



Golfers at the Ladies' Golf Club House, Dixie,
on the occasion of the recent Interprovincial Match, Ontario vs. Quebec.

civilized countries. Hence, it fires the imagination of the spectator, no matter what his nationality. On the battlefield, the fierce appearance of kilted regiments has often had a practical value in turning the fortunes of the day. As the Russian officer in the Crimea said, "The British soldiers didn't do us much harm, but when the soldiers' wives came at us we turned and fled." And, again, in South Africa there has already been an amusing example of the dread in which the enemy invariably holds "the soldiers in skirts."

OF COURSE, no one outside the confidential circle that enjoy the secrets of the council chamber knows exactly what took place as between General Hutton and Dr. Borden with regard to Lieut. Col. Sam Hughes, though everyone is at liberty to imagine he knows all about it. General Hutton is entitled to credit, if the current report be true, for standing manfully by his opinions and preferences, but, refreshing as it is to find a man who is not eternally afraid of consequences, it is doubtful whether the General was well advised in opposing Lieut.-Col. Hughes as bitterly as he is said to have done. If Lieut.-Col. Hughes was an enemy of the General's before this incident, he is certainly not likely to be a friend henceforth. Some hostile feeling has also undoubtedly been stirred up in the Conservative party as a result of General Hutton's supposed course in this matter. The incident is almost certain to be brought up in Parliament, when there is bound to be unpleasant criticism from the Opposition side. Looking at the incident from a political point of view, the conclusion is forced on one that it can only strengthen Lieut.-Col. Hughes in his constituency, for it has created a sympathy for him that will be more valuable in the next election than any enthusiasm that his appointment to an office in command could have produced.

ARE we to return to English football? At a meeting of the Quebec Rugby Union the other night, the president, Mr. Claxton, asked for an expression of opinion only in regard to

the merits of the Canadian and English styles of playing. It was interesting to find that at every point touched by the visiting Irish team during the last few weeks the club representatives of that district were unanimously in favor of readopting the English game, and many were the expressions of regret that we had ever departed therefrom. A point that must not be overlooked is that, as soon as this or any other new style of football is adopted by the different Football Unions of the country, the schools, which produce hundreds of good players, will at once follow suit. Even now the English game is played on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of Canada, and everywhere else in the British Empire, except the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. If, therefore, these two Provinces would fall into line, inter-Imperial football might follow in the wake of inter-Imperial postage and defence.

PRESIDENT Schurman, of Cornell University, the man whom McKinley honored with the chairmanship of the commission sent to investigate the condition of the Philippine Islands, is, as many of my readers are doubtless aware, a Canadian born and bred. Just now, and for some months past, it is almost impossible to pick up a United States newspaper without seeing the name of this brilliant and successful compatriot of ours, who is still a young man, although he has been eminent in the world of science and letters for many years. A leading Philadelphia journal, speaking of Dr. Schurman's report, says that the military administration at Manila has utilized many of his suggestions, and it is probable that his views will influence both the policy of the President and the action of Congress at its coming session. Thus it is that a humble Canadian boy, born down by the sea, may influence the destinies of a great nation. It is interesting to note that Dr. Schurman has always been strongly opposed to annexation, and has stoutly contended, by tongue and pen, that Canada has a future of her own, independent of that of the land of his adoption.

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