

is a pity that our Canadian "bird-man," McCurdy, who first conceived the above feat, delayed his attempts until the honour had gone to another. However, to McCurdy belongs the kudos attaching to the initial experiments in aerial wireless telegraphy, which have now reached the stage of successful accomplishment.



It is somewhat a far cry from athletics to romance, but it is interesting to note that probably the first lady Canadian to take a trip aloft in a flying machine was Miss Gertrude Mackenzie, of Toronto, daughter of one of our most recent Knights, Sir William Mackenzie. Her pilot on this occasion was the Count De Lesseps, of Paris, a professional aviator, son of the late Count Ferdinand De Lesseps, who was designer and engineer of the Suez Canal. The lady has now decided to fly through life with her gallant conductor, and their marriage took place in London, Eng., on the 24th inst. Thus are the families of two great captains of construction united, — the one the builder of one of our great transcontinental railroads, the Canadian Northern, and the other of one of the principal waterways in the world—the Suez Canal.



Following is the standing and averages of the contestants in the Ottawa Bowling League, computed to January 24. The records of the Secretary show that 120 bowlers have taken part in the different matches to date, thirty or exactly one-quarter of the number have an average of 50 and over per game:—

#### Team Standing.

TEAMS	WON	LOST	AVERAGE
Interior I .....	12	0	3220
Statistics .....	10	2	3010
Bureau .....	9	3	3074
Agriculture ....	9	4	2970
Mint.....	8	4	2979
P. M. Dept....	8	4	2957

Interior II .....	6	6	2809
P. O. D.....	4	8	2773
E. Block .....	2	10	2836
Militia .....	2	10	2738
Customs .....	2	10	2633
Ry. Com'n.....	1	12	2562

#### Averages.

NAME	GAMES	AVERAGE
Edwards .....	12	577
Douglas .....	12	577
Reardon .....	11	546
Hutton .....	11	546
Kilgallin .....	13	545
Clendinnen .....	9	536
Jordan .....	8	534
Reynolds .....	11	532
Archambault .....	10	530
Shore, D .....	12	530
Stewart.....	12	528
Allen .....	12	528
Turcotte .....	12	528
Shore, H.....	11	527
Lindsay.....	12	524
Jobin.....	12	521
Payne.....	10	521
Goddard.....	8	520
Hull.....	12	515
Stevens .....	11	512
Patterson.....	12	510
Foster.....	13	509
Baker.....	13	508
Thomas .....	13	507
Butterworth .....	11	506
Shaw.....	12	505
Lapointe.....	13	504
Howe .....	13	503
Morin.....	11	503
McKnight .....	12	503

High Cross Alley, Douglas, 650

High Single String, Douglas, 257  
Lapointe, 257

"You have been in your Department a long time?" said a man to his old school-fellow.

"Yes," answered his friend, with a patient expression of countenance.

"What's your position?"

"I am in IIIA."

"Yes, but what do you do?"

"Do? I do everything. I am the doer and the others are tellers. It's like this: When the Minister wants something done he tells the Deputy Minister, and the Deputy tells the Chief of the Branch, and the Chief of the Branch tells the Chief Clerk, and the Chief Clerk tells the Head of the Room, and the Head of the Room tells me."

"And what then?"

"Well, I haven't anybody to tell, so I have to do it."