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HAILEYBURY FIREMEN FIGHT FIRE IN THEIR OWN FIRE HALL

Halleybury firemen last week had the odd experience of being called upon to fight fire in their own fire hall. Two small boys believed to have been playing with matches are thought to have been responsible for the fire in the Halleybury fire hall. In any event the fire ignited some hay in a loft over the stable in the fire hall and the blaze spread to the roof. The firemen were able to extinguish the blaze before any serious loss was sustained. An alarm was turned in, but the firemen had the blaze under control in short order. Some bales of hay and bags of oats were soaked with water as a result of the fight against the fire, this being the chief damage resulting.

Speaking of fires at fire halls, at a banquet some years ago Chief Borland told of Canadian fire halls that had actually been destroyed by fire. As the chief pointed out if a fire actually got any sort of a start in a fire hall it was harder to fight it there than in other places on account of the chance of the fire-fighting equipment being damaged by the fire or at being impossible to reach it on account of the fire and smoke. Fire halls are not exempt from fires any more than police stations are exempt from thefts and other crimes. Years ago a local man in the cells awaiting trial on a charge of high-grading had a valuable diamond ring stolen by another prisoner who took French leave of the jail as well as taking the diamond ring and other articles of value belonging to other prisoners. It might almost be said that nothing and nobody is really safe anywhere or anyhow.

Calgary Alberta:—Canada has won the diamond skulls. These have nothing to do with the election skulls, which are much thicker.

Milverton Sun:—Some high-brow people persist in proclaiming that Canada has no literature notwithstanding that in recent years some of the prizes awarded for best books have gone to Canadian writers. In this connection it is noted that the Royal Empire Society's medal for the best book of the year, dealing in matters of Empire, has been awarded to Dr. Chester New, of Toronto, who occupied the chair of history at McMaster University, for his historical biography of Lord Durham. We do not claim to have any Shakespeares, Miltons, Walter Scotts or Charles Dickens, but we have our Bliss Carmans and Gilbert Parkers that measure up with any English writers of modern times.

FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT INTEREST FOOTBALL FANS

FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT Fifth Article in the Series of Questions and Answers in Regard to Football Matters, Official Decisions and Other Information

The following is the fifth of the series of questions and answers in reference to football:—

50. When is a player offside?
Answer:—It is not an offence for a player to simply be in an offside position, but only when in that position the ball has been passed towards him, or he attempts to play the ball, or in any way obstruct an opponent, or cause the play to be affected.

51. Can a player be offside on his own half of the field of play?
Answer:—A player who is in his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is played toward him cannot be offside.

52. At what part of the game can no player be offside?
Answer:—A player can never be offside at a corner kick, goal kick, place kick, throw-in when the ball was last played by an opponent, or when the ball was passed back to him, or if he had two opponents between him and his own goal-line when the ball was passed to him. Though a player cannot be offside when an opponent last plays the ball, or when a corner kick or goal kick is taken, this protection ceases the moment a second player plays the ball, so that a player not offside when a corner kick is taken may, without being moved, be offside as soon as the ball has been played by a second player. When a ball is kicked off from either goal no player can be offside. A player who is in his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is played towards him cannot be offside. When the referee drops the ball after a stoppage no player can be offside. A player cannot be offside when the ball has been passed back to him. When the ball is thrown in from touch no player can be offside. The important point in connection with offside to notice is not where a player is when he plays the ball, but where he WAS at the moment it was played to him by a player of the same side.

53. In what direction must the ball be kicked from a free kick granted against a player for being offside?
Answer:—A player taking an offside kick can kick the ball in any direction he chooses, and opponents must stand at least 10 yards from the ball, unless they are standing on their own goal line.

54. How should the player throw in the ball from touch?
Answer:—The throw-in shall be taken under the following conditions:—A player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand with both feet on the ground outside the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player.

55. Where shall the ball be kicked from at the taking of a corner kick?
Answer:—When the ball is played behind the goal line by any one of the side whose goal line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within one yard of the nearest corner flag-staff.

56. Is it an offence for a player who takes a throw-in to again play the ball before any other player has done so?
Answer:—A free kick from which a goal cannot be scored direct may be awarded against a player who plays either ball or man after throwing it in from touch before any other player has touched the ball.

57. Can a player be offside at a throw-down by a referee?
Answer:—No.

58. What is the length of the interval that players have a right to at half-time?
Answer:—Five minutes.

59. What method should a referee adopt to ensure that he plays the exact time?
Answer:—Referees should always compare their time with both linesmen before the start of the game and at the re-start after the interval.

60. After a stoppage of a game through accident how and where should the game be re-started?
In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal line, the referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the referee shall again drop it.

61. What award would be made if a defending player struck the ball with his hand inside the penalty area when dropped by the referee before it reached the ground?
Answer:—A free kick must be awarded from which a goal cannot be scored direct.

62. If a player uses foul language towards a referee, what does the law term it, and what are the powers of the referee in that case?
Answer:—A referee has the power to order a player to the pavilion without any previous caution if he uses violent or bad language towards him; wilfully obstructs the progress of the game; assaults an opponent, or wilfully injures an opponent. Swearing at a referee is violent conduct within the means of the laws.

