

ious that these be played off as soon as possible, so that the departmental games for the possession of the Civil Service shield may be begun at once.

The service bowlers made a good showing in the tournament of the Eastern Lawn Bowling Association, Shaw's rink reaching the semi-finals in the association match. At the annual meeting of the association, held at the Ottawa's club house, Mr. W. J. McCaffrey, representative of the Civil Service, was elected president for the ensuing year.

On Thursday evening, August 20, a friendly game was played with the Ottawas on the Ottawa greens, and on Thursday, August 27th, a friendly game with Victorias will be played. A Rosenthal cup game with each club will be played early in September.

CO-OPERATIVE NOTES.

One-quarter of the people of Great Britain depend upon the co-operative movement for their food and household supplies. What must it mean to them at this time to know that they have an organization behind them which will not use the war as a pretext for making money out of a temporary interruption or readjustment of the regular channels of supply? The co-operative movement in the old land, with its own wholesale, its flour, biscuit, jam, cocoa, cotton, soap and woollen mills, its boot and shoe and other factories, is in a position to take care of its customers at this critical time. *The Civilian* will give its readers at an early date the story of how the English C. W. S. handled its trade at the opening of the war.

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The retailers and wholesalers are not wholly to blame for taking the opportunity afforded by the war to raise prices. At the outbreak of the war a veritable panic seized many

of the grocers' clientele, who stocked very largely in certain lines. The Ottawa store did the largest business in its history, its sales for the week ending August 8 amounting to \$1,791.47, goods to the value of \$969.52 being sold on the Saturday. It is the policy of the store to sell its present stock at the lower prices, advancing only when the wholesale price on new stock compels.

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The Ottawa Store.

The co-operative distributive stores in Canada at this time, like all other merchants, are at the mercy of the wholesalers and manufacturers. The manager of the Ottawa store has received advice of advances in sugar, flour, rolled oats and tea. One large manufacturer announces, through the press, that there is no justification for asking an advanced price in sugar, and claims to be refusing to sell to wholesalers who will not sell at the proper price. It would appear that there is a tendency among some supply houses to consider that the highest patriotism is to take advantage of every excuse to make money at the expense of the consumer. Legislation will be passed at the special war session of Parliament giving the Government power to control the prices of commodities.

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A shipment of goods from the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester, has been received, embracing more lines than carried last year. Customers will remember the splendid quality of the jams, marmalades and confectionery imported from the C. W. S. last year. Among other lines added are C. W. S. biscuits, which should become very popular.

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Civil Servants who have not ordered their winter supply of coal should get our prices and order as soon as possible.