

ceived Wednesday at 4 p.m. countermanding the former order, and making Thursday afternoon the time of play. Queen's naturally objected to a change being made at such a late date, evidently at the mere request of her opponents. Final orders to play the game on Thursday afternoon were received by the Queen's management at 8.30 o'clock on Thursday morning. As it was then too late to get the team together the game was not played. A letter was sent to the executive explaining the condition of affairs, but by a vote of three to two the executive sustained the right of the president to order the game played on Thursday afternoon.

These, so far as we can find, are the facts of the case. No criticism is due the executive in maintaining the right of the president to order the game played on Thursday afternoon. A special condition had arisen and it is necessary that there be some central authority with whom the decision of such a matter must rest. In this regard the action of the executive deserves no blame. But blame must attach itself to the manner in which the president exercised his authority.

It was the duty of the president to send officials for the scheduled game on the afternoon of Oct. 21st. This he not only failed to do, but he failed as well to give notice of his failure to the clubs interested. Had that notice been sent on Saturday morning no difficulty would have arisen, as officials would have been arranged for. This neglect on the part of the president was followed up by what looks very much like weakness, in deciding when the game should be played. With a game scheduled for the next Saturday, fairness to the teams re-

quired that the game be played by Wednesday at the latest. But R.M.C. refused to play before the next Saturday, and their refusal was seemingly accepted by the president. Thus he had accepted the principle that the competing clubs had a right to be consulted as to the date. The R.M.C. discovered that after all Thursday night do, the president of the executive was quite agreeable, and the game was arranged for Thursday morning. Again a contrary breeze came from the R.M.C. and at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon Queen's received word to play the game on Thursday afternoon instead of Thursday morning. Upon objection being raised to a change for no apparent reason and at such short notice, word was received at 8.30 Thursday morning that the game must be played that afternoon. The action of the president would seem to be characterized by weakness throughout the whole matter. Intentional unfairness we believe there was none. But there was the unfairness that always arises when the position is too large for the man. Had the president taken a firm stand from the first, no trouble could have arisen. But he dallied with the question so long, that he was seemingly glad to come to any solution of the difficulty, however unreasonable it might be.

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So far as victory is concerned, and it means considerable even to university athletics, Thanksgiving Day could not be called a successful day to Queen's football. To begin with Queen's Association team was defeated in the morning by 3 to 0. Notwithstanding the inequality of the score, some good football was played.