solidity. Long plate-glass panels are inserted in the weathered-oak leaves of the main door, and on either side of it are lofty plate-glass windows, topped like the door itself with a transom of glass, divided on the square-and-diamond pattern associated with the modern Greek revival. The woodwork of the doorway is decorated, like the stonework outside, with the plain circular bosses typical of the same architectural system.

Before examining the two great divisions of the rear of the ground floor—the bowling alleys and bath—let us descend into the lower regions for a moment

and inspect the domain over which the janitor has absolute sway. The engine and heating department occupies exactly a quarter of the area of the building, and is extraordinarily compact. It includes a most effective system of artificial ventilation and a filtering plant. The remaining half of the northern part of the basement is cut off by the excavation for the swimming bath. A great shooting gallery, ninety-six feet long, and coinciding in location with the main stairway and the spectators' gallery on the mezzanine



THE SEC.-TREASURER'S OFFICE.

floor, divides the whole basement into two parts lengthwise, and of the southern part only the store-room in the front, some twenty-five feet deep, has been excavated.

Returning to the ground floor, we find that the Secretary's office commands the approaches to all of the various departments of the building. On the office side of the stairway are the bowling alleys, six in all, in a great airy room, two storeys high and ninety feet in length, and perfectly lighted by six windows on the southern side of the building. It would be difficult to find a finer set of alleys on the continent.

On the north side of the building, separated from the alleys by the stairway and the upper part of the shooting gallery, is the "natatorium."

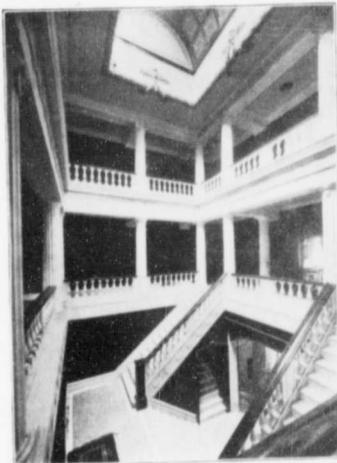
There is not much to be said about swimming baths except their dimensions, but this one is certainly worthy of its more magnificent title. It is a cement "tub" of 30 x 60 feet, and 7 feet deep at the plunge end. The room in which it is situated includes in its height, like the bowling alleys, both the ground and mezzanine floors, and the walls of soft light colored brick are blank for the first story, while on the second are windows giving light from the lane to the north



THE BOARD ROOM.

on one side and the spectators' gallery on the other. Four showers, two needle-baths and a shampoo basin, surround the platform at the plunge end of the bath, and in the corner is the circular iron stairway leading to the lockers on the mezzanine and gymnasium floors. The needle baths are roomy enough to admit of half a dozen bathers getting into the sphere of operations at once if need be.

As the mezzanine floor contains only the aforementioned spectators' gallery, the janitor's quarters in the north-east corner, the smaller locker gallery (which, by the way, looks out upon the bath over a handsome weathered-oak railing), and a couple of plain and business-like ante-rooms, we will ascend immediately to the second floor; and instead of leaving the "undress" realms as we entered them, through the main lavatory, we ascend the spiral staircase through the two tiers of locker rooms, and issue past a smaller lavatory into the central court of the second floor. Here we find that the main stairway terminates, the well being surrounded on all four sides by a wide tessellated balcony, with a set of ten white Doric pillars carrying the corresponding balcony above. At our left are two of the most sumptuous reading rooms in Montreal. The smokers' reading room in the north-east corner, is one of the particular joys of the Association. It contains two stained windows of very effective design, presented to the M. A. A. A. by Mr. W. L. Maltby, and representing, one of them, a snowshoer in the uniform of the old Montreal Snowshoe Club, and the other a lacrosse player. These, like the sconces on the front of the building, which we shall see later, are a tribute to the two clubs which first united to further the general interests of athletics in Montreal. All the four front rooms on this floor are



THE STAIRCASE.



SMOKING ROOM.



MAIN ENTRANCE FROM STAIRCASE.

non-smokers' reading room, which occupies the central place over the entrance hall, is the largest of the lot, rivalling the immense hearth below it. The two reading rooms are supplied with long oak tables and solid but comfortable chairs to match, and it may be noted here that all of the furniture throughout the building was manufactured in Canada from special designs made for the M.A.A.A. The remaining two rooms are devoted to the interests of the life members. With their great fireplaces and lofty windows, their commanding view over the city, their heavy leather cushions, and their soft and luxurious rugs, these apartments constitute a lounging place which it would be hard to rival in Montreal, and which everyone admits the life-members have thoroughly well earned by the generous support they have given to the task of financing and carrying out the new building.

