

sioner, and the last Annual Report of his Department.

This report, covering several hundred pages, is mostly statistical in contents, but has some very interesting reading matter in its early pages, giving a history of the things that led up to the passing of the legislation of May, 1908. Interpretation of the law, procedure thereunder, persons covered, defining the various technicalities that have arisen, and in a general way giving one some idea of how the scheme has worked out. The impression conveyed is that so far as the Department is concerned they are no more liberal than the Canadian Government is in Compassionate Allowances, and not nearly so generous in the matter of sick leave and absence on account of accident, as is our departmental custom. For instance, there is no liability if the employee is disabled for a period of less than fifteen days.

The law covers artisans and labourers in the various Government manufacturing establishments, arsenals and navy yards, river and harbour and fortification work, hazardous employment in reclamation of arid lands, all employees under the Isthmian Canal Commission, the Bureau of Mines, Lighthouse Service and the Forestry Service, a total of about 95,000 persons or rather less than one-fourth of the civilian employees of the United States.

It is evident that if the employee is at all generously dealt with it is due to an administrative conscience rather than a strict legal liability, for the Act itself fairly bristles with restrictions and non-inclusions, and it appears as if pretty fine hair-splitting is indulged in, in defining occupational hazard.

A lady, who had been making a prolonged tour abroad, wrote to her husband, enclosing an hotel bill and asking for a cheque to meet it. Her husband wrote back: "Dear Edith—I enclose cheque, but please don't buy any more hotels at this price!"

Athletics.

The Civil Service lawn bowlers of Ottawa performed quite a notable feat on Saturday last. The Ottawa bowlers operate under the franchise of the old-time athletic association which administered some years ago many varieties of field sports. The bowlers use grounds on the Parliamentary lawn and have recently been improving vastly in the standard of play. By defeating the Ottawa Lawn Bowling Club on Saturday by six shots, the Civil Service trundlers won the Rosenthal Trophy, emblematic of the city championship, for the first time since it was put up for competition, and incidentally unearthed a surprise packet as unlooked for as unwelcome. The score in Saturday's game was 114 to 109, a majority of five shots for the Civil Service.

The scores were as follows:

Civil Service.	Ottawa.
J. Neighorn	W. Robertson
G. Barr	J. H. McKinley
G. G. Jones	J. McJanet
C. P. Roche	F. J. Shannon
(Skip)—26	(Skip)—15
G. H. Donaldson	F. Cory
H. Martin	C. Crabbe
J. Audley	W. M. Coates
G. Beardsley	E. A. Thomas
(Skip)—22	(Skip)—25
Totals 72	Totals 54
M. D. McCallum	Dr. Barnes
H. Hartley	H. E. Baine
D. A. Fraser	Dr. Milne
J. Doyle	E. L. Learoyd
(Skip)—9	(Skip)—24
R. Tapley	W. Braidwood
L. Fraser	A. F. R. Wilson
D. Dougan	J. H. Skead
G. Addison	J. Baird
(Skip)—16	(Skip)—18
H. L. Carson	F. A. Sims
J. S. Woodill	W. Dickson
W. J. Fraser	R. S. Raby
S. L. T. McKnight	R. R. Farrow
(Skip)—17	(Skip)—13
Totals 42	Totals 55
Grand totals.. 114	Grand totals.. 109
Majority for Civil Service, 5 shots.	