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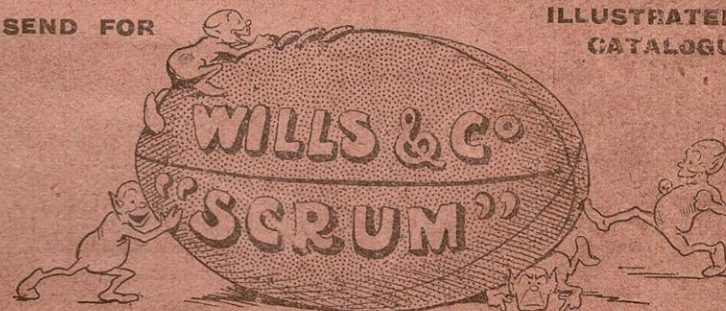
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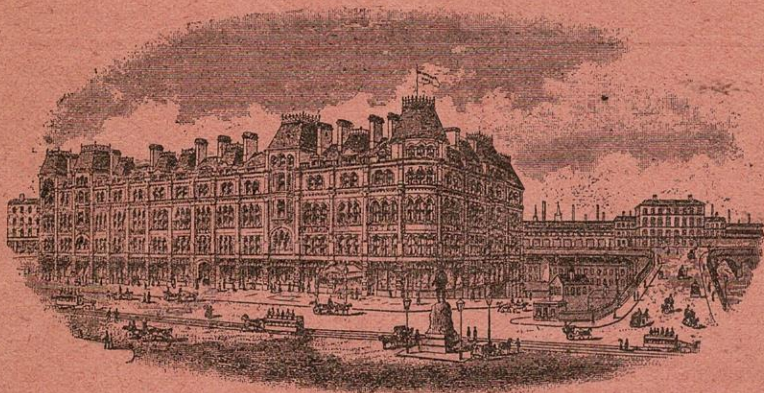
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[One Penny.]

## CHEAP ADVICE.

### The Profits of the Tour.

It is really remarkable how well some people seem to know how to manage other peoples affairs. They know what ought to be done far better than those who have actually got it to do, or rather they think so. They are veritable founts of advice; they can tell you what is best in everything, and the most extraordinary part about it all is that they do not seem to acquire any special knowledge of the circumstances. It must be a gift—a sort of second sight.

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But you find these people in every walk of life, and we have found them in the Northern Rugby Union—or rather, outside the Union, for which we are thankful. We are not so wrapped up in ourselves, so egotistical, as to refuse any advice when it is offered. We are always prepared and always welcome suggestions for the betterment of the game we all have at heart, but we strongly resent anything in the nature of a dictatorial attitude, and wish it to be clearly understood once and for all, that we shall have our own way. Let the people who are so full of advice, that they can afford to throw it about, thoroughly understand that the Northern Union is the authority and then we may get on.

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We feel compelled to say this because some people who seem to know our business, so much better than we do, have been usurping our duties. They have

practically taken upon themselves the task of distributing the profits of the Colonial tour, and the best of it all is, they do not know what the profits really are. We say **they** don't know. We apologise. Perhaps **they** do. We ought to have said the Union do not know what the profits are. But the Union will and then they will decide everything about the distribution when the proper time arrives.

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This is clearly a matter which ought to be left to the Northern Union committee. It is purely their business, and their business alone. There is no ground at all for the slightest outside interference, and we shall not tolerate it. It is the worst of bad taste to offer it. Do the donors of this gratuitous advice think we are blind to the interests of the game? Do they imagine that they know better than we do how the profits should be distributed? And we would like to ask, would **they** have been prepared to stand any financial risk in connection with the tour.

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We don't pretend to be able to tell them everything, but we may inform the real Northern Union enthusiast, that the proceeds will be diverted into channels which we think are the most deserving.

But we cannot see any necessity to hurry the matter. There is yet a lot of work to be done before we can turn attention to distributing the profits—when they are really known to those who by their office are entitled to the knowledge.



