

student of the rules until you become thoroughly grounded in their meaning and application. Be not content with supposing that your captain, or some other fellow, knows it all, because it may so happen that they do not. Like yourself, they, too may be vegetating on the supposition theory.

Besides the injury it does a team I consider the want of knowledge of the rules of play one of the most fruitful sources of disputes and bickerings among competitors. A laughable feature of the affair, also, is the readiness with which those who know the least about rules are wont to question a decision. They are usually the first to do so, and the last to be convinced of the unstableness of their contention.

Players owe it to their clubs to become conversant with the laws of the game they pursue. Neglect to do so very often jeopardizes the chance of winning the laurel, if it does not make it impossible. Read the rules, then, boys; study them if you will, and thereby strike at the root of an annoying factor of athletics. Let every member of a team have a copy, that he may for himself read, learn and inwardly digest. Have it, of course, at your club's expense; for if you are to bring the shekels to its coffers the least it should do is to provide you with the food for thought.

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Traditions of the Early Acadians—Occupation of East River and St. Peter's.

THOSE Breton French who first settled the valleys of the Hillsborough and Pisquid Rivers, and parts adjacent Tracadie, Savage Harbor, French Village, Saint Peter's and Groshaut were quite a different people from the French who settled Quebec. The Acadians were of purely Celtic origin. They spoke a patois, the soft, gliding tones of which you detect