



THE season's bowling started in Ottawa on Thanksgiving day. It is the first of the series of the Canadian Bowling Association's matches and the teams were from the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association and the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club. The subjoined score tells the story:—

M. A. A. A.	
A. G. Higginson.....	448 T. L. Paton..... 570
D. C. S. Millar.....	422 F. Gardiner..... 385
J. Gordon.....	395 A. G. Gardiner..... 589
Total.....	2,809
O. A. A. C.	
W. J. Johnson.....	466 J. B. Watson..... 566
A. P. Sherwood.....	548 L. Duplessis..... 413
W. P. Lett, jr.....	517 H. Morrison..... 527
Total.....	3,037
Majority for Ottawa.....	228

The football season is over and it has been a brilliant one, more interest being taken in the outcome of the different matches than has been the case for many years, both in Ontario and Quebec, but more particularly in the latter district. In Ontario the campaign was a most exciting one, and the acknowledged leaders were Osgoode Hall and Toronto 'Varsity. These two teams ran neck and neck in the race for the Ontario championship, when they first met the score finally showing a tie at 10 points each. When the tie was played off, on the 9th inst., Osgoode Hall had secured the championship with a score of 18 points against 2. The coveted honour being thus secured by the Hall, negotiations were immediately opened between the Montrealers and the Osgoode Hall team, which led to considerable misunderstanding and not a little bad feeling. Ottawa College played in Montreal on the 7th inst., under the distinct understanding that Montreal would give them a return match on Thanksgiving day. But, being anxious to play for the Dominion championship, they wished to cancel their match with the Ottawa College boys. This aroused a storm of indignation in the Ottawa papers, and the Montrealers kept their first engagement and risked the chance of having an opportunity to play for the championship. Then it was decided that Osgoode Hall would come to Montreal on Saturday last, but this was hardly fair on the Quebec champions, after playing such a tremendously hard match on Thursday. Men can't play Rugby football of the style played at Ottawa every day in the week. The Osgoode Hall people telegraphed back that they were satisfied with the explanation made, and the champions will meet on Saturday. To avoid any difficulties of the above kind in future, it would be well at the next meetings of both unions—at which, I believe, joint committees are to report on very important matters regarding the constitution and playing rules—to have it made definite that the champion teams of both unions should be obliged to play within seven days of the respective deciding provincial championship matches. This annual championship match might be played alternately in Ontario or Quebec; or, perhaps, a better scheme would be to have them played on the grounds of the team at the time holding the championship, as at present is done under the challenge system in the Province of Quebec.

Last week considerable space was devoted to the Montreal-Ottawa College match. At that time the only idea that could be formed of the respective merits of the play was from the one match witnessed, in which Montreal markedly outplayed their visitors. But on Thanksgiving day there was a wonderful change and as much difference between the style of play as there is between day and night. The college men had learned a wrinkle or two in their previous match and they were not slow to adopt them. That is the spirit to play football in, and the college boys showed remarkable adaptive, or absorptive powers. The result was that the Montrealers were somewhat surprised at being met with their own tactics. The teams were more evenly matched than perhaps any two in Canada, and they played decidedly the best and hardest Rugby of the season. There was no muffing, no chances escaped that could not be easily excused. The scrimmage lines were like stone walls;

the back divisions were perfect; the wings were like lightning: but the Ottawa wings seemed made of some material even a little faster than the forked illuminator. It was a grand match from beginning to end, with only one unsatisfactory thing about it and that was the official score, which made the match a tie. A tie is always unsatisfactory, except to a side which recognizes its weakness and feels thankful it is not beaten. In the present case the decision was thoroughly unsatisfactory to both sides. It is particularly hard on the college, for the simple reason that a win and a draw score more than a draw and a loss. There were two crucial points on which the decision of the referee differed with about everyone else's on the field, a change in either of which would have settled the match. At one point Ottawa was only allowed one point for a rouge, which certainly appeared to have been a safety. That would have given Ottawa nine points at the call of time. The other case was when Campbell made a touch down as cleanly as could be, but was not allowed. This deprived Montreal of at least four points, most likely six, for the kick would have been an easy one. Bad decisions in both these cases left the match a tie, with the Montreal team the sufferer numerically.

The teams lined up as under:—

Montreal goal.			
Miller,			
J. Campbell,	Fry,	Claxton,	
Fairbanks,			
Jamieson, Reford,	Black,	Bell, Louson,	
Baird, James,	Higginson,	R. Campbell, Fry,	
(wings.)		(wings.)	
O			
McDougall, Newman,	Trudeau,	McCarthy, Vincent,	
Murphy, Meaher,	Charon,	Guillet, Tetrault,	
(wings.)		(wings.)	
Troy,			
Clarke,	Plunkett,	Cormier,	
Belanger,			
Ottawa goal.			
Referee—Dr. Elder.			

