

44 FRESHMEN

TAKEN PRISONERS

Captured by Sophs. and Pinned for Night in Old Molson Building

Animated by the battles and manœuvring in Europe, the newly-arrived students at McGill University, classed as "mere freshmen," decided last night on a brilliant stroke of policy to save themselves from defeat in the big sophomore-freshman battle to be staged today, according to the custom of the past. The plan might have worked well, for the "freshies" were enthusiastic enough, and gathered at the corner of Sherbrooke and University streets to carry into effect their big stroke, which was no less daring than the capture of a couple of scores of sophomores, and their internment until the end of the troublesome times of today. What was unfortunate for the freshies, however, was the fact that they were new at the game, and their scouts were badly outguessed, while their opponents knew a trick or two.

The final result was that, while the freshies were at the corner putting the finishing touches to their projected campaign, the sophs swept down en masse, and, picking up 44 of the youths, threw them into a number of hacks, none too gently, and drove them to the Molson Building, adjoining Fletcher's Field, and in the rear of the new McGill Stadium. There, in the dreary attics of the building, the discomfited freshies were placed, tied down, while without the building some 50 pickets of the sophomore class kept vigil through the entire night, comforting themselves with the reflecting of what they would do to the balance of the freshies today.

This smart generalship on the part of the sophs is an innovation for the gentle yearly inauguration of inter-class festivities, and one which they claim is a complete success, unless it be that the freshies sweep down in such force as to compel reinforcement of capitulation on the part of their traditional foes.

It was whispered late last night that the worst has not yet happened; that for weeks and months and years to come the stigma of defeat will be upon the freshmen, for, it is said, that arrangements have been made whereby a moving picture company will exercise their cameras upon long rows of captured freshmen who are destined to be stretched at length for the purpose.