

## Athletics.

The *Civilian* presents in this issue a somewhat belated photo of the Committee of the Civil Service baseball association. The past summer marked the first season of this organization which came into existence largely through the energy of Mr. R. Sims of the Department of Public Works. Much good sport was enjoyed by both players and spectators alike. The team representing the Printing Bureau were the winners of the Birks' Trophy, they having gone through the entire season without losing a game. No doubt next summer, with the advantage of past experience, a much larger and more representative league will be formed.

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What has been said above applies with almost as much force to hockey; and if to hockey, why not to football and lacrosse? Some day, we do not know when, the service will have large athletic grounds of their own, where all their contests will take place. He would be a popular Minister who would take up this question and push it to a satisfactory conclusion. Who better than the stalwart Minister of Militia—former lacrosse and cricket enthusiast?

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The Montreal Ski Club has organized for the season with Mr. Huntley R. Drummond (son of late Sir Geo. Drummond) as president and Mr. W. L. Paul as secretary.

The Ottawa Club anticipates a much more extensive season than last year. Mr. Jos. Morin of the Immigration Department, is secretary. It is contemplated to build a steel slide to be ready for the great winter carnival to be held here. Last winter the club was frequently honoured by visits from His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and the Princess Patricia.

Two new arrivals from Norway, expert ski runners have come to reside in Ottawa.

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Now that football is practically over the winter-sport is beginning to awaken interest and the Executive of the Ottawa C. S. Hockey League are already making plans for the coming season.

The league at present consists of six clubs and it is hoped that two other Depts. may see their way to entering a team.

Although there was no trophy at stake last season, the league being formed solely with the idea of having some wholesome sport, the games were well contested and very good feeling prevailed.

The executive hope to be able to make arrangements this season to have all games played on a closed rink, which will be a great improvement.

The first annual general meeting takes place about the middle of December when the officers for the coming year will be elected.

The *Civilian* would like service athletic news from friends outside of Ottawa.—Eds.

## POSTAL CLERKS MAKE REQUEST.

Winnipeg, Nov. 13. — At a mass meeting of postal clerks, with delegates from many points in Western Canada, it was unanimously decided to send a memorial to Premier Borden asking a minimum salary of \$600. The demands of the Western Canada clerks follow closely the schedule recently granted in Toronto.

Quick is the succession of human events; the cares of to-day are seldom the cares of to-morrow; and when we lie down at night we may safely say to most of our troubles, "Ye have done your worst, and we shall meet no more."