## Northern Union League—Results up to this morning.

					P'ts. Percent-									
P.W.L.D.					F. A. age.					P.W.L.D.				
Wigan	4	4	0	0	102	19	100.00	Huddersfield	6	3	3	0	71	67
Wakef'd Trin	4	4	0	0	63	22	100.00	Swinton	4	2	2	0	63	14
Runcorn	4	3	0	1	39	20	87.50	Leeds	4	2	2	0	50	37
Widnes	4	3	0	1	28	8	87.50	Rochdale H'nts	4	1	3	0	45	52
Leigh	5	4	1	0	53	28	80.00	B'ghn R'gs	4	1	3	0	18	46
Dewsbury	4	3	1	0	34	23	75.00	Hull K. Rov's.	4	1	3	0	54	50
St. Helens	4	3	1	0	56	33	75.00	Ebbw Vale	4	1	3	0	22	77
Hunslet	4	3	1	0	65	30	75.00	Salford	4	1	3	0	62	61
Oldham	4	3	1	0	66	51	75.00	Batley	5	1	4	0	23	34
Halifax	4	3	1	0	65	41	75.00	Coventry	4	0	3	1	28	104
Keighley	4	3	1	0	51	30	75.00	Bramley	4	0	3	1	22	53
Bradford	4	2	1	1	23	16	62.50	Barrow	4	0	4	0	12	95
Hull	5	3	2	0	70	44	60.00	Merthyr	4	0	4	0	21	85
Warrington	5	2	2	1	45	61	50.00	York	4	0	4	0	17	77

## Results and Scores of Last Saturday's Matches.

*WIGAN, 3 5—21. Tries: Williams, Leytham, Todd (2), Miller. Goals: Leytham (3).	HUDDERSFIELD, 1 2—8. Tries: Moorhouse, Grey. Goal: Holroyd.
St. HELENS, 4 3—17. Tries: Barton (3). Goals: Turtill (4)	MERTHYR TYDVIL, 0 2—6. Tries: Bevan, Harris.
*OLDHAM, 4 6—26. Tries: Avery, Anlezark, Wharton, Young (2), Deane. Goals: Ferguson (2), Wood, White.	COVENTRY, 2 3—13. Tries: Oldham, Parkinson, O'Malley. Goals: Woodburn, W. Hutt.
*WARRINGTON, 0, 1—3. Try: Dainteth.	SWINTON, 0 0—0.
*RUNCORN, 2 3—13. Tries: Smith, Hughes, Williams. Goals: Woods (2).	LEIGH, 2 2—10. Tries: Neville, S. Johnson. Goals: Ganley (2).
*BRADFORD, 1 0—2. Goal: Jagger.	BRAMLEY, 1 0—2. Goal: Walker.
*BROUGHTON RANGERS, 1 3—11. Tries: Mead, Harris, Clappitt. Goal: Barlow.	SALFORD, 0 2—6. Tries: Cook, Mesley.
*KEIGHLEY, 1 2—8. Tries: Winterburn, Craven. Goal: Craven.	*YORK, 2 1—7. Try: Cowmeadow. Goals: Plimmer (2).
HUNSLET, 5 5—25. Tries: Jenkinson (2), Jukes, Mitchell, Farrar. Goals: Cappleman (4), Eagers.	HULL, 0 1—3. Try: Evans.
HALIFAX, 3 3—15. Tries: Williams, Longstaffe (2). Goals: Hilton (3).	DEWSURY, 2 1—7. Try: Rhodes. Goals: Smith (2).
WIDNES 1 3—11. Tries: Taylor, Lally, O'Gara. Goal: Taylor.	*BARROW, 0 0—0.
KINGSTON ROVERS, 5 4—22. Tries: Hughes, Mann, Blackmore. Sandham. Goals: Carmichael (5).	LEEDS, 1 0—2. Goal: Grayson.
EBBW VALE, 2 4—16. Tries: Llewellyn (2), Bowen, Bing- ham. Goals: "Chic" Jenkins (2).	ROCHDALE HORNETS, 2 1—7. Try: West. Goals: Paddon, West.
WAKEFORD, 2 1—7. Try: Simpson. Goals: Metcalfe (2).	BATLEY, 1 0—2. Goal: Lyons.
Monday, Sept. 26th—	WARRINGTON, 2 1—7. Try: Mc.Intyre. Goals: Mc. Intyre (2).
*HUDDERSFIELD, 1 6—20. Tries: Rosenfield (2), Holroyd, Kitchen (2), Clarke. Goal: Shallcross.	*HUDDERSFIELD, 0 0—0.
Tuesday, Sept. 27th—	
LEIGH, 2 2—10. Tries: F. Johnson, S. Johnson. Goals: T. Johnson, Bolewski.	

## LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By the EDITOR.)

THE first month of the season has fulfilled all expectations. Only two teams, Wigan and Wakefield Trinity, have secured maximum points from every engagement, and only three sides have failed in every match played. Thus twenty-five teams can boast a percentage, and it is worthy of note that twenty-three have one or more victories to their credit.

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This dividing of honours is all for the good of the game. Interest in the competition would soon wane, if week in and week out certain clubs won and certain clubs lost, with monotonous regularity.

Unexpected results—we have had plenty during the past month—are good for all concerned. They are a source of encouragement to the victors, and to the defeated they convey wholesome lessons. A glance at the table of results to-day, and the corresponding record on October 1, last season, clearly tells me that this season clubs are more on an equality in a playing sense than ever before in the history of the League.

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Another point which I gleaned from my monthly stocktaking, is that the second, third and fourth clubs, are Wakefield, Widnes and Runcorn. These organisations are proud of their record for purely local players. I shall not attempt to argue that these players are equal in point of merit to many in the clubs who are to-day below them in the percentage column. My position would be untenable, but I rejoice that so far native talent has carried the trio to the top of the tree.

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I must now refer to a more unpalatable topic—rough play. I was sorry to see that Saturday's League matches resulted in players being ordered off the field for misconduct, and that in the Lancashire Junior Cup Competition, three players

allowed their zeal to over-step their discretion. This is bad for the clubs, but far worse for the game, and the time has arrived when the officials should inflict severe punishment.

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I recognise that our game, more than any other, lends itself to displays of temper on the part of players, and I make bold to say that ninety-nine per cent of the players sent off, are both sorry and ashamed that they should so far forget themselves even in the excitement of the game, as to merit the extreme punishment. Bad as is the record so far this season, critics must not overlook the fact that each Saturday, 364 League players are out, and in addition my figures of reported players include the contesting sides in the Lancashire and Yorkshire Combination. Thus worked out for the month, the figure is under one per cent. This however is too high, and I would that clubs would impress it upon the players, that rough play would receive a further penalty than that inflicted by the League committees.

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Yorkshire clubs on the returns are the worst offenders. I do not want to make too fine distinctions, and pay tribute to the fairness of the average Tyke, but the figures cannot be disputed. It was the same last season, and I trust a friendly hint will be given to those enthusiastic Yorkshiremen, who apparently are overlooking the fact that a good reputation for honest and clean football is preferable even to winning matches by tactics which do not commend themselves to those who have the interests of the game at heart.

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## Mainly about Play and Players.

D. B. Davies, the Merthyr forward, who has migrated to Swinton, scored 30 tries last season.

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In the fifty-nine games played in the Northern League Tournament during September, only three were drawn.

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Carmichael, of Hull Kingston Rovers, took the goal kicking honours in the Northern League games last Saturday, with five successes against Leeds.

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The Lancashire team to meet Cumberland will leave Manchester next Friday, staying the night at Furness Abbey, and leaving for Whitehaven on Saturday morning.

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The Cumberland County Commissioners have invited Mr. J. W. Whiteley, of Wakefield, the youngest referee in years of service, to officiate in the match with Lancashire at Whitehaven next Saturday.

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Alfred Chorley, who played full-back for New Zealand against the British tourists, was born at Kendal, 39 years ago. He played for Swinton two and a half seasons without missing a single game.

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Swinton, a fortnight ago took the scoring honour of the week. Last Saturday they shared with Barrow the unenviable distinction of being the only two clubs who failed to record a solitary point.

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W. B. Little, who, despite his partial retirement from first class football, has been again honoured by the Cumberland County committee, was born in 1880, and is one of the safest defenders who ever played Northern Union football.

