

## *Athletics.*

The war is gradually putting a "crimp" into all forms of sport. That old-time cricket hero of England, Dr. W. S. Grace, who is still playing, has been "writing to the 'Times'," advocating the abandonment of the cricket championship series. "This is no time for sport," he says; "it is a time for serious work."

The attention of Ottawa readers is hereby drawn to the annual sports to take place at Lansdowne Park on September 26th. Last year saw the inception of these, when a great success was scored. Who knows but that some unknown material may be discovered which will yet bring fame to Canada? Let everyone take an interest in the sports and—at least—be present.

The various contingents leaving Canada have taken enough athletes to put forward representatives in almost every branch of sport or war. Many of the best men of the Hamilton Tigers have enlisted. In the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry the tall, athletic form of Pugilist Jack Munro could be seen. Jack has stood up against Jeffries, Tommy Burns and Sharkey, and should make an excellent man on the fighting line. In England it begins to look as though there would be no "cup series" in professional "soccer" football, as so many players have enlisted.

## EXCHANGES.

The "Katipo," the New Zealand Civil Service organ, has this to say regarding the appointment of a permanent representative or secretary. Suggestions along these lines have been made in the editorial columns of *The Civilian*, and it is interesting to learn the opinion of confreres in New Zealand on this important subject:—

As to the appointment of an official who will devote the whole of his time and energy to the work of the Association, we are aware that the appointment of such an official is looked at askance by a large number of members, but we seriously ask them how much longer they can expect a huge organization like ours to rest upon the work of men who can only devote their spare time to the task. The present system was good enough when the organization was comparatively small, but today we are rapidly approaching the four thousand mark. It only requires laxity on the part of an important official to throw the whole organization out of gear and cover the aims of the Association with confusion. If there was a general rush of enthusiasts to take up the work of management, the position would be easier, but there is no indication of any struggle for office. There have been two vacancies on the committee for some time, but while one branch is disputing who shall be appointed the other has taken no steps to nominate a successor. It is here that a permanent official would be immediately useful. He could be sent to the erring branch and put the position before the members thereof and galvanise them into action. Then, again, there are branches which neglect their own affairs. A permanent officer could be sent along to fully investigate the position, call a meeting and place the true position before branch members, and stay long enough to assist them to get going again.