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The Gun Club
To the Editor of THE LIBERAL.
DEAR SIR,—I noticed with much
pleasure the suggestion of "One of the
Old Boys," in your issue of April 25,
announcing the organizing of a Gun and
Rifle Club at Richmond Hill. I am
also one of the Old Boys who in times
past enjoyed lacrosse and other kindred
games, but I find as years roll on there
is more pleasure in looking on while
others take part in those active games
than in being a player myself. This
follows naturally with us all. The
suggestion referred to above opens a
door for many who, though not of
much account in the more active
sports, have the instinct too strongly
developed to be satisfied to drop out
of the field of sports altogether.

I know of no more enjoyable sport
than that of the Rifle or Gun. An
afternoon thus spent say twice a
month during the winter, or other
seasons when time is not too precious,
is not time wasted by any means.
The lessons thus learned may at some
future time be of much benefit, more
particularly to our young men. God
forbid that our fair Canada should
ever be devastated by the horrors of
war, but it is well to be able to defend
ourselves in any emergency that may
arise. One lesson taught by the Boer
war is not soon to be forgotten by the
British War Office and that is, that
the men with a practical knowledge
of the rifle and how to use it, were the
most feared by the enemy. In the
case of the Strathconas, a regiment of
men thoroughly trained in the hand-
ling of the rifle, not an ordinary mili-
tary training, but a practical every-
day use of their weapons, were a
terror to the Boers. According to one
report they styled them the "White-
hatted Devils, who could hit as far as
they could see.

A man who is an expert with a
weapon has an immense advantage
over one who has not, and in the case
of battle this very often means victory.
Further, it is proper that persons using
firearms should know how to handle
them safely, thus avoiding accidents.
You seldom hear of accidents happen-
ing with those who are familiar with
and have been trained in how to use
those dangerous weapons. Now this
training can be got in an organization
of the kind suggested. The proper
way and the time when to load, how
to carry when loaded, the proper ad-
justment of sights, to judge distance,
to allow for wind and momentum and
above all how to have consideration
for the lives of others who may hap-
pen to be in your company, are lessons
which should be learned by everyone.
A little coaching in those essentials
after being practised for a time be-
comes an established habit not easily
forgotten.

And now, Mr. Editor, we must not
forget the social side of the question;
this is by no means a secondary con-
sideration. A rifle club organized at
Victoria Square some years ago is still
very much alive. Included in this
club are now some of the best off-hand
rifle shots in the Dominion, and some
were at the beginning almost unable
to hit the proverbial barn door. I
would suggest to the executive of the
Fair that they try and get a match be-
tween them and the Toronto club for
the 24th. I think it would prove a
drawing card.

Yours truly,
GARDNER.
Langstaff, May 15, 1901.

An Explanation

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:
DEAR SIR,—In my last letter bear-
ing on the conduct of some of the H.
S. baseball team at the match in the
park the previous Tuesday, this sen-
tence occurred: "What made it ap-
pear more surprising to many was
that the offenders seemed not afraid
of being overheard by the H. S. teach-
ers who were present."
As some people seem to think this
was a reflection on the teachers, I
wish to state that no implication was
intended that the teachers heard or
would censure any such conduct as
was complained of. Nor does the
above sentence bear that construction.
I believe the H. S. students in general
are an exceedingly well-behaved and
courteous body, and the school was
never in a better condition morally or
intellectually than at present. The
moral standing of our teachers is un-
questionable, and no one who knows
them would ever think of accusing
them of palliating improper conduct.
It cannot be denied, however, that
more than one of the H. S. pupils in-
dulged in profanity, much to the sur-
prise and distaste of a dozen or more
spectators who were interested in the
game. Our teachers should be com-
mended for joining their pupils in
athletic sports. Their presence is
wholesome, but the students who take
advantage of them as they did on the
occasion referred to should be ashamed
of themselves. I hold that out-
door sports should be encouraged by
our ladies, our ministers and our citi-
zens generally, but all should be made

to feel they are in the presence of
gentlemen.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, let me say
I am a friend of the High School, and
I claim to be a better friend than those
who say my letter last week was in-
tended as a slur on the teachers.
ONE WHO WAS THERE.
Richmond Hill, May 16, 1901.

Carrville.

Carrville is one of the best sporting
villages of its size along this sideroad,
for several kinds of sport are indulged
in during the season. There has
always been a club of some kind in
the town. During the past two years
the young men who have come to the
village have had sporting tendencies
and have added zeal to sport lovers.
Foremost among the sporting events,
and that upon which considerable in-
terest is centred, is football. We hope
the gentlemen will retain their en-
thusiasm in the game and will be able
to have some first-class matches.
Some eight or ten years ago lacrosse
was played here to a great extent and
at one time Carrville had an excellent
team, and many a good game was
played, but interest in the great Can-
adian game has waned, and instead of
wielding the stick some of the young
men are practising quito pitching, and
a quito club may be formed which will
be known as the Greenfield Quoting
Quartette. Bicycling, baseball and
other games come in, of course, for a
share of attention, but are really
secondary interests.