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William Wallwork again donned the Swinton jersey last Saturday. He probably holds the record for prolific scoring for a recruit, for in his first game for Swinton, he scored five tries in the first half of the match against Widnes.

George Marsden, whose re-appearance in the ranks of the Bradford club, appears to have infused confidence in his colleagues, was born in 1880. He is a typical Yorkshireman, and has played three times for England under Rugby Union rules.

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Some players wear particularly well, and W. Simister of Swinton, is a typical example of what careful living can accomplish. He played for Cheshire County in every position, and is still in active service ten seasons after making this record. Simister was born at Featherstone in 1879.

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The Cumberland team to oppose Lancashire is—

W. Little (Halifax and Fothergill); S. Treloar (Barrow and Millom), W. Eagers (Hunslet and Millom), W. Kitchen (Huddersfield and Wath row), A. Brown (Barrow and Maryport); J. Lomas (Salford and Maryport), W. Dixon (Oldham and Maryport); J. Ferguson (Oldham and Brookland Rovers), J. Owens (Oldham and Seaton), J. L. Clappitt (Broughton Rangers and Millom), D. Clark (Huddersfield and Brookland Rovers), W. Ward (Leeds and Egremont), and S. Warwick (Salford and Whitehaven Recreation).

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The Lancashire side will be—

J. Sharrock; J. Leytham, B. Jenkins, L. B. Todd, J. Miller; J. Thomas (Wigan), A. E. Anlezark (Oldham); W. Winstanley (Leigh), A. E. Avery (Oldham) E. Curzon (Salford), F. H. Shugars (Warrington), A. Kennedy (Runcorn), and R. Gallop (Leigh).

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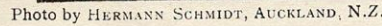
St. Helen's, last Saturday at Merthyr, scored 17 points. The score was the work of two players. Barton, the captain, recording all the three tries, and Turtill, the full back placing four goals.

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The Lancashire and Yorkshire match is to be played on Monday, November 7, at Central Park, Wigan.



(By J. H. Houghton.)



I eventually agreed to the horses being taken out at the entrance to the Zoo Gardens about half a mile away from the enclosure, and on Saturday at 2-30 p.m.,—true to their word—the naval men met us and with the utmost despatch removed the horses, then hitched on their gear, and Jack quickly demonstrated that he was fully entitled to be called “the handy man.” We were quickly en-route at a

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## SCORES AT A GLANCE.

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**OLDHAM v. EBBW VALE**

AT

**WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM.**

**Saturday, October 1st, 1910.**

### PAVILION GOSSIP.

**M**Y word! But did not those chaps from Coventry give us a shaking last Saturday?

Cash and company gave the spectators full value for their money; and when only five points divided the two teams in the second half, matters looked none too rosy for Oldham.

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Little Beynon still wears that famous smile, and still retains his old time smartness. I can fancy he and Yewlett making a few half-backs look a trifle sick before the season is over. The auburn haired Michael played a fine game, and without doubt he and Beynon make a splendid pair of halves.

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The Coventry officials were highly pleased with their visit to Oldham, and fully appreciated the impartial manner in which the Oldham crowd cheered their players.

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How funny that Coventry's first score against Oldham should be scored by a player named Oldham!

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Did you notice Parkinson's flying leap? It was quite an eye opener; but had he been a few inches lower, it might have been an eye closer.

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Wharton created a very favourable impression last Saturday; but many people who saw his display expressed the hope that he would be given a trial either at centre or outside half; and certainly his

play appeared to suggest that either of those positions would be more to his liking.

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Of course the irripresible Young(ster) slipped in with a couple of tries, and thus kept up his record of having scored in every game he has yet played for Oldham.

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It was somewhat appropriate that Avery, who had a magnificent reception on his return from the Australian tour, should score the first try. Of course the opening was made for him, but all the same Avery was there to take advantage of it.

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What a busy time there will be at Rochdale next Saturday. The Hornets are looking forward to having a record attendance. They would dearly like to have a couple of points out of Oldham, but we fancy present form points the other way.

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The Hornets second string are due at Watersheddings, and visitors to that game will be kept pretty well posted as to the progress of the game at Rochdale.

