

THE MANAGEMENT OF ATHLETICS AT MCGILL.

In McGill University all matters relating to the control of the grounds and to outdoor athletics and sports are placed under the control of a Committee, which is constituted as follows: One Governor, the Principal, one member from each of the Faculties, one graduate, one undergraduate from each of the five clubs, and the President of the Athletic Association.

This Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month, and at the close of each year makes a report to the Board of Governors. Its members are appointed annually by the bodies which they represent. The policy of the Committee is to direct generally the conduct of Athletics in the University, leaving the details of management entirely in the hands of the undergraduate officers and members of the several clubs. While final action must, in all cases, be taken by the Committee as a whole, it hands over a considerable portion of its work, for report, to a sub-committee composed of the undergraduate representatives. These gentlemen being in all cases prominent officers and representing, as they do, the several clubs, enable the Committee to keep in close touch with athletic interests, from the undergraduate standpoint.

The revenues of the Committee are derived chiefly from a direct tax of \$3 upon all students of the University. This fee is collected by the Bursar of the University, and is placed to the credit of the Committee. All funds so collected must be expended in the interest of college athletics. This is done by special grants to the several athletic organizations and by expenditures in the general interest, under direct control of the Board.

One regulation, which has been very strongly insisted upon since the first establishment of the Committee, is that all students taking part in athletic sports or games shall pass a physical examination before the Medical Superintendent of the Gymnasium.

The several recognized athletic organizations are those already named as having undergraduate representations on the Grounds and Athletics Committee. They all nominally form part of the Athletic Association, but are really independent bodies, except as regards their relationship to the Grounds and Athletics Committee. A brief note will be added concerning each of these:

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION admits to membership all students in the University and affiliated colleges. It is presided over by officers elected annually and depends entirely upon its Grant from the Grounds and Athletics Committee for its financial support. A field meeting, for which complimentary admission cards are issued to members of the University and their friends, is held on the third Friday of October, when the usual field and track events are contested.

A faculty trophy, presented by the Graduates' Society, is annually competed for, and is awarded to that faculty whose undergraduates score the greatest number of points in all the events of the meeting; the first, second and third places counting 5, 3 and 1, respectively. An individual trophy is also competed for each year and goes to the man making the highest score in all the events. While all classes of students are permitted to enter for the games, none but undergraduates may compete for these two trophies.

The Athletic Association bases its selection of representatives for the Intercollegiate Sports upon the results of the University meet.

THE FOOTBALL CLUB probably commands a more general interest than any other department of university athletics at McGill, as elsewhere. Although it has the usual quota of officers, its business affairs are exclusively in the hands of a manager, and in this official, together with the captains of the teams, is vested supreme authority in the selection of players; the first choice of men falling to the captains of teams in their order of seniority. The important matter of the selection of field captains has been a much vexed question. This year the captain of the first team only has, at the close of the season, been selected for the ensuing year, and upon the gentleman chosen and the manager will fall the very heavy work of preliminary organization for next autumn's campaign. The captains of the second and third teams are to be elected after all available men are on the ground at the opening of the session. The Senior team plays only in the Intercollegiate Union. The Intermediate and Junior teams play in the Quebec Rugby Union. The unfortunate circumstance of the great distance between the Canadian universities and the heavy expense which would therefore be incurred in an Intercollegiate Championship Series for all the teams, is alone responsible for the latter arrangement. Experience has shown the very important influence which an intercollegiate union exercises upon the purity of the sport, and the maintenance of the Union is regarded in McGill as of prime necessity if the game is to be maintained as an amateur sport and to be purified of the brutalizing tendencies which have for so many years threatened it, and which so surely follow the effort to make "big games" and to win at all costs.

The Club is permitted to sell tickets to senior matches, for reserved seats, but not for general gate. All the important home matches are played on the University Campus. The membership to the club is free to all students.

THE CRICKET CLUB has only very recently risen to prominence as an undergraduate club. It was originally supported almost exclusively by the Graduate body, both as regards players and financially. Last year the first Eleven was, however, to a large extent composed of students and the second team almost exclusively so. For the Senior Eleven the Ottawa and Montreal Games, of which there are usually *three* and *five* respectively, give the only outside cricket of the season, unless as happens occasionally an American team visits Montreal or a Western tour is undertaken. The visits of Western teams to Montreal are more often promised than accomplished. Last year the Senior team made a Western trip, playing two games in Toronto and one in Hamilton, all of which were easily won. The Club exacts a fee of \$5.00 from graduates and \$2.00 from student members, and receives a liberal annual grant from the Grounds and Athletics Committee.

THE TENNIS CLUB is open to undergraduate women as well as men, and is maintained in part by the fees of its members, and in part by a grant from the central body. There are on the University Campus several good turf courts, and also two cinder courts. Match tournaments are held every season with the other city clubs.

THE SKATING CLUB also comprises women as well as men, and is supported by an annual grant, supplemented by a small admission fee; the latter exigible only from the men. Two open air rinks are maintained on the