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EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT GALASHIELS.—The fifteenth annual Eastern District Junior Cross-country Championship of Scotland was held at Galashiels to Saturday, and was favoured with splendid weather. Nine teams entered for the event, and all turned up, viz.:—Edinburgh, Edinburgh Northern, Edinburgh Southern, Gala, Grange, Heriot's, Teviotdale, Falkirk Victoria, and Waverley. The starting point was from the Gala policies, where a large crowd assembled to witness the teams being started by Provost Sutherland. A strong wind prevailed, and though this had the effect of drying the ground it also had its effect on the runners, especially in the high-lying parts of the course, which was by way of Scott Street and Windyknowe to Mosses cricket field, over by Mosses farm to Fairnabee moor, returning home by Rank and Hollybush to the starting point in the Gala policies. All the nine teams were strongly represented, ninety-eight runners facing the starter, and ninety-two of these finished the course, which extended over a distance of nearly eight miles. Edinburgh Northern, who won in 1908 and 1910, and Falkirk Victoria, who won in 1904 and 1911, were strongly fancied as likely winners, but the day proved to be one of surprise, for the Borders found themselves very much at home in their own rugged countryside, and won both the team and individual championships. Hawick Teviotdale Harriers had the distinction of having the first two individuals home, J. Grierson beating T. Hamilton somewhat unexpectedly by 90 yards, but the Teviotdale champions were not at all supported by their other men, and they only finished fourth in the team championship. On the other hand, Gala Harriers, who had their first man home third on the list, finished so well as a team that they won the championship by a margin of 87 points. The results of the team championship, for which there were two sets of six medals each, was as follows:—1, Gala Harriers, 55 points; 2, Falkirk Victoria, 108 points; 3, Edinburgh Northern, 114 points; 4, Teviotdale Harriers, 138 points; 5, Edinburgh Southern, 244 points; 6, Edinburgh Harriers, 260 points; 7, Grange Harriers, 279 points; 8, Heriot's, 282 points; 9, Waverley, 383 points. Individual Championship—1, J. Grierson, Teviotdale, time, 48 mins. 59 secs.; 2, T. Hamilton, Teviotdale; 3, G. P. Abbott, Gala; 4, T. Brown, Edinburgh Northern; 5, T. Robertson, Falkirk Victoria; 6, T. Lawson, Gala Harriers; 7, G. F. M. Henderson, Gala; 8, R. Watson, Gala; 9, A. Paton, Edinburgh Southern; 10, D. K. Wilson, Edinburgh Northern; 11, W. Morrison, Grange; 12, R. S. Miller, Falkirk Victoria. The winning teams were composed of Gala Harriers (G. P. Abbott, 5; T. Lawson, 8; G. F. M. Henderson, 7; R. Watson, 9; A. Paton, 14; and T. Watson, 18); Falkirk Victoria (J. Robertson, 5; R. S. Miller, 12; J. Harris, 13; J. Russell, 20; W. R. McIntosh, 24; and W. Marshall, 31).