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By the way. Our programmes in their new form are going splendidly, and have been very favourably commented upon. It is our intention to also issue these programmes on the occasion of "A" team matches. Readers please note!

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A. E. Ward had an Imperial time in London last week end. 'Keep the change!'



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- 4—G. Cook.
- 5—W. T. Young.
- 6—E. A. Anlezark.
- 7—Jas. Wharton.
- 8—J. Ferguson, (Capt.)
- 9—A. E. Avery.
- 10—A. Smith.
- 11—J. Wright.
- 12—J. Wiltshire.
- 13—J. Owens.
- 14—A. Wilcocks.
- 15—W. Dixon (Junr.)
- 16—T. McLean.
- 17—T. White.

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E Widnes	28	L Hull	
St. Helens	12	Hull K. Rovers	
F Hunslet	12	M Woolwich	
Salford	18	Oldham Athletic	

If received in time the INTERVAL SCORES of the above  
Games will be shown on the Score Boards.

## "Swinton's Unknown."

An old interview with "GENTLEMAN JONES,"

(BY AN OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR)

IN conversation the other day with one of the returned tourists, mention was made of F. Jackson, the old Leicester forward, who was suspended by the English Rugby Union for professionalism when touring in Australia with the Anglo-Welsh Combination. He remained in New Zealand and joined the Auckland club and played in two matches against the tourists.

Jackson, years ago, in the name of Jones, played with Swinton, and looking over some old press cuttings I found an interesting interview dated 1902. Of course since that date Jackson went back to the Rugby Union, and although for some time he kept up the deception at Leicester, he was ultimately recognised, and two years ago suspended.

The interview states—

"As an item out of the ordinary course of things, one of the playing members of the club (Swinton) has all through the season been surrounded by a sort of mystery which has given rise to all kinds of rumours as to his identity. We refer to the stalwart forward who is known to friends and opponents as "Jack" Jones.

It is an open secret that "Jones" is only a name assumed for the period during which he plays football. As to his real identity—well, Mr. "Jones" chooses, for reasons best known to himself, to keep it a strict secret. During the past week we have been fortunate enough to have a long conversation with the mysterious one, and found him willing to converse on any subject only himself, which was, of course, our object in approaching the unknown.

For the benefit of Swintonians in particular we may say that "Jones" is a Welshman, his football career commencing when he joined the team connected with Llandovery College, at which place our subject received his education. After leaving the College he went to London, and for a couple of seasons was one of the most prominent forwards in the London Welsh team. He assisted this club against Blackheath, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and all the other prominent Rugby Union organisations.

In 1895 he left England to take up his residence in the Transvaal, where he resided until the war broke out, and all business being practically suspended, "Jones" joined one of the regiments then formed, and had about 18 months of the hardest fighting. We ought how-

ever to mention that previous to hostilities commencing, Jones played against the English teams who visited South Africa at both "Soccer" and "Rugger," and in the first named code was reckoned the best goal keeper in South Africa.

During last summer he returned to England, and offering his services to Swinton, terms were arranged, and for the first time in his athletic career he turned out as a fully fledged professional. Standing 5 ft. 10½ in., "Jones" is of exceptionally fine physique, and is one of the heaviest forwards in the Swinton team, as he scales no less than 14 stones, 9 lbs. Though he has never scored any tangible points in the matches he has played, his work has always been useful and his efforts in the scrimmages have shown that he was no stranger to Rugby football.

Possessed of more than the average amount of education, one instinctively feels after a few minutes' conversation that "Jones" has had a past which would be very interesting reading to everyone fond of adventure. His identity may leak out at some time or other, and it may cause something more than a mere flutter in local circles when it is found that we have been entertaining unawares for over six months one of the "lions" of the athletic world."

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Several members of the Northern Union team have been very anxious to recover the moustaches they lost on the journey to the Antipodes.

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## Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

**T**HE first of the County matches of the present season is down for decision on Saturday next. On that day the Lancashire thirteen will meet the Cumbrians at Whitehaven. The Cumberland Commissioners were in good time with the selection of their team which, as is usual—is drawn from the League Players of Lancashire and Yorkshire, but who are Cumbrians by birth or adoption.

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## Playing Fields Society.

