

weakening to a year football or hockey team as to be ignorant of who is to be their captain or who is to have the choosing of the players.

Of course if this feeling is carried far enough to cause a half-hour's indulgence between lectures, even in a good-natured snow fight, there is danger of evil results; but, properly guarded, the year feeling makes our college life more pleasant and in many respects more profitable, and is also productive of the proper college spirit, without which no student body can ever secure recognition as such in any athletic or literary line.

Among the Bluenoses.

FOR the past month it has been my privilege and pleasure to tour this province of New Brunswick, by the sea, of which we people of Ontario know so little. While our native province affords a more congenial field of labor for the agriculturist, this offers to the traveller and tourist a magnificent variety of coast and mountain scenery. This is not the season to see the province at her best, but even now the splendid mountains clothed with the fresh restful green of pine and spruce make a setting for such landscapes as must delight the eye and inspire the soul of the artist in summer months. The country is splendidly watered by many streams large and small, which have their source in springs of clear pine water on hill or mountain side.

Along the coast in the south-eastern portion of the province are immense marshes, the greater portion of which are protected from old ocean's invasion by hundreds of miles of mud dikes. The land thus protected is probably not surpassed by any in the world for the production of hay, to which it is entirely devoted. A few days ago, I saw a tract of the Tantramar Marsh, comprising seventy-five thousand acres, which this year cut two and a-half tons per acre, and which has been mowed over for one hundred and twenty-five years. These hay marshes receive no fertilizer, save that once in a while the sea is allowed to enter through sluices and wander over them, depositing a heavy brown sediment of alluvial mud, which supplies fertility for succeeding

years. Occasionally, as much as a quarter of an inch of the sediment has been left by one tide. The conformation of coast line districts is undergoing constant change. Quite frequently, by erecting a sea-wall one man will add to his farm a field stolen by robber ocean from other less fortunate land-owners.

In the Bay of Fundy the tide sometimes rises thirty feet. This means that all the streams of the low-lying adjoining districts are tidal many miles from their mouth. One of the sights of the province is the Moncton bore; owing to the tide coming into cramped quarters, the oncoming wash produces a crescent-shaped wall of water with a foam-topped crest, which rolls steadily up stream. It is often three or three and a-half feet high. In a few days we are going to do the "reversible" Falls of the St. John, which are the "only original" of their kind. Down on the isthmus of Chignecto we saw the relics of the defunct Ship Railway in which there were sunken years ago, three and a half millions of dollars.

Operations on the work have long been suspended, lacking the sum of one and a-half millions still required to carry it to completion. Some of the most powerful hydraulic lifts in the world are lying idle at the termini.

The farmers down here take things much more easily than do our people at home; result, to-day they are a generation behind us in farm practice. They are anxious to advance, and whether we teach(?) them much or little at our meetings they turn out in large numbers, and give us an attentive hearing. Lumbering, fishing, and the export business in hay have become less profitable than formerly, hence the time is opportune for institute work along our present lines of dairying and hog production. Last year our county of Leeds produced seven times as much cheese as was made in this province while the production of pork does not meet local demand.

We have yet several week's work in this province; later on I shall go over to Nova Scotia to attend a series of meetings there. Some of the men of '83-4 will be pleased to hear that W. W. Hubbard of '84 is managing the Institute work of N. B. in addition to editing the only farmer's paper of the province, the "Co-Operative