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The warm sunshine of Thursday morning gave promise of a fine autumn day, but before the games were actually begun, the sky had clouded over and a few fitful gleams of sunshine were all that brightened the gloomy afternoon. The atmosphere was very damp and a chill and numbing breeze from the north that would have been more welcome a month earlier, sent a shiver through every bone. In consequence the attendance was very small; instead of three or four thousand spectators, most of them vociferating class or college yells, tooting tin horns, encouraging their friends and making fun of every victim they could find, there were only about five hundred quiet and sedate spectators, many of whom were ladies and non-collegians. But the unpleasant weather was not alone responsible for the meagre attendance. The disappointment and diminished interest entailed by two successive postponements and the lack of a games' procession to appeal to the *esprit de corps* of classes and colleges was perhaps the most powerful influence.

The Dents alone sent a representative crowd. They outnumbered all the other students combined. A few Varsity, Victoria, St. Michael's and McMaster men were present, but contributed little to the noise and excitement we always expect on such an occasion; Arney of Victoria played a variety of tunes on a many colored tin horn, to the amusement of everyone; but for shouting their college yell, cheering their own men, and lending an element of liveliness to the proceeding the Dents deserve all the praise.

It was the formal opening of the new athletic field. The campus has been found unsuitable for this purpose. The essentials of an athletic field are capacity to accommodate the sports, sufficient room for the spectators, facility in collecting admission fees and a permanent grand stand. All of which the campus lacks. It is not enclosed at the south-east end, ropes therefore had to be stretched across the path near the tennis courts, and gate keepers placed at the four entrances to the field. This caused much trouble to the athletic directorate and much inconvenience to those passing north or south who wished to cross the campus. Again, a permanent grand stand would so disfigure the campus that it could not be tolerated, while the erection of a temporary stand each fall and spring incurs great expense. The new field, which has been newly sodded and fenced since it was the grounds of the old T.A.C.-Lornes, is well situated, close to the street cars and in one of the prettiest parts of the park. It has a large and commodious grand stand, with a capacity of between two and three thousand people. The entrance gates are at the north, the admission gate at the north-east corner, and the grand stand gate at the north-west corner. A small gate at the south end accommodates the contestants, while opposite to it, for their convenience, are erected dressing tents. The fence which encloses the grounds is not closely boarded, and in consequence half of Thursday's spectators peeped through the cracks in the fence or took a grand stand seat in the neighboring trees, and "hereby hangs a tale." The games were scarcely started when the limb upon which a "grand stand" spectator was seated, broke and allowed him to fall, bruising him badly and dislocating his wrist. Dr. McCallum was called from his place among the judges to look after the unfortunate man.

The 48th Highlanders' band opened the programme and discoursed old and new airs during the intervals between events. The games were commenced about three o'clock, and at the close it was found that the championship of '98 had gone once more to the Dents. Caldwell again winning the honor for his school with 21 points. St. Michael's finished second, and the others fairly well strung out.

The first event was the tug-of-war between the Dents and Varsity Arts. Shaw was anchor man for the Dents, with A.C. Cowan, R. McDonald, E. C. Campbell and W. Thompson to assist him in upholding the honor and dignity of his college. T. A. Russell, N. F. Shenstone, W. E. Douglas and W. R. Meredith supported "Tarte" Hills, the anchor man for the Arts' team. Most of these are football men, Meredith and Hills playing on Varsity I.; Shenstone and Douglas on Varsity II.

In the first trial Arts made the best of the start getting a firm footing and depriving their opponents of theirs. Under Alex. McDougall's exhortation they soon pulled in the necessary two feet of rope and won. In the second trial the teams changed sides. The Dents had torn up the ground considerably in the first trial and the Arts men were left with poor footing in the second. The Dents won after a long and powerful struggle. In the third heat Caldwell took it in hand to encourage his fellow Dents, in place of Devitt, who retired from the onerous position to get ready for the races. Again the Arts men got a little the best of the start and strained every nerve and sinew to win, but they seemed to be much weakened by their previous efforts. The Dents on the other hand seemed as strong as ever and with three hearty "heave ho's" the centre of the rope went over their line, and the loud cheers of the Dental contingent on the grand stand proclaimed their men as victors and the happy possessors of the silver mugs.

Between the trials of the tug of war, the preliminary heats of the hundred yards' dash were taking place. Four lines of white tape, securely fastened down about three feet apart with iron pins, apportioned to each man the space he was allowed for body and "wings." The course was from north to south. Five men started in each trial. In the first, Regan, of St. Michael's won from Mitchell (Arts) by a close margin, with Caldwell (Dental) and Darling (Arts) tied for third. The second trial McCarthy (St. Michael's) won, with Sprague (McMaster) and McMillan (S. P. S.) some distance behind him. The final was won easily by McCarthy, who ran in fine style; Caldwell coming in second and Darling and Mitchell third. The time was 10 1/2 seconds, the same as last year and much faster than the soggy footing would warrant. Caldwell did not show up to his usual style; his customary vim and vigor was wanting.

