YALE, BY A TRY AND A GOAL

HARVARD BEATEN BY 6 POINTS TO 0.

The Closest Contest on Record Between the Blue and Crimson—Two of the Cambridge Men Were Obliged to Leave the Field Owing to Injury—Springfield Scenes.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 19.—The first special train that arrived to-day on the occasion of the great football contest was one from Boston with 130 police officers and several hundred Harvard students.

The officers were Boston's finest, the two big men whose size attracted so much attention last year being among the number.

The outgoing trains were poorly patronized, as every one who could remained to witness the big game. There was revenge in the eyes of several storekeepers this morning when they arrived at their places of business and found their signs missing. They made their way to the police station and told their sorrowful tale. Sidewalks, street corners and doorways were crowded with fakirs this morning, raking in money from the sale of badges, buttons, flags, etc. Red chrysanthemums take the place of red pinks with the Harvard students, and these were worn extensively to-day. Yale students wore the favored blue violet.

Ticket speculators were feeling sad at the price they were obliged to sell their tickets, for those who had refused to sell their tickets for $5 each a few days ago willingly parted with them to-day at cost. By noon the crowds who had arrived on the earlier trains began their march to the field, and from that until 1.30 the stream of humanity poured into the enclosure.

Yale sympathizers occupied seats on the west side of the ground, with Harvard opposite on the east. The crowds were very enthusiastic, and cheer upon cheer was raised as Yale's famous pug pup was dropped over the fence into the press enclosure.

20,000 Persons Present.

Twenty thousand people had congregated on Hampden Park when the game opened. A finer day for sport could not have been. It was 1.25 when the whole Eastern side of the arena arose in a solid body to greet their Cambridge team as they ran on the field from the northeast corner. Cheer after cheer went up and it had hardly subsided when a corresponding burst of applause on the opposite side of the field announced the arrival of the New Haven eleven. But little time was consumed in passing the ball and the preliminaries of the game were dispatched in short order. Almost before the crowd had sized up the relative appearance of the elevens on the field the teams began to form for the kick-off.

Yale won the toss and chose the ball, while Harvard took the north goal. The teams had not lined half a dozen times before the Cambridge team showed a surprising strength, and it was very evident that Yale was not to have the walk-over hat had been so confidently predicted for her. The Yale team were as much surprised as their supporters, and all visions of rolling up a big score vanished, and it was left for them to fight out a victory on even terms. Most of the cheering was on the crimson side, and during the interval between the halves there was a marked stillness on Yale's side. The supporters of the blue were disappointed in the work of their team at the outset, and the thought of a defeat, which was at times imminent, fairly took their breath away. After Yale had made a good gain at the kick-off they found that ground gaining against the Harvard eleven was no easy thing.

The Yale rush line failed to open up holes for the half-backs, and before a single five yards had been gained after the first gain with the wedge Capt. McCormack began a kicking game. From that time on it was a kicking game to a very unusual degree, and in the punting the young Cambridge full back had rather the best of Butterworth. In the early part of the game Yale depended almost entirely on punting and sending her halves through the line once or twice. An end play was tried, but proved a failure invariably. Harvard adopted similar tactics, and seldom in the early part of the game sent her ground gainers around the end.

Harvard Forced the Playing.

By a series of plunges through the line, followed by a punt, the ball was kept vacillating near the centre of the field. There was little advantage on either side, but Harvard rather forced the playing, and succeeded at times in breaking through the line, the work being on the whole better than her opponents'. Harvard played with more snap and played a quicker game than her opponents. Yale did some wretched work in fumbling at several stages of the game, and a touch-down was narrowly avoided by such a play in the first half of the game, and Yale lost its only chance of scoring in the first half by a fumble at the five-yard line.

Yale won, but only by a margin of one touch-down and after the stubbornest fight which has ever taken place between the two colleges.

The game was fought inch by inch from beginning to end and it is safe to say that had the Cambridge team not lost two of her best men the game would have ended without either side having scored.

Toward the close of the first half Yale forced the ball down the field and got it inside Harvard's five-yard line. A bad fumble at this critical point lost the lead for Yale and they were thus prevented from scoring, time being called with the ball in Harvard's five-yard line. So the score in the first half was nothing to nothing.

