



ATHLETICS

The bright and frosty autumn weather is here again, and with it comes, as regularly as the seasons, the "Grid-Iron" hero, supplanting with majestic stride and tawny mane the baseball and lacrosse player.

In the arena of manly sports at Ottawa University, Football has always held, unchallenged, the premier position in the relative importances of all branches of athletics. True it is the other games, such as baseball, lacrosse, hand-ball, and basketball, have not by any means been neglected, but when Ottawa University is mentioned, Football, as by second nature, is immediately coupled with its name. And not a mediocre brand of Football either, but the kind that wins the support and respect of the public; that makes gentlemen out of its players, and incidentally wins championships. Let us hope that the team of 1909 will have a successful season, and add another championship to the already lengthy list.

This season witnessed the withdrawal from active football duties of Rev. Father Wm. J. Stanton, O.M.I. It is with sincere regret that we chronicle this information. Rev. Father Stanton was considered the brainiest coach in the Inter-Collegiate Union, and this body suffers a distinct loss in his resignation. In 1907 the championship cup of the C.I.R.F.U. was brought to our University for the first time in its history. True, we were not champions last year, but that should not reflect discredit on the coach or the team. The boys worked hard, likewise the coach, but the excessive weight of the opposing players told heavily against our team, and were were not successful. The team took its defeat gracefully and like gentlemen. Although not coach this year, Rev. Father Stanton is still head of athletics at the University, and directs the Association in a firm and able manner. He is also Prefect of Discipline for the term 1909-10.

The team of 1909 will be minus many familiar faces when it lines up for the initial game against McGill, Oct. 9th, at Montreal.

Frank Higgerty, our stellar inside wing, and the most consistent worker on last year's team, has gone to Montreal.