

PIGSKIN CHASERS HAD GOOD DAY ON SATURDAY.

Fine Weather Prevailed and Footballists Were Happy---St. John and Neptunes Had Good Game---Reform Needed in Ground Rules.

Football.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

St. John gave a double header football match on the Shamrock grounds on Saturday afternoon that proved very interesting and was attended by a good number of spectators.

The Neptunes lost the toss, and kicked off against a strong wind, play settling down in neutral territory, the All St. John team doing the most of the pressing during the first half, although the Juniors played up pluckily against a much heavier team, and kept their opponents from crossing the line but once, by good sound tackling.

The second half was much more even, neither side scoring, the evidence of good training on the part of the Juniors, proving very useful to them, as quite a few of the All St. John team showed marked signs of distress, during the latter stages of the game.

For the All St. John team, all the half back line played well, and showed considerable turn of speed, but they were poorly fed by their quarter.

Of the forwards, Capt. Marshall made some dashing runs, and opened up the game quite a little for his outsiders, although to do this, he had to shirk a good deal of hard work in the scrimmage of the other forwards.

distance, with two or three of the Juniors on his back. The Junior team are to be congratulated on their plucky uphill fight against heavier and speedier opponents, and should, on their form, have an excellent chance of coming out on top, in the intermediate league.

The All-St. John team with a little more practice and training should be capable of rendering a good account of themselves against any of their outside opponents this season. A little more careful study of Rugby Union rules by some of the Upper Canadian players, would not be amiss, and would certainly help to strengthen the fifteen as a whole.

The Carleton and Fairville teams played previous to the St. John-Neptune game but the contest was rather one sided as Fairville was without three of their regular players. As a whole the game was tame as the lack of dash was very noticeable on both sides.

Fairville played up well in the forward line and were often able to make good gains by their combined rushes, but their outsiders were hopelessly outclassed by the Carleton quarters and halves who at times treated the spectators to some very pretty passing work, fully entitling them to the five tries scored during the game.

Halifax, Oct. 2--The football season opened here this afternoon with two matches on the Wanderers' grounds. The weather was fine and a large number gathered to witness the sport.

The second game was between Dalhousie and Navy, and proved most exciting. Dalhousie, however, secured victory after a well-fought battle. Score 30 to 0.

A Reform Needed.

To the Sporting Editor of The Times: Sir--Might I beg a few lines space in your valuable journal, on behalf of the good old game of Rugby football. Being a spectator on Saturday last, of the two games of "football", I could not help noticing the very lax way in which the spectators are allowed to crowd right onto the "touch lines", and goal lines, no ef-

fort whatever being made by the management to rope off the field-of-play itself was hardly marked out sufficiently, to enable the referee, and touch judges, to perform their duties properly. Surely it is only right, in the interest of the good old game, to have the field marked out distinctly, according to the requirements of the rules, to at least, allow the officials and players alike to know within what bounds the game has to be played. On Saturday the absolute absence of any trouble having been taken to have the field marked out properly, caused great inconvenience to all concerned, and a little more trouble being taken for the future in this direction, I feel sure would be much appreciated by all in attendance at the football matches. Trusting this may be the means of making the management look after their work a little more thoroughly for the remainder of the season, in having the ground put in proper working order.

I am Sir, an old RUGBY PLAYER.

BASE BALL YESTERDAY.

American League. Chicago, 7; New York, 1. Second game--Chicago, 2; New York, 7. St. Louis, 1; Boston, 6. Detroit, 2; Philadelphia, 1. National League. Boston, 5; Chicago, 4. St. Louis, 4; New York, 1. Pittsburg, 11, Philadelphia, 3. Second game--Pittsburg, 3; Philadelphia, 10.

Chicago is coming, and Boston and New York are going. Cleveland's success against the two leaders has given Chicago her chance to forge ahead, and this afternoon just to show how St. Louis feels about the race one of the best known baseball men in the country, and who has been a warm Boston man, offered to bet \$100 on Chicago against the field.

CRACKED BASE BALLIST.

