

people and visitors from outside gathered to witness the last stage of the Governor-General's match, the King's Prize competition of Canada, and to enjoy the hospitality of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association. Ottawa's usually large quota of representatives on the Bisley team has dwindled to one man, the results of the week's shooting indicate; but he is an unusually distinguished one. Lt. Desmond Burke of the G. F. G., King's Prize winner, and for three years now the winner of the King's Medal for an aggregate in service rifle competitions at the D. C. R. A., is scheduled for overseas again. Perhaps next year, however, Bisley will be in Ottawa; for the idea of an Empire rifle meet, after the style of the Empire games in progress in Hamilton, has been promoted for some years, and it is hoped that it will materialize before long.

Garden parties and rifle shootings recall in a roundabout way the question of clothing, for the former leads to discussion as to whether spats should or should not be worn in summer time and the latter is remarkable for the variety and character of its costumes. As one who has indulged, we can assure the reader that the more wondrous the costume the better the marksmanship. But the unusual in dress has not been restricted to the rifle range, for the vogue for shorts among men has at least one firm supporter in Ottawa. Mr. Noulan Cauchon, the town planning expert, arrived at a City Council meeting in shorts, and advocated the wearing of them among the aldermen. They all agreed they would do so if they had as good a pair of knees to display as Mr. Cauchon!

BLUE SEA LAKE is the best place for shorts, however, and devotees are sometimes caught turning up at their offices on Monday mornings in them. The Director of the National Gallery was glimpsed in the street in them, literally, "caught short!" The usual summer colony was in residence about Blue Sea this summer; Sir Percy and Lady Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bourinot, Senator Belcourt and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wilson and their family, Mrs. Leonard Slater and Mrs. Nicholas Slater, Mrs. D'Arcy and her family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gray and their family, Miss Constance Harris and Mr. Hugh Dale Harris.

The best story current up there just now is political. An enthusiastic Conservative set about to burn the defeated leader in effigy on election night but succeeded in igniting himself! He is covering in hospital; the victim of petty, politic, justice. The road north from Ottawa to Blue Sea is in excellent condition and the run right through north to Maniwaki, Mont Laurier and the Nonimungue is well worth taking. It is a longer and novel alternative route from Ottawa to Montreal. The Laurentians north of Ste. Agathe or St. Vite are little known, while the territory traversed in the link through Maniwaki and the Gatineau country almost neglected. The road is gravelled well graded.



SO FOOTBALL ARRIVES

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... sudden opening of skill and experience on the part of two or three of last year's players, a surge of the old do-or-die spirit, under inspired coaching—these are always potentialities. This year, important changes in the rules governing qualification introduce new possibilities of upsets.

Pre-season prophets are inclined to stand pat on the status quo of last fall. They favor Queen's to repeat with Varsity and McGill fighting a grim toe-to-toe, tooth-and-nail struggle for second place, and Western, now starting its second season in Senior company, battling against odds to better its 1929 position.

THAT is the dope; but the dope has been knocked cross-eyed many times in the past, and will be knocked cross-eyed many times in the future. Men wise in football say that the new freshman rule linked with the repeal of the old four year rule will help Queen's, make it tough for Toronto and McGill, and penalize Western to the extent of compelling the London entry to stand by last year's team with little or no new material of promise. At that, the Western combination amply demonstrated last season that they were no team to be held lightly. In so short a schedule a single upset in form may decide destinies. It is by no means beyond the bounds of possibility that Western, if unable to rise to dizzy title heights on its own account, might thoroughly upset too confident aspirations on the part of either one of the other three.

This year's change in the rules is a striking tribute to the sincere amateurism of college sport. In effect the new regulations provide that no first year man, however brilliant, can qualify for Intercollegiate teams. While, for the first season at least, this proviso will not be perspiring and worried coaches of promising material among the freshmen, the plan promises eventually to raise the general standard of college football.

The first year athletes will play on Freshmen teams. By the time they reach their Sophomore years they will have a season of steady active competition behind them, and so will be better grounded through actual playing experience than the average freshman player on the Senior squads of the past. More first year men will be playing regularly, and the place to learn any game, football, perhaps most of all, is on the field. No great football player was ever developed entirely through the process of watching other men perform from the bench.

By way of softening the blow to ambitious captains and haggard coaches, the Rules Committee offset the new freshman ban with a rule permitting players in their student years beyond the fourth year to turn out. The previous regulation, now repealed, barred fifth year men from active participation, limiting their football activities to purely advisory roles. This season the fifth, sixth or seventh year student may carry his experience and his trained cleats into the warfare.

Therefore there is rejoicing at Queen's where the great Harry Batstone will be available, not only as a coach, but as a player. This is bad news in Toronto, in Montreal, and in London. The Kingston

outfit was good enough to win the Intercollegiate title last year, and then to march through to the Eastern Canada finals. The fortunes of college football will deprive Queen's of several of their 1929 stars, including Captain Ike Sutton, but with Batstone's educated toe back in the game, the crudities of the new material will be balanced to a far greater extent than with the other Intercollegiate contenders.

In addition to Sutton, a brilliant quarterback, Queen's gives up, over the graduation route, Bubs Britton, stellar flying wing, Don Abbott, snapback, Dickie, a useful end, and inside wings, Gaets and Kilgour. Red, Gilmore, one of the fleetest of running halves was in a surgeon's hands last summer, and his appearance in uniform is rather doubtful. Britton will play for Toronto Arconauts.

But Queen's still has Batstone. The Tricolor attack will in all probability be built around Howie Carter, one of the league's most expert kicking halves. Gig. McKeivey, firebrand of Intercollegiate rugby, and Batstone.

On the line Queen's will show Hamlin, Stewart, Basserman and Hendersholt. Hoot Gourley, captain and star outside wing for Queen's was operated on for appendicitis on August 28. Whether the operation will keep him out of the coming season remains to be determined.

Batstone has reserve strength in Ralph, Thoman, De Diana, Waugh, Davis, Gorman, Hare, Alexander and Atchison, all of last year's champions.

Both University of Toronto and McGill will place their 1930 football destinies in the hands of new coaches. Les. Blackwell, who coached Varsity in 1928, returns after a year's absence. Gordie Duncan, captain in 1921, and one of the greatest flying wings in Varsity history will be Blackwell's aide.

In Montreal, Major Stuart Forbes succeeds Art Burridge. Burridge, incidentally will coach McMaster.

Neither coach falls into a soft spot. Blackwell will miss Captain Morgan, Bean, Kelly and Little on his 1930 line; all four have graduated. He still has Johnnie Keith perhaps the best Intercollegiate defensive centre in 1929. McCullough, star of last season's Orphans will understudy Keith. It looks like Jack White and Bob Galloway for inside positions, with Dewar and Long in the middle. For relief duty: Robinson, Solandt, Adams and McMillan.

Don Wood on his showing of last season is sure of the pivot position, with Ruddell, Bell or Thwaites for relief.

One bright spot in the prospect from Blackwell's point of view is the return of his 1929 half line intact, nor need he worry about the flying wing position. In foxy Jack Sinclair Varsity has a star kicking half, and the most pressing star kicking half, and the most pressing star kicking half, seems to be the pre-season problem. Billy Bell blanked elusive gentleman. Billy Bell blanked Earl Davey, Charlie Ballie and Richard Blackwell also has a formidable threat in Johnnie Fitzpatrick, of Olympic fame, who earned his laurels last year as a half.

Gooderham, Elson, Mueller and Subostits will be back in the end

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