Some dissatisfaction seems to exist in Leeds and District Intermediate and Junior League circles, anent the decision of the British Playing Fields Society, not to make them a monetary grant. The Society has offered to advance them a loan to be repaid during the present season, towards the guaranteeing of the rents of grounds. This does not appear to be sufficiently generous for the Leeds officials.

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## The Juniors in Difficulty:

The question of obtaining suitable ground is admittedly the most serious difficulty junior clubs have to contend with. This is not made any easier by those who have the land to-let for football purposes, demanding the rent in advance. I can quite appreciate the reason for this. The Juniors however, in the vast majority of instances cannot raise the necessary funds in the close season, and to tide them over this difficulty the Playing Fields Society are prepared to grant loans. I do not see why they should be expected to give the money out and out. But whether they should or not is not the question. They cannot do it with their limited income. One season on this principle would about clear them out of the funds in hand.

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## A Golden Opportunity.

The Leeds Juniors have, I believe, been given the privilege of making collections on the Headingley, Hunslet, and Bramley grounds at practices. If with the loan from the Playing Fields, this is not sufficient, why not make a vigorous

canvas of the League clubs to vote for the proposal to grant the Society one per cent. of all their League gates, then the Society would soon be in a position to purchase or lease grounds, and solve the difficulty. I think the Leeds district would receive the attention of the authorities as early as possible, if not actually the first.

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## A Breach of Agreement.

It is now common knowledge that the transfer laws in vogue in the Northern League, apply also as between that League and the New South Wales and New Zealand League. From the latest mails to hand it appears that in addition to Frawley, late of Warrington, who is now again at home and playing under the auspices of the New South Wales League, Brown, who last season assisted Barrow, has also returned, and is playing in the Dominion. Surely this is a breach of the agreement between the Australians and the Northern League.

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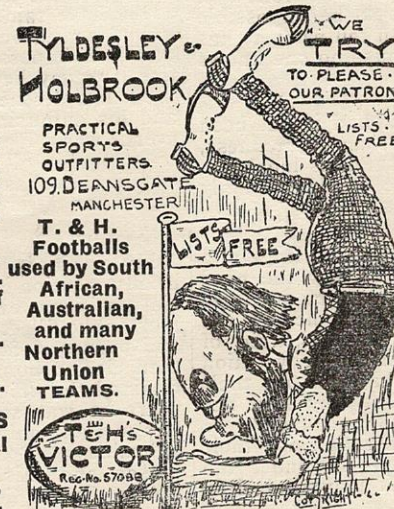
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**Mr. J. PLATT,**

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(By ARGUS.)

EVERYONE with any knowledge at all of Northern Union football is acquainted with the name of Mr. Joseph Platt. They are almost synonymous terms. Not only because Mr. Platt is, and always has been secretary of the Northern Union, but because he has done so much for the game we all love so well.

What the Northern Union game, and the thousands of people who follow it owe to Mr. Platt, it would be impossible to estimate. No one can tell what he has done for the sport, because no one knows beyond himself.

But we all know that had it not been for his enthusiasm, his clear sightedness, his courageous actions, and his inexhaustible energy, the game would certainly not have been what it is to-day.

Northern Union football is largely a product of his mind. He saw the need years ago, and what is more he saw also the means to the end, and he set the machinery in motion. He was tired of "shams" and he knew that Rugby Union players were receiving payment for their play, and he realized that they were not to be blamed. To his mind they were entitled to some consideration for their football services, but not so under the cloak of amateurism. If players desired wages let them come out into the open field of professionalism and receive them, let the system be acknowledged.

It was the principle of the thing that appealed to Mr. Platt, just as it was his courageous attitude which largely brought about the change. There was plenty of scope for professionalism if it was desired. Let it be acknowledged and placed on its trial. Such was the reasoning of Mr. Platt, and such was the spirit

with which he entered into the launching of what is now the world-wide game of Northern Union football. What a pleasure it must have been for him to participate in the selection of the first International team to visit the Colonies. What a well earned triumph has he enjoyed since the tour commenced, for all along the line has the principles so ably advocated by him for years brought a just reward to his Union. But it is the service he has rendered to the game with which we are at present concerned, and as we have said that service has been so great, so devoted, and so enthusiastic, that it is impossible to appraise it. Suffice it to say he has never wavered from the principles he laid down at the outset, and his enthusiasm is as keen to-day as ever it was. He has played a most prominent part in all reforms, and despite the criticism he has at times been subjected to, he has never forsaken his ideals.

