

necessity for professional baseball, it is becoming more and more apparent that Canada's National game of lacrosse has not thrived under the pay system, and must ultimately get back to amateurism to regain its former position in public favour. This statement must be qualified slightly, as respects Pacific Coast lacrosse, where the professional game attracts twice the number of spectators attending professional baseball, but it is true generally of the East.



The various aquatic clubs are now getting active. Elections of officers for the coming season have taken place in most of the rowing, canoe and motor boat clubs in the vicinity of the capital.

By the way, could not the Ottawa Motor Boat Club organize a meet of this class of boats, with races, etc. It would prove most exciting. If there is too much current on the Ottawa River the races might be held on Lake Dechenes.



The C. S. Baseball League of Ottawa is getting busy and will no doubt place a large number of teams in the field. Last season's experience is a good one in the matter of rule making. When rules are once made they should be rigidly adhered to.

A Good Idea.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

I have read with much interest the two recent contributions to *The Civilian* on the subject of Civil Service Alley Bowling in Ottawa.

I take issue with the statement that the interest is waning. The past season we had two less teams than the previous year but we had within 15 of the same number of actual participants and the enthusiasm was up to the standard of other years beyond dispute.

Having been secretary for the past two years of the C. S. Bowling

League, I think I am entitled to offer my opinion.

I believe that the Departmental system must be maintained. It keeps up the interest, creates a friendly rivalry and a great many bowlers will forsake if the teams were divided into groups under different captains; under which system it is not improbable that a team consisting of seven members would represent seven different departments.

I admit that Interior No. 1 has appeared to be in a class by themselves, but not to such a great extent as in former years. They received several unexpected set backs during the past season. By practice and persistency they have fairly won their honour and are entitled to every praise, but I look for several teams next season to give them a close run for the honours. However, as a great many are demanding some change to more closely equalize the teams, my suggestion is to work out the competitions on a handicap basis, namely to start Interior No. 1 at scratch and give the second team, Mint, a handicap of 5 pins per game and from that to the last team which would be given a handicap of say 40 pins per game. Appoint a representative committee and give them the power to change the handicap, if found necessary, after each team has played say three games, by which time the committee will be in possession of sufficient statistics to enable them to arrive at a satisfactory basis of handicapping.

In my opinion this system will give satisfaction to all.

Yours sincerely,
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THE PAIN OF ANTICIPATION.

—"You look pale and thin! What's the matter with you?" asked one man of another. "Work! From morning till night and only one hour's rest!" "How long have you been at the job?" "I begin to-morrow!"