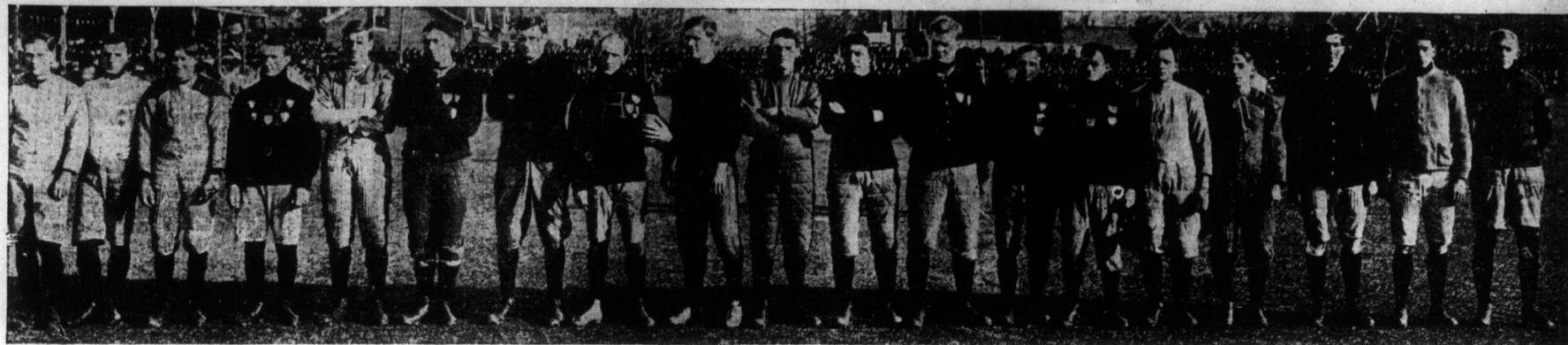


# THE JUNGLE KINGS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—MARRIOTT, LYON, KID SMITH, MOORE, BRAMER, WIGLE, BARRON, SIMPSON, ISBISTER, BETHUNE, CRAIG, GRAY, LOFTUS, AWREY, PFEIFFER, BURTON, HARVEY, GEO. SMITH, TURNER.

**F**EW CITIES HAVE MORE reason to be proud of its athletes than Hamilton, and yet it can not be said that the year just closing has been the most successful enjoyed by local sportsmen. In football, a line of endeavor in which Hamilton has led for some seasons back, neither senior, intermediate or junior championships have been brought to this city, and that possibly, has been the hardest blow of all. The citizens of this city support no other sport as they do football, and the Jungle Kings may rightly be called Hamilton's pet athletes. While Ottawa won the championship of the Inter-Provincial League, unprejudiced experts all over Canada were of the opinion that the Tigers taking the season's form into consideration, were the best team in the "Big Four." The exhibition game in New York last Saturday, in which the Jungle Kings defeated the Rough Riders by a score of 11 to 6, proves that this opinion was not far from the truth. The Tigers and Rough Riders are the two famous Rugby Clubs of the Canadian gridiron, and for years their teams have been considered the big fourteen of the country. This year they fought for the second time in succession, for the Inter-Provincial championship, the privilege of meeting Varsity for the Canadian honors and the Grey Cup. Had the Jungle Kings won this year and landed the Grey Cup for the first year it was competed for, it would have been a fitting climax to their reputation as the greatest and

most popular club in Canada. Unfortunately, the Tigers put rather a crippled team on the field, and they were defeated by a score of 13 to 8. Hamilton-Ottawa rivalry on the gridiron dates back since 1896, and has been growing stronger each year. In the past three years the teams have met nine times, and the Tigers have been victorious in five games, each team winning three home games and one on neutral grounds and the local boys winning the rubber in New York last Saturday.

From a financial standpoint the season just past has been successful as last year, when the Jungle Terror won the Dominion championship. However, this is small satisfaction in view of the fact that they were beaten by an inferior team.