In the half mile run, Potter (Arts) set the pace for the first lap and then gave way to Laker (Dents) "the old war horse" as some one called him. With that long, steady pace of his he easily kept the lead and won by about one hundred feet from Robinson of Pharmacy, with Alexander (Arts) third. The time, 2.19 1/2, was very slow.

The 220 yards dash was well contested. Caldwell started in the lead, and although he did not allow Mitchell to pass him, the latter kept within the distance of a couple of feet to the tape. McCarthy of St. Michaels was pocketed at the start and finished third. Time, 25 1/5.

Instead of being the slowest number on the programme, the mile walk was perhaps the most interesting. It was closely contested from start to finish and the small course of 1-5 of a mile enabled the spectators to follow it closely. Six men started, Laker and Doyle, (Dents), Millman, McLeod and Whillians, (Arts), and Robinson, (Pharmacy). Laker was generally expected to win and started off in the lead, McLeod pushing him hard for the first lap, McLeod then dropped out, along with Whillians and Robinson. Millman was walking in the best style and alternated with Doyle in second position. Each time he attempted to pass Doyle or Laker the pace was very appreciably quickened, causing Laker to break several times. In the last lap Millman passed Doyle, who collapsed about twenty yards from the tape and by a brilliant spurt won from Laker by a neck.

In the high jump Donovan (St. Michael's) and Elwall, S. P. S. were tied at 5 feet 3 1/2 inches. They tried to break the tie on a second trial but tied again. On the toss of a copper Elwall got first place, Donovan second.

Caldwell carried off the honors in the pole vault, winning easily by vaulting 7 feet 4 1/2 inches, with Woolverton and Elwall, S. P. S., in second and third places. Caldwell also won the hurdle race by default.

As usual the fatigue race was amusing and interesting. Davidson and Dobson of Victoria made the best time to the turning point, but slowness in changing gave first place to Hanley and Whillians (Arts) and they had to be contented with second place.

In the team race S. P. S. repeated their performance of last year, and came out first, with St. Michael's second, and the Dents third. McCarthy made a grand effort to win for St. Michael's, but handicapped as he was by Lockworthy's start of fifty yards, the best he could do was to come out second. The teams were: S. P. S., McArthur, Johnson, Lockworthy; St. Michael's, Regan, Burns, McCarthy; Dents, McMillan, Erney, Devitt. The S. P. S. boys were greatly elated at their victory, and pieces of the ribbon that won the race were worn by a score of different men as mementos of the day.

The preparatory school race is always an interesting event. Irvine Orton, a brother of the redoubtable George, was the favorite, but Mackie, a large and strong young fellow from the Parkdale Collegiate, took the lead at the beginning, and in spite of the efforts of Rose from Elora for the first half of the course, and of Orton for the last half, succeeded in maintaining his supremacy. Orton ran second in his usual careful and excellent style, with Evans of Harbord third, closely followed by Gander, of Ridley, and Rose.

The mile run and the graduates' races were won easily by Reid of McMaster and Jordan, Med, respectively. Reid showed up in splendid form, and won by about half a lap from Shepherd, S.P.S. Chapman, Victoria, ran second in the graduates' race.

In the 40 yards dash Mitchell (Arts), who was quite weak and ill after the 220 dash, pluckily entered the field, and took first place with Caldwell second and Devitt third. This ended the day's sport. The following is the list of officers who saw that everything went as it should:

Starter, James Pearson; timekeepers, Geo. M. Higinbotham, A. J. Mackenzie, B.A.; judges, W. J. Loudon, B.A., Dr. W. E. Wilmott, Dr. J. M. MacCallum; clerks of the course, J. C. Breckenridge, B.A., T. A. Gibson, B.A.; announcers, Eric Armour, Alexander Macdougall; measurers, C. H. C. Wright, B.A., Sec., Dr. F. J. Smale; referee, C. C. Bell; the directorate of the athletic association, president, A. E. Snell; vice-president, W. E. Douglas; secretary-treasurer, T. A. Russell; committee, J. J. Gibson, L. Whitely, R. Smillie, W. H. Boyd, C. M. McMichael, J. A. Gray, A. J. G. Macdougall, W. R. Cook, C. Lutton, S. A. Dickson, F. A. Young, B.A., F. A. Cleland, B.A., M. C. Cameron, G. A. Fergusson, J. R. Parry, J. A. Devitt, J. Rudell, R. Greer, F. H. Scott, B.A., W. A. Sadler.

