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WERE THE AMERICAN **COACHES PREJUDICED?**

Opinions Naturally Influenced-At Least the Ten Thousand Spectators Were Favorably Impressed.

If the American experts have found something to disparage they have also found much to commend in Canadian Rugby, and the exhibition given by the Jungle Kings and Rough Riders in New York last Saturday is sure to affect the style of football played by the Americans next season. So much was admitted by even the most prejudiced and unconvertible of the American fans. Then who ould say the object of the exhibition was not attained? Even the most sanguine Canadian Rugbyists did not expect the Yankees to go into ecstasies over the

The two departments of football in which the American critics admitted Canadian superiority, passing and punting, are so indisputably so that any adverse critique would be ridiculous. In the other departments of the game there was a chance for argument, and naturally the Americans took advantage of itin loyalty to their own game they could do nothing else; such weakness is cos-

For such men as Wadter Camp, A. A. Stagg, and other prominent American aches, to make a stand for the substitution of Canadian Rugby for the American ican article in the United States colleges would be tantamount to admitting the lack of their own football genius. These men have practically made the game as it is played to-day. It is on their advice that the University representatives at the football conference act, and the rule makers are naturally influenced by the ideas of the experienced professionals. Walter Camp has introduced several new rules in the past few years, including the ten-yard rule. He does not deny that he never thought of this change until he saw the Tigers and Ottawa play here a couple of years ago. A careful reading of the American rule book will show that several of the newly introduced rules are copied word for word from the Canadian code. If Walter Camp was not loud in praising the game he saw here he was at least sufficiently impressed to have some of the Canadian rules adopted by the American colleges. Was this policy? He received the credit for the introduction of these rules and gained prestige as a football expert.

It would not be an altogether happy matter for the American coaches if the Canadian game were adopted by the universities. It would mean the importation of Canadian experts, and very likely their own dismissal. Whereas the modification of the game along Canadian lines would not affect them financially. The professional has a careful eye for the mighty dollar.

Only one of the American experts who saw the exhibition opined that it had no good points. The rest found something to commend. About fifty per ent, were slightly enthusiastic. Ten per cent, thought the game superior from the spectators' viewpoint. One only of those interviewed was of the opinion that the game should be adopted, complete in all its rules, and the American article placed on the shelf. However, in the face of the enthusiasm displayed by the show me" crowd, none cared to take it upon themselves to say that the exhibition had not proved extremely interesting. When ten thousand people who have no personal interest in the result of a game stand shivering for an hour and a half on a wind-swept field in the middle of December to see two foreign teams play, the most prejudiced and antagonistic individual could not say that they had not found the contest interesting. Had it been a championship game, with the players in top form and something to work for, with an intelligent crowd able to discover the fine points of the game and applaud them, with some personal interest in the result, what think you would have been the interest and excitement awakened in this same crowd?

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

The Tiger-Ottawa game will hardly work a revolution in American football, and for two very great reasons. The Canuck teams are not qualified so show the general public too much, and the critics are those whose livelihood depend on the continuance of the present American game. With a new game the colleges would require new coaches, and you can't expect the old ones to legislate themselves out of their jobs.—Toronto Telegram.

The last of the Tiger New York con-ingent returned home this morning, and all hands will now settle down to recover from the whirl of Gotham.

Between the sun and M. Mighty Robinson's new suit it was pretty hot in New York last week-end.

W. Clatter McMullen has written a new song entitled. "I Love My Home, But Oh You Broadway." Clatter practiced it all the time he was in New York, but will render it for the first time lead."

Things shift so suddenly in baseball politics that one does not have time to make up one's mind on what to think before one has to think of something else. What to-day listens like an heroic and timely speech to-morrow may be recalled as a most unseemly belch.

The glove continue. was in New York, but will render it for the first time locally at the next annual duck dinner of the Mid-night Club.

Summing up the opinions of the most important of the fraternity, the points that met with favor were as follows:

The punting, particularly that in close operiors.

close quarters.

The running catches and the running of the half-backs.

The combination

combination passing and end

Freedom of the kicking.
The points that they adversely criti-

sed: Too many idle men on the wing

Too many idle men on the wing line.

Weak tackling.
Loose ball.
Disregard for possession of the ball.
At the present time they admit that their faults include the following:
The danger and heavy list of dead and injured.
The inability of the public to see the ball.

the ball.

