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Heroes of the Gridiron

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not so brilliant in spots as the others, but for an all round, hard, effective day's work give me Davie lad. Sure the strength of those Tigers is all behind the line. With a good line and Chaucer Elliott's brains to help them they'd make anything that ever figured on the Canadian gridiron sit up and be good.

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"And they're not all in Hamilton, either. There's Pete Flett of the Argos. He had to make his reputation on a pretty punk team for the Oarsmen haven't been an aggregation of stars for some seasons back by any means. Yet Peter has done some great work and just watch him punt behind that strong Montreal line this year. What he'll do will make fine conversation for the winter nights to come.

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"Then there's that fellow Bawlf of Ottawa College. He's another of the kind that has it all. And while you're talking you might just whisper that that Ottawa College bunch were just about the smoothest and nicest little football team wearing the padded togs last year. If the troubles between the C.A.A.U. and the Big Four hadn't kept them out of fighting for the Dominion championship, Montreal might have been shy at least one championship. And was Bawlf the dangerous man of the lot? Don't ask such foolish questions. Didn't the opposing team always make it their first business to try to put him away?

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"Yes, Montreal's back division

wasn't anything to sing songs about. There was Craig with speed to burn and Allison and Russell, both good men, but not a punter in the lot. And if you think punting is a lost art you should see that chap Southam of Hamilton drop goals from the field. Why, they had to reduce the count for drop goals or increase the size of the score boards. Is Southam the greatest of them all? Sure he is. But not altogether because of his drop kicks. He has retired."

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And there you have the men whose names will be in football mouths till the snow flies—and possibly a day or two longer. For the back division garner the glory while the men in front do most of the work. Of all the thousands who saw Ottawa and 'Varsity battle for the Dominion championship not one but can tell you of Casey Baldwin. But how many noticed a red-haired, freckle-faced young giant named Ritchie, who was the obstacle on which the famous Rough Rider line broke and fell back? Hardly one. And yet it is doubtful if any man on the field had more to do with the result of that historic game than the same Ritchie. But it was ever thus.

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Who will win the championship this year? Who can tell with the list of practice accidents only opened? Already Tigers have lost their captain, Ballard, and who shall say who'll be the next? But the wise ones whisper: "Keep an eye on Montreal. With a great line, Flett's punting, Craig's speed and Chaucer Elliott's coaching, they'll either win or the team that beats them will."

What Canadian Editors Think

NEW YORK PLEASE WAKE UP.
(Victoria Times.)

IT seems rather ridiculous for a great, rich, populous and powerful port like that of New York to display symptoms of jealousy towards anything Canadian. Yet Gotham is put about because Montreal is getting ahead of it in the business of transportation. The New York World says it has told how Montreal alone exported more wheat in the early summer than all the American Atlantic ports combined. Only Portland, by grace of a Canadian railroad making it a terminus, fairly well held her own. Canadian railroads make low rates when traffic is light because they want traffic to get the habit of using Canadian terminals. The New York Central, whose lines are the upas branches poisoning the trade of Boston and New York, puts its rates high to recoup for the losses of bad management and ruinous finance in the past. If New York state and city should ever awake to a question of real importance here are some of the things they might do, says our New York contemporary: Lower elevator charges in Buffalo and New York; make a sweeping reform of dock charges; abolish compulsory pilotage push the barge canal; seek unceasingly the means to prevent American railroads from throttling American commerce.

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FIRES IN THE FOREST.
(Ottawa Journal.)

THE smoke of the bush fires has not obscured the skies of Ottawa alone during the last few days. The haze which has dimmed both the sun and moon with us has been in less happy places a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. In the

Ottawa Valley and thereabouts the bush fires have been for the most part kept within a measure of control and some part of the smoke which we have had has come simply from the little brushwood fires for clearing purposes in the newer farms of the district as passengers on incoming trains may see for themselves. But the great and continuous drought throughout the greater part of the north half of the continent has made of the bushfires theme of general comment. In British Columbia as everybody knows the havoc has been appalling. In western Ontario in the neighborhood of the of the international border some losses have occurred. Across the border, in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, are recorded the greatest disasters in years. Forestry officials in Washington and of the general States interested predict losses the total of which will never be accurately ascertained, but an estimate of which would probably stagger the imagination.

In Ontario it seems probable that the relative immunity from the ravages of the flames has been due to the steadily increasing efficiency of the force of fire rangers. But even at that one big forest fire fanned by a heavy wind would have done incalculable damage. Much must have depended on the vigilance of the fire fighters and of the timber operators themselves, but we in Ontario have cause for gratitude that our forests have suffered much less severely than those of other parts of the continent.

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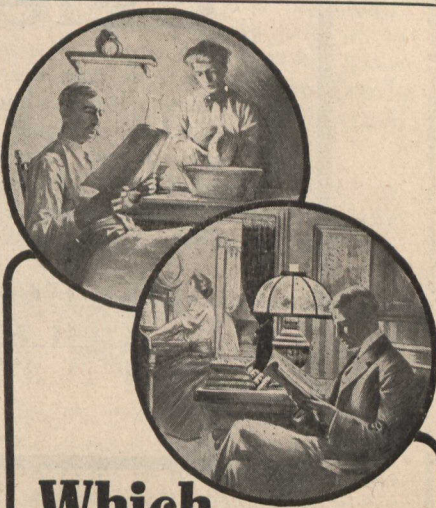


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