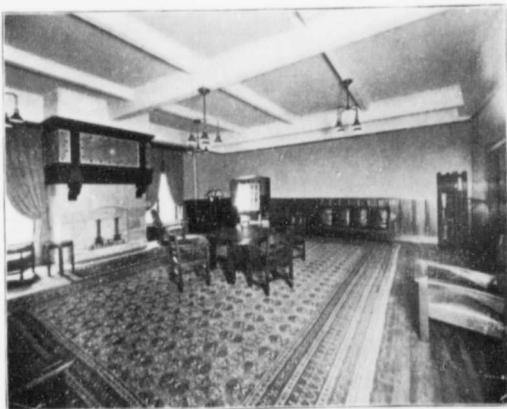
And now we leave the ornamental for the severely practical. Three doors on the west side of the staircase gallery, each of massive oak, lead into the gymnasium proper; one of the finest on the continent in respect to its dimensions, lighting, accessibility of dressing rooms, ventilation and also freedom from draughts. About 28 feet in height, it occupies a floor space of 55 x 83 feet, the latter exclusive of the stage, which is recessed 11 feet, with a frontage length of 30 feet. This stage, and the dressing rooms on either side of it, are at the north end of the gymnasium, but occupy only one storey of its height. Above them, on the third floor level, and reached by a private

heavily panelled in weathered-oak to within a foot or two of the ceiling, and the ceiling itself is carried by transverse beams of heavy oak. The friezes are plain except over the great brick fireplaces which decorate each room, where they are ornamented with Greek scroll work or the monogram of the Association. The fireplace in the



ONE OF THE LIFE MEMBERS' ROOMS.

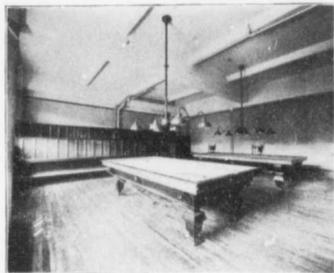
stairway from the locker-room, is a row of small rooms that may be devoted to a good many purposes, though they are specifically ear-marked for fencing. The gymnasium proper has no windows upon its floor level, but that its possible use as a hall of assembly has been foreseen, is indicated by the presence of three fire-escape doors in the west wall. Above these are the three great windows of the third floor which light it. There is no gallery, but the third floor around the staircase well has a large aperture giving into the gymnasium, from which, as a point of vantage, the spectator can view the floor. And, as one of the fair members who are now flocking into the fold of the M.A.A.A. wistfully remarked: "A dance in the gymnasium would present a more gorgeous spectacle, viewed from that point of vantage, than in any other hall in the city." The steel-work of the roof is open to view, giving a note of strength and simplicity to the whole effect; the floor is of hardwood, and the apparatus the best that money can procure.



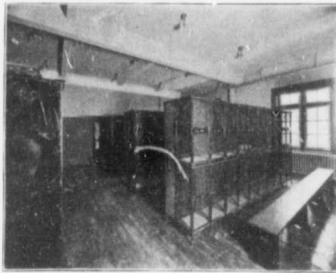
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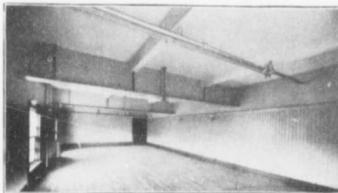
THE MATCH BILLIARD ROOM.



THE LOCKERS.

A small stairway on the south side, with marble steps carried on an iron framework, and with a graceful iron rail at the side, brings one to the third, or billiard-room floor. A gallery similar to that below it surrounds the well that gives light to the main stairway below, and another tier of white Doric fluted

columns carries the graceful arched skylight of colored glass that covers it in. The floors of both these upper galleries are laid in cement mosaic, and the ceilings, between the dark oak beams, are tinted in light colors, with each square outlined in a graceful festoon in darker tinting. The skylight is bordered



THE FENCING ROOM.



THE CLOAK ROOM.