The second half opened with the same desperate fighting and the Cambridge team forcing the play. Harvard received the first set-back when Upton was injured and obliged to give up and only a few minutes later his partner in the left end, who had been playing a brilliant game, was also hurt and he was dragged from the field against his vigorous protest. This left Harvards strongest part of the team a weak spot and with this loss her hopes vanished. Yale rushed the ball down the weakened end and by the hardest kind of work scored the only touch-down of the game.

Yale Gains 20 Yards With the Wedge.

Yale started with the ball and formed the wedge. Butterworth was put in the centre of the wedge, and he snapped the ball back to the Yale captain. The wedge started to the left and before it had stopped they had made a gain of 20 yards. The ball was passed to Laurie Bliss, and he started through the line, but was downed by Upton in a fine tackle with scarcely any gain. After the second futile attempt to buck the line, Butterworth fell back for a punt, which brought the ball well down into Harvard's territory. Trafford tried to send his backs through the line, but, failing, passed the ball to Brewer, who made a fine punt. Butterworth tried for a fair catch, but made a miserable fumble, and Harvard got the ball near the centre of the field. Lake bucked the centre for five yards, and the Harvard eleven then made slight gains by pushing with the wedge. Brewer punted, and the ball struck L. Bliss and rolled over the line, but was brought out on interference. With Yale's ball on her 10-yard line Butterworth punted, but the ball was brought back on an off-side play. L. Bliss gained 15 yards around the end, and then tried to go through the line but failed. Butterworth again was forced to punt, and Brewer soon returned it. The ball was muffed by L. Bliss, and Lewis dropped on it. Upton made a good gain, and then the ball went to Yale, and they tried the pushing tactics with the wedge on the line up. It availed little, and again Butterworth had to punt. C. D. Bliss tried to go around the left end, but his interferers were too far in advance and he was downed. Failing to get five yards Butterworth punted, bringing the ball near the centre. L. Bliss got by the end rushers, and was finely tackled by Lake. Harvard got the ball, and a punt by Brewer brought it to the centre, Harvard's end rushers getting down the field finely. Harvard's rush line broke through and got the ball on four downs. Yale got the ball in a scrimmage and Butterworth was sent to buck the line. He made a good gain, and after two downs punted. The Harvard rushers blocked the kick, and C.D. Bliss got the ball on the rebound. L. Bliss then started on his first brilliant run, going around the right end, with splendid interference by McCormick and Butterworth. C. D. Bliss brought the ball to the five-yard line and here it was lost to Harvard. Time was called a moment later, with neither side having scored a point.

Harvard's Vulnerable Left End.

Harvard opened the second half with her new trick of the checker board play, and made 25 yards. Brewer's punt carried the ball to Yale's five-yard line. Yale advanced the ball by short rushes, and was given 10 yards more on an offside play. Butterworth kicked, and the ball was blocked by the Harvard rushers, downed on Yale's 15-yard line. Yale again forced the ball by short hard rushes, Butterworth being sent effectively through the centre several times. C. D. Bliss got out of a scrimmage with an open field, but he was overhauled by Hallowell. Yale lost ground and Harvard got the ball. Gray made a run of 10 yards, and then Brewer was sent through the centre for a small gain. The ball was passed to Upton, who ran around from his position on the left, encircling the rush line and making a brilliant run of 30 yards around the right end. It brought out a deafening applause, and Harvard's hopes went up. Yale got the ball on a kick from Brewer. Upton was hurt in a scrimmage, and Mason took his place. A few minutes later Emmons was badly hurt, and Mason took his place and Shea went in tackle.

Capt. McCormick was quick to take advantage of the weak spot now afforded, and the first play sent L. Bliss around the weakened end for a great run of 40 yards, bringing the ball to the Harvard 30-yard line. Yale's centre braced, and McCormick, L. Bliss and Butterworth plunged through time after time, Yale's doughty little captain going through the hole opened and pulling the man with the ball after him. The ball was advanced by short but sure gains to the 20-yard line, and then Wallis carried it inside the 5-yard line. Instead of trying to push it over—the whole Yale eleven were massed as if for that purpose—little L. Bliss got the ball and ran out to the left without a single Harvard man opposing, and placed the ball behind the goal post. It was an easy goal, and Butterworth had no trouble in kicking it. Score 6 to 0.

