

SPORTS AND PASTIMES

Saturday last was a great day for Rugby, and so many matches took place that it is impossible to do much more than barely mention the facts in this column. The Montreal-Britannia struggle demands first attention. I had looked for a somewhat closer score; but there was not much fault to be found with the game, though more open play would have added to the pleasure of the spectators. Luckily on Saturday those who faced the threatening elements were old football men who rather enjoy a series of scrimmages, and consequently the game was a good one to look at. One thing should be said for the Brits, and that is, that they play a great losing game and never flag.

The Hamilton Rugby team did not have an easy thing with the Torontos on Saturday last, but they managed to defeat them by a close score of 8-5. Toronto's weak point was the forward division, and they were also at the loss of their crack quarter back, Smellie and Muntz. The Hamiltonians have improved wonderfully since last year, and they now can hold their own with the best of them. Saunders and Pirie, the half-backs, have no superiors in the Dominion, and their work was fully up to their reputation. In the first half Toronto got the first point on a rouge, which was immediately offset by Hamilton securing a try, and when time was called the score stood Hamilton 7, Toronto 3. In the second half the Ambitious City added one more and the Torontos two points to their score. The match was practically a series of scrimmages and marred a good deal by a fondness for laying on the ball.

The Ottawa College seem to have started the season with the intention of keeping up their reputation as winners, and the thrashing administered to Ottawa City of 25 points to one, augurs fairly well for their success during the rest of

McGill.	Position.	Montreal.
Donahue.....	Back.....	C. Nash.
Small.....	Half backs.	E. J. Fry.
Russell.....		W. Hagg.
Goulet.....		Monserat.
Shaw.....	Quarter back	Claxton.
Switzer.....		Barry.
Bickerdyke.....	Wings.	Stevens.
Clemesha.....		James.
McPherson.....		Robertson.
King.....		Christie.
Guthrie.....		Lighthart.
Drum.....	Scrimmage.	D. S. Louson.
Molson.....		Angus.
Hamilton.....		Twomey.
Featherstone.....		Buchanan.

Referee—McPherson.

Association football is having a big boom at present, especially in the West, and on Saturday two matches were played off in the league championship in Toronto, the Varsity defeating the Scots four goals to one, while the Marlboros' score was six to St. Michael's College nothing. In the Toronto Association series, Varsity second easily defeated the Strollers six goals to one.

It is a long time since St. John and Halifax had any very important struggle for aquatic supremacy and it will be like going back to old times, when representative four from both cities will meet in Halifax on the 21st inst. The St. John crew is a fast and good one, consisting of Craig, Campbell, Foley and McCormick, but it is altogether doubtful if they will be able to get away from the Halifax four, two of whom will be MacKay and Hamm. It is a sort of semi-professional affair and the Haligonians ought to win it.

Nothing seems to delight the professional oarsman so much as saying something real pleasant about somebody in the same line of business, but very likely it has to be done to keep up appearances, else where would the regatta purses come from? Messrs. Gaudaur and Hanlan are not on the best terms now; and Mr. Hanlan says that Mr. O'Connor will trim Mr. Gaudaur when the champion of America gets home, and then, besides, nobody need go the three miles in nineteen minutes to beat Jake.

Speaking of sculling, the work of next year promises to be of unusual interest, the principal event being the race for the championship on the Pacific coast. It was first a Canadian who showed sportsmanship liberal enough to go to the other end of the earth to row for the championship of the world, when he already held the title, but Hanlan's star had then passed its zenith and after years of unbroken victory he came back a defeated man. Beach accepted all challenges for the world's championship, but insisted on



