

HOLLY EVE.

“Arrah, Moya, sure the children were askin’ me today,  
 To buy some nuts an’ apples for the comin’ Holly Eve,  
 An’, faix, I fold them yes, av coorse—what other could I say?  
 T’would never do the gorsoons an’ girleens to grieve.  
 D’ye mind, aroon, that Holly Eve back in old Tralee;  
 The potheen an’ colcannon an’ meltin’ av the lead;  
 How our nuts burned together in the turf so faithfully,  
 An’ we danced to Murty’s pipin’ till we felt light in the head?

“Do I mind it, is it, Owen? Ah! troth inded I do;  
 The mem’ry av that Eve, avie, returns in dreams to me,  
 When ye whispered at the half-door that I’d surely never rue  
 The willing “yes” I gave ye ere we crossed the mighty sea.  
 Och! I sometimes miss old Erin with its power to entrance;  
 It’s hills an’ valleys, streams an’ creepin’ shamrock, too;  
 But—ah tune up your fiddle an’ play the Kerry dance;  
 I’ll be happy Holly Eve with the little ones an’ you.

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**Athletics.**

All Canadians will regret that Miss Dorothy Campbell, our lady golf champion, went down to defeat before Miss Curtis of Boston last week in the American Championships. Canada regards Miss Campbell as one of her own, and of one thing we can rest assured, the defeat was taken cheerfully and with Scottish grace. But she’ll “come back”.

The whole country is agog with football. The fever is on us, and this will be followed by hockey. What a time we’ll have until next spring. If artificial ice rinks come into vogue, there’s no telling when the hockey season will begin or end.

Last Saturdays matches in the two big leagues witnessed surprises for the Ottawa teams. In the Interprovincial series, the ‘Rough Riders’ were simply slaughtered by the Hamilton Tigers to the tune of 30-0. Frequent off-side plays, with their consequent penalties told the tale against the aggregation from the Capital.

In the Intercollegiate league, much to the surprise of every one, the youthful and somewhat light XIV of Ottawa College downed the hardy Queens team by a score of 15 to 14. Father Stanton deserves much credit for the work of his youngsters.

The standing of the two leagues at present is:—

INTERPROVINCIAL.

	Won	Lost	Play	To For	Points— For Agst.
Argonauts .....	2	0	4	19	9
Tigers .....	1	1	4	41	12
Ottawa .....	1	1	1	15	42
Montreal .....	0	2	4	10	22

To-day’s games—Ottawa vs Argonauts; Montreal vs Hamilton.

INTERCOLLEGIATE.

	Won	Lost	Play	To For	Points— For Agst.
Varsity .....	2	0	4	36	18
McGill.....	1	1	4	31	25
Ottawa .....	1	1	4	20	34
Queen’s .....	0	2	4	21	33

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*The Civilian* has always advocated walking as a beneficial form of exercise. There is a remarkable record