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ROYALTY'S RECEPTION AT UNIVERSITY

A Most Memorable and Impressive Ceremony —The Duke Makes a Joke—King Edward Still an Undergraduate.

WHAT OCCURRED IN THE EAST HALL

The Students on Parade Thursday Evening—Some Lively Scrapping—They Held the Street.

Never before did Toronto assume such gala attire as on the occasion of the Duke's visit, and the general impression held of the Royal visitors seems to be that they were worthy of every particle of it. The Duke is reported to have said that Toronto's reception of him was the most enthusiastic he had yet met with, as the drizzling rain of Thursday did not seem to abate the people's ardor. A whit. The students played a prominent part in the reception; their organization and ear-splitting college yells causing them to be distinguished from the rest of the people. If all the shouts, yells, cheers, blasts of horns, and boom of guns which were let loose upon the quivering air during last Thursday and Friday could be harmonized and collected into one colossal note, the problem of communication with Mars would be solved. One could imagine the startled Martians roused from their midnight slumbers, and sticking their heads out of the windows, and wondering if it were the trump of doom.

Things around the University were upset during last week in preparation for the Duke. Poor sleepy freshmen have crawled out of bed in time for 9 o'clock lectures only to find that they had been postponed. Everyone has been scurrying around for a cap and gown, and it is said that there was hardly a cap left in the stores down town. It needs something occasionally to stir up the boys, and make them alive to these little things, trifling in a way, but nevertheless forming a part of university life and customs.

The authorities of the city, recognizing the student body as an important element of Toronto's population, reserved for them the south side of Bloor street, from Avenue road to St. George street, as a point of vantage from which to view the procession on Thursday. The fact that sufficient notice was not given of the fact caused several people to take their stand in this place before the students arrived, with the result that when the latter filed in front of them there was considerable audible grumbling from the aggrieved parties, with sundry remarks about lack of manners and scarcity of brains, etc. However, when they learned that they really had no right to be there at all, their wrath subsided, and both parties were soon on an amicable standing, for no one could be bothered being angry on such an occasion.

BOYS ON THE MARCH.

It was an inspiring sight to look back upon the students' procession, when they were on the line of march from the campus to Bloor street. It was without doubt the largest turnout we have ever had. As far back as the eye could reach was the swaying column, four abreast, each year and each boy having its own colors, flags, and paraphernalia, while all the various yells were served up in turn, and sometimes all together, making a curious medley. Professor Wright was chief marshal, and did his part nobly, every evolution being made in the most approved style. When the head of the procession reached Bloor the ranks halted and opened out, and left room for the rear to march up between them and defile on Bloor street. The movement was analogous to the turning inside out of a long black stocking by a small boy on Christmas morning. As one body of students after another passed through the lines of arts students at the head of the procession, they were greeted with humorous comments on their gait and general appearance. A military man, evidently a little puffed up by his uniform and the part he was playing in the procession, struck a student with his swagger stick, and was immediately laid on his back by a well-directed blow on the chin from a canny Scot, a well-known graduate of Varsity.

After waiting for over an hour in the rain, the long-expected procession appeared, and the air was rent with cheers as the Royal carriage went past at a trot. There were various comments made on the Royal personages. All the boys agreed, though, that the Duchess was a beautiful woman, while the Duke's cultured and aristocratic appearance proclaimed him all that had been expected. Lady Minto came in for a great share of the admiration among the male spectators of the procession. As soon as the procession had gone by, the rain drove everyone home until the evening.

THE BOYS PARADE IN THE EVENING.

On Thursday evening, in spite of threatening skies and muddy streets, a large body of students formed in line on the campus and proceeded down town on the commendable mission of "painting the town red," and waking up things in general. Having taken the trouble to come out, the boys determined to leave no stone unturned, and to suffer no obstacle to interfere with their fun, and to this determina-

tion was owing a lot of torn clothing, broken umbrellas, sore heads, and indignant soldiers. Whenever the boys in the procession were desirous of reaching any particular spot everything had to give way, and often the line would be forced like a wedge through some dense crowd, the people being compelled to fall back before the irresistible charge of the hilarious students. The boys held King street until they were tired, allowing no one to pass through their lines. On this account they had numerous scraps with soldiers, policemen, and everybody in general, but for the most part good humor prevailed, and the scrapping was nothing more than a good-natured hustling. The boys would dash out from the lines, seize some unsuspecting person, and bring him in to the ranks, where he was thoroughly hustled before getting away.

