

as this of France. Departments may have their grievances, Ministers may have their occasions of exasperation—they must settle it between themselves. The country looks upon these contests as matters for the disputants alone and incapable of affecting anything but its petty cash account. Public business will be carried on though the official heavens fall. Allegiance is owed to the State, not to a private employer or company whose business is solely to make money, and the civil servant draws no parallel between himself and the employees of the commercial world in this matters. His position may be regarded in this connection as being one with that of the military and naval forces, and, as with them, to strike means nothing less than to mutiny. It is impossible to imagine circumstances under which legislation on the lines of the recent French measure will in our British Dominions be even remotely necessary.

Athletics.

The athletic season may now be said to have reached the "fall quarter," and such games and sports as tennis, cricket, baseball, lacrosse, bowls, rowing and swimming, must give way to the all-absorbing football—with 'footer' and 'soccer'—which will hold sway until Jack Frost drives the athlete from the field to the hockey rink.

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It has indeed been a most strenuous season, in all branches of sport, in every part of the English-speaking world. Usually there has been a week or two's breathing spell before the football training actually began, but this year we find all the big college and city teams starting right in to chase the elusive pigskin. Harvard University is beginning its practices at least two weeks ahead

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of time. The Hamilton "Tigers" and the Argonaut Rowing Club of Toronto are much earlier in the field than in former years. Ottawa's "Fifteen," encouraged by the fact that they were within an ace of winning the Dominion championship, are arming for the fray in a most thorough manner.

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Speaking of amateur football, the following is an extract from the Ottawa "Citizen" of August 31st on the subject, which will be of interest to all lovers of pure sport:

"The Ottawa football club, which covered itself with athletic glory last fall, is in a fair way to get off to a bad start this season if reports regarding its intention to secure the services of outside players are to be credited. Ottawa does not require championships, that is amateur championships, won by outsiders brought here for the purpose. Amateur sport cannot countenance the importation of players. It is directly contrary to