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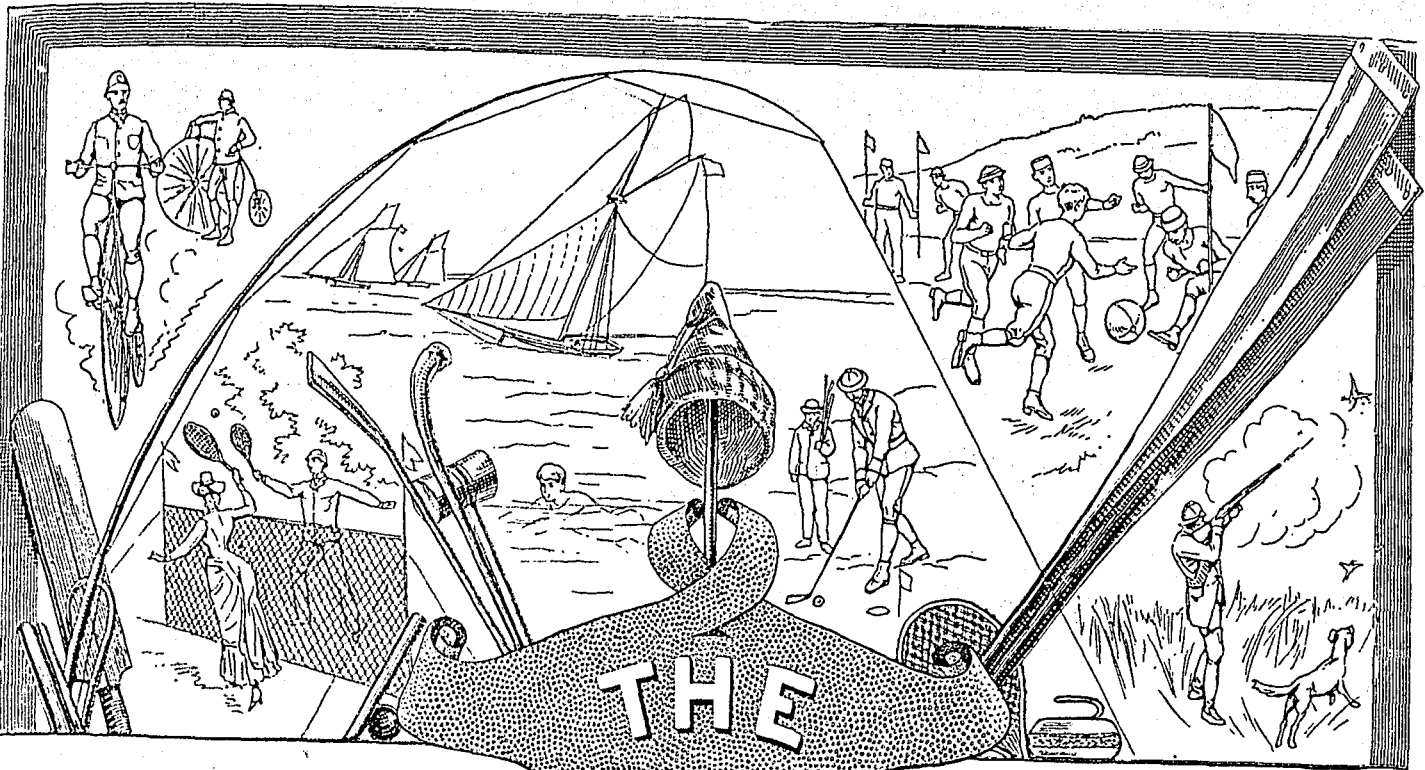
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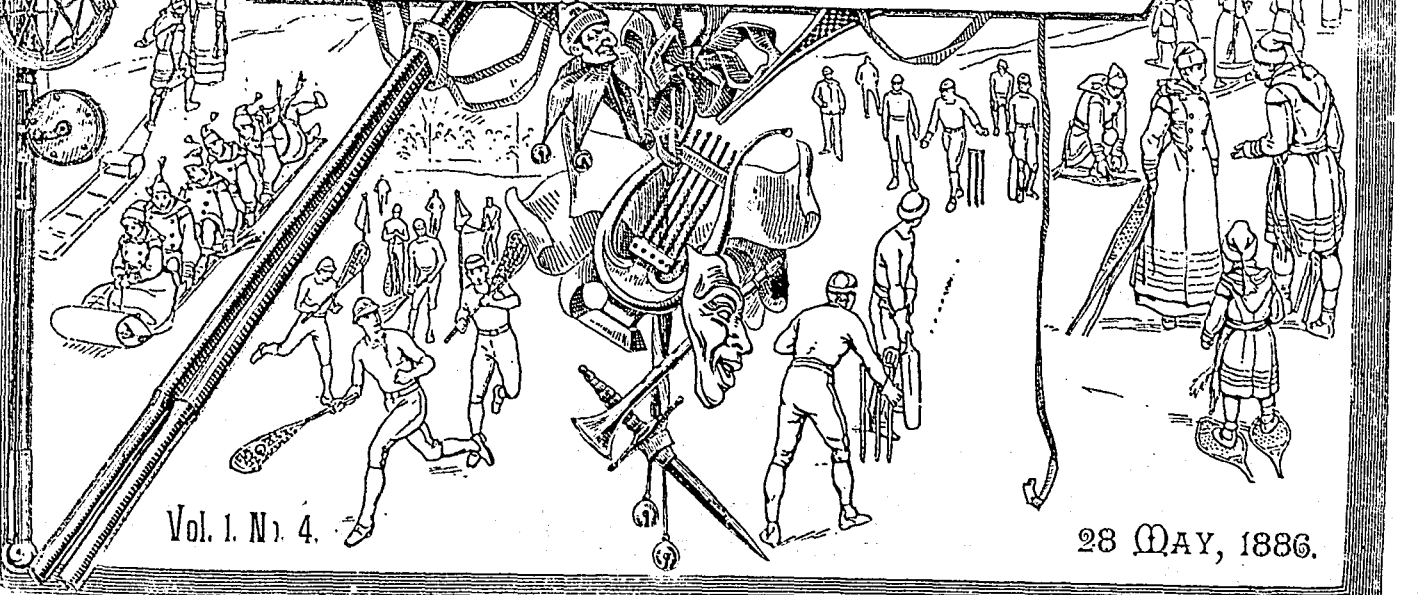
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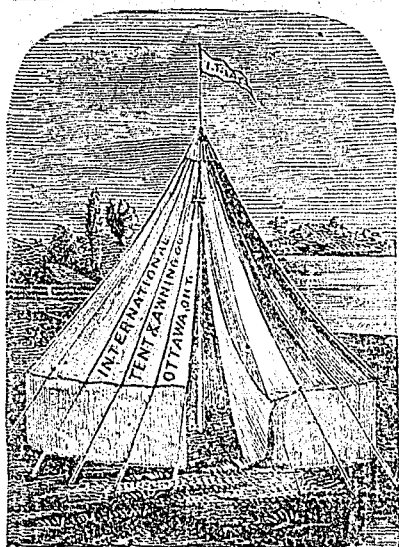
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THE WHEEL.

Bicycling has a position of its own among sports. Intrinsicly, it is no more a sport than walking,—of which it is a development. Some men with a fatiguing amount of brain tell us that men were painfully free from that possession a few ages ago. But every cloud has its silver lining; and if our remote ancestor was somewhat deficient in mental activity, he was far ahead of us in the use of his limbs. If his conception of Home Rule was primitive compared to that which flashes and coruscates with dazzling variability in the electric cranium of the nineteenth century,—it was at any rate enforced by a hairy biceps and a set of undecayed incisors. Not a solitary specimen could have been found capable of traversing the *pons asinorum*, but any ape not positively imbecile could have told you how to cross a river by the aid of firm hands and lithe bodies and the flexible tails that they were not then ashamed to wear. For a few million years—according to the latest chronology—man

was satisfied with his new mental acquisition, like a child with a new toy. Walking humbly under the trees that he was wont to climb like a squirrel, he was too far gone to regret even his departed tail. But a day came when he could no longer hide from himself the fact that—with all his many ounces of cerebrum and cerebellum—he was a very slow coach compared to his contemporaries and his former self. What was to be done? It would take too long to get back to the caudal and quadrumanous age. Could he, then, imitate the lost appendage and swing himself from tree to tree as of old? True, he had replaced his degenerate ivories with porcelain and gold; he had even patched his broken skull with platinum. But his experience of manufactured feet and hands would not justify him in trusting his now unwieldy frame to an artificial tail; besides which, he had been now for some time in the habit of wearing clothes,—with pockets opening upwards,—the whole style of which would be revolutionized by any such corporeal change.

In short, there was only one thing left for man to do, and that was to invent the bicycle. So he invented it.

The process was not sudden, nor was it simple. A hundred and seven years ago a Paris newspaper mentioned an arrangement of three wheels, in the midst of which a man could sit and shove himself along. This thing was called a "*velocipède*," and weighed about a hundred pounds. Presently, in 1816, a certain Baron, who was also landscape gardener to the Grand Duke of Baden, put two wheels tandem and sat on the yoke between them; and later on, some one forestalled the "Otto" of our own day by placing two great wheels side by side and sitting on the connecting axle,—still shoving! It was not until 1865

that a French mechanic named Lallement produced a three-wheeled machine propelled by cranks and pedals,—though a similar vehicle was entered in the British Patent Office in 1862. We all remember those bone-shakers, and what a craze there was to ride them! But the era of clumsy three-wheelers was short. In 1869 two Parisians made a "bicycle" with the large wheel in front, and with all its parts of metal. When the bicycle was furnished with rubber tyres and saddle springs it became to all intents and purposes what it is now. But what numberless improvements have been made, and are being made every day! It is only a few years since we were riding one of those massive affairs built by Stassen, a London engineer,—solid metal, every bit of it. And, thanks to the splendid workmanship of the maker, we have covered 105 miles of road between breakfast and supper. But what a test of endurance was a *hill* in those days! And now—why, everything about a bicycle, from felloe and spoke to the very step, is hollow, hollow, hollow. It is now reckoned that there are about 175,000 riders in Britain, 50,000 on this continent, and 75,000 elsewhere. There are about 200 makers, turning out some 500 styles of machines.

The usefulness of the bicycle—and of the tricycle, now that it has been rid of superfluous weight—goes without saying. We published last week an instance of its value in pastoral visitation; and if a clergyman has the courage to adopt such an unconventional method, no one need fear the loss of "dignity" involved. As a matter of fact, policemen on their beat and letter-carriers in country parts have already adopted the "prince of steeds." And of the healthiness of cycling we are not afraid to speak, although some overcareful per-

sons paint a death's head hovering over this as well as every other noble pastime. It is true that weak backs may not be strengthened by long periods in a small saddle; a man who does not know any better may cramp his chest by leaning forward and using short handles; and there are minor inconveniences incurred equally by the rider of horse and of bicycle. But, taking it as a whole, we have little fault to find with the enthusiastic physician who says:—"Cycling is the most perfect form of exercise known; every muscle, every nerve, every capillary, is called into play—gently, moderately or violently, at the will of the rider." We take no notice of the vague complaint of "dangerousness." If a man "flies" down a hill of which he cannot see or does not know the bottom, he incurs a risk of disaster; but, with ordinary common-sense, it is about as safe to ride a bicycle as to stay at home. In fact, as Mark Twain would say,—if he hadn't said something very like it already,—statistics show that far more people die in their beds than by pitching off bicycles, so sensible people had better get up early and go wheeling.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Bass and Maskinonge may not be caught before the 15th of June.