At length everyone became tired of the hurly-burly, and the boys sought their happy homes, after having beguiled away the evening with songs and pranks, and having afforded amusement not only for themselves, but for the onlookers.

THE DUKE GETS HIS DEGREE.

The great day for the University, however, was Friday, when we had the Duke all to ourselves for a time, on the occasion of his receiving an honorary degree from the Chancellor. Unfortunately sitting room in east hall is rather limited, and only one hundred and fifty students could be admitted to see the ceremony. This representative body was divided proportionately among University College and the affiliated institutions of the University. In most cases, the representatives were chosen by lot, and many envied the fortunate men who chanced to be drawn, for a ceremony such as took place on Friday last is not liable to be seen more than once in a lifetime by the majority of those who thronged the University on that memorable day. However, those who had to remain outside were well compensated by the beauty of the day and the picturesque sight of the people lined up on either side of the winding road as far as one could see in the direction of College street. The students had a front place and were arranged under the direction of Chief Marshal, Professor Wright, who placed them according to a pre-arranged plan, the arts men in the head place next University College, and the other bodies in regular order, reaching clear down to College street. The various banners and colors of the different bodies of students lent an air of variety and picturesqueness to the scene, while the arts men wore the time-honored cap and gown. The Royal Engineering Corps of the U. of T. took up position in front of the entrance, and presented a splendid appearance with their well-developed men and striking uniform. Professor Lang is to be congratulated on his company.

The ladies of the University lined the stairway leading to the east hall, and presented a very pretty sight in their white dresses, caps, and gowns. They presented the Duchess with a beautiful bouquet of her favorite roses.

Before the Duke appeared, several distinguished persons arrived and received the cheers of the students. Among these were Premier Ross, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and S. H. Blake. Laurier probably received about as enthusiastic a greeting as the Duke himself. The boys felt a little restrained in the presence of royalty, but they knew the Premier as one of our own distinguished men, and therefore gave vent more freely to their feelings.

At length, after a tiresome wait, Lord and Lady Minto arrived, and were greeted with cheers loud and long. After an interval of half an hour the Royal escorts appeared, and then the Royal party itself. There was some hitch in the arrangements, so that they did not come the way they were expected, but they went back that way, which compensated for the disappointment at first felt. Those who were fortunate enough to have a position at the entrance of the University had a very good view of the Royal personages, and the favorable impression produced by the fleeting glimpse obtained in the procession the day before was greatly increased upon a more leisurely view.

Inside the east hall there was no crowding, and no gaudy decorations, the ordinary simplicity of the hall being more in keeping with the dignity of the occasion. The faculty and their friends were admitted to the body of the hall, where there was ample seating room for all those admitted. In the gallery were the students, who filled up the intervals with jokes and song. When the Royal party entered they sang "God Save the King," and Principal Hutton's "Alma Mater" song. Mr. Abbott conducted the singing with good effect, and in spite of the fact that some of the representa-

tives chosen by lot were not exactly Grand Opera singers, there was a good volume and concerted action which produced a telling effect.

The Senate arrived first, and with them Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Ontario Cabinet. A few minutes later, after a series of false alarms, the Duke and Duchess appeared. Chancellor Meredith escorted the Duke, Vice-Chancellor Moss the Duchess, President Loudon walked with Lord Minto, and Prof. Ramsay Wright with Lady Minto. The Chancellor took the chair of honor, with the Duke and Lord Minto on his right and left, and the Duchess and Lady Minto in the end seats. His Excellency began proceedings with a short speech in Latin, which was continued by the Chancellor in the same language. In a few minutes the honorary degree of LL.D. had been conferred, and the Duke inscribed his name on the roll of the University. The Chancellor then delivered an address in English, to which the Duke replied. In the course of his reply the Duke caused a burst of laughter by a remark concerning his illustrious father, King Edward.

"You were pleased to admit my father to an honorary degree forty years ago," he said, "and you also permitted him to place his name on your undergraduate roll, and I notice that he has remained an undergraduate ever since."

After the ceremony, Laurier was called upon by the students for a speech, but he said, "This is not my day for speech-making. I am in the shadow of Royalty," and the people were satisfied.

VARSIITY WINS THE FIRST SENIOR GAME

McGill Easily Defeated By a Score of 14 to 5—Varsity Team Showed Better Condition.

SCRIMMAGING A LITTLE LOOSE.

