

and secretary. It has been mainly due to the continued untiring efforts of these two gentlemen that the association has reached the high state of organization of which it now boasts. The O. H. A.'s drastic measures to suppress the professionalism that is fast ruining a number of the best Canadian amateur games, so-called, are the outcome of a most commendable policy. Neither has any detail been overlooked which is calculated to benefit the game in Ontario. A glance at the president's address will readily convince any sceptics on that point.

The new plan of grouping the teams and allowing each group to draw up its own schedule for the preliminary round is a new departure which will no doubt prove more satisfactory than the old method. Capt. Dalton will act as convener for the eastern division, including Ottawa, Cornwall, Morrisburg, Iroquois and Queen's, the winners of the group to be announced by January 31st.

The playing rules remain about the same this year as last, except that it is now permissible to stop the puck with the hands, thus eliminating a great deal of high lifting which has been a style of play much resorted to of past years by teams in none too fine condition. The speed and science of the game would probably have been further improved by the introduction of the Quebec off-side rule, but of that *anon!* The goal nets have now come to stay and will be used in all league matches.

The wisdom of entering Queen's III in the O. H. A. games was illustrated by the attendance at the first hockey practice on Thursday, December 13th. Two full teams were on the ice and at that the specimens of the hockey games vulgarly known as "dubs" were much rarer than in the earlier practices of former years. The work of the "Indians" in the city league last season was a fair sample of what could be done in the way of developing players, and this development can never be carried on without giving encouragement to the freshmen and youngsters. Long live the colts.

Capt. Dalton is gradually nursing his ankle up to the skating point, and will no doubt be in

good form for the Pittsburg games, which come off this year about the middle of January. Just what the personnel of the team will be has not yet been decided but at present it looks as if it would bear a striking resemblance to that of the champions of 1899 who missed the Stanley Cup. Capt. Scott of Queen's II was in the game the first day, but the executive cannot appoint the captain of Queen's III till they know their men.

#### BADGE COMMITTEE.

Just how the question of awarding some special mark or insignia to athletes who have won distinction in the university is going to come out, is rather a difficult conjecture. The athletic committee recommend one thing, and the special sub-committee appointed by the A.M.S. to look into the matter will most probably recommend some thing else. In the face of the motion at present on the books, which gives the athletic committee almost entire jurisdiction over part of the matter, some of that committee are one with the sub-committee in considering that the latter's plan is at least the more judicious, not to say efficient and more generally beneficial to college athletes as a whole. However, as it is an *Alma Mater* affair entirely the *Alma Mater* must settle it, thought it might be as well to point out that any belittling or cheapening of the college "Q," by awarding it indiscriminately to all organizations, will certainly depreciate its value in the eyes of the very men who win it, as well as in the eyes of the new incomers from who we get our raw material.

#### ATHLETIC REGULATIONS.

An abortive attempt was made at a recent meeting of the A.M.S. to amend some clauses of the athletic constitution, which, it was generally felt, needed some changes in this "growing time." Though blocked on that occasion by a technicality, they have since received the unanimous support of the Rugby and Hockey caucus meetings, and will shortly be presented to the *Alma Mater* for consideration. One movement is the change to an earlier date in the session of the annual meetings of both