Col. Harwood, the venerable D. A. G. of the 6th military district, at least his beard makes him look venerable,—sang last Sunday in Notre Dame Church, Montreal, the same piece that he had sung just fifty years before, when a boy of eleven.

The remark may seem incongruous, but the above piece of news irresistibly connected itself in our mind with an announcement of another kind that comes from the States. This is that the yacht "America," which carried off the Queen's Trophy to a foreign shore some twenty years ago, is still in existence. As if that were not audacity enough, she is being "fixed" by her owner, the redoubtable General Ben Butler, in order to do battle this year with the yachts that will meet the "Galatea."

Volunteers do not care, in these days of rush and worry, about sacrificing their few holidays to military parades. There was not a single review of any consequence from one end of Canada to the other, on the Queen's Birthday. But that does not signify any lack of *esprit de corps*,—for the volunteers had many an organized jaunt and excursion.

The most notable, and that which had most of an official character, was the review of the 65th on the Champ de Mars, Montreal,—that old poplar-fringed plateau behind the Court House and City Hall, where the armies of the Iroquois, and then of France, of Britain, of Britain's rebellions eldest daughter, and of the daughter who is still proud to wear the old name,—where all these have in turn been mustered.

Some of the circumstances which lent lustre to the ceremony, doubtless, had a personal cause.

Lady Middleton is a Montreal French-Canadian, and Sir Frederick was of course interested in a regiment recruited from that section of our fellow countrymen. The presence of a Canadian Commander-in-Chief at a review, after his coming has been heralded in the papers, is about as problematical as the fulfilment of their respective fixtures by Sims Reeves, Mr. Spurgeon, or that great oarsman, Courtney.

But there were plenty of good reasons why the 65th should be honoured, of all the regiments and fragments of regiments that covered heathen distances in the infinite North West last year, none deserved better of their country than the Frenchmen, who left Montreal amid disheartening criticism and half-sneering scepticism. The fortune of war ordained that the Midlanders and 90th and Grenadiers should capture Batoche, and the Queen's Own hold Poundmaker at bay, and that the 65th should have a comparatively slight baptism of fire. But what they missed in glory they made up in hard work. Their long marches up from Calgary to Edmonton, down the river to Fort Pitt, up and down in that region dancing attendance on Big Bear, then away to Beaver River and back again, added to those atrocious "gaps" on the Canadian Pacific, made a campaign worth speaking of. No one who saw those gallant little fellows trudging through bog and brush to the lively strains of "Brigadier" or "La Marseillaise," only stopping now and then to drag guns and waggons through creeks where horses failed, will ever lose his admiration for their soldierly qualities. The medals that were pinned on the breasts of the 65th Battalion on Monday represent perhaps the hardest work of the campaign.

The trial fours of the Lachine Rowing Club comes off on the 12th June, the entries close on the 28th inst., and the crews will be picked by the captain on Saturday. There will in all probability be nine crews competing, and the contest for the medals is sure to be a close one. The men have all been rowing since some days, and will be in good form when the race is rowed. Those who wish to enjoy an afternoon of good aquatic sport, had better take the train to Lachine on the 12th of June, and witness the event. The crews will commence regular practice on Monday, until their "personnel" is known. No idea can be formed as to final results.

Among other excursions on Queen's Birthday was one from Montreal to Lachine, when a considerable number of the city volunteers, the Royal Scots, forming a large contingent, participated in the sports and entertainment got up by the 11th Battalion (Argenteuil Rangers) in aid of their Helmet fund. On arriving there, the Scots marched through the town to the music of their pipers, and their picturesque garb and soldierly bearing excited general admiration. The residents of Lachine turned out in large numbers to welcome the visitors, and the little town was gaily decorated with bunting. An enterprising townsman Mr. Hope, made himself conspicuous by his unremitting courtesy. All then repaired to Mr. Barron's pleasant grove where the sports were held and the long programme was entered on at an early hour.

The sports were under the direction of Capt. Hood, of the Royal Scots, who carried out his part thoroughly well. Among the judges were Colonel Fletcher, Captain Clapham, of the Cavalry, Captain "Gatling" Howard, U. S. A., Major Dudderidge, and Mr. Barron and several officers of the various Montreal corps were also present on the ground. The Rangers were well represented by officers and men, and their splendid physique was much commented on. There is no doubt that with a good course of training such a Battalion as the 14th could be made second to none in the Dominion, but of course in this respect they are placed at great disadvantages as compared with their more fortunate city comrades.

The greatest interest centred in the tug-of-war contest. The Rangers had issued a challenge to

all-comers, and the Royal Scots and 6th Fusiliers promptly picked up the glove, but in turn were defeated by the brawny Argenteuilers. An exhibition of the tug-of-war on cleats and platform by the Scots team was much admired.

The spring four oared races of the Ottawa Rowing Club held on Saturday, were the best ever yet held under the auspices of that club. There were five crews competing, as given in the last issue. As there were only two club four oared boats available for the occasion, the race had to be rowed in heats, and drawing resulted in Mr. Nash's crew having to row against Barrett's in the first heat. Both crews got away together, and rowed neck and neck down the course, until within a hundred yards of the finish when Nash's crew made a big spurt, and came in about half a length ahead. In the next race Johnston's crew was matched against May's, and it was a foregone conclusion that Johnston would win as his was considered the strongest crew competing, in fact just before the race betting was even then against the field, but the result was another lesson against betting on the favorite. At the word go Johnston got away first, and after rowing about three hundred yards had fully two lengths of a lead, then the bow began to weaken, and the rudder having been rendered useless by an accident, the boat began to turn and finally came straight across the river leaving May winner by several lengths. The next race was between Nache's crew, the winner of the first race, and Sutherland's who had drawn the bye, Sutherland for the first half of the race when the others came up to, and finally passed them just before the end. There was nearly a foul here, and there surely would have been one had not Sutherland stopped to avoid it, and there was some talk of having it rowed over, but the referee gave the race to Nash, and the final heat was postponed until Tuesday, when May and Nash meet for the final tug. The result was a beautiful race, though rowed in "half a gale" of wind. There was not half a length between the crews from start to finish, but Nash was again victorious, and his crew carried off the pewters.

The senior crew will commence practice on Wednesday afternoon, and will be as follows:—A. Y. May, bow; A. E. Nash, No. 2; W. J. Johnston, No. 3; J. O'Connor, stroke.

The junior crew has not yet been chosen, but there is no doubt, but that the Ottawa Club will send a junior crew to Lachine.

Hanlan is charmed with the acceptance of his challenge by Beach. The race will be rowed on the Thames course and Hanlan will leave for London when he gets through his present programme, namely about the end of the first week in July. His present arrangements are: The Toronto regatta June 4 and 5, and his Quebec matches. Gaudaur would like very much to have a try at the Australian, and says if he beats Teemer at Pullman on June 12, he will go to England with Hanlan.

The Toronto Yacht club have opened their cruising season by a trip across the lake. The yachts which took part are: The Cygnet, Escape, Rivet, Guinivere, Mischief and Bonita. On their homeward tack they touched Hamilton and Oakville. The weather was perfect for sailing and the Toronto yachtsmen enjoyed their holiday outing immensely. The Cygnet has been re-furnished and is one of the most complete yachts on the inland lakes. The Rivet is still to the fore though she is one of the oldest yachts on the lake. The rig of the Escape has been changed from yawl and she will now be sailed as a cutter, all canvass possible being laid aboard.

The Winnipeg Rowing Club holds its spring regatta on the 24th inst. Eight club fours have been picked, and will compete for the pewters. There will also be a double scull race, and one between the senior and junior fours of the club.

St. John's College, Winnipeg, sports have been timed for the 21st, those of Manitoba College for the 26th, and on the 29th the Intercollegiate games will be held.

The grey gelding Felix, three years old, by Ponso out of Lucy Lisle, second dam Ella Jackson by Lightning, third dam by Imp. Yorkshire, has arrived in town from Kentucky. The gelding is the property of William Owen; and will be a great addition to the city racing stock.

On Tuesday evening last a delightful evening concert was given in Bradburn's Opera House, under the auspices of the Peterborough Amateur Athletic Association. The affair was exceptionally well managed, and all the entertainments which the association has given. Prof. Parker, organist and choir master at St. Paul's Church, had charge of the programme, and the one he presented was worthily appreciated. The specialties were the singing of Miss Clara Stephenson, of Guelph, Mr. Thomas Dunn, of Peterborough, and a choral singing of forty well trained voices. In addition to this, solos were given by Mr. Manning, Miss Logan, Miss Stevens, and Mr. Geall, all of Peterborough. Each of the soloists was well received, and the concert was well patronized by the elite of the town.

The Peterboro' Boating Club scored a point on delinquent members a short time ago. Quite a number were found to be considerably in arrears for racing rent. Failing to collect the amounts due, the club resolved to seize the crafts for security. This was promptly done, and the canoes and other boats were securely locked up in the old boat house, pending payment of arrearages.

There is a crack shot among the members of the Peterboro' Gun Club. His name is Mr. Tivey. At last regular meet he showed what he was made of. Ten birds were propelled from the trap, every one of which he gracefully broke while on the wing.

The Peterborough A. A. A. celebrated the Queen's Birthday by giving a fine programme of sports. Their always neat grounds looked exceedingly pretty,—the bright green grass was close shaven to the utmost evenness, encircled by the smoothly rolled cinder path. The day was exhilarating. The following contestants were successful in the respective events:—Wm. Paekenhum, throwing cricket ball, 85 ft.; J. Morris, 100 yards race, time, 10½ secs.; W. J. King, Lindsay, high jump, 4 ft. 9 in.; H. B. Carter, running long jump, 16 ft. 5 in.; A. W. Barnhart, Ottawa, 440 yards race, open, time, 56½ secs.; H. A. Dean, two mile bicycle race, time, 8 mins. 7½ secs.; A. Millar, 220 yards race, for boys; 100 yards race, open, time 10½ secs.; C. W. Orde, mile race, time, 5 mins. 22½ secs.; W. J. King, 120 yards hurdle race, time, 17½ secs.; G. F. Orde, 440 yards race, time 57½ secs.; A. W. Barnhart, mile race, open, time, 5 mins. 15½ secs.; H. A. Dean, fancy bicycle riding; G. F. Orde, 220 yards race, time, 25 secs.; F. Micht, five mile bicycle race, time, 21 mins. 33 secs.

The spring meet at the Driving Park Peterboro' took place on 24th May. The races were all capital, especially the running race, and the hurdle race. There was a field of seven horses in the former and four in the latter. Scott Act, a cream gelding, owned by J. H. O'Neil, of Port Hope, won first place in both; though the competition was keen between the winner and Greybird, owned by J. E. McIntyre, which took second in both; the best mile was made in 2.01½. Fannie B., of Peterborough, won the open trot, with Maud B., of Lindsay, second. The best mile was made in 2.48. Lady Tariff, of Cobourg, won the three minute trot, her best time being 2.59½. There were about two thousand people on the grounds.

