

Ontario Rugby Union. The Ottawas succeeded in winning the Ottawa championship, and by defeating the Inter-collegiate champions approached very near the much-coveted Canadian Championship, to attain which all that remained was to defeat the winners of the Québec championship.

The Ottawas obtained from the Canadian Rugby Union the very great privilege of playing on their own grounds. However the College waived its right to the customary privilege of defending on neutral grounds the title of "Champions of Canada," which they had held two years in succession, and consented to abide by the ruling of the Canadian Rugby Union. Even yet the Ottawa City team had not assurance enough of victory. The officials were the next most important consideration. When approached by the college executive in regard to officials the Ottawa management could not see their way clear to any arrangement. Unlike true sportsmen and contrary to custom, they refused to propose men of their choice, nor would they even consider the names proposed by the College. They evidently depended on the influence they exerted with the Canadian Rugby Union, or, which is more probable, they had previously made arrangements with that Union in regard to officials.

The game took place, and the Ottawa City team won by a score of 11 to 1. We would congratulate the winners did we feel convinced that they won on their merits as footballers. But such is not the case. The players of the College team feel certain that they could defeat the same team if anything like justice were done them. As fighters the college men yield the palm to the victors of the day. The referee, in his rulings, did not always punish the real offenders. Lasseur, College's great wing played only 18 minutes during the whole game; a strange fact certainly, and one that has been much commented on. Several other peculiar decisions were also made. Almost every time that Eddie Murphy received the ball from a scrimmage, and was in a fair way to make one of his phenomenal runs, the referee had the ball brought back to the scrimmage, or gave the Ottawas a free kick. It is also to be noted that from outset until close the Ottawas made forward passes, yet not once were they penalized for such violation of the rules.