The main billiard room runs all along the front of the building, and round the corner on the south as far as the stairway, and contains fifteen tables. The billiard-rooms, like the reading-rooms, are paneled and wainscotted in weathered-oak, though not so high as on the floors below, and the spectators' benches,

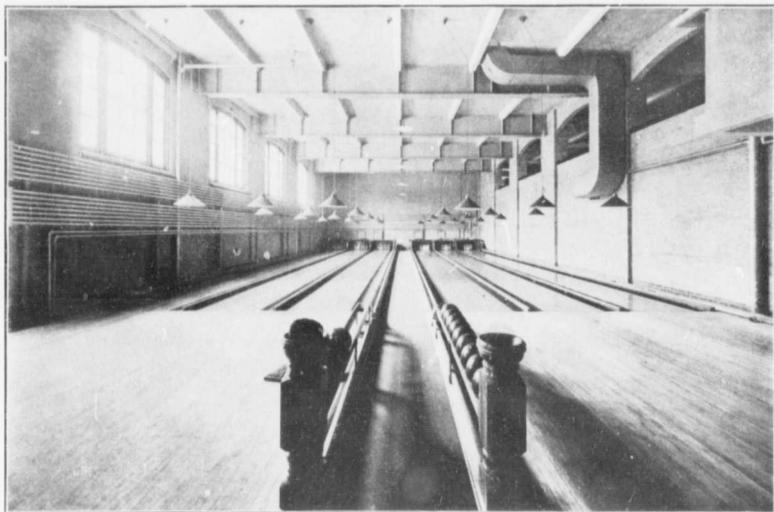
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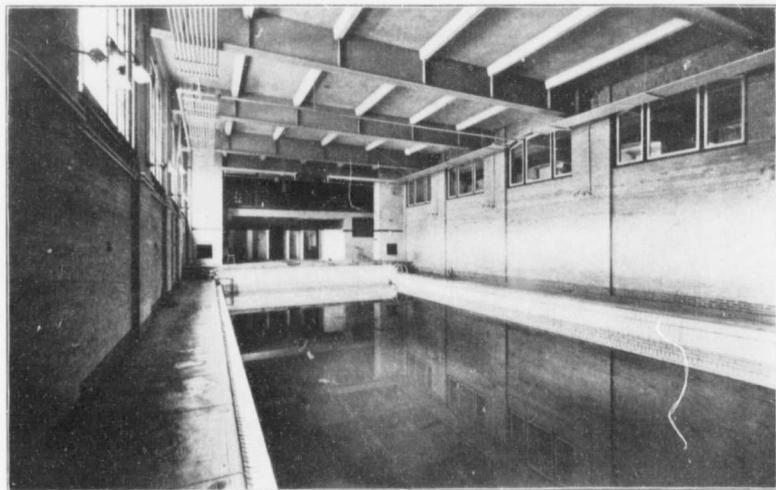
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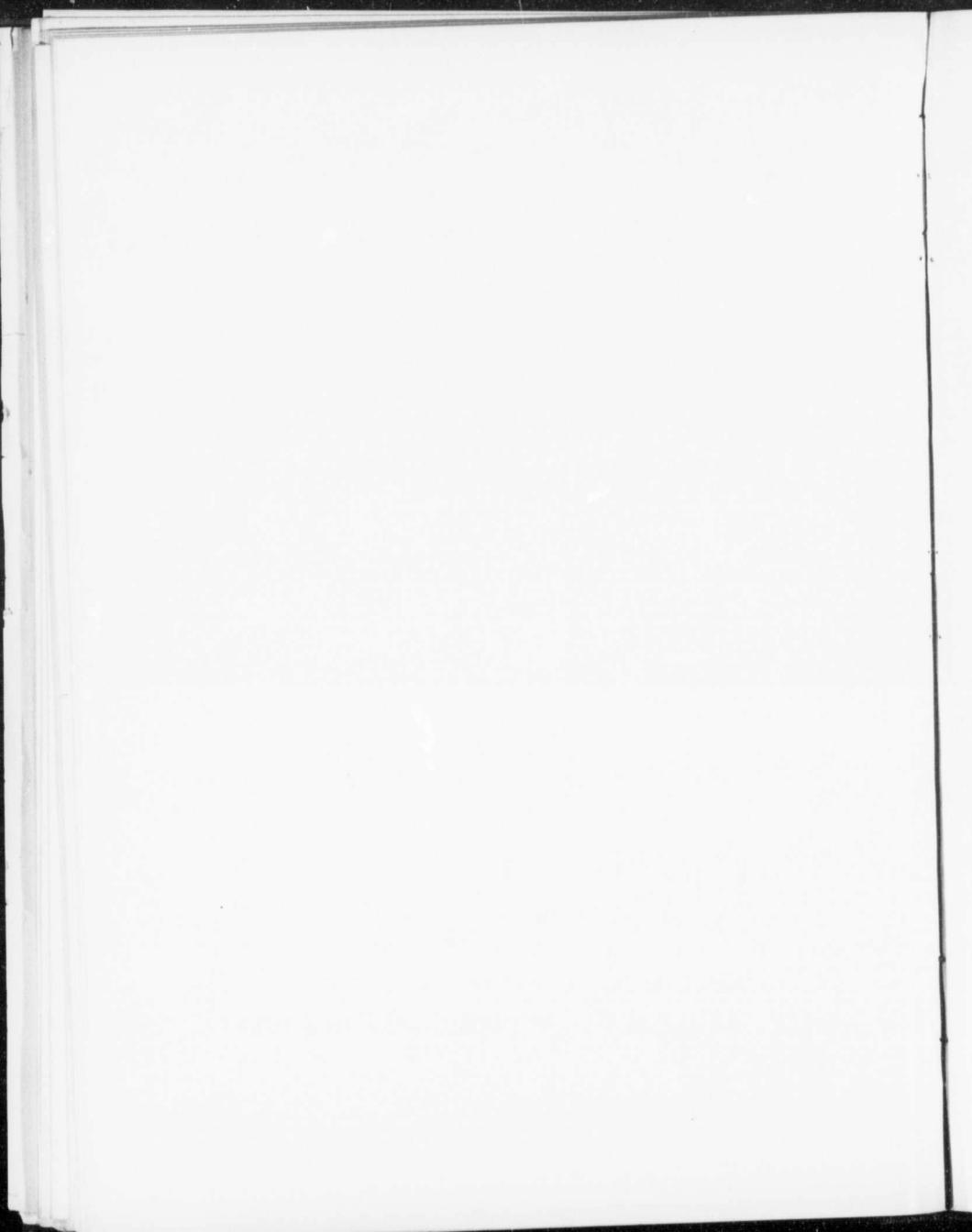
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THE BOWLING ALLEYS.

