

C. S. Bowling League of Ottawa.

The Civilian with pleasure accepts the suggestion expressed in Mr. Thomas' letter. Appended will be found a form which may be filled out and mailed to "Civilian," Box 484, Ottawa. We will continue publishing this ballot for four issues, one in April and three in May. The returns will be handed over to the executive of the league the first week in June.

Are you in favour of dis-continuing the present method of forming teams in the Ottawa C. S. Bowling League by Departments ?

YES	
NO	

NAME _____

DEPT. _____

C. S. Alley Bowling in Ottawa.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

"There are none so blind as those who will not see."

In my first contribution on this subject I attempted to give not only my own opinion but, what I believed to be the opinion of the majority of bowlers in the service. True, this plan, has been voted on twice at general meetings and has failed to carry, but, the attendance at these meetings for various reasons has been small, and the combined voting strength of the Interior and Mint teams has been sufficient to carry the meeting against any movement in this direction. There is nothing to retract from the statements first made with reference to the "waning interest," and the outlook for the future. No person for a moment doubts Mr. Artz' interest or enthusiasm but with some it is questionable if he has not at times allowed his enthusiasm to influence his judgment. Two years is not a long experience in bowling matters. He may be voicing the sentiment of the majority of the bowlers

but of this I have yet to be convinced. The system of handicapping has been often tried in alley bowling and as often abandoned. In the opinion of bowlers of long experience it is utterly impossible to work out a system of handicaps that would prove satisfactory in every case. It is a certainty that dissatisfaction and friction would be the result, and besides who wants a handicap? I cannot but feel that Mr. Arty as an officer of the league acted a little hasty in dismissing the proposed plan. Surely he is fair enough to carry out the wishes of the majority of those he represented.

As it would seem next to impossible to get even a fair attendance at a general meeting and as there are several months before the season is under way, I would respectfully suggest to the Editors of *The Civilian* that they take a mail vote of the bowlers, past and present, in the service to ascertain their views on the question. A ballot outlined below would I believe meet the requirements.

E. A. THOMAS.

Ottawa, April 13, 1913.