A nine sent to Lindsay by the Peterborough Baseball Club, were defeated by the Lindsays on the 24th, by a score of 7 to 4. A return match will be played soon.

Brockville thinks she might turn out some good runners if she had a cinder path. And why not?

Commodore Richards and Mr. F. M. Turner left Brockville on Friday evening, 21st inst., to attend the canoe camp at Knapp's point.

Messrs. Jenkins, Mothersill and Harrison, of the Ottawa Bicycle Club, arrived at the St. Lawrence Hall, Brockville, on Sunday evening 23rd, at 8 o'clock, having ridden in from Smith's Falls, (35 miles,) having gone 5 miles out of their way in mistake. They left Ottawa Saturday morning early, and rode to Smith's Falls that day, leaving there Sunday after dinner, and left Brockville at 9 a.m. on 24th for Prescott, (dinner), Spencer-ville and home.

They are forming a western Lawn Tennis Association at St. Thomas.

It is a pity that tennis is hampered in some places—notably in Montreal,—by the lack of gardens. Four walls, a shed and a clothes line are the average out-door appurtenances provided by the Montreal builder.

The Cornwall Lawn Tennis Club is in full swing again, with two courts on excellent turf, and the season has opened with a match between married and single ladies. Miss Archibald and Miss Pettit beat Mrs. Moren and Mrs. Mackenzie, the score being 6-1, 8-6.

The Ottawa Base Ball Club will play the Kingston Club, on the 29th.

The members of the civil service of Manitoba held a meeting on Saturday afternoon to organize an athletic association. A constitution was adopted, the first clause providing that the name shall be "The Civil Service Athletic Club." These officers were elected: President, C. A. Saddleir; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Dundas; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Bourdeau; Sec.-Treas., G. Graburn; Executive Committee, Messrs. Black, Bureau and Johnson. It is the intention of the club to devote themselves to all athletic amusements—base ball, cricket, rowing, rifle shooting, etc., and they are entering into the affair with a zeal which ensures success.

At St. Andrews, Scotland, an interesting Golf match was played between Willie Campbell, Musselburgh, and Jamie Morris, St. Andrews. This is the third time these players have met; the previous games resulting in a win each. Two rounds of the links were played, and it was not till the last hole that Campbell won by a single put. The aggregate number of strokes for both rounds was the same for each man, viz:—

Campbell 90 and 97 total 187.
Morris 92 and 95 " 187.

The performance at Halifax, of the Wanderer's Amateur Theatricals on the 18th, were an undoubted success as a dramatic performance, but the house, while well filled down stairs, was disappointing in the galleries, and as a result the entertainment will net only about two hundred dollars. Where the acting was all round so good, it would be hard with one exception, to pick out the stars, but one performer, Mr. Fuller, shone out with particular brilliance. His acting was finished in every particular, and his performance of the difficult role of Cheviot Hill, while surprising and delighting the audience in general, elicited high encomiums from those who had seen "engaged" performed in London, and drew from them most favorable comparisons with that of the actor playing that part there. Of the ladies Mrs. Morrison's clear enunciation, and careful acting showed that she had studied hard, and that she had no mean histrionic talent to start with. Miss Phelan, daughter of American Consul General Phelan, of Fishery fame, in a small soubrette part fairly won the hearts of the audience with her bonnie face and winsome smile, while her easy grace showed that she was of the manor born. Of the other performers it is only necessary to say that they were admirably suited to their roles, and that they filled them well; of the performance, as a whole, that it was even throughout, and without a hitch. A new

feature for Halifax was introduced on this occasion, namely amateur ushers in red and black cricket coats. They gave great satisfaction, and served admirably to connect the performance with the Wanderers.

Gananoque Yacht Races: The Prizes on Queen's Birthday were as follows:—second class boats, \$20 and \$10; third class boats, \$25, \$15 and \$8; sailing skiffs without centre boards or rudders, \$8, \$5 and \$3.

In Toronto the Queen's day was a perfect one for the enjoyment of out-door amusements and games. The baseball matches were perhaps the best patronized and the new grounds were opened under the most favourable of auspices, the home team winning three matches on Saturday and Monday. The Rochesterers were their opponents, and the Toronto nine took ample vengeance for the whitewashing the Rochesterers bestowed upon them a few weeks ago. The games were close and the excitement in the crowd intense. As long as the men play straight there seems to be every prospect of the players retaining the confidence which the people have in their ability to win their matches.

The Binghamton *Republican* says: "It is asked if we are in favor of Sunday ball playing. Not by any means. Pride in the Binghamton team rebels at the possibility of their being defeated more than six days in a week."

Baseball is a fine game—a very fine game in some respects—and if only it could be kept free from professionalism we should not care much about the craze which has spread to Ontario from the States. But when the sporting editor of the Hamilton *Spectator* loses sight of everything but the sport of the moment, and calls baseball "the national game," we feel inclined to nudge him and ask him to open his eyes.

Though we suppose it comes natural for an opposition journalist to scent a "job" in a government appointment, we must say there seems a good deal of justice in the criticisms of Dr. Bergin's appointment as surgeon-general. Without agreeing to the generalization, we cannot but think that sometimes—to use the words of a contemporary—"Promotion in the Canadian militia depends greatly on a glib tongue, and favour goes further than fighting."

The Township of Westmeath, in Renfrew County, has a baseball club which is arranging its annual demonstration for the 6th of August.

The sportsman who is weary of commonplace game,—on whom even the moose and the buffalo do pall,—may now turn to the plump amphibian that makes our swamps vocal every evening. Frogs' legs bring 75 cents a pound in New York, and the Canadian soloist is preferred.

There have been received, to stock Chats Lake, Ont., 300,000 young white fish and 100,000 salmon trout from the Government Hatchery at Newcastle. The fry have been distributed through the bays and among the islands, and seem likely to thrive.

AN INTERESTING TRIP.

The picturesque Chateaugay River was the route selected for the Annual Queen's Birthday Cruise of the Lake St. Louis Canoe Club; thirty-four hardy paddlers with their canoes, turned up at the Bonaventure depot on Saturday afternoon in response to the circular which had been issued by the officers of the club, and soon were steaming along towards Huntingdon, whiling away the time with song and the reminiscences of former cruises. The reception at Huntingdon was of the most cordial and hospitable character, and in the evening what with roller skating, etc., the boys managed to have a royal time. At nine o'clock, Sunday morning, the little fleet of 16 canoes with ensigns flying and looking very trim, started on their 60 miles trip home; the popular Commodore leading with his well-known

paddle all day "stroke" and the rear Commodore in his racy little craft the "No-Komis," acting as whipper-in. The weather was beautiful and every one seemed in good spirits. One bend and then another of the pretty winding river with its wooded banks, with here and there a meadow, and the order is given to prepare for the first rapid; one by one then the canoes are dexterously guided through rocks and waves, until the cheery voice of rear Commodore announces "all up and safely." The next obstacle however proved more serious, and in fact disastrous. The river is divided into two gates by a small Island, one of these is impassable and the other filled with stones, with a narrow torrent as a channel; down this the experienced Commodore with difficulty and many bumps manages to get his canoe, three others get through safely, but the fourth canoe plunges down right on the rocks and is dashed to pieces, while the occupants are plunged into the foaming rapid; in a minute 20 willing hands are to the rescue, and soon all are safe on shore, but the craft is a complete wreck; the remainder are more prudent and "portage" their light canoes. A halt is made below the "cataract" and having set things to right, the fleet is off again; and after a further halt for lunch at Dewittville, make a start for St. Martine, which is reached after five hours of steady work and without any further mishaps. The genial proprietor of the St. Martine Hotel although somewhat puzzled as to how he is going to provide for the thirty-four *hungry and tired* stalwarts, welcomes them with genuine cordiality, and soon manages to provide an ample supper which is much appreciated. Then begins the difficult task of dividing up sleeping accommodation, which causes no end of amusement, many sleeping on Buffalo robes, others on top of tables, while the last arrival, the rear Commodore and his mate are provided for in the nursery, and put in a good night's rest among the "babes." Early next morning, the boys are got ready for the start which is effected about 8.30. Three cheers having previously been given for the Queen in honor of the 24th, the weather still continued superb; and at every turn of the river the scenery stands out in many new and pretty aspects, while the little fleet of canoes all gayly decked with flags presents a charming contrast, and creates much excitement among the inhabitants who rush down to the bank and cheer the voyageurs to the echo. A couple of "portages" and about noon the travellers reach the second "cataract" about six miles from Chateauguay. With dexterous handling the canoes all safely make the leap, and two only upset, which gives rise to much amusement and good natured chaff. After short delay to enable the unfortunates to get dry clothes, &c., a fresh start is made, and after successfully going through four rapids the fleet arrives safely at the mouth of the river and head across Lake St. Louis towards Lachine. A stiff North wind had just sprung up and the waves on the lake were running high; the paddlers, however, went at it with renewed energy, and with a steady sweep propelled their little craft over the angry waters. After about an hour and a half hard work the fleet got across to Lachine, and under the lee of the shore ran into the boat house, having accomplished the distance in about fourteen hours actual paddling. The boys on landing were greeted with cheers, and although soaked through, a little tired, and very much sun burnt, they certainly looked the picture of vigorous health, and none the worse for their trip. The whole journey was most enjoyable and marked with many pleasing occurrences and most amusing and ridiculous positions; all seemed sorry it was so soon over. The occasion will long live in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be numbered among the party as a most festive one.

COMING.

We are glad to announce that just as we are going to press the following cablegram has been received from the Fish Lacrosse team:

BELFAST, May 27th:—

Expect us in August.

MACKENZIE.

Boys, get ready!

OUR NATIONAL GAME.

"A word to the wise is always sufficient," and never was the correctness of this saying proven better than at the return match between the Caughnawagas and Montrealers which took place on the Queen's Birthday. I have never seen an Indian match played through in better humor. With exception of one or two very slight ebullitions of temper, which are just worth mentioning, nothing occurred to mar the enjoyment of the game. The Montrealers are to be congratulated and the Indians complimented, on being able to give such a gentlemanly exhibition of Lacrosse, while the echoes of the recent blood thirsty combat were still ringing in their ears, and the various incidental cuts, bruises and black eyes making themselves painfully evident. With my apologies to the *Gazette*, I say let us have another match between Montrealers and Caughnawagas, and as soon as possible. A number of the dusky Iroquois beauties of Caughnawaga were conspicuous on the grand stand, and it was possibly their presence that inspired the red man to better behaviour. The thanks of the community are due to a prominent official of the Montreal club for this unexpected pleasure. I learn that he visited Caughnawaga, paid his respects to almost every family in the village, and exercised his well-known persuasive eloquence so successfully, that a large number of Indian matrons and maidens accepted his invitation and came over for the match.

The Montrealers put forward the following team. Norman, goal; Elliott, point; Cameron, cover; Drysdale, Fraser and Carlind, defence field; D. Patterson, centre; Geraghty and MacNaughton, homefield; and Paton, Hodgson and Grant, home.

Cleghorn, Sheppard and Gorman who played in the last match were replaced by Drysdale, Paton and Hodgson; Urquhart was again the spare, and Learmonth, captain.

The Indian team was a stronger one than the last, consisting of F. Hamrocks, A. Beauvois, L. Hamrocks, M. LeFebvre, J. Phillips, Louis Belle, Cross the River, Thos. Jocks, Moses Daillebont, Dominique, Leclair and Michel Daillebont. They are a much heavier, stronger team than the Montrealers and as they walked on to the field looked as if they would be very hard to beat.