The first game of the senior rugby football season was played on Saturday afternoon on the athletic grounds between Varsity and McGill. A large crowd was in attendance, considering the fact that everyone has been so fatigued by the late celebrations. Had the game been played in a quieter week the crowd would no doubt have been even larger. The new grand stand is a great improvement on former years. One need not sit now in the rain for an hour and a half to watch a game. However, it should be a little larger to accommodate all who will wish to patronize it. Probably the directorate intend enlarging it gradually.

The game was an easy one for Varsity. In the first half, the score was even, five all, but in the second half the blue and white boys added nine more points to their score, and McGill never got nearer than the quarter-lines. The game was not as exciting as is generally the case, and the scrimmaging on both sides was a little ragged. However, the game was a fair exhibition of Rugby football, and there was a good deal of open playing and some fine individual plays which always make a game more interesting for the spectators. The weather was too warm for Rugby, and as a result the players showed signs of fatigue during the second half. Their suits were literally soaked through with perspiration. Varsity men were in the better condition, and although the McGill men played a rougher game, doing considerable scrapping, it was always the McGill men themselves who were laid out. Several halts were called in the game to allow the men to recover from the effects of a blow or crush.

The large number of new players on both teams was very apparent to any one who had attended the games last year. Only a few familiar faces were to be seen here and there among the men. Percy Biggs played his usual splendid game, but was too well watched and too carefully guarded to allow his making any of the wonderful runs after bucking the line, with which he is used to delight Varsity supporters. G. Biggs did well at full-back. "Baldy" Campbell did himself credit in his first game. In fact the whole team did well. Baldwin especially should be mentioned for his work on the half line. Hendry made an excellent run around McGill's end and went over for a touch down. McCallum is a good captain. He kept his men well together, and never lost his head during the game. The McGill stars were Kenny and Johnson.

The game began at 3 o'clock. Varsity won the toss, and McGill got the kick. For about five minutes there was a series of scrimmages in mid-field, with little gain on either side. The ball was kicked to Varsity's end, but Baldwin returned it to Molson, who caught the ball, and started at a terrific pace for the goal. Just then Campbell intervened, and by a good tackle saved Varsity from a dangerous run. For about a quarter of an hour the ball zig-zagged over the field, the halves making some good runs. From a pass out of scrimmage, Johnson got the ball, and was fast nearing the goal line. Beatty missed him, but Geo. Biggs was at his post, and saved Varsity again. Varsity then in a series

of scrimmages gradually forced the ball towards McGill's end, when a free kick was awarded Varsity. Baldwin put the ball in play, and then dropped it over the goal. Score five for Varsity. About nine minutes remained in the first half. McGill succeeded in pushing Varsity up the field in a series of scrimmages, and at length Kenny went over for a try. Hamilton failed to convert. Score 5 all.

After the kick off from center, McGill got the ball and ran through the Varsity lines, but passed back the ball. Varsity got the ball, but McGill was given a free kick. Several free kicks for Varsity followed, the latter gradually gaining ground. Patterson tackled well a McGill man who had the ball, and was dashing through Varsity's end. From a McGill scrimmage the ball was kicked to Varsity, but Baldwin relieved with a long kick, gaining about thirty yards.

Half time called. Score, 5 all.

When the teams lined up again Varsity went in for business. Varsity kicked off, McGill fumbled, and Campbell carried the ball ahead several yards. In the scrimmage which followed, Varsity gained several yards through Biggs' work on quarter. The ball was worked down towards McGill's end, and Baldwin kicked it over the goal line, but the ball was taken back into scrimmage. McGill repeatedly stole the ball from the Varsity scrimmage, and the Varsity wings did not sufficiently protect the quarter. Scrimmages followed on the quarter line. Here Bryce and a McGill man were ruled out, and a McGill man hurt. From a series of scrimmages in which there was no gain for Varsity, the ball was passed to G. Biggs, who passed to Hendry, who gained about ten yards. A scrimmage followed near the goal line. McGill stole the ball; P. Biggs got it again, and passed to Geo. Biggs, who was held immediately in front of the goal. McGill again stole the ball. On a free kick, Baldwin punted over the line, and Hamilton was forced to rouge. Score 6 to 5. A series of scrimmages and points followed, in which the ball stayed near McGill's end. Hendry had a chance to score on a throw-in, but muffed, and lost the ball. Baldwin got the ball on McGill's kick, and punted over the line. Patterson blocked Hamilton's return kick and forced him to rouge. Score, 7 to 5.

