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PAPER CHASING.

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NOW, boys, as spring will soon be upon us, I think a short article on "Hare and Hounds" or "Paper Chasing" would not be amiss, for I believe every young Canadian understands something about these field sports, and for the benefit of those who do not, I will give an account of one of the paper chases my brother and I took part in last spring.

But before relating my narrative, I will give my young friends a few pointers that will no doubt be of service to them when taking part in these outings. If any of my readers should ever take part in any of these chases, I would advise them not to follow a road for any length of time, but to cross it and enter fields and go through a bush whenever practicable, by so doing the hounds are compelled to follow on foot, whereas if you kept to the road they could follow you in any vehicle that might happen to be going in your direction.

This reminds me of a chase I took part in a few years ago, and I don't think I shall soon forget it. It appears that the hares secured the services of a cab from which they scattered the scent along the road, while they lolled lazily about the seats puffing cigarettes as they rolled along. On their return they laughed at the hounds who had followed them for a couple of hours along a dusty road, several of the hounds were very indignant at this, and vowed that if they were chosen for hares on the next occasion, they would not be out done even if they had to hire a sleeping car and pay the

porter to scatter the scent, while they laid in bed at their ease; but up to the time of this writing they have not carried their threat into execution.

Now for a few words in regard to the costume usually worn on these occasions. It should consist of a light peak cap, woolen jersey, knee pants, stockings, and ordinary rubber soled lacrosse shoes. These I consider preferable to any other kind of shoes, for this purpose.

When starting I would advise you not to run fast, but set an easy pace, which will preserve your wind and enable you to come in at the finish feeling comparatively fresh, especially if you run flatfooted where the ground is heavy or uneven; coming up on the toes when on a dry field or a road where the running is good, take it easy when going up hill, and make up for lost time when descending.

The paper may be torn to about the size of ordinary postage stamps, or in strips from six to ten inches long. The former is the most popular size, but if you are crossing open country in windy weather, I would advise the use of the latter, because it has a tendency to cling to the tufts of grass and shrubbery, and will remain visible for a long time. A good way for the hares to carry the bulk of their paper is to place it in school bags, strapped to the back to prevent them swinging about, while one of the hares has his bag hanging at his side, which enables him to scatter the scent freely, relying on the others to replenish his supply.

The chase I am about to refer to, took place at Hamilton, fifty-two members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium taking part on this occasion. Three of the best runners were selected for hares beforehand. The start was made at 2.30 p. m. from the gymnasium, the hounds following five minutes later.