Too little passing, punting and run-

The glove contest between Sam Mac-Vea and Joe Jeannette, the American heavyweight, at the Cirque de Paris, resulted in a draw some time after midnight. The referce's decision was received uproariously. He and the fighters were the recipients of favor in the shape of chewing gum and any other object that some spectators could find to throw at them. Luckily they got out of the ring, which was decidedly more dangerous for them when not fighting than it was while the scrap was on. The men boxed listlessly for 3) rounds.

It is understood that a number of supposed bookmakers arrested at the Gravesend track last fail may be brought to trial in Brooklyn this week, in which event it is believed an important point will be passed upon. Some of the men accused of violating the Agnew-Hart law are charged with accepting cash deposits before the races from persons who in that way established credit prior to making oral wagers.

The danger and heavy list of dead and injured.

The inability of the public to see the ball.

Too little passing, punting and runining.

The mistake of playing the man instead of the ball.

The baseball situation is clear enough to those who are vitally interested. As for the productive fau, he is prepared

ATHLETICS

And what will be the net result of this exposition of Canadian Rugby in New York? Well, the two teams had a trip anyway. Possibly the New York Public schools may be permitted to adopt this game as less dangerous than the American one because of the elimination of interference play and the consequent forcing of punting and running. That may or may not be. The addition of the three-yard rule granting immunity to the catcher of a punt from molestation is almost sure of adoption on the recommendation of Walter Camp. There seems no likelihood or possibility of any other change, much less the adoption of the leading features of the Canadian game—the abolition of off-side interference of any kind.

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any kind.

The feature of the American game is its off-side interference. It allows men to go ahead of the man with the ball and make way for him. Around this rule has been built up the entire fabric of American tactics. Do away with that feature and the American game loses its identity and becomes Canadian.

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But the critics wouldn't think for a second of doing any such thing. That is their whole game and in their minds its superiority to the Canadian and all other styles lies precisely there. They would as soon think of abolishing Rugby altogether as of abandoning these off-side or interference plays, and there the matter stands and will continue to stand.

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The critics at large weren't look-ing for any superiority over their own game. They would like the open work, but it would be suicidal for any one team to adopt it. Its opponent would smother it in defeat. As a matter of fact the critics and coaches do not find anything much in their own game that needs correction.

It is true that the public at large is alarmed at the number of death and injuries, but most of these the students of the game say result from untrained or improperly coached men, or from young teams going against highly developed offensive tactics of well-drilled men. They claim, too, that several of the 38 deaths are not the result of football—one was from consumption possibly contracted—three years before on a football field; others arose from flying tacles that would happen before on a football field; others arose from flying tacles that would happen in any Rugby game. All the same the public demand will compel them to do something to lessen the danger.

Indeed the sum total of the game is the conviction that the Canadian style does not compare with the American.

SPECTATORS LIKED RUGBY FOOTBALL.

day morning's New York Telegraph of the Ottawa-Hamilton football game, as

Probably two hundred prominent football experts, coaches and former college stars accepted the New York Herald's invitation to view a demonstration of

Promoter Jack Gleason, who has arrived in San Francisco, says that his partner, Tex Rickard, has no right to announce Salt Lake City as the battleground for the Jeffries-Johnson affair. Gleason says he will do his best to get the mill for California. So will James Coffroth of Colma when the proper time comes. Gleason and Coffroth together can make Rickard do what they want. At least that's what the wise men say whenever this combination comes up for discussion. Rough Riders by 11 to 6.

There were nearly 15,000 spectators around the roped-off field of play. The teams were brought over from Canada to show us their game, and to see if we could gain any points in lessening the danger of the American brand of goods which is at present played at our colleges.

leges.

The exhibition was interesting, but as a whole dose Canadian Rugby will not

One of the Canadian substitutes turners.

There was no trying to patch the play. ed around and replied:
"It may look a tame game to you, but

TEAMS TRAIN DIFFERENTLY.

We want football, but we also want with the danger minimized. No sport is worth bearing the name unless it has a certain element of danger. Take away that element from any game and it will

die of inanition.

The match on Saturday differed from in many respects outside of the Unfortunately we did not see the

best sample of it.

