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The Turnouts for the O.H.A. Amalgamated Juniors Slim Thus Far.

Kingston's amalgamated junior O.H.A. team will certainly not be a success unless the players turn out to the practices. So far the attendance at workouts has been very small and a good team certainly cannot be produced unless there is good material and the candidates get out to practices. Up to date, there have been no players from either Queen's or R.M.C. out and the junior coach is not getting much to work on.

There are plenty of good juniors in Kingston, R.M.C. and Queen's but apparently they do not want to turn out or think they are not fast enough. The executive wants to see as many juniors at the practices as possible and there will be no player that can say he was not given a chance. The players that produce the goods at the practices will be the ones that represent Kingston in the junior O.H.A. and as there is plenty of material, there is no reason why the team this year should not be one of the best sent out from this city in a great many years. It is hoped that the players will turn

out regularly to practice. The first game is not far off and the players should now be down to real earnest work.

ENGLISH RUGGER HAS ITS FRIENDS

Favored in Some Quarters to the Canadian Game.

English Rugby in Canada in preference to the game as played to-day under the Canadian code was the subject of an informal debate at the annual dinner of the McGill Rugby Football Club, held at the week-end and the brunt of the offence in favor of the adoption of the English game was carried by Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University. Many of the speakers took part in the discussion, though it was in the nature of an open forum and no action was taken on the matter.

Sir Arthur Currie speaks with the authority of one who has seen both games played at their best. In British Columbia for many years he witnessed Rugby under the English code as played by such smart exponents of the game as the University of British Columbia fifteen, of Vancouver; the James Bay and other clubs in Victoria, as well as visiting teams from California and Australia, which played in the west at various times both prior to and following the war.

Greater competition within Canada and the Empire was one of the main points brought forward by Sir Arthur in speaking in favor of the English game as opposed to Canadian football, which he thought was showing a decided tendency towards the American style of football, the principal supporting the game, which he felt should be the uniform type of football played throughout the Commonwealth. Other points brought forward were the heavy casualties in the Canadian game—Sir Arthur undoubtedly having in mind the two serious cases at McGill this year, in which Eddie Hanna and Keth

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

R.M.C. squad held another workout at the Arena yesterday afternoon and showed great stuff. The cadets have some good material this year and should go a long way in the Intercollegiate race.

Olympics and Victoria-Boo Hoos are practising hard for the first junior city encounter at the Arena Monday night and the teams are showing up very well in their work-outs. The junior league this year should be productive of real, snappy hockey, and, as there are six teams in the league, there will be strong competition.

The Regiopolis Club senior city entry held a practice at the Arena last night in preparation for their game with Queen's on Monday night. The Garnet and Gold boys have some good players and intend making a strong bid for the honors in the senior series this season.

It is about time the junior O.H.A. candidates snapped out of it and turned out to the practices. With the fine material there is in this city, there is no reason why there should not be at least twenty candidates out to every practice. A player cannot make the team if he does not attend the work-outs.

Western football may not be up to the standard of that in the east, but Edmonton, and Alberta generally, is of the opinion that the game made sufficient progress this season to justify the expectation that material improvement may be expected in the near future. Edmonton, three years ago national finalists, withdrew from the game this fall, but the University of Alberta had a good team, which Edmontonians believed capable of beating the Regina team, which latter fell to the Winnipeg team which came East. Football crowds at Edmonton this season were larger than ever before, and the game vastly more popular. The Edmonton Commercial Grads' girls' basketball team, which went to the Olympic games last year, resolved not to play any U.S. teams this season, and competition was limited, so that the Alberta city was without much sport. Football authorities in Alberta are highly pleased with the outlook for next season.

The Kingston amalgamated intermediates will likely again adopt the insurance system, and every player on the team will be insured against loss of time through injuries. The idea is a splendid one, as the insurance would help greatly to pay expenses in case of accident.

Queen's senior Intercollegiate team held an hour's stiff practice at the Arena yesterday afternoon and the players are fast rounding into shape. Athletic Director Hughes is coaching the outfit and is well pleased with the prospects.

The amalgamated intermediate team is practising and players were again out at the Arena last night. Coach Geley is rounding the players into form and Trainer Powell is taking care of their condition. Some of last year's players show a marked improvement in the practices.

Doull, both narrowly escaped fatal injuries.

Other speakers supported the ideas of Sir Arthur, especially those which were based on a desire for greater competition in football throughout the Dominion and Empire, but felt that with the English game played with the spirit of competition that prevails in Canada the same difficulties would eventually be encountered in the English game as are at present found in the Canadian game.

Art Manson, for three years a star-wart first line player on the red and white, spoke with the authority of a player who has starred in both games having played English Rugby in British Columbia before he turned to the Canadian game here, and made good with two weeks' training under the stranger code. Manson claimed that he found more joy in the Canadian game than in the rugged competitions.

A GOOD IDEA.

Attention to Coaching Necessary in the West.

