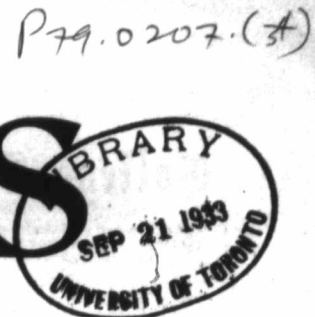


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VARSIITY AGAIN ARE CHAMPIONS

Though the Senior Team Loses to Queen's, the Championship is Ours.

R. M. C. DEFEAT VARSITY II.

In a Hard Game—The Intermediates Played a Much Better Game than in Toronto.

As far as the Inter-Collegiate Union is concerned, the season is closed, and the ending bears a striking resemblance to that of last year. As they went through the season last year winning the first three games, and losing the final game with Queen's, in Kingston, and such has been the case this year. It may be said that Varsity did not win the game against McGill, in Montreal, but we practically did, and the McGill men themselves admit that they were really beaten. On account of the unsatisfactory ending, however, it was left to the Executive to give judgment, and last Saturday night, at Kingston, it was decided that the game should be called a draw. Thus Varsity wins the championship by one point.

The following is the summary of the season: Varsity defeated McGill and Queen's in the first two games, and drew with McGill in the next; score, 5 points. McGill defeated Queen's in Montreal and drew with Varsity; score, 3 points. Queen's defeated McGill in Kingston in the second game, and Varsity in Kingston in their last; score, 4 points. Thus, Varsity are victors by one point, with Queen's second, and McGill third. A general discussion of the season will be found in another column.

Queen's and Varsity. It has become traditional that no matter how poorly Queen's may play away from home, when they are on their own grounds they are almost invincible. Whether from a sensitive deference to tradition or not, it is difficult to say, but at any rate, Queen's played fifty per cent. better football in Kingston than they did in Toronto against our men. Moreover, Varsity did not put up quite such a good quality of football. A long journey, sleeping at a hotel, the change of food, and lack of knowledge of the grounds, all contrived to deteriorate the quality of Rugby which Varsity has usually played this year.

An impartial onlooker, however, would likely say that the two teams were as evenly matched as two teams well could be, that in reality the game was a "toss-up" with Queen's the winner. There is not the least doubt but that both teams were of almost the same strength. Varsity however, played without that almost terrific spirit which Queen's showed at times. Our men had possession of the ball for the greater part of the match, but did not seem to be able to make scoring use of it, while Queen's, though for the most part on the defensive, certainly did not miss the least opportunity to score.

The game, on the whole, was a very hard one, and very beautiful to watch. There was some excellent running and kicking by both teams. Queen's were stronger in running, while McKenzie's long punts told heavily against the Scotchmen. Brown and the Biggs brothers did some splendid running, and twice it looked as if a score would result. Brown and Percy Biggs both got well away, only to be stopped when close upon their opponents' goal. Percy Biggs played a remarkable game, and bucked the heavy Queen's line for repeated gains. Once he got clear through from half way, and was only prevented from scoring by Queen's full-back, McDonald, who, by the way, saved Queen's the game time and again. McKenzie won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind, which was blowing stiffly down the field. The first half was a hard battle. Varsity, chiefly through McKenzie, made long gains by kicking in a vain attempt to score. It is true that two rouges were obtained, but that was the extent of our scoring in the first half. We were hardly ever on the defensive, but relieved well. So did Queen's, and it is safe to say that the excellent work of their back division saved them the game.

The second half was a repetition of the first to a certain extent, only that Queen's were not on the defensive. Our goal was repeatedly assailed, and finally a rouge resulted from a kick by Elliott. Shortly after, the play that lost the day took place. It was the old misfortune of two backs colliding when after the ball. Beal and McKenzie both attempted to catch a long kick of Elliott's, with the consequence that neither got it. The ball rolled back, and quick as a flash three Queen's men were on top of the oval. The try was converted, making the score now 7-2. Really only one point should have been scored.