During the final attempt of Donovan and Elwall to break their tie in the high jump, a crowd of Dents surrounded one of the cops, elevated him and carried him round the field on their shoulders, singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Dr. Willmott, "Rex" King and "Count" Armour were the camera shooters of the occasion. The latter experienced much difficulty in getting the president, vice-president and secretary of the athletic association together for a snap shot. One of the runners, seeing the rest waiting in a stooping posture for the signal to start, asked in all simplicity, "must I get down like that?" The idea of an inter-collegiate field day in which representatives from McGill, Queen's, Varsity and the other colleges should take part, is making good headway. May the best success attend it.

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Varsity Defeats Queen's

Rival Teams Met Saturday before a Large Crowd of Spectators—Varsity's Half-back Division Does Great Work.

The morning of the day of the great contest between Queen's and Varsity football teams was not such as brought joy to the management of the club. Moisture fell in large blocks, and Jack Inkster made rapid calculations on paper as to the probable loss in gate receipts. But ere the hour of 2.30 arrived, Jupiter Pluvius had called off his dogs of war and left a typical football day to delight the lovers of that sport. The result was a bumper attendance, and the management have money sticking out all over their clothes.

As the teams took their preliminary center it was seen that Queen's had the heavier aggregation. Father Curtis and Dr. Baldy Ross had been resurrected from the land of has beens for the occasion, and Capt. Elliott had raised a wondrous head of hair especially for the game. Manager Jack Inkster and his inevitable grip were omnipresent, and John's smile broadened as the weather cleared, and the score went up. Thrift Burnside, for the first time this year, lost the toss. The wind was blowing almost dead across the field, so that Queen's, who chose the northern goal, did not gain much.

Queen's decided to defend the northern goal. The teams lined up as follows: Queen's (6). Back, Macdonald; halves, Curtis, McConville, Elliott; quarter, McDowell; scrimmage, Paul, Carr, Harris, Russell; wings, Kingsley, Leahy, Brancome, Shaw, Tobin, Ross, Ferguson.

Varsity (16). Back, Beal; halves, McKenzie, Boyd, Hills; quarter, Waldie; scrimmage, Hall, Sanderson, Gibson; wings, Burnside (capt.), McKenzie, Darling, Biggs, Meredith, Ansley, Armour.

During the first half the game was characterized by a series of mass plays by Queen's, and an attempt at open play by Varsity, as Queen's depended on its wings, while Varsity relied on its back division. Here Carr-Harris, the referee, showed a lamentable ignorance of the rules, as the mass play of Queen's consisted of off-side interference, by which tactics they steadily gained.

The game during the first half was slow to watch, as the ball was seldom in sight. In the second half, however, Queen's suddenly changed its tactics, and for the rest of the game passing and puntings kept the interest of the spectators at fever heat.

Varsity kicked off, and for the first few minutes some open play resulted, Queen's finding the Varsity halves returned the ball over the heads of their own halves, began their scrimmage play. Finally Waldie, who was putting up a good game at quarter, passed the ball from the Varsity scrimmage to McKenzie, who punted up the field, Macdonald missed the catch, and the fleet Varsity wings following up fast, were on the ball in an instant. The air was rent by vociferous yells from the freshmen, Varsity had got the first try, Biggs doing the trick. Hills failed to kick the goal, and the score was 4-0.

Queen's kicked off, and by their mass plays pushed Varsity almost to the line. An off-side on the part of Queen's gave Varsity a free kick. The eager Varsity wings still playing with great snap, did not allow Curtis five yards, which the referee erroneously held he should have had. The ball was brought back and scrimmage, Queen's having the ball. They succeeded in screwing the scrimmage on the line, and when the heaps of men were disentangled, Ross, of Queen's, had a try. The try was not converted, score 4-4. Before well under way again the whistle blew for half time.

On changing ends, Queen's rushed matters until they had the ball on Varsity's 25 yard line. On a return from the Varsity full back, Curtis got his mark, and showed a glimmer of his former greatness by dropping a goal. The score should have been 8-4 in favor of Queen's at this stage of the game, but the referee only allowed them 2 points for this play.

The ball was again kicked off from centre by Varsity, and an exchange of punts took place, until McKenzie, the brilliant Varsity half, catching the ball within a foot of the touch line, altho' almost covered by the Presbyterians, made a long punt of forty yards, which was fumbled by the full-back. Biggs secured the ball and got over the line, but in the shuffle which followed, dropped it, Armour following up fast fell on it, and secured his customary try. Hills kicked the easy goal and Varsity was ahead once more. Score, 10-6.

