

GRIDIRON GOSSIP

Lorne Graham has declined to take over the management of the intermediate Tigers and the executive is now on a still hunt for a capable man. Possibly there will not be any intermediate series in the Inter-Provincial and in that event the intermediates will, if allowed, enter in the senior series of the O. R. F. U. The most likely outcome of the difficulty will be the forming of a two-team schedule between the Argonauts and Tigers in the I. F. R. U.

The Tigers will hold another practice this afternoon, and as the weather is much cooler, the seniors will have no excuse for not turning out. Art Turner will likely have his moleskins and the fans will have a chance to see how the former Queen's star acts.

A Dundas dispatch states that the Dundas Rugby Club met last night and organized for the coming season, but as to which series the team will play in was left over till the executive committee could ascertain whether the senior O. R. F. U. series would be a fixture or not. The sentiment of the meeting was entirely in favor of playing senior O. R. F. U. Officers elected were as follows: President, Dr. Rykert; first vice-president, J. B. Bertram; second vice-president, Andrew Clarke; secretary-treasurer, Hugh Gray; assistant secretary-treasurer, A. Rayner; executive committee, J. Kervin, E. Poupst, Charlie Dickson, Manager Gordon C. Wilson, M. L. A. Committee to look up players will consist of the president, manager, secretary and J. B. Bertram.

Manager Wright, of the Argos, introduced another stranger to the gang last night in Jack Corkery, of Peterboro, who played such a star game for Ottawa College at left half last fall. Corkery, as a sprinter, has been known to break the speed limit on the field, and was responsible for those splendid end runs for King Clancy's team.

The Varsity Rugby Club will hold their initial practice next Monday night, when all candidates are requested to turn out to practice. Several of the candidates were out working yesterday. Varsity has, perhaps, her hardest game of the season in the first match of the series with Queen's at Kingston on Oct. 9th, bringing McGill back here a week later. Varsity this year lost Captain Lee, Corvill, Duncan and Heather, of last year's champions.

The Rugby situation at present is in rather a muddled condition, as far as the junior and intermediate teams go. Both the O. R. F. U. and Interprovincial

claim all the junior teams, but the matter will hardly be settled until the end of the week, when the I. F. R. U. western district meeting will be held.

The first practice for Queen's is billed for September 20. Crawford Williams, Leckie, Moran, Thompson and McCann of last year's team are expected. "Hughie" Young, the middle wing of last year's intermediates, will also return to college.

Parkdale Canoe Club are insisting that the senior teams of the O. R. F. U. deposit a guarantee with the Union that they will finish out the schedule.

The Argos are said to be in need of a good centre half to make the team strong in all departments.

Emmerson, of Cincinnati, is turning out with Ottawa, and gives promise as a wing man.

Kingston has the material for a senior O. R. F. U. team, but it needs somebody to get things going.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 16.—Kingston can have a team in the senior O. R. F. U. series if the sports will get together and work. There is abundant material, men ready to play if a good management can be secured. The backing of the 14th regiment and yacht club give strength to the organization. Crawford, Dickson, Bearance, Birch, Moxley, Monney, Nelson, Revells, Donnelly, Williamson, Crozier, Davies, Dick Laid, Vanhorne and others are around the city and all would turn out again if games were started.

From present outlook Queen's are going to have a fast senior team even with severe losses sustained in the number of players who graduated. Manager Dennis Jordan is keeping his weather eye on all likely new comers and is also rounding up old fellows and getting them back early. First practice is billed for September 20th. Crawford, Williams, Leckie, Moran and Thompson of last year's senior team are expected in the city shortly, and will get right down to work. "Hughie" Young, the snappy middle wing of last year's intermediates will also return to college. As yet no definite arrangements have been made regarding practice grounds for Queen's. Its old grounds being taken for building purposes.

All those interested in football are urged to present to attend a meeting in the boys' parlor of Central Y. M. C. A. to-night at 7.45 o'clock.

CHANGE IN CHURCH YEAR.

Victoria Avenue Baptists Held Annual Meeting Last Night.

Victoria Avenue Baptist Church recently decided to change the church year to end, Sept. 30th, instead of Dec. 31st, and last night the election of officers was held, and resulted as follows:

Clerk—C. A. Challen.
Treasurer—H. B. Marshall.
Financial Secretary—John A. Jones.
Deacons—Geo. Greig (honorary), Messrs. Houlding, Colvin, Peebles, Smith, Challen, Wilson and Blandford.
Board of Management—Trustees, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Messrs. Vansickle, Hawkins, Faulkner, Peterson, Acker, Bowler, Cole, Cousins, Clement, Gleadon, Hartley, Jagger, Long, Maewes, Patterson, Sawdon, Shuttleworth, Waite, Fair, Wells and Wilkes.
Ushers—Deacons and Messrs. W. Birdsell, Hartley, Davis, A. Howcroft, R. Newlands, Parlington, Sawdon, Stenabough, Cole and Matthews.