Over half an hour after advertised time, John Lewis, the Referee, gave the word and in 3½ minutes Dominique sent the ball through, getting in a hard side shot from within a few feet of the poles. The play was quick and nervous and was confined chiefly to the vicinity of the Montreal goal. Norman got several chances to show what goal keeping talent he possessed and proved that he is by no means a bad 'un.

Five minutes interval and they are at it again, the Montrealers for the first time this year showing evidence of being able to play a team game. Patterson, Geraghty, Macnaughton and Paton made some beautiful passing almost immediately after the face, and worked the ball in a most systematic manner down on the Indian flags, where Grant was doing his duty on the goal keeper. Hodgson was placed in the proper spot, uncovered, the ball was passed to him and—he muffed it. Had I been able to write "he caught it and sent it through," the game would have been the prettiest on record. This little piece of combination work seemed to steady both teams; and the play throughout the remainder of the game was very good and at times really excellent. After 17 minutes the Montrealers scored, Hodgson sending a long beautiful drop over from behind, and Grant doing the useful as it fell.

The Montrealers out-played their opponents in this game, notably toward the end, when the play centred at the Indian goal. Patterson, Geraghty and Carlind did the bulk of the field work. Fraser as usual hovering on the outskirts of the scuffles and getting his reward, as he generally does, in a liberal allowance of the rubber and lots of space to spread himself over.

Some day some one will get "on to" Fraser and check him, and he won't know what's happened to him. Norman was a much better goal this match, than when I first saw him. He had not a great deal to do, but he was called upon often enough to make it evident that he can fill the position. Elliott was more at home as point than he was when in the field, he kept well out from the goal, thus giving the goal keeper a fair chance, and making the defence an open one, which to my mind is the proper game to play.—I am sorry Cleghorn was not in town to see how it works.

Cameron played a good game on Dominique, but unfortunately, considered it necessary on two occasions to show bad temper and needlessly and unjustly swiped the Indian across the head. I have no excuse for any one who strikes Dominique on purpose. He is, I think, the most graceful, and one of the very best Lacrosse players in existence, and it is a shame to try to check him by any other than fair means.

Macnaughton was good but not so conspicuous as in the last match, perhaps because the others showed up better. Hodgson was very uncertain, made one or two very bad misses and seemed inclined to play away from instead of into the goal. Paton played his old game, no better, no worse, and that means that he was a busy man on the home. If I might offer a suggestion I'd tell him to tighten the top of his stick and he then wouldn't bounce so many balls over the top of the poles. Grant played energetically as of old and did a lot of checking but missed a number of chances by being in too big a hurry. Drysdale showed up well and proved that he is made of good stuff by getting the better of Louis Hamrock twice in succession.

In the third game one of the Indians dropped out on account of "sickness," and Drysdale retired to equalise matters. I'd like to have seen more of the latter's playing, as what he did get a chance to do was done well. The Indian captain made a huge mistake in this game, sending Leclair to play point and bringing Beauvois down to inside home. This weakened the Indians' defence, they couldn't get the ball away from their goal, and in two minutes Macnaughton made it unnecessary for them to try.

No time was allowed for refreshments, the men with exception of Beauvois and Leclair immediately changed ends, and the fourth and final game proceeded. It was nearly all defence for the Indians, and although they prolonged it for twelve minutes, it was hopeless from the start. The Montrealers played beautifully together, especially in the field, and scored the winning game by a swipe out of a hot scrimmage around the poles.

The Montreal team is now in good shape, with Cleghorn and Sheppard on the defence, that portion is all right. The fielders have proved themselves to be in perfect order, and this match has no doubt shown the home that all they lack is steadiness. I think we'll call it "three straight" for the 24th.

The Shamrocks also played a Caughnawaga team on Monday, but such a poor team that to comment on the play is almost useless. The ex-champions won three straight games, then played a fourth and lost it. The match is chiefly interesting on account of it's solving to some extent the mystery surrounding the Shamrock players for this year. Their team was Prior, goal; Cregan, point; Morton, cover; McGuire, McKeown and Devine, defence field; John Canadian, centre; Ahern and O'Kielly, home field; and Tansy, Crowe and Lennan, home; Tom Meehan, captain. Prior, I thought, was a sure fixture in Ottawa. Cregan has been such a "will o' the wisp" lately that it wasn't safe to locate him anywhere, unless you drew a circle embracing Ottawa, Cornwall and Montreal,—then you had him. Morton has immortalized himself. He is the fattest lacrosse player living, and if McKeown hangs out much longer, he will achieve

fame as the oldest. And yet he has the cheek to get out and play about the best game on the field.

John Canadian, the centre field is a new departure. He is a son of 'Big John,' of Caughnawaga, and is the only Amateur Indian Lacrosse player I know of. He is a clever gentlemanly young fellow, lately returned from Liverpool, where he held an important position in a shipping office, and where he also played point on the Liverpool Lacrosse team, a team that then held the North of England Championship. He may prove an acquisition to the Shamrocks as a player, but I doubt it. He is a little "English you know" in his playing.

'Punsey (a new name on the team, but not a new one in the club,) won't do, but Crowe and Lennan, from what I saw of their playing, are rattlers.

McGuire, Devine, Ahern and O'Reilly are playing pretty well, but the quality of the opposition gave me no chance to judge any one fairly.

Still I think the Shamrocks are not by any means out in the cold. They have a couple more strings to their bow—dark horses they call them in Cornwall—and I leave them with a little mystery still clinging, just to humor them.

Brockville certainly has reason to be proud of her Lacrosse clubs. On the "Queen's Birthday" two matches took place there, one between the Brockville Juniors and the Ottawas; and the other between the Brockville Seniors and the Montreal Juniors, both of which were won by the home teams in three straight games. The first match was between the Local Juniors and the Ottawas. The teams being

Brockville Juniors		Ottawas	
Dresser.....	goal	St. Denis	goal
Robinson.....	point	Reid	point
Rowe.....	cover	Taylor	cover
Bennett.....	defence	Halfpenny	defence
Fillon.....	field	Lons	field
Dadds.....	field	Payne	field
Burns.....	centre	Morrison	centre
McCulloch.....	home	Hennessey	home
Shannon.....	field	Young	field
Hodgins.....	home	DesLaurier	home
Browse.....	field	Cleland	field
A. E. Fitton.....	captain	A. G. Piraway	captain

Mr. Turner of the Brockville Lacrosse Club and Mr. Champion of the Kingston Lacrosse Club officiated as umpires, and Mr. Woods, captain of the Montreal Juniors acted as referee.

The first game lasted 6 1/2 minutes, Hodgins making the winning shot; the second 6 minutes, Shannon putting the ball through, and the third 32 minutes, McCulloch being the lucky man.

The best of the playing was in the last game, Browse's running and McCulloch's shooting being much admired. The play was varied a little by one accident, a foul, and "lost ball" seven times. Especial weakness was exhibited by the Ottawas in catching. A. E. Fitton, the captain of the Brockville team, seemed to have the confidence of his boys, and they worked splendidly under his direction.

The second match which was eagerly looked for was then commenced. The teams strong out as follows.

Brockville		Montreal Juniors	
McBrearty.....	goal	Sheridan	goal
Lacy.....	point	Elliott	point
Browse.....	cover	McDougall	cover
Anderson.....	defence	Graham	defence
Swart.....	field	Patterson	field
Murphy.....	field	Beard	field
Bissonette.....	centre	Wilson	centre
Murray.....	home	McKenzie	home
Edward.....	field	Drysdale	field
O'Keefe.....	field	Cornell	field
Lowe.....	home	Herbert	home
Lennard.....	home	Gauthier	home
Bourke.....	captain	Woods	captain
Morrison.....	umpire	McDougall	umpire
W. J. McHenry.....	referee	B. C. L.	referee

At 3:38 the ball was faced and in two minutes Brockville, through the agency of O'Keefe, scored. "Play" was called at 3:47 and in one minute the Brockville sticks were again in the air. At 3:57 the 3rd game was started and in three quarters of a minute the Brockvilles had won the match. Three and three quarter minutes for three games beats the record, the shortest previous match

heard of, being, Torontos vs. Shamrocks for championship in Montreal on October 2nd., 1880, when Toronto won in a second or two under five minutes. These short matches are seldom a fair test of teams, but certainly in this match the Brockvilles seemed to have the Montreal boys at their mercy, and it will be a forcible lesson to the latter. They are possibly out-classed in competing against Brockville, but they certainly should not on that account go into the contest almost entirely unpracticed.

Walker, Robinson, Reid and Mills, four of Kingston's best players, have, it is said, joined the "Capitals" of Ottawa and the Peterboro club have "secured" Ditchburn, formerly of the Brockville Lacrosse Club and lately of the "Capitals," as well as three or four players from Toronto. I haven't heard what the inducements in each of these removals were, but I have no doubt that it must be substantial consideration that causes this annual restlessness among amateur (?) Lacrosse players.

The first match in the championship series took place in Toronto on Monday, the Torontos and Ontarios being the contestants. The contest was a straggling, long drawn out affair, and remarkable chiefly for the number of casualties caused by vicious checking. There is no war so fierce as a civil one, nor is Lacrosse ever marred so successfully as when two strong local teams face each other. The players were

Torontos		Ontarios	
T. Mills.....	goal	J. Clewes	goal
W. Bonnell.....	point	D. Clark	point
S. Martin.....	cover	M. McGovern	cover
J. Drynan.....	defence	D. Hall	defence
N. McIar.....	field	R. McPherson	field
E. Conlon.....	field	A. Adamson	field
F. Dixon.....	centre	T. Crown	centre
J. A. McDonald.....	home	G. M. Rose	home
Joe Irving.....	field	E. Foley	field
C. A. McHenry.....	field	E. H. Gerry	field
R. Eckhardt.....	home	D. Small	home
A. Stow.....	home	A. Martin	home
W. Logan.....	captain	D. A. Rose	captain
The umpires are Captain Tom Brown and T. Dexter, the referee Chas. Varcoe.			

The first game lasted five minutes, and was won by Toronto, Irving making a carom off Clark's leg, after some clever passing between himself and Eckhardt. The play was very even, both goals being continually threatened, and a large number of scuffles and scrimmages indulged in, all over the field.

The second game was a trying one to the patience of the spectators, lasting with its various interruptions, an hour and forty minutes. Occasionally some of the players of both sides would exhibit a little lacrosse, but, as a rule the checking was too savage to admit of it. The play was almost entirely a defensive one for the Ontarios; they massed their men in the goal, making it almost impossible to find an opening. Only once was a really sure thing offered, and the Toronto home missed it. In spite of the crowded goal, however, a number of shots found their way to Clewes, the Ontario goal keeper, and his good stopping alone saved the game. He was injured twice, and the time taken to repair him was perhaps necessary, but looks to me like clever generalship on the part of the Ontarios, whose team was beginning to feel the effects of the determined onslaught on its defence. Finally a desperate effort of the Ontarios carried the ball to the Toronto defence, which had been standing idle for a long time, and had apparently stagnated, a drop by Rose was well turned by Small, and the Ontarios scored.