Baldwin got the ball again, and kicked over the line, but McGill returned, kicking out of touch. McGill scored a free kick after the throw-in. Baldwin got the ball and punted over the line, and Hewitt roused to save a try. Score 8 to 5. Twelve minutes were left to play, and the ball was in McGill's territory. They rallied well, but never got beyond Varsity's quarter line. From a Varsity scrimmage Baldwin kicked, Hamilton returned. A McGill scrimmage followed, and Varsity tackled McGill near the latter's goal. Biggs stole the ball and crawled along the ground several yards. Baldwin kicked on a free kick for Varsity, and a McGill man caught the ball, making his mark on the goal line. McGill kicked out of touch at the quarter line. Varsity throw in. McCallum threw in the ball to Hendry, who retrieved his former miff by making a splendid run around McGill's end and making a touch-down immediately behind the goal, which was easily converted by Baldwin. Score 14 to 5.

There was only five minutes to play. McGill rallied desperately, but Varsity men were in the better condition, and easily held them off till the whistle sounded for time. The play was in mid-field.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Prospects Are Good—Several Changes in the League, Some Teams Having Dropped Out.

FIRST GAME ON THURSDAY FOR MEDS. VS. VICTORIA.

Association football round Varsity has apparently entered upon another most successful year. Not only in Toronto, but in Kingston, does there seem to be increased enthusiasm, as Queen's College has written expressing a desire to have the intercollegiate league extended eastward. There is every prospect of this being done, and if so the winner of the eastern district, comprising Queen's and R. M. C., will play off with the winning college team up here.

Several changes will be seen in the Senior Intercollegiate League this season, as Osgoode and Knox have decided to retire from the struggle. The former team has always been handicapped, for although having several star players the rest of the team had to be filled up with weak men. Knox men are paying much attention to Rugby this year, while some of the Presbyterians will probably be seen on the blue and white association team. This will leave seven teams in the

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senior series, making a total of 21 games. Formerly the teams were divided into two series, but this fall there will be but the one series, which will give each team a far better chance and will create far more interest.

It is too early in the game to make any attempt to pick the probable winner, but rumor has it that the Meds will make a strong bid for the championship. On the other hand, Varsity has nearly all its old players, who so nearly landed the cup last season, while McMaster, S.P.S., Dentals, Victoria, and Trinity Meds all have strong teams.

There are ten teams in the intermediate series, a few changes from last year being noticeable, prominent among which is the team entered by Toronto Meds, also one made up of the teachers in the city public schools, St. Michael's, and Harbord Collegiate will not figure in the game, but their places will be filled by the above-named teams.

The referees will have additional work this year watching the "throw in," as the old rule has been altered so as to make the "thrower in" stand with both feet on the ground. Until the players have become accustomed to the change there will be many free kicks allowed.

At an executive meeting held Wednesday evening, with Mr. H. Graham in the chair, a good deal of routine business was transacted, and Messrs. Clarkson, Zavitz, and Broder were elected to draw up the schedule. The Protest Committee will be composed of Dr. Johnson, Mr. Crawford, and Dr. Thompson, and an official board of ten referees was elected, the secretary-treasurer being empowered to add to this number at his discretion.

Probably three senior games will be run off this week, Victoria playing Toronto Meds on Thursday; Varsity opposing S.P.S. on Friday, and McMaster mixing it up with Dentals on Saturday.

THE HUSTLE.

Of the hustle and the scrap,
Sing the glorious day's renown;
When to battle fierce came forth,
All the Sophies, tanned and brown,
And the sun upon their serried company shone.

Their impetuous advance,
Feared no failure or mischance,
For the valiant Captain Vance
Led them on.

On the lofty Spion Kop
Stood the Freshies, fast arrayed;
And (tho' ready most to drop)
Not a warrior looked afraid;
Their standard-bearer bore a baseball bat.

When they saw the Sophies come,
Every man with fear was dumb,
And wished himself at home,
Out of that.

For they heard the gallant Vance
To his hardy veterans cry,
As he formed them into line,
"Ere he led them on to die,
"Comrades, hearken, and remember
what I say:
Down the side of vander kop,
All those Freshies we will pop,
Naught but death our path shall stop!
On! Ho-ray!"

On the slope the forces met,
In a conflict hand to hand,
Every man firmly set,
In that bold, determined band,
Their commander told the Sophomores
to climb.

A freshie smote him in his wrath,
With a blow that boded death,
And the captain lost his breath,
For a time.

Again! Again! Again!
And the havoc did not slack,
Till every man had been
Twenty times upon his back;
But the valiant Captain Vance stood
aside.

"Tis the leader's place to plan,
I am not a fighting man,
Whether victory's in our van,
Fate, decide!"

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