My space is limited and I can only briefly mention Mr. Platt's numerous official positions, every one of which he has most ably filled. He was to all intents and purposes, founder of the Union, was then elected honorary secretary, and has retained the office ever since. For some years he was secretary of the Northern League, and only resigned through stress of business. Treasurer of the League last season and this, secretary of the Lancashire Senior Competition during its existence. Is the founder of the British Playing Fields Society.

Mr. Platt has also been connected with the Oldham club for exactly thirty years, and for twenty-five years was treasurer. Last season the members shewed their appreciation of his life long services, by electing him President, and for the present season he was again similarly honoured.

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## JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

## THE LANCASHIRE CUP, First Round Results and Comments.

	G. T. P.		G. T. P.
Heyside United .....	3 4-18	Hope Sunday School.....	1 1-5
Flixton .....	1 1-5	Prestwich Church .....	1 0-2
Seedley Hornets .....	2 8-28	Seedley Rangers .....	0 0-0
Egerton .....	1 0-2	Blue Ribbon .....	0 0-0
Cadishhead and Irlam.....	2 1-7	Wardley .....	1 0-2
Runcorn White Star .....	2 3-13	Stockton Heath .....	1 1-5
Healey Street Mission.....	0 3-9	Oldham Parish Church.....	1 1-5
Hindley .....	4 4-20	Ashton .....	0 0-0
St. James (Oldham).....	1 2-8	Greenacres Temperance .....	0 0-0
Wigan Athletic .....	2 1-7	Wigan .....	1 1-5
Whelley .....	0 0-25	Golborne .....	0 0-0
Widnes Rovers .....	0 1-3	Thatto Heath .....	1 0-2
Widnes White Star.....	2 4-16	Ryland's Recreation .....	0 0-0
Heyside .....	1 1-5	Rochdale St. George's.....	0 1-3
Westfield Amateurs.....	5 6-28	St. Helen's Rangers .....	2 1-7
Salford St. Barts.....	1 3-11	Barton .....	0 0-0

It will be seen from the above list that some very keen and close struggles took place. In one instance only the odd point in five separated the teams. In three cases only two points divided the contestants.

In the Flixton-Prestwich match, the former scored one try more than their opponents.

The closest match in the Oldham district was the one between Parish Church and Healey Street, the latter event ually winning by 9 points to 5.

A remarkable feature about the first round is the fact that out of the sixteen games played, no less than nine of the visiting teams were victorious.

There were four byes in this round. Only three of the clubs drawn scratched. Hollinwood Church, Castner Kellner and St. Patrick's (Wigan). The latter club have disbanded.

## Huddersfield and District N.R. Union.

Huddersfield Res. evidently laboured under the impression that they were engaged in a cricket match with Meltham, for they ran up the score of 83 points. The visitors did not bat. Underbank are also still unbeaten. On Saturday they easily accounted for Birchencliffe. Moldgreen forwards were not to blame for losing to Netherton at home. Cousen and Smith played finely for Netherton, and Eldred defended gamely for the home team.

## Halifax and District Intermediate Northern Rugby Union.

The League is progressing most favourably, and the results of the official's labours are that the Halifax club has signed on this season four players, three three-quarter backs and one forward. There is

## Last Saturdays Results.

	Pts.		Pts.
Campbells .....	10	Beacon Hill .....	5
Caddy Field .....	25	Artillery .....	0
Elland Wanderers .....	6	Catherine Slack .....	6

The draw for the second round to be played on November 5, was made on Tuesday, and resulted as follows:—

Salford St. Barts v. Egerton.  
Cadishhead and Irlam v. Mandlebergs.  
Seedley Hornets v. Flixton.