Looking into the future there are football fans who take it upon themselves to say that next year's team will be one of the best that has ever represented Hamilton. It is true that the men brought out this year, and those who have played senior for the first time, have made enviable names for themselves, and aided by a year's experience they should prove sensations next season. No one denies that George Smith is the most promising youth brought to light this year, and already he has gained the reputation of being the surest and fastest fullback playing on the Canadian gridiron. Norman Brammer, the athletic policeman, has proved another of the season's finds, and as a scrum-monger has few peers. He plays the game in deadly earnest, and is wonderfully fast for a big man. His forte is gathering in loose balls. For the first time "Punk" Thompson took part in a senior game at New York. He made good without any trouble, and for speed and tackling ability, he is second only to Don Lyon.

The above is a record to be proud of and Hamilton can boast one of the best junior teams in the country. The Alerts lost only one game during the season, the final, and Walter Howell, the energetic manager and backer, is to be congratulated on the success which has attended his efforts, and the high state of efficiency to which his team has been brought. Rugby experts who saw them play this year were delighted with the punting, tackling and bucking ability shown, and the majority of them called the Alerts to win the junior Dominion championship.

Rowing came to the front during the past summer, and the Hamilton Rowing Club had the most successful season since its inauguration. At the Royal Canadian Henley, the National regatta at Detroit and other regattas the club scored notable triumphs. The 1909 Henley created an epoch in the history of the Hamilton Rowing Club, and in years to come the older members of the club will be able to turn back the hands of time and tell with pride how the H. R. C. crew of 1909 broke two records at the Royal Canadian Henley, the only records lowered at the regatta. In the junior four-oared race the Hamilton crew covered the course with the turn in nine minutes and nine seconds, lowering the record by ten seconds, and in the working boat fours Hamilton crews finished first and second, both within the record, and the first one breaking it by several seconds.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the Hamilton Rowing Club this season was the capturing of the intermediate championship at the National regatta at Detroit with the crew composed of Pilgrim, Skelley, Sloan and Mahoney. They completely outclassed their American opponents, and finished the race with a lead of several lengths. There can be no doubt but that the success which attended the efforts of the H. R. C. this season will lend the proper impetus to the club, and make it what it really should be, one of the largest and most popular clubs in Hamilton. Rowing is one of the grandest sports in the world, and no more exciting race can be seen than a contest between three well trained and stalwart crews, exerting themselves to the utmost, and skimming over the water at a pace that leaves fast gasoline launches and steam tugs hopelessly in the rear.

The Ottawa, Argonaut, Don, Detroit and other rowing clubs who competed at the Henley this year all had professional coaches, men who have lived and spent in racing and training for racing. These men are, with their crews, every night for months before a race explaining every secret in the art of rowing, and not only that, but arranging them generally, like a guardian angel. Hamilton, without any of these advantages, entered the contest and came off as well as any who competed there.

The success that attended the H. R. C. augurs well for some fine sport next season, and the officers of the club have hopes of having suitable club quarters by the time the bay is out of the grasp of Jack Frost.

RUGBY, FOOT RACING AND HORSE racing are the three outdoor sports that thrive best in this city. The thoroughbreds have many ardent followers and supporters in Hamilton, and the Hamilton Jockey Club's meetings last year and fall were record breakers in the point of attendance and the quality of the racing. A good class of men is at the head of the organization, and "the sport of kings" is kept cleaner here than in many centres—it is almost on a par with the sport provided by the premier racing organization, the Ontario Jockey Club.

THE YEAR OF 1909 HAS BEEN one of the most successful in the history of the Hamilton Riding and Cross-Country Club. The hunting season has been unusually long, the last run being held no later than Dec. 4. It is seldom that the ground is free of frost as late date, but not only has the going been good, but Old Sol has smiled from a clear sky on the riders on their weekly steepchases. More beautiful courses than those laid out by Huntsman Yeo could not be desired, and this season's riders have been pleasurable events, every one. Fortunately, no accident worth mentioning have occurred, and very few riders were thrown. The annual point to point races were as successful as any

ever held in the past, and several new riders were brought out, one of whom, Glover Applegate, won the novice race. Several new members have been taken into the club during the past year, and financially and otherwise it is in a most prosperous and satisfactory condition.