The third game was very short, lasting a very little over two minutes. Both ends of the field were visited by the ball a couple of times, when Drynan got in a good throw which Eckhardt caught, and with a pretty side shot converted into a goal.

The fourth game had been in progress for some little time, the play being chiefly on the Ontario's flags, when time was called for Bonnell who had an injured knee. After bandaging him

up the play proceeded, and just at what appeared to be a vital moment for the Torontos, Darby Hull got his usual well timed cramp in, and the referee stopped the play. Before Darby was out of his agony, the agreed upon hour to stop had arrived, and the match was declared a draw.

The result of the play goes to show that the Torontos have a very well balanced team. With Hubbell and Garvin on their defence it will be exceptionally strong. The Ontarios are better than they were last year, and while they would perhaps have lost the match, had they played with an open defence, the game would have been a better one, and playing as they did they never had a chance to win. These tactics are very often resorted to by overmatched teams, but they are bad policy, for it is simply prolonging the agony, and had not so much time been wasted in this match, the Ontarios would I am sure have been beaten, and beaten without a chance of winning, simply because they took necessary fielders away from their places to pack the goals, and so rendered their attack inferior in numbers, and consequently in quality, to the defence of the Torontos.

A very large attendance witnessed the match, showing that in spite of the strong baseball feeling that has taken possession of the city, lacrosse has yet interest for a large proportion of the citizens.

The Capital Lacrosse Club of Ottawa opened their season with Athletic games and a Lacrosse match against a team of St. Regis Indians. The Indians walked through them in three straight games. The Capitals are in a bad state over the abduction of their imported "star" Prior, but as their method of raising a team is well known, nobody has any sympathy with them in their misfortunes.

A Cornwall gentleman has written a letter at me, and for fear some of the readers of the News should miss it, I give them the best parts of it.

"Nincompoop—SPECTATOR—Flysheets—CANADIAN ATHLETIC NEWS—Sumburst of intellectuality—Cornwall gentleman—Shattered nervous system—Egotistical pomposity—Wishy washy twaddle—Hysteria—Grossly malicious—Cowardly—Pestiferous crank—Leprous rottenness—Silly vaporings—Egotistical ambition—Jealousy—Foul defamatory attacks—Evil-minded slanderer—Ill scented creature—Fair play—Skunk—Ill scented beast—Ananias—Intolerable wretch—Hatred—Infamous lie—Irresponsible crank—Cowardly lying—Cornwall Lacrosse Club.

Yours, etc., "Fair Play."

The Cornwall Club has beaten a team of St. Regis Indians, three straight games. The Montrealers have beaten a team of Caughnawaga Indians three games to one. The St. Regis Indians hold the championship, having beaten the Caughnawagas—ergo,—the Cornwalls will beat the Montrealers. This is to encourage Cornwall. In the mean time I hope they are keeping the salaries well paid up, and that the cigar store is in good running order, for strikes are fashionable, and one just now would be awkward for Cornwall.

SPECTATOR.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The principal event last Saturday was that between the Montreal and Britannia Rugby teams. Considerable interest centred in the engagement and this was evidenced by the large and enthusiastic attendance who occupied the stands, and the many ladies who watched with evident interest the progress of the game. Play resulted after a fast and decidedly interesting struggle in favor of the champions, by 19 points to six. From start to finish the game was well worth seeing, being brimful of capital pieces of play, and all round the play was much superior to that some of these contests of recent date have been.

Owens's strong and dodgy runs were the feature of the game and to him as well as Hodgson, the wearers of the red and black are indebted in large measure for their victory. Hodgson played with great dash, dropping and tackling most judiciously. Hamilton and Stirling were noticeable for some neat and useful pieces of play, and Campbell, Barton, Cairns and Abbott were the most prominent among a good pack of forwards. The Britannia's during the first half played a capital game and aided by the wind, repeatedly forced a passage within the innermost lines of their opponents. At first, it seemed as if they were about to retrieve their fallen fortunes, but, after Montreal had gained their goal, their play fell considerably, the forwards became disorganized and being but poorly supported by their half backs, Montreal assumed the aggressive during the greater portion of the last period of the game. Arnton was head and shoulders above any of his comrades. His running and well directed punting time and again gaining advantage or relieving the pressure on his "side." Whitelaw again proved himself a very cool and useful full back. Woods, Atwood, Liddle and Young were most noticeable among the front division. The game was most amicably conducted throughout and a very pleasant feature was the utter absence of petty squabbling and mean pieces of play that sometimes have been seen in these encounters. Mr. Taylor, of Ottawa, gave every satisfaction in the trying position of referee.

Some comment is being made on the conduct of a reporter at the match who interjected between his voluminous notes loud shouts of encouragement to what was apparently his favorite club; this gentleman's action seemed most injudicious to say the least of it.

CRICKET.

A more favorable day than Monday for the opening of the cricket season can scarcely be imagined. One of the most important contests, and one in which considerable interest centred was that between.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA,
at Ottawa. The grounds at Rideau Hall were in capital order and the wicket was simply perfection. Montreal won the toss, and elected to bat, and a few minutes after ten o'clock Messrs. Short and Smith took their stand at the wickets. The innings opened disastrously as Short was easily taken at point from the first ball of the match, and without any addition to the score, his partner was clean bowled. Lacey opened his account with a single, followed by a pretty hit for 3, but with the score at 7, Hamilton was smartly disposed of by Palmer. Lacey, continued to hit freely and the total had been increased to 18 before an appeal for c. e. w. cut short his career. Bell and Smythe mated better and runs came freely for a time from both bats. Then the former was grandly held at cover by Campbell, this player having to make a running jump at the ball before he could secure the catch—a piece of fielding for which he was deservedly cheered, 6 for 41. Barton, opened with three singles and then put Coste nicely away for 3—at 47. Smythe was held by Lawrence, and Barton unfortunately run out.—Sills was prettily "thrown out" by Wilson. The remainder only added 8 runs, and the whole team was disposed of shortly before 12 o'clock, for the poor total of 55. Throughout, the fielding of the Ottawa Team, was most creditable. The clean "pick up" and prompt "return" of many of the players being especially noteworthy.

Little and Steele led the home defence, and they at once set to work to overhaul their opponents' total. 23 had been registered before the first named placed one of Sills's softly into Smythe's hands at square leg. J. Brunel came next and steady play ensued. At 30, Steele was taken at the "on" and Wilson, his successor, a few balls later was secured off Lacey, far out. The brothers Brunel made a capital stand, both playing sound steady cricket for their runs. At 41 a

puzzler from Hamilton beat 'Jack' and Coste filled the vacancy. The latter rapidly run up nine by clean hard hitting before Bourgeois uprooted his stump. Campbell played patiently for his 8 and Brophy made things lively during his tenure of the wickets. Geo. Brunel who had batted nicely was at last bowled by Lacey, and none of the others offering any great resistance, the innings terminated for 100 or 45 runs to the good.

Montreal did much better in their second venture. In their first innings, the players seemed completely at sea on the fast wicket, but they improved greatly and mainly through the instrumentality of Lacey, they occupied the wickets during the remainder of the afternoon, scoring 140 with a wicket to spare. Lacey shewed capital defence, neat clean hitting and judicious placing in his excellently compiled 57. He did not give the shadow of a chance. A most enjoyable contest resulted in favor of Ottawa on the first innings by 45 runs. It is to be regretted that these engagements cannot be extended to a couple of days instead of one, as it is almost impossible to complete a couple of innings before a visiting team is compelled to leave in order to catch its train.

During the afternoon, a large number of spectators visited the grounds, and many ladies graced the match with their presence.

MONTREAL.

First Innings.

F. T. Short, c. Little, b. Coste.....	0
J. Smith, b. Coste.....	0
Lacey, l. b. w. b. Coste.....	13
M. Hamilton, stpd Palmer, b. Little.....	0
C. E. Smythe, c. Lawrence, b. Brunel.....	7
B. P. A. Bell, c. Campbell, b. Coste.....	13
P. Barton, run out.....	7
K. J. McLea, run out.....	2
W. F. Sills, thrown out Wilson.....	3
C. A. S. Atwood, b. Coste.....	0
Pourgeois, b. Coste.....	4
L. Hague, not out.....	1
Extras.....	4
Total.....	54

Second Innings.

C. E. Smythe, b. Coste.....	9
L. Hague, b. Coste.....	1
Lacey, c. Steele, b. Little.....	57
B. P. A. Bell, thrown out Wilson.....	42
F. T. Short, c. Geo. Brunel, b. J. Brunel.....	0
Max Hamilton, st. Palmer, b. Brunel.....	8
P. Barton, b. Little.....	0
J. Smith, b. Powell.....	10
K. J. McLea, b. Little.....	2
Pourgeois, b. Powell.....	0
C. A. S. Atwood, not out.....	1
W. F. Sills, to bat.....	19
Extras.....	19
Total.....	140

OTTAWA.

W. C. Little, c. Smythe, b. Sills.....	11
E. H. Steele, c. Bourgeois, b. Sills.....	8
J. Brunel, b. Hamilton.....	9
W. J. Wilson, c. Bell, b. Lacey.....	0
Geo. Brunel, b. Lacey.....	20
L. Coste, b. Bourgeois.....	9
J. D. Campbell, c. Lacey, b. Sills.....	8
J. K. Brophy, b. Lacey.....	13
A. G. Powell, c. Bell, b. Sills.....	6
W. H. Keefer, c. Bell, b. Sills.....	6
G. T. Palmer, c. Smythe, b. Lacey.....	5
C. L. Lawrence, not out.....	2
Extras.....	9
Total.....	100

MONTREAL VS HOCHELAGA.

Played at Montreal on May, 24th.

HOCHELAGA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Bowden, c. Newnham, b. Gough.....	8	c. Wood, b. Dean.....	2
Munnifield, b. Gough.....	4	b. Lockwood.....	0
Bell, b. Gough.....	8	b. Pinkney.....	0
Braun, c. Dean, b. Gough.....	0	b. Pinkney.....	0
Pemberton, b. Gough.....	41	not out.....	23
Redfearn, b. Lockwood.....	9	c. Beever, b. Pinkney.....	6
Davis, run out.....	6	c. run out.....	4
Robinson, b. Pinkney.....	5	c. sub., b. Gough.....	1
Long, b. Pinkney.....	2	b. Dean.....	0
Horsefall, c. Trevithick, b. Gough.....	2	b. Dean.....	0
Forster, not out.....	2	b. Gough.....	0
Extras.....	4	Extras.....	7
Total.....	91	Total.....	41

MONTREAL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Rev. J. A. Newnham, b. Forster.....	1	b. Forster.....	12
A. F. Beever, run out.....	3	b. Forster.....	12
W. Pinkney, c. b. w., b. Forster.....	5	not out.....	20
C. W. Dean, b. Redfearn.....	6	b. Forster.....	7

A. E. Trevithick, run out.....	4
E. H. Gough, c. Redfearn, b. Forster.....	14
H. Lockwood, c. Pemberton, b. Forster.....	0
H. Robinson, not out.....	5
H. S. Virtue, c. Pemberton, b. Forster.....	0
W. J. Fenwick, b. Redfearn.....	7
Extras.....	6
Total.....	51

Total for 2 wickets, 85

VICTORIA RIFLES VS. CHAMBLY C. C.