Varsity, however, did not lose hope, but played a most aggressive game, so much so, that Queen's goal was in danger for the remainder of the half. Varsity retained possession of the ball for a long time, but could not score. Buck after buck was tried, but Queen's defence was magnificent, and warded off the danger. They once got away and obtained a touch in goal.

Shortly before 5 o'clock, the referee's whistle sounded the last call, and Queen's supporters went wild over the victory. Varsity had lost by 8 to 2. The officials were, referee, Mr. Sise, and umpire, Mr. McLea, both of McGill.

Taking the game as a whole, it was a magnificent exhibition of football. The play was fairly open. There was some excellent kicking and running, and the tackling was hard. The wings on both sides followed up well, and both played the keenest kind of Rugby. The wing-lines were evenly matched, and also the two quarters, with Varsity a little better there and in scrimmage. The two back divisions were also of equal strength, but Varsity's half-back division not playing up to their usual form. However, we were fairly beaten, and altogether we feel confident Varsity is a little better than Queen's usually would be.

The teams were:
Varsity I. Queen's I.
N. Beale Back T. McDonald
McKenzie Halves Weatherhead
Brown Elliott
G. Biggs Walkem
P. Biggs Quarter McDowall
Mallock Scrimmage Russell
Mullin Young
Isbester F. F. Carr-Harris
Telford Wings Hill
Meredith Devitt
Russell R. Carr-Harris
Barr A. McDonald
Gibson Young
Armstrong Etherington
Darling Williams
Fleck Spare Men
"Biddy" Barr's hand was not well enough to let him play. He, however, was ready to go on, should anyone be hurt.

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The President of one of America's greatest Universities has advised the following general division of a student's day: Eight hours for sleep, ten hours for work, two for exercise, three for meals, and one for incidentals.

TORONTO MEDS ANNUAL BANQUET

Will Be Held in the University Gymnasium on Thursday Evening, December 7th.

NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE

A Very Interesting Toast List Being Prepared—Webb will Cater.

Considerable attention is being given around the Medical School to the approaching Med. Dinner, which is to be given on the evening of December 7th. The memory of last year's banquet is still fresh in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to be present, and the committee this year are determined to make the occasion next month equally as interesting as that of former years. A large number of prominent speakers will be present, and the toast list promises to be a very strong one.

The banquet will be held in the Gymnasium, and Webb will do the catering. The following committee is now engaged in arranging the affair: Hon. Pres., Dr. Primrose; Pres., A. J. Mackenzie; 1st Vice, Mr. Cerswell; 2nd, Vice, T. Wallace; Representatives from Fourth Year, Messrs. E. Carder, A. J. G. Macdougall, R. W. White, and Paul Scott; Third Year, Messrs. O. W. Colbeck, J. Moak, J. Wright; Third Year, Messrs. Frazer, Klotz, and J. Graham; First Year, R. P. McLaughlin, W. A. Woolner, E. Scarlett, T. W. Walker; Representative of Medical Society, Mr. J. Campbell.

On Monday evening last, Messrs. Mackenzie, Carder, White, Macdougall and Cerswell, of the Dinner Committee, were dining at Webb's, to sample the menu for the Dinner. Judging from reports, Webb will excel himself this year.

The Council Exams, commenced on Monday last. The fact that there are new examiners this year ought to prove auspicious to the candidates. In former years the Councils were held in October. This is the latest date they have ever been held.

Treble and Wright will play the winners of the Gordon-Smith v. Coater-Stanley set in the handball tournament. Cook and Revell are tipped to win the finals in the fourth year.

An exciting incident took place at the old school last Thursday morning. The lecturer had agreed to a general slope; but four youths, thirsting for scholarships, lacking class spirit, and seeing a good chance for a "scoop," demanded that the lecturer proceed. The lecturer proceeded, as requested. As a result, four heated brains were afterwards cooled in the aqua pura furnished by the T. W. W. Cheer up, boys, it was only a shampoo.

Unfortunately, Jack MacCallum was unable to play with Varsity at Kingston against Queen's, otherwise the score would have undoubtedly been reversed. Rumor has it that "Baron" Cleland was seen at a half-past eight lecture.

