

all means remain in the field. Their success last season shows that they are distinctly in the front rank in this interesting sport.

One of the most pleasing features of Victoria Day was the series of juvenile sports brought off in the morning by the Ketchum Co., Ltd. No less than 200 youngsters were brought together in a lengthy programme for which this enterprising firm gave prizes. Admission was absolutely free and the parents and friends of the youngsters were present in large numbers. It was a very laudable effort to develop good, sound amateur sport among the rising generation, and Messrs. Ketchum are certainly to be congratulated on the result.

In some of the cities of Canada there obtain what is known as "Supervised Playgrounds" for the children during the Summer holidays. Two or three fairly large plots of public ground are set apart in various parts of the city. Each is sub-divided between the boys and girls. A regular teacher is paid a small salary for the two months to attend daily from nine until five. In the city of Halifax they have been found most successful. The Board of School Commissioners make a grant of \$150 per year. The Women's Council took the matter up and held a Tag Day, during which they raised \$1,600, which sum is found sufficient to maintain three playgrounds for the next three years. Games of all sorts are carried on under the direction of the teacher. Boys and girls from the slums along with their more fortunate fellows are taught good manners, and the spirit of fair play is inculcated in their young minds. It would be a good thing if every Canadian community of any size had an institution such as this.

Bowling.

With the opening of the lawn-bowling season there is the usual array of new players ardent in their enthusiasm to learn everything that is to be known of this excellent

sport. *The Civilian* gladly assists in the work of enlightenment.

"Novice" writes to ask us (A) if any of the laws of the game are ever broken by good bowlers; (B) if so, which ones. We reply: (A) Yes, often; (B) All of 'em.

To "Constant Reader."—No; if a player inadvertently (or otherwise) drops a bowl on your corn, you have no legal remedy. Your best plan would be to retaliate "in kind" when a favorable opportunity offers itself.

To "Sportsman."—Yes, we are inclined to think that bowling is preferable to bridge, especially during the summer months. The method of scoring of the former is at least intelligible.

No, "Jimmy," there is no rule against carrying the wood up the rink; you can even drop it on the rink to your heart's content—provided the greenkeeper isn't looking. What you must not carry up the rink is the roller.

PURCHASING GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES

The Government of the United States has recently inaugurated a new plan for purchasing supplies for the departments at Washington. There is something in the scheme which should commend it to the various governments in Canada, which from year to year purchase large quantities of supplies for several departments. In the past it has been the custom for each department to call for tenders for supplies, and in many cases these tenders cover the same class of goods or material.

The plan outlined is to form a central purchasing agency, and through this department all the supplies for the various divisions of the government service will be secured. The central supply committee, made up of one representative from each governmental department and one representative from the important independent institutions

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