

You do not tell of the ornery cuss  
 Who is neither one nor t'other,  
 But has PULL on the side of his sire  
 And a sister of PUSH for his mother.

He settles down to adapt himself  
 To conditions as they is,  
 And gets near all that's goin'  
 By attending to his biz.

First he pushes and then he pulls  
 Accordin' as seems good,—  
 Gives brass to PUSH and gold to PULL  
 And goes on sawin' wood.

V.L.

The above spirited verses were shown to *Mercutio* while yet in manuscript, and soon afterwards he handed us the following neat rejoinder which we gladly append. These gifted Sons of the Muses may succeed in fooling the rest of us, but apparently they can't fool each other; which is no doubt what Horace had in mind when referring to the *irritabile genus poetarum*.—Eds.

*Mercutio* holds no brief for PULL,  
 Nor Push's side espouses;  
 His motto is and shall remain  
 "A plague on both your houses."

### CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

The sum of one hundred dollars was voted at the regular monthly meeting of the Executive, held on Friday, May 22nd, to assist the Civil Service employees of St. John, N.B., in defraying the costs of their appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada against the taxes assessed by that city upon their incomes. The appeal, which was from the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, was argued here on the 21st ultimo, and judgment reserved. The St. John organization is not a strong one, numerically; the

expenses of prosecuting their appeal have been heavy, and in view of the fact that the final decision in their case will to a great extent determine the power of the City of Ottawa to tax the incomes of Civil Servants, it was felt that practical assistance should not be withheld.

The committee appointed to consider the question of affiliation or federation with other Civil Service Associations, reported as follows:

"By clause 3 of the constitution of the Civil Service Association of Canada, provision is made for the affiliation of members of the outside service with the C.S.A. under certain conditions, but your committee, after carefully considering the matter from many points of view, is of the opinion that instead of asking or permitting other organizations to affiliate with the Civil Service Association of Canada, a federation or council composed of representatives of all organizations of civil servants should be formed, representation on such council to be on a basis of membership alone.... Should the Executive Committee decide upon some general plan as outlined above we would recommend that the business of the suggested council or federation be confined to business affecting the whole Civil Service of Canada."

The report was adopted, and the matter referred back to the committee with instructions to prepare a definite plan of federation for the consideration of the Executive.

The Treasurer's report shows a paid-up membership of 2,023 — about one hundred more than last year.

### ATHLETICS.

In making a few passing comments on the report of the cricket sub-committee for last year, now published for the first time, the present writer does not pretend to speak with authority as to the merits or the subtle-