

it supplies as much strenuous exercise as one requires, it is free from every element of acrimonious dispute which often mars other sports.

The fight in local baseball circles is getting warmer with the weather. Several teams in the league have "a look in," which keeps the interest up. From the personnel of the clubs one would say that the C. S. could put a most excellent nine in the field. As a starter, what better battery could be found than Dr. De Lury of the Y.M.C.A. team, and Freeland of St. Patrick's? Next year we hope to see the service with a nine in the league.

And while we are on the subject, why should not the service have a team in the football league, and in the amateur hockey series? The men are to be found. All it wants is a little organization and co-operation. We have a number of 'sporting' Deputies who by "getting together" could accomplish this end in no time. In the Old Country the civil service teams are to be seen in all branches of sport. Why, even in Toronto, there is a baseball league called the "civil service"—although some of the teams are from the Provincial Government buildings and City Hall,—which has no less than 11 teams in it.

While Ottawa clubs have been singularly unfortunate this season in cricket, golf and lacrosse circles, it is with great pleasure that we record the two notable victories of the "soccer" football team of Ottawa over their Montreal opponents.

It has been the history of nearly all the various branches of athletics that if any Canadian competitor comes into great prominence by his prowess, our American cousins immediately claim him as their own. Who does not remember the time when Ned Hanlon won the championship of the world on the Thames? Nearly every paper in the States styled him as the "American champion." It is only when the star is on the wane that he is rele-

gated to his proper country. This is particularly true in boxing circles. Tommie Burns from Ontario, and Geo. Dixon and Sam Langford of Nova Scotia, were always called Americans while they were on top. In fact, Langford, who is still an important factor, is invariably put down as a Bostonian. Recent papers, describing the victory of an American yacht over that of the Kaiser, state that it was due to the American skipper, Charlie Barr, whom everybody knows to be a Scotchman and a British subject. It is so in all the other events. They claimed George Gray, the shot putter; Harry Bethune and George Orton, the runners; Lajoie, the greatest of baseball players, (who is a French-Canadian). However, we suppose it is but natural to claim "everything in sight."

The great hope for the future of athletics in all countries lies in the organized training of the rising generation. The junior sports held by the Y. M. C. A. recently deserved a much better support from the public. The events were well contested, and the time made in the running — especially the long distance races — was very good for such youngsters. Long distance running is not so attractive to the youth as the more showy 'sprint,' the latter seeming to have more kudos and far less hard work connected with it. Just now, we note with pleasure that junior lacrosse is booming throughout Canada. Recently Mr. Solomon of Toronto, President of the National Lacrosse Union, and Mr. Lally, of Cornwall, one of the Trustees of the Minto Cup, each gave 1,500 lacrosse sticks to junior clubs. This is very encouraging for the national game.

From "Exam" Papers.—The following answers are taken from a number collected by a teacher in the Topeka schools:

A blizzard is the inside of a hen."

"Oxygen is a thing that has eight sides."

"The cuckoo never lays its own eggs."

"A mosquito is a child of black and white parents."—Indianapolis News.