

# ATHLETICS

Spring, eulogized by poets, who delight in the awakening of nature from her winter slumbers, idolized by those weary of the long, dreary months of winter, is surely a time of gladness and rejoicing, but from the sportsman's view, a time when sport enters the doldrums. Outdoor sport is impossible and indoor sport becomes insipid and loses its zest, as the bright sunshine and balmy weather irresistibly beckons one outdoors. Autumn has its football, winter its hockey, summer its baseball, but spring, beautiful spring, has no representative sport, except perhaps the marbles of the school boys. Spring, in terms of sport, is a time of inactivity, too late for hockey and too early for baseball and other summer sports; it is but a time of preparation. The baseball clubs begin to look over their line-ups, and map out schedules and plans of campaign for the coming season, while players of other sports examine their gear and put themselves into shape for the coming season. Spring, though not a time of active sport, is essentially the season of preparation, utilised by athletes to put them in the best possible trim for the coming contests.

## Handball

As soon as the snow definitely began to disappear all the devotees of handball worked like Trojans to clear the alleys, which they did very expeditiously; so with the co-operation of old Sol, the alleys were soon bone dry and in A1 condition. The boys quickly got into shape, and soon the little rubber orb, began to whizz and whizz, as they regained their old form. Handball is increasing yearly in popularity at St. Dunstan's and why shouldn't it? It's a great game, training both the muscles and the eye to quickness and accuracy and, needless to say, is a premier recreation and exercise.

## Softball

Another game, which is rapidly forging to the front as a popular sport is Softball. Softball is a species of



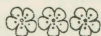
modified baseball and is in fact practically similar to indoor baseball. Several leagues have been formed in the Maritimes and it is a pretty safe conjecture, that a few years hence softball will be a big game. This year at St. Dunstan's two teams were formed, one representing each building. A schedule was drawn up and a number of games played, each of which was enthusiastically played by the teams and enthusiastically watched by the student body. Sometimes this enthusiasm precipitated lively set-tos, all fortunately verbal with no lasting effect, which we think was a lucky break, both for adherents and players. The Old Building emerged triumphant over the Dalton Hall squad, who were shut out after the first game; nevertheless, Dalton furnished lively opposition, indeed.

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### Baseball

On account of the lateness of the season, baseball is greatly handicapped in St. Dunstan's since the maximum period of playing is about three weeks, which does not give much time to organize or get a team in shape. However, the boys made the best of it and as soon as the weather permitted went right into action. Father McGuigan was chosen as coach this year and, from experience we know he will do all in his power to assist the team and spare no efforts in their behalf. The fact that last year's line up is almost intact, coupled with the score of new players, who are by no means green in the game, augurs well for the success of the season.

An intramural league has been formed, which, although we do not know the ultimate result, has every sign of being a most interesting one.



Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.

—*Publius Syrus*

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The intelligent man finds almost everything ridiculous, the sensible man hardly anything.—*Goethe*.

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With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right.

—*Abraham Lincoln*