

TIMELY SPORTING TOPICS

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Hamilton Will Make Great Effort to Capture Saturday's Match—About the Rugby Union Ties—Parks Cricketers Meet—Notes from the College Path—Turf and General.

Canada's Ottawa gives a short description of the Ottawa College-Toronto football match of Saturday, and admits that the better team won, but is perhaps in error when stating that the difference in the score was scarcely a true notice of the strength of the two clubs. Ottawa were certainly lucky in scoring their try, the ground gained immediately previous to the success being from a Toronto mistake. Le Canada thinks that the scrimmage was as good as Toronto's and giving superior, and attributes the victory exclusively to the brilliant work of Toronto's back division. The description concludes with these words of encouragement: "But the Ottawa Club should not be discouraged. They have been victorious for the past seven years and ought to be able to stand this defeat. With practice and reorganization in certain weak spots they will again secure success. The Ottawas were cordially received in Toronto."

It is just such papers as Le Canada that will put the French-Canadian athlete on an equal footing with their English-speaking brethren. That journal is about the only one published in the French language in Canada that pays any attention to sport. Why should not more take an interest in the pastimes, which are for the French, as well as for the English people. Physically they are our equals, and all they lack is training. Continue to urge them, Le Canada! Then no one will hurt at your people the saying that "French-Canadians are too lazy to be athletes."

The Hamilton newspapers are urging their Rugby team to do a lot of practicing this week or they will get beaten on Saturday. The Spectator says that Hamilton's tigers have not had a point scored against them in a championship game so far this season. They did not take a particularly strong team to London being short of Ambury and Irvine, but they did not allow the Cockneys to get a point. Next Saturday the yellow and black will meet the crimson at Toronto, and the old-time rivalry between the cities will be revived. The Torontos must be a strong fifteen, thinks The Spec., to give Ottawa College such a bad beating. Hamilton, up there, and the Hamiltonians will have a fight. The Toronto team is said to be the strongest fifteen that city has had in ten years, and the results of the games thus far prove it. The Hamiltonians are lighter than the Torontos, and The Spectator writes in a spirit that their scrimmage will prove to be weak. The Hamilton Kicker is advised to practice hard all this week and improve their team work if they want to be in the final. O'goode Hall should have no objection to defeating Queen's, and the final will be between the champions and the winner of the Toronto-Hamilton match. The Torontos got the plans in the schedule, and won't have to play outside of Toronto all season, concludes the driblet article.

A howl has been raised about the Toronto Rugby team getting the best of the Union draws to the detriment of other clubs, and especially Hamilton. Up there they say that Stratford is the only club to give them a match this season. Suppose Ottawa College had been drawn to play in Hamilton on Oct. 8, or Varsity for instance. The suggestion is that the same and Hamilton would only have had the single championship contest. On the other hand Toronto was drawn against these tough fellows and survived and approaches the finals by virtue of its prowess rather than the favor of the Union.

The theory of the system warrants the playing of the match at a single match on any club's ground. Instead of this Ottawa College took a bye in the first round and their home supporters will not see a Union match this year. The executive might adopt the suggestion and draw Ottawa Hall or Toronto to play in Hamilton in the first round next fall and the boys up there would be given another opportunity to shine. It is not Toronto's fault that Hamilton has not four clubs to give its citizens an opportunity to see the championship contests they long for.

What keeps a club in Hamilton or any other city alive? It is the arena of war to a great extent. What sort of place is Hamilton for a gate compared to Toronto? The college club journeyed all the way from Ottawa and their share of Saturday's gate was sufficient for all expenses. And the two or three thousand who will see next Saturday's event at O'goode Hall will contribute to the fund that keeps clubs going in Hamilton as well as in Toronto, whereas the receipts from the sprinkling attendance that would greet the clubs on the cricket field beneath the Mounties could not take the Toronto team to Humber Bay. It is all very well for enthusiastic kickers to put their hands in their pockets and play their own way, but when citizens of a big city are willing to pay the price and want to see football games they should have the chance to do so, notwithstanding the opposition of a few disgruntled partisans.

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W. A. Apple will run his old post as captain of the Hamilton team in its contest with the Toronto club on Saturday.
The Toronto Association Football Club will practice today and tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 on the Baseball ground. A large attendance is requested.
The team will be headed by kickers from Hamilton Saturday. No less than 45 men, including Ambitious City, Senior, Junior and Tossell fifteens, will play here on that day.
Queen's University fitness was trying to arrange to play the Ottawas this afternoon at the McRae grounds. They want to have a practice match before leaving O'goode Hall on Saturday.