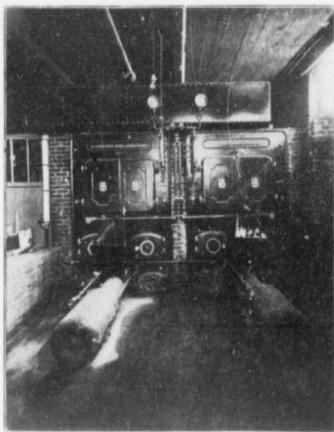


THE SWIMMING POOL.





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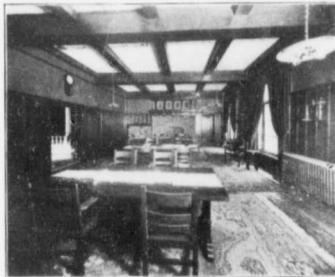


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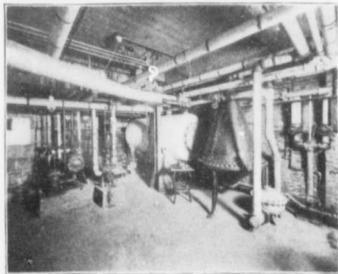
markers' desks, and fittings generally, are all in the same material. The room is brilliantly lighted all round with square-and-diamond-paned windows. On the north side, separated by the elevator shaft and a small lavatory, is a three-table billiard room somewhat more luxuriously appointed, which is kept reserved for the life members and for match play.

And now there is but one storey left to investigate, the sacred regions of the "bachelors' quarters." It was with some trepidation that the M.A.A.A. executive approached the question of providing their homeless members with a place wherein to establish their *lares et penates*, but the result has more than justified their wildest hopes. Thirty-one apartments there are, of many different patterns for many different purses, and ranging from the simple square room

looking out on the area above the gymnasium roof, to the palatial two-roomed apartment in the south-front corner, with its bedroom and sitting-room, each nearly fifteen feet square, and its commanding outlook over the whole city spread out below. There is running water, both hot and cold, laid to every room, and the Association provides the absolutely necessary furniture—very handsome and solid furniture, too—and carpets the floors with a very tasteful Wilton in green on one side of the house, and blue on the other. The extra trimmings are subject to the taste of the occupant, and as those know who have access to them, some of these apartments are fitted up with a quiet sumptuousness that puts them in exact keeping with the finish of the building below them. The bachelors have special lavatory accommodation of their own, in-



THE READING ROOM.

