

Nov. 20th, O. C. vs. McGill, 11 to 0, won.

The Quebec champions met the Ontario champions on Thanksgiving Day for the Canadian championship with the following result :

Nov. 25th, O. C. vs. Hamilton "Tigers," 14 to 10, won.

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As a matter of history we desire to insert in the columns of THE OWL, the following extract from the annual report of the Quebec Rugby Union :

"Before reviewing the general affairs of the Union it is the unpleasant duty of the executive to report that, before the senior series was completed, they found reason to suspend the Ottawa City Club from playing any more games during the season just closed. This suspension was the result of a special meeting of the executive called on Wednesday, 10th November. It is needless to go into details of this meeting, which attained full publicity through the press ; but it is necessary to place on record the principal reason for such severe action.

The special meeting was called on account of an unfinished and very rough game, between Ottawa College and Ottawa City teams, and which had been reported by the referee as a most brutal game and a disgrace to football. The referee also reported three players of each team for rough and ungentlemanly conduct on the field. The executive gave the matter serious consideration, and resolved that, in view of the fact that a number of the games played during the season had been unnecessarily rough, some severe action must be taken, as both the press and the public were criticizing the present rules of the game as being the cause of this rapidly-developing rough play, and, although both the Ottawa teams were reported for disgraceful play, yet the executive, in singling out the Ottawa City team, felt that they were getting at the root of the evil, as that team had played matches with each other team in the series which had been equally degrad-

ing to the game and severely commented on by the press, while any games played between the other clubs were of a higher standard of football. The executive considered that, in giving this decision, a precedent would be established which would result in great good for the game. It was a severe ruling, but in subsequent matches played, the absence of unnecessary rough play was so marked that the executive feel that their action had good results.

After the above suspension was decided on, it was resolved to cancel all games played in the senior series up to that date and, owing to the lateness of the season, two matches were ordered to be played between Ottawa College, Montreal and McGill Clubs.

The first of these matches was played on November 13, on the M. A. A. A. grounds, between Ottawa College and Montreal, and was won by the collegians by the narrow margin of one point, the score standing when time was called : Ottawa College, 14 ; Montreal, 13. On the 20th November, the McGill team travelled to Ottawa and played the College team the final match for the championship. College again came out victorious with a score of 11 to 0, thereby winning the Q. R. U. championship. Both these games were fine exhibitions of Rugby football and were entirely free from the rough play which had been so conspicuous in the early part of the season.

Following is a report of the matches played previous to the suspension of the Ottawa City club, the total scores of each team showing that it was anybody's game for the championship, and that all four teams were on a par as far as scoring ability goes :

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| October 2—  | Montreal vs. Ottawa City,<br>Montreal.....                            | 26 to 14 |
| October 9—  | Ottawa City vs. Montreal,<br>(unfinished, in favor of<br>Ottawa)..... | 31 to 20 |
| October 9—  | McGill vs. Ottawa College,<br>McGill.....                             | 22 to 8  |
| October 16— | Ottawa City vs. Ottawa<br>College, Ottawa City....                    | 5 to 4   |
| October 16— | Montreal vs. McGill, Mont-<br>real .....                              | 14 to 13 |