The Scots will hold a meeting to-night after their practice at 9 o'clock in the British Arms Hotel, corner King and Simcoe streets. All members or friends intending to join the club are requested to attend. The committee wish to have their friends furnished by Saturday.
A meeting of the Harbord-Street Collegiate Junior Rugby Football Club was held yesterday for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Hon. president, Mr. H. B. Spotted, M.A.; president, Charles Horne; captain, H. MacLaughlin; secretary, George B. Brown; committee, Bert Harris, Mr. H. B. Spotted, M.A., and Charles Horne. The club meets every Thursday night at all junior Rugby clubs. Address the secretary, George B. Brown, Collegiate Institute, Harbord-street.

Sporting Miscellaneous.
E. A. Lawson, a Champion O'Connor occupied 9 hours 20 minutes walking from Hamilton to Toronto on Saturday, Dec. 5. Last night's walk was 9 hours 45 minutes. The distance is 44 miles.
Mr. Bob Sparks, the old-time champion sprinter, says that Humphries would be no match for Steve Farrell, which accounts for the Toronto man's backwardness in making a match with the Connecticut sprinter.
The first checker match of the season was played last night between six from the west and six from the east, resulting in a tie with four to finish. The club meets every Thursday night at all junior Rugby clubs. Address the secretary, George B. Brown, Collegiate Institute, Harbord-street.

A Cocking main between Connecticut and Rhode Island was fought near Woodville in the latter State on Sunday. Rhode Island won, the score standing 6 to 5 in her favor. The battles were for \$10 each and \$200 the main.
The English yearling colt purchased by W. Hendrie arrived at Hamilton yesterday morning. He is a good-looking, big and strong for a yearling. The brood mare bought by Mr. Hendrie in New York were for George Hamlet of Detroit.
At the Manhattan Chess Club yesterday Dr. Simonson was Herr Lasker's opponent in a game opened by Simonson with the King's Pawn movement. The doctor was totally outplayed in the middle of the game and resigned after 34 moves. This makes Lasker's 12th victory.

The Granites have during the past seasons won all the first prizes offered in curling and bowling. As curlers they won the Royal Ontario Ontario Curling and banner and the Toronto champion cup in bowling the handsomest cup in Canada, the Hiram Walker Trophy, the Queen's Royal Trophy and the gold-mounted champion bowl.
Fred Watkins of St. Louis, who was Tom Allen's bar here he fought David, McCall, Goss and Gallagher, announces that he will back Mitchell, the English right-fighter, to the extent of \$500 for a fight with Corbett. "If Mitchell can raise no more than \$500 to fight Corbett, then I can find the \$500," said Mr. Watkins.
If the invention of a western genius

proves as practical as he claims, the pneumatic-tired wheel will soon be thrown into the shade. He has invented a sulky whose wheels are propelled by strong springs, whose tension can be regulated in the winding up. For instance, you can wind the springs for a mile in 2.04, and the horse can keep out of the way there is the record equalled.

Prof. Popp's Olympic Gymnasium.
Look out for next Saturday night. Dick Smith of Montreal and Arthur Steiner go six rounds, winner takes all. They are both training for it, so it will be a great contest. Prof. Popp will be at his room from 9 to 10 p.m. to teach pupils. His classes are filling up fast. For terms apply at his room.

Frost and Kitchen Boilers.
Editor World: In the matter of kitchen boilers and frost it is a mistake to suppose that the boiler that bursts or that a safety valve would do any good. The freezing takes place somewhere between the water from the stove and the boiler so that the steam generated in the stove cannot escape. The water in the stove may freeze, certainly, but is quickly thawed by the fire. It may be some considerable time before the same process takes place in the pipes, hence the explosion, if one happens. The pipes at the top of the boiler are used to too near to the ceiling to freeze even in poorly built houses where the fire is allowed to go out at night. When I was a boy I remember my father kept his supply of oil in a shed near the ceiling in a frame building heated by a stove in which the boiler was used. The proper thing to do in winter, and what mostly is done, is to keep the kitchen fire in at night; but when, from motives of economy, it is allowed to go out the simple precaution of twisting and lighting a newspaper, holding the burning end close to the pipe and passing it along slowly from stove to boiler will remove all danger. If the water will run out of the sink tap it will be evident the pipes are not obstructed elsewhere. If the pipe by which the water flows from the stove to the boiler warms up soon after the fire is lighted there has of course been no freezing, but if it remains cold then apply heat as already directed in some other convenient way. Very little practice will teach even a stupid servant how soon the pipe should be warmed. If it remains cold past the usual time there will be ample opportunity to prevent an explosion.
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