Cross country riding, one of the best of sports, is gaining in popularity in this city, as evidenced by the increasing number of riders who took advantage of the opportunity to take in the runs as the season advanced, and, no doubt, next year will see many more learn to sit over the jumps.

WITH THE CLOSE OF THE FOOTBALL season of 1909 the time has come to pick an all-star team, to be composed of the best players in the Inter-Provincial and Inter-Collegiate Leagues. These selections are made of players who have done the best and most consistent work this season.

In making these choices the playing of every man who has shown exceptional football ability has been considered, and the players are placed in positions where their ability can be utilized to the limits. Naturally some will be dissatisfied with the selections, but the intention is to be as impartial as possible.

A team of this kind must be composed of players proficient in every department of the game. There must be players who have shown exceptional ability in making passes, short or long, and with a great degree of accuracy and speed. There also must be men who can hit the line, run the ends, and take part in combination passing plays. The wing men must be active and fast, possessing the ability to get down the field under punts, and who are able to tackle with the deadly effect of the outside men. A quarter must be selected who is sure in his passing, making every attempt safe, no matter whether the pass be long or short.

Consideration in this selection is the submerging of the individual ability into team play. Any player who has shown exceptional form during the year and who has not worked for the best interests of the team and followed the direction of the captain is not considered.



DR. W. G. THOMPSON, President of the Tiger Football Club.

Team play is one of the most important points of the game, and it is firmly believed that the players who have been picked for this team would sacrifice their individual ability for the good of the team.

In picking this fourteen the playing of every man in every game, important or unimportant, has been watched closely and conclusions drawn accordingly. No player has been picked because of exceptional form in one game, but the selections have been made for consistent

and is a good dodger and tackler. While Tommy Stinson is a sensational player, he is not sure with his hands, and consequently cannot be given the place. This is Smith's first year in senior company, and with a little more experience he should develop into one of the best full backs the game has ever produced.

The fight for the centre position is between Ben Simpson, of the Tigers, and Jack Williams, of the Rough Riders. Both are exceptionally good men, but Simpson gets the call, as Williams lacks his brilliancy when the score is a few points against him, and lacks a good tackle. The Tiger captain is recognized as the best punter in Canada, and his ability to kick close to the scrimmage has won his praise in both this country and the United States. Ben always places his kicks to best advantage, and can boot equally well with either foot.

The selection for left half is between Art Moore, Tigers, and Smirle Lawson, Toronto Varsity. Both are famous for long runs through broken fields, and both are considered stars on their respective teams. There is little to choose between the men, but as Lawson is much heavier, and therefore very valuable to his team as a line plunger, he is given the preference. Galt, of Varsity, is chosen to hold down the right half position.

Foulds, Varsity, and Awrey, Tigers, come up for discussion for the quarter-back position. Both have about everything that good quarters need. Awrey handles the ball well, gives his signals quickly and clearly, and is a good line plunger and tackler. Foulds has these virtues to about the same extent, but is a little more expert in making long passes, and so is selected.

Don Lyon is picked for left outside wing of this fourteen. Don's qualities as an end man are too well known for lengthy comment. Although he did not play during the early portion of the year on account of the accident to his wrist

the field wonderfully fast and is a deadly tackler.

In the scrimmage, Brammer, Tigers; Kennedy, Ottawa, and Ritchie, Varsity, are favorites. These three have been playing consistent ball all season, and from here look to be the best.

For the other four wing men no better selection could be made than to take what is popularly called "the big four" of the Tigers, Wigle, Isbister, Barron and Gray. All weigh over two hundred pounds, and are fast and aggressive. Wigle is conceded to be the best line plunger in Canada, and Bob Isbister is the best tackling wing man in the country. Barron is a great blocker, and has lots of heart to play a losing game. Jack Gray is one of the strongest men who played football in Canada this year, and is a good line plunger.

Such a team would be strong in every department of the game. With Simpson and Smith to punt and kick goals from the field, Lawson and Moore for combination passing plays behind the line, Wigle, Gray and Isbister to advance the ball on bucks through the line, and Lyon and Stronach to nail the opposing backs in their tracks after received punts, it is hard to figure a stronger nonorary fourteen.

