

SPORTING

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EASTERNERS WERE EASY FOR THE FAST ALERTS.

The Local Boys Put It All Over the Montreals at the Cricket Grounds on Saturday Afternoon—Hamilton Has Still a Chance to Cop One Championship.

The Alerts defeated the Montreal juniors on Saturday afternoon at the Cricket Grounds by a score of 29 to 1, and are now qualified to meet the St. Michaels, of Toronto, for the junior championship of Canada. The local boys were much superior to the bunch from the eastern metropolis, and had things their own way from the start until the finish of the game. The day was a good one for football, and a big crowd turned out to see the game, the north stand being completely filled.

The Montreal team, accompanied by Chaucer Elliott, the well-known football coach, who has been coaching the team for some time, and a few followers, arrived Saturday morning, travelling on the same train with the R. M. C., who played Dundas. The eastern team possessed the necessary weight, in fact, they were much heavier than their opponents, but they lacked the team work and science and, besides, were away off in their condition.

The Montreal back division was shy two of its best men, and the substitutes were a distinct failure, in fact, they were weak playing was mainly responsible for the poor showing made by the Winged Wheel team.

In the first few minutes of play the Alerts started to roll up a score, and continued until the whistle blew. The losers tried hard to score, but their efforts were in vain against the fast Alerts.

During the latter part of the game, when defeat looked almost certain, the visitors tried to mix things up, but they found the Alerts tough customers to deal with, and it can safely be said they got the worst of the deal.

On the wing line the Alerts had little if anything on the Montrealers, but there was no comparison between the opposing back divisions. In this department "punk" is the only word that fits describes the work of the visitors, while the local quartette put up a brilliant exhibition throughout the game. They caught splendidly, and punted in grand style. They pulled off some sensational runs, and were well up in combination work. The Alerts backed each other up and what few mistakes they made were not costly. The Alerts' wing line is reputed to be the best in Canada, that is in the junior class, and they certainly showed class on Saturday. Although well blocked, they bucked effectively, and made big gains at line plunging. Their tackling left little to be desired, getting their men low and bringing them down hard.

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The Alerts have been practising faithfully for some time, and deserved to win. They have developed team work, and are one of all the tricks of the game. A feature of Saturday's game was the long pass, which they used most advantageously time and again.

The best man on the field was Carr. His zig-zag runs resulted in big gains, and the Montrealers found him a very hard man to bring down. Fickley, while not as good at running, did some great punting, having it on his opponents by a big margin. On the wing line Bleakley and Tyce did the best work. The Montreal team was either away off color or they are not fast enough to play any junior team in Hamilton.

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NEW YORK HERALD MAKES A BIG DISPLAY.

Devotes a Page of Its Sunday Paper to Tiger-Ottawa Game, Including Picture of the Jungle Kings.

The following despatches were clipped from a page of matter run by the New York Herald regarding the Tiger-Ottawa exhibition game next Saturday:

For the purpose of playing an exhibition game of Canadian Rugby football in New York city the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association and the Hamilton Tigers have accepted an invitation from the Herald.

They will meet at Van Cortlandt Park, New York city, Saturday, December 11. These teams are two of the best in Canada and are capable of demonstrating the best features of Canadian Rugby, which is fast and vigorous without being as dangerous as the American collegiate game.

The widest interest is felt in Canada in the status of American football. The large list of deaths and casualties marking the season just closed in the United States has aroused anxiety here lest the American game should fall into disfavor. Canada is devoted to football. Its colleges and its cities maintain football teams which play a much longer season than the American teams, but which suffer nothing like the number of broken bones recorded in the States. The Canadians confidently believe their game superior both as a sport and as a spectacle. The latter advantage would seem to be attested by the fact that the Canadian public is able to understand and follow the game just as the American public comprehends and follows baseball.

The Ottawa team holds the provincial championship of Canada. Hamilton is the second team in the Ontario Rugby Football Union. Both teams have held the Canadian championships frequently during the past. They are supported by amateur athletic organizations and play match games in all kinds of sports with the great universities of the Dominion. They have tremendous followings in their respective homes, which are red hot sporting centres.

