

The team then drove down to the hotel again, where they had tea, and then left for the station. On the train we were met by McLaren, who was unable to come down in the morning with us, bringing with him a letter from the Kingston cadets, saying that they could not play on Monday morning. This of course meant the return of the team on Sunday morning. Having heard this news, all the team turned into their bunks to get a good night's rest; but little did they think of the way in which their slumbers were to be disturbed by a fellow-passenger, who, horror of horrors, travelled free. This passenger was a small species of the human race, being about one foot six square, and consequently with healthy lungs. The concert was opened about half-past one a.m. by a most unearthly shriek, followed by loud and dismal yells in immediate succession. This went on for about half an hour, when the patience of all was exhausted, and some proposed to scrag the offender; others thought drowning would be more sure; while the tender-hearted ones proposed that the big man should go and nurse it, or that the Professor should mesmerise the infant into the belief that it was time to quit. Finally a round of 'By-baby-by,' and the soothing influence of the maternal slipper, quieted the culprit, and peace was again restored to the car. The train was as usual an hour and a half late, and when we arrived at the station we found a number of the McGill men waiting for us. After getting to know each other, we were shown to our 'bus, which they had kindly provided for us. The first thing to be done was to get something to eat, which was accomplished with no little difficulty as we were so late. Breakfast over, we started for McGill College, over which we were shown. The building, although not very imposing from the outside, has some very fine points about it, the inside of the Redpath Museum being very much admired by all. After looking at the principal sights of the city we again met at the hotel for lunch, and then to dress. While dressing the final instructions were issued to the team, and every man was made to fully understand that from the word 'go' he was expected to play, as the Americans say, 'his level best.' The game was to take place on the Montreal Cricket Grounds, in order that the match might be made a pay one.

Play was commenced by Campbell kicking off for the 'Varsity, Hamilton, the Captain of McGill, having won the toss, and determined to defend the north goal. The 'Varsity forwards at once settled down to their work, and gradually worked the ball up towards the McGill goal. After a series of scrimmages in front of the McGill goal, McLaren made a fine kick for goal, but just missed, and the ball was rouged. The kick out sent the ball down towards the 'Varsity goal, but the forwards, who were working like Trojans, again worked up to the north end, and during the whole of the first half the ball was seldom past the half-way. During this half Creasor made some most beautiful dashes, and never failed to tackle his man. Wigle, Thompson, and Duggan, amongst the forwards, were also conspicuous by their tackling and general play.

During the first part of the next half the game was a repetition of the former play, the 'Varsity forwards, by their superior play and weight, carrying everything before them. A short time after the kick-off the ball was within ten feet of the McGill goal, and the excitement was intense; at this time the play was a succession of scrimmages, and as the McGill Captain had put every available man forward, the 'Varsity forwards could just hold their own. The ball at length came out of one of the scrimmages about four yards from the McGill goal line, when it was picked up by Shearar of McGill, who quietly carried it back and rouged it. This piece of play, which amongst ourselves has always been looked upon as cowardly, took us completely by surprise. Shortly after the kick out, while all the players were over on the western side of the field, Murray got off by a beautiful run to the eastern side and thence along side of the touch line in behind our goal, and touched it down three or four feet from the touch line. Hamilton tried a punt out, which was spoiled by a University forward, and the ball was gradually worked down towards the McGill goal. Elder got hold of the ball near his own twenty-five, and started to run. Some of the University forwards called 'Off side,' and the backs did not attempt to catch Elder, who secured a touch-down right behind goal. As Elder was without a doubt on side, the Captain of the 'Varsity did not claim a foul, and a goal was kicked from the try by Hamilton. This will, we hope, be a lesson to the University forwards to get a clear idea of 'off side,' into their heads, or to keep quiet and not spoil others. After the goal was kicked, the 'Varsity Captain again kicked off, and the forwards making a beautiful charge, tackled the McGill back a few yards from his goal line, before he was able to return the ball. For the next ten minutes the ball was kept inside the half-way flag until time was called, which ended the match in favor of McGill by a goal, try, and a rouge to three rouges. We hope none of our readers will condemn this account as being too uninteresting to the majority of our readers. Comparing the respective merits of the team, the 'Varsity forwards were incomparably better than their opponents, their tackling being especially noticeable; in the whole

game not more than half a dozen times were the forwards and the quarter backs passed. As regards the back playing, McGill was far ahead of the 'Varsity, although the quarter backs appeared to be pretty equal. In addition to this, as a team they were much faster, one or two of them being able to leave any of our men behind. The breadth of the ground also gave them a great advantage, for if the ground had been fifty yards wide, according to the rules, Murray would certainly have never got in. As regards the other try, the 'Varsity have entirely themselves to blame. We trust no one will think that we are trying to excuse our team for their defeat; far from it. We acknowledge that McGill beat us and beat us fairly; but after witnessing the match, we are convinced that our team had much the best of the game, and every man on the team is quite confident that on a fifty yard ground the tables would be turned.

