

STEWARDS: Wrestling—M. Powley; number steward—G. Withers; telegraph stewards—R. Jay, S. Watts.

LAPTAKERS: W. McKinley, J. J. Connor, jun.

HANDICAPPERS: Cycling—W. Begg, R. Crow; running—D. Duncan; amateur running—W. Low.

Starter: A. Cowie; hon. secretary: H. McCormack; hon. assistant secretary: J. O'Connor; hon. treasurer: W. A. Shields.

The results of the day's proceedings are here appended in unavoidably condensed form:—

YOUTHS' HANDICAP FLAT RACE, 220yds.—Connolly 1, Morris 2, Shain 3. An easy win. Time, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

HALF-MILE YOUTHS' HANDICAP WALK.—Seven starters. Hobbs and Findlay (a dead heat) 1, Mahon 3. An exciting finish. Time, 3min 37sec.

HALF-MILE BICYCLE RACE.—Prizes, L2 and L1; winners of heats 10s. Run in three heats. Final heat: Wallis 1, Stephens 2, Alloo 3. An easy win for Wallis. Time, 1min 7.4-5 sec.

PUTTING THE 16LB BALL. First prize, L2; second prize, L1.—W. Thornley, 37ft 11in, 1; Uru, 37ft 4in, 2; W. T. Manson, 36ft 11in 3.

220YDS AMATEUR FLAT RACE. Trophies, L2 and L1.—J. W. Price, 18yds, 1; J. C. Maclean, 10yds, 2; W. V. Kingston, ser. 3. Seven others started. Won by three or four yards. Time, 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE RACE (Amateur). Prizes, trophies valued at L2 and L1.—Seven started. K. Melville, 12yds, 1; A. R. Grierson, 60yds, 2; L. Crow, 90yds, 3. Won easily. Time, 2min 30sec.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of L17 5s. Two distances of 220 and 440yds. First, second, and third in each distance to receive L3, L2, and L1.—First distance, 220yds. Run in three heats. Final: A. McKay 1, T. Sim 2, N. McLeod 3. Four others also started. An exciting contest. Won by a few inches only. Second distance, 440yds, also run in three heats. Final heat: Quin 1, N. McLeod 2, Clarke 3. Won by 4yds, after a capital race. Time, 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

HIBERNIAN WHEEL RACE HANDICAP. Two miles. Prizes—L20, L5, L2, and L1; winners of heats to receive 10s.—First heat: A. Ralston, 8yds, 1; J. McMullan, 25yds, 2; W. Turner, 22yds, 3. Nine others started, including A. R. Barker, ser, and G. A. Maxwell, 20yds. A heavy wind caught the riders at the back stretch, and almost brought them to a standstill at times. Ralston drew out on reaching the straight and won as he liked. Time, 5min 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec. Second heat: G. Sutherland, ser, 1; T. Maw, 22yds 2; J. Stanton, 15yds, 3. Nine others competed, including H. Reynolds ser. The winner rode a fine race, catching his field with two laps to go and winning easily. Time, 5min 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec. Third heat: W. E. Ferris, 130yds, 1; J. Hanley, 200yds, 2; W. Clarkson, 220yds, 3. Also started: E. Reynolds ser, E. Wall 20yds, W. Bell 95yds, J. Rapson 160yds, W. H. Stephens 245yds, C. J. Horne 250yds. Won by half a wheel after a good race, a good tussle for second place being witnessed. T. Maw won the final heat.

BOYS' FLAT RACE (under 14) 100yds. Trophies valued L1 10s and 5s.—Barnes 1, Slavin 2, Wilson 3. About 15 started. Time, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

ONE-MILE WALK. Prizes L3, L2, and L1.—W. Scott, 118yds, 1; W. Craik, 5yds, 2; A. Crichton, ser, 3. J. Scott, 110yds, also started. Won with something to spare. Time, 6min 45sec.

440YDS AMATEUR FLAT RACE. Trophies valued L2 and L1. Nine started.—J. W. Price, 28yds 1; E. L. Macassey, 20yds, 2; J. C. Maclean, 20yds, 3. Won easily. Time, 51sec.

