

which attracts their interest to the greater degree.

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The visit of the Old Country bowling team has done much to stimulate interest in this, perhaps the most fascinating of the less strenuous games. To show the uncertainty connected with this, and every branch of sport, after defeating the crack players of Montreal and Ottawa—and that signally—the visitors went down to defeat in the little town of Peterboro. But without this uncertainty there would be no interest in any contest.

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The next big event in track athletics will be the championships which take place in Montreal on Saturday, Sept. 17th. If our friend Policeman Gillis of Vancouver can be induced to make another trip East we will have no fear of the individual aggregate being carried across the line to the United States. However, Kerr of Hamilton, Archibald of Toronto, Lukeman of Montreal, and Cameron of Nova Scotia, should constitute a good group of defenders of Canada's athletic position.

SEPTEMBER JOTTINGS.

By "Pickwick."

The only civil servants who really do not care about the length of office hours are those new stamp-selling machines in the P.O.D.

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According to a Toronto paper the "what we have we hold" policy is all very well, so long as it is not pushed to the point of unreason.

Precisely so! particularly in the case of a boil on the back of the neck.

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Who says that "pull" is no longer rampant in the service, when five of the successful oarsmen at Washington are civil servants?

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An old country paper referred to the Winnipeg crew successful at Henley as being of Toronto. However that may be, Ottawa is a small town near Ridgmont.

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"Mid rural scenes a wondrous change

Of late has come to pass,
In place of the peaceful country cow
A-chewing its cud of grass,
And the winsome maid with the
milking pail,

We see the notices, 'Lots For Sale.'"

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Two more men have tried to swim the English Channel. What's the use when one can cross in an aeroplane in half-an-hour?

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A recent report of the mines branch of the Ontario Government showed that of 19 gold mines examined, 16 contained no gold at all. The audacity of these goldless gold-mines is only equalled by that of the turtleless turtle-soup.

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In connection with the proposed Festival of Empire to be held in London will be an exhibit shewing what London will be like 100 years hence.

Ottawa in 100 years' time will be a grand sight. The Bank street paving will, by then, be completed.

A Petition in Bankruptcy.—Many delicate compliments have been paid the fair sex by men subtle in speech, but the following comes straight from the heart of an illiterate negro, who was married in the South the other day by a white minister. At the conclusion of the marriage the groom asked the price of the service.

"Oh, well," said the minister, "you can pay me whatever you think it is worth to you."

The negro turned and silently looked his bride over from head to foot; then, slowly rolling up the whites of his eyes, said:

"Lawd, sah, you has done ruined me for life; you has, for sure."—Harper's Monthly.