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THE first ice-yachting of the season was at Lake Minnetonka, a short distance from Minneapolis, Minn., on December 15th. The ice on St. Louis Bay (a branch of Lake Minnetonka) was thick enough to allow the smaller boats to skim over a surface that was as near plate-glass as ice can be. This small class of boats has been named "jack rabbits."

The new and commodious clubhouse of the Minnetonka Ice Yacht Club is now practically finished and is situated at Deephaven, on St. Louis Bay. The formal house-warming will take place on Washington's Birthday. As stated in DECEMBER OUTING, the Minnetonka Ice Yacht Club has purchased a number of the crack ice yachts from the Hudson River, and with those at the lake before, and new ones—built this winter—the club registers over thirty-five boats, with a membership that will shortly have to be limited. Theodore Wetmore, the father of ice-yachting in the West, is Commodore, and R. G. Morrison treasurer; the remainder of the committee is composed of Lucian Swift, W. K. Morrison and Fred A. Hubbard.

Much is expected from the *Elk*, built by Mr. Woodford. Mr. Woodford won, considerable of a reputation last year in the Northwest when he constructed the speedy *North Star* for Commodore Wetmore.

The Minnetonka Club looks with longing eyes at the blue rag known as the champion pennant of the world, and talks of coming East this winter for it, providing the outlook is good for an extra long cold snap.

January 1st was a gala day, and the club members and their guests were out in force. It had been planned to have a cruise by the whole fleet over the lake, starting from the clubhouse, thence to Excelsior, then to Wayzata, and home to a banquet; but, alas for the best laid plans! the thermometer registered 8 below zero, a howling gale swept the lake, and the cruise had to be called off; still it could not bar such enthusiasts as Commodore Wetmore's *North Star*, A. E. McMullen's *Marian*, William Peets' *Quickstep*, W. Korison's boat, A. E. McMullen's *St. Nicholas* (present holder of club championship), Charles Chalmers' *Magic*, and Andy Pertson on *Shepner*, a new creation this year. The gale piped over twenty knots, and reefs were a handy thing to have on the sails. Some of the larger boats would have gone out, but as they did not carry any

reef points, it would have been nothing short of folly to have sailed them. No races were called.

At the annual meeting of the Pepin Ice Yacht Club at Lake Pepin, Wis., the following officers were elected: R. M. Anderson, commodore; L. B. Leffay, vice-commodore; O. L. Murry, secretary and treasurer; and O. M. Axtell, measurer. The Regatta Committee is composed of S. E. Serene, C. M. Francis and J. M. Axtell. A challenge from the Lake City Ice Yacht Club for a race for the J. B. Hudson cup and the championship pennant of the Northwest was presented before the meeting and accepted. These races will be held at Pepin over a course laid out by the regatta committee, the club winning two races out of three will be declared the winner, The Pepin Ice Yacht Club rules will govern the races.

ORANGE LAKE.

At Orange Lake, just six miles back of Newburgh-on-the-Hudson, the first sailing of the season in the East was on the second of January. The ice was in prime condition and as smooth as a mirror.

On January 3d Commodore Higginson ordered Quartermaster Taggart to bring the sun over the foreyard, and as Bight bells struck Signal Officer O'Brien broke out the club burgee, and the Orange Lake Ice Yacht Club was in commission for 1900.

January 4th broke bright and clear, and all hands were early on the ice. The regular club course had been measured off, a quadrangle, each side of which measured a half mile. The said quadrangle to be sailed five times around, making a total distance of ten miles. The ice was eight inches thick and smooth. Three events were sailed, all being for trophies, and each prize was won by the *Snow Drift*, two on races and one by default.

The first event was sailed in the forenoon and was for the challenge cup of 1888; The wind was light from the southwest as the following ice yachts lined up opposite Pine Point for the start: Commodore H. C. Higginson's *Windward*; Vice-Commodore Kidd's *Snow Drift*; Elijah Walsh's *Arctic*; Alderman Robert Karnahan's *Troubler*, and Homer S. Ramsdell's *Ice Queen*. All the above being sloops. It was a close and a hot race between the *Windward* and *Snow Drift*, and the *Windward* won by one minute; but at the home line she ran into a mark stake and so disqualified, and the *Snow Drift* was declared first, as per Orange Lake I. Y. C. rule. The finish time of the yachts was as follows: *Windward*, 12:19:30; *Snow Drift*, 12:20:30; *Arctic*, 12:22:10; *Troubler*, 12:24:30. In this race it was a mixed class on even terms.

The second race was a handicap race by Orange Lake time allowance rule (see OUTING, January, 1898, page 399). The event was for the Kidd champion pennant. The entries were the same as the first race, with addition of Frank G. Wood's *Flying Jib*. *Snow Drift* won; time, 29 min. 30 sec. *Windward* second. The slow time is accounted for by very light wind.

