

Buffalo the dealers explain it very simply. 'We are in the hands of a combine,' they say. Whether that is a reason, or the reason, for the increase in the prices of canned goods in this country is a question left for further consideration."

Athletics.

It is pleasing to note that the Civil Service are to have a hockey league, similar to their bowling league. There is no doubt that these matches will afford much interest. With bank leagues, commercial and even church leagues, it would seem natural that a body containing nearly 3,000 men should place a good league of six or seven clubs on the ice.

As was stated in these columns, it will probably be impossible for the new arena in Toronto to provide any hockey this winter, owing to non completion of the building. This will alter the situation considerably for the current season.

It is difficult to understand the action of the Ontario Hockey Association executive in handing back the Allan Cup, emblem of the amateur hockey championship, to the trustees. One of the regulations promulgated by the latter was very stringent with respect to the furnishing of accurate statements of travelling expenses. This was framed entirely in the interests of amateur sport, but it did not seem to meet the views of the O. H. A. officials. More's the pity.

The inner history of the inter-necine strife in local skating clubs will not tend to dissipate the reputation of the Capital for snobbishness, undeserved as it may be.

Curling is now on, in full blast and the three city clubs of Ottawa

are actively engaged. Indeed, there are four rinks in the Capital, as the Governor General has an historic institution of the kind at Rideau Hall, where many famous contests have taken place. It is in truth a democratic game. One recalls the Earl of Aberdeen's quartette, in which His Excellency played 'lead' while his coachman 'skipped'. This rink played many matches throughout Ontario and Quebec, winning a good percentage of them.

The visit of the Scottish curlers is likely to be somewhat extended, as Regina, Moosejaw and other western cities are asking for matches.

A well known, and most popular member of the Civil Service has been elected President of the Rideau Curling Club for the ensuing season, in the person of Lieut. Col. A. P. Sherwood. Col. Sherwood has been a prominent curler for many years, and has also been a leader in amateur athletics. *The Civilian* feels sure that the present season of the Rideau Club under his presidency will be one of the most successful in its history.

An Englishman, Capt. Season, has just completed a walking tour round the world. Since the spring of 1908 he has traversed over 27,000 miles. This he did on a wager of £7,000. When crossing Thibet he was tortured by natives, but this he did not mind so much as the trials of thirst when crossing Australia. So far as we are aware, this is the only authentic case of anyone circling the globe on foot.

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