

OUTING FOR AUGUST.

CANOEING.

The year-books of the American Canoe Association and the Western Canoe Association have been issued—the fifteenth of the former and the twelfth of the latter. Both books display creditable work on the part of the secretaries. The statistics and information are well compiled, and the books illustrated and published in attractive form.

The A. C. A., while not so large numerically as in former years, is in a healthy condition; though there had been no material gain in membership in the year ending November 1, 1895, the falling off had been checked. In that year the changes in the rolls of the several divisions were as follows: Atlantic, gained 48, lost 72; Central, gained 33, lost 18; Eastern, gained 96, lost 56; Northern, gained 11, lost 29. Total: gain 188; loss 175. The membership at the end of the year was as follows: Atlantic 251, Central 203, Eastern 321, Northern 77. Total 852. The cash balance of the association with the secretary-treasurer was \$761.60. This is independent of the amounts held by the division pursers, which were as follows: Atlantic, \$192.85; Central, \$412.47; Eastern, \$142.03; Northern, \$78.19.

Under the energetic management of Commodore Witherbee the interests of the association were greatly advanced, the meet at Bluff Point was a success, and the general apathy aroused.

This year the management is in the hands of Commodore Wm. R. Huntington, with Thos. H. Stryker as secretary-treasurer. Both are from Rome, N. Y. They are veteran members, well known and popular at many meets. The chairman of the Camp-site Committee is J. R. Robertson, of Auburndale, Mass. These officers have wisely led the way back to the camp where the most vigorous growth of the association was attained. For three consecutive years, 1884, 1885, 1886, the meets were held at Grindstone Island. All were successful. In 1889 the camp was on Stave Island, and in 1893 it was again on the St. Lawrence. I think, however, there is no A. C. A. camping ground so dear to the memories of the older canoeists as the big point on Grindstone Island at Eel Bay. The officers have made a seductive move to bring back the old-timers who have been absent of late years, and a safe one in alluring all new-comers.

The next meet will be held from August 14th to August 28th.

Grindstone Island, lies in the midst of the Thousand Islands, midway between the villages of Clayton on the American shore and Gananoque on the Canadian side.

The camp site occupies the northeastern point of the island, and the camp fronts on the Canadian channel and Eel Bay; the latter a most beautiful and sheltered piece of water, of ample extent for holding all the sailing races, and protected from anything like serious storms. The land overlooking Eel Bay rises by a gentle slope, giving a commanding and comprehensive view of the racing waters. On this slope the headquarter's tent will be pitched. The main camp will be located in the wooded edge along the Canadian channel and extending around the shore fronting on Eel Bay; and the ladies' camp on the other side of headquarters toward the southwest, apart, but sufficiently near to be convenient to headquarters. The camp is about six miles distant from Clayton and about the same distance from the Canadian port.

The camp is reached by the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad to Clayton on the American side, and the arrangement of trains is such as to make the hours for arrival at camp very convenient. On the Canadian side connections for the camp can also be made by the steamers, which ply up and down the St. Lawrence River and and at Kingston, Gananoque, Clayton and Alexandria Bay. The camp is only a short distance from the famous summer resort at Alexandria Bay, and in all respects the site chosen is a delightful and charming one.

The steam yacht *Pastime* has been engaged to ply between Clayton and the camp, leaving the former place daily at 6:30 and 10:30 A. M., and 2 and 5:15 P. M. The *Valeria* will leave Gananoque daily at 5 A. M. and 3:15 and 7 P. M.

Arrangements have been made with D. McElmerney, an Albany caterer, to conduct the camp mess. Meals will be served in a large tent at the reasonable price of \$1 per day.

The best thing that any young man—or old one for that matter—can do to put new blood in his body and get the most out of a week or fortnight is to buy or hire a canoe and join the canoeists at Grindstone.

The Western Canoe Association are in camp at Dodge's Point, Mullet Lake, near Cheboygan.
R. B. BURCHARD.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. B. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.—The law of the case is that the referee has nothing whatever to do with anything pertaining to the finish of the race. The laws of athletics provide that the judges shall decide the order of finish and the distance between the first, second and third, and a majority of the judges shall decide, and their decision shall be final and without appeal. As referee, Mr. Cuming had nothing whatever to do with the finish. If he was acting as judge instead of referee, then he had the same authority, no more and no less, than any one of the other judges. The decision of third place in the race must be made by a majority of the judges, and the referee has nothing

whatever to do with it. Until you state to whom a majority of the judges awarded third place, it will be impossible to decide whether he holds the prize rightly or wrongly.

F. H. M., Ellisburg.—(1) The Oberg camera; (2) Inquire of Frank Sanger, Madison Square Garden, New York; (3) the *Sporting Goods Gazette* or the *Sporting Goods Dealer*.

F. T. S., New Orleans.—No aquatic almanac or annual, nor any compiler of records keeps such statistics as you ask for. To answer the questions would require search through sport-inn annals for the past forty years, and would necessitate about six week's work at ten hours per day. We cannot undertake the labor.