

tured the 220 yards dash and got a place in several other events. Being minus an arm must be a much greater handicap in the sprints than in the long races where the attitude assumed is generally a crouching one with the hands locked behind the back, whereas in the sprints the arms are used freely as an assistance—just as is done in sprints on the turf.

The English Cricket Team now visiting Australia is continuing to win matches. After defeating Tasmania twice, most signally, they played the fourth of their test matches and won it. This makes three wins out of a total of five contests and gives them at least the majority.

A team from England has put in a challenge for the Davis Cup the emblem of the lawn tennis championship of the world. This trophy is now held in New Zealand to which the American team of Larned, Wright and McLoughlin went last fall, only to meet defeat.

The Civil Service bowlers have been having a great season and are holding their own well with members of rival organizations.

The curling bonspiel just concluded at Winnipeg was the most successful on record, so far as attendance and enthusiasm went. Nearly 1000 curlers competed. Additional interest was lent by the presence of the Scottish team, who were moderately successful. But while this attendance seems large it is dwarfed by the records of some of the Old Country 'spiels.' On a single loch in Scotland bonspiels are held every year in which 2,500 contestants take part. Fancy 300 different rinks competing on a little lake at the same moment.

The new artificial ice rink in Edinburgh will be the largest indoor curling rink in the world, containing 12 sheets of ice.

A new skating champion has appeared in Norway. His name is

Mathieson and he has already swept away three records.

It is interesting to note that the accepted pronunciation of the popular word 'ski' is 'she.' Perhaps this is why the ladies take to it so kindly.

#### CIVIL SERVICE CLUB NOTES.

The billiard tournament was won by Mr. C. H. Young of the Department of Mines, with 16 wins out of 20 matches. He was followed by Mr. E. A. Miles with 13 wins and Mr. Charles Graham with 9.

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Entries are being received for another billiard tournament. With the knowledge gained by the last contest the handicapping will no doubt be better done and good contests are looked for.

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Mr. G. H. Pownall of the Justice Department has been elected a member of the club.

Mr. Frank J. Crean has been appointed to the Board of Directors.

Another bridge tournament is being arranged. Altogether, the affairs of the club are in a most flourishing condition.

The great value of athletics as a means of preserving health is well exhibited in the efforts which are made on all the new mammoth "liners" now being built for the transatlantic trade. On the latest leviatan the "Olympic" one finds bowling alleys, roller skating, rinks, hand ball courts and swimming baths, to say nothing of deck quoits, golf and cricket. Then too there is really a "track" to train on for it requires but three turns round the promenade deck to complete a mile. It is not too much to expect that in a few years excursions by aeroplane will be run every day from the steamer during her progress across the ocean.