After a short delay, while legs and arms were rubbed down, the game began afresh. From now on the game was never in doubt. Both teams were playing an open game in which Varsity excelled, their brilliant back division showing to great advantage.

Varsity's final touch down was scored in a sensational and exciting moment. From a kick into touch by Queens, Burnside on the line-up made a beautiful pass to centre where the ball was caught by Darling, who made a fleet run of twenty yards, he was tackled by Tobin, but succeeded in passing

to Boyd, who wiggled over for a try, which Hills also converted.—Score 16-6. This ended the scoring, and shortly after the time-keeper's whistle put an end to one of the best exhibitions of rugby ever seen on a Varsity field.

Looking on the game as a whole, one fact is to be remarked—Varsity has this year, perhaps, the fastest team that ever represented Toronto University. Every man on the wing is a sprinter. Capt. Elliott, of Queens, after the game said that what demoralized the Kingston men was the way in which the Varsity wings came down on them in bunches. It was a sprint to see who would get there first. Of Varsity half-back line too much cannot be said. McKenzie and Boyd's punting was superb. The trio is held to be the strongest in the business to-day.

Capt. Burnside had the cut over his eye which he received in the McGill game, opened, and it bled profusely. He pluckily tied a handkerchief around his head and played the game out. Too much praise cannot be given him for the way he managed the men on the field. He has trained his team in a manner different from that pursued by any previous captain, and the result of his system has proved the soundness of his judgment.

Comparisons of the wings would be unfair. Suffice it to say that each man worked with all the energy in him. Varsity is on a fair way to have another championship football team. The club now has the sympathies of the Toronto public at large, as the other clubs have not kept up to the reputation given them by the newspapers before the season opened. Many a paragraph hero has fallen. Varsity has not had the backing of the press, but has calmly and systematically sawed wood. Last Saturday's made the sixth consecutive victory. The team does not play till Nov. 5th, when McGill plays here. A win means the championship of the inter-collegiate league, as it would give Varsity a majority of games. Meanwhile Capt. Burnside and his men have the well wishes of every loyal student of Toronto University.

Fine weather on Nov. 5th should mean a gate that the grounds will not accommodate.

NOTES.
Capt. Burnside signals accomplished wonders. Queen's half-backs had better invest in a hair cut. Who says the intercollegiate union doesn't pay. Attendance at Varsity 2,500, at Rose-dale 100. Hills was the weakest man on the Varsity back division. How good must the rest be? Billy Boyd played his usual steady game. Bob Waldie made one of the plays of the game. He intercepted a Queen's pass and kicked the ball, gaining Varsity a good ten yards. Alex. McKenzie punted the ball out of sight every time he got his hands on it. Darling and Briggs make a great pair of outside wings. Where was Burnside when he blocked the mass plays? Bob Waldie should be a fixture at quarter. He played the game of his life. Tobin should be on Queen's half-back line. Curtis was conspicuous by the little he did. He will have to join the army of has beens. Tobin, Ross and Elliot played the best game for Queen's. Mud Meredith deserves great credit. Look at the man he had. Football is booming at Varsity. Only two wins and a draw in one day. Capt. Thrift, although his wound was reopened, pluckily continued in the game.

TORONTO MEDS.

The third and fourth year men were, last Wednesday, treated to a very interesting address by Dr. Williamson, a graduate of Edinburgh University, on "The Medical Man in the Mission Fields." The doctor, who is a fluent speaker, and who is wrapped up in his work, made the talk most interesting, and succeeded in stirring up the interest of quite a few of the men. He dwelt at length on the necessity of physicians in heathen lands, not only as a means of opening the way for missions, but also on humanitarian grounds, and his personal acquaintance with the state of affairs in many of these benighted countries made the address all the more impressive.

Great interest is being taken by the men at the old school in the handball tournament, which opened on Wednesday last. There is a large number of entries. Some very exciting games have been already played, and a good week's sport is promised.

The sports have interfered with more things than the lectures, having done the

students out of the last two regular meetings of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Gilbert A. Beaver, representing the inter-collegiate department of the Y.M.C.A., will be here for about ten days, working among the college societies. Nearly all the men have returned, there being but few absent ones, and work is now going on as smoothly as ever.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. E. Storey, formerly of '99, has cast in his lot with the naughty ones. Bob Parry made his first appearance this week, after council exams. Stubb Smith and Glen MacDougall are doing a rushing business making books on the contestants in the hand ball tournament now in progress.

The forthcoming Hallow'en smoker and all star entertainment of the Toronto Meds, will knock the spots off anything going on that traditional night.

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