

no doubt the operation of various causes will be traced, but it will take a good deal of faith in administrative measures to believe that a world-wide movement of this character can be stopped.—Colonial Office Journal.

### *Athletics.*

The football situation is now much clearer. The championship of one of the two major leagues has been settled, by Argonauts' victory over Ottawa. Toronto University will play McGill for the Intercollegiate honours and the winner will meet Argos for the Dominion championship.

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The Ottawa Young Women's Christian Association is to be congratulated on the new addition to its premises. Hitherto the social side only of its members was attended to, now there have been provided gymnasia, swimming tanks, etc., and the young ladies will have all the advantages of their brothers across the way. Why should not the ladies bowl on the alley? It is a splendid exercise and would benefit them as much as—perhaps more than men. Put an alley in the new wing, ladies, and you will never regret it. Ladies curl on the ice; why not 'bowl' (on the alley, of course.)

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Speaking of athletics for women, it is somewhat surprising that the latter have never taken up football, but perhaps basketball is strenuous enough for them. "Life" has a picture of a match of the future between men and women in which a husky youth is making a hard tackle of a fair one. The latter calls out "Oh, you mustn't." But matches of women against women would certainly be interesting and draw a great gate.

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Artificial ice rinks are being estab-

lished in all the large cities. Fancy a hockey club in Los Angeles, Cal.; but such is the fact. One of the immediate effects will be a boom in the manufacture of skates, hockey sticks, boots, etc. But a more important result will be the very material physical benefit which will undoubtedly ensue. Skating is one of the best forms of exercise for both sexes, of all ages. Some day we may have champion speed skaters coming from the Southern States or the West Indies. Why not?

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This is the season for walking. The air is bracing and cool, but alas the roads are generally in a terrible condition. Ottawa is favoured however, in her drive way where one can get a long distance walk without the handicap of mud. The Aylmer Road also, is usually in very fair condition. Horse back riding too is much in vogue at this season. On a recent fine Sunday morning in Montreal the writer observed not less than 200 young men and women (and some old ones) riding round the Mountain. That's what makes the ruddy faced octogenarian in England, who can eat his steak the size of a door mat, accompanied by a bottle of tawny old port—without feeling any ill effects.

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South Africa has another rugby football team on tour in Great Britain. The last one was over there about 6 years ago and lost only one game out of 20, and making a draw of the match against "all England." Canada has not advanced quite so far in either football or cricket as the other "colonies," but has probably a greater variety of sports.

Montreal has a football team playing the regular English game, such as is in vogue on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts only. Recently they went to Halifax and played two matches. Although they lost both the defeats were very creditable.