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even when the odds seem overwhelmingly against them. There was a marked difference between the teams. Montreal was strong in the rush line and full back, but otherwise weak in the back division, whose idea seemed impetuosity instead of judgment. In the Britannia team the scrimmage was the weak point, but the back division was splendid. With these qualities settled as marking both teams, and remembering that the game was a series of scrimmages, the result is hardly to be wondered at, and if Montreal is to be defeated by the Britannias, the forwards must be strengthened. There was one remarkable decision given by one of the touch judges in the second half, which resulted in Montreal securing a touch-down, and the gentleman who gave it must have been as excited as the players, for the ball was at least half a yard out of bounds. But there was no grumbling. The Montreal partisans were jubilant and the Brit followers were simply astonished, and seemed to think it was only another bit of hard luck to struggle against. Montreal scored the first two points of the game. This was a severe punishment for one of the Brits lying on the ball—for the penalty was a free kick for Montreal, which was followed by a well combined rush, and the Brit back had to touch down. A few minutes after the kick off, the leather was again in Britannia territory, a rouge going to the credit of the Montrealers. Then another series of scrimmages and clever passing put the leather near the Britannia line, and Baird succeeded in making a try. This looked bad for the visitors, but Arnton, who kept cool all the way, saw an opening and a splendid kick from the field gave his side six. When half time closed, Montreal had put on another rouge, and the score stood 9 to 6. The opening of the second half saw a touch down in favour of Britannia, and things were very interesting, until Campbell, by a fine kick, added another six points for Montreal. Britannia scored another rouge and Montreal a try, and there the game ended. It was a hard fought, well contested one all through, and the figures were—Montreal, 19; Britannia, 9. The teams were:

Britannia.	Position.	Montreal.
E. Rawlings.....	Full Back.....	J. Miller.
J. G. Ross.....	Half backs.	J. D. Campbell.
J. J. Arnton.....		A. D. McTier.
Wm. Warden.....		H. Drummond.
J. Rankin, (captain).....	Quarterback.....	J. Dunlop.
J. K. Bruce.....		Alfred Fry.
J. Patterson.....	Wings.	Arthur Fry.
H. Tatley.....		G. Baird.
B. B. Stevens.....		V. Buchanan.
W. A. Cameron.....		J. B. Bell.
C. A. S. Atwood.....		A. E. Leatham.
K. D. Young.....	Scrimmage.	E. Black (captain)
A. McCa. Murphy.....		A. Drummond.
J. H. Browne.....		A. Reford.
F. A. Crathern.....		A. Higginson.

the season. One peculiar thing about the game was that Whitehouse, the trainer of the Ottawa A.A.C., was permitted to play. The College is almost but not quite as strong as last year, and their passing and tackling will puzzle a good many before the season is over.



THE HAMILTON vs. TORONTO FOOTBALL MATCH.—In the thick of the fight.

The third fifteens of the Montreal and McGill Rugby clubs played on the College grounds on Saturday, and for third teams to put up such a game was a decided surprise. The Varsity had it all their own way practically, and whitewashed the Montrealers to the extent of sixteen coats, but there was hard play to the end, and the victors did not earn their honours easily. The McGills are strong and their back division play with combination and good judgment, while not so much can be said for the same end in the Montreal team. Passing back is good play all the time if not sent further than half back, but when passed to the full back it is too dangerous and throws too much responsibility on the latter's shoulders, especially if the forwards are at all alert. This was Montreal's principal fault, and this more than anything else lost the match. The score was—McGill, 16; Montreal, 0. The teams were:

rowing in Australia. Searle chose neutral ground and defended his title on the Thames, when for the first time in a championship struggle the Toronto man met defeat and the championship remained in the antipodes. It was after successfully winning the title of champion of Canada and the United States that William O'Connor, nearly a year ago set out for the land of the kangaroo and duck-billed platypus. He had many difficulties to surmount, but he bore himself bravely, and although coming back without the wreath he will find that he will not be without honour in his own country. Peter Kemp is now following the example of Hanlan and going out of his way to prove that he is truly entitled to the championship he claims, and his course will be approved of by all sportsmen.

The conditions of the Kemp-O'Connor race are about