Both teams started in with a rush, and they had not been more than five minutes engaged in this particular business when they both discovered they were surprising each other, and metaphorically stood off for a minute or two to size each other up. Ottawa was forced to rouge, but immediately scored a try after a rattling dribbling rush that woke up Montreal. In fact, both sides were so woke up, so to speak, that if the armour of our forefathers was not a little cumbersome it would have been exceedingly useful that day. A substitute replaced Claxton in the early stages, and a few minutes later Fairbanks and Vincent did a little football with their hands and were ruled off. Plunkett, who was playing a rattling, plucky game, was the next to get into trouble. He forgot he was not running the whole game, however, and for his absent-mindedness he stayed in the vicinity of the fence for some time. But the College had a lead of four to one and they went in with a rush, forcing Miller to rouge and making their mark five to one. Then began a slower, steadier struggle, in which the Montreal scrimmage seemed staggered a little, but they stayed there. If the College could have broken through the line this time and dribbled, Montreal would have been defeated; but the home team did not, and the ball was heeled out, the next man to handle it being Campbell. A well followed up punt resulted in a touch down, and the score stood five all. In the second half, according to the decision of the referee, both sides added three points to their score. The play in the second half, taking a general view, was a shade in favour of the College, that is, if Montreal's touch down and the College's safety are left out of the calculations.

Thanksgiving day was a great day in Ottawa for football, and all the games were more or less patronized. In the forenoon the Metropolitan grounds were crowded to see Ottawa City and Britannia second fifteens play. The Ottawa City club were not in it at all from the start, and the match all through was a little slow and tedious. Neither side seemed to be in anything like shape, and the number of muffs was simply amazing. The Britannias won by 20 points to 6. That number "6" seemed to be an unlucky number for the Ottawa Citizens, for their first team just totalled up the same number in the match with the premier

fifteen of the Britannia club, while the latter put on 14. The Ottawa club, however, had learned experience in the first half of the match and played a splendid staying game in the second.

In order of sequence the next most important football event is the match between Toronto 'Varsity and McGill. Such great things had been written in the Western papers about the tremendous playing power of both 'Varsity and Osgoode Hall, that our more modest collegian punters in Montreal thought they had no chance in the world to win, and they went on the field pretty well out of condition and more than a quarter beaten. In the first rush it gradually dawned on the McGillites that their opponents were not invulnerable; in the next rush it became very palpable that they were very vulnerable indeed, and as soon as McGill had found this out they proceeded to do with their Toronto fellows much as they pleased. Even then the game was slow and most uninteresting. Half a dozen times the ball was sent through the McGill line, but the follow up was so slow that even the half-backs, who were by no means quick or accurate, got down in time to obviate any danger. There was no sort of combined effort visible in the play; it was loose and ragged; the 'Varsity wings did not seem to understand their mission on earth, and they usually showed up just about the time when it was too late to tackle anything but the atmosphere. In the first half 'Varsity essayed a little dribbling, but they were so weak in this particular branch that when half time was called they had a nice round cipher to their credit, while McGill had tallied 6 points, made up of two rouges and a touch down without the privilege of a kick. The opening of the second half saw a series of scrimms, resulting in McQuarrie being forced to rouge—7-10. A few minutes after, notwithstanding that the 'Varsity backs were playing a more open and better game and doing some punting, the better work of the McGill wings told and another rouge was necessary—8-0. Some neat muffing by three McGill men resulted in only securing a rouge when it should have been a touch-down—9-0. Then the Torontos began to look as if they did not intend to be altogether whitewashed. A scrimmage on the McGill line resulted in Bunting sending the oval across, and Donahue rouged—9-1. The next point scored was a try for McGill, which was not converted into a goal. Score—13-1. Then 'Varsity made the best play of the day. It was a rush clear through the College line, and the leather was bounding in front of them. Clayes got the try and Parkyn made a goal of it, bringing the score up 6 points, making the totals read—McGill, 13; 'Varsity, 7. Had the 'Varsity played during the whole game as they did in the last quarter of an hour the result would have been different. Following were the teams engaged:—

McGill goal.			
Donahue,			
Mathieson,	Vincent,	Smart,	
Jacques.			
Walsh, Primrose,	Yates,	Hamilton, King,	
McDougall, Whyte,	Guthrie,	McFarlane, Taylor,	
(wings.)		(wings.)	
O			
Clayes, McCrae,	McMillan,	Lash, Laidlaw,	
Cross, Clark,	Bain,	N. Lash, Moss,	
(wings.)		(wings.)	
Parker,			
Bunting,	Wood,	Parkyn,	
McQuarrie,			
'Varsity goal.			

The Lake Ontario Yachting Association at the annual meeting elected the following officers:—President, Mr. M. Cartwright, Rochester Yacht Club; vice-president, Mr. W. H. Biggar; secretary-treasurer, Geo. E. Evans, Royal Canadian Y. C.; executive committee, W. B. Phelps, jr., Oswego; J. C. Allan, Queen City club; J. F. Monk, Hamilton club. Next year the Queen's cup will be raced for by the 30-foot class. The following schedule for the season was adopted:—Belleville, July 15; Oswego, July 18; Rochester, July 21; Hamilton, July 25; Toronto, July 27 and 28. Rochester was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting of the association.