

No doubt there will be more interest taken in the Football Club when it comes under the association. If our boys meet the Ottawas this year, and we hope they will, they may expect a much stronger and much better trained team than has ever before represented Ottawa City, as the O. A. A. has a gymnasium and other training accommodations that cannot be excelled.

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The devotees of the hand-ball alley are as numerous as ever, thus evincing the increasing popularity of the game.

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Before the scholastic year opened a letter arrived from the Secretary of the Vancouver, B.C., Rugby Football team, asking for a date. We had expected to see the British Columbians come east this fall, until last week the Secretary of our football team received a communication from the Vancouver men, expressive of their regret at being obliged to forego the intended trip. Their reason for so doing is that they cannot get a sufficient amount guaranteed them to undertake the trip.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

The merry laugh of the light-hearted small boys, has dispelled the cloud of lonesomeness, which for the first few days seemed to envelope the junior campus.

Every year many of the prominent members of the juniors' department are missing. Of the graduating class, some find employment in the busy marts of commerce, others begin the arduous work of the civil engineer, while the more ambitious enter upon the classical course. The students from Lowell are present in full force, this time headed by E. Vallerrand in the absence of Beauchemin, who has accepted a very lucrative position as general accountant in a prominent New York business establishment.

Many of last year's boys were somewhat disappointed on learning that Father Emard, who as prefect of discipline, had treated them with such marked kindness and attention, would not be their director during the coming year. This feeling of disappointment was to a great extent dispelled when they were informed that Rev. E. David, O. M. I., assisted by Rev.

Brothers Guertin and Martin would have charge of them in the study and on the play ground.

The prospects for the year in the commercial course never looked brighter. The number of boys greatly exceed that of last year, and more are expected in a few days. Rev. Father Constantineau, O.M.I., Prefect of Studies for this department, has every reason to feel satisfied that his labors are being rapidly rewarded.

The member for O'Kanagan has proven himself a highly agreeable companion, at least to those who delight in vivid descriptions of the grand and sublime scenery of that "sea of mountains" called British Columbia.

For the past two weeks the junior yard has been the scene of the wildest excitement. Crowds might be seen in every quarter of the yard earnestly discussing the prospects of the election of officers for the juniors. A. A. Maloney, somewhat smaller than in former years, but more energetic and enthusiastic, had brought a man into the field whose business qualities, knowledge of athletic sports and polished address, rendered him in every respect worthy of the support of every enfranchised member of the small yard. During every recreation he might be heard (not seen) earnestly exhorting a crowd of eager listeners not to give ear to those whose sympathies were not with the association, and who would, forsooth, impose upon them a man whose ignorance of all athletic games rendered him totally incompetent to discharge aright the onerous duties of so important a position. Against Maloney's eloquence, where the action is suited to the word, the word to the action, the chances of an opponent being elected are very slim indeed.

Scarcely had the last soul-stirring words of the fiery orator died away in the distance than the bell gave warning that all were requested in the study hall, where the election was to be held. It is needless to say that Maloney's candidate carried the day by an overwhelming majority, and now, from his position in the front seat, he smiles complacently upon the benign countenance of him whom he has raised to that lofty position.