

Mr. Edwin D. Bryant, the new President of Bowood Lodge No. 44, S. O. E., is the chief draughtsman in the Geographer's Branch of the Department of the Interior. He is the Secretary of the Devonian Club, and an active member of St. George's Society. He is also a member of Civil Service Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Athletics.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Customs Hockey and Social Club was held on January the 9th, after the business routine was transacted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Honorable President—Mr. R. S. White.

Hon. Vice-President—Mr. H. McLaughlin.

President—Mr. H. C. Irwin.

Vice-President—Mr. J. H. Decondu.

Treasurer—Mr. H. Roche.

Secretary—Mr. G. B. Grondin.

Manager of the Hockey Team—Mr. J. Newton.

Chairman—Mr. C. Singleton.

The committee have decided to have a few entertainments during the present year.



The schedule of the Ottawa Civil Service Hockey League is as follows:—

Jan. 13—Interior at Customs.

Jan. 15—Bureau at Post Office.

Jan. 15—West Block at Interior.

Jan. 20—Bureau at Customs.

Jan. 24—Post Office at West Block.

Jan. 24—Interior at Bureau.

Jan. 26—Customs at Post Office.

Jan. 26—West Block at Bureau.

Feb. 2—Post Office at Interior.

Feb. 7—Customs at West Block.

Feb. 7—Post Office at Bureau.

Feb. 12—Customs at Interior.

Feb. 14—Interior at West Block.

Feb. 14—Customs at Bureau.

Feb. 16—West Block at Post Office.

Feb. 19—Bureau at Interior.

Feb. 20—Post Office at Customs.

Feb. 21—Bureau at West Block.

Feb. 26—Interior at Post Office.

Feb. 27—West Block at Customs.

The above is published notwithstanding that several of the matches have been played.

The match Interior vs. Customs was a draw. The full hour's play failed to produce a goal on either side.

Bureau vs. Post Office met on the 15th. This, too, was a drawn game, 3-3. (A win counts 2 points and a draw 1.) On the same day Interior defeated West Block 3-0.

The photo of the President of the League, Mr. T. V. Doyle, appeared in

these columns last summer, when that gentleman was the very efficient Secretary of the Civil Service Baseball League.

Mr. Bennett, the Secretary, is a member of the Customs Statistics Branch, a department of the Government service which has contributed more players to various sports than any other. He is a native of Kemptville, Ont., and in addition to his prowess in hockey is a noted baseball player.

The Ottawa Ski Club is flourishing these days. Mr. J. A. D. Holbrook has been re-elected President, a position he fills admirably. Mr. T. J. Morin, of the Immigration Branch, was re-elected Secretary. For the first time the championships will take place in Ottawa. The date fixed is Feb. 28th. All the experts of Eastern Canada, and many from the United States will likely be present. Being under Royal patronage, the meet cannot fail to be a brilliant event.

Women's Branch of the C. S. Association of Ottawa.

A mass meeting of the women of the Ottawa service is called for Monday, February 2nd, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, at 7.45 p.m., to receive the report of the constitution committee, to perfect organization, and to elect officers.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Extract from "Hausa Superstitions and Customs," by Major A. J. L. Tremearne.

The Hausas are the traders of West Africa. It is characteristic that in some of the tales a man's wisdom is measured by the length of his purse, and a rich man is believed whatever he says, while the pauper is scoffed at when obviously speaking the truth. Truth and honesty in fact are not the ideal virtues of uncultured man. In these examples, fair dealing, Major Tremearne points, is at times extremely unprofitable. The accomplishment which is really admired is cunning. The essential thing is to be clever, and the test of cleverness is the successful trick. Man is on a level with the brute, and such higher feelings as honour or gratitude do not come into play at all. The hero of the anthology is the spider, the king of cunning, and all the stories are told in his name. The spider may have originally been symbolical of the sun, but if so all trace of the derivation is lost.