The past football season in Canada has proven the most interesting and successful in the history of the game in the Dominion, and the exhibition match which the Ottawa and Hamilton teams are to play in New York next week will come as a climax to a remarkable series of games between the Canadian teams.

With a view of impressing upon the minds of New York people the advantages to be derived from adopting part if not all of the Canadian rules, the Herald has arranged to bring two of the best teams in the Dominion together.

Five years ago football was on the decline in Canada. The close formation of the scrumage, on account of the faulty rules, which allowed one team to hold the ball for hours if they wanted to and the scrapping between the rival wings, brought the game down to a low ebb. People grew tired of sitting and watching players struggling together in a massive pile. There was little spectacular about the play, and slowly but surely Rugby was sinking.

"Give us more for our money," the "fans" kept repeating. "Cut out the constant scrumming and let us see more of the play. Give us speed and brain work instead of exhibitions of brute strength."

Eventually the demands for a change induced the officers of the Canadian Football Union to consider a proposition to alter the rules. It was decided to keep the scrumage and wing men five feet apart and to prohibit scrapping. A rule was also enforced making it necessary for the team having possession of the ball to gain ten yards on three downs, failing in which they must lose possession. Tacklers were ordered to give men catching the ball three yards in which to do so, and the trying wing was done away with, thus limiting the teams to fourteen men each.

And what was the result? Immediately play became more spectacular, the scrapping ceased and football became more popular than ever before. Now the Canadian game is more open than ever. There is more kicking, more running, a greater amount of tackling and science. Trick plays abound, signal work

is the strong point of each club, and the game has been revolutionized to such an extent that it hardly resembles that played in Canada ten years ago.

Of course there is no off-side interference or forward passing as in the American game. The points are pretty much the same, nevertheless, a touchdown counting five and a goal from the try, one. A rouge counts one, a safety touch two, a kick to the dead line one, a touch in goal one, and a goal from field three.

If a player fails to give an opponent three yards in which to catch the pig-skin play is called back to where the ball was kicked and given to the opposing side. The touch line rules are identical with those in the American game.

Fourteen men compose a team in the Canadian game, a full back and three half backs and a quarter back comprising the back division. There is also a trio of scrumagers, left, right and centre, and three wings, left and right inside, left and right middles and left and right outside. A referee and umpire handle the matches, having practically equal powers.

Woven closely into the history of Canadian football, almost since the time when the game was introduced into the Dominion from England, is the name of the famous Hamilton Tigers. That team has at one time or another won the premier honors of Canada on the grid-iron in senior, intermediate and junior series and they occupy the same relative position in Canada as Yale and Harvard in the United States.

For the last twenty years the Tigers have had to be reckoned with when Canadian football honors were apportioned. The club is an organization in itself and is backed by no athletic club or other body except the public. It has invariably worked its way to the topmost pinnacles of the country's football by sheer tenacity and success in the game. It is customary to revert to the Tiger teams of other years when discussing gridiron heroes who have won places in niches of football fame in Canada.

In 1883 Hamilton made its debut in football as introduced from England. Since that time, however, sweeping changes have been made in the playing rules of the game, until to-day it is more like the game played in the United States than that seen in England. The open play, long passing and frequent kicking in the English game has been retained to large extent, but the Tigers have always kept abreast of the changes and have never failed to avail themselves of opportunities for advanced styles of play, made possible by the revision of the rules, which has brought about a type of football now recognized as distinctly Canadian.

It was the Hamilton Tigers who were selected by Walter Camp, the famous Yale coach, several years ago, when he desired to see an exhibition of the game at its best in the Dominion. Mr. Camp was disappointed in the exhibition, which he brought himself at that time as being amazed at the speed and open play of the Tigers.

They were opposed to the Toronto team on the day on which Mr. Camp came to Canada and the national championship was at stake. The Yale athletic director realized in a moment that Hamilton's decisive victory was due to the speed, which was a new feature in the Canadian game. Forthwith he introduced the ten-yard rule in its entirety to American football, and he also evolved the on-side or forward pass from a play used by the Tigers.

