

It is far from our intention to make excuses for the team's reverses—we merely desire to state a few facts which in a great measure answer the question. Our average weight is 152 lbs. Queen's our first rivals 173. Some difference, you see. McGill's weight is 164, and Toronto's 167. Need we say more in this respect.

We have lost the toss for choice in every game, and in three of the four games winning the toss meant scoring first, and Ottawa College with a lead in score is a hard aggregation to overcome. Did you ever stop to consider how easy it is to do everything when things are coming your way. The football field is the place of all places where this holds true.

Think it over and ask yourselves, Have we ever had the better of the officials? Does that matter very much in the result of a game? Be honest with yourselves, and you can't but admit that there are at least some allowances to be made. Now let us glance hastily over each game thus far in the season.

#### GAME NO. 1:—QUEEN'S—OTTAWA. 14-7.

Defeated after a close and exciting contest. Weight proved a great factor in Queen's favor, but be it said to their credit they played a very consistent and effective game, and deserved the laurels. College led at half-time by a score of 5-3.

The officials, though earnest and perfectly impartial in their rulings, were, nevertheless, very lenient regarding offside interference, which fact materially helped to give Queen's the victory. After the game, experts said, "Queen's for the championship, for College is too light."

#### GAME NO. 2:—OTTAWA—MCGILL. 9-11.

The subject is a painful one. The less said about the game the better — for McGill's sake. We were the victims of some high class "Raffles" work, and if the C.I.R.F.U. decides to sustain the high-handedness and somewhat weird rulings of one Benjamin Burland, then with such a precedent established we fear for the future welfare of the Union. Let it be noted, however, that Ottawa College gave three lusty cheers for the McGill players before leaving the campus. Understand well, for the McGill players—not for "the official," or the McGill touch-line judge.

#### GAME NO. 3:—OTTAWA—TORONTO. 18-29.

Weather conditions played an important part in the game, and

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