

SNAP-BACK SYSTEM WITH 12 PLAYERS ADOPTED IN WEST

Western Canada Rugby Union Endorses Alberta League Change

REGINA, Sask., Nov. 6.—The Western Canada Rugby Football Union revolutionized the rules of the game at the annual meeting of the organization held this morning in the offices of the Armstrong-Leagan Agency here. It provided for twelve man football in the future; the snap-back system of putting the ball in play will be adopted next season, and the two side-scrimmagers will be eliminated. All the unions favored the introduction of this style of play, which had proved so successful in Alberta last season.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Otton, Regina; Cam Sinclair, Calgary, and Stevens, Winnipeg, will meet this afternoon to draft complete rules of the game. In case they cannot agree tonight, and if there is no report given out by December 15, then the rules governing Alberta's play this year will be adopted for 1921, and subsequent seasons. At this meeting tonight the delegates will also decide the limitations of weight and age for junior and juvenile societies.

Weight Limited

Manitoba wanted a limit of 140 pounds and 21 years of age prior to September 1 put on juniors and a weight of 135 pounds and 18 years for juveniles. Saskatchewan wanted only the age limit with no regard to weight.

The schedule for the play-offs during the next three years was also set. In 1921 Saskatchewan winners will play at Manitoba, while Alberta will play at the winners'. In 1922 Saskatchewan will go to Alberta, while Manitoba will play at the winners'. In 1923 Alberta will play at Saskatchewan, while Manitoba will go to the winners'.

It was also decided that the secretary should write the trustees of the Earl Grey cup, emblematic of the rugby championship of Canada, asking that if it would be possible for Western Canada winners to play off for that trophy.

Murray Thomson, secretary-treasurer of the union, was authorized to have a rule book printed this fall. This book will contain the history of the association, also the history of the various provincial unions as well as pictures of some of the winning teams.

Success of New Game

The Gillespie cup, was adopted with a vote of thanks to the donor as the official junior rugby title of Western Canada.

The success of the twelve man system of rugby as obtained in Alberta this year was explained thoroughly by Mr. Sinclair, of Calgary. He told the delegates that the snap-back system had speeded up the game that it had opened up the game and had improved it from the standpoint of the spectator.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, L. S. Fraser, Edmonton; first vice-president, E. Chown, Winnipeg; second vice-president, Dr. M. R. How, Regina; secretary-treasurer, E. M. Thomson, Moose Jaw.