THREE-MILE SCRATCH BICYCLE RACE. Prizes: L3, L2, L1. Lap prizes to the value of 5s were also given. Thirteen started.—A. R. Barker 1, G. Sutherland 2, A. Ralston 3. Won by half a wheel.

ONE-MILE AND A-HALF LADIES' BICYCLE RACE. Prizes L1, L2, L1; winners of heats 10s. Final heat: H. Gunthorpe 1, J. McMullan, 2; J. E. Hamill, 3. Won by a wheel. Time, 3min 51sec.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (open). Prizes L3, L2, L1. Winners of heats, 10s.—Final heat: A. Ralston 1; J. Chalmers, 2, E. Wall 3.

MULTICYCLE RACE. Prizes: L4 and L2. Seven machines started.—Stanton and Blade, 100yds, 1; Bell and Turner, 160yds, 2. All retired with the exception of the placed men.

WRESTLING.—Collar-and-elbow (Irish) style (prizes, L6 and medal) and L2 and medal)—W. Thornley (Leamuka) 1, W. Uru (Kaiapoi) 2. The standards were: D. McLaren, J. McLean, and D. Tweedie. Cumberland style (prizes, L6, L2, and L1)—W. Thornley, 1, R. Scott 2, D. F. Munson 3.

HIGHLAND FLING IN COSTUME. Prizes L2 and L1.—R. McKeelme, 10 points, 1; D. McDonnell, 9 points, 2; M. Coughlan 3.

IRISH JIG.—M. Coughlan, 10 points, 1; W. H. Kilgour, 9 points, 2; Clark, 8 points, 3.

At the subsequent settling up, Mr. Shields announced to the committee that there would be a splendid surplus over all expenses. This, we understand is to go towards the building of the new Catholic hall now in course of erection close to St. Joseph's Cathedral.

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE SPORTS.

The great national Irish festival which commemorates the birth of the apostle of the green isle was celebrated in a truly befitting manner by the Irishmen of Wellington on Thursday last. On previous occasions St. Patrick's Day was observed in a semi-private manner by a picnic at the Hutt or some other out of the way place, but this year's celebration was the first real attempt to honour the day in a manner which gave an opportunity to all classes and nationalities to take part in the proceedings. Many months ago a committee of the Hibernian Society was appointed to devise ways and means for the proper celebration of the festival, and the success which crowned their labours is ample testimony to the manner in which they carried out the work entrusted to them. This success was due in a measure to the way in which the prin-

cipal business people of the city fell in with the suggestion that the weekly half-holiday should be observed on Thursday instead of Wednesday. The weather, too, was on its best behaviour, which is saying a good deal for our local climate. Many business places hung out bunting of the national colour, and every other person one met displayed a green favour of some sort. The Hibernian Society began the day by attending Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, when his Grace Archbishop Redwood gave a discourse appropriate to the occasion. After Mass the Society, to the number of 180, headed by their very fine banner, and preceded by the Garrison Band, marched through the principal streets of the city to the Basin Reserve, where the sports were held. The various items on the programme were well contested, the events being keenly watched by a large concourse of people, which was estimated at something less than three thousand. Here the Celtic element predominated, but there was a decidedly large percentage of other nationalities. The sports were a great success, especially as it was an initial venture, and the committee, judges, and others, are to be warmly congratulated on the manner in which they were carried out. The committee were:—Messrs. J. McMillan, J. B. Doherty, J. Stratford, B. Nolan, J. McCarthy, A. Minogue, E. Daley, T. Burke, J. Connell, M. Hickey, W. G. Grant, M. Gleeson, F. Custice, F. Lissington, R. Patton, and J. McLoughlin, who received yeoman's assistance from the indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. White, on whom the brunt of the work had fallen. The judges were:—Messrs. Stratford, Lissington, Doherty, J. Daley, M. Hickey, T. McCarthy, H. Houldsworth and M. Mackay. Mr. W. King acted as timekeeper, and Mr. J. Doyle as referee. Among the visitors during the afternoon I noticed his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., Very Rev. Dr. Watters, Rector of St. Patrick's College, Very Rev. Father Aubrey (Sydney), Rev. Father Lewis, Rev. Father Ainsworth, Rev. Father O'Shea, Rev. Father Holley, Rev. Father Hickson, Rev. Father Clancy, and others of the professional staff of St. Patrick's College, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Mrs. Seddon, and the Misses Seddon (2), the Hons. T. Thompson, Walker, Carroll, and Hall-Jones. The Hon. Dr. Grace, M.L.C., who, as president of the sports' committee walked in the procession in the morning, Mr. George Fisher, M.H.R., Drs. Martin, Cahill, and Mackin, etc. It is not necessary, with your limited space, to give a detailed account of the various events, suffice it to say that the Maiden Race was won by A. A. Pritchard, who also appropriated the 100yds and the 440yds, and later on secured the St. Patrick's Day Handicap value £23. J. Courtenay well deserved his victory in the Hurdle Handicap, whilst the inter-College Handicap was easily secured by P. McEvedy. The Mile Handicap was an easy victory for A. C. Foster. The results of the remaining events were as follows:—Boy's Handicap, Pole; Committee Men's Race, R. Holcroft; St. Patrick's Day Bicycle Handicap, half-mile, E. H. Watson; one mile, E. H. Watson; three miles, D. J. Plunkett; hop, step, and jump, J. Sullivan (41ft 11in); throwing the hammer (Irish style), Dalton (81ft); Irish jig, Monnock; Putting the Shot, Rowe (39ft 7in); Friendly Societies' Handicap, H. E. Greathead; Wrestling (Irish style), Price; Shop Assistants' Handicap, H. Flemington.

