

coat and hurl the balls down the alley for an hour before supper,—and then again after supper for an hour or two. One public alley advertises that “no one who bowls ever has appendicitis.” Possibly this is true. In any case, it would seem that he would be much less subject to it than his brother who sits in a stuffy room playing bridge and “bowling” in another way.

The Civil Service Bowling League have just gotten out a very neat little booklet, for which the public (of Ottawa at least) are deeply indebted. It contains the rules of the game, the schedule for the 1914-15 series, the names of last year's winners, and the schedules of all the other leagues in the Capital,—and what a number of them there are:—

The Merchants' Bowling League.

The City Senior Bowling League.

The Manufacturers' Bowling League.

The Commercial Bowling League.

And several others.

The booklet also contains some very timely strictures about gambling. One of the good features of curling is that, for some reason betting has never been introduced into the “roarin' game.” *The Civilian* advises everyone to take up bowling this winter. It will be a pity if gambling spoils the interest in the game.

Fancy there being room for an artificial ice rink in Montreal—the city of winter carnivals! Yet one is nearing completion. One good result will be that no defeated hockey team can blame it on the wet ice. Within a few years it is probable that every city of 100,000 people in Canada and the United States will have its “artificial.” And all the better. Anything which tends to induce people to skate conduces to health.

The famous Indian cricketer, Ranjitsinji, recently delivered an impassioned appeal to his people to do all in their power to aid the British Empire. He said: “I have placed the humble and limited resources of my state at the disposal of the Empire by my letter to the agent to the Governor, I have promised to raise and maintain a force of 1,000 able-bodied men to fight for the Empire, to give 200 horses

and fifteen motors over and above two squadrons of the Imperial Service Lancers. So that I am not asking you to help us at a crisis in which I, too, am not willing to join with you heart and soul and at every and at any cost.”

#### Bowling League Standing.

Interior No. 1 leads the Civil Service Bowling League at present, but the leading teams have so far not come together, and the competition promises to be keen. In addition to the usual team prizes there will be nine prizes in each class, three for high average, three for high cross, and three for high singles. In addition there will be the grand aggregate, open to anyone. Only one trophy can be won by one competitor, except the winner of the grand aggregate, which is classed as an additional prize. The official statistics follow:

#### TEAM STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Ave.
Interior No. 1	11	1	3051
Railways No. 1	9	3	3032
Observatory	10	5	2974
Interior No. 2	10	5	2857
Customs	9	6	2978
Railway Lands	6	6	2714
P. O. Department	5	7	2914
East Block	4	8	2805
Bureau	4	8	2748
Mint	3	6	2813
Railways No. 2	2	7	2562
Stationery	2	13	2540

The Interior No. 1 are credited with a win of three defaulted games from Customs, and Bureau with three from East Block.

The highest team total to date was made by Observatory, namely, 3,285.

W. L. MacKinley, the Scottish explorer, who was one of Stefansson's expedition, has arrived at Liverpool. He holds out little hope that the missing men are alive. A thorough search, he said, had been made before he left the Arctic, of both the Herald and Wrangle Islands, with no result. What is most probable, he said, is that they perished during the tremendous rafting of ice before reaching Wrangle Island.