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**PLAYING THE GAME.**

A hockey sensation was reported from Fredericton on last Friday. A star player of the Moncton team was arrested just before the game began for having smashed one of the local players over the head with a hockey stick at a previous game. It is reported, as a result of this brutal attack, the unfortunate victim was left unconscious on the ice with a severed artery in his scalp, and that it required several days treatment in a hospital to bring him around. The Moncton man was arrested at a time when seventeen hundred people were present to witness the match between the Moncton and Fredericton teams, because, it was claimed, he made threats to repeat an attack upon his man in that game.

If this incident at our own door is not invariably representative of Canadian sport, it is suggestive of its real character. Hockey had a particularly bad record last year, having had two or three mortalities during the season's play. The history of Canadian rugby, too, even among the better class of amateurs, is replete with deliberately planned brutal tactics, and severe "accidents" in nearly every important match of the last ten years or more. Lovers of these two splendid games, should try to save them from the fate of professionalism and rowdiness if at all possible. To remedy the worst abuses of these games, it is not enough to revise their rules and regulations, but to formulate an entirely different philosophy of sport from that which is commonly accepted in America. "Playing the game to win," as the fundamental element in today's idea of sport, is placing the emphasis wrongly. A two great eagerness for victory is apt to be careless of the means by which it is obtained. To concentrate a supreme desire on the result of a struggle is apt to relax a moral interest in the process of arriving at it. As a matter of fact, that is exactly what does happen. The whole business of the "bleechers" in "rooting" for his side, is intended not only to encourage his team right or wrong, but to interfere with the success of the opposing side. The ethical aspect of sport does not occur to the average rooter. He has absolutely no moral feeling against foul play among his own men. He oftener than not hisses the referee for punishing it. And the spirit of the gallery always gets into the game. The most vicious element in the team usually has sufficient popular encouragement to set at defiance the authority of officials. He can dare attempt most any foul play that will win, when the great majority of onlookers are there—not to see the game played for the sake of the game, but to see the home team win.

It is this hunger for victory that is the very worst feature of modern sport. The manager with an eye to gate receipts selects a team that have physical rather than ethical qualities and the sport loving public tolerate any undecent thing so long as their team have a good round score to their credit.

It is always a great surprise to a visitor from Great Britain to our land to learn our methods of playing the game. Why, he asks, should we make such a business of play. Britishers who go in for rowing, or cricket or golf, or rugby, live naturally and moderately, they do not adopt a prescribed diet nor think of taking on such a strenuous course of training as our match players believe necessary to playing the game. He calls these methods of the bleechers in interfering with a player down-right unsportsman-like. And as for the brutal tactics that go everywhere in Canada, well, it would be impossible in the old country. His own idea is that if a man is a "true sport," he will play the game for its own sake. He believes that skill or strength or speed, should be "the be all and the end all" of the game, that merit alone should win.

That is the moral aspect of British sport. It is the tradition of the schools and the religion of every street gammin and Hooligan in all England. "Fair play" has as deep a place in the moral feeling of the nation, as any of the thirty nine articles. For after he is a good churchman, he must be a true sport.

Our rugby and hockey lovers would do well to adopt the Old World Creed in this matter, and to make the game less of a profitable business and more of a moral factor in educating the public and players alike to play fair.

William Thistle of New Sweden, Me., is visiting friends in Hartland.  
 Mrs. S. S. Miller is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Henderson, Woodstock. There was Church of England service in Hagerman & Baird's hall on Sunday evening.

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Rev. A. F. Baker preached his farewell sermon to the Hartland congregation of the United Baptist church on Sunday evening. The service was held in the lower church and even the large capacity of that building was taxed to accommodate the large number in attendance. The minister spoke from the words "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." He referred very feelingly to his ministry among the people. At the close of the service fourteen candidates were taken into the church, six of whom had been baptised at the close of the afternoon meeting. Besides giving his adieux in general terms it was arranged for the congregation to pass before him in single file when he shook the hand of every one of his parishioners. The service was a most impressive one.

The mill at Stickney is running full blast and will give employment to a large number of men until next fall.

Mrs. Louisa Glass, an elderly lady, is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ila Smith. As the sick woman is so old little hope of recovery is entertained.

