

THE GOLD FIELDS OF WESTERN CANADA.

An address on this subject by Dr. Coleman, the geologist for the Ontario Bureau of Mines, delighted the members of the Natural Science Association, who congregated in the Biological Lecture Room, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The address was the President's Inaugural, and was highly interesting on account of the prevalence of the gold fever among Canadians at the present time.

While the United States produce the greatest amount of gold at present, with Australia and South Africa close behind, yet no other country in the world equals Canada in extent of gold area. Ontario itself has an extent of nine hundred miles of gold fields. This area has as yet been little worked and that little has been done largely near the lakes and rivers in which the province abounds, still present appearances indicate that several areas will yield immense returns in the near future. The metal is found free in the quartz, and may be obtained by "panning" after the quartz has been powdered. In British Columbia it is obtained chiefly by placer and hydraulic mining, but at Rossland, where the gold is in combination with copper and resembles the nickel-copper ores of Sudbury, the gold must be procured by smelting. This is rather costly at present, but in the near future, increased railway and steamboat facilities will do much to lower the cost of production.

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NORMAL SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

The association football club of the Normal School organized recently, and the posts of honor were given to 'Varsity men at the election of officers. P. C. Casselman, the drawing master at the Normal and a member of '98's class in Natural Science, was chosen honorary president, and F. McTavish, of the Medical department, president, "Kit" Forester, who was famous in University football circles away back in '91, '92, and '93, was entrusted with the captaincy. The secretary-treasurer of the club is J. Knight, and the Executive consists of F. W. O. Werry, B.A., '97, Dobbie and Blacklog.

STAY-AT-HOME PROFESSORS.

The unpleasant outlook afforded by the present condition of University finances no doubt helps to explain the economy practised by the professors during the summer. Of course, for the majority of them, the meeting of the British Association here had attractions greater than those of either British Columbia or Switzerland. At any rate, very few of the staff went away for their vacation. Four of them made up a little fishing party, as related in another column. How many quart bottles of bait they took with them is not stated.

Of the others, Professor Pike visited on the other side of the water; Professor Coleman took a trip to the North-West; Professor McCurdy spent some time in the Maritime provinces, and Professor Van der Smitten took a trip to Germany. Professor Mavor should also be mentioned, for he acted as pilot to a party of British scientists who went to Georgian Bay.

Courtney Kingstone, who played on Varsity's half-back line last season, didn't do his reputation any good by his vigorous coaching for Osgoode in the Queen's match at Rosedale last Saturday.

Owing to the trouble over the famous game of 1894, Princeton and Pennsylvania will not meet this year. It is thought that if the two teams do not play until all the students who were then in college have graduated, the bitter feeling will be forgotten.

THE ANNUAL GAMES.

Space is too limited to give any adequate account of the annual games of the Athletic Association last Friday afternoon. Suffice it to say that the procession, the arrangements and the little incidentals were far better than they have ever been before. All honor is due to President J. W. Hobbs, Secretary W. M. Martin and Grand Marshal John Grampian Inkster, all of whom performed their various difficult duties with promptness and dispatch.

The procession was especially good. The Arts men of the two higher years led in Tally-ho's, and then followed the enterprising boys from the School of Science. Their "Klondyke Koach" certainly made the hit of the day.

Over 1,200 spectators sat in the stands and waited for records to be broken, but in this respect they were disappointed. The wet grounds and dull weather made it impossible for the University athletes to do their proudest. The presence of the Queen's Own Band added greatly to the enjoyment of all.

S. McMordie, of the third year Arts, was undoubtedly the favorite of the afternoon, and tied with Roger of Victoria for the championship cup.

The following is a list of winners in the different events. 100 yards—First heat—J. Jordan (Dents) won, J. S. Korman (S.P.S.) 2nd, Roger (Vic) 3rd. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

Second heat—R. McArthur (S.P.S.) won, J. McMillan (Dents) 2nd. Time, 11 secs.

Final—R. McArthur (S.P.S.) won, J. Jordan (Dents) 2nd, J. S. Korman (S.P.S.) 3rd. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

Running broad jump—J. McMillan (Dents), 19 ft. 1 in., won; S. McMordie (Arts), 18 ft. 8 1/4 in., 2nd; Roger (Vic) 18 ft. 8 1/4 in., 3rd.

Putting 16-lb. shot (open)—T. Roach (S.M.C.), 36 ft., won; J. McMillan (Dents), 34 ft. 6 in., 2nd; S. McMordie (Arts), 34 ft., 4 in., 3rd.

220 yards—A. N. Mitchell (Arts) won, F. McCarthy (S.M.C.) 2nd, J. Devitt (Dents) 3rd. Time, 26 1-5 secs.

Running hop, step, and jump—J. McMillan (Dents), 43 ft. 3 in., won; Roger (Vic.), 40 ft. 9 in., 2nd; S. McMordie (Arts), 39 ft. 9 in., 3rd.

Half-mile—V. E. Henderson (Arts) won, J. C. Johnson (S.P.S.) 2nd, F. Sheppard (Arts) 3rd. Time, 2.09 1-5.

High Jump—H. G. Ross (Elora), 5 ft. 3 in., won; S. McMordie (Arts), 5 ft. 2 in., 2nd; Roger (Vic.), 5 ft. 1 in., 3rd. Mile walk—W. Laker (Dents) won, A. Piper (S.P.S.) 2nd, Rutherford (Vic.) 3rd. Time, 8.28.

220 yards (graduates)—R. E. Hooper won, F. H. Scott 2nd. Time, 27 secs.

Throwing 16-lb. hammer—Roger (Vic.), 63 ft. 2 in., won; S. McMordie, 61 ft. 5 in., 2nd.

120 yards (hurdle)—S. McMordie (Arts) won, Roger (Vic.) 2nd, W. J. Larkworthy (S.P.S.) 3rd. Time, 20 secs.

One mile—E. J. Read (McM.) won, W. Laker (Dents) 2nd, V. E. Henderson (Arts) 3rd. Time, 4.54.

440 yards (open)—Renison (Arts) won, J. Devitt (Dents) 2nd, A. N. Mitchell (Arts) 3rd. Time, 57 1-5 secs.

440 (preparatory race)—I. Orton (Jarvis Collegiate) won, H. Rose (Elora High School) 2nd. Time, 55 4-5 secs.

Pole vault—Roger (Vic.), 9 ft. 1 1/4 in., won; S. McMordie (Arts), 9 ft., 2nd; A. Smith (Dents), 8 ft. 9 in., 3rd.

Fatigue race, 100 yards—Martin and Russell (Arts) won; Hinch and Revell (S.P.S.) 2nd.

The team race was won by S.P.S., with Dentals second, and this brought to a close a most successful day. The officials were:—

Starter, James Pearson; time-keepers, Geo. M. Higginbotham, Geo. Lyon, J. H. Doane; judges, Dr. Needler, A. Carruthers, M.A., Prof. McCurdy; clerk of the course, J. C. Breckenridge, B.A.; announcer, J. G. Inkster; measurers, C. H. Wright, B.A., Sc., J. G. Merrick, B.A., Edward Gillis, M.A., LL.B.; referee, D.B. MacDonald, B.A.