The captains of both teams admitted that their cmn had broken training three weeks ago. As a result their play was uncertain. There was a deal of fumbling, poor tackling and uncertai nmanoeuvring, and it led many to remark that it looked like a loosely played game between two minor United States college teams.

Arnst and Barry in Sculling Match.

London, Dec. 14.—The London Sports-man announces that through the agency of the Eritish South Africa Company, represented by Mr. Guy Nickalls, a purse of £1,000 has been subscribed by African sportsmen and financiers for a sculling match for the world's championship be-tween Richard Arnst, of New Zealand, and Ernest Barry, the English cham-nion.

pion.

The match to take place next August over a 31-2 mile course on a part of the Zambesi River, near the Victoria Falls-recognized as one of the finest regatta courses in the world.

Barry has accepted and the following cable has been despatched to Arnst:

MUCH TO LEARN FROM GAME. I suggested that the preparations of the university teams for their big annual

Canadian Rugby at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday afternoon, in which the Hamilton Tigers defeated the Ottawa Rough Riders by 11 to 6.

"You train your football players at

college the way we train prize fighters over in Canada—while you develop strength and beef we try to harden them, and more than anything, improve their

but there was a whole lo remarks.

"It may look a tame game to you, but
"It may look a tame game to you, but
we have no Earle Wilson case or a list
of thirty sacrificed on the foothall field
this season."

The answer was timely, and hit the
injured player was rushed right off the
field and the substitute went on in-

This did not fail to make an impres-sion on the solons that were present, and it is more than likely some change in the rules in this respect will be made at the coming meeting of the committee. When the football rulers meet they

When the football rulers meet they will have many important points to consider. The rules might be revised, certain plays have to be eliminated and others modified. The dangers of the game must be lessened.

If the forward pass interference for runner, or mass plays are the cause of accidents and deaths on the gridiron, then in the name of humanity cut them out and let American football be a game that when foreigners visit us and see it played, they do not have to hold up their hands in holy horror and say, "Isn't it brutal!"

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GOSSIP

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The new blood in the R. H. Y. C. is

Lumsden Bros. are gradually showing

their class and are working for the top

place.

Doc. Johnston must like those Big
Rold Bowlers. He is certainly there on

the team.

O'Brien has surely earned his position

in the H. B. & A. C. team of 20 men to ro!! the Toronto Bowling Club.

Hatch's Beauties-

Anders Bryan W. McLintock Worth

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Hopkins
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B. Crawford ...
E. Johnston .

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Main Office-

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Johnston must like those Big

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James J. Makes a Hot Retort.

Johnson Expects Big Fight to Go Certain Distance.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.-Jim Jeffries, in a telegram sent to his Los Angeles business partner, Jack Kipper, hands out a blistering indictment against Promoter T. J. McCarey. He calls the local fight magnate hard names, and when Jim resorts to this

stand it is safe to say that the big fel-low is thoroughly aroused.

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The Jeffries telegram, which was received here at noon yesterday, reads as follows:

"Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 12—Jack Kipper, Los Angeles: I understand that McCarey says there is something crooked about the match! He is simply sore because Rickard outbid him. I never knew anybody who could holler longer and louder than a cheap fakir when he has lost. Show this message to the newspapers.

"James J. Jeffries."

The wire is taken to mean that Jeffries is angered at the screened statement made by McCarey upon his arrival home last Friday morning.

McCarey on this occasion gave it as his belief that he had been "counted out" by the rival promoters and said so in so many words, that no matter how big he might have made his Los Angeles his detailed.

in so many words, that no matter how big he might have made his Los Angeles bid that the opposition would have found a way to beat him out. The Rochester telegram was read to McCarey over the telephone. A moment of silence followed, before he answered in a firm voice:

in a firm voice:
"I shall refuse to enter into any controversy in this matter. I lost the fight and that settles it. So far as I am concerned my future interest in the Jeffries-Johnson battle will be only that of a spectator. Jeffries will hurt himself and his own interests by calling me names. It is unlike Jim to do this sort of thing, and I am sorry that he has made this mistake—for mistake it is. This telegram will act in boomerang fashion. troversy in this matter. I lost the fight ashion. "The whole sporting world knew in ad-

vance how scant my chances were of securing the fight. The New York crisecuring the fight. The New York critics were saying two days before the bids were opened that my trip from California to that city was but a waste of time and money. I merely went through with it to show that I was sincere and game. Every move I made spoke for itself. Nothing that I could say now would help the prospects of the big battle."