Saunders DeWitt, Heber Hatfield, True Day, Bertram Rideout, Arthur Kyle and Harry Gillin drove to East Florenceville and took tea at the Exchange hotel, on Sunday.

Miss Grace Tompkins has returned to the village and will be employed with Miss McMullin.

Wording Thornton has engaged as barber with B. G. Rideout.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart of Bangor, Me., arrived in the village on Saturday and will visit Mrs. Hart's friends for a time.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan entertained at dinner Miss Viola McFarland of Grand Manan, Miss Myrtle McFarland, Arnold McFarland and Carey Dickinson of Victoria Corner.

S. J. Brown, a former resident of Hartland, but now of Snyrna Mills, Me., arrived here on Saturday for a short visit.

Last week Mrs. Jarvis Day was called to Lower Brighton by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Henry Saunders.

J. G. Dickinson, who has been manager of the Bank of Montreal at Andover since that branch was opened seven years ago, has been transferred to St. John. Mr. McKay is the new manager at Andover.

Walter Sprague spent Sunday at his home in Woodstock.

A second hand type-writer for sale. Write to Fred H. Stevens, Hartland, N. B. for particulars.

J. K. Fleming, M. P. P., was the guest of D. E. Morgan on Saturday evening.

Miss Laura Burpee who is spending the winter at Centreville, has been enjoying a two weeks vacation at the home of her parents, George F. and Mrs. Burpee at Avondale.

D. H. Nixon came from the scene of his lumber operations last week. He says that never in all his experience has he known a season so generally favourable to the work of lumbering. On this account the cut on the Restigouche was considerably more than at first was intended. Mr. Nixon further states that he never saw such good roads for hauling. His son Frank hauled one big load containing 46 logs, while Burton, trying to out-do his brother, put on an even fifty, only to have his "rigging" break down. Horses and tackle are not used to put on these big loads.

"Not since I've been track-master, or during my years as section man, have I ever seen the railway so little bothered by snow," says Track-master Andrew Aiton. "Only once this winter has it been necessary to use the wing plow. Of course there may be big storms yet, but in the nature of things the snow cannot last long, and the condition of the road is such that it will take an unusually big storm to knock us out."

Mr. and Mrs. James Gardiner were calling on friends in the village on Friday.

Rev. Charles Orser of Mars Hill, Me., was in Hartland last week.

Murry T. Pearson, travelling passenger agent for the C. P. R., was in the village last week, and was also the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearson of Peel.

Mrs. William McLellan of Bloomfield was in Hartland on Thursday and while here purchased a handsome granite monument for the grave of her late husband.

H. H. McCain of Florenceville was in the village the other day.

Harold Grant of Woodstock was here on business on Thursday.

Miss Edna Shaw who went last fall to spend the winter with her brother, George M., at Walpole, Mass., has been spending a few weeks with friends in Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Clarence Rideout of Peel was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shaw, last week.

William Drake of Avondale was in Hartland the other day.

J. D. Palmer, representing G. E. Barbour & Co., St. John, was at the Commercial the last of the week.

Francis X. Carrier, district organizer for the Canadian Order of Foresters, was in the village on official business last week.

On Wednesday last Carey Rideout was tried before Justices Everett and Orser charged with using profane language in the United Baptist church edifice, at Upper Brighton. Rev. John Perry was the complainant and one witness, Alpheus Gray of Upper Brighton, was produced. He testified that at the time that Mr. Rideout entered the church and tore down the blinds on Monday of the week before, he used certain blasphemous and indecent words. Mr. Rideout, for his defense called a lad named Ruel MacIntyre who swore that Mr. Rideout "used no such language as that man there says he did," whereupon, after a few moments deliberation, the justices dismissed the case "for want of evidence to convict."

Among the certain indications of a mild winter and an early spring is the fact that there have been no snowbirds seen in the vicinity, and crows which usually depart early in November have hovered around all winter. Moreover, wild geese, of which we generally see the last in November, have been seen lazily winging their way southward as late as the last of Jan., and, is an apparent certain indication that spring is near at hand, a large flock of wild geese were seen last week making a bee line for the north.

Mrs. Freeman Hallet and children have returned from a visit at Gillespie, Victoria County.

Charles Gardiner of Charleston was in Hartland on Saturday.

On February 23rd three new members were taken into the Methodist church.

J. K. Fleming's saw mill has begun the season's operation. About thirty men are employed.

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