

Athletics.

'Soccer' football has undoubtedly had a great boom by the present visit of the Corinthian team. This aggregation has continued its victorious course right across the continent to Victoria, winning every match and usually "whitewashing" their opponents. This is a distinctly amateur organization who carry their views on this point to such an extent that they declined to play for the gold trophy donated in Calgary—the ground taken being that amateur teams should not play for any prize or inducement whatever.

The baseball season in all the big leagues is drawing to a close and close finishes are likely in each case. It is difficult to understand how much enthusiasm can be worked up by local "fans" over their respective teams when in most cases not a single player has the slightest connection with the city in question beyond being on the pay-roll. The Toronto team of the Eastern league stand second at present in their series, and contain the unusually high average of having two Toronto men in their ranks.

There is also an exciting finish on in the senior lacrosse league of Canada. The Tecumsehs of Toronto, anticipate landing the championship of the series, but the real champions are the holders of the Minto Cup, which is now on the Pacific coast. The New Westminster team have held it for the past two years, having withstood the onslaughts of the Montreal and National teams. The winner of the present series between New Westminster and Vancouver will have to defend the cup against the Eastern champions.

In the International cricket match between Canada and the United States the former eleven pulled out of an unpromising hole and made the match a draw—somewhat in

favour of Canada.

There is too much 'Ontario' in the make up of the Canadian XI. There should be at least five representatives on the eleven from the West and the Maritime Provinces. Halifax, St. John, Winnipeg and Vancouver could easily supply one man each, who would strengthen the team. By the way, why was not Ottawa represented in the recent match?

Notwithstanding that the different corps in Ottawa supplied about 25 per cent of the entries at the D.R.A. meet, only one local man obtained a place on next year's Bisley team. This year's King prize man—Clifford of Toronto—failed to secure a place—thus showing the variable-ness of shooting.

The great wrestling match between Gotch of Iowa, and Hackenschmidt, the Russian, who has lived in England for many years, took place on Labor Day in Chicago. Gotch won in 2 falls—the first in 14 minutes and the second in 5 minutes. It was for the championship of the world and drew 30,000 people. Never was there a greater collapse of any noted athlete. "Hack" was in a state of nervous breakdown and went into the ring a beaten man. It was a repetition of the Johnson-Jeffries glove contest of last year. Gotch again worked the illegal toe hold, which won him the second fall.

Tom Longboat has "come back" and has won two notable victories of late, although he lost by 5 yards to Shrubbs, the English runner, at Boston, on Labor Day. Still 10 miles is not long enough for Longboat and is not his distance. It is said that his improvement is entirely due to the care and training of his wife, who—while of course not going on the track with him—directs all his actions and, chief of all, keeps him strictly away from the fire water—which is his weakness.