

twelve was promptly sat upon—"We don't want to Americanize the game altogether, and that would do it." Now, isn't this a little narrow-minded, to say the least? Should an improvement be rejected simply because it is American? There is no point in which we could more advantageously imitate our cousins than in their genius for appropriating what is best in the customs of other nations. If the Canadian game of football more nearly resembled the American, there is very little doubt that matches could be arranged between Ottawa College, 'Varsity or Queen's, on the one hand, and Yale, Harvard and Princeton, on the other. It will hardly be said that this is an undesirable consummation.

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The entertainments given annually by the Athletic Association are always of the best, and this year's was certainly an unqualified success, surpassing, we dare say, all previous efforts in this line. The financial result, moreover, was exceedingly satisfactory. The display of muscle was more extensive than in past years, and astonished not only our city friends, but even those of the students (and there are a few) who are not in the habit of visiting the gymnasium. This is not the place to particularize, but we must say that the club-swinging of Eddie Gleeson and the bar-bell performance of Joe Macnamara did wonderful credit to those youngsters. Bessette and Omer Carrier particularly distinguished themselves on the rings and parallel bars. The success of the entertainment is in a very large measure due to the untiring efforts of Jobson Paradis, Charlie Gaudet and Arthur Sabourin, who trained the different corps in their various movements.

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Owing to the limited supply of "the beautiful" during the early part of the winter, snowshoeing was heavily discounted. On January 29th, "Le Castor" sent out its members for the first time, and under a splendid sun about thirty of them tramped gaily forth across the Rideau, through the woods, as far as the church of Notre Dame de Lourdes, where a short halt was made, the boys being kindly received and hospitably treated by the reverend fathers stationed there. Coming back, Labrecque's desire seemed to be to cross as many fences as possible much

to the disgust of the "greens" of which there were quite a few. It happened that the Rideau was again reached at the very spot where it had been previously crossed which led O'Trigger to remark "this proves the rotidity of the earth."

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Since then the club has had several tramps. On Thursday, Feb. 21st, about thirty Castors tramped to Aylmer, which they reached at noon. It was a glorious day, and although there was an ambulance in the rear it was not found necessary to use it. After an excellent dinner the boys passed the afternoon away with song and dance, returning at dusk with the news for their less venturesome brethren, that they had a magnificent time.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

As usual our Juniors acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner at the entertainment given on the 30th of January by the Athletic Association. The large and appreciative audience was somewhat taken by surprise when sixteen of our small boys uniformed, each one carrying a pair of dumb bells tripped lightly on the stage to the sound of music. After going through a drill they formed in four columns facing the audience and all the while keeping time with the music went through various graceful but difficult movements with dumb bells. The occasional bursts of applause, told better than words how pleased the audience was by their exhibition of dexterity.

The following are the names of those who took part in the performance:—

F. Lamoureux, O. Paradis, P. Brunelle, A. Rochon, E. Baskerville, A. Vallerand, O. Allard, A. McDonald, H. Landry, D. McGee, H. Glasnacher, H. Quesnel, W. Wier, P. Batterton, L. Dandurand, A. Christin. O. Paradis and J. Clarke sang each a solo, the former "Les Quatres Peches" and the latter "The Ship That Never Returned" Both of the soloists were recalled. J. Macnamara in his performance with the bar bell was graceful and fascinating, and like the swinging of the Indian clubs by E. Gleeson so surpassed all expectations that both gymnasts were obliged to respond to an *encore*.

The exhibition on the whole redounds to the praise both of the Juniors who took