Little time remained, and it was clear that the game was decided. Harvard started the ball again with a good rush, and by a punt got the ball near Yale's 25-yard line. Trafford fell back for a drop kick, but the Yale rushers were on him before he could make the attempt, and he was downed by Winter. It was the fourth down, and the ball went to Yale. Butterworth then punted, Brewer returned it after failing to gain, and the game ended with the ball near Yale's 30-yard line.

YALE (6).	POSITION.	HARVARD (0).
Hinkey	Left End Right	Hallowell
Winter	Left Tackle Right	Newell
McCrea	Left Guard Right	Mackie
Stillman	Centre	Lewis
Hickok	Right Guard Left	Waters
Wallis	Right Tackle Left	Upton
Greenway	Right End Left	Emmons
McCormick, Capt.	Quarterback (Capt.)	Trafford
C. D. Bliss	Halfback	Lake
L. Bliss	Halfback	Gray
Butterworth	Fullback	Brewer

Referee and umpire—Moffatt of Princeton and Coffin of Wesleyan.

END OF GOTHAM'S SHOW.

And Dr. Smith Returns—More Prizes for George Pepper's Horses.

New York's Horse Show is over, and our own Dr. Smith is home. He returned Saturday morning and says that the affair was a grand success. One of the grandest collections of useful horses ever seen on the continent were in Madison Square Gardens, and notwithstanding the big competition the Canadians got a big share of the prizes. Dr. Smith says that the gentlemen associated with him were well qualified to pass judgment on all classes, and the awards were judiciously placed.

George Pepper came in for his share in the closing day. In the jumping class for green hunters up to carrying 165 pounds to hounds, his horses seemed to jump to the best advantage in the clear morning light, and Queensbury lived up to the rule. The bay gelding jumped excellently. The first prize, $150, was taken by Queensbury, ridden by Tim Blong. The second prize went to Sidney Dillon Ripley's chestnut mare, Molly, ridden by James L. Kernochan. The third prize went to W. Stanton Elliott, who rode his own mare, Rosebud, and E. W. Kroehle's Eros, ridden by Percy Sherman, was highly commended.

In the contest for qualified hunters to carry 130 pounds at the six-foot mark Maud failed to get over without knocking a bar off in the allotted five trials. Transport, too, failed to get over after making five trials. The judges then decided it was a dead heat between H. I. Herbert's Transport, ridden by W. A. McGibbon, and George Pepper's Maud, ridden by Tim Blong. The judges divided the first prize, $200, between them and awarded each horse a blue ribbon.

Green hunters then tried the high jump under similar conditions. George Pepper's Queensbury, ridden by Tim Blong, received the blue ribbon and $200, and the Chestnut Farm's War Cry, ridden by J. McCafferty, was given second honors and $100.

For trotting sires Quartermaster was awarded the first prize, $1000. The second prize, $400, went to Alcantara, and the third, $150, was given to Chimes.

Sporting Miscellany.

Lasker, the chess champion, will give exhibitions in New York this week.

The next meeting of the American Canoe Association will take place at Long Island Park, five miles from Kingston. It will last two weeks, from Aug. 11 to 26.

After much exertion by their management Cornell secured a game in New York, and on Friday defeated the Manhattan A.C. eleven by 16 points to 0 in a steady downpour of rain before only 200 persons.

Athenæum Bicycle Club men held open house Saturday night. Every nook and corner of the big building was filled with men and maidens, who enjoyed charming tete-a-tetes, fancy billiards by George, the expert, and the delightful strains of Glionna's orchestra. There will be dancing the next open night.

Eight More in the 2.30 List.

DANVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19.—At the trotting meeting at Cecelian Park this afternoon the track was a little slow, but eight new performers were added to the 2.30 list.

2.25 class trot—Gascoigne, b s, by Gambetta Wilkes, 1: Ursalia 2. Time 2.33, 2.31½, 2.29¾.

THEY ONLY WANT WINTER.

HOCKEY MEN ARE ANXIOUS FOR THE FRAY.

Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association—Fifteen Sevens to Fight for Championship Honors—The Officers Elected—About the Division of Gates—Junior City and Provincial Leagues.

