

VARSLITY I vs. QUEEN'S I.

Every football enthusiast should write on the first page of his memorandum book "See the 'Varsity-Queen's game in Toronto." The draw game of last year was admittedly the finest of the Canadian season; the result of this year's struggle was in doubt until the whistle sounded; both contests have been hard and clean, just and fair, with all the finer shades of good Rugby filling in every minute that brilliancy did not occupy; there are always sensational drop-kicks (for Varsity), there are smashing mass plays, crashing tackles, dashing runs; monotony is a stranger, and variety the guest of honor; there is always a Garrison finish, always George Mason; and, best of all, each gridiron gladiator has every confidence that all the other fellows are first, last and always gentlemen, and conducts himself accordingly.

So the Varsity-Queen's game in Toronto should now be considered the greatest exhibition that can be of the Canadian Rugby game. Fate has it apparently that there should be a slump in Kingston, but the alliterative poet has it as a settled conviction that the Toronto meeting shall be a fast, furious, fair fight, with form and fettle to suit the most fastidious footballer.

Queen's was represented by full back Simpson; half backs, Swinerton, Britton, Crothers; quarter, Dalton; scrim., Connell, Carr-Harris, McLennan; inside wings, Hill, Harpell; second wings, Shirreff and Reid; outside wings, Young and Williams; flying wing, Captain Etherington.

Varsity by full back, G. Biggs; half backs, Beatty, Baldwin, E. Gibson; quarter, P. Biggs; scrimmage, Isbester, Burnham, McLaren; inside

wings, McLennan and McLennan; second wings, Gilbert and Campbell; outside wings, Jermyn and Patterson; flying wing, Captain McCollum.

For Varsity Baldwin's punting was the feature that enabled the westerners to gain most ground, while Queen's greatest gains were brought about by Britton's kicks and Dalton's phenomenal breaks through the line, two of which resulted in the king of quarter backs going over Varsity's line for touch-downs. Queen's showed form that surprised even their most knowing supporters, but in no place was the improvement from the previous Saturday so clearly marked as in the centre. The back division of that game were too severely and somewhat unjustly criticised by the well known authorities connected with the local press, while undoubtedly the real trouble was the slump around the scrimmage which prevented Dalton getting the ball out before the end players were through and breaking up back division play. In the Toronto game the scrimmage, as always, held their own, while Hill, J. Harpell, Shirreff and Reid were like a stone wall, with the result that the back division got away time and again for end gains and middle plunges, and Dalton was given time to start—all that is necessary to prove that he is the most brilliant and brainy quarter-back in Canada. On the line Harpell proved worthy of his elevation into senior company and played his position faultlessly. Hill distinguished himself on the throw-ins, securing the ball in critical situations and gaining a few yards invariably before going to earth. Shirreff and Reid effectually stopped Varsity's line-bucking efforts; while Etherington, Williams and Young