

over an opponent. A player named Finlayson committed 7 out of these 25 fouls. This is interesting for the reason that Finlayson's photograph appears on the sporting page recounting this game, and he is called in this connection "the incomparable Finlayson." For committing, or rather in spite of committing, 7 offences in a game, any one of which offences if committed in a gentleman's office or house would have resulted in his expulsion, Finlayson is held up to the admiration of this athletic generation as incomparable. Not only so but this player, whose career is one long record of brutalities, is chosen as a representative of the Maple Leaf on the Canadian Olympic Lacrosse team.

The record of the N.L.U. for the past season is one of cowardly assaults upon unsuspecting opponents, and indicates how rapidly the public mind is drifting into a state of apathetic indifference as to any question of principle in the matter of athletics.

The Canadian Olympic Committee has granted its apostolic blessing upon this mass of ruffianism by choosing from the N.L.U. the manager and many of the players to represent Canada abroad.

It may be asked what the tactics used in these professional games have to do with amateur games such as might be played by clubs like the C. S.A.A.A. So long as these brutal games are played in the presence of thousands of spectators, so long will the instinct for assault and revenge be carried into games that are nominally amateur, and therein lies the difficulty referred at the beginning of this article.

Those who disapprove of the athletic tactics of the day are not to be considered milk-sops on that account. It is well that a boy should drag himself to his dressing-room after a hard game bruised and worn, but his bruises and scars must be honourable and the weariness must be the result

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