Hockey is certainly Toronto's national winter game. It only required two seasons to determine this. Last year the game had an abnormal but healthy growth, and this winter there promises to be double the number of sevens in Toronto, and the game is spreading well over all Ontario. No less than four new clubs were added to the list of Ontario Hockey Association teams at the annual meeting Saturday night at the Queen's Hotel, and the enthusiasm there displayed betokens well for the prosperity of the game this winter, and warrants that many keen contests will be fought on the ice when Jack Frost comes round.

There were present: President A. M. Cosby of the Victoria Club in the chair, and these officers: Vice-President H. D. Warren, Toronto Granite; Secretary J. H. Laurie, New Fort; Committeemen, V. Armstrong, Victoria; J. F. Smellie, J. S. Garvin, W. A. H. Kerr.

Thirteen clubs in the association were represented as follows:

New Fort, J. H. Laurie, S. Y. Baldwin; Trinity College, M. S. McCarthy, C. W. Hedley; Varsity, P. White, J. Gilmour; Queen's, Kingston, W. Mickle, Dr. Parkyn; Limestones of Kingston, A. B. Cunningham; Toronto, W. Lamont, H. Irish; Osgoode Hall, J. F. Smellie, W. J. Moran; Military College, Kingston, J. H. Senkler; Granite, George Higginbotham, E. Badenach; Victoria, D. Scott, P. K. Sproule; Ottawa, C. C. Smith; Princess, London, H. Hartshorne, W. J. Lind; Galt, A. N. Garrett.

The Limestones and Princess are new clubs and with St. Thomas and Peterboro make up the Ontario Hockey Association.

Peterboro, St. Thomas, the Limestones of Kingston and the Princess of London sought admission by letter to the secretary and were formally accepted.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were satisfactory. The different rounds of last winter were traced until Ottawa knocked out Osgoode Hall in the final. The financial statement showed a cash balance of $24.

There was a lengthy discussion anent the division of gates and expenses to visiting clubs in tie matches. A motion to compel the home seven to guarantee visitors half their necessary expenses, together with half the balance of the gate, seemed to meet with universal favor until the amendment to refer the matter to a special committee for mature deliberation was made. This was adopted, and Messrs. J. S. Garvin, W. Mickle, H. Hartshorne and J. F. Smellie were appointed to frame a bylaw whereby all gates of tie matches will be adjusted.

The motion to form a junior hockey league was unanimously adopted, and Major Cosby promptly announced that he would present a cup for the junior sevens.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—H. D. Warren, Granite.
Vice-Presidents—P. D. Ross, Ottawa; W. A. H. Kerr, Osgoode Hall.
Hon. Secretary—J. H. Laurie, New Fort.
Hon. Treasurer—A. Creelman, Toronto.
Executive Committee—W. G. Thomas, London; S. G. Baldwin, New Fort; J. F. Smellie, Osgoode Hall; H. Hartshorne, London; Dr. Parkyn, Victoria; J. S. Garvin, Granites.

The meeting adjourned until Saturday, Dec. 3, when the Junior League personnel will be determined.

The tie system will of course be again in vogue, and it is likely that a special committee will be chosen at the next meeting to facilitate the playing off of the matches and also to make out the ties.

A letter was read from Secretary Evans of Winnipeg, who stated that his seven would tour in the East this winter. They want a series of matches and ask for guarantees in Toronto. They also will play in Ottawa and Montreal. This shows that hockey is spreading everywhere and will soon be Canada's general winter pastime.

The changing of their name from that of the "Granite Colts" to "Toronto Hockey Club" was sanctioned by the Association. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, who happily responded, and the meeting adjourned.

For a Junior Local League.

A meeting of hockey men will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Keachie's for the purpose of forming a junior hockey league for Toronto. All local junior clubs are invited to send representatives.

THEIR CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Dave Nasmith Wins the Toronto Bicycle Club's Race, Miln Second.

The first of a series of cross-country runs was held by the Toronto Bicycle Club on Saturday. Those who took part in it met at the club house at 3 o'clock and proceeded by street car to Woodruf's Hotel at the foot of Norway Hill, where the race was to start, the course being up the hill to Little York, along the Don and Danforth-road, through Riverdale Park to the club house.