The third race was for the Van Nostrand,

Cup and was a handicap event. *Snow Drift* again finished first, *Windward* second, *Arctic* third, *Troubler* fourth, *Cold Wave* fifth, and then *Flying Jib*. Time of winner, 27 min. 40 sec. *Snow Drift* beat *Windward* 2 min. 10 sec., and *Troubler* and *Cold Wave* by a lap.

The officers of the Orange Lake I. Y. C. for 1900 are: H. C. Higginson, commodore; Dr. Willet Kidd vice-commodore; Chas. M. Stebbins, secretary and treasurer; James O'Brien, Jr., signal officer. Dr. Kidd is chairman of the Racing Committee.

SHREWSBURY RIVER.

The first race on the Shrewsbury River in New Jersey took place on January 3d. The wind blew a gale, and a slight snow covered the ice. The starters were: Commodore Morford's *Flaw*, Joseph L. Burrow's *Hurricane*, Rennie Hendrickson's *Nip*, and Charles Fox-

well's *Flirt*, all being third-class boats. A straight-away course and return were sailed over three times, the total distance being six miles. There was hot work in this race, and the fore-runner took many a skyward flight. The Shrewsbury men consider it a disgrace to be caught reefing an ice-yacht. The winner was the *Flaw*, which was sailed by the Commodore's son, Garry Morford. The *Flaw's* time was 11 min. 45 sec. *Hurricane* second, *Nip* third. This race was held by the North Shrewsbury I. Y. C.

The following are the officers of the South Shrewsbury I. Y. C.: Commodore, W. A. Seamen; vice-commodore, Chas. P. Irwin; secretary, Bert, Cubberley; treasurer, J. J. Manolt; sailing master, Jesse Lafetra; regatta committee, E. E. Tabor, G. A. Lippincott, and Wm. Pontin.

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ICE HOCKEY.

ICE Hockey, although a winter game, has by the development in the manufacture of artificial ice been made practically independent of climatic conditions. Hail, rain, blow or snow, there is sure now, whenever fixtures have been made, to be ice under the most perfect conditions for play; and the game is one that requires perfect ice, for it is a fast and furious game.

The certainty arising from the foregoing conditions has brought many more organizations into the field. The ranks have widened out and down, from the period when it was almost an exhibition game of semi-professionals, until it now includes many college and school teams, as well as the associated teams recruited from the principal athletic clubs.

The result has been materially to the benefit of the sport. The lines between amateurism and professionalism have been more closely drawn, and the most objectionable features of rough and often dangerous play have been sensibly diminished, with every prospect of their complete elimination.

AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUE.

The first game in the Amateur Hockey League Tournament was played at St. Nicholas Rink, December 20th, between the teams of the New York Athletic Club and the Hockey Club of New York. It was a most exciting and well-contested game and resulted in a tie, each side scoring two goals. B. Phillips and Russell each scored a goal for the Hockey Club, Howard and Cobb doing the scoring for the N. Y. A. C.

On January 4th the championship season opened on the Clermont Avenue Rink at Brooklyn, with a game between Crescent Athletic Club and Naval Battalion teams. The Crescent A. C. men won as they pleased by a score of eleven goals to nothing.

The St. Nicholas Skating Club team defeated the New York A. C. team at St. Nicholas Rink on January 9th, by a score of three goals to two.

This season's schedule of games has been re-

duced by the withdrawal from the Amateur Hockey League of the Montclair Athletic team.

UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS.

The university and school hockey season is in full swing. A new addition to the ranks of college hockey is the Cornell Hockey team, organized at a meeting on January 6th.

On December 28th the Harvard University Hockey team played the Newton Athletic Association at Cambridge. Harvard won by a score of four goals to two.

On January 1st the Yale Hockey team played at the Clermont Avenue Rink against the Crescent A. C. The Crescents proved far too strong for them and won by seven goals to one.

The match between Columbia University team and Princeton, played on the Clermont Avenue Rink, January 9th, resulted in a very one-sided game, Columbia team winning by six goals to one.

On January 6th, at St. Nicholas Rink, the Naval Militia team won from Princeton by two goals to one.

On December 24th the Cutler School team won from the St. Paul's School team, of Concord, N. H., by three goals to two.

The game between Columbia Grammar School and the Staten Island Academy on the same day resulted in a win for the Islanders by two goals to one.

On December 27th Cutler School team played a drawn game with Princeton team, both sides scoring two goals each.

On January 4th the Cutler School team played the team of Pomfret School, of Connecticut, at St. Nicholas Rink, and gained an easy victory by twenty goals to nothing.

The recent visit of the McGill University team, Montreal, Canada, was not as successful as they might have anticipated. Their first match was played at St. Nicholas Rink December 29th against the New York A. C. team, and although they played a very fast game, at the end of the second half both teams had scored three goals. It was agreed that an-