

O' wad the power the giftie gie is,
To see oorsel's as ithers see is;
It wied frae mony a blunder frae is,
A' foolish notion.

(Bobbie Burns).

SOME FOOTBALL.

The married officers of the Engineers Training Depot and those who have thus far escaped the perils of matrimony (commonly known as singles), lined up in a game of Association football on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Promptly at 4.30 the two teams marched on the field headed by the depot band playing tunes calculated to instil a warlike spirit into the opposing factions, and their appearance was greeted by a round of cheers from a bevy of the gentler sex, who occupied a reserved seat on the east side of the field, and who had come along to see their respective knights do battle.

Having won the toss the singles elected to play with the wind consequently the gallant C. O. took up his stand between the goal posts on the north end and the Laird of the mounted section draped himself against the pole at the south end. At the toot of the referee's whistle the game was on. The play immediately centred in the vicinity of the north goal and before the dignified custodian had gotten properly settled the ball slipped through and the singles were one to the good. In the kick-off that followed the Colonel took advantage of the occasion to trim down a small hump of earth, that was right in front of the goal line, before hitting the ball. The ladies thinking it was the proper caper to first stub the toe against the earth, cheered the kicker lustily, who acknowledged the applause gracefully.

The wind kept the ball hovering at this end of the field and before half time the pesky ball had skipped past the Colonel only six times. During the first half Major Milne, custodian of the "singles" goal, passed the time discussing the respective merits of Polled Angus and Scotch Shorthorns with Tommy Howe.

On the turn over the Colonel's warriors dug in with an unexpected vim and notched a goal which raised their hopes, only to be dashed again when Mr. Griffiths sped up the field and put one past the Colonel's left when he was looking for it at the right.

Captain Campbell caused a stir at the heart strings of the fair spectators when he appeared with one grey sock and one blue stocking, one of the ladies remarking that if that was the best the hospital had (referring to the foot covering, of course) she would have to "speed up" her knitting some and give them a supply of socks. Nevertheless it did not seem to bother

the worthy medico, who was here and there and everywhere until he came in contact with an opponent when he stayed "there" for a while and then slowed up somewhat, though the slowing up did not materially affect the playing of the others. Still it would have been a good chance to slip in Mr. Adney who was "spare" and who likewise was clothed in genuine football costume, albeit his "pants" might have been more properly called "breaths" they were so lacking in length. Fate ruled otherwise and he was a "wall flower" during the game.

Among those who have not yet been admitted to a life partnership, and who are still free to come and go among the flowers that bloom unattached in the matrimonial garden, and who pitted their strength against the married lot, might be mentioned Mr. Griffiths who was such a terror to the keeper of the married side's goal that the Colonel is reported to have said if Mr. Griffiths was not married before the return game he would have him put on orderly duty for that day. When the aforesaid Mr. Griffiths got started up the field with the ball the remainder of the players strung out behind him like the sparks from the tail of a comet and he used his feet so strategically that he had the Colonel looking for the ball to come in on the right when it was going in on the left.

Mr. Goodhugh covered considerable ground both in and outside the lines but beyond poking one opponent in the eye with his elbow and being the cause of the gallant medico's downfall, did not appear to come in contact with the ball any more than could be helped.

It is regretted that more cannot be selected for special mention in this despatch, but if any were it would be necessary to tabulate the whole of both teams, let it suffice to say that while they were all equally good, budding "White Hopes" were very conspicuous by their absence. Still the game was a grand one and doubtless will linger in the memory of the players for some time to come.

A fair and enthusiastic admirer of the married side's goal keeper maintained, after the fifth goal had slipped past, that "some one must have smeared the ball with "Dubbin", and it was no wonder the goal keeper couldn't catch it."

It was generally opined by the fans present that the married section could trim the unmarried at Rugby and hopes were floating that a match would be arranged.

—("The News").

SPORTS NOTICE.

BASE BALL MATCH—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Quarantine camp team (1st Depot Battalion, Manitoba Regiment)
Vs. Depot team, on the E. T. D. Sports field on the afternoon of Sunday next.

Everybody is invited to attend, as the best base ball match of the season is promised. Those who witnessed these teams play on Labor Day know what a treat is in store for the spectators.

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