

Intercollegiate Rugby Union.

The sporting spirit of the students of the University of Ottawa, which so often in the past responded to the appeals of our athletic managers, received a fresh impetus on the evening of Thursday, April 20th, when the news was flashed over the wires from Montreal that Ottawa College had been admitted to the Intercollegiate Rugby Union, and that the "Garnet and Grey" banner which then floated triumphant on the flag-staff of the Quebec Union citadel would henceforth be entwined with the pennants of our sister universities.

Since some time past the feeling has been growing among students and faculty that our position in the Quebec Union was not answering the conditions for which our Athletic Association was formed and for which we had entered that Union. On account of the strenuous nature of the game and the demand for weight and experience which keen competition in this league has aroused during the last few years, it was found difficult for our young students to compete. We were not, therefore, meeting the chief aim of our Association, viz: the physical development and amusement of the students. Naturally our eyes were turned towards the Intercollegiate Union, though we realized that we would be greatly handicapped in the numbers and weight of those from whom we would be forced to choose a team. Reluctant to separate ourselves from clubs with whom we always enjoyed the most pleasant relations, and especially from players who had nobly upheld our honors in the past, but would be ineligible to play in the Intercollegiate Union, we realized, however, that the change must come sooner or later. With the rise of our new University home and with the brightest prospects for a large increase in the student body it was felt by the Executive that the present time would be the most auspicious for the change. So with the approbation of the University authorities and of the leading supporters of the Club, the Executive applied for admission to the C.I.R.F.U. At a meeting of that body we were admitted to membership under the usual regulations and on condition that we withdraw from the Quebec Union. To this our representative, President Alex. McDonald, agreed, and Ottawa College was welcomed into the Union by the representatives of the sister colleges.