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## *Athletics.*

In these columns a letter is published from Mr. Lloyd Roberts, a new member of the Civil Service at Ottawa, suggesting the formation of a departmental football league, similar to the baseball and hockey leagues. The idea is indeed a good one. Civil Service athletics seem to be taking a boom, and there is nothing like striking while the iron is hot. Who knows but that in some of the departments material may be found which will surprise everyone? The idea is at least worth consideration. It is to be hoped that Mr. Sims may find time to call a meeting for this purpose.

After concluding the baseball season the C. S. league has now on hand the carrying out of an athletic meet. It is to be regretted that the notice is necessarily so short that the full strength of the service will not probably be brought out. The idea was to have the sports held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, but as a football match was scheduled for that date, it has been found necessary to bring off the meet on Saturday, the 20th. However, if this serves only the purpose of making a start in this

direction, for future years, it will be doing much good.

The programme which has been mapped out for Lansdowne Park on the coming Saturday is as follows:—

- 100 yards dash.
- 220 yards dash.
- 440 yard dash.
- Relay race: departmental teams.
- Tug of war: departmental teams.
- Running high jump.
- Running broad jump.
- Throwing the baseball.
- Baseball managers' race.
- Putting the shot.
- 440 yards (novice.)

All the above, except the first mentioned 440 yards race will be restricted to members of the Civil Service only, and all the events will of course be strictly amateur. Prizes will be given for first and second places in each event.

There will also be a five inning baseball match between the Customs team (winners of C. S. League) and the Westboro nine (winners of the Trolley League.)

It is earnestly hoped that every civil servant will turn out to make this meet a success. With over 5000 members of the