Captain Ben Simpson, of that team, in a recent interview expressed the opinion that there are many desirable features in the Canadian game which might be introduced with instantaneous approval into the game in the United States. There is not on record in Canada the death of a player in a game or as the result of injuries received on the field of play. The Tigers occasionally use mass plays, such as a full back in almost every American game, but only by way of variation to mislead their opponents.

Misplays are not effective in the Canadian game, the rules being such as to encourage the passing and kicking style, which is the principal factor in the freedom of the game here from serious injury to players.

After six hours' riding the teams were practically seven laps behind the record, but as the track had been especially banked for fast work, new records are looked for as the race progresses.

It was announced last night that the Canadian junior championship final will be played in Toronto next Saturday, between Hamilton Alerts and St. Michael's College. The game will probably take place at Varsity field, although this is one of the matters in connection with the game which has not been arranged.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Toronto Markets

FARMERS' MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were 700 bushels. The only wheat was 100 bushels of goose, which sold at \$1.03 to \$1.04. Barley is unchanged, with sales of 500 bushels at 65 to 66c. Oats firmer, 100 bushels selling at 42c.

Farmers' produce in fair supply, with prices generally firm. Good to choice butter sold at 26 to 30c per pound, and new-laid eggs at 50 to 55c per dozen. Poultry steady, with supplies ample.

Hay is unchanged, with sales of 20 loads at \$17 to \$21 a ton for timothy and at \$12 for clover. One load of bundled straw sold at \$17 a ton.

Dressed hogs are steady, with prices ruling as follows: \$1.06 to \$1.00. Do, red, new, 1.06 to 0.00. Do, goose, 1.03 to 0.04. Oats, bush, 0.41 to 0.42. Peas, bush, 0.88 to 0.90. Barley, bush, 0.65 to 0.66. Rye, bush, 0.74 to 0.75. Hay, timothy, ton, 17.00 to 21.00. Do, mixed, ton, 13.00 to 0.00. Straw, per ton, 16.00 to 17.00.

Seeds—Alsike, fancy, bush, 6.50 to 6.75. Do, No. 1, 6.00 to 6.25. Do, No. 2, 5.50 to 5.75. Do, No. 3, 5.00 to 5.40. Red clover, No. 1, bush, 7.50 to 8.25. Timothy, 10.50 to 11.00. Dressed hogs, 0.26 to 0.30. Butter, dairy, 0.22 to 0.24. Eggs, new laid, dozen, 0.50 to 0.55. Do, fresh, 0.35 to 0.00. Chickens, lb, 0.12 to 0.14. Ducks, lb, 0.12 to 0.14. Turkeys, lb, 0.15 to 0.17. Geese, lb, 0.08 to 0.10. Fowl, lb, 0.08 to 0.10. Apples, bbl, 2.00 to 3.50. Potatoes, bag, by load, 0.55 to 0.60. Celery, dozen, 0.30 to 0.35. Onions, bag, 1.00 to 1.10. Cauliflower, dozen, 0.75 to 1.25. Cabbage, dozen, 0.50 to 0.60. Broccoli, 0.80 to 0.90. Beef, hindquarters, 5.00 to 6.50. Do, forequarters, 6.50 to 8.00. Do, choice, carcass, 7.50 to 7.00. Do, medium, carcass, 6.50 to 7.00. Mutton, per cwt, 7.00 to 8.00. Veal, prime, per cwt, 9.50 to 10.50. Lamb, per cwt, 9.00 to 10.00.

FRUIT MARKET. Quotations for foreign fruits are as follows: Oranges, Jamaica, case, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Oranges, Valencia, 3.50 to 4.00. Lemons, Messina, 3.00 to 4.00. Grape fruit, Florida, 4.50 to 5.00. Grape fruit, Jamaica, 3.00 to 3.50. U. S. Seed, 5.00 to 6.00. Apples, Canadian, bbl, 2.50 to 4.00.

