

There was strong talk of legal suppression of football until the war was over, but the British Government has come to an understanding with the "magnates" of the game, and such drastic action is not likely to be resorted to.

It appears that the football players themselves do not deserve the stigma of unpatriotism as do the "fans," who are too busy watching games to think about national defence. Here are a few news items regarding the war service of football players and other athletes:—

"Chris. Craig, the ex-Merthyr Town half-back, is a prisoner of war in Germany."

"White, formerly goalkeeper for Belfast Distillery, has reached home from the front, having been wounded."

"Arthur Rawlings, the Northampton Town reserve centre-half last season, who has been missing since the end of August, is now reported to be a prisoner in Germany."

"'Chubby' Newsome, a well-known Barnsley footballer, is amongst the Royal Marines who are interned at Groningen, Holland."

"Sixteen Croydon Common players have joined the colours. This is a record for a professional club."

"A boxing editor says that were he to give a list of all the professional boxers who have joined the colours since the declaration of war he would have to fill several newspaper columns."

"H. E. Hippsley, a young and promising cricketer and brilliant hockey player, has been killed in the battle at the front. A pathetic circumstance is that the Somerset cricketer was married the day he was ordered to France."

And so it appears that the man who has energy and physical and moral strength enough to undertake the labour and risk of strenuous sport has also the stuff in him of which the Empire's protectors are made. It is the man who sits in the stand and "plays the game with his mouth" who develops "socceritis" and wants to "fight with his mouth" when the call to arms is sounded.

#### Taking No Chances.

Cynthia: "Oh, Tom, think of coming to ask papa's consent in such shabby clothes!"

Tom: "That's all right—I had one suit ruined."

#### CIVIL SERVICE CLUB NOTES.

The first of a series of club dinners will take place on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 15th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The new Postmaster-General, Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, has kindly consented to deliver a brief address.

The seating accommodation is limited to fifty.

It is hoped that a club dinner will be held each month, to be addressed by one of the Ministers.

Mr. J. Stevens, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police staff, has been elected a member of the club.

#### LIEUT. GRAHAM "WATCHED."

Lieut. Charles Graham, of No. 5 Company, Canadian Army Service Corps, left a few days ago for Toronto to assume his duties as an officer of the Ontario Mounted Rifles, now mobilizing in that city. His colleagues in the Chief Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department showed their appreciation of Lieut. Graham as a Civil Servant and a soldier by presenting him with a solid gold military wrist watch. The presentation was made by Walter Billings, who, in well chosen words, expressed the warm feelings of the many friends whom Lieut. Graham leaves in Ottawa, and who will watch his military career with unflinching interest. The recipient suitably voiced his thanks and took his farewell, followed by every wish for good luck and a safe return.

#### NOTES.

The Prince Edward Island car ferry will not be completed until next spring. It was to have been in operation this winter. The reason is the commandeering of the Armstrong-Whitworth plant in England by the British Government for naval exigencies. The widening of the Prince Edward Island Railway gauge will begin next spring. This involves, of course, a change in the rolling stock. The work will be spread over a number of years. The new ferry will take across standard