

FOOTBALL HAS THE CALL OF SPORTS IN HAMILTON.

Prospects of Hockey—None Too Good—Negotiations Still Going on for Eastern League Ball—Good Season of Basketball.

Of all the sports of the year Rugby football has been the most successful in Hamilton. True, owing to the unpreparedness with which the seniors went into the opening contest the senior championship, which had come to Hamilton four years in succession, was lost, but the team had the supreme satisfaction of defeating the champions on their own field, and the Intermediates upheld the honor of their city by winning not only the championship of the new Inter-Provincial Union, but also the championship of Canada. The juniors won their way to the final game, and were defeated by only a few points in a raw deal at Toronto. They were strongly advised to protest and were confident they could win, but took the view that committee room victories are not the sort they like to win.

Among the great multitude of patrons of the game in Hamilton there was a feeling that the rules played under had a tendency to promote roughness, and, in that respect, were not as satisfactory from the spectator's standpoint, as the snap-back was. There may be some ground for this feeling, but, taken as a whole, the football of 1907 was not rough. It was hard and strenuous and the sort that will tend to develop sturdy manhood, but any brutality that may have crept in was the result not of the rules, but of the way in which they were enforced by the officials. Had the referees of the big union conferred together and set their faces resolutely against tackling a man after he has kicked and against jumping on a man who is "held" there would have been no cause for complaint. A uniform system for referees and an understanding among a body of competent men, carefully selected, is one of the greatest needs of the game.

It is a great joy indeed to note the brilliant players who are coming on. The Dominion champion, Intermediates will furnish the senior Tigers with a lot of first class material. It looks at this time as if probably half of this year's senior players might be seen no more in the yellow and black. They have done much for the game throughout Canada, and more for Hamilton, and the four consecutive championships won by practically the same team will long be a record to be talked about. It will always be said, too, that the Tigers never played a mean trick or pulled off a dirty play. They have demonstrated that gentlemen can play Rugby and still be gentlemen. With such a crowd of intermediates, followed by such a bunch of juniors as Manager Guy Long's team was, Hamilton need have no fear about the future. Then there are the City League teams and the Highfield boys coming along. Highfield is developing a fine line of players. The games that the lads played this fall were delightful to watch. The little fellows knew all the wrinkles of the game and played them with the greatest coolness, showing head, foot and hand work that cannot be picked up by a player going into the game when a few years older. The Highfield boys, in the ordinary course, will become stars in the football teams of the colleges to which they will go when through with their work here, but some of them will doubtless find their way into the Tigers. Wherever they may play, they may be depended upon to uphold the honor of their city and school.

Winter sport prospects are not as good as was the football outlook three months ago. Ottawa has recently had added to her already good equipment for ice sports a magnificent hockey rink, with a seating capacity of 8,000, in which the view from every point is perfect. When in Ottawa last month some of the Hamilton Football followers approached Mr. Day, the proprietor, and asked him if he would undertake to build a somewhat similar rink in Hamilton if guaranteed financial backing.

"Financial backing," he replied, "I'll build the rink without any financial assistance at all if you will guarantee ice."

In Ottawa they can always depend on from 13 to 16 weeks of almost uninterrupted frost. "In Hamilton you never know what it is going to do next day," was Mr. Day's comment. That is the great drawback here. The hockey outlook is not bright. There will be some hockey and very good hockey too—but it will not be the sort Hamilton people would get if ice could be depended upon.

Athletics have prospered in Hamilton and there is no reason why they should not have a better season next year.

The outlook for baseball is uncertain. It is definitely settled that the International League which Chas. Elliott was trying to work up will not do. Hamilton and London are the cities in Ontario that would carry the Canadian end and neither is warm on the proposition. Just now negotiations are going on to get an opening in the Eastern, but nothing definite has been done. That league is what Hamilton people want, and they may yet secure it.

Among winter sports basketball is certain to flourish this season. The Y. M. C. A. teams have started already in a splendid way. The teams will be strong and the management promises that the best teams to be had will be brought here. The games already played are a good indication of what is coming. The Cricket Ground management has for some time been thinking out plans for making that popular place the home of outdoor sport in Hamilton. The thing

has often been discussed and it looks good. The possibilities certainly are great. Should the field be lost to sport the loss would be almost irreparable.

Three Remarkable Brothers.

The Kilbirnie branch of the Craufurd family gave to the service of the country three remarkable brothers, sons of Sir Alexander Craufurd, who was created a baronet in 1781, and who held the estate of Newark, the mansion house of which overlooks the River Don and the plain that stretches from the base of Carriek Hill, across the town of Ayr, to the furthest bounds of the shirelands of Kyle and the hills that rise beyond. In its day Newark belonged to the Grayman of Auchendrain, the notorious John Mure. It passed to the Craufurds, was sold by them to the Earl of Cassillis, and is now part of the wide-reaching domains of the Marquis of Ailsa. Each of the three was famous in his day. Of the eldest, however, Sir James Craufurd, Bart., comparatively little is recorded. He was British resident of Hamburg from 1798 to 1803, and was afterwards Minister Plenipotentiary at Copenhagen. The interest centres in the other two, Charles and Robert, both of whom attained also to baronetcies.

HIGHFIELD SCHOOL SENIOR TEAM—1907



Top row: S. Hope, D. Scott, S. Bankier, B. Tinning, C. Sutherland, E. Wheeland, G. Fraser, M. Walker.
Second row: Mr. Collinson, C. Gibson, K. MacDougall, G. Ferrie (captain), K. Murray, R. Higgins, W. Whiting.
Lower row: R. Ferguson, J. Kennedy.