More questions and answers next week.

INQUEST TO BE HELD INTO DEATH OF ELOI MELOCHE

An inquest is to be held into the death of Eloi Meloche who was one of the two killed in the shooting affray at Kirkland Lake some weeks ago. As noted in The Advance two weeks ago there was question raised as to whether Meloche shot himself after shooting his common law wife. The opinion after the tragedy first came to light seemed to be that Meloche shot the woman and then turned the gun on himself. The fact that there were few signs of powder burns on Meloche and the number of shots supposed to be fired, together with those that could be accounted for, raised some question as to the possibility that the shot that killed Meloche might have come from another gun than his own. As soon as this question was raised the police made very thorough investigation in the matter to remove all doubts and lay the truth bare. To satisfy the public mind in the matter an inquest is to be held into the death of Meloche. The previous inquest covered the death of Meloche's common law wife. In connection with the question The Northern News of Kirkland Lake says:—"Investigation to clear away any doubt; that Eloi Meloche came to his death on Dominion Day, by any other hand but his own, are being carried on by the police authorities. Groulx, who was shot as he left the house where Miss Pelletier was murdered, is now out of the hospital and is able to more clearly recall events as they happened that fateful morning. An inquest for the death of Meloche is expected to be held shortly."

North Bay Nugget:—The rate at which the horse is being eliminated in Ontario is indicated by a decrease in the number of blacksmiths from 2,400 to 1,899 in the past four years.



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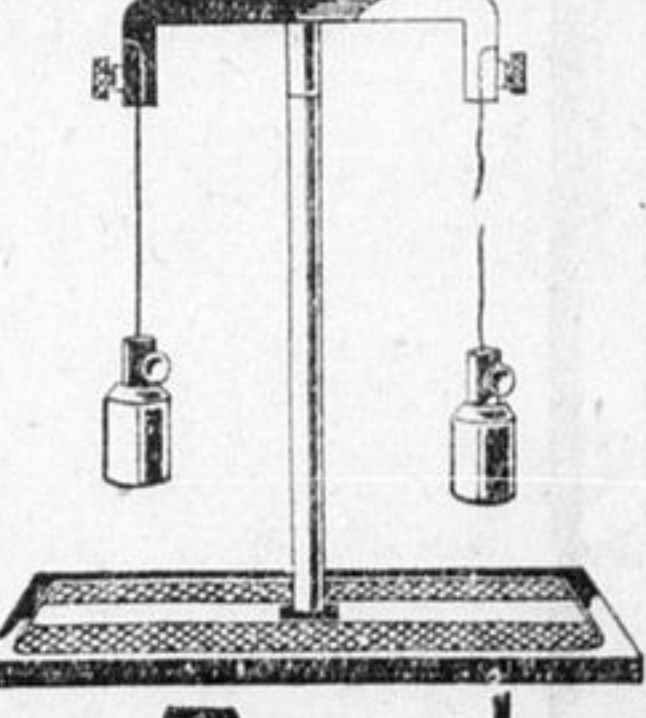
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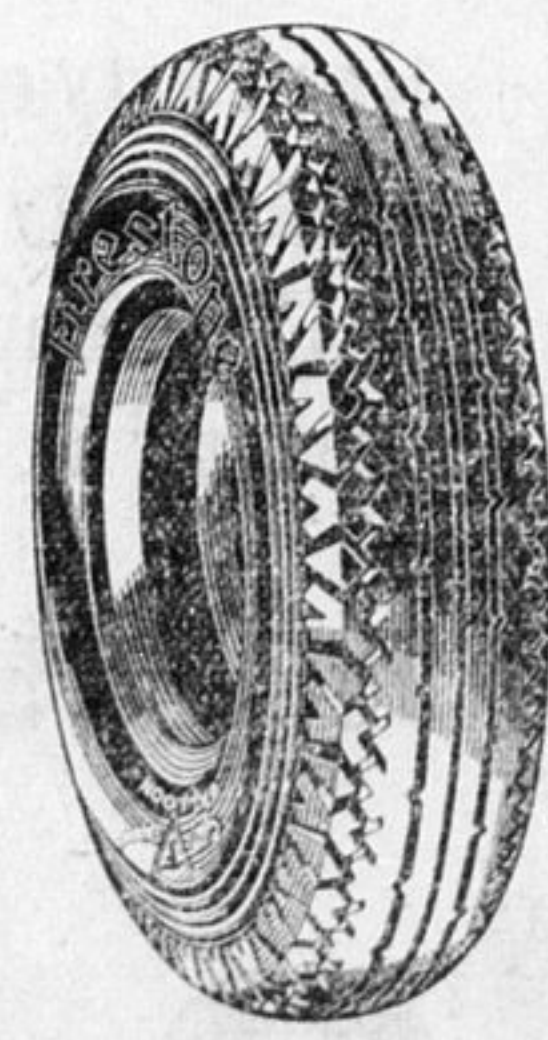
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