The Canadian West has plenty of good football players, and plenty of money with which to send them East every year to meet the Eastern champions in the national finals. Despite the 24 to 1 beating of Winnipeg by Ottawa in the senior series, the Regina juniors, Western champions, will meet Montreal in the final of that division at Montreal on Saturday. When subscription lists are opened in Western cities for the purpose of sending hockey, football and basketball teams East, sums adequate to the purpose are readily forthcoming. There is no reason at all why the West should not produce football players just as good as those of the East, and teams potentially as strong, but the "grid" teams from beyond Lake Superior have shown nothing whatever of so-called mod-

ern football. Here is a friendly tip: Let the Westerners spend their money for capable coaches for a year or two, and then "take a shot" at the East. The money would thus be spent to better advantage than in the futile attempts to compete on equal terms with specialized Eastern teams.

REGINA PATS HAVE A SPLENDID RECORD

Regina, Sask., Dec. 16.—Supreme in Western Canada junior football just as they were supreme in western hockey, Regina Patricians are enroute East on their way to meet the Montpelier A.A.A. in the Canadian junior gridiron final on Saturday afternoon.

The record of the Pats in football is strikingly similar to their career in the hockey play-offs last March, when they captured the Dominion title. The puckchasers lost their first game of the play-off to Manitoba University 5 to 2, but they tied the series in the second affair, won the third clash and never suffered another defeat, winning twice from Calgary, Fort William and Toronto's famous Aura Lee aggregation.

On the gridiron this fall, the "Pats" also dropped their first fixture to the Regina Tigers by a 2 to 1 score. After that they hit their stride, won the Saskatchewan title by trouncing the Tigers, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon—whipping the latter in the final 30 to 1. On an ice-covered field at Edmonton their string of gains was almost halted, but they nosed out the Eskimos, 8 to 7. Then Winnipeg Vics, Manitoba champions, were given a chance at the championship after they had once defaulted, and the Pats overwhelmed the "Peg" team, 1924 title-holders, 18 to 0.

Two members of the football champions were with the Regina aggregation, which won the Canadian

hockey title last year—Jack Cranstoun and Jack Crapper. Both will be on the star team which hopes to retain that honor this winter, and another pair of "leather-luggers" are also counted upon to chase the puck—Metcalfe, quarterback, and Malone, a line man.

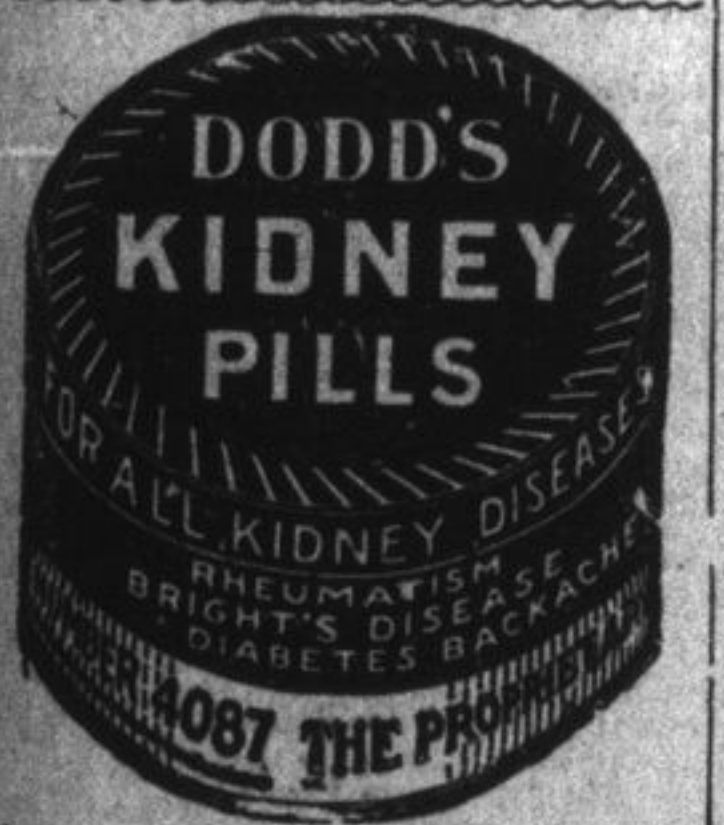
Al Ritchie, who led the "Pats" in their successful campaign on the ice, also coach and manager of the team which seeks to annex gridiron honors as well.

The Pats constitute the west's most successful sport organization to-day. They are easily the best on the prairies and fitting representatives to tackle the east in the game which will decide the first Dominion champions in junior football.

Marriott Does Not See Four Down Idea

"I see," says "Liz" Marriott, of Hamilton, "that Billy Hughes, coach of the Queen's team, is in favor of four downs because he thinks it will open the game up. I don't agree with him. In my opinion introducing an extra down would only tend to tighten the game up and make it less open than it is today. If it would mean that the teams would do very little besides hitting the line. Nowadays when a team has a few yards to go and only one down left in which to make the distance it usually kicks. You know what that would mean if there were four

downs—another plunge. I can't see will make the Canadian game spectacular. More massed play certainly will not help any," he concluded.



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STUDENTS CELEBRATE VICTORY

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