Mr. F. Graham and Miss M. Cook
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T.
W. Cook, Toronto.

Mr. Fred Lillie started on Monday
for Kingston where he has taken a
situation. His friends all wish him
every success.

Mrs. Wm. Cook went to Newmarket
on Friday and remained over Sunday
with relatives and friends there.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Wm.
Bowen, who met with a very painful
accident several days ago, is improv-
ing, but it will be some time yet be-
fore the burns she received are healed.
Miss Maggie Snider of Toronto, is
visiting relatives here.

The pulpit of the Methodist Church
was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Leitch
of Toronto, who delivered an excellent
sermon to an appreciative audience.

On May 12, for the third time with-
in five months, the Angel of Death
has visited our village, and taken to
higher service Mrs. Aaron Prentice, at
the advanced age of 76 years and 3
days. It is nearly six weeks since she
took to her bed, and has gradually
grown weaker until death released her
on Sunday evening, when she quietly
passed away. Her loss is deeply re-
gretted by those near and dear to her,
and they have the heartfelt sympathy
of the neighborhood in the sad loss of
wife and mother. The deceased lady
was one of the eldest and most highly
esteemed residents of the neighbor-
hood.

Headford

Attractive as has been our neighbor-
hood in the past it will be even more
so in the near future as some of our
leading citizens are carrying out ex-
tensive improvements.

Clark Bros. are raising and enlarging
their barn. Mr. A. Helmky is
moving and placing a stone founda-
tion under his farm buildings. Mr. D.
Henrick is adding larger accommoda-
tion to his home. Mr. Jas. Barker has
employed Mr. A. Pearson to place one
of his up-to-date wire fences near the
front of his property. These improve-
ments together with the large and
modern blacksmith shop erected by
Mr. G. Cardwell and the extensive
business now carried on by our genial
store-keeper gives our hamlet the ap-
pearance of a busy village. Farmers
buying root seed in wholesale quan-
tities; borrowing chains and turnpikes;
preacher and teacher visiting add to
our social life.

On Sunday last the Educational
Collection was taken up, the response
was liberal.

During the week Miss L. Comisky
and Miss H. Maps have been collect-
ing Missionary money and incidentally
visiting their many friends.

Among our visitors we notice Messrs.
Fisher and James of Thornhill and
Misses Darling and Hoard of Lang-
staff at Mr. Geo. Dean's; Mrs. T. Lun-
dy and Miss Lundy at Mr. A. Helm-
ky's; Mrs. Chas. Comisky of Wiscon-
sin at Mr. Comisky's.

Mr. P. Leach has secured a valuable
young horse, and although only a few
days old, he is willing to match it
against anything on the 3rd line.

We are given to understand that
"spooks" have been along the 2nd
line and Contractor Clarke is minus a
coat; the person returning the same
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Columbia by the Canadian Bank of
Commerce, an announcement respect-
ing which was made some months ago,
have been carried to a successful con-
clusion. A thorough examination of
the affairs of the Bank of British
Columbia was made by the officials of
the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and
this proving entirely satisfactory the
amalgamation was finally completed
on the 2nd of January. A statement
of the affairs of the Canadian Bank of
Commerce after the amalgamation
has now been issued, and discloses a
very strong position. In point of
capital and reserve the bank now
ranks fourth among banking institu-
tions on the continent of America. It
has 61 branches throughout Canada;
5 Branches in the United States,
namely at New York, San Francisco,
Seattle, Portland (Ore.), Skagway
(Alaska); and one in London, Eng-
land, 67 establishments in all. The
acquisition of the London office is an
important step in the progress of the
bank. The bank's transactions in
sterling exchange in the United States
and Canada each year amount to
many millions of pounds, and the abili-
ty to handle this business through
the bank's own London office will re-
sult in an important addition to the
earning power of the bank. In many
other directions also the interests of
the two banks will be immensely ben-
efitted by the amalgamation.

The following is a condensation of
the statement issued by the bank at
the close of business on the 31st of
January:

ASSETS

Cash, Gold Bullion, Bank-
ers' Balances and Bal-
ance due by London
Office \$ 9,095,934.47
Investments 10,822,507.29
Loans and Discounts 42,492,985.80
All other assets 1,422,013.53
\$63,833,446.09

LIABILITIES

Circulation \$ 5,299,934.00
Deposits 45,755,750.52
All Other 2,442,519.06
\$ 53,498,203.58
Capital 8,000,000.00
Reserve 2,000,000.00
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\$63,833,446.09

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