TIGER SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM—1907



Reading from left to right—Marriott, Moore, Ishister, Wigle, Grey, C. aig, Pfeiffer, Murray, Ballard, Barron, Tope, Climie, Simpson, Hall, Lyon.



DR. W. G. THOMPSON,
Manager of Senior Tigers.

HIGHFIELD SCHOOL JUNIOR TEAM—1907



Top row: H. Hay, G. Evel, S. Nicholson, R. McKay, H. Colquhoun, W. F. Clarke, G. Lynch-Staunton, M. Young, E. Wallace.
Second row: Mr. Collinson, M. Vallance, J. Merrick, H. Washington (captain), G. Tinning, R. Fitch, C. Martin, Mr. Townsend.
Lower Row: H. Wardrope, A. Cramer, H. Thomson.

PAGAN FEAST IN NAPLES.

Musical Tournament Held Yearly at the Pedigrotta.

The great Neapolitan festival known as Pedigrotta which takes place in Naples on September the 8th is nearly like all Italian feasts of pagan origin. It dates back to the founding of the city of Parthenope, so called after the sire who in grief at the escape of Ulysses drowned himself. The Calicians of Cumæ raised on the hill of Pæsilipo where the body of the sire was cast ashore a temple to the goddess of chastity and plenty, which served the dual purpose of a place of worship and a landmark for mariners. The feast of this goddess was celebrated at harvest time, when the people flocked out of town to the sacred spot laden with offerings of fruit, flowers and golden ears of corn, while the youths followed playing psalms of praise on the lyre and the flute.

This feast lasted until the Roman epoch. Another town sprang up beside Parthenope and was called Neapolis, new town. After the end of the Samnite war the feast was gradually forgotten.

Subsequently the Pro-Consul Cocceius Nerva built a tunnel between the town of Neapolis and Pozzuoli, the former Parthenope, thus affording communication by land between the two places, and under the old temple of Parthenope a delubrum was dedicated to Mithras in which was erected also an altar to Priapus. Here the festivals and pilgrimages formerly held at Pæsilipo were renewed. The songs known as canzonette, prevalent in Naples to-day, preserve the characteristic choruses and melodies of their Calician prototype.

With the establishment of Christianity the old temples were demolished and on their ruins rose the Church of Santa Maria dell'Idra, Santa Maria of the Hydra, probably an allusion to Mithras' bull. The worshippers who came to this Christian shrine grew so numerous that a larger church had to be built near by. It was at the foot of the tunnel or grotto constructed by the Pro-Consul

and hence was called the Church of the Madonna di Pedigrotta. The pagan festivities were continued in Christian guise.

The church has always been a favorite goal for pilgrimages not only by the common people but in former times by Kings and Queens as well. Victorious Generals used to go there to offer their thanks to the Madonna; thus Don John of Austria went there in 1571 after the battle of Lepanto.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century the annual festival assumed an official character. Except that the Madonna had supplanted Parthenope the celebrations were identical with the original ones initiated by the Calicians of Cumæ. In 1674 a military review was added.

At the present time the glory of the Parata is a thing of the past and the feast has entirely lost its official character. The feast of the Pedigrotta, however, still is dear to every Neapolitan.

It is a day when, following the ancient custom, the people leave their homes and enter heart and soul into the festivities about them. The streets are crowded with merry, rollicking humanity.

The main feature of the feast consists in the singing of songs composed for the occasion. It is a musical tournament. A song presented here which catches the popular fancy becomes the song of the year.

It is safe to say that the popular music of the Neapolitans is more original than that of any other part of Italy but among these people unfortunately the simple melody is rarely found to-day. The public is too ready to accept as typical the modern productions and these have gradually superseded the plainer, but more effective native songs.

In a beautiful collection of songs published several years ago by the well-known musician Chianotto is shown how closely woven is the popular melody with the basis of Italian music. This is still further recognized in the Neapolitan comic opera of the eighteenth century, as well as in typical motifs centered here and there in the works of famous composers.

It is known that Bellini possessed a collection of Sicilian and Neapolitan songs and melodies which he was in the custom of humming and playing continually in solitude. It is certain that several of them were modified and transformed and in totally different shape appeared in his own compositions.

Unfortunately no trace of this collection could be found after Bellini's death. Among them surely existed some of the old original Pedigrotta songs which have now been lost or forgotten.

The celebrated Salter Rosa, painter, poet and musician, composed a song on purpose for Pedigrotta, and so did such musicians as Puccini, Pergolesi, the author of the "Stabat Mater," and many others.

The youths of to-day have forsaken the ancient lyre and flute and substituted for it the tambourine, the rattle and replaced by mere noise.

A device known as the electrephen has been invented for the purpose of illustrating the hatching of chickens in schools and nature classes. The device is easily connected to any electric light circuit, either alternating or direct current, of 110 volts, by the usual flexible cord and plug. It is only necessary to turn the button and sufficient heat is provided for hatching and brooding the chicks.

TIGER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL TEAM—Champions of Canada



Reading from left to right: Hutchison, (trainer), Hall, Reid, MacDougall (manager), Jamieson, Gleason, Park, Pfeiffer, Awey, Burkholder, Townsend, Smith, Loftus, Wark, Brannigan, Vickley, Harrison.



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