"They can all talk about the great batsmen that the game has produced but where is there the equal of Billy Keeler?" inquired Joe. Kelley the other day. "True, Lajoie, Wagner and others may be able to hit the ball farther and tear down fences, but neither of them can do with a bat and a ball what Keeler can. Batting is a science with him. He does not allow himself to be fooled by a pitcher but he always hits the ball. He can lay it down to either side of the plate, hit into left, right, or center, and do it without any effort. Of course, his hits do not all go safe, but you can bet that he can shove it into the direction he wants to nine times out of ten. Keeler is more valuable to a team as a batter than any of the big sluggers, because he is always doing something that the other fellows are not looking for, and, after all, that wins the game."

THE OAR.

London Sportsman--So far, no reply has been received to the cable sent to Stanbury and signed by Tom Sullivan, Jim Field and R. J. Hodgkinson, offering to back Towns to row him over the Thames for £1,000

side. Although, in a sense, friends for months previous to the champion's match with Tresidder, Stanbury had repeatedly expressed this wish to again row for the title. The result of the last race and the prompt action of the friends of Towns here seem to have at last thoroughly cooled the ardor of the man who was beaten by Jake Gaudaur in 1896.

Melbourne Argus--There seems little chance of a race for the championship for a long time. True, it is rumored that an effort will be made to make a match between Towns and the ex-champion, James Stanbury, but it is safe to say that after his long spell from active rowing to say nothing of his increased years, the big man would have no better chance than Tresidder of taking the title from Towns. If not Stanbury, who then is to dispute seriously the right of George Towns to the championship? Certainly no one in Australia, and there seems to be less probability of a challenge coming from either England or America, and Towns will have to settle down to the industrious pursuit of his business as a scull and oar maker on the shore of the Paramatta.

THE RING.

Kid McCoy, flushed with his 20 round victory over "Twin" Sullivan, has challenged Jeffries to fight for the championship of the world.

JEFF AS AN ACTOR.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.--"Take back your letter, lady; I'm only a backwoodsman, and I can't read."

So spake Jim Jeffries on the stage of the Alhambra theatre yesterday afternoon. As he said the words his big right hand--the one with which he felled Munroe--thudded "hopelessly" against his thigh. His big square chin--the one Munroe couldn't reach--dropped dejectedly on his chest.

It was all make believe, of course. It was rehearsal time, and it was Jeffries the actor, and not Jeffries the champion, who bemoaned his lack of education.

These are busy times for Jim. Priza ring opponents are scarce and he feels it incumbent upon him to star in "Davy Crockett" just to keep the wolf from the door. He has been in training for the character for weeks, and now the members of the cast are part perfect and the company is about to take to the road.

This isn't the first venture as a Theatist. He toured the footlight belt once as the principal offender in "The Man From the West," but that was easy compared to "Davy Crockett." Easy because of the exaggerations of the piece. It reeked with bloody conflicts in runaway balloons and all that sort of thing. Every wrinkle in Jim's wild western costume harbored a revolver or a Wyoming scimitar, and there was no such things as forgotten lines or stage waits.

A PROGRESS NUMBER

While the regular features are not neglected, the October Canadian Magazine is a Progress Number. A perusal of the articles specially bearing on the great advances made by Canada in recent years will rekindle enthusiasm in the breast of every patriotic reader. The facts are based upon the records of the thirty-seven years since Confederation, with special reference to the growth during the census period 1891-1901. As the census volumes are not yet issued, this is the first broad view of its results which has yet been given to the public. Bella Coola, the Norwegian colony in British Columbia, is taken as typical of the Western Settlements and its history will be found most interesting. "The Progress of Higher Education for Women" by Hilda D. Oakley is a splendid feature. Mr. Archibald Blue compares the profits made by farmers with those made by the manufacturers, while A. L. McCredie contrasts the earning power of the farmer with that of the fisherman.

Among the general features of the issue are Mr. Bradley's beautiful description of "The Death of Wolfe," Mr. Wieher's illuminating picture of Japanese social and religious life; Mr. Ewan's illustrated summary of "Current Events Abroad;" and short stories by Guy de Maupassant, William Holloway and Eloise Day. The coloured folding map and the coloured frontispiece add much to the value of this 140th issue of The Canadian Magazine.

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