

With the kind and tireless co-operation of three of Ottawa's leading sporting men, the formation of a Union was attempted, but the plan eventually had to be abandoned. The necessity of using non-student players—the at least remote possibility of re-kindling the old flame of trouble between College forces and City forces, with a memory of former hostile days,—and the lack of football teams of senior calibre, were some of the reasons why this scheme was not deemed feasible.

Exhibition games were thought of and as quickly given up, for the reason that they have always failed to appeal to the public, and have likewise proved a distinct financial failure.

For what were considered very good reasons by friends both here and in Toronto, the O.R.F.U. was out of the question. Its past record, the fact that its best team had been treated along lines similar to that accorded us by the Inter-Collegiate, together with the heavy expense of three trips to Toronto, were facts that could not be overlooked. However, we are thankful to this Union for the invitation extended to us.

It was easy enough to find weaknesses in all these schemes, but not quite so easy to form and to follow out a plan to our liking. After several conferences with the officers of the Ottawa Football Club, the present amalgamation was effected. The details of this agreement, after being approved of by the Faculty of the University, were drawn up in contract form and signed by both clubs. Financially we shall profit as much under the new order of things as we did in the palmiest of football days. Whether it will be to our interests in other ways remains to be seen. This much are we sure of. The alliance has received the approval of our most intimate friends as well as of the prominent men of the city. It will kill forever that old heirloom of animosity that has been handed down to both factions from days gone by. We may merely speculate as to what effect this will have on the future of our Alma Mater. Friends we surely need, and if football will bring them, then welcome football.

To date, our relations with this new state of affairs have been most pleasant, and we see no reason why they should not continue so. Six of our candidates for positions were chosen to play in the first game. At present we have just about ten men who are big enough and strong enough to play senior football. Later, when our other sources are in operation, we may be in a position to place a strictly student team in senior football ranks,—until then we shall have to temporize as we are doing.