A good start was made and the boys kept well together for the first mile, when Dave Nasmith pulled away from the rest, closely followed by H. Sims and G. Miln. This order was kept up for some time, when Miln slowly crept past Sims and made a grand effort, but Nasmith seemed to be running well within himself and was prepared for a spurt whenever it was necessary and thus kept the lead to the finish. Miln made a good second, as will be seen by the following list, showing the positions at the finish with the time:

	Min.		Min.
1. D. Nasmith	41 1-5	6. J. Adamson	53
2. J. Miln	43	7. E. A. Scott	56 1-2
3. H. Sims	46 1-2	8. W. Fraser	1h.14
4. S. J. Shutte	48 1-4	9. W. Robins	1h.14 1-5
5. R. Brimer	53		

Mr. Robins' place was quite a surprise to many of his most sanguine friends, as he was looked upon a sure man for second place. By some misunderstanding H. Harwood did not take part, as was expected, which was a great disappointment to many, for it was expected to be a close race between him and Nasmith. After the race the boys sat down to supper, served in the refreshment room at the club house, and Mr. Worth presented the prizes, which were given by the captain, Mr. Nasmith, of course, getting one and Mr. Miln the other. In about two weeks another will be held.

Editors in a Very Exciting Footrace.

On Saturday morning a very exciting footrace took place on the University Lawn, the contestants being F. B. Hellems and R. S. Strath, both of The Varsity editorial staff. G. R. Anderson acted as starter, H. A. Moore as referee and K. D. McMillan as timekeeper.

After the smoke from the starter's muzzle-loader had cleared away Hellems was seen to be leading by 4 inches, but Strath gradually but surely gained and finished a winner by a length—of his foot—a very decided victory. McMillan's alarm clock registered the time at 12 3-10 seconds.

The winner will at once go into training for next year's annual games.

Professional Bicycle Racing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Before sailing for England, on Wednesday, H. E. Raymond, Chairman of the L. A. W. Racing Board, said that he believed that a new amateur rule would probably be adopted and arrangements made for international races.

CHAMPION VARSITY.

Preston's Association Team Beaten By a Single Goal to Nil.

PRESTON, Ont., Nov. 19.—The Association Championship of Canada was decided here to-day in a match between the Varsity football team champions of the Toronto League and the Preston team champions of the W.F.A. The game throughout, although in Varsity's favor was somewhat loose and scarcely up to championship form.

About 3.45 the following teams lined up:

Varsity: Goal, Porter; backs, Breckenridge, Stewart; half-backs, McArthur, Goldie, Forrester; forwards, right, Duncan, McDonald; centre, Watson, left, Murray, Govenlock.

Preston: Goal, H. James; back, Hagey and Heming; half backs, Waggoner, Clare, Sohrt; wing, Cherry, Uttech; centre, Stanlschmidt; left, G. Ross, J. Kress. Mr. C. Edgar of Preston refereed the game.

Preston won the toss and chose to defend the north goal, thus taking advantage of the wind. From the kick off the ball travelled up Varsity's left and a centre from Murray was relieved by Heming. Then followed a run by Preston which terminated when Porter threw out and for a short time first one goal and then the other was in danger. At this stage of the game Watson, who had been delayed, reached the field and Varsity stock went up. The game turned out to be a contest between the splendid combination of Varsity's forwards and the stubborn kicking of Preston's defence. About 25 minutes from kick-off James caught when behind goal, but an offside was allowed by Referee Edgar. The Varsity left again distinguished itself, the run ending in a brilliant centre which Duncan took care of and placed the only goal of the match to Varsity's credit. In the second half Duncan & McDonald rushed the ball up the right and centred. Murray was there and again fouled James, another offside being given by the referee. In the early part of the second half the ball was mostly confined to centre field, the half backs on both sides doing some good work, the checking wsa somewhat severe and more than once the game was called to allow some Preston player to recover his wind. Forrester on the left half could not be passed and it seldom happened that Varsity's goal was in danger. Ten minutes before time a couple of Preston players were feeling the effects of the swift game and at Preston's request the game was called the score being 1—0 in Varsity's favor. A fair crowd of spectators witnessed the match and their sympathy was all with the home team. This evening Varsity returns to the city bringing with them the proud title, champions of Canada.

Couldn't Beat the Merchant Champs.

An interesting game of football was played on the baseball grounds Saturday afternoon, the opposing teams being the picked team by the Torontos to represent them in their match on Thursday against Alleghany, Penn., and Caldecott, Burton & Spence, champions of the Wholesale Drygoods League.