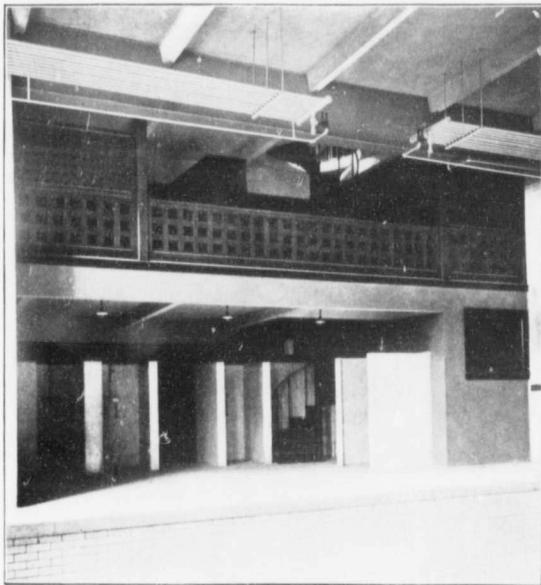


THE ENGINE ROOM.

cluding three baths and two showers. And it may be added, that throughout the building, the lavatory fixtures are of the most modern and scientific description, with marble walls and partitions; open plumbing everywhere, and special ventilation.

Finally, having examined everything inside the building, let us take a look at the exterior. Its dimensions are 98 feet frontage on Peel Street, 127 feet depth (being set back six feet from the front line of the lot), and 66 feet from ground to roof. It is of red brick with sandstone trimmings. Architecturally, the facade is divided into three tiers by bands of decoration running right across the front. One of these, a simple pattern of rectangular design, occurs between the ground and mezzanine floors, and is broken by the lofty lintel and entablature above the main doorway, which extends, with its surmounting heraldry, up to the sill of the second floor windows. Above this band, six false columns of projected brick-work run up to the next decoration, above the close-set, diamond-paned windows of the third floor, and carry the real cornice, decorated with plain bosses and grotesque heads. Above this the bachelors' quarters form an

extra storey, with a light cornice of its own, carrying a tablet in the centre bearing the name of the Association and the words: "Erected MCMIV." The only other decoration, saving a light Greek tracery over some of the windows, consists of three heraldic devices. Above the doorway, supported by two splendid muscular figures in heavy relief, is sculptured the emblem of the Association itself, and high up at the top of the outer of the false columns on each side, are the insignia respectively of the Lacrosse Club and the Snowshoe Club, whose union paved the way for the M.A.A.A. Bounded on the north by a public lane, and on the south by its own lawn of some fifty feet frontage, and guarded by a lofty and artistic wrought-iron fence, the building occupies a site in which it is forever assured of a commanding position and an ample light. It has few rivals even among those palatial clubs which make social fraternization their chief object, and have sources of revenue which are denied to the M.A.A.A. As a purely athletic clubhouse, and an institution for the physical training and recreation of young men, it has no equal on the continent, and probably not in the world.



