

to be found which a little courtesy and consideration on the part of lacrosse men could have easily avoided. On October 5th the football season opens in Ottawa and Montreal, while on the same date the latter city also witnesses the close of the lacrosse season. Thus public interest is divided between the two games, and athletes who play both are obliged to renounce one, thereby leaving the suffering team more liable to be defeated. Thus both games are being played under disadvantages which should not necessarily exist and which it is to be hoped will be avoided in the future. With June, July, August and September at their disposal lacrosse men ought to be able to finish a lengthy schedule, and instead of monopolizing, should leave the few following available months to the devotees of football.

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As October approaches, the sport-loving public anxiously look forward to the first game of football, and many are already guessing as to what team is likely to secure the championship for the coming season. Montreal claims to have better material than last year, and has been practising faithfully since September 20th. Rumor speaks well for Britannia and McGill, and as to Ottawa City, never have they had better hopes for a successful season, never have they turned out with greater regularity and enthusiasm to their daily practices. Thus the supporters of each team have most sanguine hopes of victory; how reasonable those hopes are shall not be known until each team has triumphed or failed on Oct. 5. But to come nearer home, how about Ottawa College? Is she going to relinquish or retain the proud laurels she so well earned by heroic achievements in the past? The loss of five of last years players has added to the hopes and diminished the fears of her rivals. And this is but reasonable, for never did more dashing or successful players than Belanger, Levecque, McDougall, O'Brien and Vincent, work harder or more effectively in bringing the Dominion championship to Ottawa College. However, they are compelled to leave us and we are sensible of our great

loss. Whatever direction their future exertions shall take we wish them prosperity and should they ever again don the football jersey we are confident they will be to the teams that are so lucky as to secure their services, what they have always been to us, towers of strength in resisting the attacks of opponents. Who will fill their places remains yet to be seen. There are many candidates for the positions, all of them reliable players, but, if on account of their inexperience we can not expect as much from them as has been expected from their predecessors, this is but one reason why the remainder of the team should redouble their exertions. Concerning our chances for the championship they seem to be at least as good as they were at this time last year. Our players are more numerous, more speedy, and with practice will be equally as skilful with the ball. Along with this is the additional advantage of having a more favorable schedule. However even with these assurances it would be far from expedient to act as other teams have done in the past, who having an unbroken chain of victories to their credit, decided to win future struggles on the strength of their reputations. This sort of conduct would be foolishness in the extreme, for with such opponents in the field as those we will have to encounter this fall, nothing but the strictest attendance to practice will be able to save us from defeat.

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Although present indications give favorable prospects, still it is of the utmost importance, and the sooner it is impressed upon the mind of all the better for the team—it is of the utmost importance that each player should act in such a way as to get into proper condition as soon as possible. For this reason none of the field practices should be missed, while it would be greatly to their advantage, if all could attend the evening exercises in the gymnasium. Attend faithfully to the practices. Therein lies the secret of success. Obey these few injunctions and victory will repay the sacrifices they necessitate. Otherwise in vain shall we hope to retain the Dominion