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REVIVE THE ATHLETIC SPIRIT.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Dear Sir.—The winning of the inter-  
mediate championship of the Canadian  
Lacrosse Association by the Eaton  
lacrosse club proves especially interest-  
ing to us as a village, inasmuch as  
four of the champions are boys who  
learned the principles of the game in  
our own town. F. Hooper, F. Lillie,  
Charlie and Beverly Glover are  
familiar names to us. The following  
account in the Toronto Star tells who  
it was that won the championship for  
the Big Store, and we all know where  
they learned the art.

The Toronto Daily Star, Oct. 3, says:  
—The work of the two Glover boys  
was conspicuous in the clever playing  
of the big Eaton defence, while Collins  
and Lillie were the pick of the home.  
Lillie scored one goal while actually  
behind the net. The ball was passed to  
him, and he jumped up and poked it  
in over the top bar of the goal.

The point to be noticed is this. Our  
national game has been "dead" in the  
town for some years. The excuse is  
often thoughtlessly given that the  
boys cannot play to day as they could  
twenty years ago. The above quotation  
more than disproves such arguments,  
for if our players can cover themselves  
with glory when playing on teams  
away from home, they could also do  
the same at home, if encouraged.

Might we not seek for another cause  
of the failure of our national game  
here during recent years. The loyalty  
of a town is always a great factor in  
athletics. The players on the Eaton  
team were supported by their many  
fellow-employees. The game is popular  
with them, and the players take en-  
couragement. But when the town  
spirit dies, the effect is to dampen the  
order of the athletics as well. Many  
athletes strong in body and active in  
movement could have and would have  
won victories for our village, such as  
The Eaton team won, had the spirit of  
the town been fully with them. The  
Great Old young Canadian team  
benefitted by the knowledge that  
everyone was in spirit at least a  
lacrosse player, and turned out to  
"root" for the team. They became a  
great team. Those were great days.  
Enthusiasm was high then. Such  
conditions if revived would cause the old  
deeds to be reenacted.

During the present season public  
school pupils have been sold sticks at a  
very low price and in the cities have  
received them free. A national move-  
ment extending from Vancouver to  
Halifax is awakening and reviving an  
interest in the best summer game in  
existence. They begin in the proper  
way, with the young boys. Our village  
could do the same. Skillful stick-hand-  
ling must be acquired when young so  
that with two years proper handling a  
team could be prepared fit to compete  
in the juvenile series of the association.  
Let us emphasize that the needful  
thing is the revival of the old athletic  
spirit.

The advantages of athletics if super-  
vised by the proper men must not be  
regarded lightly. It produces physical  
health.

It creates stamina—the spirit which  
will not quit. It calls forth quickness  
of action and forces one to think  
quickly as the rapid changes of move-  
ments demands that plans must be  
made instantaneously. It has a benefi-  
cial effect upon the business life, and  
the town spirit generally.

A village of our size when it neglects  
the physical sport harms its own life  
but still greater is the loss to the boy  
himself by neglecting that which has  
by nature in every all round youth a  
most prominent position—His taste  
for athletics.

CITIZEN.

BOY WANTED.

To fill an important position. He  
must have a clean face, clean habits and  
a clean heart. Need not know how to  
roll a cigarette, or how beer tastes;  
and if he is not up-to-date on all the  
smutty jokes of the pool room his  
ignorance will be overlooked. He must  
be a boy who treats his mother and  
sister—and every other boy's mother  
and sister—with respect, and does not  
refer to his father as the "old man."  
He need not be especially brilliant at  
school, but he must be studious and  
persevering, never cheating in his  
examinations or passing a problem  
until he has mastered it. He must be  
truthful, prompt, obedient and in-  
dustrious. He must make his employ-  
er's interest his interest, and never be  
afraid he is earning more than his  
wages. He is wanted to respond at  
once, and to any number. M rebants  
want him to sweep out the store for a  
few years, and ultimately take charge  
of it. Newspapers want him to com-  
mence at the bottom and work to the  
roomy space on top. He is wanted  
everywhere—in the law, in medical  
practice, in the counting-room, and to  
run great public works. The people  
want him for judge in the court,  
member of Congress, Senator, and  
the nicest girl in the world wants him  
for her husband.—T. C. Mansfield.