Should Canada send a team to the Olympic games in 1912?

Although it is looking a little way ahead, there seems to be little doubt that Canada ought to be represented by a first class team at the next Olympiad. And this can very easily be brought about if the matter is taken in hand and properly considered at an early date by the athletic governing body in the Dominion.

The formation of a common union of the athletic bodies of Canada will facilitate the work of arranging for a team that shall be representative of Canada's athletic strength from coast to coast.

The Canadian team that represented us at the games in 1908 did admirably in every respect. Although the Canadian competitors did not make the showing that had been anticipated, it must be remembered that the conditions were mostly new to them and that the competitions brought out the world's best athletes. All our men showed good class and put up a splendid fight in everything they entered.

The games unearthed a splendid Canadian sprinter in Robert Kerr, of this city, who has since become famous throughout the sporting world. Kerr's running, together with his personal popularity, due to his conduct on and off the track, did much to create in the old country a feeling of deeper interest in Canadian sporting matters.

The committee in charge of the 1908 Olympiad felt that, as many promising Canadian athletes as possible should be sent in order that Canada might be able to build up from them a team for future Olympiads.

Were a Canadian team not sent over to the 1912 meeting, much of the experience gained in 1908 would be lost. The object in sending such a representative team, however, can be achieved and a company of athletes well fitted to be representatives of the Dominion can be sent to the coming meet in 1912.

One plan that our athletes would do well to adopt all over the country is that of specializing in one or two events. Our American competitors have always made a great point of this. If we are to win a majority of our entries next time, our young athletes must start at once, finding their events and devoting their energies to attaining the highest possible standard of excellence. Many of our best athletes are ruined by an attempt to be a first-class all-round man, and this in ninety cases out of a hundred results in their dropping to mediocrity in a number of events. How much better to be able to match yourself with the world's best men in one or possibly two events.

Again, the athletes must be made to realize that everything will be done to aid them to prepare themselves for 1912. In track athletics, as in rugby and other matches, it is good for the men to receive both moral and financial support. Interest might be kept awake by the holding of track meets in the spring and summer at the various large centres, with the final in a prominent city early in the fall.

Let us look even beyond the year 1912 and work for the time when Canada can, in her turn have the great Olympiad held in one of her great cities. We have splendid material in this country, magnificent types of young men, who if trained carefully, during the next three years, could hold their own in track events with any they might be called upon to meet. The Canadian Olympic team of 1908, while they did not win a great many events, showed the world that they were made of the right stuff, exhibiting throughout the whole series of games a splendid sportsmanship that won them many friends.

Agreeing with the expressed opinions of many experts throughout the country, the writer believes that the Canadian Olympic team of 1912 should not be so large as that of 1908. Not that it was a mistake to send so large a team before many of our best athletes in the next few years will be developed from the very men who went through the last games at London. Undoubtedly, the committee deemed it wise to give our best young athletes a chance to compete against the world's best to thereby gain very valuable experience which we all trust shall stand them in good stead in 1912.

The writer was very pleased indeed to hear of the joining of the two bodies that control Canadian athletics, the C. A. A. U. and Federation.

This union in itself will tend to develop a higher class of athlete in the country.

From now on special meets should be arranged, say four times a year, at four Canadian centres, where, working with this object always in view, a final team could be selected, which would do credit



JAMES THOMPSON, President of the Hamilton Riding and Cross-Country Club.

and bring glory to our Dominion at 1912 Olympiad.

E. L. C. Pereira, Honorary Secretary of the Canadian Olympic Team.

Proboecis of the Blowfly.

