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THE failure of the recent negotiations at Washington to accomplish anything definite seems to have been due in great measure to the opposition of local and sectional interests. Protests came from the lumbermen of the West and from the fishermen of the New England coast. These, of course, had to be listened to. No government, either on this or on the other side of the line, can afford to go ahead with great national undertakings for the common good, but which antagonize local industries or corporations. And the more's the pity. The Irish vote in the United States is sufficient to prevent an international treaty or understanding with Great Britain. Other sections and interests we have seen are able to prevent an agreement with this country on certain international questions. Similar conditions unfortunately prevail in Canada. The government is compelled to listen continually to deputations representing sectional interests, who urge the recognition of their special claims,

whether they be in accord with the national interests or not. Province vies with province in the race for grants and subsidies. One county is jealous of another's public works and insists upon recognition. But especially are the various industries in antagonism, and to satisfy all parties would be impossible.

Under such a condition of affairs on both sides of the line, and with each country inclined to a protective policy, it is almost hopeless to look for an amicable arrangement of international disputes. Conditions in both countries, including public sentiment, must change greatly before a cordial agreement with regard to the questions at issue between the countries will be possible.

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Now the time has arrived for Queen's to bid farewell to the O.H.A., and with 'Varsity, McGill and other colleges to enter into a Canadian Intercollegiate hockey union. The success which attended Intercollegiate rugby football during the past season immediately suggested the practicability of a college hockey union, but as the matter was not ventilated until December last, it was then thought too late to do anything toward its formation for the present season, and the various College teams dropped into their old places in the Provincial unions, but with the understanding that all arrangements would be completed for the introduction of Intercollegiate hockey next winter. The year 1900, therefore, will undoubtedly see an Intercollegiate hockey union perfected.

To the O.H.A. is due a great deal. It has been the means of advancing hockey in Ontario to a high standard, and of greatly increasing the interest in this healthy and vigorous Canadian sport. No club in the province