THE PRIZE LIST OF THE WINTER  
FAIR.

\$16,000 in Prizes.

In the revision of the prize list for  
the coming Winter Fair the Executive  
Committee made many additions with  
a view to encouraging exhibitors to  
bring out still better exhibits and so  
to make the Winter Fair of 1910 great-  
er in educational value and attractiv-  
ness than any of its predecessors.

On looking through the new prize  
list and beginning with the horse  
department it will be noticed that two  
new sections have been added to the  
class for Canadian-bred Clydesdales  
and Shires; one section is for stallion  
foaled in 1910 and the other for mare  
foaled in 1910; the prizes in each section  
are—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$12; 3rd, \$8; 4th, \$5.  
A section is added for Shire mares  
foaled on or after Jan. 1st, 1908, with  
prizes of—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5.  
There are now two sections for  
Standard-bred mares instead of one,  
they are for mares foaled previous to  
Jan. 1st 1908, with prizes of—1st, \$25;  
2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10, and for mares foaled  
on or after Jan. 1st, 1908, with  
prizes of—1st, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$5.  
Additions have been made to the Pony  
class for Shetland Pony stallion, any  
age, 1st, \$20; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5, and for  
Shetland Pony mare, any age, 1st, \$15;  
2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. The Championship  
class includes new sections for Hackney  
mare, any age, and for Standard-bred  
mare, any age. Grand Champion  
awards will be made for the best  
Clydesdale stallion and for the best  
Clydesdale mare. Winners of Cham-  
pionship prizes will receive special  
ribbons instead of cash prizes.

Important changes have been made  
in the Beef Cattle Department. Form-  
erly Herefords and Aberdeen-Angus  
competed together as always did  
Galloways and Devons. The latter  
breed has been dropped from the list  
and the remaining three breeds each  
has its own class. The sections are  
the same as last year, and the Fair  
Board gives \$128.00 in prizes to each  
class. The prizes for Herefords are  
made very attractive by the addition  
of \$220.00 from the American and  
Canadian Hereford Breeders' As-  
sociations. The Canadian Hereford  
Breeders' Association is also prepared  
to add 50 per cent. to all the prizes  
won by the animals sired by Hereford  
bulls in the open class for Grades and  
Crosses. The heifer prizes for beef  
Shorthorns have been increased by \$7  
in each of the three sections.

The National Lincoln Sheep Breed-  
ers' Association has doubled the amount  
of special prizes for Lincoln sheep,  
bringing the total up to \$100.00.

The most noticeable change in the  
Dairy Cattle Department is the in-  
creased grant made by the Holstein-  
Friesian Association of Canada. They  
have added \$375.00 to the regular  
prizes for Holsteins so that exhibitors  
of this breed will now compete for  
\$510.00. The Canadian Ayrshire Breed-  
ers' Association has also increased  
their grant and have added specials of  
\$50 in each of the three sections if  
animals making the highest scores are  
recorded in their Herd Book.

The Counties of Wellington, Halton,  
Brant, Norfolk and Ontario are offer-  
ing special prizes in the different live  
stock departments to amateur exhibi-  
tors resident of their respective  
counties.

Prospective exhibitors are reminded  
that the dates of the Fair are December  
5th to 9th, 1910. The prize lists are  
now ready for distribution and may  
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been fine the attendance would have  
reached into the thousands. Dr. Car-  
michael and his venerable partner  
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congregations of St. Andrew's and St.  
Paul's Presbyterian churches for his  
ministerial services during the past  
50 years. St. Andrew's congregation  
read an address and presented a purse  
of gold, and St. Paul's handed their be-  
loved pastor a substantial cheque.  
Mrs. Carmichael also received from  
the former congregation a beautiful  
bouquet, and from the latter a hand-  
some silver vase filled with the choicest  
American Beauty roses. Queen's Uni-  
versity was represented by Rev. Prof.  
Jordan, and Knox College by Rev. Dr.  
Grandier. Short addresses were given  
Rev. Dr. Bruce; Angus McMurphy  
K.C.; Rev. John Nell, Rev. Dr. Mc-  
Tavish, Rev. W. A. McTaggart, and  
Rev. Dr. Parsons. A very pleasant  
afternoon was spent together,

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