

Actum Est.

"It's all over." As the conviction reluctantly forced itself upon the minds of College men that the Championship, to which they had become attached by frequent possession, was become the spoil of their old rivals, the Rough Riders, they could only do the proper thing generously—shake hands and congratulate their victors. With interest similar to what assembled Greece in times of yore at the Olympic games, the population of the Capital and numerous deputations from neighboring towns gathered at Varsity Oval on November the 15th to watch the respective champions of Ontario and Quebec try conclusions in football. Since the memorable fall of '98, these two teams had not come together. The bitter feeling, that was then exhibited by players and supporters towards each other, had greatly diminished. The chief reason for which the teams desired to meet this season was to decide, if possible, the question of their merits, for both fifteens possessed a remarkably brilliant record. And the spectators were satisfied. Even the uninitiated felt interest; one instant he thrilled with dread as he noted the attacks on his favorites; or the next, joy, when a gain was made by them. It was a keen struggle devoid all through of objectionable tactics. Adepts in the mysteries of Rugby were delighted. Moves and counter-moves there were and plenty; strategy foiled by strategy. It was fast and brilliant play in which College excelled—and lost, against the slow heavy advance forward, to which the Rugby Riders bent their energy—and won. College finally, though of course disappointed, is satisfied. Nothing had been neglected in order to secure success. And after the struggle was over, Coach Clancy could very truthfully say in an interview for the papers: "I am satisfied with the result; College showed themselves men." Like true sportsmen we cheerfully accept our luck and as cheerfully do honor to the distinguished champions of Canada.