

48 Running across the ring, and "Bull in the ring" This last was pretty popular, for it consisted in the boys forming a large circle with hands clasped together. One of the boys had to take his place in the centre, & he was called the "Bull" His job was to find a weak place somewhere in the ring and to break through, if successful the ring was broken up and all hands went full cry to secure the Bull. The one who caught the beast, had to take his place & become the next "Bull".

There was an occasional fight on the ground, but as I mentioned before the "monitors" were to keep a look out ~~at~~ and to jot down on a slate, anything that was thought worthy of correction. I can remember, being the culprit on one occasion, when in this game of "Bull in the Ring" I gave the bull a vicious kick in the stern & made him roar.

In school afterwards there was quite a court case of enquiry into the circumstances

49 I cannot recall it all, but the injured person gave his version, conducting his own case. He (Davie Scott) of Scotch ancestry, began "We were playin' "Bull in the ring" & I was the Bull". The teacher immediately made the remark "And a fine Bull you would make". Davie was a sturdily built Chap of much of the Shorthorn type. The funny thing about it is that I cannot recall whether or not I was found guilty & had punishment administered, but it is quite possible. The teacher did not miss many chances.

From the direction that we went to school there were not a great many children who attended, possibly twenty or so. Those from other directions would be at least three times as many, and later on, very many more. From those from the other directions, there were continual complaints made to the teacher of quarrels on the road. But on our side, we made it a rule never to tell. Once, however, there was a very near break,