THE CONCERT.

The Opera House was filled with an appreciative audience in the evening, when a grand Irish National concert was given as a finale to the day's proceedings. Among those present were Archbishop Redwood and nearly all the local clergy, and also the Premier, Mrs. Seddon, and the Misses Seddon, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. R. O'Connor, Mr. Martin Kennedy, Mr. Devine, and other leading citizens, including several representatives of the Medical Congress now in session here. The programme was opened with "Gems of Irish melody," by an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. S. Cimino. Miss May Sullivan gave an exquisite rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen," for which she was warmly applauded. The singing of the solo and chorus, "Oh, where is the slave so lowly," by Miss Rachael Moeller and 10 other pupils of St. Mary's Convent, was an artistic success, and regret was expressed that the audiences were not treated to a few more items by the same vocalists. Miss Nellie Gallagher sang with sympathy and good expression, "The Dear Little Shamrock," and in response to an encore repeated a portion of the item. "The Harp that once through Tara's halls," was artistically interpreted by Mr. E. J. Hill, who was also encored. Miss Mongredien's "Kate O'Shane" was a charming vocal contribution, and needless to say that she was recalled, when she favoured the audience with the pathetic ballad, "I am waiting for thee, Asthore." Madam Carlton gave a finished rendering of "The Rose of Killarney," and in answer to an imperative recall, sang with expression "Barney O'Hea." That fine popular ballad, "The wearing of the green," suffered somewhat at the hands of Mr. H. Smith, whose singing lacked animation. This concluded the first part of the programme. The second was opened with the orchestral item "Erin's wreath," which was much enjoyed. The voices of Madame Carlton and Miss Mongredien blended finely in the duet substituted for "Farewell, but whenever." Mr. H. S. Reunert, who possesses a well cultivated voice, sang "Let Erin remember," and in response to an encore "The deathless army," both of which were much appreciated. Miss Gallagher sang with much sweetness "The meeting of the waters," and on being encored repeated part of the item. The audience were imperative in their demand for more when Miss Mongredien finished her singing of "Ott in the stilly night," but she contented herself with bowing her acknowledgment of the proffered compliment. Miss Sullivan's second contribution was "The last rose of summer," for which she had a recall. The remaining items were contributed by Mr. Smith and Madame Carlton, both items being redemanded. The accompaniments were played by Miss Grant and Miss Sullivan, who deserve a word of praise for their artistic execution. The concert as a whole was an artistic and financial success—a success which must have been highly gratifying to all concerned, especially to the committee who had worked so energetically.

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