Weekly Offering Committee—Financial Secretary and Messrs. J. W. Birdsell, Patterson, Colvin, Eaton, Fair and Hartley.

Missionary Treasurer—David Smith.
Missionary Committee—Mission Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Messrs. A. Newlands, W. Birdsell, Meadows, C. Wells, H. E. Sherk, Perry, Brown, Blandford, Misses A. Webb and M. Carnarthes.

Membership Committee—Clerk, Deacons and Deaconesses.
Deaconesses—Messdames Connell, Houlding, A. Martin, Colvin, Matthews, R. A. Sherk, W. B. Smith, Wilson, Stenabough, Allen, J. W. Birdsell, H. E. Sherk, Blandford, Fair, Jackson, H. E. Sherk, Fair, Stenabough, Sawdon, Wilson, Davis, Connell, Birdsell, Gillard, Misses M. Macphie and B. Patterson.

Prayer Meeting Pianists—Misses N. E. Bradt and S. Peat.
Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. John Peebles.

Financial Representative of the Canadian Baptist—S. A. Brown.

Reporters of the Canadian Baptist—H. E. Sherk and J. W. Birdsell.

Reporters of City Papers—Times, J. Peebles; Spectator, Lloyd M. Houlding; Herald, W. E. Blandford.

Auditors—Messrs. Challen and Faulkner.

Social Committee—Messdames Acker, W. Birdsell, Eaton, Geo. Gillard, Koeppe, McLaughlin, Servos, Perry, Stenabough, Warren, Wilson.

Layman's Missionary Committee—Messrs. Peebles, Stenabough, Smith and Gillard.

Representatives of the Church Extension Board—Messrs. Koeppe, Blandford, Challen and Jones.

Music Committee—Messrs. Peebles, Jones and Koeppe.

Committee of Attention to Strangers—Messrs. Fair, Patterson, Sawdon, Peebles, Long, Blandford, Stenabough, Hartley, Davis, Gillard, Messdames Jackson, H. E. Sherk, Fair, Stenabough, Sawdon, Wilson, Davis, Connell, Birdsell, Gillard, Misses M. Macphie and B. Patterson.

Chairman of Committee—H. F. Stenabough.

Secretary of Committee—John A. Jones.

The annual roll call and banquet will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, when every member will be expected to be present or heard from by letter.

The funeral of Mrs. John Shaw took place this afternoon from her father's residence, 53 Woodbine Crescent, to Grove Cemetery, Dundas, and was largely attended. Rev. A. P. Goings conducted the services, and the pallbearers were R. Paisley, William Rutherford, Charles (Cochran), M. Burton, Allan Binkley and John Lyons.

The funeral of Alma Taulty took place this afternoon from her late residence, 406 Catharine street north, to St. Luke's Church, en route to Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. A. E. Burns conducted the services.

The remains of Helen Grace Dennis were taken to Simcoe on a 9 a. m. train to-day and interment took place there this afternoon. A service was held at her parents' residence, 406 York street, last night, by Rev. A. P. Goings.

The funeral of Madeline Agnes Vollett, which took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, 221 Locke street, was largely attended. Rev. S. Gardner officiated.

The Navel Orange.

The first we know of the navel orange, which is very valuable not only on account of its fine quality and taste, but also because of its being seedless, is of a single tree that was found growing on the northern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. This was about the year 1553, or nearly 350 years ago.

A monk in a monastery in that far-away country painted a picture of the fruit and wrote a description of it, both of which may be seen in the library of the Roman Catholic University at Washington, D. C. Crafts of this tree were taken to Spain by the Moors several hundred years ago, and from Spain the trees were carried to South America by the Spaniards. From "Nature and Science," in October St. Nicholas.

Oriental Greetings.

Some of the Oriental modes of salutation are very peculiar. For instance, in central Tibet, the custom is for the saluter to stick out his tongue, hold his right ear, rub his left hip, and bow deeply, all these motions being carried on at once. Certainly, according to our observations, possible. From "Tracks and Trailing," by Josef Brunner, Outing Publishing Co., New York.

You can't convince the man who gets \$500 for a lecture that silence is golden.