In the evening the team were entertained to a sumptuous spread by their opponents. Speeches now were in the minority, and songs, etc., were indulged in. All the McGill men accompanied us down to the train, and sent us off in the best of spirits, considering that we had been beaten. After we had got settled in our car, it was discovered, much to our horror, that there was another baby going to travel with us. Fortunately, however, it was a peacefully-minded one, and all enjoyed a good night's rest. Next morning there was a general scramble for clothes, as some evil-minded man in the night had taken away all the positive necessities and left the others. Those who had to go round the car in scanty array, looking for other parts of their toilet, can explain the embarrassing position they were placed in. The Professor gave us some exhibitions of sleight-of-hand on the train until we arrived in Toronto, where we were met by some of the undergrads, who, fortunately for us, had already heard of the result.

Thus ended our trip to Montreal, the team returning with one victory and one defeat to enrol on their archives. We would like to call attention to the fact that this is the first time this year that a goal from a try has been taken from us. The only other occasion when a goal was kicked against us was when we played the Torontos at the beginning of the season and Mr. Helmcken dropped a goal for them from the twenty-five yard flag.

The following is the team which represented the 'Varsity: *Goal*.—E. C. Coleman, 164 lbs.; A. F. May, 155 lbs. *Half Backs*.—J. McLaren, 140 lbs.; A. H. Scott, 156 lbs. *Quarter Backs*.—A. D. Creasor, 146 lbs.; G. Gordon, 163 lbs. *Forwards*.—G. H. Duggan, 152 lbs.; E. S. Wigle, 191 lbs.; W. W. Vickers, 154 lbs.; C. W. Gordon, 139 lbs.; A. J. Boyd, 172 lbs.; A. B. Cameron, 159 lbs.; A. B. Thomson, 142 lbs.; A. M. Haig, 160 lbs.; A. H. Campbell (Captain) 154 lbs. Average, 152½ lbs.

ASSOCIATION.

Knox College v. Victoria.—Knox College and Victoria foot-ball teams faced on University lawn at 8.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. The Vics had the kick off, but the ball was immediately captured by Knox, which resulted in a try on the Victoria goal, only to be returned with a try on the Knox goal. The ball was then kept oscillating back and forth slightly in favor of the Victoria team till half time. After half time the Vics had a decided advantage, making desperate and repeated attacks on the Knox goal, though without success. The match thus ended in a draw. For Knox, Jaffray played well, while Toney, Shirley and Duncan showed themselves equal to all emergencies for the Vics.

Knox v. Nelsons.—Knox College and Nelson foot-ball clubs met at 1.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day on University lawn. Knox scored the first goal in about two minutes, and twenty minutes later added another. After half time the Nelsons played more together, and in spite of a stubborn defence, scored a goal. No more advantage was gained on either side, Knox being victors by two goals to one. The play was very spirited on both sides, Knox having the advantage in weight, while the Nelsons were quicker.

'Varsity v. Nelsons.—The return match on Central Association ties was played on the University lawn. The University team won the toss, and elected to play from the south, with the wind. After a short struggle, exhibiting good combined play, the first goal for the University men was won by a kick from McKay on a splendid free kick by Glassford. On starting again the ball was kept close to the Nelsons' goal, and after fifteen minutes' hard play, a lucky shot by Irving scored a second goal for the University. The game now showed a decided change. The Nelsons became aggressive, and before half time was called had given employment to the University goal keeper four times in close succession, besides having obtained two 'corners.' Pratt, however, defended well. Up to half time two goals had been obtained for the University. Ends were changed and play began at once. Fouls were the order of the day, and the Nelsons began to complain of the University umpire before he had disallowed any. Fisher and Boulton, for the Nelsons, worked well, passing to Beatty, who scored first goal for the visitors. After some rapid passing one more goal was obtained by the Nelsons, making