The Vics opened their season on Monday with a match against Chamblly, which ended in their favor by 21 runs on the first innings. From want of practice small scores were the order of the day.

For the "Vics" T. Ramsay showed his old form, Holiday's breaks were as effective as ever, Fraser proved that his right hand has not yet forgotten its cunning, whilst "Capt." Adams was all there, whilst the Messrs. Austin, O'Sullivan the veteran, Kydd did good service for the men of Chamblly.

Whether it was the good cheer of their hosts, the heat of the sun, or a too loyal recognition of their Sovereign's birthday, that the se. and venture of the Vics in the field fell so far short of their first, as to instil the Chamblly batsmen with a confidence that well nigh succeeded in placing the gurland of victory on their brow, for had time permitted, a very exciting and possibly different result might have been reached. Chamblly having one wicket to fall, and only 10 runs to make to win.

VICTORIA RIFLES.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
T. Ramsay, b. Austin.....	3	b. O'Sullivan.....	41
A. Fraser, c. Austin, b. Austin.....	18	b. Kydd.....	7
W. Spence, b. Kydd.....	0	b. Kydd.....	1
F. Holiday, b. O'Sullivan.....	5	b. O'Sullivan.....	4
R. P. Adams, c. Carroll.....	10	b. O'Sullivan.....	0
R. J. H. Smith, b. O'Sullivan.....	0	c. Austin, b. Kydd.....	0
J. P. Edwards, do.....	0	Not out.....	2
C. Ramsay, do.....	0	c. Joyce, b. Sullivan.....	0
H. Brown, do.....	0	b. O'Sullivan.....	0
H. Beckett, b. Austin.....	1	Stp. Austin, b. Kydd.....	2
C. Meakin, not out.....	0	b. Kydd.....	1
Byes.....	11	Byes.....	8
Leg Byes.....	1	Leg Byes.....	1
Total.....	49	Total.....	41

CHAMBLY C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
W. B. Austin, b. Fraser.....	2	b. Holiday.....	12
M. Carroll, c. Adams, b. Holiday.....	0	Stp. T. Ramsay.....	2
S. Craigie, b. Holiday.....	0	b. Holiday.....	0
W. W. Austin, b. Fraser.....	11	c. Ramsay.....	11
R. O'Sullivan, b. Fraser.....	0	b. W. Adams.....	9
J. Jenkins, c. Meakin, b. Holiday.....	7	b. Fraser.....	8
A. E. Austin, b. Holiday.....	2	b. C. Ramsay.....	3
T. Kydd, b. Fraser.....	1	Stp. T. Ramsay.....	0
L. Bolt, run out, Holiday.....	1	b. C. Ramsay.....	0
J. J. Owen, b. Fraser.....	0	to bat.....	0
A. Joyce, not out.....	0	not out.....	0
Byes.....	1	Byes.....	5
Wides.....	1	Wides.....	1
No balls.....	2	No balls.....	1
Total.....	28	Total.....	53

TORONTO VS OSGOODE HALL.

The Toronto club played its first match on Saturday afternoon. Osgoode Hall opposed them and were beaten by 23 runs. The fielding, bowling and batting were very good considering the small amount of practice it had been possible to obtain.

The crease was a trifle soft but it played truly enough, and what runs were get were well got. The Toronto club promises to be stronger this year than last, and the younger element has a still greater ascendancy, which bespeak activity in the field.

OSGOODE HALL.

W. W. Vickers, b. Marsh.....	26
D. W. Saunders, c. an b. Marsh.....	15
G. G. S. Lindsay, b. Bethune.....	1
W. E. W. Gresham, c. Collins, b. Bethune.....	8
W. J. Fleury, b. Saunders.....	2
R. G. Muntz, c. Bethune, b. Marsh.....	8
J. J. Godfrey, b. Marsh.....	0
A. B. Cameron, run out.....	2
M. Boyd, not out.....	11
C. Allan, b. Marsh.....	1
Wides.....	3
Total.....	78

TORONTO CLUB.

A. W. Winslow, c. and b. Creelman.....	1
T. W. Dixon, c. Lindsey, b. Muntz.....	21
R. S. Morris, b. Lindsey.....	8
A. H. Collins, b. Lindsey.....	9
A. G. Brown, b. Lindsey.....	22
H. J. Bethune, c. Vickers, b. Lindsey.....	2
C. N. Shanly, c. and b. Muntz.....	0
G. W. Marsh, c. Sub., b. Creelman.....	7
G. W. Saunders, Muntz, b. Creelman.....	16
W. B. Wilson, b. Boyd.....	9
A. S. H. Hector, not out.....	0
Wides.....	3
Total.....	101

TORONTO vs TRINITY COLLEGE.

Played at Toronto May, 24th.

TORONTO C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Vickers, b. Jones.....	7	c. Allan, b. Cooper.....	4
Saunders, c. and b. Cooper.....	17	not out.....	85
Boyd, std Broughall, b. Jones.....	4	c. sub. b. Jones.....	36
Bethune, b. Scadding.....	32	b. Allan.....	12
Dixon, b. Jones.....	12	b. Jones.....	1
Lindsey, std Broughall, b. Jones.....	0	b. Jones.....	0
Brown, b. Scadding.....	9	c. and b. Allan.....	14
Morris, b. Cooper.....	1	run out.....	6
Shanly, b. Cooper.....	1	b. Jones.....	9
Creelman, not out.....	0	b. Jones.....	6
Godfrey, b. Cooper.....	0	did not bat.....	0
Extras.....	10	Extras.....	12
Total.....	94	Total.....	185

TRINITY COLLEGE C. C.

First Innings.	
Bedford-Jones, c. Dixon, b. Boyd.....	6
H. O. Tremayne, c. Lindsey, b. Boyd.....	2
H. C. Scadding, b. Boyd.....	3
J. C. Roper, b. Boyd.....	3
Allan, c. and b. Boyd.....	17
Lewin, b. Boyd.....	0
W. W. Jones, c. Morris, b. Boyd.....	6
Cooper, c. Brown, b. Shanly.....	4
J. S. Broughall, std Saunders, b. Boyd.....	17
Hague, b. Shanly.....	0
L. Cox, not out.....	2
Extras.....	5
Total.....	63

TORONTO vs ACHORA.

Played at Toronto May, 24th.

ACHORA C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Stevenson, b. Marsh.....	0	b. Wilson.....	10
Fleury, b. Wilson.....	1	c. Winslow, b. Wilson.....	2
Hillary, b. Wilson.....	2	b. Macdonald.....	1
Macchell, b. Marsh.....	0	c. e. Boulton, b. Macdonald.....	0
Macdonald, b. Wilson.....	6	c. Hector, b. Macdonald.....	23
Quercio, run out.....	6	c. Cameron, b. Macdonald.....	3
Whendon, b. Wilson.....	3	b. Wilson.....	11
Tinflne, c. & b. Wilson.....	6	c. Collins, b. Wilson.....	0
A. F. Stevenson, run out.....	2	not out.....	0
Braund, not out.....	4	b. Macdonald.....	3
Strathy, std Collins, b. Wilson.....	0	b. Macdonald.....	0
Extras.....	1	Extras.....	0
Total.....	31	Total.....	55

TORONTO C. C.

A. Winslow, c. Brand, b. Fleury.....	13
R. Macdonald, c. and b. Stevenson.....	6
Marsh, b. Stevenson.....	8
Collins, c. Tinflne, b. Fleury.....	3
Boulton, c. and b. Fleury.....	7
G. W. Saunders, run out.....	29
Cameron, b. Fleury.....	26
Rykert, c. Stevenson, b. Fleury.....	2
Wilson, not out.....	10
Hector, b. Stevenson.....	1
Hall, c. Ashton, b. Stevenson.....	2
Extras.....	3
Total.....	91

TORONTO COLTS vs PENINSULARS.

Played at Toronto May, 22nd.

TORONTO COLTS.

C. A. Edgar, c. J. Green, b. Alanson.....	2
F. O. Campbell, g. c. Green, b. Stroud.....	13
E. H. Cameron, not out.....	70
G. C. Cassels, b. Foley.....	3
O. S. Cassels, c. P. S. Green, b. Foley.....	8
H. L. Broughall, c. Hopkins, b. Stroud.....	39
J. Cheewitt, thrown out.....	4
J. Crooks, c. Hopkins, b. Alanson.....	32
J. S. Porter, c. Alanson.....	10
G. R. Kingsmill, not out.....	5
Extras.....	7
Total.....	193

PENINSULAR C. C.

F. S. Green, c. G. Cassels, b. Cameron.....	1
Alanson, b. Campbell.....	0
J. W. Green, c. Crooks, b. Cameron.....	5
G. Stroud, b. Cameron.....	2
G. C. Green, not out.....	4
Henning.....	1
De Gruchy.....	1
Hopkins.....	1
Foley.....	1
Miller.....	1
Fowler.....	1
Extras.....	0
Total.....	12

HAMILTON vs TRINITY COLLEGE.

Played at Toronto May, 22nd.

HAMILTON.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Stinson, b. Allan.....	7	b. Cooper.....	1
McGivern, b. Allan.....	2	b. Allan.....	9
Gillespie, b. Cooper.....	10	c. and b. Allan.....	9
Ferrie, b. Cooper.....	16	c. Cooper, b. Allan.....	3
Pardee, b. Cooper.....	5	b. Cooper.....	4
Mills, b. Cooper.....	1	b. Allan.....	0
Jackson, b. Allan.....	3	not out.....	8
McLaird, b. Cooper.....	0	c. and b. Jones.....	2
Bruce, c. Hague.....	2	b. Jones.....	2
Jones.....	2	b. Allan.....	5
Ferrie E., not out.....	9	Jones H., b. Jones W.....	0
Extras.....	0	Extras.....	3
Total.....	44	Total.....	46

TRINITY COLLEGE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Tremayne, b. Ferry.....	4	Tremayne, b. Ferrie.....	0
Bedford Jones, b. Ferrie.....	2	Bedford Jones, b. Gillespie.....	2
Jones W., c. b. Gillespie.....	1	Jones W., b. Ferrie.....	1
Guthrie J., c. b. Ferrie.....	3	Guthrie, not out.....	10
Allan, run out.....	18	Allan, not out.....	22
Broughall, b. Ferrie.....	0	Broughall.....	0
Rev. J. Roper, b. Gillespie.....	6	Cooper.....	2
Cooper, b. Gillespie.....	2	Lewin.....	8
Lewin, not out.....	8	Hague.....	0
Hague, b. Gillespie.....	0	Cox.....	0
Cox, run out.....	0	Extras.....	4
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	4
Total.....	46	Total.....	45

WINNIEG vs MILITARY ELEVEN.

MILITARY.

H. Elwood (Capt.), b. Lewis.....	15
A. Piggott, b. Lewis.....	4
R. Norman, b. Lewis.....	0
J. Link, b. C. P. Wilson.....	4
D. Brundritt, c. C. P. Wilson, b. H. G. Wilson.....	17
C. Bernestil, c. Morice, b. H. G. Wilson.....	3
E. F. Forth, b. C. P. Wilson.....	0
H. Gill, b. H. G. Wilson.....	0
T. Harrington, b. H. G. Wilson.....	0
F. Colgate, b. H. G. Wilson.....	0
A. Hoyland, not out.....	1
Byes.....	1
Leg byes.....	2
Wides.....	7
Total.....	65

WINNIEG.

