

son of W. J. Wilson, of the Geological Survey, died on June 15th, after a short illness of pneumonia. He was but thirty-two years of age, and had been in the Government service since 1902.

William A. W. Jamieson, of the Statistics Branch, Department of Customs, died on June 18th at the early age of thirty-seven years.

Anna Margaret Frances Kittson, widow of the late Dr. J. F. Whiteaves, of the Geological Survey, died on June 11th, aged seventy-two years.

Arthur St. Laurent, son of J. B. St. Laurent, Assistant Accountant of the Department of Public Works, died on June 3rd, at the early age of sixteen years.

The death occurred at Almonte on May 29th of Sarah Jane Dodds, wife of Charles A. Clarke, and mother of Miss Jessie Clarke, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Isabella Struthers, widow of the late John Wills, of the Customs staff, Niagara Falls, died in that city on May 27th, aged sixty-two years.

The death occurred at Hamilton on May 20th of the wife of John Burns, Customs Inspector at Niagara Falls.

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Athletics.

The great outstanding feat in international athletics of recent date has been the recapture by the British team of the polo championship, and incidentally of the international trophy.

What makes the win the more significant, in two respects, is the fact that the victory was so overwhelming, and also that the British team was not considered as of strong calibre when they left Hurlingham.

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This is a good omen for Sir Thomas Lipton in his forthcoming struggle for the America's cup.

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The defeat of all the American experts in recent golf contests in Great Britain accentuates the polo victory. Ouimet, the U. S. champion, was not even in the first 50 in the recent open tournament of Great Britain. It certainly seems to be the Britisher's year in athletics.

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According to the Old Country papers, baseball is making strides in the British Isles. However, it is doubtful if it will "catch on" very firmly there. During the summer season the Britisher seems to prefer the more lethargic sports, such as cricket, golf and field hockey. The long distance running has also attained to a higher plane in the Old Country than in America, where the short dashes are much more in favour—and incidentally do not entail the "grind" which accompanies the mile and two-mile events.

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The Winnipeg Cricket Club, holders of the John Ross Robertson trophy, emblematic of the Canadian championship, is likely to receive several challenges this year from Eastern clubs. The McGill team, of Montreal, is going after it, and also probably the Torontos. The McGill Club started as an aggregation of students of McGill University, but the name is now a misnomer. When their eleven visited Ottawa on Victoria Day there was not a single student of McGill on it.

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However, there is very little significance in the names of the various professional baseball teams in the Canadian League. It is certain that there is not a single native or resident of Ottawa on the team representing the Capital in the league; the same is probably true of the Toronto, Hamilton, London Clubs, etc. It was different in the old days of the Maple Leafs of Guelph, and the Tecumseh of London, when all the players be-