The match started shortly after 3 p.m. Caldecott's winning the toss, chose to defend the western goal, and kept the ball well in their opponents' territory during the first half. After half-time the Torontos pulled themselves together and made several desperate attempts to obtain a goal, but at the end of time were unsuccessful, and the game ended in a draw, neither team scoring.

For the Torontos Buckingham and Meldrum did the best work on their forward line, while Sinclair and Murphy Graham worked hard in their defence. For Caldecott on their forwards Trimble, Glass and Anderson did the most effective work, while Faulds, with Shanklin, who consented to play in Rodgers' stead, he being unable to be on hand, did the best work on the defence. The following are the teams:

C.B. & S. (0): Goal, Irving; backs, Shanklin, Masson; halves, Faulds, Mimms, Passmore; forwards, Trimble, Anderson, Glass, Humphry, Peniston.

Toronto (0): Goal, Bickle; backs, Gilmour, Murphy Graham; halves, Hunter, Sinclair, Windare; forwards, O'Hara, McDonald, Buckingham, Meldrum, Willis.

Referee—Lamport.

Football in Stanley Park.

The Western Rangers defeated the Bellevues in Stanley Park on Saturday in an Association football match by 3 to 0. The Rangers played as follows: Goal, J. Jamieson; backs, Harman, Palmer; halves, Fudge, Saunders, Lattimore; forwards, Short (captain), Jones, Quarrington, Tompkins, B. Saunders.

The Crescents Defeat McGill.

QUEBEC, Nov. 19.—The football match between McGill and the Crescents of this city for the intermediate championship was most bitterly fought and bad blood was exhibited, some of the McGill team so far forgetting themselves as to strike some of the Crescents in the face. The beginning of the match was all in favor of McGill. They scored 6 points to Crescents' 0. In less than an hour the Quebecers began to wonder what was the matter with the Crescents, but at the second start the Crescents forged ahead, performing remarkable athletic feats and scoring 15 points within 45 minutes. The McGills abandoned the field before time was called, not even waiting for the awarding of the championship to the Crescents by Referee MacFarlane. This, it is said, was intended as a protest as to the manner in which the match was played. However, the match was played loyally, barring the breach of order resorted to by some of McGill's men. The result was: Crescent 15, McGill 6.

The Champion Allistons.

ALLISTON, Nov. 19.—The final footbal match for the championship of South Simcoe was played here on Saturday between Bradford and Alliston. There was some fast playing on both sides from start to finish. During the first half Alliston succeeded in scoring one goal, and did the same thing twice during the last half. Bradford succeeded in getting one goal, making the game stand 3 to 1 at the finish. This is the second year Alliston has won the championship of this district. Mr. L. G. Jackson of Beeton refereed.

Toronto Footballists for Pittsburg.

The champion Varsity Association football team will visit Pittsburg this week, playing there on Thanksgiving Day, when on the same day the Toronto team plays in the sister city of Alleghany.

Sale of Hackney Horses.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—There was quite a large gathering of horsemen and breeders present at the American Horse Exchange when John A. Logan, jr., of the Oriole Stock Farm of Youngstown, Ohio, had his annual sale of hackneys, harness and saddle horses. The prices realized, while not high, were fair, the 21 head bringing $5900. The chestnut gelding Gray Friar, who is now being shown at the horse show, brought the highest price, $700.

It Takes Speed to keep the Lead.

John S. Johnson the only wheelman who has ridden a mile in less than two minutes, his record being 1.56 3-5, holds to what is no longer theory, that the leaders in a race overcome a great deal more opposition in the air than the men who trail close behind, and he says that any good man can hang on behind the fastest man in the world, but it takes the speed to pass him and to lead. Johnson is now at Nashville, Tenn., waiting for a chance to again startle the cycling world.

The brick work is about completed in the Toronto Athletic Club's new building in College-avenue.

VICTORIA PLAYS HANDBALL.

THE METHODIST STUDENTS LIKE CASEY'S GAME.

The Champion of the World Writes a Descriptive Article—More Prizes Secured by Canadians at the Horse Show—Ruled Off the Turf—Racing Results—General Sporting.

Handball is a game comparatively unknown in Toronto.

St. Michael's College students bang the rubber with bare hands against the brick walls of the St. Joseph-street building, and have done so to some extent for years back.