The hairs on the proboecis of the blowfly can be conveniently observed with moderately high-power lenses, and have long been in use as test objects by microscopists. In a recent microscopical publication Mr. Nelson describes these interesting objects. There are, it appears, two different kinds of hairs on the proboecis of this fly. One set consists of minute curved and spinous hairs, which protect the very delicate upper surface of the sucker while the insect is feeding. Another set of hairs, soft and pliable, is found on the rostrum and other larger hairs are to be seen both on the rostrum and maxillary palps. Round the edge of the sutural disc, again, are a set of tubular hairs with sides flattened. To detect and distinguish these four kinds of hairs should form an interesting study for microscopists. The proboecis of the blowfly, it may be noted, is an erectile organ. When in repose it is folded and flattened, but when about to be used it is stiffened by the injection of air into its cavities. The tubular hairs round the sutural disc are erected by the same supply of air, and thus serve to protect the organ.

Up-State Horse Trading.

A correspondent of the Journal who attended the horse traders' convention at Monterey on Saturday says it was a great event. The supply of trading stock was large and in good condition. Each trader was at his best. Horses changed hands often—some of them at frequent intervals. The star feature of the day was the frequency with which a certain horse described as a quiet animal, warranted not to kick, and which was located "in the pasture" on a certain farm was swapped off. Sometimes the "horse in the pasture" brought its swapper "good boot"; then perhaps the new owner soon "caught on" and was glad to give a few dollars to induce some friend to become the owner of the animal. After the convention adjourned the man to whom the "horse in the pasture" fell in the final deal of the day went to the pasture on his way home and found that his new possession had been dead for several days.—From the Corning Journal.

Many who want to clean up the world are more anxious to hang out their neighbor's wash than to do their own.—Henry F. Cope.

work in all the contests. In some instances it has been found difficult to discriminate between players, and in these cases Hamilton men have been favored.

George Smith, of the Tigers, is by far the best full back in this section, and Tommy Stinson, of Montreal, is the only man in Canada who could give him a run for the position. The local man gets the call on account of his superior ball handling abilities. In all the games that he has taken part in this year Smith has easily outplayed his opponents and has been a tower of strength on the defensive. He has the speed, punts well,

## ALERTS, JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM



Reading from left to right, bottom row—Moodie, McCarthy, Havers, Laing, Muirhead, Snyder, Somerville. Second row—Cherrier, Carr, Walter Howell, manager; Spence, Graham, Ireland, captain; Sheridan, trainer. Top row—G. Fickley, Bleakley, Tyce and C. Fickley.

A kicker must be chosen who has the faculty of getting his kicks away when hard pressed and place them in such a way that the defensive backs will have trouble in getting to them at the same time kicking them to a point in the field where his teammates will have a chance of "getting" the opposing backs. He must be able to size up the situation and make his kicks long or short, according to the defence. He must be able to kick high and far, or short and low and unless he can do all these things he cannot be considered for this team.

Another point to be taken into con-

sideration in this selection is the submerging of the individual ability into team play. Any player who has shown exceptional form during the year and who has not worked for the best interests of the team and followed the direction of the captain is not considered.

his work during the later part of the season and in previous years was enough to convince anyone with knowledge of the game that he could not be left out of a selection of this kind. Lyon is considered the best tackler in Canada, and is about the speediest end in the country.

Bert Stronach, of Ottawa, is chosen for the other end. The big Scot has shown in the past two years that he knows a thing or two about Canadian Rugby, and is considered about the best outside man in Canada. He gets down

## HAMILTON ROWING CLUB EIGHT



C. ATHAWES W. CLARK G. SINCLAIR E. HOGG C. PILGRIM E. SKELLEY GEO. SLOAN JACK MAHONEY D. CAMERON

TO THE ALERTS IS DUE THE credit of being the only Hamilton team to play for Dominion championship honors, and although they strived nobly to uphold the football reputation of Hamilton, they failed in the final game, being defeated by St. Michael's college by a score of 7-2. The scoring record for the Alerts this year is as follows:

Alerts.....	14	Dundas II. ....	1
Alerts.....	15	Tigers III. ....	2
Alerts.....	14	Y. M. C. A. ....	0
Alerts.....	20	London (ex) ...	6
Alerts.....	23	Dundas I. ....	2
Alerts.....	23	Y. M. C. A. ....	0
Alerts.....	4	Tigers III. ....	1
Alerts.....	28	Montreal .....	1
Alerts.....	2	St. Michael's ..	7
Total.....	136	Total.....	20