Time is divided these days between lectures and the Medical Handball Tournament, the greater part being given to the latter.

Congratulations are extended to "Jimmy" Smith. Be sure and make "Meds." of them, "Jimmy."

At a meeting held November 20th, a committee was appointed to interview the Faculty with a view to having a series of lectures given on the "Administration of Anesthetics."

The Senior Meds. will be glad to furnish free medical attendance to all partaking of the meals at the new Dining Hall. Let all hands turn out and prepare to capture the Mulock Cup, as of old.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Two games won in a week is not too bad work for a team which gets about a practice a month, outside of the matches played. Yet this is Pharmacy's record. On Monday, 13th, we went up to do battle with Varsity II., and on grounds a cross between the Slough of Despond and the places whereon the wicked stand, succeeded in getting them to take two of Pharmacy's best non-coated. It was touch and go for the first few minutes whether we would have to take one ourselves or not, but the forwards at length decided that the backs were sufficiently limbered up, and took the ball away up to Varsity's goal, putting it through for number one. The ball was quickly put into

play again, and Pharmacy, giving heed to the exhortations of the rooters, scored again. This riled the young men of Varsity II.; so they started in to lay out the O.C.P. gang, but found that most of their bodies were fairly solid. Giving that tactic up, they took advantage of the more solid ground around Pharmacy's goal, and in the last half gave "Grandpa" Douglas and Rae some hot work to do, but, thanks to the efforts of these and Wright, Varsity failed to score, much to the chagrin of their windy supporters, and the joy of the Pharmaceutical contingent.

With Gerrard between us, we had fought our way side by side up to the top, and on Saturday had a go with the Normals for who was best man. Pharmacy expected every man to do his duty for this game, and he did it. The team played as never before, and the rooters made Peter put up his ear trumpet and resort to wads of cotton-wool. It was a lovely game from the start. The ball, on the kick-off, wavered over the field in an uncertain manner for a time, and finally settled in front of Pharmacy's goal, where it was kept moving in and out with due celerity and speed, but never went through. For this brief period hope beat high in every Normal heart, and their backs were awfully jolly, good-natured chaps. But the scene was changed. Baldy and Ev. thought they wanted a rest, so they suggested to Seyler, Shurrie, and Smith, seconded by Wright's earnest plea, that the ball be given to the forward line. It was done; and with the ball sticking to none of them, and touching all of them, Lee, Dickson, Messer, Gourlay and Wynn trotted down to the Normal goal, which they punctured just for once. While the goal keeper was trying to patch up the hole in the atmosphere between the stakes, the ball was put into play, and almost before he had time to wipe off his chin and pull down his vest, he had another hole to patch. At half-time our forwards took a little breathing space. The Normals, not slow to avail themselves, succeeded in putting the ball through one of the punctures previously made by Pharmacy. The team then took one more pull together and gave the, by this time none too genial, Normal backs something to do, eventually running the ball through again about five minutes before quitting time. The rooters coaxed and pleaded for "just one more," but the boys could not see their way clear, and all hands had to rest satisfied with 3 to 4.

CORNERS.

Messer takes the ball with either end. When Seyler grips his cap, he means business.

Shurrie can take a back somersault and come out with the ball.

Wynn had a nasty corner to play during the first half, but his work in it told. Gourlay is shy a half cig. Thanks to the whistle.

Dickson's runs down the side line made the Normal goalkeeper's heart throb.

Lee got a pretty hard check in the first half, but he never forgot his job a minute.

Smith says: "A touch to your partner is better than a drive to the other backs." He plays both ways.

Helmer's voice rose high above the din of battle, as he assisted in deciding the "throw in."

Emory and McKay wouldn't come down out of their hats.

Wright is to stand trial for magnetizing the ball.

Rae covers his share of the field with prostrate men and keeps it pretty free of the ball.

"The lack of natural cranial adornment," says Douglas, "enables me to think lucidly and kick judiciously." We're not doubting your word, old man, for seein's believin'.