Widnes Rovers v. St. Helens W Rose.  
Westfield Amateurs v. Denton's Green.  
Widnes W. Star v. Runcorn W. Star.  
Broadway St. Independants v. Heyside.  
Oldham St. Mary's v. Heyside United.  
Healey St. Mission v. Oldham St. James.

Hindley v. Holker St. Old Boys.  
Whelley v. Spring View.  
Wigan Athletic—a bye.

To be played on the ground of the first named club.

In the two rounds four clubs have been drawn away on both occasions, and four at home in both rounds.

Moldgreen Reserves would find a win very encouraging.

Hillhouse Cong. and Rasbrick Res. still head the Intermediate League table, though the latter had to go all the way for victory at Marsh.

Birchencliffe Res. reversed the verdict of the first team at Underbank, but evidently some goal kicking boots are needed.

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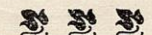
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### NORTHERN LEAGUE.

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**Barrow v. Bramley.**—G. F. Dickinson, (Halifax), C. Abraham, W. Cross.

**Bradford v. Hull.**—J. C. Lumley (Leeds), M. Carr, T. W. Smith.

**Dewsbury v. Widnes.**—A. Hestford (Broughton Rangers), G. Fowler, C. Peel.

**Huddersfield v. Halifax.**—W. McCutcheon (Oldham), W. Emmott, D. Longbottom.

**Hull Kingston Rovers v. Merthyr.**—T. H. King (Salford), F. Wilson, W. D. Smart.

**Leeds v. Hunslet.**—B. Ennion (Wigan), J. W. Priestley, D. Fitzgerald.

**Rochdale v. Oldham.**—A. Smith (Halifax), J. H. Crawshaw, T. Longden.

**Runcorn v. Warrington.**—E. H. Smirk (Wigan), J. A. Blackburn, T. Foulkes.

**Salford v. Leigh.**—H. Edmondson (Bradford), A. Jones, A. Johnson.

**St. Helens v. Broughton Rangers.**—H. Farrar (Keighley), A. Webster, R. Jones.

**York v. Coventry.**—E. Tonge (Swinton), R. H. Cooper, T. Walsh.

**Wigan v. Ebbw Vale.**—C. Platt (Swinton), R. H. Moore, J. Valentine.

**Wakefield v. Keighley.**—S. Tillison (Salford), F. T. Rowland, H. Adams.

**Swinton v. Batley.**—F. Renton (Hunslet), D. Graham, H. Ball.

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### LANCS. RUGBY COMBINATION.

**Broughton Rangers v. St. Helens.**—J. E. Smith (Rochdale).

**Leigh v. Salford.**—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens).

**Leigh Shamrocks v. Swinton.**—W. Manwaring (Salford).

**Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets.**—J. F. May (St. Helens).

**Warrington v. Runcorn.**—J. R. Lawton (Oldham).

**Wigan Highfield v. Pemberton.**—F. Turner (Warrington).

**Millom v. Wigan.**—J. R. Robinson (Ulverston).

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### YORKS. RUGBY COMBINATION.

**Halifax v. Huddersfield.**—F. W. Tattersall (Wakefield).

**Purston White Horse v. Leeds.**—W. K. Hirst (Dewsbury).

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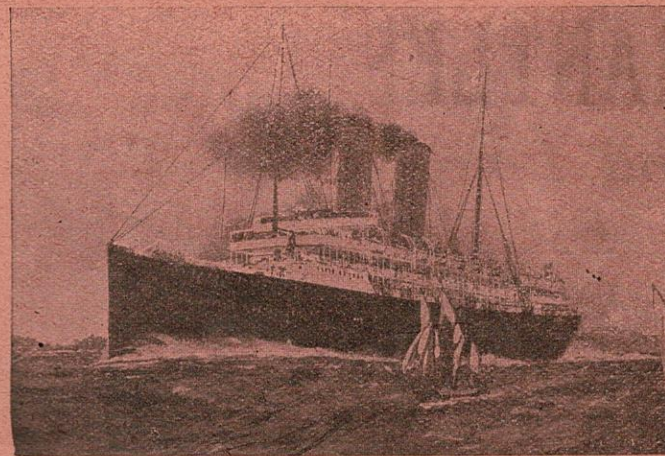
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