

with Messrs. P. McHugh, R. McDougall, E. Durocher and L. Joron as captains.

A long standing difficulty was done away with at the meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union which was held in the the Russell House on January 13 and now the Ontario, Quebec and Intercollegiate Unions play the same style of football.

The rules adopted were those played by the college teams, with a few amendments. The C. I. R. F. U. rules constitute a medium between the close game of the Quebec Union and the machine-like workings of the Burnside snap-back system and were accepted as a compromise by both leagues. These rules were not accepted in their entirety, however as several alternations were made which change more or less the fine points of the game.

Some of the radical changes are :

"During a scrimmage the opposing players must not be in contact with each other until the ball is placed on the ground and therefore in play. No player shall touch the ball with his hand until it has been put in play with a foot."

The "throw-in" is now a feature of the past and instead of the old-time scramble the ball will be taken in ten yards and scrimmaged. The others rules in this connection still hold.

Other rules as regards penalties were adopted which, though important, do not affect the game to any great degree.

The time and place of the final games has also been decided upon so that there will be no more argument about it. As a result of the new round established next year, the champions of Quebec play the champions of Ontario on the latter's grounds and the winners play the winners of the Intercollegiate series on the latter's grounds.

A very desirable state of affairs has been brought about by this meeting and its results are expected to benefit Canadian Rugby. However, the effect of the new rules depends much on the enforcement of them by officials. If the latter are strict, then the game has been much modified, whereas if they go on as they have been going the game remains that was played by the C. I. R. F. U.