

elaborate headgear and padding; and listen in vain for the "10-19-18" rapped out by the quarter. It is a game where punting is an exact science; a game where the possession of the ball is in doubt, so that we see the anomaly of plays initiated on the spur of the moment, far surpassing, in spectacular effect, the preconceived and carefully elaborated plays in Canadian and American Rugby. To the Canadian admirer of English Rugby, it is a matter of regret that the gentlemanly teachers of this strenuous game are no longer with us, on account of the withdrawal of the Halifax squadron of the navy. To English naval officers Dalhousians, as well as all Maritime Province amateurs of sport, owe a great debt of gratitude.

To the Montrealer, Nova Scotians are "Bluenoses;" to the Bostonian they are "Downeasters," the epithet "Bluenose" or "Downeaster" implying that the people of the province are of one type. That this type is at any rate a composite one is proven by a slight acquaintance with a Dalhousie freshman class. There we find, shoulder to shoulder in the corridor scrim, the husky Cape Breton Scotsman, with his unmistakable Gaelic accent; the Annapolis Loyalist, the Lunenburg Dutchman, and the young Haligonian, who manfully strives to illustrate the proper English accent to the newcomers.

These scrim. are the pet aversion of the professors; scrim. on the street are the pet aversion of the policemen (in Halifax as in Montreal). The result is

trouble with the college or city authorities. How is it that these dour, hard-headed Scotsmen of Cape Breton or P. E. I. can take delight in flouting the professors and cops—these boys and men who in the face of real severities have waded through "Euclid" and "Virgil," and whose one aim through boyhood has been to get a college course? Has their fixedness of purpose left them, or are they trying to realize each detail of the ideal college life they have pictured for themselves, by participating in frivolities demanded by tradition, but repugnant to them? To one who has seen them plugging far into the night, and next morning entering with equal zest into some mischievous prank, these suppositions are absurd. The difficulty in Dalhousie (and elsewhere) is that not more than 25 per cent. of the students systematically train both body and mind. And further, when professors in our universities speak of "a sound mind in a sound body," they are not sincere, inasmuch as they present a course to students in which a rational system of physical training has no place. The result is that nature seeks to remedy the defect, with consequences often disastrous to good relations between students and professors.

The one occasion on which a student outbreak is winked at by the Dalhousie authorities is the day on which the freshmen are photographed. The riot is a fixture, and the class considers it necessary to live up to tradition by lining up before the camera with at least a few torn

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