H. A. L. Dundas (Capt.), c. Piggott, b. Bernestil.....	8
T. G. Townley, b. Bernestil.....	1
H. G. Wilson, b. Bernestil.....	16
P. Rutherford, b. Elwood.....	11
C. P. Wilson, b. Bernestil.....	9
H. B. Lewis, b. Gill.....	8
A. J. L. Blythe, run out.....	14
F. A. Drummond, b. Link.....	0
E. H. Taylor, c. Link, b. Gill.....	1
Capt. J. H. Kennedy, not out.....	8
J. D. Morice, b. Gill.....	5
Byes.....	2
Leg byes.....	0
Wides.....	2
Total.....	91

The Toronto Colts also played a match and managed to keep their opponents in the field all afternoon. K. Cameron made a rattling score of 70 odd.

Mr. J. A. Hammond, the P. A. A. A. Secretary, is corresponding with a view to obtaining matches throughout the season on behalf of the Cricket Club. Two matches have been arranged, one with the Toronto University team on May 31st, and one with the Ottawas some time in August. Several more are being arranged.

The Ontario association adjourned meeting was held on Saturday night and was attended by delegates from the Toronto, Trinity College, Canadian I Zingari, Trinity College School (Port Hope) and Hamilton clubs. The meeting was called primarily for the ratification of the new constitution, and secondly to select two members of the executive to fill the places created by the new constitution. The meeting was an enthusiastic and fairly unanimous one, and it certainly augurs well for the future success of the association. Mr. Henry Totten tendered his resignation to the presidency of the association, but it was decided unanimously that his resignation be not accepted. Lieut-Colonel Gzowski was elected honorary president and the vice-presidency was allotted to Mr. George Gooderham. The committee of management reported that they were

having some difficulty in getting the tie matches arranged, owing to the clubs throughout the country having made so many fixtures. They trusted however that all would come out well in the end. At a committee meeting held after the general meeting it was decided to enter into correspondence with the Toronto and Montreal clubs relative to changing the dates of the Toronto-Montreal match. At present that match is a fixture for July 21st and 22nd at the latter place. It is desired that the dates be changed to July 19th and 20th. The reason for this proposed change lies in the fact that the Eastern association have arranged that the Ontario-Quebec match is to be played in Ottawa this year, and the Ontario players, should any happen to be playing in the Toronto team, which is highly probable would have a double break in their journey. Doubtless these clubs will fall in with this arrangement which is made with a view to lessen the expenses of the players. It was decided further to open correspondence with the United States Cricketers' association as to the date of the International match and the place of playing, which is no small matter. A suggestion has been made to place Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph in a district by themselves. It seems altogether likely that the association will act upon this suggestion.

A communication has been received by the secretary of the Toronto club from the agent of the Australian team in England, who has been instructed by his principals to arrange a match with the Toronto club, if possible. The note which is interesting in many ways is as follows:

"KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON, E. C.

"DEAR SIR,—The Australians think that they would like if it could be arranged to play three matches in America and one in Toronto on way home. I have written to Bissell about America. Could they get a match in Toronto and on what terms?

"Your truly,

"C. W. ALCOCK,
"Sec'y, Surrey County, C. C."

The question whether we could bear the expense of bringing the Australians to Canada; and recoup ourselves by the "gate" is one upon which there is plenty of room for much figuration. The past matches which have been played upon a pecuniary consideration have not been very fortunate to the managers. In each case there has been positive loss to those most nearly connected with the venture. Has the game progressed so strongly in the past ten years that the risks would be lessened? According to the answer must the decision be given in favour of this visit or against. So much for the financial part. As regard the chance of setting a team strong enough to make the match interesting both to Canadians and the "antipodeans," there seems to be a very wide diversity of opinion. After their matches in England and the United States, they ought to be overwhelmingly powerful, and our representatives would seem to stand little chance in trying conclusions with them. Thus faced, it is questionable if a thorough good thrashing would do our men any good. Will the benefits which are to be derived from seeing them play coeval with the disadvantages of a sound trouncing?

It is not a question of pluck, because there are many and good players in the country who would jump at the chance were it offered. A heavy defeat has always the tendency to do harm to any sport, and it requires a number of years to recover the lost ground. Taken at its best, it is an exceedingly doubtful question, if where the teams are not in the same class, the results will be productive of much good.

That was a splendid bowling performance of Palmer's at Dulwich. He sent down 36 balls for 10 runs and 7 wickets. The performance was all the more noteworthy because the great Australian bowler had no cricket shoes with him and had to use his ordinary walking boots.

BROCKVILLE CANOE CLUB.

"In connection with the regular races of the canoe club during the present season, it has been decided to adopt the following programme at each fortnightly race: 2.30 p.m. sailing race for skiffs; 2.45 p.m. sailing race for canoes; 7 p.m. paddling race, singles; 7.30 p.m. paddling race, tandem. Entries will be received at the judges' boat up to the hour of starting."

In accordance with above, the first of these races came off on Wednesday 19th inst., and considerable interest was manifested by members of the club and outsiders. Your correspondent was early on the scene and was made welcome at the Commodore's boat house. The judge's boat was moored out in river off Mathan's boat house. Mr. Geo. Reid was the judge (and proved himself worthy of the position) being accompanied in his boat by Mr. Jas. Moore, V. C., chairman of the Regatta Committee. There was a clear sky, but a heavy south wind blew during the whole time of the sailing races, freshening towards the finish—however, during the paddling races in the evening, there was not a breath of wind, and the water was "as smooth as a looking glass." Time was called at 2.30 for the first race and at 2.45 p.m. the word "go" was given, and ten minutes afterwards the contestants for the second race were called to the judge's boat, and the word "go" given them also. In the first race, sailing skiffs, three of the boats carried double sails (Mainsail and Dandy) and one carried mainsail only. Chrysler and Sauvé had new boats, the former, a 20 footer, built by Geo. Hutton, and the latter an 18 footer built by himself. Sauvé got rather the best of the start apparently, and was closely followed by Coates, who went to the leeward of the judge's boat, Chrysler got off third and showed his sailing qualities by getting to the windward of his competitors on the first stretch. At this time the wind was pretty strong and soon told in his favor, for his boat, the "Genesta," shot ahead in grand style. Before reaching Big Island, the turning point, the wind rose very high, and Coates (who was alone in his boat) having insufficient ballast, gave up the race; after turning the Island, Chrysler had increased his lead 2 m. 50 sec. in advance of Sauvé; the first round being finished as follows:—

Chrysler.....	37 minutes
Sauvé.....	41 "
Findlay.....	45 "

The wind was now very high, and white caps were plainly visible in the channel, Chrysler here—still leading—met his mishap which lost him the race, his canvass proved too great a spread, and pulled so on the sheets, that upon shoving the bow of his boat past the end of the Island, she capsized throwing him and his fellow sailor into the water—they were soon rescued by friendly hands from their watery position and brought ashore, whilst the boat was captured by others, righted, and towed into port; the race was then between Sauvé and Findlay. As to the "sailing canoe race," No. 2 on programme, it proved the Commodore's new canoe the "Mona" to be a regular flyer and certainly sailed the best race of the day, and one of the finest canoe sailing races I have ever seen—actually, by time allowance, beating Sauvé's skiff on the first round by half a minute.

The first round was finished as follows:—

Richard's.....	49½ minutes
Turner.....	47 "

with Lowe, out of race altogether. I must not forget to mention the course was a 7 mile one—3½ miles twice round—from Mathan's boat livery up to and around "Big Island" and down and around "Old Man's Island and back.

For the paddling races in the evening, the course was ¾ of a mile. The first race (singles) was won easily, whilst great interest was manifested in the second one (doubles), which proved a very close event.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Bagg, secretary of the Canoe Club, I have been permitted to see the "Log Book" of the club, and give you the official entries therein.

May 19th., 1886.

1st. Sailing Skiff Race—7 miles course.
J. E. Chrysler..... Sailed by owner.
C. A. Fitzsimmons... " " Moise Sauvé.
J. G. Findlay..... " " owner.
H. B. Coates..... " " owner.

1st. C. A. Fitzsimmons. Time, 1 hr. 18 mins.
2nd. J. G. Findlay..... " 1 hr. 27 mins.

Notes:—Chrysler led by 4 minutes on first round, but capsized on second round, putting him out of race. Coates did not finish.

2nd., Sailing Canoe Race—7 miles course.
"Mona" B. W. Richards, 1st., 1 hr. 19 mins.
"Olive" F. M. Turner, 2nd., 1 hr. 34 mins.
"Grebe" C. H. Lowe—did not finish.
Wind, S. W. freshening towards finish of races.
3rd., Single Paddling Race—¾ miles course.
G. B. Wilkinson..... 1st.
E. A. Pitt..... 2nd.
C. N. Girdwood..... 3rd.

4th., Paddling Race—Tandem—¾ miles course.
1st. G. B. Wilkinson, and G. B. McLean.
2nd. F. M. Turner, and J. H. Bagg.

ATHLETIC.

The local members of the Executive of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association met last Friday in the Windsor Hotel with P. W. Henshaw, President of the Association in the chair. Several subjects were discussed, among others, the championship meeting which is to be held in Montreal on Sept. 25th. This date unfortunately clashes with one of the championship series Lacrosse matches between Montrealers and Torontos, and as the Association cannot according to its by-laws alter it, the Lacrosse clubs are to be asked to come to the rescue and change the date of their fixture. Even were it possible for the Athletic Association to appoint another day it would be greatly against the success of the meeting to do so, as there would then be no chance of getting any representative American Athletes over to compete, the principal American meetings being down for all the suitable dates before and after Sept. 25th. It is to be hoped that the Lacrosse clubs will do their best to help the Association, of which they are the parents, out of its trouble.

An application from the Emerald Snow Shoe Club, backed up by a number of affidavits from track measurers and time-keepers, was received, asking that a record be given their member, Robert Larkin, for his performance of 32.18 in a 5 mile race on snow-shoes for the *Police Gazette* medal on March 27th last.

Before this race was the Association issued circulars, and published advertisements notifying all its clubs that it had nothing to do with the race, and that although it was advertised as for the "Championship of Canada" the winner could carry no such title. The whole affair was a speculative advertisement of a man whose numerous publications are not allowed to pass through the Canadian Customs, and the Executive decided to act consistently in the matter and passed the following resolution: "That while we regret that such an apparently good performance as that of Mr. Larkin's should go unrecorded, we feel that in view of the decided stand taken in this matter by the association in the shape of advertised resolutions warning all members of clubs affiliated with it against competing, it would be altogether out of place for this association to recognize the race in such a decided way as to issue its certificate for the "record."

FEATS AT GOLF.

In 1815 Mr. Brown, a member of the Edinburgh Burgess Golf Club, backed himself to drive a ball from inside the Golf House on Bruntsfield Links over Arthur's Seat in forty-four strokes (the distance is nearly two miles.) He accomplished his task in forty-four strokes, and thus won his wager; but a brother member, who attempted the same feat, failed to do it in less than forty-six

strokes. Arthur's Seat is upwards of 800 feet high.

In 1798 a wager was laid that there were no two members of the above-named club who could put a ball over the spire of St. Giles's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The society took the bet; Mr. Seeales, of Leith, and Mr. Smellie, a printer of Edinburgh, were chosen to do battle for their club. In case of need they could use six balls each. The necessary elevation was got by a barrel stave, suitably fixed in the South-East corner of the Parliament Square.