New York, Dec. 14.—That Jack John-son expects to stick with James J. Jef-fries for at least 12 rounds in the battle for the championship of the world, July 4, the colored champion has made known

4, the colored champion has made known to his friends.

"Any one that says we are going to fake the fight on account of moving pictures is on the wrong lay, that's all," was the way the champion introduced the subject. "Everybody I have met has asked me whether or not the fight will drag out 10 or 12 rounds on account of the pictures. Well, the fight will last that long, but not because it has been fixed or will be fixed that way.

"I am not foolish enough to think that I can knock out Jeffries in the first round or two. I am equally positive that he can't do it to me, and that is why I say that the fight won't be over inside of 12 rounds."

Basketball.

At the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-night in the City Commercial League two fast games will be played. Three of the teams are tie, and a win to-night means a lead. The first game will be between the Mills Hardware Co. and the T., H. & B., and the second game will be Wood Milling vs. Oak Hall. J. McKay will referee. Games commence at 8.15 p. m.

CONTROLLER CANDIDATE.

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(Toronto Telegram.)
Ward (soliloquising)—
To run or not to run; that is the question;
Whether 'tis better to remain forever
A humble member of the Board,
Or to take advantage of the split?
To walk, to run; perchance, get licked!
Ay, there's the rub—for in that fight
What strange events may hap.
When once I have announced myself. When once I have announced myself. There's the thought which makes me

pause
And think anew o'er my decision.
Who would Controller be but for the
fear
Of sudden, dread annihilation

or sudgen, gread annihilation
By premature departure from the field
Of one or other of these lusty knights,
Despite their boastful proclamation?
I'll not! (notices Hocken)—What, Horatius! Thou?

Sentence Sermons.

"We will" does ten times as much as "You shall."
The heart ripens best in the enriching

of other hearts.

No man drops into a better world by dodging this one.

Conscience can have no authority be-

Conscience can have no authority beyond its possessor.

The worst conditions always call for the best in character.

Taking a by path to avoid-July we are sure to meet our desserts.

Table talk has much more to do with character making than pulpit talk.

The rights of the race depend on recognizing the rights of the child.

Many men are a good deal more sure of the devil than of any divinity.

Indifference to humanity tries to balance itself by anxiety as to divinity.

No religion can be healthy that thinks only of its heart and never of its hands. Using God as a bogey to keep children straight is sure to drive them crooked.

crooked.

When parents complain of irreligious children they need to look at their own

tracks. You can as easily shut a box of sunshine in as you can compass religion

a creed.

A sincere man may get down on the wrong side of the fence, but he cannot straddle it.

number.

"But." compisined the playwright bitterly. "the audience sat through the performance unmoved." "Not exactly." I said the manager, "I saw five or six sneak out."

straddle it.

Many people who take time to learn to make doylies believe that character comes by accident.

The way to meet some doubts is to look them squarely in the face and then blow them away.

Canadian professional runner, led a pack of Mohegan A. C. runners over the club's five and one-half mile course yesterday. At the finish Holmer was over 100 yards in front of the field. He ran the distance in 29 minutes 5 seconds and finish. Francisco, by more than a mile. Hayes' ed. fresh after his trial run. Johnny time was 2.26.543-5, but the course was O'Brien, of the Mohegan A. C., finished more than a mile short of the full Maramore than

gotiating the course in 29 minutes 22 seconds; W. Coulter, of the Mohegans, was third in 30 minutes 17 seconds, and J. Brown, of the Glencoe A. C., was fourth, a second behind Coulter. The rest of the pack was strung out.

I asked a Canadian, who was standing next to me, what this training consisted of. Principally the abstinence from smoking, late hours and alcoholic drink, was the reply. Of course, the two teams playing were not college fourteens.

Lumsden Bros. (Won two)—
C. E. Wilson 142 173
H. Marsh 125 170
A. Clappison 163 157
A. D. Lumsden 129 118
S. Ray 124 170

Of course, I did not agree with him,

DELAYS WERE-FEW

a whole dose Canadian Rugby will not do for us.

It is not brutal enough.

Some simpleton on the sidelines was 'guyring' the teams for their lack of wicked, vicious tackling and making sundry remarks about the game being a kind of pink tea soirce.

