

the spirit of the game. The imported player cannot possibly regard himself as an amateur even though he is not being paid a cent. If good players desire to come here for any other reason it is perfectly legitimate for the football, or any other club, to ask them to play, but it is a bit surprising to read that efforts may be made to bring so and so to Ottawa for the season by offering him a consideration either in the form of a position or otherwise."

It is needless to say that *The Civilian* agrees entirely with what its esteemed elder brother says on this important subject.

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Locally, the great interest of Ottawa athletes, and particularly the rowing element, was centred of late in the ensuring of the victorious Rowing Club Eight being sent to the Henley Regatta next year. This city has always been noted as a centre of sport, and many are the championships which have fallen to its lot. Equally noteworthy, also, has been the ready response which has always been made to any appeal to the generosity of the athletic public in the Capital. After the winning of the American championship at Washington, a great and laudable desire for more worlds to conquer took possession of the members and friends of the victorious crew, and the idea of sending them next year to the World's Blue Ribbon event was mooted. No sooner said than done. A meeting was called by the Mayor, collectors appointed, and within one week the necessary \$5,000 (and more) were subscribed.

May the crew go forth and win is the wish of *The Civilian*,—and of every one else through Canada.

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The national game of Canada has had a splendid season, both in amateur and professional circles. The French-Canadian Nationals of Montreal have played fine, almost faultless lacrosse throughout their series.

That they are now about to follow the example of last year's champions and journey to the Pacific coast to endeavour to wrest the Minto cup from the grasp of the world's champions, will be hailed with great delight by all lovers of the game. This should constitute a series of battles royal on the Western slope, and Sept. 24 next will perhaps mark the date of the shifting of the coveted cup back to its original starting point. It is a far cry from Maisonneuve to New Westminster, but nowadays our athletes are becoming accustomed to the effacement of distance and time in their efforts for supremacy.

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While on the subject of the Nationals' challenge for the Minto cup, everyone with the true instincts of fair play in spirit will uphold the decision of the trustees of the cup, as voiced by Mr. P. D. Ross, one of the trustees, in standing firmly by the view that there should be no sectionalism displayed in the appointment of referees for these contests, and no conditions attached to any challenge put in by aspiring teams. The inuendo of unfair decisions necessarily associated with such a challenge cannot and will not be countenanced by the trustees, and it is a most happy augury for the national game of Canada that the French-Canadian twelve immediately, and unequivocally, accepted the decision when announced by Mr. Ross.

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Cricket in Canada has boomed this year from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In England Kent county has about landed the championship. As a rule the gate receipts in the Old Country have somewhat declined, and many of the cricket writers attribute this to the fact that the masses are gradually becoming more enamoured of the faster and more showy "soccer" football game, and having only sixpences for one sport, somewhat naturally prefer that