

of Montreal—is the most conspicuous example.

On the Toronto team, the only native of that city is O'Hara, the fleet-footed outfielder.

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The great coal strike in Great Britain, while it seems to have diminished the attendance at theatres and music halls, does not appear to have affected the "gate" at football matches. In the recent International "soccer" game between England and Scotland, played at Glasgow, the attendance was variously estimated at from 110,000 to 130,000. The game was a draw—1-1.

These contests began in 1873, and since that date Scotland has won 17, England 12, and there have been 11 drawn games. Fancy a referee being "mobbed" by a crowd of 130,000 persons—or even half that number.

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The basketball championship of Canada has been won by the team representing the Montreal A.A.A. The Ottawa Y.M.C.A. team was third in the series, with four clubs entered.

One generally associates this game with gentlemanly deportment, but during the past winter several of the matches in the above mentioned league have been marred by disgusting exhibitions of brutality. A climax was reached in the last contest between the M.A.A.A. and Ottawa Y.M.C.A., played in Montreal, in which a free fight occurred. After the match the Executive met and took drastic measures. The two ringleaders in the fight— one from each team— were ruled out of all basketball league matches for life. Good for the Executive!

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If the Civil Service Athletic Association are not defunct, might it not be a good thing to appoint a committee to interview the present government—or at least the Minister of Public Works—and endeavour to secure again the use of the Parliamentary

lawns for cricket, baseball, etc. *The Civilian* feels sure that Mr. Monk will be sympathetic. Then there is that veteran devotee of sport, the Hon. Sam Hughes, who played for years on the senior Toronto lacrosse team, and also loves a game of cricket,—and there are others, including the Premier himself.

Now's the time to act, gentlemen. The spring's the time!

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The Civil Service Bowling Association have had a grand winter's sport on the alleys. In fact, bowling has proved a strong rival of hockey, although of course those who follow it are of more mature years and avoirdupois. The grand aggregate in the C.S.A. was won by Mr. E. R. Douglas, of the Customs Dept.,—a veteran who has figured many times in the honors.

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In the Supplementary Estimates brought down by the Government appears an item of \$15,000 to defray the expenses of a Canadian athletic team to visit the Olympic games to be held at Stockholm during the coming summer. This should be ample for the purpose. There will be elimination trials in all events before the different entries are decided on. The Ottawa eight will have to down the Argonauts before they can get a place, and no doubt there will be some hard training all over Canada from now on, although many of the athletes complain that the notice is too short.

It is presumed that whatever rowing crews are entered will also compete at Henley. Ottawa's showing of last year should encourage them to make another attempt.

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Still further has hockey narrowed down. The Eastern champions from Moncton, N.B., journeyed to Quebec to try conclusions with the winners of the N. H. A., but met defeat, so that the Stanley Cup will remain for a year at least in the Ancient City.