

average. On several occasions he has been honoured by selection on the Canadian XI. vs. the United States. During Lord Aberdeen's term as Governor General Mr. Ackland won the bat presented by His Excellency for the best score in the match at Montreal against the English XI. captained by Mr. P. F. Warner (now M. P.) His field position is that of wicket keeper, and he has filled it splendidly for many years.



ALD. HARRY ACKLAND,
Popular Civil Servant and Athlete.

Other branches of clean amateur sport have also found in Ald. Ackland a keen supporter. Nearly 20 years ago he played right wing on the Ottawa Football Club. He has always been a strong supporter of this organization, and in the last season (1914) was manager of the team. He has been one of the mainstays of the New Edinburgh Football Club, in which he is deservedly popular.

Mr. Ackland is also one of the official Board of Referees in the Amateur Hockey League of Ottawa.

The Civilian predicts a long and successful career in the City Council for Alderman Ackland, when the representation of that large body, the Civil Service, has been reduced to himself and Ald. George O'Connor, of the Customs Department; but they are good ones.

THE SORROWS OF "MERIT."

Michael L. Igoe, member of the Illinois General Assembly, in a speech recently, said:—

"One party had been in power almost twenty years. One of its last acts was to pass the comprehensive state civil service law. Now, the fellow who works in a political party, nine times out of ten, is looking for something. In Illinois these men found that they could not get certain positions because the civil service law had placed the holders of those positions under its protection.

"The real test was met and passed in the last two years in Illinois, because the Civil Service Commission in Springfield held that these men had been placed under Civil Service through the law, and that the law must be upheld."

He said that one of the difficulties about securing civil service legislation was that some of the honest, high class men from the rural districts were constitutionally opposed to Civil Service. He expressed sympathy for Civil Service Commissioners. "My heart goes out to the people who have to enforce the Civil Service law. It would not do to tell, in the presence of so many ladies, all the things that are said about them." He expressed the opinion that too much credit and honour could not be given to the members and to the good people who spend their time and money in furthering the cause of Civil Service.

Love reflects the things beloved.—
Tennyson.