The Junction had some representatives there.

We are glad to have Fred, back with us again, and are all delighted with his nearest-to-the-heart shake. He hopes to be able to deal out the other variety on his return after Christmas holidays.

Mr. Connolly, late of Paris, is having a look at us these days. He intends entering the May finals, having taken his Junior last year, and then retired for a season.

Falling stars may be pretty to look at, but stars fallen in examination reports are not so pretty.

Thompson has been heard humming: "Go to Sleep, My Little Picaninny." He offers a large reward for tack-proof slippers.

One of our number lately put into practice the advice, "Go West, young man." On returning, he was heard to mutter something about a pretty "damself."

Reuben says that the only way to avoid sleeping on an empty stomach, is to lie on your back.

Mr. Pratt addressed the Y.M.C.A. meeting Friday evening. Mr. Mesner was also expected to say a few words, but was unavoidably detained with other business. The meeting was well attended.

LIT DEBATE ON THE PRESENT WAR

Decides that Canada Should Not Assist in the Defence of the Empire.

'02 AND '03 DISCUSS IT

A Large Crowd Present and an Interesting and Profitable Evening Spent.

The meeting of the Lit. on Friday last was a good one, both in point of attendance and in enthusiasm. The "piece de resistance" of the evening was the debate between '02 and '03—subject, "Resolved, that Canada should not assist in the defence of the Empire without representation in the Imperial Parliament." As the question was one of the hour, and as it was '03's debut on the platform, considerable interest was manifested by those present. Messrs. Gillies and O'Leary, who upheld the affirmative side, represented '03, and they did it well.

Mr. Gillies opened the argument and based his belief principally on precedent and the fact that the step was contrary to the principles of representative government. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Phipps, of '02, upheld the negative, and both presented strong arguments in defence of the action Canada had taken. Mr. Phipps' speech, especially, was a very good one, and easily deserved the applause that followed it. Dr. Smale, in summing up, recounted the arguments on both sides, and concluded by deciding the debate in favor of '03, the affirmative. Preceding the debate, a very interesting paper on "Oratory" was read by Mr. Garvey, and Mr. Mason favored the society with a song, which was well received.

In the business part of the meeting, Mr. F. E. Brown was appointed leader in the coming Mock Parliament, in place of Mr. E. H. Watson, resigned. The Dinner Committee was approved of by the society, and Mr. R. J. Wilson was chosen to represent Varsity at the Victoria Conversation. The members of the society were also requested to meet at the Students' Union, Friday evening, the 24th, and attend the Inter-College Debate at Osgoode in a body.

ATHLETIC DANCE.

All Arrangements Complete for the Event Next Wednesday Evening.

The social season at Varsity opens on Wednesday evening next, when the Athletic Association holds its annual "At Home," in the Gymnasium. Everything is now in readiness for the event, and there is every indication that the occasion will be quite as interesting and pleasurable as of old.

As is the custom, the Gym. will be tastefully decorated, and since the number of tickets is limited to four hundred, there will be ample room for comfortable dancing.

The following are the lady patronesses: Miss Mowat, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. McPhedran, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. McCurdy, and Miss Salter.

THE BOER WAR

Mr. E. B. Biggar, of the "Canadian Engineer," has published a very interesting booklet on "The Boer War, Its Causes, and Its Interest to Canadians." It contains some 40 pages of very interesting matter on the Boers and their character, and gives a good description of the country, and the causes leading to the war. If anyone desires to get an excellent and concise account of the war in South Africa, he should obtain a copy of Mr. Biggar's book. It is issued for ten cents, and may be obtained by addressing the Canadian Engineer, Toronto.

FUTURE EVENTS

Trinity Athletic Ball, November 22nd.
Varsity Rugby Dance, November 29th.
Victoria Conversation, December 1st.
Dental "At Home," December 8th.
Trinity Medical Dinner, December 8th.
Varsity Dinner, December 15th.
Varsity Ladies' Glee Club Concert, December 13th.

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