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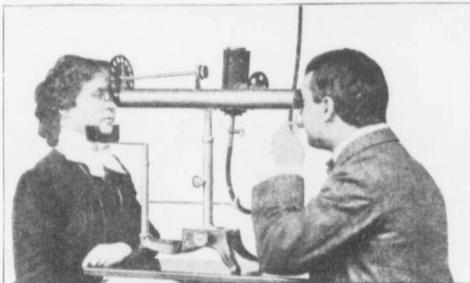
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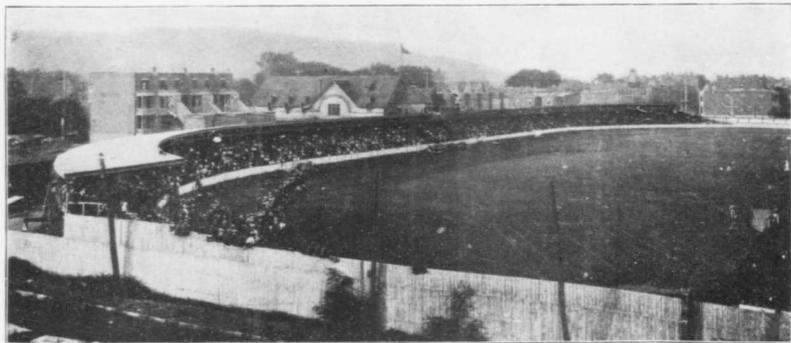
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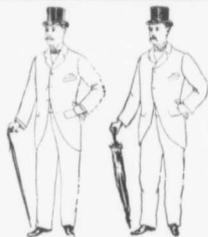
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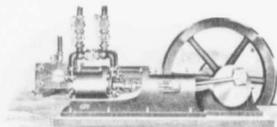
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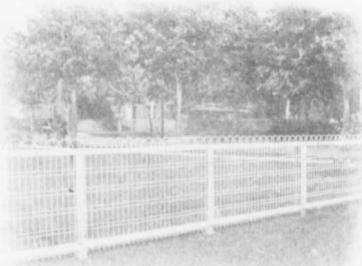
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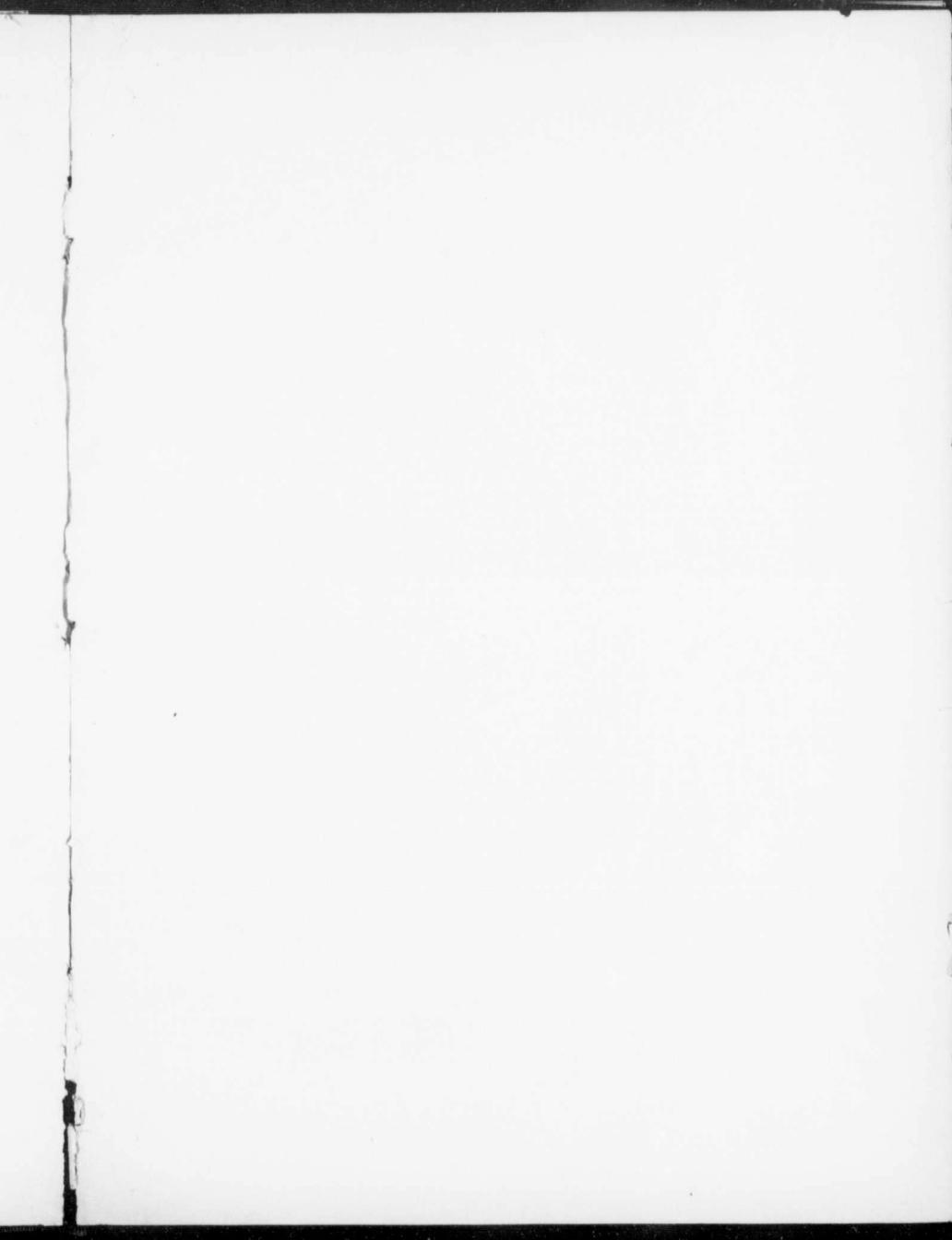
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