Down in Cobourg Victoria University students were wont to engage in the game almost from the foundation of the institution. In fact they played handball more than any other outdoor pastime, and it may be said to be the national game of Victoria.

So when the Methodist students came to Toronto their sporting idiosyncrasies did not stay behind. And at the end of Czar-street in the Queen's Park and east of the noble new brick pile the pine wall rises with its platform in front for the benefit of the experts with the little rubber.

Philip Casey gives a brief description of the game, together with some comments on the method of playing it. Mr. Casey is very well qualified to speak on this subject, as he can play handball better than any other man in the world. What he says is as follows:

Handball is of Irish origin. The game is played in the schools and some of the colleges in England and Ireland. In this country it is not so popular, but I think it is growing in favor rapidly. The object of the game is physical culture. It is one of the best means in the world for exercising every muscle. Then its simplicity greatly adds to its interest. The game can be played with a rubber ball or baseball, as the players prefer, except that in championship matches a regulation ball is always used. This is about as hard as a baseball, weighing 1⅝ ounces, and about 2 inches in diameter. It is covered with horsehide and is quite lively. The courts are not all of the same size. Mine was built according to a design of my own, after studying several other courts in this country. It is 66 feet long, 33 feet high and 25 feet wide. The court is divided into four parts by lines running across the middle at right angles.

The game consists of 21 points, called aces. An ace is scored by your opponent when you fail to return the ball to the front wall after it has been so returned by your adversary. In returning the ball it must be struck either on the first bound or on the fly. The winner of the toss shall stand inside the ace line running across the centre of the court, bound the ball on the floor and strike it with his hand against the front wall. He shall send it to the player or players behind the ace line. The idea of the play is this: The player who serves the ball tries to strike it against the front wall in such a manner that his opponent cannot get it, and the opponent tries to do the same.

It is not easy to become an expert handball player. In fact, it is not easy to become even a good one. I have men of all classes who play with me in my court; some of them pupils and some experts. I notice the best players are those who do not use intoxicating liquors. Of course I do not say that they are total abstainers. A man may be in need of exercise such as the game of handball may give to him, but unless his life be comparatively regular he cannot expect to profit by it. There is no use in his attempting to overcome the laws of nature by the use of exercise, the use of drugs, stimulants or anything else, and I am impressed with the fact that hundreds of men should listen to this advice, given freely and with the best intentions. Nature will not permit itself to be infringed upon. I have had among my pupils many brokers and men of wealth and of society. If they stand the ordeal of the first few games I have hope for them. Some do not succeed because the work is hard. Some others fail for a different reason. They come to the handball court, go through the lessons all right, and the same night load up with wine or something worse and spoil all the good effects. Then they say athletic exercises are of no use.

But to return to the game itself. In serving or tossing the ball most of the Irish players use a low, hard, sharp stroke. Most of the best American players use an easier style. They send the ball into the angles of the court, where it is more difficult for their opponent to return it to the front, as he cannot get his hands easily into the angles to return the ball with force. When not returned with force it gives the inside player or server quite an advantage, as one man being at the front and the other at the back the ball can be knocked entirely out of reach. This is the style I used in playing Lawlor in Ireland, and was considerably commented on there. The Cork Herald, in speaking of this style in its report of the game, said that it was to it in a measure that I owed my success. This may or may not be true; at any rate I consider this style the best.

In returning the ball wait till it rises as high as the hip. Then you can get greater force. Some players make the mistake of trying to drive the ball through the wall when they hit it, thereby injuring their hands. Anyone can hit the wall, but the object is to hit the ball so that the opponent cannot reach it. Then you have him on the hip. A long, sweeping blow is the best. In playing I always wait until the ball comes to me, then I make a sweep at it, not suddenly, but with sufficient force to hit the ball to a spot that will be of most advantage.

To be a successful player a man must be agile, supple and have good wind, and be a thorough master of both hands. He must have a clear eye and be able to judge keenly. One of the points is to tire out your opponent.

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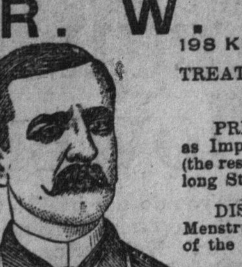

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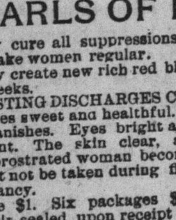

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