

Athletics.

The C. S. Baseball League of Ottawa series is now practically over, and the team from the Customs-Statistics has won the championship. It was a signal win, and they are undoubtedly the best all-round aggregation in the league. They won 12 games and lost two; one of the latter was to the Post Office nine and the other to that of the Surveys branch, while they in turn defeated each of these teams once, and that by decisive scores. The Customs also have the honour of scoring the only shut-outs of the series, one of these being against the Printing Bureau (last year's champions) 8-0, and the other against Surveys, 7-0.

Much of the success of the Customs team is attributable to two features, good battery work and good batting. Connors, the youthful pitcher, was on the mound in every match, and exhibited great headwork, combined with speed and a variety of curves. McNeill was the catcher for about half the season, until the unfortunate game with Surveys when he had a collision with Shields on the plate. Since that date he has played third base, in excellent fashion. A boy of seventeen, McFadden, caught the remainder of the matches in superb style. The Customs were not an 'all star' aggregation, as they boasted but one City League player, Bannett, while many of the other clubs had two league men on their rosters.

The complete list of the Customs team is as follows:—

C. Connors, pitcher; J. McFadden, catcher; W. Hazlitt, 1b.; R. J. Bennett, 2b.; R. Guibord, ss.; W. McNeil, 3b.; outfielders, L. Kane, F. J. Shannon, R. Hamelin, E. Lewis, B. Wilson, T. Burns.

The Civilian hopes to be in a position to publish a photo of the team in its next issue.



MR. H. R. SIMS.

The above is a photo of Mr. H. Reginald Sims, the popular president of the Civil Service Baseball League of Ottawa. As a matter of fact, Mr. Sims may be regarded as the originator of the league. It had its inception last year when he was elected its first president, and was re-elected this year. Mr. Sims takes an untiring interest in the matches, and is present at every one, even when there are two games in one day on different grounds.

The appointing of the umpires rests with the president, and Mr. Sims' selections for this important position have been most fortunate. During the summer Mr. Sims has been making strong efforts to bring to Ottawa teams from Toronto and Montreal for a series of games. That he has not yet been successful is no fault of his. We hope even yet that he may be able to accomplish this desirable end.

Mr. Sims is an official of the Public Works Department, and is a native of Nova Scotia.