SUGAR MARKET. St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.85 per cwt., in barrels; No. 1 golden, \$4.45 per cwt., in barrels. Beaver, \$4.45 per cwt., in bags. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags prices are 5c less.

HORSE MARKET. Manager J. Herbert Smith reports a continuation of good business at the Union Horse Exchange at West Toronto for the past week. Buyers were present from Winnipeg and Saskatchewan, as well as from local points in Ontario.

Mr. Smith reports a steady growth in trade at the stable, and in reviewing his books found that his business for the past year had been more than double during that time. One pair of choice cutting driving horses sold at \$370. As a rule prices for the different classes were unchanged, as follows: Draughts, \$180 to \$225; general purpose, \$140 to \$175; expressers, \$150 to \$190; drivers, \$100 to \$160; serviceably sound, \$25 to \$80.

OTHER MARKETS. WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Wheat—December 95c, May 95.5c. Oats—December 32.1c, May 35.3c.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET. New York—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3.81c; centrifugal, 95c test, 4.51c; molasses sugar, 3.56c; refined steady.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. London.—London cables for cattle are steady at 12 to 14c per lb. for live cattle weight; Liverpool 12c to 13.5c; refrigerated beef, slow, at 9.5c to 10c per lb. Liverpool.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable to-day: States steers, from 12.1c to 13c; Canadians, 11.1c to 12.1c; ranchers, 10c to 11c; cows and heifers, 9c to 11.2c; bulls, 9c to 10c. Weather mild. Trade very slow.

PROVINCIAL MARKETS. Belleville.—Very large market with little change in prices. Live hogs were from \$7.50 to \$7.80; dressed hogs an even \$10. Loose hay, \$14 to \$15. Straw, \$4 to \$6 per load. Oats, 28 to 30c. Butter, 24 to 27c. Fresh eggs, 30c; others, 25c. Poultry, high, at 60c to \$1.25 pair. Butchers' hides, 11 1/2c; deerskins, 7c to 8c; vealskins, 11c; horsehides, \$2.50; veal kip, 9c.

Peterboro.—On the market to-day dressed hogs sold at 9 1/2 to 10c. Baled hay, \$16 per ton. Hides, farmers, 10 to 11c. Potatoes, 50 to 60c. Butter, 25c. Eggs, 25c.

London.—Good market today. Sales very brisk. Turkeys are in demand at 16 to 17c. Dairy produce firm. Butter scarce; price unchanged; creamery, 24 1/2 to 27 1/2c; rolls, 25 to 26c; cows, 26 to 25c. Eggs, scarce; crates mostly 30c; single dozen, 25 to 25c; dairy and prices higher. Hay, ton, \$13.50 to \$15.50. Straw, \$7.50 to \$8. Dressed hogs, easier, at \$10; highest price to-day, expected prior for live hogs Monday will be \$7.50.

Chatham.—Fair market, with few changes in prices. Potatoes plentiful at 7c per bag. Grain prices unchanged, except barley, \$1.15 to \$1.20 per cwt.; wool increased to 12 to 13c unwashed, 20 to 25c. Eggs, scarce; crates mostly 30c; single dozen, 25 to 25c; dairy and prices higher. Hay, ton, \$13.50 to \$15.50. Straw, \$7.50 to \$8. Dressed hogs, easier, at \$10; highest price to-day, expected prior for live hogs Monday will be \$7.50.

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Atchafon	120.1	120.6
Amal. Copper	87.7	87.2
Am. Can.	41.1	41.1
Am. Loco.	61.4	61.5
Smelters	38.7	38.8
Brooklyr	108.2	108.2
Great Nor. pref.	145.4	145.4
Balt. & Ohio	116	115.4
Can. Pac.	128.2	128.2
Col. Fuel	31	30.7
Chas. & Ohio	85.5	85.7
Detroit	38.2	38.2
Erie	22	22.7
Gen. First	67.5	67.5
M. & E.	13.7	13.7
Louisville & Nor.	131.7	131.7
Lead	88.2	88
U. S. Steel	142.5	142.5
N. Y. C.	21.4	21.4
Nor. Pac.	144.2	144.2
U. S. Steel	128.5	128.5
O. & W.	47.1	47.1
Penn.	121	120.2
Reading	124.1	124.1
Rock Island	99.6	99.6
Son. Pac.	129.4	129
St. Paul	131.7	131.7
St. Paul	131.7	131.7
Sugar	124.4	124
Texaco	14.7	14.3
Union Pac.	208	208.4
U. S. Steel	142.5	142.5
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Sales to 1 o'clock \$47.50.

