

could be more acceptable than the present donation. What amount of good it will do to the students physically, and thus mentally and spiritually is beyond computation. Thanks, Mr. Bull. That you may ever enjoy a large portion of the happiness you so unselfishly covet for others is the wish of your Wesley college admirers.

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In deciding to take up the game of Rugby football, Wesley has taken a step which will never be regretted by those who esteem the college welfare. Adopting a new game is not at all an easy matter, and would scarcely be possible after a few years, when college traditions and habits become more fixed. Even at present there has been considerable agitation against the innovation, and many of the students still withhold their approbation of the scheme. There are many reasons why Rugby will help Wesley. It will form a link between the old boys and the new, and though the present team contains a number of outsiders, we should feel grateful for their assistance, knowing that when players begin to develop in the college, and many of them locate in the city, it will gradually become an all-Wesley team, composed of past and present students. In addition to forming a means of social relation between graduate and undergraduates, it will give college men who come to the city for the winter a chance to meet the boys of the city, which has been previously wanting. It will also act as an assistant to Association, the training required for the fall Rugby games being an excellent preparation for the Association games which follow. One thing the students should remember. Being a young team, you cannot expect to win, but just as the cardinal principle of the game is "Never give up," let that also be your watchword, and follow defeat or victory with the determination to do better in the next contest.

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The Swedish paper, *Canada*, has an editorial on the letter of Rev. Fred G. Stevens, Methodist missionary at Oxford House, in the Keewatin district, in reference to the hopeless outlook of the In-

dians in that territory, owing to the game upon which they have so long depended, rapidly disappearing and the country not being adapted to agriculture. *Canada* says: "If the Indian has no other means of support to speak of which in those regions can save him from want and ruin, it appears to us that with the assistance of the government a new industry can be created for these, the oldest inhabitants of our country. We are hereby reminded of the position of Lappander, the "red man" in Scandinavia. Crowded and harassed by the advance of new settlers, he withdraws further and further to the cold and inhospitable north, but leads there a free and unconcerned existence, for he has a source of income which does not dry up—his reindeer. The reindeer is indeed the Laplander's all in all and gives him, in a word, all that he needs for the support of life and relief of want. If, then, the reindeer were introduced here and delivered to the Indians in the northerly districts, it would be as great a blessing here as in its native land. Sir John Schultz, the former governor of Manitoba, was warmly in favor of this plan of introducing reindeer from Sweden and teaching the Indians the rearing of reindeer; but his decease occurring, broke off its further development.

"The government of the United States has experimented successfully with reindeer raising in Alaska. Dr. Sheldon's report thereon is specially interesting and readable. The reindeer thrives well, and are strongly developed, and the Eskimo have no difficulty in taking care of him.

"We are not acquainted with the climatic conditions in the northern districts, but we have every ground to assume that they must be as favorable as in Alaska, and that accordingly the raising of reindeer can be carried on."

This is only one of the various comments Mr. Stevens' report has caused among the newspapers. In conversation with the land authorities on the subject of a change of location for the tribe in question, the editor of *Vox* was informed that what prevented any change was the Indian Act, which stipulates that Indians