The balls were struck off in the early morning; both soared considerably higher than the weather-cock on the dome, and were found nearly opposite the advocates' close; the height, including the base distance, is 168 feet. A suitable erection for the judges was placed up beside the weather-cock, and they at once decided that the club had won the wager.

Thirty years later, two similar matches were made to drive a ball over the Melville Monument in St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh. In both cases the club and ball won. This is a smaller undertaking than the St. Giles' feat, as the pillar here is only 136 feet high, and the statue 14 feet, in all 150 against 168 feet.

Mr. Skipsey a clerk in the Exchequer in Edinburgh, was a noted "driver," and on one occasion drove a ball upwards and forwards 200 yards before it touched the ground. Tradition tells of a feat in driving even greater than this, that of Mr. Messieux, who, on St. Andrew's Links, drove one of the old leather balls 308 yards before it stopped.

On one occasion, at the Antipodes, skill at Golf was of great service. The rains had so swollen an Australian river that the mails could not venture across. By no means could a rope be got across to pull the letters over. Guns, slings, arrows were tried, but all failed, much to the disappointment of the crowd waiting for the news from home that lay in the bags on the other side. At last a Scot, a keen and earnest Golfer in the old days at home, volunteered to try what he could do with the clubs and ball he had carried with him to his new home. A long string was attached to the ball, which was carefully "teed"; then, with a long, steady "swipe" of his supple driver, he sent the ball curving into the air till it landed on the opposite bank, and re-established the broken communication.

The Roller Skating Rink at Brockville was well patronized on the Queen's Birthday, there being about 1000 persons in the Rink, of whom over 200 were skating. During the evening a race of 2 miles for the Championship of Canada between Jas. Williams (present champion) and a Mr. Ulmer, of the "Mikado Polo Club" of Kingston, was the attraction, and it was won by the former, his time being for 1st mile, 4 minutes and the 2nd mile, 4½ minutes, or the 2 miles in 8½ minutes. Williams is certainly a fine skater, but his opponent is certainly a very plucky one to race against him. After the race a polo-match between the "Mikado's" of Kingston, and the Brockville polo club, for the Championship of Eastern Canada, took place. We could not wait for the finish and will give the result next week, the team and their positions were as follows:—

MIKADO.	BROCKVILLE.	
J. Dozle.....	Goal.....	McBrearty.
D. McRae.....	¾ Back.....	Elliott.
C. Campion.....	¾ Back.....	Shannon.
A. McCutcheon.	1st Rush.....	Riddle.
G. Jamieson.....	2nd Rush.....	Murray.
W. Kileanley.....	Home.....	Williams.

The Rink is a fine building and has one of the best floors we have ever seen in a Roller Rink. Your correspondent is under obligations to the genial manager "Alie" Murray for his kind reception and the willingness with which he afforded all information desired. On Monday 31st, there is to be a grand Fanny Dress Carnival, and if to-night's attendance is any criterion there will be a bumper house. We wish the management all success.

OLD COUNTRY NOTES.

(By our own correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, 11th May, 1886.

The news has just come to hand that W. G. George had to acknowledge the superiority of L. E. Myers at a 1000 yards and quarter mile, and the wonder is George should have made such very good time, when it is remembered that he has been trained for long distances. The question is, was the game worth the candle, and will it pay Myers to abandon amateurism for the sake of demonstrating what had already been taken for granted. Everybody knew here that George was not the same man that defeated Myers in the States two or three years ago. His sprinting powers are not now what they were then, while Myers seems to be moving as freely as ever. George is a stayer of the first water, and we are now anxiously awaiting his return to see him match again against his old opponent Cummings.

Professional pedestrianism is a repudiated sport in England, and when I say England, I mean Scotland as well. The "peds" killed the sport themselves through the knavery they practiced. Few races were genuine, and the public have long ago ceased to take any interest in professional handicaps. The famous Sheffield handicaps are but a shadow of what they once were. Thousands used to change hands in the old days over these events, where now only hundreds are invested, and that in half crowns by the rag tag and bob tail of the curlery town and neighbouring district. I have myself gone 200 miles to see the final heat of a Sheffield handicap, while now I would not go a cross the street to one, simply because I know the thing to be a swindle.

In Scotland the Highland games in the autumn keep alive pedestrianism, such as it is. These proceedings make not the slightest attempt to conceal the fact that they divide the money. I have known a man receive his share to remain in the tent. They always run the distance and make a point to have as good a finish as possible. There are few professional pedestrians now, who can show our best amateurs a clean pair of heels. At weight putting, tossing the caber, hammer throwing, and other Highland games of this class, George Davidson, Kenneth Macrae, and Owen Duffy still hold pride of place. Davidson is not what he was, and with the hammer and ball Macrae is the better man. Davidson however retains his supremacy at caber tossing.

The event of the week is the suspension permanently of W. Snook, of the Birchfield Harriers. There is now no hope for him as an amateur, and he will of course join the professional ranks. I refer to the matter again merely to mention that his best appearance as an amateur was at the Nott's Forest sports on May 1st, when he won the half mile handicap from scratch in the splendid time of 2 mins. 25 secs, and got third in mile, which was won in fast time. This reminds me that the record established four years ago by P. Moffat, of Montreal, namely, 2 mins. 45 secs, still stands as record for Scotland, and is likely to remain so for some time to come. There are very few men just now in either England or Scotland that could get inside of Moffat's time.

The Scottish cup was presented on Friday evening, May 7th, to the winners of the Queen's Park Football Club, who now hold the trophy for the eighth time. There was a good attendance of the friends of ... Club. The presentation was made by the M. Jas. Crean (3rd Lanark Football Club) who occupied the chair. The winning team are to receive gold badges in commemoration of their victory.

Another football player has left Glasgow for Canada this week. This time it is a disciple of the Rugby game, namely Mr. A. Black, captain of the West of Scotland Second Fifteen. Mr. Black is an enthusiastic footballer and under him the "Second West" have had a most successful

season. He has gone out to join some friends in the Dominion, and intends to make Canada his permanent home. Some of his old companions made Mr. Black a handsome presentation prior to his departure.

That professional football organization, Preston North End, are truly a wonderful set of players. They are the one only successful professional club in England,—the only country that allows professionalism in football.

It is said the managers of the club promised the team £25 per man should they come through the season without a defeat. This they newly succeeded in doing, and when the cash seemed a dead certainty, in an evil day, a match was arranged with Accrington, and this strong professional lot succeeded in breaking the North End's string of victories, and that too at Preston, by three goals to two. The Preston North End did not enter for the English cup. Had they done so they would have won it, inasmuch as they have lately beaten the clubs left in the final round, namely Beckburn Rovers, (the holders), and West Bromwick Albion, the winners up. They ought surely to be awarded championship of England.

Pugilism is not usually associated with the gentle game of billiards, nor do billiard players, as a rule, indulge much in muscular exercise. But every rule has an exception. An instance of this occurred in London last week, in which our champion John Roberts, jr., took a prominent part. At the finish of his match with Taylor, which the champion won, a regular "mill" took place, of which Roberts, a big burly fellow compared to the diminutive Taylor had very much the better. The police interfered and Roberts was marched off to the Marlborough Police Court, there to reflect on the folly of allowing one's temper to have the better of one's reason.

One of the greatest football organizations in the Kingdom is the Bradford Club, the annual report of which is before me. The membership numbers about three thousand, and the revenue for the year is nearly £4,000. After a rather lavish expenditure, the club can show a balance for the year of two thousand pounds. It is a gigantic concern altogether and is conducted on the strictest business principles. The leading gentlemen on the committee are large Yorkshire manufacturers. Professionalism it is said is likely to break out in the Rugby game as well as in the Association. To-day, a conference of gentlemen interested in the purity of the game are meeting in Leeds with the view of taking preventive measures to keep the evil of paid players from lowering the tone of the Rugby football in the North of England.

The champion Rugby Club of Scotland is the West of Scotland Football Club. Its returns for the season, though not quite so good as last, year are nevertheless creditable to the club. They have lost only three matches out of fifteen played, as follows: twice to Bradford and one to the Edinburgh Academicals. In all, they scored 23 goals and 19 ties, and lost 6 goals and 3 ties, which leaves a large majority in their favour.

TUNES — AND TUNES !

The *Musical Herald* has a very reasonable article on tunes, which we give our readers in full:—

"It is sometimes amusing to hear the opinions of people concerning tunes that they think are or are not suited to church use. An eminent Christian man was once conversing with the writer hereof upon this subject, and expressed his conviction — a very positive one, too — that "no tune could possibly be useful in the service of the Church, unless written expressly for such purpose." Upon being asked to name ten that he thought had been most useful among

his people, he quickly pencilled them down, and was more than surprised to find that six of the ten given were taken from operas or other purely secular sources! He had never heard that "blessed 'old Greenville,'" as he called it, was the old English ballad, "Days of Absence," or that his favorite setting of "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," was taken bodily from Flotow's opera of *Martha*.

"We have often met with people having the same idea, who yet knew that a building originally erected for a skating-rink had been found a most admirable Sunday-school room. Music is not intrinsically sacred or secular of itself; but, so far as that is concerned, it depends upon the train of thought or emotions excited by it. And these are often controlled by association of ideas. No tune can aid the devotions of one who has been accustomed to hear it wedded to light and frivolous words. The beautiful prayer from *Der Freischutz* may be tenderly uplifting to the pastor; while, to the deacon in the pew, it may bring vividly to mind the previous evening at the theatre, with all its fascinating but undevotional associations, and he may enjoy it, immensely as entertainment, without being especially conscious of any increase of devout feeling.

"In Music for divine worship, the hymn, or other selection of words, may be likened to a statue, of which the music is but the drapery which shall make it more lifelike. There must therefore be an intelligent interpretation of the thought contained in the words by music well adapted, or the hymn might better be only impressively read. If the music be such as to set forth devoutly the sacred words in the best manner, it becomes sacred music; but, if it is such as to conceal rather than reveal the sentiment, it is not sacred, no matter by whom or for what purpose it was written. Its character, at least for the time being, is wholly determined by its influence and effects. If its use does not inspire somewhat of devotional feeling, it is not religious music. And so the same tune may at once be "sacred" to one and "secular" to another.

"Even when the composition is exactly what it should be, a wrong style of rendering may rob it of all religious character. We well remember one occasion when the exquisite "He shall feed his flock," from the *Messiah*, was given in a manner which suggested an old-fashioned cotillon rather than worship; and, in many a "praise service," so called, where a lively racket seems to be the acme of success, the effect is anything but worshipful.

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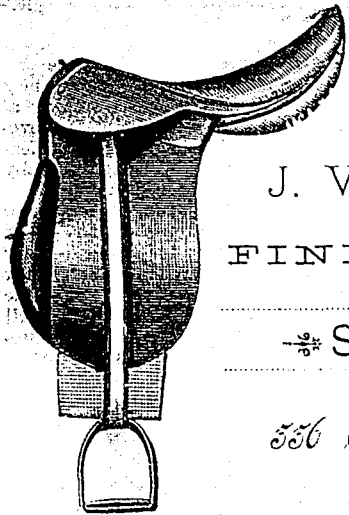
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