You don't have to consult a barometer to discover that rye is the beginning of riot.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

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acreage. The corn crop is officially placed at 152,000,000 bushels. Last year the crop was officially given at 138,000,000 bushels.

Roumania.—General rain is needed. Harvesting indications for both wheat and corn continue disappointing.

Russia.—Our own agents report as follows: In the southeast and southwest the wheat and barley crops are in good condition, with large yields and free movement, with the outlook good. The centre and east the outlook is good. The outlook for oats is generally very favorable, and for corn, bad, as a result of drought.

Broomhall says that the recent official report, as given out, is not generally believed here.

Italy, Spain, North America.—The outlook is practically unchanged from last week, when conditions were generally favorable.

India, Australia.—Reports regarding the growing crops continue good.

Denmark.—The harvesting of the crop is very late.

South Africa.—The official estimate regarding the corn surplus has been reduced to 2,400,000 bushels. On Sept. 3rd the surplus was given at 7,600,000 bushels.

COBALT STOCKS.

A surprising dullness has come over the Mining Market in Toronto, and brokers are at a loss to find a reason for it. After a remarkable run of business during July and August, it was expected that the fall months would show a strong market, but so far it has been almost without life. The public appears to be fairly well loaded up with the cheaper stocks especially, and selling orders are more numerous than buying orders just now. Prices have held up well, however, despite this fact, and in the near future there is still a fair demand.

There was little feature to the market yesterday. La Rose was again in good demand, and Crown Reserve sold at 4.05. Temiskaming showed considerable strength, selling up to 21, in spite of selling, and there was considerable activity in Silver Leaf, which was firm at 15.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

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Bank of Commerce, 182. Dominion, 244. Hamilton, 201. Imperial, 227. Merchants, 182. Montreal, 251.4. Standard, 230.216. Toronto, 220.173.4. Traders, 137.4. Can. Gen. Electric, 117.4. C. P. R., 182.181.7. Consumers' Gas, 204.1. Dom. Steel, 404.782. Duluth Superior, 63.1. Mackay, 84.1. Mackay pfd., 84.1. M. L. & P., 68. Nova Scotia Steel, 71.69. Ogilvie, 129.1. Rio de Janeiro, 90.80.1. Rich. & Ont., 80.1. Rogers, 110.1. Rogers preferred, 110.1. San Paulo, 144.1. Twin City, 108.7. Canada Landed, 152. Can. Permanent, 159.1. Central Canada, 161.1. Huron & Erie, 127.1. London & Loan, 113.1.1. Crown Reserve, 404.1. La Rose, 79.1. Nipissing, 111.1.

A POPULAR INVESTMENT.

The Montreal correspondent of The Globe telegraphs: The marked interest being taken in the big cement merger throughout Canada was shown right from the moment the subscription lists were offered at the Royal Trust Company's office. The large number of applications filed in the first few hours indicated that investors, knowing for some days past the terms on which the issue of preferred stocks would be made, had already placed their orders with their brokers, and the latter, as soon as the lists were open, were on hand to file the order, in the hope that their customers might secure allotment for the total number of shares they had subscribed for. The number of inquiries received by the local banks and brokers regarding the issue indicate that the promoters had sized up the situation correctly when they reckoned that Canada was now a big enough country to support and control the leading industry of the country. Brokers identified with the merger started to-day that it would be likely necessary to close the subscription lists by the end of the present week.

MONKS' PASSION PLAY.

One for Four Nights' Performance Written for Franciscan Fathers.

San Francisco is to have a passion play of the Oberammergau variety—one that requires twelve hours for its presentation. It was written by Father Joseph, of the local Franciscan fathers, who has worked for three years at the task, and the incidental music has been composed by Father Hughes, of Red Bluff.

While it is identical with the Oberammergau play so far as the main theme is concerned, it is entirely original in text. The cast has been selected, rehearsals are in progress and the play will be produced in the auditorium of the Dominican Church in October. There will be several hundred people in the company. The principals have been most carefully selected, not only their histrionic ability being taken into consideration, but their moral fitness to depict the Saviour and his followers, so that the entire spirit in which it was written. Four nights with three hours at each performance will be required to produce the piece in its entirety.

Father Joseph has been considering an outdoor production of the play, and will probably arrange for one if the success he looks for is achieved. There were some thought of staging it at Del Monte for the initial production, but the idea was given up. However, the Greek Theatre at Berkeley may be used next year—or even this year. A natural amphitheatre in Marin County is also being considered.—San Francisco Town Talk.

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