

# FRED. BLACKER IS INFLUENZA VICTIM

## Vice-President of Old Country Club Dies at St. Michael's

Another prominent figure in local soccer circles was carried off yesterday, a victim of Spanish influenza, and resultant pneumonia, in the person of Vice-President Fred Blacker of the Old Country Club. He died at St. Michael's Hospital after an illness of one week.

Blacker had played no soccer since his arrival in Canada from Lancashire, England, but was an enthusiastic supporter of the game, and was formerly associated with the British-imperial club. His wife, to whom he was married in July, suffered an attack of the epidemic, and was thought to have recovered. She went to the hospital to visit her husband, suffered a relapse, and is now in a serious condition. The funeral of the late Fred Blacker will be held to-morrow from 11 Boston Avenue.

# LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID TO MELVILLE

## Many Prominent Sportsmen Attend Funeral of McGill Union's Secretary

Montreal, Oct. 25.—The fear of infection and the ban against the congregation of crowds by the civic authorities no doubt kept away large numbers of friends and admirers of both himself and his father, the General Manager of the M.A.A.A., from the funeral of the late Howard Arum Melville, which took place from Wray's mortuary chapel on Mountain street to St. John the Evangelist Church, but the beautiful floral tributes and the prominent amateur athletic and college men, who did attend, showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Closely to R. E. Melville, the father, walked W. R. Grainger, President of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and John Davidson, former President.

Among the McGill representatives were: Ross Laing, President of the Students' Council, Dudley Ross, Vice-President; Captain Montgomery, and several others.

Cecil Hart represented the Eastern Canada Amateur Hockey Association, and amongst other well-known figures were Ernie Hamilton, W. G. H. Percy, Bob Taylor, Charlie McKerrow and Tom Fallon of the New York Central.

# TWINS ON FOOTBALL ELEVEN WORRY COACH

## Chester and Lester Bernard Are Candidates for End Positions

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The Bernard twins are as like as two peas, each weighs 163 pounds; each stands five feet 10 1/2 inches; both are candidates for end positions and Coach Olcott of the blue-jacket eleven at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station has an awful time telling Lester from Chester. You'll notice that even their names sound alike.

They played football on the Springfield, Mo., State Normal eleven last season, but didn't cause a great deal of trouble to the coach there because they were so good that Lester played one end and Chester the other, although the coach never quite knew which was which and who was playing which.

The twins would have Olcott frantic by this time if it wasn't for one thing—they are about on a par in ability so that whether the coach wants to use Lester or Chester he just yells Bernard, and the first to respond sticks. The twins are good, too, and maybe in some games the Bernards will play both ends, although Olcott will never know whether it's Lester or Chester at the right extremity.

**FREE KICKS.**

Beaches 135-lb. team will hold a practice at Kew Gardens on Saturday afternoon. Coach Ellis wishes all players to be on hand early.

Beaches will hold a practice this afternoon at Trinity College Campus at 8

o'clock. All players are requested to make a special effort to attend.

"Dutch" Becker, the noted Hamilton football star, is reported wounded. He went overseas with the 40th Battery under command of the late Major Gordon Southam, and has been in the thick of the fighting ever since.

Beeches Senior City football team will practice at Kew Gardens on Saturday afternoon. As the ban may be lifted by the following Saturday, Coach Reid would like the boys who have been practicing faithfully and endeavoring to keep fit to make Saturday afternoon a workout of special importance. The following players are requested to be out early and in uniform:—Tait, Coutie, Haskings, Smith, Dibble, Kay, G. Martin, Oakley, Spreula, Borebank, Nugent, Pearce, Stuart, Purcell, Spring, Pennock, Withers, Gagan, Sherwood, Farman and A. Martin, and any others whose names may have been omitted.