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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### The Professor on the Gridiron

IN Ontario there is a schoolmaster of high distinction in romance languages who never gets credit for being an academican at all. To his students he is known as "Harry"; to a large part of the student body of the University of Toronto even more intimately as "Red." The great Canadian sporting public speak of him adjectively as "Reddy"—"Reddy" Griffith. They think that they know him. But the electric, little auburn-haired man, who turns out championship college Rugby teams in Toronto is a many-sided genius.

Mr. H. C. Griffith was a professor in the French department of the Uni-



MR. H. C. GRIFFITH  
The well known Toronto Rugby Coach  
and University Professor.

versity of Toronto. For several years he has acted as honorary coach to the college football club. So great has become his reputation in the football world, that his real academic position the public have completely overlooked. Now, that is not because Griffith does not count in the lecture room, but because fame catches a man quicker pulling off athletic stunts than examining French papers. That Griffith really after all draws a professor's salary, the public have been reminded lately. He says he is not going to teach any more French at Toronto. And that means that in a few weeks, when the leaves begin to yellow, and the gridiron squads to trot out on the campus at the Ontario University, there will be no dynamic "Reddy" Griffith teaching signals to Toronto pigskin artists. And all over the Dominion there is a sigh from hundreds of seniors and fair coeds and freshmen.

They don't want to lose him. Griffith, the student's faculty hero, has carried their interests to a grand stand finish. No man at the University of Toronto ever did more for Athletics and esprit de corps than H. C. Griffith. He has done a great deal for the uplift of sport outside of his own constituency. Griffith is an idealist in sport. In that sense he is the professor on the gridiron. At the American colleges there are professional football enthusiasts. At Soldiers' Field you may see them sitting in boxes at the championship games. They differ from Griffith. Season after season he has given every night of his time to exhorting, cheering and teaching a bunch of raw boys punting, tackling and trick plays. He has never got a single cent for it. Highly paid professional coaches attend to the training of Harvard and Yale gladiators. The faculty look on.

Why does Professor Griffith step from the cloister and coach football teams? Because he loves the game, and he's just as much a college boy as a professor. He's a diverse personality.

There is "Reddy" Griffiths, a short, tense figure in tweed suit and tan gloves, hatless, chasing a ball around

a field, a pack of panting youths at his heels. "Follow up, seconds! Follow up—up!" Then there is the scholar with as keen a love for hunting down slips in French grammar as has the wizard of the gridiron for uncovering bad team work. The football Griffith is a sphinx when you ask him about the team's chances. When the Dominion was on tip-toe last year just before the 'Varsity-Hamilton conflict, to the pressmen he was taciturnly polite. He loses his nerve only when the camera snaps. Griffith, the professor, is somewhat of a lackadaisical person, tripping over to Europe every summer to stroll on the boulevards and in the cafes and art galleries, and when he comes back and gets a few fellows in his room, he can keep them up all night with whimsical reminiscences of the Latin Quarter.

Griffith is leaving 'Varsity, and the worries of the Intercollegiate Union. To become a bromide? Not Griffith. He has become a master of that live prep. school for boys at St. Catharines—Bishop Ridley. He is a graduate of this school, and he has always had a hunger to get back.

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### Winnipeg's Great Rowing Triumph

WINNIPEG can show them all something at the rowing game. Her crews have just returned from the Northwestern International Rowing Association Regatta held in Duluth, Minn. Eight wins out of a possible eleven was the two days' work of the Manitoba men. In the Senior Doubles, Senior Fours, Junior Eights, Pair Oars, Senior Singles, Junior Four, Junior Doubles, Senior Eights, it was all Winnipeg. Immense crowds lining the course in every kind of craft from canoes to big freighters cheered the Canadian victors. Winnipeg sporting editors say that the Winnipeg eight is the swiftest in America. What about a match between Winnipeg, Ottawa and Argos? Officials of the Canadian Henley report that an effort is being made to bring Winnipeg to St. Catharines the first week in August. The Argonauts, who did so well in Philadelphia a few weeks ago, have sent in their entry. If Winnipeg can come east there will be a titanic struggle between the two champion eights. Ottawa evidently had enough of it over the pond. Their men it is unlikely will figure at St. Kitt's.

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### Out of the North

A STORY has just come down from the Northland of harrowing experiences which sometimes test the courage and resource of pioneer settlers.

It is respectfully submitted for the consideration of members of the medical profession. Had they been within telephone call it could never have happened. Can a layman be his own doctor? Some say not. But here is a tale of a man who is alleged to have performed one of the most delicate operations known to surgery without ever having gone to college, and carried it through.

Fort Hope is a Hudson's Bay post back in the bush far from the shriek of transcontinental engines. In the solitude of this Nepigon country recently the wife of a pioneer fell a victim to the excruciating torture of appendicitis. As his wife lay in the throes of agony, the husband became desperate. The nearest surgeon was 200 miles away.

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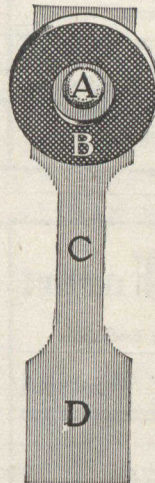
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