One of the Canadian Rugby will not do for us.

It was observed that although the teams were not in the best of condition, there were few injuries in the 60 minutes of play. I believe two men were relieved by substitutes, and they were only suffering from slight strains or getting accidentally "hacked" by an oppon-

stantly.

This did not fail to make an impres-

"Arnst, Christ Church, New Zealand, African sportsmen giving thousand pounds purse. Winner seven-fifty, Arnst-Barry world's championship, Zambesi, August, Cables expenses required immediately. Sportsman, Londón."

It is announced that Tom Sullivan, late of New Zealand, and ex-champion of England, has consented to accompany Barry as adviser and trainer. Mr. Guy Nickalls will also go out to control the race and assist both competitors.

TROM THE TOOL I	INL TO HEAL		124	-
One B class and three C class games were bowled at the H. B. & A. C. last	Wood	158 157	146 137	130-434 112-406
night. The Sweet Caporals were up		763	696	691 215
against their old rivals, the Victoria	Machine & Erect (Won	wo)-	_	
Lawn Bowling Club in B class, and they managed to take two games out of the three. J. F. O'Brien, of the Sweet Capor- als, was the only man in form, getting	Downs Badden Bellisle Muldoou Lord	109 118 110 131 195	185 157 142 141 190	166—46 143—41 79—33 149—42 186—57
532, and W. Muir upheld his end, and showed why he should be captain of the		663	815	723 220
V. L. B. Club by turning in 524.	Knife and Bar (Won th	ree)	-	
In C class, Lumsden Bros. won two from Nedberry's Colts, and the Big Bold Bowlers won three straight from Dynes' Scoundrels. In this class Dr. Johnston	Green Merritt Daly McFadden McLeod	206 118 125 166 144	124 133 139 128 134	137—46 166—41 127—39 172—46 177—45
was high man, with 556. E. W. Burrow was second, with 520, and C. W. Scott	0.1	759	658	779 219
third with 515.	Sales—, Schwarz	113 133	134 119	137-38 91-34
Captain Muir says his team needs	McKibbon	144 124	100 148	163-46 138-41
The new blood in the R. H. Y. C. is	Banting	136	128	137-40

| McKibbon ... 124 148 138—419 | | Banting ... 136 128 137—401 650 629 666 1945 Schedule for second round in class (be bowled at the Brunswick alleys Dec. 15—Frost Wire vs. Herald Boys. Dec. 16—Lyons Co. vs. Bowery Boys. Dec. 17—Gurney Co. vs. Thornton

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Dec. 29—Brown-Boggs vs. Gurney Co.
Dec. 30—Thornton-Daglas vs. Herald

Jan. 5—Bowery Boys vs. Brown Boggs. Jan. 6—Lyons Co. vs. Herald Boys.

Jan. 7—Thornton-Douglas vs. Frost
Wire Co.

Jan. 7—Gurney Co. vs. Swastikas. Jan. 12—Lyons Co. vs. Brown-Boggs. Jan. 13—Thornton-Douglas vs. Herald Jan. 14-Gurney Co. vs. Frost Wire

Jan. 19—Swastikas vs. Herald Boys.
Jan. 20—Lyons Co. vs. Gurney Co.
Jan. 21—Brown-Boggs vs. Thornton 139 - 480 159 - 424 186 - 715 198 - 470 181 - 532 Douglas. Jan. 21-Bowery Boys vs. Frost Wire

Jan. 26—Bowery Boys vs. Gurney Co. Jan. 27—Lyons Co. vs. Thornton-Douglas. Jan. 28-Brown-Boggs vs. Herald

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STANDING.
For the first round:
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Marylebone Cricketers Won in Africa.

...153 127 200—480 150 1:0 156—476 126 117 113—356 169 151 172—432 138 158 141—487 Kimberley, South Africa, Dec. 13. (Canadian Associated Press.) — The Marylebone Cricket Club fifteen, touring country from England, easily bea the Griuquiand West Cricket Club here to-day by 200 runs.
"When you are down my way in your sutomobile drop in some time." "Ch.

149-471 161-460 107-407 107-013 101-404 automobile drop in some time." "Oh. I travel in an aeroplane these days." "That so? Well drop out some time."—Chicago, Lournal It is quite possible for a race horse to be a chestnut without being a back