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Amalgamated	88.1	A-skd.
Beaver	31	31.2
Cobalt Central	25	25
Cobalt Lake	15.2	15.4
Crown Reserve	309	305
Chambers-Ferland	39	39
Foster	34	35.4
Kerr Lake	75	80.2
La Rose	497	500.2
Little Siskiwog	18.2	18.6
McIntyre-Darragh	88	90
Nipissing	1080	1190
Nova Scotia	46.4	47.4
Peterson Lake	21.5	22
Ontario	22	22.4
Silver Bar	15	15
Silver Leaf	14.3	14.4
Silver Queen	21	21.6
Temiskaming	21.4	21.5
Tretheway	143	144

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Opening.—Wheat, unchanged to 1-8 higher. Closing.—Corn, 1-8 lower to 3-4 higher.

LONDON MARKET.

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A. N. C.	49.5	49.5
A. C. P.	88.1	88.1
Atchafon	120.1	120.6
B. & O.	116.4	116.4
Can. Pac.	128.2	128.2
Erie	33.2	33.1
Erie First	47.6	47.4
Illinois	145.6	146.2
M. K. T.	48.2	48.2
M. K. T. pref.	72.1	72.1
C. P. R.	144.2	144.2
N. Y. C.	127.6	127.6
O. W.	47.4	47.4
Penn.	131.6	131.2
R. D. G.	171.3	170.5
Ri.	41	41
Southern Pac.	130.1	129.4
St. Paul	135.2	135.2
T. P.	201.5	201.2
U. S. Q.	91	90.6
U. S. Q. pref.	124.7	124.7
Wabash, pref.	37.3	37.3

COBALT STAKES.

The mining markets in Toronto showed no marked feature on Saturday, the only item of interest being the advance in Crown Reserve, which again reached the \$2 mark. It was strong at the close, while La Rose wavered around 49c and went back to 48c. There was a little rally in Temiskaming, which opened at 21c and made a gain of three points. Tretheway showed continued strength and was in demand at 142 at the close. The rest of the market was quiet, but steady.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Cattle receipts estimated at 25,000; market strong to 10 cents higher; hogs 400 to 225; Texas steers 380 to 490; western steers, 425 to 475; stockers and feeders, 215 to 320; calves 650 to 850.

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SCRAPS OF SPORT

New York, Dec. 6.—The secrecy attending the meeting of Jeffries and Johnson and the fight promoters in a Hoboken hotel, just before announcing the signing of the articles of agreement, is now believed by many of the best sporting authorities to have been for the purpose of making a second and private agreement, in which the principals stipulated to split the purse of \$101,000 evenly, instead of 75 per cent. to the winner, and 25 per cent. to the loser.

The reason ascribed for this secret change is that at 75 and 25 per cent. each contestant was betting the other three to one that he would win, while as a matter of fact no such odds prevail now, nor are they expected to be offered. It is now considered an even money chance.

The night after the bids for the fight were opened, and the day the Rickard bid was accepted, "Tex" Rickard spent eight hours in Jeffries' hotel room, but to-day the Nevada sportsman denied that he had offered or given Jeffries \$10,000 in cash to favor his bid. This story was current on Broadway.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Stanley Ketchel accepted the offer of Promoter Hugh McIntosh to go to Australia for three ring battles. The middleweight champion will embark in a few days. While he has not been informed as to the identity of his opponents, it is thought here that he will be pitted against Tommy Burns, Bill Lang and Bob Fitzsimmons.

THE TRIGGER

At the Hamilton Gun Club