

soiling the lily-white purity of the amateurs. The A. A. U. doesn't. The whole thing is simply a snub for the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.

The Dominion Bowling Tournament should be the greatest event of the kind Canada has ever seen. Heretofore the trouble has been that no lawn in Toronto was big enough to accommodate all the competitors. It was necessary to use the lawns of two or three of the city clubs, and the result was a continual shifting about that, to say the least, was not popular. This year the new lawns at the Woodbine will be used. There will be room for all, and present indications are that there will be a great gathering of bowlers.

Shamrocks, of Montreal, now look as if they would take the Minto Cup back home. Two successive defeats of the Tecumsehs, of Toronto, have put the latter pretty well out of the running, and there is nothing else in the race close enough to be dangerous. Shamrocks have held the cup for five out of the six years it has been played for.

### Training for Citizenship

**A**MONG the evidences of progress which Canada daily affords none are more gratifying than the growth in the number of Canadian Clubs all over the country. To develop a sturdy national sentiment and to qualify young Canadians to take their part in the affairs of their country is the highest type of public usefulness, and in doing this the Canadian Clubs have more reason for their being and a more distinct and noble sphere for their activity than most other organisations in Canada.

The latest city to enter the Canadian Club idea is Stratford, where it is proposed to organise one in connection with the Y.M.C.A. In commenting upon this proposition the Stratford "Herald" very aptly remarks: "That such an education is sadly needed among Canadians, it requires no argument to prove; as a people we have been charged with having 'more politics to the square acre' than any country under the sun; and though this may not be a fair statement of our conditions, yet there are few who will deny that our politics are not in many respects very creditable to such an enlightened people as we claim to be. 'Politics' among us is almost a term of reproach with the ordinary citizen and it would hardly be too much to say that with the most of us it is considered a matter to be avoided. On the contrary there is no subject which should engage our attention more than this very one, and when our people have a proper idea of the true significance of what politics really mean there will not be so much indifference among us in matters of such vital importance.

"We avoid the political heeler and the ward politician and consider them mere place-seekers. The truth is we ourselves have stood aloof from what is clearly our duty and allowed men whose tastes led them in that direction to look after the country's interest. If we have among us an undesirable class of politicians it is our own ignorance and indifference that has produced them, and if the matter is to be remedied we must have a body of citizens who have been long trained by discussion of public questions and who are willing to devote some time to the public weal and decide public questions in the spirit of intelligence and independence. This means a good deal of training on the part of our young men; it means that they must spend a good deal of time in studying and discussing questions which come before them; they must acquire facility of expressing their views in public. Such a training is by no means an easy one, but to young men of ability and energy, it is a pleasant training and will yield an abundant return; we have few fields among us that have been less worked than that which lies before the members of a Canadian club."



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