

## ATHLETICS.

The hockey season is in full swing. Too much praise cannot be given for the splendid condition in which the rink has been kept, despite serious obstacles. The pleasure and benefit thereby assured to the student body are the best reward of continued, and sometimes painful effort.

Our hockey teams have not been brilliantly successful so far, though it must be acknowledged that circumstances did not favor them. Absence of players and lack of practice and system have told against them. We look for a decided improvement henceforth. The following games have been played :

Jan. 15th—O. U. vs. Victorias, Rink.  
Victorias won by 6 goals to 2.

O. U. Team : Gleeson, Tobin, E. Baskerville,  
R. Bélanger, Walsh, D. McGee, O'Connor.

Jan. 18th—O. U. vs. St. George, College Rink.  
St. George won by 3 goals to 2.

O. U. Team : Fortin, Quilty, Tobin, D. McGee,  
C. McGee, R. Bélanger, Walsh.

Jan. 20th—O. U. vs. Combined Banks, Rideau  
Rink. Won by O. U. by 1 goal to 0.

O. U. Team : Gleeson, Tobin, E. Baskerville,  
D. McGee, Walsh, Copping, R. Bélanger.

Jan. 22nd—O. U. Seconds, vs. St. Patrick's  
Lyceum. Score, 1 goal to 1.

O. U. Team : Graham, Quilty, Ross, A. Bélanger,  
Delaney, P. Erskerville, E. Macdonald.

Jan. 25th. O. U. vs. St. George. College  
Rink. O. U. won by 4 goals to 2.

O. U. team :—Macdonald, Tobin, C. McGee,  
D. McGee, Walsh, Copping, Bélanger.

A word to the members of our hockey team. There is too much left to the regular hockey practices and not sufficient attention paid to the important fact that our chief weakness lies in the lack of speed and endurance. The players of the first and second team should be on the ice at every opportunity. It is only practice, long and steady, that makes speedy, strong skaters. Some of our men are painfully slow. Walsh, who was the crack forward of last year's champions, is certainly not at all up to old time form. D'Arcy McGee, Belanger and Copping play a strong game and need be afraid of nothing that comes their way. The defence

is weak and slow, and its weakness is made more sensible by the seemingly firm determination of Tobin to give the referee several chances to rule him off every match. Tobin is a splendid point, but at times he is inexplicably, almost recklessly, heedless of the rules of the game.

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The only hockey organization in the institution whose record is an unbroken series of brilliant victories is the team that represents the lay professors. Those gentlemen have shown what great things may be accomplished by energy and combination and an intelligent attention to the fine points of the game. The officers of the organization are :

Grand Vizier—H. P. T.

General of Manœuvres—L. W.

Advocate and Joker-in-Waiting—F. P. J.

Without Portfolio—R. J.

Foreign Secretary—B. A.

Master of Harmonies—P. O. F. L.

Poet and Shiner of the Skates—H. E. R.

Keeper of the Secrets—G. J. P.

Chief of the Reserves—F. J. T.

This is a hard combination to beat, and the man who wishes to out-general them must rise early in the morning—or go to bed late at night. All their practices take place on artificial ice, and between one and three o'clock a.m. Their defence displays a "documentary" impregnability, while their forwards play with the dash and pluck of men who had signed "articles." In the game of hockey, as improved by their well-planned and seriously thought out novelties, they need fear no competitors, and our honor is safe in their hands.

P. S.—Just as we go to press we learn that the above organization has disbanded, owing to dearth of opponents. The members, however, have issued a collective challenge to the world to come and sign "articles" for a writing competition, a spelling match, or a race on hobby-horses.

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Mr. T. Clancy is the beau-ideal of an umpire. He puts up both hands and cheers when it is his own team that scores.