

harrowing details are as follows: Two days after the 15th ultimo, while yet the pockets of civil servants were bulging with gold-bearing government bonds, and while for the nonce life wore a rosy and optimistic hue, four civil servants modestly professing themselves to be the finest lawn-bowlers in the club, banded themselves together in a rink called the Invincibles and issued a challenge to anybody or everybody to meet them in deadly combat in a game of lawn-bowls. Four other civil servants calling themselves the Allcomers accepted the challenge, and the octonary battle began. The game ended 15 to 8 in favor of the Allcomers. The following account of the proceedings was made out and sent to a city newspaper by the winners: "The Invincibles and the Allcomers met yesterday in a challenge game of lawn-bowls, the Allcomers winning 15 to 8. The rinks were:

Allcomers—Bowker, L., Brown, C. G., MacPherson, R.C., Godard, C. M. (skip) 15.

Invincibles—Thomas, E. A., Duplessis, L., Kilgallen, J., Robertson, W. H. (skip) 8.

2,000 people witnessed the match, which was a continuation of rougher body-checking on the part of the losers than is usually seen in lawn-bowling games. The losers also left the grounds without paying their rivals a share of the gate receipts."

The Invincibles, surcharged with the deadly virus, "win at any cost," handed down to us from the aboriginal proprietors of the Ottawa valley, communicated with the Amateur Burglar and Assassin Featheration Corruption Unlimited, and engaged the services of one of its professional porch-climbers. Acting under sealed orders, the expert repaired to the Citizen Building, Sparks street, climbed to the top, bored a hole in the roof, slid down the elevator cable, and arrived beneath the vault in which are

confined the scribes and pharisees of the Citizen's newspaper staff. Here he met resistance from the printer's devil. A compromise was shortly effected. The Montreal concern had recently patented new methods for the vivisection of athletes by means of lacrosse sticks, and for hanging, drawing and quartering a referee all for the usual small admission fee in the prayerful hope of popularizing these innocent young amusements. In exchange for these useful ideas, the devil withdrew all opposition and agreed to assist in spreading the propaganda.

Rapidly tunnelling into the press-room, the marauder appeared before the astonished eyes of the reporters armed with a hockey and a lacrosse stick. The reporters who, unknown to their parents, had seen these in operation, gouging eyes, extracting teeth, etc., surrendered at discretion and were bound and gagged. And now followed an unexampled instance of humanitarianism. The house-breaker blindfolded the guileless young reporters lest their innocent eyes should witness the dastardly deed about to be wrought.

Rescued at length from their perilous position, the disseminators of useful knowledge searched in vain for signs of murder or pillage. But when the morning paper came out the next day, the skip of the "Allcomers" read with horror the account of his match with the "Invincibles." The MS. had been changed during the night, reversing the score 15 to 8 in favor of the Invincibles, and reversing also the reflections cast upon the sportsmanship of the losers.

A writ is to be taken out against the Citizen Co. for malversion of public news. Ready-made suits are also being made for the whole Invincible team.

Lawn-Bowling.

Very little has been happening during the past week in the bowling